

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, December 31, 2016
Sunday, January 1, 2017
Lessons and Carols Service

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!!***

Sat Dec 31st Lessons & Carols	
Head Usher	Jeanne Swain
Greeter	Linda Black
Lectors	Lessons & Carols Readers
Offering Ushers	Linda Black Jeanne Swain
Communion	Judy Bixler

Sun Jan 1st Lessons & Carols	
Head Usher	Susan Burnette
Altar Guild	Susan Burnette Ellen Linsenbardt
Greeters	Betty Miller John Popp
Lectors	Lessons & Carols Readers
Offering Ushers	John Gregg Linda Schmidt Ron Schmidt Barb Yingling
Communion Stewards	Frank Burnette Norman Downes Debbie Hebrank Audrey Shaffer
Acolytes	Jordan Bosnick Austin Gregg
Pray w/ Pastor	Bob Nicoll
Bell Ringer	Gene Yingling

Cell Phone Reminder

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

	Readings	Sat, Dec 31, 2016	Sun, January 1, 2017
#1	Micah 5: 2-5a	Jeanne Swain	Angie Eckhardt
#2	Luke 1: 26-38	Judy Bixler	Jennifer Holbrook
#3	Luke 2: 1-7	Linda Black	Doris Dell
#4	Luke 2: 8-16	Luther Myers	John Gregg
#5	Luke 2: 21	Barb Davidson	Amanda Yingling
#6	Matthew 2: 1-11	Jeanne Swain	Pete Wulforst
#7	John 1: 1-14	Pastor Charlie	Pastor Charlie

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.

INDIVIDUAL PRAYER AND HEALING

GATHERING HYMN

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

ELW #283

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God, you have filled us with the new light of the Word who became flesh and lived among us. Let the light of our faith shine in all we do; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

YOUNG PEOPLE’S MESSAGE

THE KING WILL COME FROM BETHLEHEM

1ST READING

Micah 5:2-5a

² But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. ³ Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel.

⁴ And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God.

And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; ⁵ and he shall be the one of peace.

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

ELW #279

THE ANNUNCIATION TO MARY

2ND READING

Luke 1:26-38

²⁶In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, ²⁷to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you."
²⁹But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. ³²He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. ³³He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." ³⁴Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" ³⁵The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. ³⁶And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. ³⁷For nothing will be impossible with God." ³⁸Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

"The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came"

ELW #265

THE BIRTH OF JESUS

3RD READING

Luke 2:1-7

¹In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. ²This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³All went to their own towns to be registered. ⁴Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. ⁵He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. ⁶While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. ⁷And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

"Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"

ELW #276

THE SHEPHERDS GO TO SEE THE SAVIOR

4TH READING

Luke 2:8-16

⁸In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified.

¹⁰But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see — I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: ¹¹to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹²This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." ¹³And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

¹⁴"Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

¹⁵When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." ¹⁶So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger.

"Angels We Have Heard on High"

ELW #289

JESUS RECEIVES HIS NAME

5TH READING

Luke 2:21

²¹After eight days had passed, it was time to circumcise the child; and he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Jesus, Name Above All Names"

Pastor Charlie Solo

THE MAGI FOLLOW THE STAR

6TH READING

Matthew 2:1-11

¹In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, ²asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." ³When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

⁶And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a ruler
who is to shepherd my people Israel."

⁷Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. ⁸Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." ⁹When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. ¹¹On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

"The First Noel"

ELW #300

THE MYSTERY OF THE INCARNATION

7TH READING

John 1:1-14

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ⁹The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

¹⁰He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. ¹²But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

"Of the Father's Love Begotten"

ELW #295 vs 1-3

Next Week's Readings: January 2~8 Epiphany

Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72:1-7,10-14; Ephesians 3:1-12; Matthew 2:1-12

