



# The VISITOR

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## From The Pastor's Desk....

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On November 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> we will celebrate All Saints and remember those who have passed from the Church Militant on earth to the Church Triumphant in heaven. During the past 12 months we have said farewell to 7 of our fellow members, including our 3 oldest:

Dorothy Black (99), Julia Berwager (99),  
Hazel Leppo (101), Richard Sterner,  
Gloria Armacost, Jeff Mullins and Nancy Rohrback;

and to others who were close to many of us:

Ken Gundling, Jennifer Bortner, Lily Counts,  
Greg Losiewski, Dick Hebrank, Bud Graf,  
Linda Newman, Ira Bulson, Leann Eltz,  
Stacie Shea, Bruce Blevins, Carl Krauss,  
Kitty Akers, Andy Farley, Wally Nowlin,  
Claude Gregory, Burnell Barnhart, Burnell Grogg,  
Joey Morris, Bill Mellowish, Ann Miller, Donna Frase,

to name but a few. Every time we gather for worship we join our voices with the saints on earth and the saints in heaven, one vast chorus of praise around God's throne in heaven! Please join us as we give thanks to God for the lives of these faithful witnesses and as we pray for continued comfort and strength for those who mourn their passing.

November is traditionally Stewardship Month in Lutheran churches and in many others. During this season of thanksgiving we reflect on the many ways our generous God has richly blessed us, and prayerfully consider how we will pass these blessings on to others through the faithful and generous use of our time, our skills and abilities, and our financial resources here at Immanuel.

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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.

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How is God calling you to be a more faithful steward in the coming year? Consider challenging yourself to participate more regularly in worship and other church activities, to find new ways to put your skills and abilities to work through volunteer service, and to invest a greater proportion of your financial resources in God's mission in and through Immanuel. If you would like help or further discussion in any of these areas, please let me know.

May God continue to bless you and your family richly so that you may be a blessing to others!  
~Pastor Charlie Marshall

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## **OPPORTUNITIES TO LEARN AND GROW AT IMMANUEL**

*No previous knowledge of the Bible is required for any Bible study*

### **\*SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY:** Lectionary Bible Study

Meets weekly throughout the year in the Martin Luther Room following the worship service, approximately 10:15–11:15am. On coffee hour Sundays, we meet 10:45–11:30am. Each week we explore the Gospel reading for the following Sunday.

Everyone is welcome, and no previous knowledge of the Bible is needed. **On Sunday, Nov. 4 there will be a special presentation by visiting Pastor John Burk representing Food for the Poor**, providing food and assistance to the poorest of the poor in the Caribbean region.

### **\*MIDWEEK PRAYER AND BIBLE STUDY GROUPS:** All About Angels

Having completed our study on the Bible and the Afterlife, we begin a new study in November on another popular topic of interest: All About Angels. We will explore what the Bible tells us about what angels are, what they do, and what they have to do with us. Everyone is welcome, and no previous knowledge of the Bible is needed.

**Tuesday Morning Group** will meet in the Oak Tree Room at 11am

**Evening Group** will meet at the Pastor's home at 7pm

(840 Hughes Shop Rd, Westminster MD 21158)

on Tuesday Nov 6, 20 & 27 and on Wednesday Nov 14.

### **\*CONFIRMATION CLASS:** The Ten Commandments

Confirmation Class meets Sundays, Nov 4, 11 & 25 at 7-8pm in the Oak Tree Room. The class on Nov 18 is canceled so Pastor Charlie can attend the Carroll Lutheran School annual meeting. This year we are exploring the Small Catechism, beginning with the Ten Commandments.

New students are welcome any time!

## 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.

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## MISSIONARY SPONSORSHIP



Rev. Wal Reat is our ELCA Global Missionary. 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.

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## ARE YOU RECEIVING PASTOR CHARLIE'S WEEKLY EMAIL?

If you would like to receive a weekly message from Pastor Charlie with reminders about what's happening at Immanuel, please submit your email address to [pastorc@ielcmd.org](mailto:pastorc@ielcmd.org).

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## 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 15<sup>th</sup> of the month prior.

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## OFFERING ENVELOPES

Offering envelopes for 2019 will be available for pick up at the Congregation Meeting on November 18. *Remember that your envelope number may have changed!* Please make an effort to pick up your box as soon as possible. If you do not see your name and you would like a box of envelopes, then please contact the church office.

Note: If you use an envelope from a prior year, your name must be written on the envelope to ensure donations are correctly posted.

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## MANCHESTER HISTORICAL CENTER

Open on the first and third Saturday of each month from 1 to 4pm.

Six rooms of town history and memories to share with you.



