

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, November 26, 2016
Sunday, November 27, 2016
First Sunday of Advent

A SPECIAL WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS!

Immanuel welcomes you to our worship today. We hope that you will feel welcome. We invite you to become a part of the ministry of Immanuel.

Please sign in on the Red Pad found at each center row pew.

The Head Usher is here to assist you at any time during the service.

Sunday School classes are offered for children 2 years old through adult. We welcome you to join our program! Contact the church office or if classes are in session, simply stop by when you are here. Classes are at 10:15am, following the Sunday service.

Registration Forms are in the back and on our website. ***Please join us!!***

Visit website for more information: www.immanuelutheranccmd.org.

Worship Assistants

	Sat Nov 26
Head Usher	Rodgers Hagert
Greeter	Janis Hagert
Lector	Judy Bixler
Offering Ushers	Linda Black Rodgers Hagert
Communion	Judy Bixler

	Sun Nov 27
Head Usher	Debbie Hebrank
Altar Guild	Susan Burnette Sandy Voight
Greeters	Debbie Miller TBD
Lector	Susan Burnette
Offering Ushers	Frank Burnette Barb Skelley Bill Skelley Gene Yingling
Communion Stewards	Susan Burnette Rhonda Kiler Carolyn Phillips Carroll Phillips
Acolytes	Ashton Eckhardt Tanner Eckhardt
Pray w/ Pastor	Denise Rickell
Bell Ringer	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

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection save us from the threatening dangers of our sins, and enlighten our walk in the way of your salvation, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

ADVENT 1

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, ruler of the universe. You call all nations to walk in your light and to seek your ways of justice and peace, for the night is past, and the dawn of your coming is near. Bless us as we light the first candle of this wreath. Rouse us from sleep, that we may be ready to greet our Lord when he comes and welcome him into our hearts and homes, for he is our light and our salvation. Blessed be God forever. **Amen.**

"Light One Candle"

ELW #240 vs 1

**¹ Light one candle to watch for Messiah:
let the light banish darkness.
He shall bring salvation to Israel,
God fulfills the promise.**

Text: Wayne L. Wold, b. 1954
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FIRST READING

Isaiah 2:1-5

¹The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

²In days to come the mountain of the LORD's house
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,
and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it.

³Many peoples shall come and say,
"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,
to the house of the God of Jacob;
that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths."

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,
and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

⁴He shall judge between the nations,
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;
they shall beat their swords into plowshares,
and their spears into pruning hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war any more.

⁵O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 122

¹I was glad when they said to me, “Let us go to the house of the LORD.”

²**Now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.**

³Jerusalem is built as a city that is at unity with itself;

⁴**to which the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD,
the assembly of Israel, to praise the name of the LORD.**

⁵For there are the thrones of judgment,
the thrones of the house of David.

⁶**Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:**

“May they prosper who love you.

⁷Peace be within your walls and quietness within your towers.

⁸**For the sake of my kindred and companions,**

I pray for your prosperity.

⁹Because of the house of the LORD our God,
I will seek to do you good.”

SECOND READING

Romans 13:11-14

¹¹Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹²the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

Matthew 24:36-44

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples,] ³⁶“About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³⁷For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, ³⁹and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴¹Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴²Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³But understand this: if the

owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴Therefore 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: Nov 28~Dec 4 Advent 2

Isaiah 11:1-10; Psalm 72:1-7,18-19; Romans 15:4-13; Matthew 3:1-12

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The Altar Vases are unsponsored for today, Sunday, November 27th. Please see Altar Guild after the service if you would like one vase OR both vases of flowers to give to a friend or for your personal enjoyment! The flowers will be bagged for easy transport. Thank you!

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Lessons and Prayers
are sponsored in honor of the 100th Birthday
of our mother and grandmother, Ruth Murray, on November 30th
by Brenda, Ronald, Tommy and Ginny Murray

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Welcome to the Season of Advent that begins this weekend, November 26-27 and continues through the weekend, December 19 - 20. The color for Advent is blue, as displayed on the altar, lectern and pulpit parament cloths. The Advent wreath, with its four blue candles surrounding the center Christ candle, will be lit one candle for each of the four weeks during Advent. Join us at Immanuel for this wonderful time of the year, as we prepare to make the journey to Bethlehem and witness the birth of Jesus!