++ CALENDAR ++

Sun Jan 1, 2017	New Years Day Lessons and Carols <i>Worship Service w Communion</i>	<i>9:00am</i>
Mon Jan 2	AA and AI-Anon	8:00pm
Tues Jan 3	Prayer and Bible Study Cub and Boy Scout Meeting	11:00am 7:00pm
Wed Jan 4	AA	7:15pm
Thur Jan 5	Chime Practice *Confirmation Class Choir Practice	6:00pm 6:00pm 7:00pm
Fri Jan 6	Pastor Day Off AA and AI-Anon	8:00pm
Sat Jan 7	Missions Special Offering Council Installation <i>Worship Service w Communion</i> AA	<i>5:00pm</i> 6:30pm
Sun Jan 8	Missions Special Offering Council Installation <i>Worship Service w Communion</i> <i>Sunday School</i> <i>Baby Sunday School</i> <i>Adult Bible Study</i> <i>Mutual Ministry Meeting</i>	<i>9:00am</i> <i>10:15am</i> <i>10:15am</i> <i>10:30am</i>

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Altar flowers are sponsored
in memory of Dwight Moose
by Audrey

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Center altar flowers are sponsored...
in memory of:
Howard "Babe" Miller and William S Black, Sr

and in honor of:
Debbie Miller's birthday on December 28th and
the 1st birthday of my great-grandson, Kieran David Frzeur
by Linda Black

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THANK YOU to everyone who sponsored one of the 57 Christmas Poinsettia this year. If you haven't taken your poinsettia home, please take with you today. Contact Altar Guild if you still wish your poinsettia set aside for your pickup, otherwise, **after this weekend, all remaining poinsettias** will be taken to pastoral visitations. Thank you and Happy New Year!



****Reminder for next weekend:***

Sunday School Classes Resume

Coffee Hour

Monthly Mission Special Offering for Family and Children's Services



Thrivent Action Team Project! With the help of Thrivent, Sue Yingling is organizing a project to make gift bags for the clients that Immanuel will serve at 'Table of Grace' on January 31. We would like to include a variety of travel size items in each bag. Please consider donating by Jan 15th: chapstick, hand sanitizer, deodorant, soap, toothpaste, toothbrush, tissues, any personal hygiene items.

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

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 are looking to recruit "visitors" for this ministry. The Administrative Team for this ministry consists of: Doris Dell, Jo Fleck, Matthew Rooney, and Jeanne Swain. Meeting to be scheduled later in January.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Ps. Charlie and Caroline Marshall	January 3, 1976
Joe and Jo Fleck	January 20, 1990
Tom and Jane Taylor	January 21, 1984

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Sandy Voight	Jordan Bosnick	Caroline Marshall
Bryce Chaney	Jeremy Edwards	Arlene Sterner
Jen Yingling	Justin Patterson	Kyle McCarty
Jean Arbaugh	Nancy Herman	Christina Miller
Debbie Mace	Carol Nicoll	
Beverly Klinedinst	Jamie Rooney	

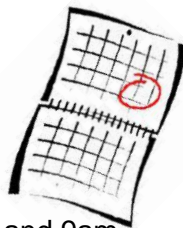
Mandy's Story, a book about the life of Mandy Kent written by Hermine Saunders, has been published. The book is not being sold for profit. The Kent family and Hermine Saunders are asking for a minimum \$15 donation to the Carroll Lutheran School Scholarship Fund. Christine Crouch will be handling the sales of *Mandy's Story* at Immanuel. You can contact Chris at 410-746-0260 or crouchchristine@msn.com to purchase a book.

JANUARY LECTIONARIES

Week of:	First Reading	Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel
Dec 26~Jan 1 Lessons & Carols	Numbers 6:22-27	Psalm 8	Galatians 4:4-7	Luke 2:15-21
January 2~8 Epiphany	Isaiah 60:1-6	Psalm 72:1-7,10-14	Ephesians 3:1-12	Matthew 2:1-12
January 9~15 Baptism of Lord	Isaiah 42:1-9	Psalm 29	Acts 10:34-43	Matthew 3:13-17
January 16~22	Isaiah 9:1-4	Psalm 27:1, 4-9	1 Corinthians 1:10-18	Matthew 4:12-23
January 23~29	Micah 6:1-8	Psalm 15	1 Corinthians 1:18-31	Matthew 5:1-12
Jan 30~Feb 5	Isaiah 58:1-12	Psalm 112:1-10	1 Corinthians 2:1-16	Matthew 5:13-20

SAVE THESE DATES!

