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, 14, 2017 Sunday, January 15, 2017 Baptism of Our Lord

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 14
Head Usher	Judy Bixler
Greeter	Charlotte Hann
Lectors	Luther Myers
Offering	Charlotte Hann
Ushers	Walter Hann
Communion	Judy Bixler
Seminarian	Laura Russell

Cell Phone / Electronics Announcement

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

	Sun Jan 15
	Baptism of Our Lord
Head Usher	Susan Burnette
Altar Guild	Ellen Linsenbardt
Altar Gulia	Sandy Voight
Greeters	Jane Taylor
Greeters	DeloresWhitehead
Lectors	Jeremy Edwards
	Laurie Miller
Offering	Steve Miller
Ushers	Brenda Murray
	Brenda Wulforst
	Rhonda Kiler
Communion	Jo Fleck
Stewards	Joe Fleck
	Matt Rooney
Acolytes~	Jordan Bosnick
Torchbearers	Austin Gregg
Crucifer	Bart Walder
Pray w/ Pastor	Denise Rickell
Bell Ringer	Bart Walder
Seminarian	Laura Russell

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 Charlie 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

Let us pray. O God our Father, at the baptism of Jesus you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized into Christ faithful to their calling to be your daughters and sons, and empower us all with your Spirit, through 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 42:1-9

¹Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations.

²He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street;

³a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice.

⁴He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching. ⁵Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: ⁶I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness,

I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, ⁷to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness.

⁸I am the LORD, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. ⁹See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM Psalm 29

¹Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

²Ascribe to the LORD the glory due God's name; worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.

³The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; the LORD is upon the mighty waters.

⁴The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.

⁵The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon:

⁶the LORD makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.

⁷The voice of the LORD bursts forth in lightning flashes.

⁸The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

⁹The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare. And in the temple of the LORD all are crying, "Glory!"

¹⁰The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king forevermore.

¹¹O LORD, give strength to your people; give them, O LORD, the blessings of peace.

SECOND READING

Acts 10:34-43

³⁴Peter began to speak to [Cornelius and his household]: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; 40 but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name." The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL Matthew 3:13-17

The holy gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**¹³Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" ¹⁵But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. ¹⁶And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. ¹⁷And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Next Week's Readings: January 16~22

Isaiah 9:1-4; Psalm 27:1, 4-9; 1 Corinthians 1:10-18; Matthew 4:12-23

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Sun Jan 15	Worship Service w Communion	9:00am	
	Sunday School	10:15am	
	Adult Bible Study	10:30am	
	Confirmation Class	6:30pm	
Mon Jan 16	Work Day	9am-2pm	
	AA and Al-Anon	8:00pm	
Tues Jan 17	Prayer and Bible Study	11:00am	
	Cub and Boy Scout Meeting	7:00pm	
Wed Jan 18	Stephen Ministry Meeting	11:00am*	
	AA	7:15pm	
Thur Jan 19	Social Hall Reserved		
	Chime Practice	6:00pm	
	Choir Practice	7:00pm	
Fri Jan 20	Pastor Day Off		
	Social Hall Reserved		
	AA and Al-Anon	8:00pm	
Sat Jan 21	Un-decorating Church	10:00am	
	Scouts Pinewood Derby- Social Hall		
	Worship Service w Communion	5:00pm	
	AA	6:30pm	
Sun Jan 22	Worship Service w Communion	9:00am	
	Sunday School	10:15am	
	Adult Bible Study	10:30am	
	Worship & Music Meeting-OakTreeRm	10:30am	
	Confirmation Class	6:30pm	
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We welcome seminarian Laura Russell to our pulpit this weekend while Pastor Charlie is away in New York. Pastor Charlie has already consecrated the bread and wine for communion, and Laura has the bishop's approval to lead us in and serve communion.

Thank you, Laura, for sharing God's Word with us!

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** Laura is also holding the Adult Sunday School/Bible Study ** (based on the weekend readings) on Sunday morning. Please join her at 10:30am in the Martin Luther Room. No previous knowledge of the Bible or of Lutheran doctrine are needed.