++ CALENDAR ++

Sun Nov 27	Social Hall Reserved Advent 1 Worship Service / Communion Sunday School Luther Men Practice Adult Bible Study Confirmation Class	 9:00am 10:15am 10:15am 10:30am 6:30pm
Mon Nov 28	Office Closed AA AI-Anon	 8:00pm 8:00pm
Tues Nov 29	Office Closed Table of Grace at Grace Lutheran Church Scouts	 7:00pm
Wed Nov 30	AA	7:15pm
Thur Dec 1	Sunday School – NESAP Chime Practice Choir Practice	6:00pm 6:00pm 7:00pm
Fri Dec 2	Pastor Day Off AA AI-Anon	 8:00pm 8:00pm
Sat Dec 3	Mission Special Offering Worship Service / Communion AA	 5:00pm 6:30pm
Sun Dec 4	Mission Special Offering 'All God's Children' Choir Practice Worship Service / Communion Sunday School Baby Sunday School Coffee Hour – New Members! Luther Men Practice Adult Bible Study Confirmation Class	 8:15am 9:00am 10:15am 10:15am 10:15am 10:15am 10:30am 6:30pm

Next weekend our coffee hour will be celebrating new members! Please come and give them a special welcome into our church family at our December 4th coffee hour. If you would like to donate bakery items, please sign up in the back.

A Special Offering will be collected next weekend for New Life for Girls. At New Life for Girls, they introduce women over age 18 (including 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 provides Christian caring, support and resources that will help them turn their life around.

Adult devotionals are available monthly through *Our Daily Bread*, but now there is an app available for the younger members of our church! 'Our Daily Bread Ministries' has launched an exciting new ***Our Daily Bread for Kids*** app for iPads and Android tablets to extend the Sunday School experience they receive following Sunday mornings. Each issue contains thirty devotions centered around a theme; two interactive activities such as puzzles, matching games and drawing pages; two songs with printed lyrics; plus special awards to encourage children to learn. It's designed so that you and your child can have fun - and will grow closer together as you learn more about Jesus. If interested, go to ourdailybreadforkids.org.

Thrivent Action Team Project! With the help of Thrivent, Sue Yingling is organizing a project to make gift bags for the clients that will be served at 'Table of Grace' on December 27. We would like to include a variety of travel size items in each bag. Please consider donating:

chapstick, hand sanitizer, deodorant, soap,

toothpaste, toothbrush, tissues, any personal hygiene items.

Place items in the labeled basket in the foyer. Thank you!

Thrivent Member Reminders... before year end!!:

- Choice Dollars – can select Immanuel to receive donation
- Action Teams – upcoming projects that can use the \$250 seed money
- Contact Church Office for help with either of these!

Sunday School is in session! Please join us!

Classrooms are: Preschool – Kindergarten Group 2 (4th - 5th grade)

Group 1 (1st – 3rd grade) Group 3 (6th - 12th grade)

We begin together with prayer, music and offering. Then groups go to classroom for lessons, activities, crafts, games and snacks.

Baby Sunday School (birth -2) meets on the first Sunday of the month in the Oak Tree room following the worship service. If you have any questions, please contact Jamie Rooney (jamielr126@gmail.com) or Christine Hoffman (cohoffman22@gmail.com)

Join Pastor Charlie for our year-round Sunday morning Bible study at 10:30am in the Martin Luther Room based on the Bible readings for that Sunday's worship service. No previous knowledge of the Bible or of Lutheran doctrine are needed.

There is a new 'Keeping In Touch' ministry coming to Immanuel Lutheran Church. This ministry will go beyond the walls of the church to reach out to those who are unable to attend worship, and strengthen connections with fellow members. We'll be looking to recruit "visitors" for this ministry.

The Administrative Team for this ministry consists of: Doris Dell, Jo Fleck, Matthew Rooney, and Jeanne Swain. Additional information will be provided in the coming weeks.

We will be including family pictures in the new church directory. This will help us put a face to a name. If you have not got your picture taken, please submit your own digital family photo to jamielr126@gmail.com with your family name as the subject line by Dec 18th. We hope to begin assembling the directory after the new year. Thank you, Amanda Yingling and Jamie Rooney



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 to purchase a book.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Jerry & Nancy Hoffman

Nov 19, 1977

The board of Thrivent-Financial in Western PA is sending boxes with goodies, Christmas cards and Christian messages of hope to friends and family members who are in the military and can't be home for Christmas. If you would like to submit the name and exact APO address of someone you know who qualifies for a package, please email info [by December 1 to office.trinityuccmanchester@comcast.net](mailto:office.trinityuccmanchester@comcast.net).

