

# The VISITOR

The monthly newsletter of Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church  
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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,

Let me be the first to wish you a Happy New Year!

On Thanksgiving weekend, Nov. 26 – 27, we begin a new church year as we enter the first week of Advent. During the coming church year we will be reading primarily from the Gospel according to Matthew. This Gospel should be near and dear to our hearts at Immanuel because Matthew is the Gospel of Immanuel: God with us. Matthew's Gospel begins with the angel's visit to Joseph, telling him that the child to be born to his fiancée Mary will be the one promised centuries before. "All this took place to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: 'Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel', which means, 'God is with us.'" (Matthew 1:22-23)

Matthew's Gospel is also the one that contains the promise of Jesus' continuing presence among us. In Matthew 18:20, Jesus promises, "where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them." And following his resurrection, Jesus gives his disciples the Great Commission: "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you." Jesus' last words to his disciples, and the last words of Matthew's Gospel are: "and remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age." (Matt. 28:18-20)

Matthew's Gospel also speaks of Jesus' continuing, hidden presence among us in those who need him the most: "I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me... Just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." (Matthew 25:35-36, 40)

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No matter where we may go in the coming year, no matter what may happen to us or to our nation or to our world, Jesus our Immanuel will always be with us. His Promise is utterly reliable. We can stake our lives on it, as so many have done before us. And as the people of Immanuel we are his living Presence in the world: feeding the hungry, caring for the poor, welcoming the stranger, comforting the distressed, doing it all in the name of Jesus.

Wishing you and yours a blessed Advent,  
a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

~Pastor Charlie

## OFFICE NOTES

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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.

### INDIVIDUAL PRAYER AND HEALING

Pastor offers individual prayer, with anointing and laying of hands for those who desire it, 20 minutes before each Sunday service.

### ONLINE GIVING

Remember that Immanuel offers a convenient and secure online giving service! This is an easy way to make one-time donations or setup your weekly recurring offering directly from your checking account or credit card. You can also designate to our main funds for Monthly Special Offerings, Land and Building, and Sunday School/Youth.

If you have any questions, please contact the office for assistance. Our website has a link available: [www.immanuel.lutheranccmd.org](http://www.immanuel.lutheranccmd.org)

We are also looking into other options for giving - by text and by a mobile app. More information will be available as soon as processes are in place.

### BIBLE STUDY and PRAYER GROUPS

In addition to the Sunday morning adult Bible study, Pastor Charlie is leading a small group Bible study and a small group meeting for prayer. The Bible study group meets the first and third Tuesdays of the month (12/6 & 12/20) at 11am in the Martin Luther Room. The prayer group meets the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month (12/14 & 12/28) at 11am in the Sunday School Auditorium.

Are you interested in attending an evening bible study or prayer group? Contact Pastor Charlie at the church office, email to [pastorc@ielcmd.org](mailto:pastorc@ielcmd.org) or call/text his cell phone 443-854-2394. He is very interested in getting evening groups going.

## CHRISTMAS AT IMMANUEL

The Advent-Christmas Season this year is chock full of special events that we want everyone to enjoy: not only our members and regular worshippers, but all our friends and neighbors in the Manchester area as well. Although you will also find most of these events mentioned elsewhere in this month's Visitor, here is a listing of what will be happening at Immanuel in the coming weeks. Be thinking and praying about who you will invite to each of these, and especially to our Christmas Eve services.

### Sunday, Dec. 4:

John the Baptist Sunday

New Members/Holy Baptism/Mission Offering/Coffee Hour

### Sunday, Dec. 11:

Children's Choir and Luther Men perform

### Sunday, Dec. 18:

Sunday School Christmas Play

### Wednesday, Dec. 21:

"The Longest Night" joint worship service with Trinity UCC at 7pm for those who find it hard to rejoice this Christmas due to the stress of illness, loss, or depression.

### Saturday, Dec. 24:

\*New this year!\* Informal Christmas Eve worship at 3pm

Family Christmas Eve worship at 7pm

Candlelight Christmas Eve worship at 9pm

To help you to invite friends, neighbors, relatives, co-workers and others during the Christmas season we will provide professionally designed and printed Christmas invitation cards for you to use. We expect them to be available at church the weekend of Dec. 10-11.

The Christmas season is a time when non-churchgoers are most likely to accept an invitation to come to church. **Our goal is to invite 500 new people to come and worship with us this Christmas, and to experience for themselves the hope, love, joy and peace that are God's Christmas gifts to all people. With your help we can and will make this happen!**

Hershey  
*Handbells*  
Ensemble Christmas Concert



Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00PM

Doors open at 6:30

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church 

127 York Street, Hanover, Pa

Admission is **Free**

Free will offering to be given to World Hunger

*Refreshments will be served after the concert*

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## MANDY'S STORY

*Mandy's Story*, a book about the life of Mandy Kent written by Hermine Saunders, has been published. A limited number of copies are available for sale, and orders will be taken for future copies when received by the printer. The book is not being sold for profit. The Kent family and Hermine Saunders are asking for a minimum \$15.00 donation to the Carroll Lutheran School Scholarship Fund. Christine Crouch will be handling the sales of *Mandy's Story* at Immanuel. The books will be sold after the weekend worship services during the first two weeks of December in the Oak Tree Room. You can also contact Chris at 410-746-0260 or [crouchchristine@msn.com](mailto:crouchchristine@msn.com) to purchase a book.

