

The VISITOR

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MISSION STATEMENT

Our Mission, as disciples of Jesus, is to commit ourselves to making Christ known through worship, service, outreach, learning and loving one another.

From The Pastor's Desk....

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

When does it end? Last month I wrote to you about the devastation caused by Hurricanes Harvey and Irma. Now the people of Puerto Rico are suffering the effects of Hurricane Maria. 58 people have been killed and well over 500 injured in the mass shooting in Las Vegas. Another 42 were killed in the California wildfires. Most recently, more than 300 were killed in a terrorist bombing in Somalia. By the time you read this, another disaster may have replaced all these in the headlines. Our hearts go out to all those affected, and we do what we can to help, even as we reach out to those in need in our own community. But all these things also take a toll on us. Our heads are spinning, our hearts are in turmoil, and we worry about what will happen to us and those we love. How do we handle things that are too much to handle?

In times like these, Paul's words of assurance, which we read in church on October 7-8, come to mind: "Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 4:6-7) To some it may sound corny and old-fashioned, but it works. Of course, we do what we can, but when we reach the end of our resources, it's time to "take it to the Lord in prayer." Rather than worry over what is beyond our control, we give it to the One who is always in control. When we leave our situation in God's hands, God replaces our worry with the peace that only God can give. And when we are living and acting from that place of inner calm and security, and not from a place of fear and insecurity, we are able to accomplish so much more because "it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure." (Philippians 2:13)

Amidst the noise of this world, may you find your way to that place of inner peace and quietness, and receive strength from God to respond boldly and confidently to the challenges you face each day.

~Pastor Charlie

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MISSIONARY SPONSORSHIP

Rev. Wal Reat is our ELCA Global Missionary sponsor. He serves in South Sudan among the refugees in several camps along the border between South Sudan and Ethiopia. Keep Rev. Wal in your prayers.

INDIVIDUAL PRAYER AND HEALING

Pastor offers individual prayer at the communion rail, with anointing and laying of hands for healing for those who desire it before each service.

COMMUNICATION DEADLINES

Information to print in the weekly service bulletin must be received by noon on the Wednesday prior to worship. Information to print in the monthly newsletter must be received by the 15th of the month prior.

SHOPPING AT AMAZON.COM

Help Immanuel by linking your Amazon account to our Church. We receive 0.5% proceeds from your purchases. Start with this link: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/52-0729004> then after confirming Immanuel as the Charitable Organization to receive the proceeds, you will then be directed to the 'regular' Amazon webpage.

YEAR-END TAX TIPS

As we get closer to the end of the calendar year, we begin thinking of ways to minimize our income tax liabilities for the tax year. Charitable donations are one way of reducing our tax burden.

- *Do you have stock certificates stashed in a desk or safe deposit box?
- *Do you have stocks that you do not know their cost basis?
- *Do you know if you transfer your common stock to the church you receive a charitable donation in the amount that it is worth on the date of the transfer?

Donating stocks that have appreciated is a way to avoid capital gains on the growth and receive a tax break. If you would like more information please contact Rachel Murphy, Jeremy Edwards or Audrey Shaffer.

OFFERING ENVELOPES

Offering envelope boxes for 2018 will be available for pick up at the Congregational Meeting on November 19th. Remember that your envelope number may have changed from last year. So please make an effort to pick up your box of envelopes to ensure that your donations are posted correctly. Thank you.

PASTOR CHARLIE'S NOVEMBER BIBLE CHALLENGE: GOD'S PLAYLIST II

For the month of November, we return to the Psalms for our daily reading and online discussion, reading selected passages from Psalms 61-91.

The online Bible Study will continue with daily comments from Pastor Charlie on Facebook. Email him at pastorc@ielcmd.org if you would like to join this private group, or if you would like to receive copies via email of the comments he posts there each day.

11/1 Ps 61	11/16 Ps 77
11/2 Ps 62	11/17 Ps 78: 1-31
11/3 Ps 63	11/18 Ps 78:32-55
11/4 Ps 65	11/19 Ps 78:56-72
11/5 Ps 66	11/20 Ps 79
11/6 Ps 67	11/21 Ps 80
11/7 Ps 68	11/22 Ps 81
11/8 Ps 69:1-18	11/23 Ps 82
11/9 Ps 69:19-36	11/24 Ps 84
11/10 Ps 70	11/25 Ps 85
11/11 Ps 71	11/26 Ps 86
11/12 Ps 72	11/27 Ps 87
11/13 Ps 73	11/28 Ps 88
11/14 Ps 74	11/29 Ps 90
11/15 Ps 75	11/30 Ps 91

LISTEN! GOD IS CALLING!

