



# The VISITOR

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

### 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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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, Christmas is coming, and there is no better time for us to invite our family, friends and neighbors to come and worship Christ, the newborn King. Our recent congregational survey showed that we see ourselves as an inclusive, welcoming community of faith that cares about people in need around us. We demonstrate our caring heart by reaching out to our neighbors in many ways with gifts of food, warm clothing, and other necessities. Perhaps the most important gift we can offer during this season of the year is the gift of God's perfect love all wrapped up in Jesus, the babe of Bethlehem.

Of course, God wants us to be sharing our faith with others and inviting others to worship throughout the year. But this is the time when non-churchgoers are most likely to accept an invitation. As you think about whom you might invite, I encourage you to cast a wide net that includes friends and family, neighbors and co-workers, and people you interact with where you buy your groceries, get your hair cut, stop for lunch or coffee.

Every invitation to come to church is more likely to succeed when you are not just inviting people but praying for them as well. Try writing a list of people you want to invite (you don't have to know their names – God already does!) and take a few minutes each day to pray for them before you invite them. Ask God to bless them, to open their hearts to receive your invitation, and to provide an opportunity for you to extend the invitation. Once you have invited them, continue to pray each day for the Holy Spirit to work through your invitation to draw them closer to God and to the church.

Expect God to answer your prayers and bring them to church on Christmas Eve. Be prepared to welcome them warmly, as well as other newcomers whom God may send, and follow up with them as you are able.



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There is no greater joy than the joy of bringing another person one step closer to Jesus. As you pray for others and reach out to them in love, know that I am praying for you. May God bless you and work through you to lead others into a deeper relationship with God here at Immanuel this Christmas season. To assist you in inviting others, printed invitations will be available at church for you to use when you invite others to celebrate Christmas with us at Immanuel.

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

~Pastor Charlie

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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.

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

Having completed our study on the Bible and the Afterlife, we have begun a new study 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  
on Dec 4, 11 & 18. Will resume after the holidays on Jan 8.

**Evening Group** will meet at the Pastor’s home at 7pm  
(840 Hughes Shop Rd, Westminster MD 21158)  
on Tuesday Dec 4 and on Wednesday Dec 12.  
Will resume after the holidays on Jan 2.

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

Confirmation Class meets Sundays, Dec 9, 16, 23 & 30 at 7-8pm in the Oak Tree Room. The class will not meet Dec 2. This year we are exploring the Small Catechism. In December we will finish up the Ten Commandments and study the Apostles Creed. 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.

## 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.

## 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).

## 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.

## OFFERING ENVELOPES

If you haven't already done so, please pick up your 2019 offering envelopes from the Oak Tree Room. *Remember that your envelope number may have changed!* 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.

## MANCHESTER HISTORICAL CENTER

Open on the **FIRST SUNDAY** and the **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 month of 2018, we think 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.

## HOLIDAY SHOPPING

You can help our church by linking your Amazon account to our Church ID. 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. *Happy Shopping!*

## THANKS

Donation received in memory of Ginny Sellers by

Doris Dell

Robert and Sandy Folk

Carolyn and Carroll Phillips

Brad and Iva Martin

Mary Ann Cardinale

Gene & Barb Yingling

Donations through the Thrivent Choice program received from

Christopher Swedberg, Robert Yingling, and Susan Yingling

\*Contact the church office for information on how *you* can support Immanuel by designating your Thrivent Choice Dollars.\*

Donation to the Stained Glass Fund received in memory of

Whitmore A Redding and Sadie E Redding by their children

## DEATHS

Ginny Sellers, wife of Paul

Alice Slade Myers, wife of Luther

June Jensen, aunt of Russell and Gretchen Jensen

## PASTOR CHARLIE'S DECEMBER BIBLE CHALLENGE: PROMISE AND FULFILLMENT

Promise and Fulfillment is the central theme of Advent, reminding us that Jesus' birth didn't come out of nowhere but was a part of God's promised plan to save his lost creation. Join us as we explore the words of the prophets and relive the wonder of the Savior's birth! 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 for each day.

