

The family of Immanuel Lutheran Church welcomes you.  
We hope that you will Worship with us often.



IMMANUEL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH  
3184 Church Street, P.O. Box 739  
Manchester, Maryland  
"A Stephen Ministry Congregation"

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

**Saturday, August 6, 2016**  
**Sunday, August 7, 2016**  
12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost



**A SPECIAL WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS!**

Immanuel welcomes you to our worship today. We hope that you will feel welcome. If you are without a church home, we invite you to become a part of the ministry of Immanuel.

*Please complete the Red Registration Pad found at each center row pew.*  
The Head Usher is available to assist you at any time during the service.

Visit website for more information: [www.immanuelutheranccmd.org](http://www.immanuelutheranccmd.org).

**Worship Assistants**

|                        | <b>Sat Aug 6</b><br>Pentecost 12 |
|------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <b>Head Usher</b>      | Judy Bixler                      |
| <b>Greeter</b>         | Janis Hagert                     |
| <b>Lector</b>          | Judy Bixler                      |
| <b>Offering Ushers</b> | Janis Hagert<br>Rodgers Hagert   |
| <b>Communion</b>       | Judy Bixler                      |

|                           | <b>Sun Aug 7</b><br>Pentecost 12                               |
|---------------------------|--|
| <b>Head Usher</b>         | Rhonda Kiler   |
| <b>Altar Guild</b>        | Frank Burnette<br>Susan Burnette                               |
| <b>Greeters</b>           | Betty Miller<br>Jane Taylor                                    |
| <b>Lector</b>             | Todd Robinson  |
| <b>Offering Ushers</b>    | Linda Schmidt<br>Ron Schmidt<br>Audrey Shaffer<br>Ernest Weiss |
| <b>Communion Stewards</b> | Frank Burnette<br>Susan Burnette<br>Bart Walder<br>TBD         |
| <b>Acolytes</b>           | Jordan Bosnick<br>TBD  |
| <b>Pray w/ Pastor</b>     | Denise Rickell   |
| <b>Bell Ringer</b>        | Bart Walder  |

**\*Cell Phone Reminder\***

Please either turn off or silence your device during our service.

Thank you.

**DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION**

Our hope is that you feel welcome at the Lord's Table. We welcome all baptized Christians who proclaim with us the crucified and risen Christ's real presence as he gives us his body and blood as food and drink. Grape juice and gluten free wafers are also available, please let the Communion assistants know of this dietary preference. The pastor also offers a pastoral blessing at the Communion Rail for those who do not wish to receive Communion.

**INDIVIDUAL PRAYER AND HEALING**

Pastor will offer individual prayer at the communion rail, with anointing and laying of hands for healing for those who desire it, 20 minutes before each Sunday service.

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## **FIRST READING**

**Genesis 15:1-6**

<sup>1</sup>After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, “Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.”  
<sup>2</sup>But Abram said, “O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?”<sup>3</sup> And Abram said, “You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.”<sup>4</sup> But the word of the LORD came to him, “This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.”<sup>5</sup> He brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your descendants be.”<sup>6</sup> And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

<sup>12</sup>Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD!

Happy the people chosen to be God's heritage!

<sup>13</sup>**The LORD looks down from heaven, and sees all humankind.**

<sup>14</sup>God sits firmly enthroned and watches  
all who dwell on the earth.

<sup>15</sup>**God fashions all their hearts and observes all their deeds.**

<sup>16</sup>A king is not saved by the size of the army,  
nor are warriors rescued by their great strength.

<sup>17</sup>**The horse gives vain hope for victory;  
despite its great strength it cannot save.**

<sup>18</sup>Truly, your eye is upon those who fear you, O LORD,  
upon those who wait for your steadfast love,

<sup>19</sup>**to deliver their lives from death,  
and to keep them alive in time of famine.**

<sup>20</sup>Our innermost being waits for you, O LORD, our helper and our shield.

<sup>21</sup>**Surely, our heart rejoices in you,  
for in your holy name we put our trust.**

<sup>22</sup>Let your lovingkindness, O LORD, be upon us,  
even as we place our hope in you.