We will be electing new council members at our annual meeting. We trust that God will raise up leadership for Immanuel. One of those God-appointed leaders just might be *YOU!*

I urge you to spend some time in quiet prayer, listening for God's voice. If you sense that God may be calling you to serve Christ on our church council, please let me or any council member know.

If a council member approaches you about it, please keep an open mind and heart and respond as God leads, whether your answer be 'yes' or 'no'. Either way, please join me in praying for God to raise up faithful leaders for our church council. Thank you! ~Pastor Charlie

MARYLAND FAITH HEALTH NETWORK



This new partnership between Immanuel and LifeBridge Health will enable us to be better informed and provide more consistent

care and support for our members during and following hospitalization at Carroll, Northwest or Sinai Hospitals.

Registration forms are available in the back of the sanctuary and in the church office. If you have not already done so, please register soon. You will receive an ID card you can use when you are hospitalized, which will enable the hospital to be in touch with us to let us know you are there.

We are looking for volunteers! Please see Judy Bixler or Pastor Charlie, or contact the church office, if you are willing to ...

- * visit someone at home or the hospital
- * give a ride to a medical appointment
- * prepare and/or deliver a simple meal
- * make a phone call
- * write a note or send a card
- * pray for someone in the hospital

PRAYER LISTS

Currently at Immanuel Lutheran Church there are two opportunities to request you or your loved ones be included in prayer. On the last page of the church bulletin, we print the names of individuals that have requested prayer. Also, there is a group of ladies, who will include you or your loved one in their daily personal prayers.



In order to be sure that we are meeting the needs of our congregation, please call Immanuel's church office to request either one or both of the two opportunities. The office phone number is 410-374-4463.

Names remain on the church's printed list for four weeks. At the end of the four weeks, without information to the contrary, the name will be removed. If needed, you should call the office to have the name remain or to place the individual back on our prayer list.

OPPORTUNITIES TO LEARN AND GROW AT IMMANUEL

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Meets weekly throughout the year in the Martin Luther Room following the worship service, approximately 10:15 – 11:15am (coffee hour Sundays meets 10:45–11:30am). Now through the end of November, Pastor Charlie will lead a study of **Luther's 95 Theses**, using a new book by world-famous Luther scholar, Dr. Timothy Wengert.

MIDWEEK PRAYER AND BIBLE STUDY GROUPS

Morning Group meets in the Oak Tree Room at 11am on **Tuesday Nov 2, 7, 14, 21 & 28** for "**See Through the Scripture**" which provides a bird's eye view of the entire Bible that will help you see how it all fits together. No previous knowledge of the Bible is required for this or any other of our Bible studies.

Evening Group meets at the Pastor's home (840 Hughes Shop Rd, Westminster MD 21158) at 7pm on

Wednesday Nov 1 and Tuesday Nov 21 & 28 for study of some of lesser-known prophets of the Old Testament and their message for us today.

CONFIRMATION CLASS meets on **Sunday evenings at 7pm** in the **Oak Tree Room** except for Nov 12, when Pastor Charlie will be at the annual meeting of Carroll Lutheran School.



NORTH CARROLL MIDDLE SCHOOL FOOD PANTRY

The Food Pantry is open every Thursday from 3:30 to 4:30pm, unless schools are closed. Food is Free to anyone in need. The pantry is in a room by the parent pick up entrance in front of building next to gym. (2401 Hanover Pike Hampstead 21074) Any questions or concerns, please contact: School Principal, Ralph Billings or School Counselor, Mary Dee Oxen at 410-751-3440 or mdoxen@carrollk12.org.

FUNDRAISER FOR JACOB ARMACOST FOUNDATION

Pig Roast and Silent Auction to benefit Jacob Armacost Foundation on Saturday, November 18th from 6 to 10pm at the Arcadia Fire Hall Activity Building (Upperco) Proceeds pay for therapies and equipment not covered by insurance.

\$15 in advance / \$20 at door. For tickets contact:

Donna Armacost 410-967-7748 or Della Dell 410-848-0777.

CHRISTMAS IN A BARN

Christ Lutheran Church presents Christmas in a Barn on Sunday, Dec 17th at 5pm held at the Peregoy Farm on Grace Rd in Hampstead.

Directions from Hampstead:

- *Follow Rt 88 (Black Rock Rd) for approx.2.2 miles
- *Turn left onto Grace Rd
- *Farm is on the right, 3/10 of a mile

Dress warmly and bring a flashlight and blanket

– it is a working barn and is not heated.

North East Social Action Program



Mission Statement: North East Social Action Program's mission is to extend God's compassion and provide assistance to the community in need.