12/1 Luke 21:20-24	12/12 Isaiah 35:3-7	12/23 Matthew 1:18-25
12/2 Luke 21:25-36	12/13 Isaiah 12:2-6	12/24 Luke 2:1-7
12/3 2 Peter 3:8-13	12/14 Amos 8:4-7	12/25 Luke 2:8-14
12/4 Revelation 22:12-16	12/15 Amos 8:9-12	12/26 Luke 2:15-20
12/5 Isaiah 1:24-31	12/16 Zephaniah 3:14-20	12/27 Luke 2:22-32
12/6 Malachi 3:1-4	12/17 Isaiah 11:1-9	12/28 John 1:1-5
12/7 Malachi 3:5-12	12/18 Luke 1:26-38	12/29 John 1:6-9
12/8 Malachi 3:13-18	12/19 Luke 1:39-45	12/30 John 1:10-13
12/9 Malachi 4:1-6	12/20 Luke 1:46-56	12/31 John 1:14-18
12/10 Isaiah 40:1-5	12/21 Isaiah 7:10-16	
12/11 Isaiah 40:6-11	12/22 Isaiah 9:2-7	

## FELLOWSHIP

Chair: Rhonda Kiler, 410-239-7028

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

Linda Gregg; Matthew Rooney; Jamie Rooney

The Fellowship Committee will have a coffee hour December 2<sup>nd</sup>. We will have music while you enjoy your coffee and treats.

We would like to thank everyone for making this such a fun and rewarding year. Immanuel's congregation has stepped up to reach out to help with any activity. It has been fun getting to know new members and finding out the talent our congregation has to give to our church family and community. Our 2019 will be just as good with people helping with every little thing. If you would like to get more involved let us know.

Thanks again for giving so much.

# MISSIONS

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

A special offering will be collected on December 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> for World Hunger. More than 800 million people - that's 11 percent of people in our world today - are hungry. As members of the ELCA, we are called to respond. We are a church that rolls up our sleeves and gets to work. Working with and through our congregations in the United States, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands, Lutheran churches overseas and other partners, ELCA World Hunger is uniquely positioned to reach communities in need. From health clinics to microloans, water wells to animal husbandry, community meals to advocacy, your gifts to ELCA World Hunger make it possible for the ELCA to respond, supporting sustainable solutions that get at the root causes of hunger and poverty.

## LEAD

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

Once again, the LEAD team thanks you for taking the time to earnestly consider and respond to the questions posed in our congregational survey. Your input is a most valuable resource on this LEAD journey. Recently Pastor Charlie gave a brief summary of the overwhelming themes which were identified in the congregational survey. Several themes that showed up repeatedly as part of who we are as a congregation are outreach ministries, being a welcoming and inclusive congregation and being a congregation that values children and youth ministries. It was also apparent that our worship service is important to Immanuel.

Our next step on this journey will be talk to you, the congregational members, in small group settings. We will be holding several focus groups where we hope to keep on learning from you. We will continue to explore what are the most important needs in our community. Some of the groups we plan to reach out to within our congregation include families with infants and toddlers, youth ages 10–15, Sunday School families, Staff, and others. We encourage you to look inside your hearts and prayerfully consider participating in one of our focus groups. If you are interested in doing so, please contact Pastor Charlie or one of the other members of the LEAD team.

We will be hosting these focus groups in December and January in preparation for our next seminar to be held in February.

We hope you have enjoyed our Sunday LEAD team briefings and we ask for you to continue pray for our congregation as we continue to progress on this meaningful journey together.

The LEAD Team

Pastor Charlie, Chris, John, Debbie, Terri and Debbie



# MUTUAL MINISTRY

Chair: Bob Nicoll

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

## **Committee Administration**

The committee met on November 4<sup>th</sup> for their bimonthly meeting.