# Church Directory



We will be including family pictures in the new church directory. If you didn't get your picture taken during the months of October and November, please submit a digital photo. The deadline is December 18<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you, Amanda Yingling and Jamie Rooney

## WORSHIP SERVICES SURVEY

We received 84 responses from our survey on November 12/13 regarding our Sunday morning schedule. Thank you to all who participated. The survey is still ongoing, but at this point, responses are evenly divided between maintaining the current schedule and moving to two services at 8:30 and 11:00 with Sunday School at 9:45. We are continuing to gather responses. Please pick up and complete a survey form if you have not already done so, so that your voice may be included. We will keep you posted as we seek God's will for the future. This is a very important decision and will not be rushed. You may direct any questions or concerns to Music & Worship committee, Council President or Pastor Charlie.

## KEEPING IN TOUCH

Chair: Matthew Rooney

Administrative Team: Doris Dell, Jo Fleck, Jeanne Swain

There is a new Keeping In Touch Ministry (KIT) coming to Immanuel Lutheran Church. This ministry will go beyond the walls of the church to reach those who are unable to attend worship or to reconnect with church members. We'll be looking to recruit "visitors" for this ministry over the coming months. The KIT Administrative team will be hosting an informational gathering in early January 2017 to socialize and share the intentions of this new ministry at Immanuel.

The framework for this outreach will emulate an active program currently in place at Westminster United Methodist Church. This administrative team will coordinate with Immanuel's Stephen Ministers and Pastor Charlie to analyze the needs of those visited. Volunteers will be needed who are eager to go out in pairs to visit designated members of the church. This outreach service will provide conversation, church bulletins, and prayer to those they visit. Please prayerfully consider this latest endeavor and becoming a part of this new ministry here at Immanuel Lutheran Church.

# HOMEBOUND

Here is a list of our members, and a few non-members, who are homebound or have difficulty getting out. Please keep them in prayer, and/or send a card from time to time to let them know you are thinking of them. Contact the church office or speak with Pastor Charlie if you are aware of anyone else who should be included, or if you would like your name to be removed.

**Ruth Calp**

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Hanover, PA 17331

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Plum Creek  
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**Christine Sigel**

Plum Creek  
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Hanover, PA 17331

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**Alton Graf**

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Lazarus Lutheran Church

(N) =

Non Member

# SOCIAL MINISTRY

Deb Hebrank, 410-952-3320; Rhonda Kiler, 410-239-7028; Brenda Wulforst, 443-507-6753



Christmas is fast approaching and we are sponsoring our ten (10) families from the Manchester/Hampstead area. Our giving tree is set up in the Narthex. Please consider taking a tag. We also have a table set up for food donations for our Christmas Baskets. Delivery to the families will be on Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions or would like to help with the delivery of the gifts and food, contact Deb Hebrank 410-239-3363, Rhonda Kiler 410-239-7028 or Brenda Wulforst 443-507-6753.

NESAP/TOFF is in need of Mashed Potatoes. Please consider picking up a box of Mashed Potatoes from the dollar store and donating it to them. Thank you!!

We would also like to thank everyone that helped us this year whether at the Table Of Grace or helping us with our sponsored families. Please know that we could not accomplish this without your help! We look forward to working with you in the upcoming year. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts!!

We would also like to wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas and a safe, healthy and Happy New Year!!!

# 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 December coffee hour will be celebrating new people joining Immanuel—with one being baptized: Brittany Trott, Danica and Logan Reiley. Please come and give them a special welcome into our church family at our December 4<sup>th</sup> coffee hour.

# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Jen Edwards, 443-883-6138, jen@iostreaminfo.com,  
Rona Haddaway, Jeanne Swain, Doris Weeks, Angie Eckhardt, Pete Wulforst,  
Jen Robinson, Andy Kiler, Sandy Voight

What a blessing to see continued growth in attendance and support from our families in our Sunday School program! We are having fun following the life of Jesus with our new Sunday School curriculum, “Dig In” and the students are exploring the lessons through song, video clips, Bible stories, crafts and games. Our baby and adult classes continue to provide learning and fellowship, and we are grateful for all those who participate.

As Advent approaches, we would like to focus on Acts of Kindness, offering a selection of service ideas for families to complete each day of Advent. We will be distributing a calendar to each child filled with suggestions for giving back or brightening someone’s day during Advent.