NESAP is a Christian nonprofit organization that has served residents in need in Carroll County and parts of Baltimore County, MD, since 1984. Our services include financial assistance for rent, fuel, utilities, transportation, minor medical, as well as food, clothing, school supplies and Christmas assistance. Thrift Store at 1046 S Carroll St in Hampstead.

NESAP 2017 Holiday Food Drive suggested donations: canned peas, corn, green beans, baked beans, sweet potatoes, fruit, applesauce, cranberry sauce, cake mix, icing, corn muffin mix, flavored rice/noodle side dishes, macaroni and cheese, stuffing, soup.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS SALE

Annual Christmas Sale at Upperco (Arcadia) Volunteer Fire Department's Activities building is Saturday, November 11 from 9am-2pm.

We fill the building with Christmas galore! Join us for tables and tables of Christmas gifts, decorations, books, housewares, and more!

Upperco (Arcadia) Volunteer Fire Department's Activities building is located at 16020 Carnival Ave, Upperco 21155.

**New this year! Christmas decor will also be for sale at our Thrift Store only a few miles away at 1046 S Carroll St.

Purchases at both locations will help others have a happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas through our Holiday Assistance Programs.

GIVING TUESDAY IS THE REASON FOR THE SEASON

Giving Tuesday, November 28th, is a day for giving back. On this day of global giving, Giving Tuesday is a reminder of the "reason for the season." Your gift will be matched by a Giving Tuesday sponsor. Our goal is to secure \$10,000 in sponsorships and \$10,000 in matching gifts.

To be a Giving Tuesday donor, mail checks clearly marked as "Giving Tuesday" to PO Box 831, Hampstead MD 21074 by December 15th. Donations can also be made online through our website: nesapinc.org.

We know the real reason for the season.

Together, let's show others what His love looks like.

FELLOWSHIP

Chair: Rhonda Kiler, 410-239-7028

Members: Deb Hebrank, 410-952-3320; Brenda Wulforst, 443-507-6753;

Linda Gregg; Matthew Rooney; Jamie Rooney



Our next coffee hour is on November 5th. We hope you will join us for some conversation on everything from harvesting crops, Thanksgiving dinner to the Black Friday shopping event at Immanuel on November 24th. Please come join us and enjoy a relaxing time with friends.

On November 19th we will have our Annual Congregational Meeting in the Social Hall following our 9am service. A German style brunch will be served before the meeting to celebrate our German heritage.

We always have a lot to celebrate at Immanuel. One of the things we celebrated this year was our first ever Ministerial Fair at our October Coffee Hour. Each Committee did a display to show what their committee does for Immanuel and the community. These displays will be available at the Congregational Meeting for you to see what exciting activities happened this year. It is amazing what Immanuel does each year to help the community and our church families. You may find a committee activity you would like to be a part of in some capacity. This is a good time for you to learn more about the events at Immanuel and have a voice in the budget.

There is a lot to celebrate this year at Immanuel
thanks to you and all of your support.

BLACK FRIDAY

Kick off holiday shopping at Immanuel's Social Hall with our multivendor event on Black Friday from 6pm to 9pm after the lighting of the town tree.

We have all 11 spaces reserved at this time. Some of the items for sale include hand painted signs, embroidered towels, Scentsy, Thirty-One, Perfectly Post and more! There will be hot coco, cookies, vendor tables and a raffle. 100% of the money from the raffle will go towards our church. Raffle tickets are \$1 each or 6 tickets for \$5.

If anyone is interested in volunteering please contact Jamie Rooney at 443-536-3541 or jamielr126@gmail.com

Please come out and support us !

STEWARDSHIP

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This fall we are trying a new, asset-based approach to carrying out God's mission here at Immanuel Lutheran Church. Please read this summary, prayerfully consider how you will turn your gifts from God into assets for God through your church, and then complete and return the estimate of giving card in this newsletter in time for Generosity Sunday on the weekend of Nov 11-12. These cards will also be available at church.

An asset is a gift that's useful. Gifts are given and received; that's what makes them gifts. When they are used to serve God's purposes, they become assets. Your personal assets are considerable – you serve a generous God, after all! – and so you already have available more than enough to accomplish God's will for your life and for this congregation. God's blessings are given so that they may continue to be given away. God's abundance prompts our own. Our lives are conduits for the abundance of God as we turn God's gifts to us into assets for the ongoing work of God's Kingdom in the world.

There is no doubt that God expects and anticipates obedience: not the fearful obedience of slaves but the free and willing obedience of beloved children of God. As God's child, each of us is, in the words of Martin Luther, "a perfectly free lord of all, subject to no one; and a perfectly dutiful servant of all, subject to everyone." God's grace frees us from sin and its demands so that we can choose freely to serve one another and our neighbor in love with our time, our skills and abilities, and our financial resources.