- Effective January 1, 2019, Bob Nicoll (Chair) and Jamie Rooney will retire from the committee. These changes are consistent with the need to rotate membership over time. Rodgers Hagert will assume the chairmanship responsibilities in January.
- We got an update on 2018 Programs/Activities from the Pastor (LEAD, Joint Church Planning and Joint Youth Ministry, Bishop's Leadership Retreat, Little Free Pantry experience, etc.). Details of these activities are reported in the bulletin, Newsletter, or the Pastor's e-mails.
- We had further discussions on "Where are we going as a MM Committee?"
- The Pastor through his assignment as Secretary for the Westminster Conference, is endeavoring to set up some meetings with other Conference Churches to examine how they are addressing their Synod Mutual Ministry responsibilities, and to offer to assist/tutor other churches who have not yet formed their committees.
- Rodgers Hagert and Bob Nicoll will review the Upper Susquehanna Mutual Ministry Handbook (an extensive publication) for new ideas.

## **Activity**

There were no new inputs from our Suggestion Box. Two new items were received via e-mail or conversations.

- One of the donors of the HeroesCare Organization, Burlington Store, located in York and Hanover was having a coat drive and might have some coats that we could get for our use in our church programs. Bob Nicoll, who is a member of HeroesCare will follow up on this offer.
- In the aftermath of the Pittsburgh Synagogue shooting, several comments were received expressing the need for a "terrorist Protocol" for Immanuel. A meeting with Manchester Police is scheduled to do a "walk-through" of our church looking for security issues and vulnerabilities, and they will identify a resource who could address our congregation during worship with guidance on how to respond in the event of an attack.

## **A Balance for Effective Ministry (Pastor's Report)**

The Pastor continues to participate in all areas of Health and Balance per his plan. A summary of his latest activity is contained in his Report to Council of November 12<sup>th</sup>.

# SOCIAL MINISTRY

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

Christmas is fast approaching and we will be sponsoring 7 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 made the week of the 17<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions in reference to the gifts and food, contact Deb Hebrank 410-239-3363, Amanda Yingling 410-596-2821 or Rhonda Kiler 410-239-7028.

THANK YOU for the wonderful response to our Coat Drive. We collected 46 Adult Coats, 20 Children's Coats in addition to 7 Hats, 10 Scarves and 24 pairs of gloves. Thank you to Joe & Jo Fleck for delivering them to Admiral Cleaners who will clean them and deliver them to Shepherds Staff for distribution to the needy.

Food pantries at NESAP and ToFF is in need of Instant Potatoes. Please consider picking up a box. Labeled baskets in narthex. Thank you!!

Our last *Table Of Grace* for this year was served on October 30<sup>th</sup>. We served 99 clients a hot meal of Beef Stroganoff over noodles, Green Beans, Fruit, Bread and Dessert. Thank you to everyone that donated cakes and especially pies!! The meal was enjoyed by all!

We would 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!!!



## THRIVENT

Thrivent Action Team project helped purchase food that was delivered to our sponsored families for Thanksgiving.

Thank you Sue Yingling!

YOU can also sign up for a \$250 gift card from Thrivent. Please contact the Social Committee or the church office to find out how.



# STEPHEN MINISTRY

Leader: Connie Dattilo, 717-637-7157

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

Our Stephen Ministers meet 2 hours each month for supervision, additional training and special presentations when arrangements can be made. We attend retreats and visit various care facilities during the year. We were saddened to lose one of our care receivers in October. We continually pray for their family and her Stephen minister. As we enter our season of Thanksgiving, we constantly pray for those facing hardships, illness and life challenges. If you or any of your family need encouragement, please consider how a Stephen Minister could make a difference in your life.