January 7~8: Epiphany Services at 5pm and 9am
 Installation of 2017 Council
 Weekend Special Missions Offering
 Coffee Hour following Sunday worship



January 14~15: Baptism of Our Lord Services at 5pm and 9am

Saturday, Jan 21 Un-Decorating Sanctuary/Tree 10am

Sunday, Jan 22 Music & Worship Annual Planning Meeting at 10:30am

February 4~5 **Presentation of Our Lord** Services at 5pm and 9am
 Weekend Special Missions Offering
 Scout Sunday
 Coffee Hour following Sunday

February 11~12 Immanuel's 257th Birthday Weekend

Sunday, February 26 **Transfiguration** Service at 9am
 Receiving of New Members

Wednesday, March 1 **Ash Wednesday** Service at 7pm



We Need New Socks!!

Socks are one the most needed items in homeless shelters, but also one of the least donated. We will be holding a Sock Drive the month of January to benefit the less fortunate in our community.

A box will be set up in the Narthex January 1st to collect new sock donations. If you have any questions please contact Amanda Yingling: 717-880-5215, mandymae1210@gmail.com

MUSIC & WORSHIP Annual Planning Meeting is scheduled for **Sunday, Jan 22** in the Oak Tree room, immediately following the morning worship. ALL members are asked to bring their calendars and attend.

2017 ALTAR FLOWERS ~ LESSONS & PRAYERS SPONSORSHIP

Fresh seasonal flowers enhance our weekend worship experience, adding color and beauty to the altar. **New Sponsorship Option:** The altar vases are budgeted for all weekend services during the year. However, if the \$50 for both altar vases are too costly, one vase may now be sponsored for \$25. Both vases will still appear on the altar each week. Please indicate your sponsorship choice of **one** or **both** altar vases when signing up on the Flower Calendar. 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. Contact Altar Guild with questions. **Co-Sponsor** with a family member or friend to split the cost!

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

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 contact:

Jerry Hoffman (*Organist/Choir Director*),

Audrey Moose (*Chime Director*)

Wayne Thomas (*Luther Men Choir*)

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 four times a year
- **'All God's Children' -Youth Choir** sing quarterly

More information on our [Music Ministry Bulletin Board](#) in the office hallway.

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:

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| ✓ WBAL Ch 11 Television closure site | ✓ Web Site
(immanuel.lutheranccmd.org) |
| ✓ Immanuel Facebook page | ✓ 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)
*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
Dervilla Hynes

Kelcie Gavin
Lisa Wulforst
Jenni Roiser
Deborah Moose
Loretta Hanson
Nancy Rohrback
Tomi Unkle
*Pat Diseroad
Elissa Snedeker
Carolyn Kittelberger
Ulli Woschitz
Kelly McNeal
Greg Losiewski
John Leitner
Carter Murphy
*Carl Krauss
*Romaine Harper
*Debra Hartlaub
*Paulyne Hartlaub

Arnold Martin
Margaret Graham
Brian Haga
Darcie Robinson
Richard Sterner
Anna Krauss
Jamie Walker
Al Phillips
Brenda Kiler Perry
Ethel Hunt
Woody Swam
Phyllis Zumbrun
Nicolas Campbell
Cheryl Myers
Leann Eltz
Linda Calhoun
Carolyn Hamlet
Terry Sutton

Family of Madelyn Fortna

*Pastoral Care list

Families of Ann Dell Vendetta
and Violet Dell Black (sisters)

Those serving in the military:

Brett Richardson Matthew Swain Kyle Pasta David Mace



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