Living the Christian life can be described as a lifetime of generosity, a purposeful, continual giving-away of God's blessings to accomplish God's purposes. Generosity is rooted in gratitude and love. Everything we have and everything we are comes from God and flows through us to bless others. Generosity is our free and willing response to what God so generously gives to us.



Thank you so much for your generous support for God's work here at Immanuel!

Yours in Christ,
~Pastor Charlie

SOCIAL MINISTRY

Deb Hebrank, 410-952-3320; Rhonda Kiler, 410-239-7028;
Brenda Wulforst, 443-507-6753, Amanda Yingling, 717-880-5215

The Holidays are fast approaching and once again we will sponsor ten families from the Manchester/Hampstead area. A table is set up in the Narthex to drop off food items. Delivery to the families will be November 19th. If you have any questions or would like to help with the delivery of food, contact one of us on Social Ministry.

Our Winter Clothing Drive for October was very successful. We collected 40 Coats, 3 Scarves, 10 Hats, 9 Gloves and 6 other winter apparel items for Sheppard's Staff. We also held a sock drive to benefit the less fortunate in our community and collected 170 socks, ranging in sizes. Once again the congregation stepped up and helped those in need.

New and gently used purses and totes needed for Springfield Hospital for the month of November. It's never too late to do a little fall house cleaning and donate those unwanted purses/totes that you no longer need.



NESAP/TOFF's Food Pantry is in need of Canned Vegetables. Labeled baskets are in the Narthex for your donations. Please consider picking up a can or two of any vegetable (the dollar store sells them).

MISSIONS

Joe Fleck, jpflecksr@gmail.com, 410-848-5919

This month's special mission offering is in support of the ELCA World Hunger Appeal. Pastor Fred Melton, chairman of the Synod Hunger Task Force, will speak and will give both the children's message and the sermon on Sun, Nov 5 as we observe not only All Saints Sunday but World Hunger Sunday as well.

Many times, most of us have encountered brothers and sisters on the street, holding up a cardboard note, "*Will work for food,*" or "*Mercy, please, any gift will help.*" We hear about immigrants and the hungry abroad, and each time we are reminded by Jesus, that just then, we see him, whether it is in the person far away or in the person across the street: Christ, in the lives of those who are hungry. "*For I was hungry, and you gave me food, thirsty and you gave me drink.*" (Matthew 25).

God has wonderfully inspired our denomination and our congregations to respond to the Jesus who is hungry throughout the world through the ELCA World Hunger Appeal. Last year we celebrated the 25th year of this ministry! And the ELCA raised over \$19 million to help feed and support the hungry and to advocate on their behalf. Praise God!!

This effort is not only a world hunger initiative; it addresses hunger locally as well. Please consider an extra dose of relief this month.

November 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
5 Missions Special Offering 9am Worship / Comm 10:15am Coffee Hour 10:45am Adult Bible Study 7pm Confirmation Class	6 8pm AI-Anon 8pm AA	7 11am Bible Study-OTR 7pm Scouts	8 7:15pm AA 7:15pm AA	9 6pm Chime Practice 7pm Choir Practice	10 Social Hall Reserved Pastor Day Off 8pm AA 8pm AI-Anon	11 Social Hall Reserved 5pm Worship / Comm 6:30pm AA
12 Veterans / Youth Sunday 9am Worship / Comm 10:15am Sunday School 10:30am Adult Bible Study 11:30am Mutual Ministry Meeting CLS Delegate Meeting *No Confirmation Class	13 8pm AI-Anon 8pm AA	14 11am Bible Study-OTR 7pm Scouts 7pm Church Council Mtg	15 7pm Stephen Ministry 7:15pm AA	16 6pm Chime Practice 7pm Choir Practice	17 Pastor Day Off 8pm AA 8pm AI-Anon	18 Social Hall Reserved 5pm Worship / Comm 6:30pm AA
19 9am Worship / Comm 10:15am Sunday School Congregation Meeting & German Brunch 7pm Confirmation Class	20 9am Work Day 8pm AI-Anon 8pm AA	21 11am Bible Study-OTR 7pm Scouts 7pm Bible Study-Pr Home	22 7pm Thanksgiving Eve Svs 7:15pm AA	23 6pm Chime Practice 7pm Choir Practice	24 Pastor Day Off 8pm AA 8pm AI-Anon	25 5pm Worship / Comm 6:30pm AA
26 9am Worship / Comm 10:15am Sunday School 10:30am Adult Bible Study 7pm Confirmation Class	27 8pm AI-Anon 8pm AA	28 11am Bible Study-OTR 7pm Scouts 7pm Bible Study-Pr Home	29 6pm SS to NESAP 7:15pm AA	30 6pm Chime Practice 7pm Choir Practice		