## SECOND READING

## Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

<sup>1</sup>Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. <sup>2</sup>Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. <sup>3</sup>By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

<sup>8</sup>By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. <sup>9</sup>By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. <sup>10</sup>For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. <sup>11</sup>By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. <sup>12</sup>Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, “as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.”

<sup>13</sup>All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, <sup>14</sup>for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. <sup>15</sup>If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. <sup>16</sup>But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **GOSPEL**

**Luke 12:32-40**

The holy gospel according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] <sup>32</sup>“Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. <sup>33</sup>Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. <sup>34</sup>For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

<sup>35</sup>“Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; <sup>36</sup>be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks.

<sup>37</sup>Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. <sup>38</sup>If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

<sup>39</sup>“But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. <sup>40</sup>You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

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**Next Week’s Readings:** August 8 ~ 14

Jeremiah 23:23-29; Psalm 82; Hebrews 11:29 ~ 12:2; Luke 12: 49-56

**\*\*Welcome New Members\*\***

Rick and Jessica Puller  
Caroline and Sarah Marshall

Katharyn Black  
Walter Ruby



We also welcome the former members of Lazarus Lutheran Church into the fellowship and mission of this congregation while each of them seeks God's guidance for the future:

|                            |                         |                   |
|----------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|
| Burnell & Paulyne Hartlaub | David & Frances Diserod | Romaine Harper    |
| Gene & Ruthetta Meckley    | John & Linda Calhoun    | Michelle Mitchell |
| John & Darlene Wherley     | Robert & Sandra Folk    | Maxine Miller     |
| Bruce Warch                | Chad Calhoun            | Dot Matthews      |
| Terry Nowlin               | Debra Hartlaub          | Dorothy Norris    |

**Join us at our Coffee Hour THIS Sunday** for our New Members. Please take time to come meet and welcome them to our Church Family.

Altar Flowers are sponsored  
in memory of our nephew, Dr. Brian Edward Nicoll  
by Bart and Carol Walder

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Lessons and Prayers are lovingly presented  
in memory of the birthday of our father and grandfather,  
Allen Alban on August 12<sup>th</sup>  
by Ardice, Tom and Jennifer Holbrook

Thank you for providing music while Jerry is on vacation:  
Sandy Voight on Saturday and Craig Nickerson on Sunday

Donation received in memory of Ethel Hooper from Bonnie Hull

Donation received in memory of Margaret McCullough from Bonnie Hull

Donation received in memory of June Brown from Don and Pat Diserod  
Walter and Dolly Ruby  
Bonnie Hull  
Doris Dell

**Manchester Night Out** on August 2 was a huge success. Pastor Charlie did a great job teaching children 'how to fish'. Great time for all who participated. Thank you!

++ CALENDAR ++

|             |                                    |                 |
|-------------|------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Sun Aug 7   | Missions Special Offering          |                 |
|             | <b>Worship Service / Communion</b> | <b>9:00 am</b>  |
|             | <b>New Member Coffee Hour</b>      | <b>10:15 am</b> |
|             | Adult Bible Study                  | 10:30 am        |
|             | Social Hall Reserved               | 12:00 pm        |
| Mon Aug 8   | Finance Meeting                    | 7:00 pm         |
|             | AA                                 | 8:00 pm         |
|             | Al-Anon                            | 8:00 pm         |
| Tues Aug 9  | Church Council Meeting             | 7:00 pm         |
| Wed Aug 10  | AA                                 | 7:15 pm         |
| Thur Aug 11 |                                    |                 |
| Fri Aug 12  | Pastor Day Off                     |                 |
|             | AA                                 | 8:00 pm         |
|             | Al-Anon                            | 8:00 pm         |
| Sat Aug 13  | <b>Worship Service / Communion</b> | <b>5:00 pm</b>  |
|             | AA                                 | 6:30 pm         |
| Sun Aug 14  | <b>Worship Service / Communion</b> | <b>9:00 am</b>  |
|             | Adult Bible Study                  | 10:30 am        |

***THIS weekend is Missions Sunday.*** The mission for August is Mar-Lu Ridge. The Executive Director, Ms. Sarah Lefler, will be joining us on Sunday morning to make a presentation. At *Mar-Lu Ridge Camp & Retreat Center*, hundreds of campers enjoy age-old traditions such as campfire skits and songs, small group bonding, and much more. Daily Bible lessons teach campers about the importance of being called to community, prayer, service, forgiveness and love.