## YEAR-END TAX TIPS

As we are in the last quarter of 2018, 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 or Audrey Shaffer.

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## AMAZON SMILE

As you start your Christmas shopping ... remember to use:

<http://smile.amazon.com/ch/52-0729004>

Amazon donates a percentage of your purchase to Immanuel Church.

<h2>THANKS</h2>
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The Cemetery Board is glad to announce it has completed survey and title work on 2+ acres of land adjoining the New Cemetery. The land was given to the Board by Mr. Gary LaMotte. The Board is extremely pleased with such a generous gift. This property will now be used for future expansion of the cemetery.

Donation received in memory of  
my Aunt Gloria Armacost's birthday on October 15<sup>th</sup>  
by Bonnie Hull

<h2>DEATHS</h2>
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Bill Melluish, friend of John Gregg

Ann Miller, aunt of Pam and Gail Miller

Gary Ross, parent of children who attended CLS

Donna Frase, mother of Charles Frase

## PASTOR CHARLIE'S NOVEMBER BIBLE CHALLENGE: SONGS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

For the month of November, we return to the Psalms for our daily reading and online discussion, reading Psalms 92-109.

The online Bible Study will continue with daily comments from Pastor Charlie on Facebook. Email him at [pastorc@ielcmd.org](mailto: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 Psalm 92	11/11 Psalm 102:1-14	11/21 Psalm 106:28-39
11/2 Psalm 93	11/12 Psalm 102:15-28	11/22 Psalm 106:40-48
11/3 Psalm 94	11/13 Psalm 103	11/23 Psalm 107:1-9
11/4 Psalm 95	11/14 Psalm 104:1-23	11/24 Psalm 107:10-16
11/5 Psalm 96	11/15 Psalm 104:24-35	11/25 Psalm 107:17-22
11/6 Psalm 97	11/16 Psalm 105:1-15	11/26 Psalm 107:23-32
11/7 Psalm 98	11/17 Psalm 105:16-36	11/27 Psalm 107:33-43
11/8 Psalm 99	11/18 Psalm 105:37-45	11/28 Psalm 108
11/9 Psalm 100	11/19 Psalm 106:1-12	11/29 Psalm 109:1-19
11/10 Psalm 101	11/20 Psalm 106:13-27	11/30 Psalm 109:20-31

# MISSIONS

Joe Fleck, [jpflecksr@gmail.com](mailto:jpflecksr@gmail.com), 410-848-5919

Our monthly mission offering Nov 3 & 4 will benefit **Food For The Poor**, one of the largest international relief and development organizations in the nation, which feeds millions of the hungry poor primarily in 17 countries of the Caribbean and Latin America. This interdenominational Christian ministry also provides emergency relief assistance, clean water, medicines, educational materials, homes, support for orphans and the aged, skills training and micro-enterprise development assistance. This is taken from their vision statement:



**FOOD FOR THE POOR**

*Saving Lives... Transforming Communities... Renewing Hope*

“Our ministry is a reflection of our Lord's unconditional love - a love that surrenders all, that inspires trust and faith, and that embraces all people, regardless of race, status or creed. It is also shaped by our belief that Christ is alive and can be served directly by serving those in greatest need. (Matthew 25:40) For guidance and to maintain the purity of our mission, we stress the need for regular prayer. Through surrender, service and prayer, we seek a closer union with our Lord.” For more information, please visit [www.FoodForThePoor.org](http://www.FoodForThePoor.org)

Pastor John Burk will preach at both services and also be available during coffee hour and adult Bible study following the Sunday service. He is a retired ELCA pastor and has been a very active spokesman for Food For The Poor for many years. Join us, and invite your friends and neighbors!

# LEAD

Chris Crouch, Facilitator; John Gregg, Council Liaison  
Pastor Charlie, Debbie Miller, Debbie Mace, Terri Rill

At the time you will be reading this update you will have completed the 4 question congregational survey and the LEAD Team will have analyzed the answers you have given and possibly have reported results back to you the congregation.

Thank you to all of you who completed this survey. We hope you found the presentations interesting and the activity of discussing thoughts and answers with other congregation members helpful in giving your answers. We appreciate your serious and honest thoughts on these questions and your willingness to participate and be heard.

Our next steps will be to reach out to some of the already established groups within our church to obtain their views and opinions on what God is asking us as a congregation to do to serve our Church and neighborhood. We have many established groups that are already making a big difference and want to work together to expand our outreach and be in line with the changing and growing needs of the neighborhood and of our Church.