DEATHS

Art Grossman

Ed Kuhn

Mildred Leedy

January 13, 1942 – September 29, 2017

NEW MEMBERS



Pam and Tyler Mullins

Jeff Mullins

*We welcome Pam Mullins, her son, Tyler,
and her brother-in-law, Jeff.*

STEPHEN MINISTRY

Leaders: Bob Nicoll, Connie Dattilio

Members: Evonne Brillhart, Christine Crouch, Carol Nicoll, Audrey Shaffer

Some may think that our Stephen Ministry caregiver visits are just a social call, a pleasant little interlude, where small talk is the norm.

This couldn't be further from the truth. Our care receivers are by definition, individuals who are hurting.... A crippling illness, someone receiving palliative care, grief from a loss, a divorce, a job just terminated, or acute isolation and loneliness.

The Stephen Minister assigned to serve the hurting individual is picked insuring that they are compatible with the care receiver and their support needs. Then the unique training that the Stephen Minister receives comes into play. Educational modules are designed to help guide the Stephen Minister to provide the specific ongoing support and encouragement needed.

Often, being a good listener is the most effective aspect of the relationship. One other important aspect of this caring outreach is that the Stephen Minister is not a counselor or problem solver. He or she is a channel to enable Christ's love and healing grace to be manifest.

The role of the Stephen Minister is a special calling, and each Minister brings a unique combination of gifts, personality, and character into service. If you have a yearning to bring Christ's love and care to people during a time of need, please talk with our Pastor, or any of our Stephen Ministers or Stephen Leaders.

WORSHIP & MUSIC

Susan Burnette, 410-357-9466, sb31220@gmail.com

Jerry Hoffman, 410-374-2565, Organist/Choir Director;

Audrey Moose, 410-429-4047, Chime Choir Director

Judy Bixler, 717-632-1805, Saturday Evening Service; Jennifer Holbrook, 410-374-6401, Acolytes;

Sandy Voight, 410-239-9428, Altar Guild; Wayne Thomas, 410-374-9538, Adult /Luther Men Choirs

Amanda Yingling, 717-880-5215, Children's Choir Coordinator

Looking Ahead ...

Nov 4-5 All Saints Remembrance Weekend

Nov 11-12 Generosity Weekend

Veteran's Thank You Weekend

Youth Sunday

Altar Guild Planning Meeting at 10:30am (Oak Tree room)

Veteran's Thank You Weekend

Sunday, Nov 19 German-style Meal before

Congregational Annual Meeting (Social Hall)

Wed Nov 22 Thanksgiving Eve Community Service at Immanuel 7pm

Nov 25-26 Christ the King Weekend Services

Dec 2-3 1st Weekend of Advent

Poinsettia orders begin

Saturday @ 10am ~ *'Hanging of the Greens'*

decorating of sanctuary and tree

NOVEMBER ALTAR GUILD

Rhonda Kiler

Betty Miller

NOVEMBER HEAD USHERS

Saturdays at 5pm: Jeanne Swain

Sundays at 9am: Debbie Hebrank



Birthday and Wedding Anniversaries are listed in newsletters and bulletins, please contact Worship & Music to be included.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Braxton Martin

Charlotte Hann

Elaine Cullison

Kathryn Groomes

Dorothy Townshend

Lisa Duckson

Sophie Kiler

Chris Miller

Ardice Holbrook

Rhonda Kiler

Linda Black

Catherine Strevig

Amber Hagert

Harry Arbaugh

Kieran Hoffman

Andrew McCarty

Kevin Graf

Austin Gregg

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Jerry and Nancy Hoffman

November 19, 1977

ALTAR FLOWERS *and* LESSONS & PRAYERS

Each weekend, fresh seasonal flowers enhance our worship experience with color and beauty. The Flower Sponsorship Calendar is posted in the church office hallway. Available weekend dates are still open for your sponsorship of altar vases, center arrangements or the Lessons & Prayers during the month of **NOVEMBER**. It is suggested that you share the cost of the vases with a family member or friend. Place your completed sponsorship form (found on the Flower Sponsorship bulletin board) with payment, into the Worship and Music basket on the lamp table of the church office by Wednesday 12noon, of the weekend prior to your reserved date. **IMPORTANT:** The 2018 Flower Sponsorship Calendar will be posted after Thanksgiving.