***JOURNEY TO THE CENTER BIBLE STUDY*** Please join Pastor Charlie for a summer Bible study in the Martin Luther Room following the worship service, as we take a ***Journey to the Center of Our Faith*** based on the Bible readings for each Sunday.

**School Supplies** .... Please be sure to have filled bookbags back to Church by August 17 so they can be delivered to the families on August 20.

**Hey kids!! Are you excited to have your own singing group?!?!**  
**All kids K-8<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to join.**

Children's Choir practices begin September 11 meeting in the Sunday School Room at 8:15am. Pete, Sandy and Amanda are very excited to be your adult helpers! We hope to see you there!! For additional information, contact Amanda Yingling: mandymae1210@gmail.com / 717-880-5215

**Ellicott City Flooding** Last weekend, due to a heavy rainstorm, the town of Ellicott City, Maryland experienced significant flooding. The United Way has generously agreed to accept the community's outpourings of monetary support to assist Ellicott City. You can go to [www.uwcm.org/ecstrong](http://www.uwcm.org/ecstrong) to make a donation for the humanitarian relief needed in Ellicott City. The Community Action Council, which coordinates the Howard County Food Bank, is also accepting food donations for displaced residents. This entire effort will mean a great deal to the businesses and residents who are hurting from this tremendous loss. \*Donations may also be given through Immanuel. Still make *check out to Immanuel Church* but be sure to designate Ellicott City.

### **SAVE THESE DATES!**

#### **Aug 20-21: Healing Service**

Blessing of the Backpacks

**Aug 28:** Deadline for Updating Directory Information

**Tues, Aug 30:** Table of Grace

**Sept 8:** Adult Choir practice resumes 7-8pm

#### **Sept 11: Holy Cross Sunday**

Children's-Youth Choir practice @ 8:15 am

Church Picnic, Christmas Tree Park

**Sept 24-25:** Harvest Home Weekend

'Fill Our Baskets' For NESAP



**Oct 1-2:** Special Missions Offering Weekend

Sunday Coffee Hour

**Oct 8-9:** Annual Hymn Sing Weekend

Sunday Service – Luther Men special music



**For the month of August,** we are collecting Baked Beans for NESAP. Labeled baskets are in the hall for donations.

**During the services on August 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>,** all young people are invited to wear their backpacks, filled with school supplies, for our Annual **Blessing of the Backpacks.** During the Young People's Message each backpack will be blessed. This invitation is extended to all members of the congregation who are continuing their education. (Mark 10:13-16)

'...and they were bringing children to him... Jesus said, "*Let the children come to me... for such belongs the Kingdom of God*" ... and Jesus took them in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands upon their heads.'



## AUGUST LECTIONARIES

| Week of:          | First Reading     | Psalm          | Second Reading       | Gospel         |
|-------------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------------|----------------|
| August 1 ~ 7      | Genesis 15:1-6    | Psalm 33:12-22 | Hebrews 11:1-3,8-16  | Luke 12:32-40  |
| August 8 ~ 14     | Jeremiah 23:23-29 | Psalm 82       | Hebrews 11:29 ~12:2  | Luke 12:49-56  |
| August 15 ~ 21    | Isaiah 58:9b-14   | Psalm 103:1-8  | Hebrews 12:18-29     | Luke 13:10-17  |
| August 22 ~ 28    | Proverbs 25:6-7   | Psalm 112      | Hebrews 13:1-8,15-16 | Luke 14:1,7-14 |
| August 29 ~Sept 4 | Deut. 30:15-20    | Psalm 1        | Philemon 1-21        | Luke 14:25-33  |

**Update to Congregational Directory** Two clipboards are located (1) in the back of the auditorium for the Saturday Service and (2) on the back center radiator for the Sunday Service. Families (as of 2013) are listed in alphabetical order by last name. Please look over your family's information and make any changes or additions. If you have an email – please provide! Should your family not appear on the list, please provide your information at the end of the listing. If ALL your current information is CORRECT, please write OK beside your name. **DEADLINE** for updating the 2016 Congregational Directory is **Sunday, August 28<sup>th</sup>**. Copies of this new updated directory will be made available to those wishing a copy.