We look forward to this next step and to our next training seminar early next year which will then lead us out into the neighborhood. We will find out what our "neighbors" feel are the most important needs that we may or may not be already fulfilling and also what they envision our future presence in the community to be. *How can we better serve?*

We hope you continue to find this journey of listening and learning an important tool to expand and grow, not only within our 4 walls, but to define and grow who we are in our Community/Neighborhood. To also further open our communications within and outside our congregation, so we can provide for the true needs and do what God has asks of all of us..... To LEAD.....Live Everyday As Disciples!

The LEAD Team  
Pastor Charlie, Chris, John, Debbie, Terri and Debbie



# 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! We are sponsoring eight (8) 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 on November 17<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions or would like to help with the delivery, contact Deb Hebrank, Amanda Yingling or Rhonda Kiler.

THANK YOU for the wonderful response to *SOCK-tober*. We collected **445 socks** which will benefit the less fortunate in our community. Once again, the congregation stepped up and helped those in need.

NESAP / ToFF's is in need of Canned Vegetables. Labeled baskets are in the Narthex for your donations. Consider picking up a can or two of any vegetable (the dollar store sells them). Your contributions are greatly appreciated. Thank you!



# FELLOWSHIP

Chair: Rhonda Kiler, 410-239-7028

Members: Deb Hebrank, 410-952-3320; Brenda Wulforst, 443-507-6753;  
Linda Gregg; Matthew Rooney; Jamie Rooney

On October 6<sup>th</sup> we had our Yard/Craft Sale with Trinity UCC. The day had a little drizzle coming down but it did not stop people from shopping with approximately 40 vendors. While shopping you could fill your stomach with delicious breakfast sandwiches or baked goods from our Immanuel bakers. Everyone had a great time just socializing with others while finding a bargain. Thanks to everyone who donated a baked good, made breakfast sandwiches, help setup, cleanup, came to shop or got a space to sell their crafts. Doing just one little thing helped make this a great event.

On October 7<sup>th</sup> we had our monthly coffee hour. We tried our breakfast sandwiches at coffee hour for something new. Baked goods, breakfast sandwiches and coffee on a rainy morning made everyone happy. Thanks to everyone who continually donates to our coffee hour.

On November 18<sup>th</sup> we will have our Annual Congregational Meeting and luncheon in the Social Hall. We will have a potluck meal. A sign up sheet is at the back of the sanctuary. Please come and celebrate all the great things that have been happening at Immanuel this past year.



CONGREGATIONAL  
MEETING

# CHRISTIAN ED

Jen Edwards, 443-883-6138, jen@iostreaminfo.com  
Jeanne Swain, Angie Eckhardt, Jen Robinson, Sandy Voight

After our first full month of Sunday School, we wanted to thank the families for their support and our youth for their excitement and participation. We switched a few things up this year, such as how some of the classes are set up, the teachers for some of the rooms and some of the curriculum, but we definitely didn't change all the core things that make Immanuel Sunday School a place of fellowship, faith building and fun! Please stop in and say hi during our classes, we love visitors! We meet each Sunday from 10:15 – 11:15 and each class includes a lesson, story, craft or game, snack and more! We are always looking for additional assistance with snacks or crafts or substitute teachers, if that sounds like you, please reach out to anyone on the Christian Education team. Please invite your friends, neighbors and families to come to an upcoming Sunday School class!

On November 4<sup>th</sup>, following the coffee hour in the social hall, we will be packing up the Operation Christmas Child boxes with the donations received over the last 2 months. All are welcome to attend for this important and joyous activity.

We are working with St. Paul's in Upperco and Jerusalem Lutheran on Bachman Valley Road for combined youth group activities, and we're looking forward to a lot of fun together between our congregations! We are planning a NESAP evening in November, a parents night out in December, snow-tubing, bowling party, trip to Baltimore and more between the 3 congregations. Look for emails and announcements on these activities.

Upcoming activities  
with our **new joint**  
**Youth Ministry**  
listed on page 12.

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On October 20<sup>th</sup>, we had fun at the flashlight corn maze at Showvaker's Cornfusion! We broke into teams and made our way through the maze and then enjoyed some delicious hot chocolate, candy and fellowship together.

The Sunday School program is in charge of restocking the Little Free Pantry (an Eagle Scout project by Connor Vogelsang of Troop 320). Classes will take turns going out to check on the inventory and restocking from our reserves. Pack 320 and Troop 320 will also assist in checking and stocking periodically too. If you would like to help stock or donate additional canned goods and paper products, please bring them to the Sunday School classrooms and we can assist from there.

Below are some youth and family events.  
Let us know if you are interested in attending!