Thank you to all the families who were able to join us for Showvaker’s



CornFusion on October 29<sup>th</sup>, we enjoyed hay rides, a corn maze, giant slides, games and fun! This is always such a fun event, and the weather was perfect!

We also had a wonderful time during our Operation Christmas Child project on November 13<sup>th</sup>, where Matthew and Jamie Rooney led us in learning more about the program with some great videos, then we wrote letters to include with each box, created cute teddy bear washcloths, and filled the boxes with toys, toiletry items and fun surprises. Treats and games finished off the day, and all 38 boxes were packed with love, prayed over, and will be sent to be enjoyed by grateful and excited children! A special thank you to the Rooney’s and to all who participated in this project!

Please mark your calendars for the following 2 events in December:

- NESAP night – December 1<sup>st</sup> at 6pm  
– join us as we learn about NESAP’s programs and how we can help, then assist in sorting and packing holiday dinner bags.
- Youth Christmas Play - December 18<sup>th</sup> during 9am service  
– the Sunday School classes will present “*A Super Hero Christmas*”. Don’t miss this fun opportunity to see and hear the nativity story from a bunch of your favorite superheroes!



## BABY SUNDAY SCHOOL

Baby Sunday School meets on the first Sunday of the month in the Oak Tree room following the worship service. If you have questions contact Jamie Rooney [jamielr126@gmail.com](mailto:jamielr126@gmail.com) or Christine Hoffman [cohoffman22@gmail.com](mailto:cohoffman22@gmail.com).

## FROLIC

*Remember to sign up for the E-Newsletter!* The monthly Frolic E-Newsletter is sent by Sparkhouse, and features articles about child development and faith formation. The goal of each issue is to support parents in helping their young children take their first steps of faith. Content is based on the age of your child.

For your family to receive, we need this information from you:

\*your child's name, \*date of birth, and

\*email addresses (up to four) of who would like to receive

Contact Christine Crouch at 410-746-0260 or [crouchchristine@msn.com](mailto:crouchchristine@msn.com) with any questions.

# THANKS

Donations through the Thrivent Choice program received by Doris Dell, John Popp and Mary Popp



On November 13th, we gathered in the Social Hall for the Operation Christmas Child Packing Party! With the generous donations from the congregation we packed 38 shoeboxes. Thank you to the Adult Sunday School, Sunday School teachers and parents who assisted with letter writing, Teddy Towel making and of course packing the shoeboxes. Thank you to everyone who donated! We look forward to packing even more boxes next year! ~Matthew and Jamie Rooney

# 2016 COUNCIL

President: Brenda Wulforst, 443-507-6753

Vice President: Frank Burnette, Irfburnette@gmail.com

Recording Secretary: Jamie Rooney

Church council met November 15.

The following is some of the business discussed:

## NEW BUSINESS

- . We discussed sponsoring a missionary thru ELCA Global Missions- it was decided to address this after the New Year.
- . Mobile giving and connecting thru a phone app was discussed. More and more churches are offering “giving” options through an “I” phone. This option was approved and information will be published in the December Visitor.
- . Property will meet with the various groups who routinely use Immanuel for meetings. There is a need for a contact person for each group.
- . Faith Health Network offered Immanuel a free program used between congregations and Life Bridge to alert Immanuel when members are hospitalized.

## OLD BUSINESS

- . Plans for the Congregational meeting and brunch were firmed up.
- . The new snow removal contract will be signed in the next few days. Our snow removal company is operated by Cory Masimore.
- . Frank Burnette- Finance committee secured 3 people to serve on the Audit committee. Names will be announced at the congregational meeting.
- . Worship schedule survey progress report will be announced on the 20<sup>th</sup>. Any schedule change will not take place until the fall of 2017.
- . Parking lot signage has not been completed. The signs should be available in early December.
- . The American Red Cross did a walk thru of the building. They requested using Immanuel’s Social Hall in the event of a disaster for short term (2-3 days) cases and all expensed would be reimbursed by the Red Cross.
- . Employee salaries and possible incentive awards were discussed.

Church Council will meet December 13, 2016 at the home of Council President, Brenda Wulforst.

# MISSIONS

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## December Monthly Mission:

New Life For Girls introduce women (ages 18 and up), as well as mothers and their children to a new way of living. They provide a comprehensive 24-hour residential program for those who are struggling with life controlling problems such as drug and alcohol addiction, eating disorders, and sexual abuse issues. In a safe and loving environment lives are changed and transformed.



So no matter what clients might be struggling with, New Life For Girls can provide Christian caring, support and resources that will help them.

# PROPERTY

Chair: Brian Kremen, 443-286-5688, bkremen@gmail.com

Members: Tony Mancuso, 443-375-8733

Frank Burnette, John Gregg

Plans for the kitchen renovation have been completed and will soon be available to send out for bids from interested contractors. It has been determined that we can leave the gas stove where it is. This will help to keep costs down and be the most efficient layout.

Signage for the parking lots concerning snow emergencies will be purchased and posted.