‘GIFT of GRACE’ Devotional

Discover God’s gift to the world as you read 10 Christmas reflections in the devotional, ‘*Gift of Grace*’ from Our Daily Bread. These daily readings are designed to help everyone in their spiritual journey. Each article has been selected to help you understand more about God’s love for you and that gift of grace He gave because of that love. Get your copy of ‘*Gift of Grace*’, TODAY! These devotionals, with the red cover, can be found at Informational display at the stairway entrance of the church.

NOVEMBER LECTIONARIES

Week of:	First Reading	Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel
Oct 31~Nov 6 All Saints	Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18	Psalm 149	Ephesians 1:11-23	Luke 6:20-31
Nov 7~13 Veteran's Sunday	Malachi 4:1-2a	Psalm 98	2 Thess. 3:6-13	Luke 21:5-19
Nov 14~20 Christ the King	Jeremiah 23:1-6	Psalm 46	Colossians 1:11-20	Luke 23:33-43
Nov 23 Thanksgiving Eve	Deut. 26:1-11	Psalm 100	Philippians 4:4-9	John 6:25-35
Nov 21~27 Advent 1	Isaiah 2:1-5	Psalm 122	Romans 13:11-14	Matthew 24:36-44
Nov 28~Dec 4 Advent 2	Isaiah 11:1-10	Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19	Romans 15:4-13	Matthew 3:1-12

SAVE THESE DATES!

Tuesday, Nov 29: Immanuel's serves Table of Grace in Westminster

December 3~4: Advent 2

Special Missions Monthly Offering Weekend

Luther Men practice following worship

Poinsettia Orders Begin

December 10~11: Advent 3

Luther Men practice at 8:30am- choir room

Sunday Special Music provided by the Luther Men

'All God's Children' -Youth Choir sing

Poinsettia Orders

December 17~18: Advent 4

Hanging of the Greens, Saturday at 10am

Deadline Poinsettia Orders

Sunday School Christmas Program at 9am

December 21: The "Longest Night" Worship Service at 7pm

Saturday, Dec 24: Poinsettia Delivery at 9am

3 pm Christmas Eve Service

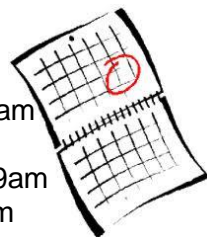
NO 5pm Saturday Evening Service

7pm Christmas Eve Family Service

9pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Sunday, Dec. 25: NO SERVICE

Dec 31~Jan 1: Lesson & Carols Services



Each weekend, fresh seasonal flowers enhance our worship experience, adding color and beauty to the altar. Your written information with payment must be received by 12 noon of the Wednesday prior to your reserved date to insure inclusion in the weekly bulletin.

REMINDER:

The **2017 Sponsorship Calendar** is NOW POSTED.

Co-Sponsor with a family member or friend to split the cost!

*** **New Sponsorship Option** *** The altar vases are budgeted for all weekend services each year. If the \$50 for both altar vases is too costly, one vase may be sponsored for \$25, beginning in January. Both vases will still appear on the altar each week. Please indicate your sponsorship choice concerning altar vases when signing up on the 2017 calendar. Contact Altar Guild with any questions. Prices Remain:

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

OPEN 2016 SPONSORSHIP CHOICES:

- **Dec 3-4** Altar Vases ~ Center Arrangement ~Lessons & Prayers
- **Dec 10-11** Center Arrangement
- **Dec 17-18** Center Arrangement
- **Dec 31-Jan 1** Center Arrangement ~Lessons & Prayers

Lessons & Carols

POINSETTIA SALES begin **next weekend December 3/4** and will continue **through December 17/18**.

Each poinsettia will cost \$10. Please use the order form found in your November-December Visitor or use a form that can be found on the 'POINSETTIA' bulletin board, outside the sanctuary. Enclose your completed order(s) with payment in the supplied envelopes and

leave in the 'Poinsettia' Basket on the office lamp table by the **deadline of Sunday, December 18th**. All orders received by this deadline will be printed in the special insert of the Christmas Eve bulletin and will help decorate our beautiful sanctuary. Thank you.



St David's Lutheran Church presents 'Walk of the Wise Men' on December 2 and 3 from 6-8pm. Walk through a lighted trail and experience the joy of Christmas as you hear the story of the birth of Jesus.

Kids can visit with St Nicholas and make a holiday craft.

Admission is free. Food available for purchase.