DECEMBER 2, 2018 • MAR-LU-RIDGE • ST. MICHAEL, PERRY HALL • ST. PHILIP'S, WILMINGTON



JANUARY 18-20, 2019 • CLARION RESORT FONTAINEBLEU • OCEAN CITY, MARYLAND



APRIL 5-7, 2019 • MAR-LU-RIDGE • JEFFERSON, MARYLAND



MAY 3-4, 2019 • MAR-LU-RIDGE • JEFFERSON, MARYLAND • PARENTS & GUARDIANS WELCOME



JUNE 14-16, 2019 • UNITED LUTHERAN SEMINARY • GETTYSBURG, PENNSYLVANIA

# CHURCH COUNCIL

President: Brenda Wulforst, 443-507-6753 Vice President: John Gregg, 410-599-3091

Recording Secretary: Jamie Rooney

Immanuel's church council met Tuesday, October 9, 2018. The following business was discussed.

## NEW BUSINESS

- Tyler Mullins is a Civil War enthusiast. He participates in reenactments and would like to share his knowledge with the members of Immanuel. Council suggested Tyler work with the Sunday school and Troop 320 to schedule a Gettysburg trip in the spring. Members of the congregation would be invited to attend.

## OLD BUSINESS

- Committee reports for the congregation meeting Annual Reports are due to the office on October 9.
- After a long and detailed discussion, those in attendance approved the 2019 budget and recommended its referral to the congregation.
- Little Free Pantry—some construction issues have been addressed in an effort to prevent moisture causing a problem to the products. Twenty four families have contributed goods to the pantry and 15 families have taken needed items. Connor Vogelsang is making a donation to the Sunday school. His donation represents additional monies he raised for his Eagle Scout project.
- Frank Burnette reported that the vintage Sunday school doors will be retrieved. They are stored in Ray Ferrier's son in laws barn and Property is working with Ray to determine a convenient time for Immanuel to pick them up.
- The following was discussed on council members for 2019. Jamie Rooney and John Gregg will not be returning for a second term. All other council members are returning. Connie Dattilio, Sarah Marshall and Brittany Trott are nominated to stand for election to 3 year terms beginning in 2019.
- No information was presented concerning Website training for Jamie Rooney and Rachel Murphy. We are expecting information at the next meeting so needed training can begin.

# STEPHEN MINISTRY

Leader: Connie Dattilio, 717-637-7157

Members: Evonne Brillhart, Christine Crouch, Bonnie Hull, Gretchen Jensen, Audrey Shaffer

The Stephen Ministry team at Immanuel began our September meeting with feelings of loss. A Stephen Minister mourned the loss of her care receiver who had passed away recently. They had been in a Stephen Ministry relationship for two years. Connie shared a letter from Bob and Carol Nicoll, who are officially transferring to the Stephen Ministry organization at Carroll Lutheran Village, where they reside. Bob has been instrumental in starting a program there over the past year. Bob and Carol had been Stephen Ministers at Immanuel since 2010. Bob had been a Stephen Leader since 2012. The Stephen Ministry Team at Immanuel extends sincere thanks to Bob and Carol for their involvement, and to Bob for his strong leadership over the past 6 years.

In spite of our sense of loss, our Stephen Ministry program at Immanuel is thriving. We know we are in good hands as Connie Dattilio has taken over as our Stephen Leader. In addition, we are blessed to have Pastor Charlie actively involved in our ministry. During this same September meeting, two new care receivers were assigned, and a third person has since entered into a relationship with a Stephen Ministry caregiver. We continue to move forward in our ministry of caring.

We need more Stephen Ministers at Immanuel! Stephen Ministry caregiving does not cross genders. Men in need of Stephen Ministry are assigned only male caregivers, while women Stephen Ministers only work with women. At this time we have no male Stephen Ministers. We welcome both men and women interested in becoming a Stephen Minister. If you would like to know more about this confidential Christ-centered lay ministry and the training involved, Pastor Charlie or Connie can speak to you further.

The Stephen Ministers at Immanuel engage in both supervision related to their caregiver relationship, and ongoing training to broaden their skills as caregivers. In supervision meetings, care receivers are not identified by name to preserve the confidential nature of our lay ministry. Our training recently reviewed an important aspect of our ministry – listening. We actively listen without judgment as we engage with our care receivers in a Stephen Ministry relationship. We hope in turn that our care receivers feel valued and cared for during our conversations.

If you need the reassurance of God's love, and the knowledge that someone cares enough about you to share what you may be struggling with, look to Stephen Ministry for caring and support. Contact Connie Dattilio or see Pastor Charlie to make a referral.

~Christine Crouch, Stephen Minister

# ACTIVITIES / EVENTS ... in the area

## YOUTH MINISTRY

We are excited to announce several events planned in cooperation with the congregations of Immanuel Lutheran, Jerusalem Lutheran and St. Paul's Lutheran (and hopefully more to come!). These events are for our youth and their families, to meet new friends, reconnect and build new relationships together! The entire congregations are welcome to join us on any or all of these activities!