The right refrigerator door requires some extra care to be sure it is closed properly. It has been left ajar at times and has caused the refrigerator temperature to rise beyond what is safe to preserve food. Property will make adjustments as required.

The lighting protection cable for the Oak Tree is in need of repair. We have contracted with ArborCare to complete the necessary work.

# December 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3				1	2	3
Missions-Special Offering 8:15am Childrens Choir Practice <b>9am Worship / Comm</b> 10:15 Coffee Hour-New Members 10:15am Sunday School 10:15am Baby Sunday School 10:30 Adult Bible Study 6:30pm Confirmation Class	8pm AI-Anon 8pm AA	11am Bible Study 7pm Cub Pack Mtg 7pm Boy Scout Mtg	7:15pm AA	6pm SS NESAP Vist 6pm Chime Practice 7pm Choir Practice	Pastor Day Off 8pm AA 8pm AI-Anon	Missions - Special Offering <b>5pm Worship / Comm</b> 6:30pm AA
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	8pm AI-Anon 8pm AA	11am Bible Study 7pm Cub Pack Mtg 7pm Boy Scout Mtg	7:15pm AA	6pm Chime Practice 7pm Choir Practice	Pastor Day Off Social Hall Reserved 8pm AA 8pm AI-Anon	<b>5pm Worship / Comm</b> 6:30pm AA
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Childrens Choir & Luther Men Sing <b>9am Worship / Comm</b> 10:15am Sunday School 10:30am Adult Bible Study 6:30pm Confirmation Class	8pm AI-Anon 8pm AA	7pm Cub Pack Mtg 7pm Church Council 7pm Boy Scout Mtg	11am Prayer Group 7:15pm AA	6pm Chime Practice 7pm Choir Practice	Pastor Day Off 8pm AA 8pm AI-Anon	10am Hanging of the Greens <b>5pm Worship / Comm</b> 6:30pm AA
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Childrens Christmas Play <b>9am Worship / Comm</b> 10:15am Sunday School 10:30am Adult Bible Study 6:30pm Confirmation Class	9am Work Day 8pm AI-Anon 8pm AA	11am Bible Study 7pm Cub Pack Mtg 7pm Boy Scout Mtg	7pm Longest Night Svs 7pm Stephen Ministry 7:15pm AA	6pm Chime Practice 7pm Choir Practice	Pastor Day Off 8pm AA 8pm AI-Anon	Christmas Eve 3pm Afternoon Service 7pm Family Service 9pm Candlelight Service 6:30pm AA <b>No 5pm Service</b>
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Christmas Day <b>No Worship Service</b>	8pm AI-Anon 8pm AA	7pm Cub Pack Mtg 7pm Boy Scout Mtg	11am Prayer Group 7:15pm AA	6pm Chime Practice 7pm Choir Practice	Pastor Day Off 8pm AA 8pm AI-Anon	<b>5pm Worship / Comm</b> 6:30pm AA

# MUTUAL MINISTRY

Chair: Bob Nicoll

Members: Christine Crouch, Rodgers Hagert, Sandy Voight,  
Jamie Rooney, Brooks Hoffman, Pastor Charlie, Doris Dell

Our “Capture Log” is used to record problems and opportunities presented to the Committee. We can report 18 of the inputs are “Completed or Addressed”, 4 are “New or In Process”. Recognize that this information for the most part is confidential.

To better facilitate getting congregational inputs, we have been using a locked “Opinion Box” in the rear of the church. Only the Pastor or Mutual Ministry Committee Chair has access. Write-on cards to be used with this system are now placed in the pew racks as well as with the Box.

In our first months since the arrival of Pastor Charlie we have focused in particular on the Pastor and his family’s well being. We are comfortable at this point with our expectations and the Pastor’s attention in preserving a “Healthy Balance”. A more detailed summary of the Pastor’s healthy regimen can be found in the November “Visitor” Newsletter.

The Committee will be devising a survey/questionnaire to be used in early 2017. A survey should surface some beneficial feedback for all agencies in the church. A team has been formed to identify areas of interest and develop questions for the survey.

The Committee has set our meeting strategy for 2017, and we will meet formally every other month.

The Pastoral/Family health and balance are well under control.

The volume of inputs to the Committee has been light, and we can address most of these without the need for a formal meeting.

Our members are a very busy group. This will provide a little more flexibility in their schedule.

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Our achievements are almost always the result of a cooperative process in which a *concern or opportunity* is identified by our committee, the Pastor, a Congregant, or Council, and we then put in place a plan to address them. To express any concerns, opportunities, or comments please use the Congregational Input Form (included in last months newsletter and also available in the back of pews). Place completed forms in the locked box in the back of the Sanctuary.



# Scouts 320

## IMMANUEL CHURCH SPONSORS #320

The Boy Scouts of America is one of the nation's largest and most prominent values-based youth development organizations. The BSA provides a program for young people that builds character, trains them in the responsibilities of participating citizenship, and develops personal fitness.