~Audrey Shaffer

## NORTH EAST SOCIAL ACTION PROGRAM

1046 S. Carroll St., Hampstead, MD 21074 [www.nesapinc.org](http://www.nesapinc.org) 410-374-9099

Lynn Sheavly: Executive Director, [nesap.director@gmail.com](mailto:nesap.director@gmail.com),

### IT WAS A GREAT CHRISTMAS SALE! THANK YOU!

What a great day! Thank you to all of the shoppers, volunteers, and staff that made our Christmas Sale a wonderful fundraiser. It was one of our best sales ever! Still need a gift or two? A few more decorations? More Christmas items are for sale at our Thrift Store.

### HO-HO-HO. HOT CHOCOLATE AT SANTA'S HOUSE

NESAP will serve hot chocolate at Santa's House on Dec 1, 8, 14, and 15 from 6pm-8pm. Stop by for some chocolatey goodness, see Santa, and enjoy the Christmas decorations in Hampstead's Memorial Park (located on Main St between St. John's Methodist Church and Matthews Tire).

### DISCOUNT CARDS MAKE GREAT STOCKING STUFFERS AND CORPORATE GIFTS!

The deals on this card begin on Dec 1, 2018 and end on Dec 1, 2019. Cards are available at NESAP's Thrift Store and are only \$5! Fifteen area merchants have offered to honor their "deal" listed on the card each time the card is presented until it expires. The participating area merchants are:

The Snowbar  
Ricky's Bistro  
Fortune Inn  
Bertuccio's Bakery  
Greenmount Bowl

Spargos  
Snickerdoodles  
Pizza Hut  
J&P  
JJ Hoffman's

Matthews Tire & Auto Svcs  
Outlaw BBQ  
Steam' Mad Crabs  
Genova's To Go  
Petals Flowers and Gifts

# CHRISTIAN ED

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

We know most of us have been very busy this fall but we would love to have you all join us for our upcoming activities:

Dec 2: Coffee Hour followed by practicing our songs for 12/16 and making some Christmas cards and crafts

Dec 9: Regular Sunday School classes

Friday, Dec 14: *Parent's Night Out*, hosted by Deacon Don and Jerusalem Lutheran on Bachman Valley Rd from 6:30-9:30pm. Please RSVP by 12/2. Older youth are needed to assist with running a game or craft station — and can earn service learning hours!

Dec 16: Christmas presentation and Youth Sunday, during 9am service followed by Christmas party/reception in Social Hall

Dec 16 at 2:30pm: St. Paul's Church, Upperco has invited us to join them for Christmas caroling. More details provided soon.

Dec 23: Regular Sunday School classes

Dec 30: Regular Sunday School classes

We would like students to bring in a canned food item to Sunday School each week as their offering. Items will keep Little Free Pantry stocked!

The Sunday School students participated in the Operation Christmas Child packing party on November 4<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to everyone who volunteered their time to pack boxes. We would also like to thank everyone who donated toys, hygiene products, shoeboxes, and money for shipping. A special thank you to June from Princess Pillowcase Project for donating homemade dresses and shorts. This year we packed 46 boxes! The boxes will be shipped to children in need all over the world. We will include a tracking number on one of the boxes to see where it ends up. We look forward to participating again next year!

~Matthew and Jamie Rooney



## SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS NEEDED

Sunday School team is asking for a few substitute teachers that could be available for dates when we know in advance a teacher cannot make it. The curriculum and craft/game will be provided and teachers can provide snack too. But it would really help if anyone from council or the congregation would be able to help out.



## DE/MD SYNOD ROADTRIP

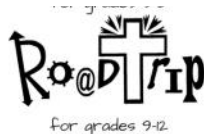
RoadTrip is a smaller, local event that can be compared to the Youth Gathering (2018 in Houston). We spend a weekend with the youth from our Synod. Activities include a weekend of service projects, faith-filled discussions, and relationship-building in small groups.

Come make new friends and renew friendships with attendees from throughout our synod! You're invited to learn how God is speaking to and through you – to the world.