### November 7 at 6pm

- help at NESAP to stuff holiday bags for families

### December 14

-Parent's Night Out 6:30-9:30pm at Jerusalem. Youth will assist with watching younger kids while parents go out (or Christmas shopping)

### January 6

-Snow tubing at Liberty 2-4 pm, (weatherdate Jan 13)

### February (dates to be determined)

-Mario's Italian Restaurant at St. Paul's  
and Spaghetti Dinner at Immanuel

### March

-An overnight event is being planned

### April 22

-Easter Monday trip to Mount Vernon

## NESAP'S GREAT CHRISTMAS SALE!

NESAP's Great Christmas Sale on November 10 at Upperco Volunteer Fire Department's activities building promotes affordable holiday cheer! High-quality previous-owned Christmas trees, lights, wreaths, tableware, games, movies, music, books, jewelry and other seasonal items available. Proceeds provide funding for NESAP's food, energy, medical, clothing, rent and transportation assistance programs.

## WORK DAY AT IMMANUEL

Come help at Work Day on Monday, November 12<sup>th</sup>.

Join us for any time you can, between 9am and 2pm in the Social Hall. It's a great time of fellowship (and lunch is provided!) while helping make blankets for charity organizations.

~No sewing experience necessary~

There is something for everyone to do! So bring a friend with you! Everyone can help. And all help is appreciated.

# ACTIVITIES / EVENTS ... in the area ... cont'd ...

## WELCA

Jerusalem's woman's group WELCA (Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America) has an open invitation to any women who would like to participate. They normally have a monthly meeting except during the summer months. Below is the rest of the year schedule for WELCA.

Nov 14 Meeting at Jerusalem Church Social Hall

Hostess: Lisa Alford

Program: Service Project

Dec 12 Meeting/Annual Christmas party

Hostess: Arlene Hoff's at her home

Program: Janene Edgar

(564 Jasontown Rd Westminster)

## FESTIVAL OF TREES

12<sup>th</sup> Annual Carroll County Festival of Trees at John Street Quarters (next to Westminster Fire Dept) on Nov 23, 24, and 25.

Featuring silent auction of over 30 decorated trees. Proceeds to benefit The Shepherd's Staff. For more information, visit [www.shepstaff.org](http://www.shepstaff.org).

OUR DOWNTOWN HOLIDAY EVENT RETURNS!

John Street Quarters  
in Westminster adjacent to  
Westminster Fire Department

12th ANNUAL

NOVEMBER  
23, 24, 25

CARROLL COUNTY  
FESTIVAL OF TREES

- Featuring a Silent Auction of over 30 Beautifully Decorated Trees
- Living Nativities and Christmas Cards
- Live Music • Baked Goods • Fun Photo Booth
- Children's Craft Table • Gift Baskets (cash & carry)

Proceeds to Benefit

**THE SHEPHERD'S STAFF**  
A Christian Outreach and Support Center

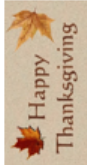
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HOURS:  
Friday, Nov. 23: 10am - 6pm  
Saturday, Nov. 24: 10am - 8pm  
Sunday, Nov. 25: 10am - 2pm

[www.shepstaff.org](http://www.shepstaff.org)  
410.857.5944  
info@shepstaff.org

Silent auction ends Sunday at 2pm.  
with tree pickup from 4 to 4pm.