For more than a century, the BSA has helped build the future leaders of this country by combining educational activities and lifelong values with fun. The Boy Scouts of America believes — and, through over a century of experience, knows— that helping youth is a key to building a more conscientious, responsible, and productive society.

### TROOP 320

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Committee Chair Troop 320:

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**\*\* Established in 1932 - The oldest Boy Scout troop in Carroll County \*\***  
The troop holds meetings on Tuesdays, 7-8:30pm at Immanuel. Join us!

### PACK 320

Cubmaster Pack 320/ ASM Troop 320:

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Committee Chair Pack 320:

Dee Malykin 443 929 2583, keithndee@yahoo.com

### ***Cub Scout Pack 320 is looking for new members!***

Troop and Pack 320 made front page news! On Sunday October 30<sup>th</sup>, Cub Scouts Bradley Livesay and Hunter Livingston along with Boy Scouts Garrett Laderer and Matthew Ammon raised the flags during the dedication and ribbon cutting ceremony at the new Manchester town office building and police station.



The annual service project at Charlotte's Quest scheduled for November 20<sup>th</sup> had to be postponed due to inclement weather. The project will hopefully get rescheduled for a date in December.

Pack 320 will be hosting a Holiday party on Tuesday December 20<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the Social Hall. Any families interested in Cub Scouts are welcome to join us for the festivities! Please contact Dee Livesay at 443-929-2583 or [keithndee@yahoo.com](mailto:keithndee@yahoo.com) for more information regarding Cub Scout Pack 320.

# FINANCE

Chair: Frank Burnette, [1rfrburnette@gmail.com](mailto:1rfrburnette@gmail.com)

Treasurer: Jeremy Edwards

Members: Norm Downes, Garth Eckhardt, Rachel Murphy,  
Matthew Rooney, Audrey Shaffer, Jeff Yingling



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## **THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS and ACTION TEAMS**

Your donations make a difference! If you are a Thrivent member, you can designate your Choice Dollars to Immanuel Church. Visit the Thrivent website to learn more.



Another great benefit of being a Thrivent member is the opportunity to plan a Thrivent Action Team project. The 'Mothers Day Tea' we had this year was a Thrivent Action Team project that used a Thrivent gift card to help support the event. We can help you come up with some project ideas and also help you with the process to get the \$250 gift card to you.

## **TAX TIP FOR 2015 & 2016 INCOME**

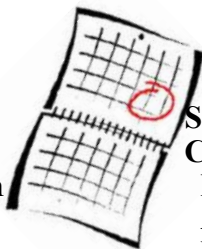
Consider a donation to Immanuel Church! For parishioners that must take required distributions and those 59½ years of age and older, distributions are tax free. Distributions must be paid directly from the trustee to Immanuel Lutheran Church (a qualified charitable organization). Contact the Church Office for more information.

# WORSHIP & MUSIC

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

**Music and Worship wishes everyone  
a very blessed *Merry Christmas*  
and a prosperous *Happy New Year!***

## SAVE THESE DATES



### **December 3-4**

Advent 2  
Poinsettia Sales begin

### **December 10-11**

Advent 3  
Poinsettia Sales continue  
Sunday – Luther Men &  
Children's Choir music

### **December 17-18**

'*Hanging of Greens*' Sat at 10am  
Advent 4  
SS Christmas Program at 9am  
Deadline Poinsettias

### **December 21**

"The Longest Night"  
Worship Service at 7pm

### **Saturday, December 24**

**Christmas Eve**  
Poinsettia Delivery at 9am  
Afternoon Service at 3pm  
**NO** 5pm Service  
Family Service at 7pm  
Candlelight Service at 9pm

### **Sunday, Christmas Day**

NO Service

### **Dec 31-Jan 1**

Lessons & Carols Services

### **January 7-8**

Epiphany Services

### **January 14-15**

Baptism of Our Lord Services

### **DECEMBER HEAD USHERS**

Saturdays at 5pm      Sundays at 9am  
Jeanne Swain              Tony Mancuso

#### Christmas Eve Services:

3pm: Brenda Wulforst  
7pm: Tony Mancuso  
9 pm: Debbie Hebrank

### **DECEMBER ALTAR GUILD**

Frank & Susan Burnette

#### Christmas Eve Services:

3pm: Brenda Wulforst  
7pm: TBD  
9 pm: Susan Burnette



## EIGHT-YEAR OCTOBER ATTENDANCE REVIEW

## REFORMATION YEARLY ATTENDANCES

Year	Monthly Attendances	Monthly Averages
2009	536	134
2010	562	112
2011	676	135
2012	563	141
2013	507	127
2014	506	127
2015	454	114
2016	550	110

Year	Attendance
2009	98
2010	103
2011	87
2012	145
2013	116
2014	107
2015	96
2016	114