- Prices: \$50 Both Altar Vases
 \$25 One Vase Only
 \$30 Center Arrangement
 \$20 Lessons & Prayers



NOVEMBER OPEN SPONSORSHIPS:

- Nov 4-5** Center Arrangement ~ Lessons & Prayers
(All Saints Remembrance)
- Nov 11-12** Lessons & Prayers
(Veteran's Thank You)
- Nov 18-19** Center Arrangement
- Nov 22** Lessons & Prayers
(Thanksgiving Eve)
- Nov 25-26** Altar Vases ~ Center Arrangement
(Christ the King)
- Dec 2-3** Altar Vases ~ Center Arrangement ~ Lessons & Prayers
(Advent 1)

NOVEMBER LECTIONARY SERIES CONTINUES...

Join in and read with everyone through the month of November!

Week of:	First Reading	Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel
Oct 30~Nov 5 All Saints	Revelation 7:9-17	Psalm 34:1-10, 22	1 John 3:1-3	Matthew 5:1-12
Nov 6~12	Amos 5:18-24	Psalm 70	1 Thessalonians 4:13-18	Matthew 24:1-13
Nov 13~19	Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18	Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11], 12	1 Thessalonians 5:1-11	Matthew 25:14-30
November 22 Thanksgiving Eve	Deuteronomy 8:7-18	Psalm 65	2 Corinthians 9:6-15	Luke 17:11-19
Nov 20~26 Christ the King	Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24	Psalm 95:1-7a	Ephesians 1:15-23	Matthew 25:31-46
Nov 27~Dec 3 Advent 1	Isaiah 64:1-9	Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19	1 Corinthians 1:3-9	Mark 13:24-37

ALTAR GUILD MEMBERSHIP DRIVE CONTINUES...

Immanuel's Altar Guild is looking for new members to serve on the guild for Sundays during the year. We are very flexible!!! Members are always needed to coordinate the 'behind-the-scenes' setup and cleanup of communion at our Sunday services. New members will be instructed before their duty responsibility. Twenty minutes of volunteer time before and after a service is all that is required and NO experience is needed. Individuals or husband-wife teams are encouraged to join the guild. See any member of Immanuel's current Altar Guild with your interest or questions. Try something new for 2018... volunteer for Altar Guild!

ALL SAINTS REMEMBRANCE WEEKEND

On **All Saints Remembrance Weekend, November 4th and 5th**, Immanuel will honor and remember all its members and friends who died during the past year. Families will be invited to attend the weekend service of their choice and will be given a white memorial carnation.

TURN CLOCKS BACK

DO NOT FORGET to reset your clocks back one hour before going to bed **on Saturday night, Nov 4th**. Daylight Savings Time ends at 2AM, Sunday morning, November 5th. Enjoy an extra hour of sleep! See you at church, Sunday morning at 9 am.

VETERANS' THANK YOU

During the weekend services of **November 11th and 12th**, Immanuel will thank our veterans, past and present. A bulletin board will be on display during November thanking all the women and men in our congregation who have served in the military. If you or a family member would like to be included in our '*Veterans Thank You Tribute*', please contact Susan Burnette at sb31220@gmail.com with your name(s) and branch of service.



ALTAR GUILD ANNUAL MEETING

Immanuel's **Altar Guild** will hold its **Annual Meeting on Sunday, November 12th** following morning worship in the Oak Tree room. ALL members (and anyone wishing to join the guild) are urged to attend. Agenda planning for the 2018 church year will be discussed, along with sign-up for our Sunday guild duties.

500th REFORMATION GERMAN DINNER

Our final observance of the 500th Reformation will be celebrated at a German-Style Dinner on **Sunday, Nov 19th** following the morning worship in the Social Hall. Your reservation is requested. This meal will be enjoyed before the annual congregational meeting, hosted by Fellowship and Worship and Music. Menu will include: sausages, sauerkraut and mashed potatoes, green beans, applesauce, rolls, beverages and a dessert of German Chocolate cake. Please come and enjoy a wonderful meal with family and friends, then stay and exercise your voting right as a church member at our annual congregational meeting.

THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE

On **Wednesday Evening, Nov 22nd**, Immanuel will give thanks to God for another bountiful harvest season during our **Thanksgiving Eve Service** at 7pm. From Deuteronomy 8:15b-16, we read, *“He made water flow for you from flint rock and fed you in the wilderness with manna that your ancestors did not know, to humble you and to test you, and in the end to do you good.”* How will you thank God for all the goodness you enjoy each day of the year? Everyone from the community is invited to join us on **Wed, Nov 22nd** for communion and an evening of thanks!