# November 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>4</b> All Saints Sunday Missions Special Offering <b>9am Worship / Communion</b> 10:15am Coffee Hour 10:45am Adult Bible Study 10:45am Sunday School 7pm Confirmation Class	<b>5</b> 7pm Den Scout Mtg 8pm AI-Anon 8pm AA	<b>6</b> 11am Bible Study - Oak Tree Rm 7pm Scouts 7pm Bible Study - Pr Home	<b>7</b> 8pm Service Project at NESAP 7:15pm AA	<b>8</b> Pastor Retreat Day 6pm Chime Choir Practice 7pm Adult Choir Practice	<b>9</b> Pastor Day Off 8pm AA 8pm AI-Anon	<b>10</b> 5pm Worship / Communion 6:30pm AA
<b>11</b> <b>9am Worship / Communion</b> 10:15am Altar Guild Meeting 10:15am Adult Bible Study 10:15am Sunday School 7pm Confirmation Class	<b>12</b> 9am Work Day 7pm Den Scout Mtg 8pm AI-Anon 8pm AA	<b>13</b> 11am Bible Study - Oak Tree Rm 7pm Church Council Meeting 7pm Scouts	<b>14</b> 6:30pm WELCA at Jerusalem Ch 7pm Bible Study - Pr Home 7pm Stephen Ministry 7:15pm AA	<b>15</b> 6pm Chime Choir Practice 7pm Adult Choir Practice	<b>16</b> Pastor Day Off 8pm AA 8pm AI-Anon	<b>17</b> 5pm Worship / Communion 6:30pm AA
<b>18</b> <b>9am Worship / Communion</b> 10:15 Congregation Meeting and Potluck Luncheon	<b>19</b> 7pm Den Scout Mtg 8pm AI-Anon 8pm AA	<b>20</b> 11am Bible Study - Oak Tree Rm 7pm Scouts 7pm Bible Study - Pr Home	<b>21</b> 7pm Thanksgiving Eve Service 7:15pm AA		<b>23</b> Office Closed Pastor Day Off 8pm AA 8pm AI-Anon	<b>24</b> 5pm Worship / Communion 6:30pm AA
<b>25</b> Christ the King Sunday <b>9am Worship / Communion</b> 10:15am Adult Bible Study 10:15am Sunday School 7pm Confirmation Class	<b>26</b> 7pm Den Scout Mtg 8pm AI-Anon 8pm AA	<b>27</b> 11am Bible Study - Oak Tree Rm 7pm Scouts 7pm Bible Study - Pr Home	<b>28</b> 7pm Thanksgiving Eve Service 7:15pm AA	<b>29</b> 6pm Chime Choir Practice 7pm Adult Choir Practice	<b>30</b> Pastor Day Off 8pm AA 8pm AI-Anon	<b>3</b> All Saints Weekend Missions Special Offering <b>5pm Worship / Communion</b> 6:30pm AA

# Scouts 320

## IMMANUEL CHURCH SPONSORS #320

### **TROOP 320**

Scoutmaster: Walt Feezer 410-239-1176, [coremedia@comcast.net](mailto:coremedia@comcast.net)

Chartered Organization Rep: Jen Edwards 443-883-6138, [jen@iostreaminfo.com](mailto:jen@iostreaminfo.com)

Committee Chair: Jessica Vogelsang 410-967-6475 cell, [jessica.vogelsang9@gmail.com](mailto:jessica.vogelsang9@gmail.com)

Cub Scout Pack 320 has officially been reactivated within the Boy Scouts of America. An open house was held on September 24<sup>th</sup> with a wonderful turnout.

Currently, 16 cub scouts, both boys and girls, have registered. Jennifer Edwards is serving as the Chartered Organization Representative between P320 and Immanuel, so any issues or questions, please contact Jen. Jeremy Edwards serves as an Assistant Cubmaster and a Den Leader. The pack is currently forming its committee to plan trips, fundraisers and other activities. Immanuel will share church events and announcements with P320 and invite the Pack families to participate in Immanuel's events and services.

Boy Scout Troop 320 held their Patrol Leadership Committee retreat this past month to plan events and activities for the rest of this year and beginning of next year. Once dates are confirmed, T320 will share these dates with Immanuel. As with the Pack, Immanuel will share church events and announcements with T320 and invite the Pack families to participate in Immanuel's events and services.

If there are any service projects or ways that either the Troop or Pack can assist, please reach out to Jen Edwards at [jen@iostreaminfo.com](mailto:jen@iostreaminfo.com).

### **PACK 320**

Cubmaster: Kevin Walsh 240-676-2264, [cmk.pack320@gmail.com](mailto:cmk.pack320@gmail.com)

Asst Cubmaster: Walt Feezer 410-239-1176, [coremedia@comcast.net](mailto:coremedia@comcast.net)

Chartered Organization Rep: Jen Edwards 443-883-6138, [jen@iostreaminfo.com](mailto:jen@iostreaminfo.com)

Committee Chair: Dwayne Martin 410-374-4114, [dajwmartin@msn.com](mailto:dajwmartin@msn.com)

# WORSHIP & MUSIC

Susan Burnette, 410-357-9466, sb31220@gmail.com, Chairman, Woman's Harmony Choir  
 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

## SEPTEMBER 2018 WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Dates	Sat + Sun Attendance	Remarks
September 1-2	20 + 77 = 97	Pentecost 15
8-9	21 + 70 = 91	Pentecost 16
15-16	20 + 72 = 92	Holy Cross
22-23	18 + 72 = 90	Harvest Home
29-30	17 + 68 = 85	Pentecost 19
<b>Sept Totals</b>	<b>455</b>	5 weekends
<b>Wkend Avg</b>	<b>91</b>	