## OCTOBER WORSHIP ATTENDANCES

October Weekend Dates	Saturday ~Sunday Attendance	Remarks:
1/2	$27 + 84 = 111$	
8/9	$24 + 82 = 106$	Hymn Sing
15/16	$23 + 76 = 99$	Healing Services
22/23	$22 + 82 = 104$	
29/30	$16 + 114 = 130$	Reformation
<b>Monthly Total</b>	<b>550</b>	
<b>Saturday Average</b>	<b>22</b>	
<b>Sunday Average</b>	<b>88</b>	
<b>Wkend Average</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>5 weekends</b>

## 2017 ALTAR FLOWER CALENDAR

The 2017 Flower~Lessons & Prayers Sponsorship Calendar is now posted with forms and envelopes in the education hallway. Consider co-sponsoring with a family member or friend. **Prices:**

**Both Altar Vases \$50 Center Arrangement \$30 Lessons & Prayers \$20**

Please review the 2017 monthly dates and sign-up often to insure your choices. Fill out the needed sponsorship information form(s) with your choice of payment and enclose in the supplied envelope(s).

Place all sponsorships in the M&W basket found on the lamp table of the church office.



## 2016 SEASON of ADVENT

This season of **Advent continues through Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>**. The liturgical color for Advent is blue, as displayed on the altar, lectern and pulpit parament cloths. Our Advent wreathes, with their four blue candles surrounding the center Christ candle, will be lit one candle for each of the remaining weekends of Advent. The congregation will sing the traditional Advent hymn, ‘*Light One Candle*’ (ELW#240). “Prepare the way of the Lord”, by joining Immanuel’s family for this year’s Advent journey, as we await the birth of the Christ Child.



### MUSIC MINISTRY AT IMMANUEL

**Please consider becoming a part of the  
Music Ministry of Immanuel!**

We currently support four various groups:

*The Sunday Adult Choir*

*The Hand Bell Chime Choir*

*The Luther Men*

*The Children Choir - ‘All God’s Children’*

Even if you are not able to commit to regular practices at this time, but could participate occasionally during the year, please chat with either ~Jerry Hoffman (*Organist/Choir Director*)

Audrey Moose (*Hand Bell Chime Director*) or

Amanda Yingling, (*Children’s Youth Choir Coordinator*)

**NO EXPERIENCE IS NEEDED**, just a willingness to help and ‘*make a joyful noise*’!

**Sunday Adult Choir** hold weekly practices on Thursdays from 7-8pm

**Chime Choir** hold weekly practices on Thursdays beginning at 6pm.

**The Luther Men**, who sing quarterly, will sing on Advent 3 Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>

**‘All God’s Children’ Choir**, sing again on Sunday December 11<sup>th</sup>

For more information, look at our *Music Ministry Bulletin Board* in the office hallway.

# DECEMBER LECTIONARY SERIES CONTINUES...

Begin or end your day with a Bible Reading.  
Join us as we read through the month of December.

Week of:	First Reading	Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel
Nov 28~Dec 4 Advent 2	Isaiah 11:1-10	Ps. 72:1-7, 18-19	Romans 15:4-13	Matthew 3:1-12
December 5~11 Advent 3	Isaiah 35:1-10	Psalm 146:5-10	James 5:7-10	Matthew 11:2-11
December 12~18 Advent 4	Isaiah 7:10-16	Ps. 80:1-7, 17-19	Romans 1:1-7	Matthew 1:18-25
December 24 Christmas Eve	Isaiah 9:2-7	Psalm 96	Titus 2:11-14	Luke 2:1-14[15-20]
December 19~25 Christmas Day	Isaiah 62:6-12	Psalm 97	Titus 3:4-7	Luke 2:[1-7] 8-20
Dec 26~Jan 1 Lessons & Carols	Numbers 6:22-27	Psalm 8	Galatians 4:4-7	Luke 2:15-21



## 2016 POINSETTIA ORDERS

Orders for this year's **Christmas Eve Poinsettias** will be accepted **December 3/4** and continue **through Sunday, December 17/18**.

**Poinsettias can be sponsored by using an order form**

\*found in the *back of this newsletter* **OR**

\*found on the Poinsettia Bulletin Board outside the sanctuary

**\*\*\* Remember to order one poinsettia per order form only \*\*\***

**Price Remains: \$10 each**

On the **order form**, please include this necessary information:

- ~ Choose either sponsorship: *'In Honor Of'* or *'In Memory Of'*
- ~ Provide the correct wording for the bulletin insert
- ~ Payment: Cash or Check (written to Immanuel Lutheran Church)
- ~ Place your order(s) in the 'Poinsettia' Basket on the lamp table of the church office (if office is locked-use door slot)

**DEADLINE FOR ALL ORDERS: Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>**. Direct any questions to Susan Burnette. Thank you.