RoadTrip includes workshops and networking for adults as well. Registration is \$195 per person and includes: programs, lodging, meals, activities and t-shirt. A group from St Paul's Upperco is attending, including two adults. We leave after school on Friday, January 26 and will return Sunday afternoon. Registration DUE December 14<sup>th</sup>. Please see Pastor Charlie or Rachel Murphy for more details or questions.

RoadTrip participants are asked to generously contribute to the LWR School Kits Initiative. What our group should bring on the list below, based on the first letter of your congregation's name:

- \* A-F – crayon boxes (5 per participant)
- \* G-N – scissors (5 per participant)
- \* O-S (incl "Saints") – drawstring bags (5 per participant)
- \* T-Z – rulers (10 per participant)



## OTHER UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS

Please let us know if you are interested in any!



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, November 13 at 7pm in the Martin Luther room. The following business items were discussed:

## NEW BUSINESS

- Church council is revisiting the opportunities for "active shooter" CRASE training for Immanuel's congregation. Mutual Ministry is engaging with the local Manchester Police Department to evaluate Immanuel and discuss a plan to secure our church property and protect the membership. A meeting is scheduled at Immanuel on Thursday, November 15. The congregation will be updated as necessary.
- Our Westminster Conference has put out a request for congregations to make a donation to the Dean's Fund. The fund is used to support special circumstances and needs of pastors and congregations in our Conference. Monies are running low as the result of the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary activities. Immanuel's church council voted to donate \$100.00 to this fund.
- Shepherd's Staff Festival of Trees takes place Thanksgiving weekend at the Westminster Fire Hall, located on John Street in Westminster. Churches in the area were asked to supply baked goods for this event. Immanuel responded with 8 members of the congregation willing to bake and deliver the product to the church office before 9am on Black Friday. A person from Shepherd's Staff will pick up the baked goods.

## OLD BUSINESS

- Jamie Rooney and Rachel Murphy are willing to revamp and update Immanuel's website. They need to be trained in specific areas. Online training opportunities are available with moderate costs to the church. Jamie and Rachel will determine their individual needs and arrange for the necessary training.
- Shepherd's Staff will move out of the Scout room the week after Thanksgiving. A thank you was issued to Troop 320 for their flexibility and cooperation with relocating their meetings during the 2month period.

# 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!*

### **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)

Contact Angie Eckhardt for more information and to RSVP.

Email to Angie\_Eckhardt@verizon.net or Call/text 410-215-8894.

### **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

## WORK DAY AT IMMANUEL

Come help at Work Day on Monday, December 10<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.

## 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.

Dec 12 Meeting/Annual Christmas party

Hostess: Arlene Hoff's at her home

Program: Janene Edgar

(564 Jasontown Rd Westminster)

# Carroll Lutheran School

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[info@carrolllutheranschool.org](mailto:info@carrolllutheranschool.org)

**CHIPOTLE GRILL FUNDRAISER** Wed, Dec 12 from 4 – 8pm.  
Eat out each month and a portion of the tab goes directly to CLS! You must present the flyer below (also available on church bulletin board). This is an easy and yummy way to help support CLS — 33% of your bill is donated! Invite your family and friends to join you!

## SCHOOL SPIRIT TASTES GREAT



Make dinner a selfless act by joining us for a fundraiser to support Carroll Lutheran School FPP. Come in to the Chipotle at **631 Baltimore Boulevard Unit 102** in Westminster on **Wednesday, December 12th** between **4:00pm** and **8:00pm**.

Bring in this flyer, show it on your smartphone or tell the cashier you're supporting the cause to make sure that 33% of the proceeds will be donated to Carroll Lutheran School FPP.



**CHIPOTLE**

MEXICAN GRILL

Online orders will not be included in the fundraiser total. To ensure your purchase is counted in the fundraiser, be sure to order and pay in-restaurant. Gift card purchases during fundraisers do not count towards total donated sales, but purchases made with an existing gift card will count.