**NOVEMBER  
ALTAR GUILD**  
Frank and Susan Burnette

## PAST SEPTEMBER ATTENDANCES

YEAR	September Totals	Monthly Averages	Wkends per Month
<b>2015</b>	458	115	4 wkends
<b>2016</b>	438	109	4 wkends
<b>2017</b>	372	93	4 wkends
<b>2018</b>	455	91	5 wkends

**NOVEMBER  
HEAD USHERS**  
Saturdays at 5pm      Sundays at 9am  
 Linda Black              Frank Burnette  
Thanksgiving Eve, Nov 21  
 Susan Burnette

## LOOKING AHEAD ... SAVE THESE DATES

**November 3-4:**

All Saints Services @ 5pm and 9am

**November 10-11:**

Immanuel's *Veteran's Day Thank You* Services @ 5pm and 9am  
 Altar Guild Planning Mtg 10:30am, Oak Tree Room

**Sunday, Nov 18:**

The Woman's Harmony Choir practice @ 8:30am  
 (provide special music during 9am service)  
 Congregational Potluck Luncheon/Annual Meeting,  
 in Social Hall following worship

**Wed, Nov 21:**

Thanksgiving Eve Service @ 7pm

**Nov 24-25:**

Christ the King Weekend Services @ 5pm and 9am

**December 1-2: Season of Advent begins**

Poinsettia Sales begin (Dec 1-16)

**Saturday, Dec 15:**

Hanging of the Greens @ 10am – decorating of sanctuary and tree





# NOVEMBER LECTIONARY SERIES CONTINUES...

For your Home Bible Study. Join everyone as we read through the month.

Week of:	First Reading	Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel
Oct 29 ~ Nov 4 All Saints	Isaiah 25:6-9	Psalm 24	Revelation 21:1-6a	Matthew 25:31-46
Nov 5 ~ 11	1 Kings 17:8-16	Psalm 146	Hebrews 9:24-28	Mark 12:38-44
Nov 12 ~ 18	Daniel 12:1-3	Psalm 16	Hebrews 10:11-25	Mark 13:1-8
Wed, Nov 21 Thanksgiving Eve	Joel 2:21-27	Psalm 126	1 Timothy 2:1-7	Matthew 6:25-33
Nov 19 ~ 25	Daniel 7:9-10,13-14	Psalm 93	Revelation 1:4b-8	John 18:33-37
Nov 26 ~ Dec 2 Advent 1	Jeremiah 33:14-16	Psalm 25:1-10	1 Thessalonians 3:9-13	Luke 21:25-36

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## ALL SAINTS REMEMBRANCE WEEKEND

On **All Saints Remembrance Weekend, November 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>**, 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.

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## TURN CLOCKS BACK

Remember to turn your clocks **back one hour** before going to bed on **Saturday night, November 3<sup>rd</sup>**. Daylight Savings Time ends at 2am, Sunday morning, November 4<sup>th</sup>. Enjoy an extra hour of sleep!

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## VETERAN'S SUNDAY

**This year, Veteran's Day falls on Sunday, November 11<sup>th</sup>**. During the weekend services, ALL veterans of the congregation will be recognized for their service to our country. The last time Veteran's Day fell on a Sunday was in 2012. We have lost many of our veterans over the last few years, but many men and women are now United States Veterans.



In order, to recognize **ALL VETERANS of Immanuel**, we must know who you are... if you are a recent veteran, please provide the needed information from the '*Veteran's Questionnaire*', found on the Veterans' bulletin board, outside the sanctuary. Any questions, contact Susan Burnette or Pastor Charlie. Thank you for your service!

## **ALTAR GUILD**

### **MEMBERSHIP DRIVE and ANNUAL MEETING**

Immanuel's Altar Guild is recruiting for new faces to serve on the guild. Extra members are needed to coordinate the 'behind-the-scenes' set-up and clean-up of communion for the Sunday Morning Services. No experience is needed for the twenty minutes of your volunteer time before and after each service. Individuals or husband-wife teams are encouraged to join our guild. See any member of Immanuel's Altar Guild with your interest or questions. Our **Annual Altar Guild Planning Meeting** is scheduled for **Sunday, November 11<sup>th</sup>**, in the Oak Tree room, following morning worship. Agenda planning for the 2019 church year will be discussed along with sign-up for monthly guild duties.

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### **THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE**

On **Wednesday Evening, November 21<sup>st</sup>**, Immanuel will give thanks to God for another bountiful harvest year during our **Thanksgiving Eve Service at 7pm**. Everyone from the community is invited to join us for an evening of thanks and communion.