**Trinity UCC Blood Drive** Wednesday, Aug 10 from 2-7pm. To schedule your lifesaving donation, please visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) and enter Sponsor Code: trinityunitedchurchofchrist. Or call 1-800-RED-CROSS.

**Open sponsorships remain available** for signup on the Flower Calendar, located in the office hallway. Your written information with payment must be received by 12 noon of the Wednesday prior to your reserved date to insure inclusion in the bulletin.

**\$50** (both) Altar Vases    **\$30** Center Arrangement    **\$20** for Lessons & Prayers  
**Open Sponsorships available for Altar Vases and Center Arrangements on:**  
**Aug 13-14    Aug 20-21    Aug 27-28    Sept 3-4**

### WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

|                            |                 |
|----------------------------|-----------------|
| Carroll & Carolyn Phillips | August 18, 1972 |
| Brad & Iva Martin          | August 23, 1969 |
| Bill & Barbara Skelley     | August 23, 1986 |
| Todd & Jennifer Robinson   | August 23, 2003 |
| Michael & Sherry Parker    | August 24, 2013 |
| Derek & Erin Sennett       | August 24, 2012 |
| Chris & Kellyn Sanderman   | August 25, 2012 |
| Tim & Carla Wenzel         | August 26, 2006 |
| Henry & Susan Adami        | August 28, 1976 |

## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Pastor Charlie  
Gene Yingling  
Mary Ayers  
Andrew Eppley  
Patty Geiman  
Jo Fleck  
Jason Unkle  
Ann Trent  
Steve Burris  
Carla Wenzel  
Barb Davidson  
Nancy Rohrback  
Steve Miller

Joanna Marshall  
Christine Crouch  
Carolyn Phillips  
Greg Patterson  
Ryan Edwards  
Bonnie Hull  
Stacey Hamlet  
Rodgers Hagert Jr  
Marlene Thompson  
Mary Popp  
Paul Sellers  
Debbie Hebrank  
Larry Kreseski

Sarah Day  
Audrey Moose  
Bruce Klinedinst  
Ginny Sellers  
Denise Rickell  
Dorothy Yingling  
Steve Duckson  
Steve Guthrie

***Because of the very nature of a "Mutual Ministry",*** 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 contact Bob Nicoll at 410-871-0206 or email [crobnic@msn.com](mailto:crobnic@msn.com).

## ***PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:***

Jeff Dell  
(parkinsons)  
Walter Ruby  
Ardice Holbrook  
Ann Trent  
Cary Myers  
Gail Brown  
Fred Davies  
Stella Gary  
Reid Ronayne  
Dorinda Smith  
Ann Miller  
Dolly Ruby  
Jan Rhoten  
Robert Rhoten  
Joey Morris

Anna Warehime  
Ginny Sellers  
Julianna Carver  
Dervilla Hynes  
Kelcie Gavin  
Lisa Wulforst  
Jenni Roiser  
Deborah Moose  
Loretta Hanson  
Nancy Rohrback  
Tomi Unkle  
Pat Diseroad  
Elissa Snedeker  
Nicole Dickson + baby  
Carolyn Kittelberger  
Ulli Woschitz

Alice Warehime  
Greg Losiewski  
John Leitner  
Carter Murphy  
Bonnie Ferrier  
Ray Ferrier  
Randy Thompson  
Carl Krauss  
Romaine Harper  
Debra Hartlaub  
Paulyne Hartlaub  
Jo Fleck  
Arnold Martin  
Margaret Graham

## **Those serving in the military:**

Brett Richardson, Matthew Swain,  
Kyle Pasta, Heather Sargent, David Mace



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***Mission Statement***

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