The restaurant for each month of the rest of the school year is below. Flyers for each are available on school website. Mark your calendars now!

Monday, September 24, 2018

Ledo's Pizza – 11am to 10pm

Thursday, October 11, 2018

Buffalo Wild Wings – 11am to 11pm

Tuesday, November 13, 2018

Texas Roadhouse – 3 to 10pm

Wednesday, December 12, 2018

Chipotle – 4 – 8pm

Thursday, January 10, 2019

Wendy's – 5 – 8pm

Wednesday, February 11, 2019

Panera Bread – 6 – 9pm

Monday, March 20, 2019

IHOP – 4 to 9pm

Friday, April 9, 2019

McDonald's – 6am to 11 pm

Saturday, May 4, 2019


Applebee's – 8 to 10am

Wednesday, June 5, 2019

Sweet Frog – 1 to 5pm



# December 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Missions Special Offering</b> <b>9am Worship / Communion</b> 10:15am Baby Sunday School 10:15am Coffee Hour 10:30am Woman's Choir Practice 10:45am Adult Bible Study 10:45am SS Christmas Play Practice 2pm Alice Slade Myers Memorial Svs	2 7pm Den Scout Mtg 8pm AI-Anon 8pm AA	3 11am Bible Study - Oak Tree Rm 7pm Scouts 7pm Bible Study - Pr Home	4 7:15pm AA	5 Pastor Retreat Day 7pm Adult Choir Practice	6 Pastor Day Off 8pm AI-Anon/AA Holiday Party in SH	7 <b>5pm Worship / Communion</b> 6:30pm AA
8 <b>5pm Worship / Communion</b> 6:30pm AA	9 8:30am Woman's Choir Practice <b>9am Worship / Communion</b> 10:15am Adult Bible Study 10:15am Sunday School 7pm Confirmation Class	10 9am Work Day 7pm Den Scout Mtg 8pm AI-Anon 8pm AA	11 11am Bible Study - Oak Tree Rm 7pm Church Council Meeting 7pm Scouts	12 7pm Bible Study - Pr Home 7:15pm AA	13 Westminster Conference Mtg 7pm Adult Choir Practice	14 Pastor Day Off 6:30pm Parents Night Out at Jerusalem Church 8pm AA 8pm AI-Anon
15 10am Hanging of the Greens <b>5pm Worship / Communion</b> 6:30pm AA	16 Youth Sunday and Christmas Program <b>9am Worship / Communion</b> 10:15am Adult Bible Study 7pm Confirmation Class	17 7pm Den Scout Mtg 8pm AI-Anon 8pm AA	18 11am Bible Study - Oak Tree Rm 7pm Scouts	19 7pm Stephen Ministry 7:15pm AA	20 7pm Adult Choir Practice	21 7pm Longest Night Svs 8pm AA 8pm AI-Anon
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# Scouts 320

## IMMANUEL CHURCH SPONSORS #320

### TROOP 320

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Cub Scout Pack 320 officially reactivated within the Boy Scouts of America. Jennifer Edwards is serving as the Chartered Organization Representative between P320 and Immanuel, so any issues or questions, please contact Jen.

Upcoming events are:

Christmas Party, Monday, December 10

NESAP Food Pantry Service Night, Monday, December 17

The troop calendar has other upcoming trips and events, to include winter camping, fishing, hiking, LaserTag and more adventures posted online at <http://www.mdtroop320.org/index.php/calendar/>.

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).