	Wednesday, Nov 22 at 7pm
Head Usher	Rhonda Kiler
Altar Guild	Susan Burnette
Greeters	Linda Black Luther Myers
Lector	John Gregg
Offering Ushers	Judy Bixler Frank Burnette Audrey Shaffer Jeanne Swain
Communion Stewards	Susan Burnette Christine Crouch Norman Downes Sandy Voight
Acolytes	Ashton Eckhardt Tanner Eckhardt
Pray w/ Pastor	Bob Nicoll
Bell Ringer	Bart Walder

CHRIST THE KING SERVICES

The church’s liturgical calendar year ends during the **weekend services of November 25th and 26th**, as we celebrate the **Festival of Christ the King**. Special music for the Sunday service will be provided by the Adult Choir.



2017 POINSETTIA SALE

Christmas Poinsettias will be on sale beginning Saturday, December 2nd. All orders received through written sponsorship order forms.

POINSETTIAS CAN BE ORDERED by using the order form:

*found in the *back of this newsletter*

*found on the Poinsettia bulletin board outside the sanctuary by stairway

Provide the needed information:

~Choose one of the three following:

‘To the GLORY of GOD’ or ‘In MEMORY of’ or ‘In HONOR of’

~Circle your choice of payment (cash or check to Immanuel Church)

~Enclose order form with payment in the supplied envelope and place in the ‘Poinsettia’ basket on the lamp table in the church office. If office door is locked, please drop through the door slot.

DEADLINE: Sunday, December 17th. All orders received by the deadline will be included in the special Christmas Eve bulletin insert.

Direct any questions to Susan Burnette.

HANGING OF THE GREENS

On **Saturday Morning, December 2nd**, beginning at 10am, members of Worship and Music, Altar Guild and church volunteers will gather for our yearly **Hanging of the Greens**. The sanctuary and tree will be decorated to be enjoyed for the holiday season and for our three Christmas Eve services later in the month. Join us for festive decorations and fellowship!



ADVENT IS COMING!

The **four weeks of Advent** begin the weekend of **December 2nd and 3rd** and continue through the **9am Sunday morning service on Dec 24th**. Prepare for this four-week Advent journey by attending your service of choice each weekend as we await the birth of the baby, Jesus.

November 2017 Worship Assistants

~ 5pm Saturday Services ~

	Saturday November 4 <small>All Saints Weekend</small>	Saturday November 11 <small>Veterans Thank You</small>	Saturday November 18	Saturday November 25
Head Usher	Jeanne Swain	Jeanne Swain	Jeanne Swain	Jeanne Swain
Greeter	Charlotte Hann	Barb Davidson	Linda Black	Barb Davidson
Lector	Linda Black	Luther Myers	Jeanne Swain	Judy Bixler
Offering Ushers	Charlotte Hann Walter Hann	Barb Davidson Ron Davidson	Linda Black Rodgers Hagert	Barb Davidson Ron Davidson
Communion	Linda Black	Judy Bixler	Jeanne Swain	Jeanne Swain

~ 9am Sunday Services ~

	Sunday November 5 <small>All Saints Weekend</small>	Sunday November 12 <small>Veterans Thank You Youth Sunday</small>	Sunday November 19	Sunday November 26 <small>Christ the King Sunday</small>
Head Usher	Debbie Hebrank	Debbie Hebrank	Debbie Hebrank	Debbie Hebrank
Altar Guild	Rhonda Kiler Betty Miller	Rhonda Kiler Betty Miller	Rhonda Kiler Betty Miller	Rhonda Kiler Betty Miller
Greeters	Carolyn Kittelberger Bart Walder	Youth	Jane Taylor Delores Whitehead	Chris Miller Debbie Miller
Lector	Carolyn Hamlet	Youth	Todd Robinson	Russell Jensen
Offering Ushers	Norman Downes Matthew Rooney Linda Schmidt Ron Schmidt	Youth	Laurie Miller Steve Miller Brenda Murray Brenda Wulforst	Barbara Guthrie Barb Skelley Bill Skelley Ernest Weiss
Communion Stewards	Frank Burnette Susan Burnette Carolyn Phillips Carroll Phillips	Susan Burnette Connie Dattilio John Gregg Andy Kiler	Susan Burnette Rhonda Kiler Audrey Shaffer Sandy Voight	Susan Burnette Jo Fleck Joe Fleck Jamie Rooney
Acolytes	Dylan Andrews Jayden Bosnick	Austin Gregg Willis Kiler	Ryan Edwards Kyle Robinson	Tanner Eckhardt Austin Gregg
Crucifer	Jordan Bosnick	-----	-----	Ashton Eckhardt
Pray w/ Pastor	Bob Nicoll	Connie Dattilio	Christine Crouch	Connie Dattilio
Bell Ringer	Frank Burnette	Bart Walder	Ernest Weiss	Brian Kremen