## HANGING OF THE GREENS

On **Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup>**, beginning at 10am, members of Music & Worship, Altar Guild and church volunteers will gather for our yearly **HANGING OF THE GREENS**. The gathering areas of the church and the main sanctuary tree will be decorated for our three Christmas Eve Services. Thank you to Wayne and Jean Thomas, of Thomas Tree Farm, for donating our beautiful tree. If you can volunteer an hour of your time, please join us for decorating!

### CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

**Christmas Eve** falls on **Saturday** this year. Immanuel offers three Christmas Eve Services:

- a **3pm Afternoon Service** ~
- a **7pm Family Service** and
- a **9pm Candlelight Service**.

Please invite your family and neighbors to the service of your choice. Those who have sponsored Christmas poinsettias may pick-up following the 9pm service.



### BIRTHDAY and ANNIVERSARY

December Birthdays and Wedding

Anniversaries are listed below. To be included, contact Susan Burnette.

#### BIRTHDAYS

Donna Kreseski	Alice Warehime	Tommy Hagert
Brett Bohli	Amanda Yingling	Michael Yingling
Lindsey Bohli	Madelyn Edwards	Lindsay Lopata
Sandy Fisher	Ernie Martin	Donald Diseroad
Ken Kiler	Jane Taylor	Janet Patterson
Johnny Day	Patrick Rickell	Debbie Miller
Lily Haines	Zoe Gregg	Rachel Graf
Ricky Hoffman	Colby Trent	John Popp
Todd Robinson	Eugene Black	Kevin Day
Patty LaMotte	Susan Burnette	Barbara Skelley

#### WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Rodgers and Janis Hagert	December 11, 1992
Aaron and Lauren Lesser	December 11, 2010
Greg and Donna Patterson	December 18, 2010
Harry and Jean Arbaugh	December 24, 1968
Ron and Gloria Bryant	December 25, 1964

## December 2016 Worship Assistants

~ 5pm Saturday Services ~

	Saturday December 3 Advent 2	Saturday December 10 Advent 3	Saturday December 17 Advent 4	Saturday December 31 Lessons & Carols
<b>Head Usher</b>	Jeanne Swain	Jeanne Swain	Jeanne Swain	Jeanne Swain
<b>Greeter</b>	Janis Hagert	Charlotte Hann	Barb Davidson	Linda Black
<b>Lector</b>	Linda Black	Fred Ayers	Luther Myers	Judy Bixler
<b>Offering Ushers</b>	Janis Hagert Rodgers Hagert	Charlotte Hann Walter Hann	Barb Davidson Ron Davidson	Linda Black Jeanne Swain
<b>Communion</b>	Linda Black	Fred Ayers	Jeanne Swain	Judy Bixler

~ 9am Sunday Services ~

	Sunday December 4 Advent 2	Sunday December 11 Advent 3	Sunday December 18 Advent 4
<b>Head Usher</b>	Tony Mancuso	Tony Mancuso	Tony Mancuso
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Frank Burnette Susan Burnette	Frank Burnette Susan Burnette	Frank Burnette Susan Burnette
<b>Greeters</b>	Betty Miller Pam Newton	Jane Taylor Delores Whitehead	Chris Miller Debbie Miller
<b>Lector</b>	Todd Robinson	Russell Jensen	Bob Nicoll
<b>Offering Ushers</b>	Norman Downes Debbie Hebrank Linda Schmidt Ron Schmidt	Rhonda Kiler John Popp Barb Skelley Bill Skelley	Laurie Miller Steve Miller Brenda Murray Brenda Wulforst
<b>Communion Stewards</b>	Frank Burnette Susan Burnette Carolyn Phillips Carroll Phillips	Susan Burnette Denise Rickell Audrey Shaffer Bart Walder	Susan Burnette Christine Crouch Debbie Hebrank John Popp
<b>Acolytes</b>	Jordan Bosnick Austin Gregg	Reese Harden Winston Harden	Ashton Eckhardt Willis Kiler
<b>Pray w/ Pastor</b>	Bob Nicoll	Christine Crouch	Connie Dattilio
<b>Bell Ringer</b>	Ernest Weiss	Brian Kremen	Frank Burnette

~ Christmas Eve Services ~

	Saturday Afternoon Service at 3pm	Saturday Family Service at 7pm	Saturday Candlelight Service at 9pm
<b>Head Usher</b>	Brenda Wulforst	Tony Mancuso	Debbie Hebrank
<b>Altar Guild</b>	-----	Laurie Miller Steve Miller	Susan Burnette
<b>Greeters</b>	Linda Gregg Rhonda Kiler	Laurie Miller Steve Miller	Jeanne Swain Brian Yingling
<b>Lector</b>	Andy Kiler	Barbara Guthrie	Lindsay Lopata
<b>Offering Ushers</b>	Linda Black John Gregg Jamie Rooney Ernest Weiss	Angie Eckhardt Garth Eckhardt Brian Yingling Norman Downes	Frank Burnette Debbie Mace Steve Mace Jeanne Swain
<b>Communion Stewards</b>	Christine Crouch Matt Rooney Rhonda Kiler	Denise Rickell Amanda Yingling Debbie Hebrank	Susan Burnette Barb Yingling Gene Yingling
<b>Acolytes TorchBearers</b>	Austin Gregg Willis Kiler	Ashton Eckhardt Tanner Eckhardt	TBD
<b>Crucifer</b>	Pete Wulforst	Bart Walder	Joe Fleck
<b>Pray w/ Pastor</b>	Christine Crouch	Debbie Hebrank	Denise Rickell
<b>Bell Ringer</b>	Ernest Weiss	Bart Walder	Frank Burnette