St David's Church 1032 Musselman Rd Hanover PA 17331

Hershey Handbells Ensemble Christmas Concert is on Saturday, December 3rd at 7pm. Held at St Paul's Lutheran Church Hanover, PA. Admission is Free. stpaulsyorkst@comcast.net

New members will be received December 4. Please let Pastor Charlie know as soon as possible if you are interested in becoming a member.

LUTHER MEN ...

On the 3rd Sunday of Advent, December 11th, the **Luther Men Choir** will be providing the special music. Rehearsals will be held:

Practice #1: TODAY, November 27th following worship in choir room

Practice #2: NEXT Sunday, Dec 4th following worship in the choir room

Final Practice: Sunday, December 11th at 8:30am in the choir room



On **Saturday, December 17th**, beginning at **10am**, Music & Worship and volunteers will decorate both sanctuaries for the **HANGING OF THE GREENS**. The gathering areas of the church and Christmas tree will be decorated for our Christmas Eve services. Thank you to Wayne and Jean Thomas, of Thomas Tree Farm, for donating our tree. Join us on **December 17th** to help decorate for Christmas.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES @ IMMANUEL

Immanuel will offer a **new Christmas Eve Service** this year! For those who wish to not travel after dark, or whose families have many other obligations in the evening, a **3 pm Afternoon Christmas Eve Service will be offered**. This service will be informal, but will still offer the wonderful 'awe' of celebrating the birth of the baby, Jesus. Please plan on attending one of our three Christmas Eve Services this year at Immanuel!

Immanuel's 2016 Christmas Eve Services: 3pm Afternoon Service

7pm Family Service

9pm Candlelight Service

Because of the 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 use the Congregational Input Form and place in the locked box in the back of the Sanctuary.

MUSIC MINISTRY @ IMMANUEL

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

We currently support four various groups:

~ *The Sunday Adult Choir*

~ *The Chime Choir*

~ *The Luther Men*

~ *The Children's 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, Chime Director or Amanda Yingling, Children's 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 practice on Thursdays beginning at 6pm
- **The Luther Men**, sing quarterly, and sing again on Sun, December 11th
- **'All God's Children' -Youth Choir** sing on Sunday Dec.11th

More information on our *Music Ministry Bulletin Board* in the office hallway.

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

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.

Immanuel Church Cancellation Policy

We hold that every member of the congregation is a gift and blessing from God. Keeping this in mind, it is our responsibility to care for the safety of each member of the congregation. We are aware that weather conditions and circumstances may establish the need to cancel worship services and activities at Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church. Every attempt will be made to decide to cancel services/activities two hours prior through the following official sites:

- ✓ WBAL Ch 11 Television
closure site
- ✓ Immanuel Facebook page
- ✓ Web Site
(immanuel.lutheranccmd.org)
- ✓ Church Phone Message
(410-374-4463)

Whenever possible, cancelled services will be rescheduled in consultation with the Pastor and will be announced via Facebook, Website and Church Phone Message.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Jeff Dell (parkinsons)	Dervilla Hynes	*Debra Hartlaub
*Walter Ruby	Kelcie Gavin	*Paulyne Hartlaub
*Ardice Holbrook	Lisa Wulforst	Arnold Martin
Ann Trent	Jenni Roiser	Margaret Graham
Cary Myers	Deborah Moose	Brian Haga
Gail Brown	Loretta Hanson	Eleanor Paul
Fred Davies	Nancy Rohrback	Darcie Robinson
Stella Gary	Tomi Unkle	Richard Sterner
Reid Ronayne	*Pat Diserod	Anna Krauss
Dorinda Smith	Elissa Snedeker	Jamie Walker
Ann Miller	Carolyn Kittelberger	John Andrews
*Dolly Ruby	Ulli Woschitz	Al Phillips
Jan Rhoten	Kelly McNeal	Brenda Kiler Perry
Robert Rhoten	Greg Losiewski	Ethel Hunt
Joey Morris	John Leitner	Woody Swam
Anna Warehime	Carter Murphy	Phyllis Zumbrun
*Ginny Sellers	*Carl Krauss	Nicolas Campbell
	*Romaine Harper	

*Pastoral Care list

Family of Randy Thompson,
grandfather of Jessica Puller

Those serving in the military:

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

Immanuel Church invites you to join us!

Worship Service Times:

Saturday at 5pm (Informal)

Sunday at 9am (Traditional)

Sunday School at 10:15am

2016
Christmas Eve Services

Saturday, December 24

3pm Afternoon Service

7pm Family Service

9pm Candlelight Service

NOTE: No 5pm Service on Saturday evening, Dec 24
No 9am Service on Sunday morning, Dec 25

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