December 2017 Worship Assistants

~ 5pm Saturday Services ~

	Saturday December 2 <small>Advent 1</small>	Saturday December 9 <small>Advent 2</small>	Saturday December 16 <small>Advent 3</small>	Saturday December 23 <small>Advent 4</small>	Saturday December 30 <small>Lessons & Carols</small>
Head Usher	Jeanne Swain	Jeanne Swain	Jeanne Swain	Jeanne Swain	Jeanne Swain
Greeter	Charlotte Hann	Barb Davidson	Linda Black	Barb Davidson	Judy Bixler
Lector	Linda Black	Luther Myers	Jeanne Swain	Judy Bixler	Lessons & Carols
Offering Ushers	Charlotte Hann Walter Hann	Barb Davidson Ron Davidson	Linda Black Rodgers Hager	Barb Davidson Ron Davidson	Judy Bixler Jeanne Swain
Communion	Linda Black	Judy Bixler	Jeanne Swain	Judy Bixler	Linda Black

~ 9am Sunday Services ~

	Sunday December 3 <small>Advent 1</small>	Sunday December 10 <small>Advent 2</small>	Sunday December 17 <small>Advent 3</small>	Sunday December 24 <small>Advent 4</small>	Sunday December 31 <small>Lessons & Carols</small>
Head Usher	Frank Burnette	Frank Burnette	Frank Burnette	Frank Burnette	Frank Burnette
Altar Guild	Frank Burnette Susan Burnette	Frank Burnette Susan Burnette	Frank Burnette Susan Burnette	Frank Burnette Susan Burnette	Frank Burnette Susan Burnette
Greeters	Betty Miller Kathryn Register	Jane Taylor Delores Whitehead	Chris Miller Debbie Miller	Linda Gregg John Popp	Dawn Burris Steve Burris
Lector	Pete Wulforst	Andy Kiler	Jordan Bosnick	Carolyn Phillips	Lessons & Carols
Offering Ushers	Wendy Maloney Linda Schmidt Ron Schmidt Audrey Shaffer	Debbie Mace Steve Mace Alice Warehime Dale Warehime	Laurie Miller Steve Miller Brenda Murray Brenda Wulforst	John Gregg Matthew Rooney Barb Skelley Bill Skelley	Jeremy Edwards Barbara Guthrie Todd Robinson Ernest Weiss
Communion Stewards	Susan Burnette Norman Downes Jo Fleck Joe Fleck	Susan Burnette Connie Dattilio Carolyn Phillips Carroll Phillips	Susan Burnette Bart Walder ----- -----	Susan Burnette Christine Crouch Debbie Hebrank Sandy Voight	Susan Burnette Jennifer Edwards Rhonda Kiler Audrey Shaffer
Acolytes	Jayden Bosnick Jordan Bosnick	Dylan Andrews Willis Kiler	Ryan Edwards Kyle Robinson	Jordan Bosnick Austin Gregg	Tanner Eckhardt Kyle Robinson
Crucifer	-----	-----	-----	-----	Ashton Eckhardt
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Bell Ringer	Joe Fleck	Ernest Weiss	Bart Walder	Brian Kremen	Frank Burnette

NOTE: The Worship Assistant Schedules are subject to change during any weekend service. Reminder emails and/or phone calls are sent each week. Should you be unable to fulfill your responsibility, please contact Susan Burnette at sb31220@gmail.com or 410-357-9466. Thank you.

2017 Christmas Poinsettia Order Form

(Sale runs Saturday, Dec 2 – Sunday, Dec 17)



Name: _____ Envelope # _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Poinsettias Cost: \$10.50 each

**** One Poinsettia Per Order, Please ****

Please check or complete the appropriate space below
exactly as you wish it to appear in the Christmas Eve bulletin.

_____ To the GLORY of GOD

~ OR ~

In MEMORY of: _____

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In HONOR of: _____

Sponsored By: _____

CIRCLE PAYMENT OPTION: Cash vs Check # _____ Payment Enclosed: \$ _____

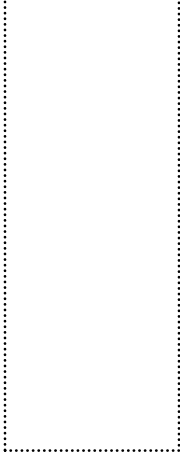
1. Make your check payable to: *Immanuel Lutheran Church*.
2. Place this completed information with your payment in the envelope provided.
3. Place envelope in the 'Poinsettia' basket on the lamp table in the office.
4. DEADLINE IS: SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17th.

Thank you, Worship & Music

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