# January 2017 Worship Assistants

~ 5pm Saturday Services ~

	Saturday January 7	Saturday January 14	Saturday January 21	Saturday January 28
<b>Head Usher</b>	Judy Bixler	Judy Bixler	TBD	TBD
<b>Greeter</b>	Janis Hagert	Charlotte Hann	Barb Davidson	Mary Ayers
<b>Lector</b>	Linda Black	Luther Myers	Fred Ayers	Jeanne Swain
<b>Offering Ushers</b>	Janis Hagert Rodgers Hagert	Charlotte Hann Walter Hann	Barb Davidson Ron Davidson	Fred Ayers Linda Black
<b>Communion</b>	Linda Black	Judy Bixler	Fred Ayers	Jeanne Swain

~ 9am Sunday Services ~

	Sunday January 1 <small>Lessons &amp; Carols</small>	Sunday January 8 <small>Epiphany</small>	Sunday January 15 <small>Baptism of Our Lord</small>	Sunday, January 22	Sunday, January 29
<b>Head Usher</b>	Susan Burnette	Susan Burnette	Susan Burnette	Susan Burnette	Susan Burnette
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Susan Burnette Ellen Linsenbardt	Susan Burnette Ellen Linsenbardt	Ellen Linsenbardt Sandy Voight	Ellen Linsenbardt Sandy Voight	Ellen Linsenbardt Sandy Voight
<b>Greeters</b>	Betty Miller John Popp	Tony Mancuso Pam Newton	Jane Taylor Delores Whitehead	Linda Gregg Carolyn Kittelberger	Chris Miller Debbie Miller
<b>Lector</b>	Carolyn Hamlet	Todd Robinson	Jeremy Edwards	John Gregg	Christine Crouch
<b>Offering Ushers</b>	Carolyn Phillips Carroll Phillips Linda Schmidt Ron Schmidt	Debbie Mace Steve Mace Alice Warehime Dale Warehime	Laurie Miller Steve Miller Brenda Murray Brenda Wulforst	Barbara Guthrie Wendy Maloney Todd Robinson Gene Yingling	Andy Kiler Barb Skelley Bill Skelley Ernest Weiss
<b>Communion Stewards</b>	Frank Burnette Norman Downes Debbie Hebrank Audrey Shaffer	Rhonda Kiler Denise Rickell Bart Walder Barb Yingling	Christine Crouch Jo Fleck Joe Fleck Matt Rooney	Frank Burnette Tony Mancuso Audrey Shaffer Bart Walder	Norman Downes Debbie Hebrank Wendy Maloney Denise Rickell
<b>Acolytes</b>	Jordan Bosnick Austin Gregg	Tanner Eckhardt Willis Kiler	Jordan Bosnick Austin Gregg	Ashton Eckhardt Tanner Eckhardt	Ashton Eckhardt Willis Kiler
<b>Crucifer</b>	-----	Frank Burnette	Bart Walder	-----	-----
<b>Pray w/ Pastor</b>	Christine Crouch	Bob Nicoll	Denise Rickell	Connie Dattilio	Christine Crouch
<b>Bell Ringer</b>	Gene Yingling	Ernest Weiss	Bart Walder	Frank Burnette	Brian Kremen

**NOTE:** The Worship Assistant Schedules are subject to change during any weekend service above. Reminder emails or phone calls are sent each week. Should you be unable to fulfill your duty responsibility ~ CONTACT Susan Burnette (sb31220@gmail.com)



**2016 Christmas Poinsettia Order Form**  
(Sale runs Saturday, Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> ~ Sunday, Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Envelope # \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Poinsettias Cost: \$10 each**

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

Please fill out the appropriate space below  
exactly as you wish it to appear in the Christmas Eve bulletin.

In MEMORY of: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

~ OR ~

In HONOR of: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Sponsored By: \_\_\_\_\_

Payment of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed.

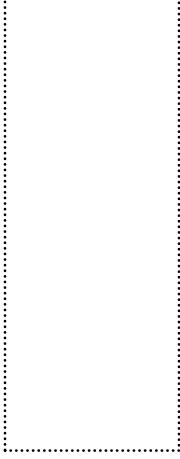
*CIRCLE ONE:* Cash / Check # \_\_\_\_\_

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 in the office OR through the office door slot.
4. DEADLINE IS: SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18<sup>th</sup>.

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