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### **CHRIST THE KING SERVICES**

The church's liturgical calendar year ends during the weekend services of **November 24/25** as we celebrate the **Festival of Christ the King**. History tells that even after Israel had experienced the vagaries of kings, they still longed for a true king to set things right. This man would have the king's title of Anointed One (Messiah); he would be the "one like a human being" (Son of Man) given dominion in Daniel's vision. Jesus is given these titles, even though he is nothing like an earthly king. His authority comes from the truth to which he bears witness, and those who recognize the truth voluntarily listen to him. Now, we look forward to the day he is given dominion, knowing his victory will be the nonviolent victory of love!

(2018 Sundays&Season)

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### **ADVENT IS COMING!**

**The Season of Advent begins the weekend of December 1-2 and continues through the weekend of December 22-23.** Prepare for this four-week Advent journey by attending service of choice (Saturdays @ 5pm or Sundays @ 9am) each weekend as we await the birth of the baby, Jesus.

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### **GLUTEN-FREE COMMUNION**

**Gluten-free wafers** is offered at every weekend worship service. Express your wishes to Pastor Charlie as you take communion. A communion steward will present a ciborium chalice of gluten-free wafers as your host. Grape juice, as well as wine, is also available.



November birthday and wedding anniversaries are listed below. If your family wishes to be included, please contact Susan Burnette.

### 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

### 2018 POINSETTIA SALE

**Christmas Poinsettias will be on sale beginning Sat, December 1.**

Orders are received through written sponsorship order forms. **POINSETTIAS CAN BE ORDERED** by using the **order form** found in the back of this newsletter **OR** found on the Poinsettia Bulletin Board outside the sanctuary at the stairway. **Provide** the needed information:

~ **Choose** one of three choices:

To the Glory of God      In Memory Of      In Honor Of

~ **Circle** choice of payment: Cash or Check (to Immanuel Lutheran Church)

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

**DEADLINE: Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup>.** All orders received by the deadline will be included in the special Christmas Eve bulletin insert. Direct your questions to Susan Burnette.

### FLOWERS ~ LESSONS & PRAYERS SPONSORSHIPS

The **NEW 2019 Flower Sponsorship Calendar** will be posted after Thanksgiving. Sign-up early and often to get the dates of your choice. Available weekend dates are still open during **November and December**. Consider splitting the cost of the flowers with a friend or family member. Place your completed information sheet, with payment, into the Music and Worship basket on the lamp table of the office by Wednesday @ 12 noon, of the weekend prior to your reserved date.

**Prices Remain:** \$50 for BOTH Altar Vases  
 \$25 for one vase ONLY  
 \$30 for a Center Arrangement  
 \$20 for Lessons & Prayers



## MUSIC MINISTRY @ IMMANUEL

Consider becoming a part of the Music Ministry @ Immanuel!

We support five varied musical groups.

- ~ The Sunday Adult Choir
- ~ The Luther Men
- ~ The Woman's Harmony Choir
- ~ The Chime Choir
- ~ The Children's Choir

If you are not able to commit to regular practices at this time, but could participate occasionally: **CONTACT:**

Jerry Hoffman (Adult Choir Director)    Audrey Moose (Chime Choir Director)  
Wayne Thomas (Luther Men)                Amanda Yingling (Children's Choir)  
Susan Burnette (Woman's Harmony Choir)

### **PRACTICE SCHEDULES:**

**Sunday Adult Choir:** Thursdays @ 7pm (September to May)

**Chime Choir:** Thursdays @ 6pm (September to May)

**Luther Men:** sing quarterly, practice as needed following Sunday worship

**Children's Choir:** sing quarterly, practice as needed following Sunday svs

**Woman's Harmony Choir:** sing quarterly, practice following Sunday svs

\*\*\* next practice, Sunday, October 28<sup>th</sup> (sing on Nov 18)

**NO EXPERIENCE IS NEEDED**



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## **CHIME CHOIR ~ ADULT CHOIR RECRUITMENT**

Prayerfully, consider helping the **Chime Choir** or the **Sunday Adult Choir** this fall. Weekly practices are on **6pm Thursdays for Chime Choir** and **7pm for the Sunday Adult Choir**. If you are not be able to attend on a regular basis, but can help occasionally, please contact Jerry Hoffman, Audrey Moose or any choir member.

Reading music is not a requirement; there is no age limit and **NO** auditions are necessary! But as a group of people – each and together, **YOU** can make a *‘joyful noise to the Lord’!*

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## **CHILDRENS' CHOIR**

The Children's Choir needs young voices. Rehearsals are scheduled at 10:30am following a Sunday morning worship service and are emailed to each family. Mr Pete, Ms Sandy and Ms Amanda are excited to begin another year! **LOOK ‘sharp’** in their purple shirts!