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# WORSHIP & MUSIC

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

## OCTOBER 2018 WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Weekend Dates	Sat ~ Sun Attendance	Remarks:
October 6-7	19 + 56 = 75	Pentecost 20
13-14	18 + 65 = 83	Pentecost 21
20-21	20 + 65 = 85	Pentecost 22
27-28	15 + 83 = 98	Reformation
<b>October Totals</b>	<b>341</b>	
<b>October Average</b>	<b>85</b>	

## PAST OCTOBER ATTENDANCES

YEAR	Monthly Attendances	Monthly Averages
<b>2014</b>	506	127
<b>2015</b>	454	114
<b>2016</b>	550	110
<b>2017</b>	527	105
<b>2018</b>	341	85

## LOOKING AHEAD ... SAVE THESE DATES

### December 1-2:

**Advent 1 Services @ 5pm and 9am**

Poinsettia Sale begins (Sat. Dec 1-Sun. Dec 16)

Woman's Harmony Choir practice after Sunday worship, choir loft

### December 8-9

**Advent 2 Services @ 5pm and 9am**

Poinsettia Sale continues

Sunday, Woman's Harmony Choir practice @ 8:30am

### December 15-16

**Advent 3 Services @ 5pm and 9am**

*Hanging of the Greens*, Saturday @ 10am

Youth Sunday, Christmas Program @ 9am

Poinsettia Sale Deadline

### December 22-23

**Advent 4 Services @ 5pm and 9am**

### Monday, December 24 (Christmas Eve)

Poinsettia delivery @ 9am

**Afternoon Christmas Eve Service @ 3pm**

**Family Christmas Eve Service @ 7pm**

**Candlelight Christmas Eve Service @ 9pm**

### December 29-30

**Lessons & Carols Services @ 5pm and 9am**

### January 5-6, 2019

**Epiphany Weekend Services @ 5pm and 9am**



## DECEMBER ALTAR GUILD

Sundays: Frank and Susan Burnette

### Christmas Eve Services:

**3 pm:** Ellen Linsenbardt

**7 pm:** Steve Burris

**9 pm:** Susan Burnette

## DECEMBER HEAD USHERS

Sundays: Tim Rill

### Christmas Eve Services:

**3 pm:** Brenda Wulforst

**7 pm:** Sharon Slivecky

**9 pm:** Tim Rill

## 2018 SEASON OF ADVENT

The Season of Advent begins the weekend of **December 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>** and continues through the weekend of **December 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>**. The liturgical color for Advent is blue, as displayed on the altar, lectern and pulpit parament cloths. The Advent wreaths, in both the sanctuary and auditorium, with four blue candles surrounding a center Christ candle, will be lit one candle for each weekend during Advent: the Christ Candle being lit during the Christmas Eve Services. The congregation will sing the traditional Advent Hymn, 'Light One Candle' (ELW #240).

Join Immanuel's family for this year's Advent journey and

*'Prepare the way of the Lord'* as we await the birth of the Christ Child.

## 2018 POINSETTIA SALE

**Christmas Poinsettias on sale beginning Sat, Dec 1<sup>st</sup>. Cost: \$11 each**

**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.

## HANGING OF THE GREENS

On **Saturday, December 15<sup>th</sup>**, beginning at **10 am**, Worship and Music will gather for our yearly ***Hanging of the Greens***. The gathering area of the church and tree will be decorated for the holiday season. Thank you to Wayne and Jean Thomas, of Thomas Tree Farm, for donating our beautiful Christmas tree. Come help us decorate and enjoy the festive decorations and fellowship!



## 2018 CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES @ IMMANUEL

Christmas Eve is on Monday, December 24<sup>th</sup>. 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 one of the services! Sponsored poinsettias may be picked up following the 9pm Candlelight Service **OR** Wed, Dec 26 through Friday, December 28 from 10am to 2pm each day.

## DECEMBER LECTIONARY SERIES CONTINUES...

Begin or end your daily routine with a Bible reading listed below.

