

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, January, 7, 2017
Sunday, January 08, 2017
Epiphany Sunday

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!!***

Worship Assistants

	Sat Jan 7
Head Usher	Judy Bixler
Greeter	Janis Hagert
Lectors	Linda Black
Offering Ushers	Janis Hagert Rodgers Hagert
Communion	Linda Black

	Sun Jan 8 Epiphany
Head Usher	Susan Burnette
Altar Guild	Susan Burnette Ellen Linsenbardt
Greeters	Dawn Burris Steve Burris
Lectors	Todd Robinson
Offering Ushers	Debbie Mace Steve Mace Alice Warehime Dale Warehime
Communion Stewards	Christine Crouch Denise Rickell Bart Walder Barb Yingling
Acolytes~ Torchbearers	Tanner Eckhardt Willis Kiler
Crucifer	Frank Burnette
Pray w/ Pastor	Christine Crouch
Bell Ringer	Ernest Weiss

Cell Phone / Electronics Announcement

Kindly, turn off or silence ALL devices during our services. 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

Everlasting God, the radiance of all faithful people, you brought the nations to the brightness of your rising. Fill the world with your glory, and show yourself to all the world through him who is the true light and the bright morning star, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Isaiah 60:1-6

- ¹Arise, shine; for your light has come,
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.
- ²For darkness shall cover the earth,
and thick darkness the peoples;
but the LORD will arise upon you,
and his glory will appear over you.
- ³Nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.
- ⁴Lift up your eyes and look around;
they all gather together, they come to you;
your sons shall come from far away,
and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.
- ⁵Then you shall see and be radiant;
your heart shall thrill and rejoice,
because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you,
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.
- ⁶A multitude of camels shall cover you,
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;
all those from Sheba shall come.
They shall bring gold and frankincense,
and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

Thanks be to God. The word of the Lord.

SECOND READING

Ephesians 3:1-12

¹This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles—²for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, ³and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, ⁴a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. ⁵In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: ⁶that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

⁷Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. ⁸Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, ⁹and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; ¹⁰so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. ¹¹This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, ¹²in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

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:

⁶‘And 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. ¹²And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Next Week’s Readings: January 9~15 Baptism of Lord

Isaiah 42:1-9; Psalm 29; Acts 10:34-43; Matthew 3:13-17

++ CALENDAR ++

Sun Jan 8	Missions Special Offering Council Installation Worship Service w Communion Sunday School Baby Sunday School Coffee Hour Adult Bible Study Mutual Ministry Meeting	 9:00am 10:15am 10:15am 10:15am 10:30am 11:30am
Mon Jan 9	AA and AI-Anon	8:00pm
Tues Jan 10	Prayer and Bible Study Council Meeting Cub and Boy Scout Meeting	11:00am 7:00pm 7:00pm
Wed Jan 11	Prayer and Bible Study @ Pastors Home AA	7:00pm 7:15pm
Thur Jan 12	Chime Practice Choir Practice	6:00pm 7:00pm
Fri Jan 13	Pastor Day Off AA and AI-Anon	 8:00pm
Sat Jan 14	Worship Service w Communion AA	5:00pm 6:30pm
Sun Jan 15	Worship Service w Communion Sunday School Adult Bible Study Confirmation Class	9:00am 10:15am 10:30am 6:30pm

WELCOME, as we celebrate the **Epiphany of Our Lord**. The word 'Epiphany' means the manifestation or the showing of the Christ Child. In Matthew's account, he wrote that when the wise men saw the brilliant star shining in the eastern sky, it seemed to stop overhead pointing the way. The three magi traveled quite a long distance in order to see the holy family and visit the baby, Jesus. They were welcomed by Mary and Joseph into the small humble stable... "On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary, his mother." (from Matthew 2: 10-11)

Thank you for joining Immanuel for our Epiphany Services and retracing the magis' journey to follow the star and visiting God's beloved son, Jesus.

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Thank you to our Chimes Choir
for providing special music for Epiphany Sunday
under the direction of Audrey Moose

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The Altar Vases are unsponsored for today, Sunday, January 8th.

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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Start your new year by having coffee with us this Sunday!! Take some time to enjoy our coffee hour and share your stories of family visits and the traditions you enjoyed this season. We hope to see you there!

January's Monthly Mission is for Family and Children's Services.

For more than 165 years, FCS has provided families, children and elders in Baltimore and the surrounding counties with social services focused on prevention, intervention, counseling and advocacy.

In Carroll County, they have served victims of domestic violence since 1970. Domestic Violence Counseling and Case Management FCS provides services to safeguard victims and their children from violence, and works with offenders to prevent future violent episodes.

Family and Children's also operates West End Place Adult Day Care. It is a fully licensed and accredited medical day care program providing stimulation, socialization, structured daytime activities, and nursing supervision for mentally and/or physically impaired adults in a pleasant and comfortable environment.





I will also be hosting a Bible Challenge discussion group on Facebook. Send me an email if you want to join the group.

Baby Sunday School (birth -2) meets on the first Sunday of the month (1st full weekend) 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)

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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. Consider donating:



chapstick, hand sanitizer, deodorant, soap,
toothpaste, toothbrush, tissues,
any personal hygiene items

Place items in the labeled basket in the foyer by next weekend, Jan 15th 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. Informational meeting following the service on January 29th in the Social Hall – refreshments will be provided!

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	Beverly Klinedinst	Jamie Rooney
Doris Miller	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	

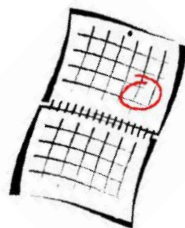
Mandy's Story, a book about the life of Mandy Kent written by Hermine Saunders, has been published. The book is not being sold for profit. The Kent family and Hermine Saunders are asking for a minimum \$15 donation to the Carroll Lutheran School Scholarship Fund. Christine Crouch will be handling the 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!

Today: 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.

The 'Sock Drop' box is in the Narthex 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 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
(immanuelchurchcmd.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	Kelcie Gavin	Margaret Graham
(parkinsons)	Lisa Wulforst	Brian Haga
*Walter Ruby	Jenni Roiser	Darcie Robinson
*Ardice Holbrook	Deborah Moose	Richard Sterner
Ann Trent	Loretta Hanson	Anna Krauss
Cary Myers	Nancy Rohrback	Jamie Walker
Gail Brown	Tomi Unkle	Al Phillips
Fred Davies	*Pat Diserod	Brenda Kiler Perry
Stella Gary	Elissa Snedeker	Ethel Hunt
Reid Ronayne	Carolyn Kittelberger	Woody Swam
Dorinda Smith	Ulli Woschitz	Phyllis Zumbrun
Ann Miller	Kelly McNeal	Nicolas Campbell
*Dolly Ruby	Greg Losiewski	Cheryl Myers
Jan Rhoten	John Leitner	Leann Eltz
Robert Rhoten	Carter Murphy	Linda Calhoun
Joey Morris	*Carl Krauss	Carolyn Hamlet
Anna Warehime	*Romaine Harper	Terry Sutton
*Ginny Sellers	*Debra Hartlaub	Jennifer Bortner
Dervilla Hynes	*Paulyne Hartlaub	Leroy Mullins
	Arnold Martin	Gary Eppley

*Pastoral Care list

Those serving in the military:

Brett Richardson
Matthew Swain
Kyle Pasta
David Mace



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