Week of:	First Reading	Psalms	Second Reading	Gospel
Nov 26 ~ Dec 2 Advent 1	Jeremiah 33:14-16	Psalms 25:1-10	1 Thessalonians 3:9-13	Luke 21:25-36
December 3 ~ 9 Advent 2	Malachi 3: 1-4	-----	Philippians 1: 3-11	Luke 3: 1-6
December 11 ~ 16 Advent 3	Zephaniah 3: 14-20	Isaiah 12: 2-6	Philippians 4: 4-7	Luke 3: 7-18
December 17 ~ 23 Advent 4	Micah 5: 2-5a	Psalms 80: 1-7	Hebrews 10: 5-10	Luke 1: 39-55
December 24 Christmas Eve	Isaiah 9: 2-7	Psalms 96	Titus 2: 11-14	Luke 2: 1-20
Christmas Day	Isaiah 62: 6-12	Psalms 97	Titus 3: 4-7	Luke 2: 1-20
December 26 ~ 30 Lessons & Carols	1 Samuel 2: vs. 18-20,26	Psalms 148	Colossians 3:12-17	Luke 2: 41-52

## 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. After communion, stay as long as you wish to pray. During our Christmas Eve Services, the mode of communion will be intinction.

## 2019 FLOWER~LESSONS & PRAYERS SPONSORSHIPS

The new 2019 Flower Sponsorship Calendar is posted. Sign-up early and often to ensure the dates of your choice. Consider co-sponsoring with a family member or friend. Place your completed sponsorship form, with payment, into the Worship & Music basket on the lamp table of the office by Wednesday @ 12 noon of the weekend prior to your reserved date.

**2019 NEW Prices:** \$60 for BOTH Altar Vases  
\$30 for one vase ONLY  
\$30 for a Center Arrangement  
\$20 for Lessons & Prayers





December birthdays and wedding anniversaries are listed below. If you still wish to be included, contact Susan Burnette with your information.

## DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Donna Kreseski  
Brett Bohli  
Lindsey Bohli  
Sandy Fisher  
Ken Kiler  
Johnny Day  
Ricky Hoffman  
Patty LaMotte  
Todd Robinson  
Alice Warehime

Amanda Yingling  
Madelyn Edwards  
Ernie Martin  
Jane Taylor  
Zoe Gregg  
Colby Trent  
Eugene Black  
Susan Burnette  
Thomas Hagert  
Michael Yingling

Lindsay Lopata  
Donald Diserod  
Janet Patterson  
Debbie Miller  
Rachel Graf  
John Popp  
Kevin Day  
Barbara Skelley  
Pam Mullins

## WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Rodgers & Janis Hagert	Dec 11, 1992
Aaron & Lauren Lesser	Dec 11, 2010
Gregory & Donna Patterson	Dec 18, 2010
Harry & Jean Arbaugh	Dec 24, 1968
Ron & Gloria Bryant	Dec 25, 1964

## MUSIC MINISTRY @ IMMANUEL

Consider becoming a part of the Music Ministry @ Immanuel!

We support five varied musical groups. ~The Sunday Adult Choir

~ The Chime Choir ~ The Luther Men

~ The Children's Choir ~ The Woman's Harmony Choir

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

Jerry Hoffman (Adult Choir Director) Amanda Yingling (Children's Choir)

Wayne Thomas (Luther Men) Susan Burnette (Woman's Harmony Choir)

**NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED**, just your help to 'make a joyful noise'!

~**Sunday Adult Choir:** Practice on Thursdays @ 7pm

~**Chime Choir:** Information is being updated

~**Luther Men:** sing quarterly, practice scheduled as needed

~**Children's Choir:** sing quarterly, practice scheduled as needed

~**Woman's Harmony Choir:** sing quarterly, practice as needed

\*\*\* **Practices:** Sun, Dec 2 @ 10:30am, choir loft

Sun, Dec 9 @ 8:30am, choir room

**Provide Special Music,** Sunday, Dec 9 at 9am service

Visit our Music Ministry Bulletin Board in the office hallway.

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## WORSHIP & MUSIC

wishes everyone a Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year!