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WELCOME, to our services for the **Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord**. It is recorded that Jesus was baptized in the Jordan River and was revealed as the Son of God. In this great epiphany, Jesus fulfilled all promises and became the servant of God who would bring justice and be the light to all nations. During our baptisms, we were washed clean by the Word, anointed by the Spirit and named one of God's beloved children forever and became members of His body, the church.



Pastor Charlie's Bible Challenge *This week: Matthew Chapters 15-21

During the month of January, I challenge you to join me in reading through the Gospel of Matthew. Read one chapter of Matthew each day in January. There are 28 chapters and 31 days in January, so that gives you a few extra days if needed. Keep a notepad or journal handy as you read, so you can record any questions or insights that may come to you. Let me know how it goes. I would love to hear from you!

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

The Altar Vases are unsponsored for today, Sunday, January 15th. Please see Altar Guild after the service if you would like one vase <u>OR</u> both vases of flowers to give to a friend or for your personal enjoyment!

Sunday School is in session! Please join us!

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

Group 1 ($1^{st} - 3^{rd}$ grade) Group 3 ($6^{th} - 12^{th}$ 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 (1st full weekend) in the Oak Tree room following the worship service.

Thrivent Action Team Project! With the help of Thrivent, Sue Yingling is making 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. Today is the last day to place donated items in the labeled basket. Thank you!



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 Kvle McCartv 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 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 is 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.

SAVE THESE DATES!

TODAY: 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 Tuesday, Jan 31: 'Table of Grace' at Grace Lutheran in Westminster 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

Thank you to all our bakers for coffee hour this past Sunday. The Fellowship Committee is thankful for your time to help. Our next coffee hour will be on February 5th.

OUR DAILY BREAD for KIDS Adult devotionals are available monthly through <u>Our Daily Bread</u>, but now there is an app available for the younger members of our church! The new **Our Daily Bread for Kids** app extends the Sunday School experience. Each issue contains 30 devotions; 2 activities (puzzles, matching games, drawing pages); 2 songs with printed lyrics; plus special awards to encourage children to learn. You and your child can have fun - and grow closer together as you learn more about Jesus. ourdailybreadforkids.org

Work Day is THIS Monday, January 16. Please join us any time you can, for however long that you can - from 9am to 2pm for making Linus Quilts and fellowship. No sewing experience is necessary. Lunch provided.

<u>UN-Decorating</u> the sanctuary is scheduled for this Saturday, Jan 21st, beginning at 10am, Music and Worship and volunteers will pack away all holiday decorations from the tree and sanctuaries and remove the Christmas tree. Extra help is always needed. Thank you.

As we are putting the new church directory together, we found that we do NOT have a picture for 55% of the families!! Since the directory was to help put a face to a name, we would like to try to get more pictures. Please get your picture taken by January 22nd. Or email pictures to jamielr126@gmail.com with your family name as the subject line. ~Amanda Yingling / Jamie Rooney

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

A new Stephen Ministry class is starting! The 50-hour course for Stephen Ministers starts January 25 at 6:30pm at Westminster United Methodist Church. They meet every Wednesday (although schedule is flexible to make up days). Immanuel will pay fees for supplies. If you feel you are called to serve others as a Stephen Minister, please consider attending! Questions or for more information ...contact:

Chris Crouch (she completed this same course last year!), Connie Dattilio or Bob Nicoll. Talk to them now – or their contact information is on the Stephen Ministry bulletin board outside of Church Office

A new 'Keeping In Touch' ministry is coming to Immanuel. 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. The Administrative Team for this ministry



consists of: Doris Dell, Jo Fleck, Matthew Rooney, and Jeanne Swain. Informational meeting following the service on <u>January 29th in the Social Hall</u> – refreshments will be provided! *Please sign up in the back so we know how much food to prepare.*

Immanuel serves 'Table of Grace' at Grace Lutheran Church in Westminster on Tuesday, January 31st. Please join us anytime you can (between 10 and 2) as we make lunch, serve food to the clients and clean up. If you are not able to help on Tuesday, then consider donating a baked good (homemade or store bought). The clients love pies and desserts with icing. Bring items with you to Church on Sunday (leave in office or on kitchen counter) or drop off on Monday.

We Need New Socks!!

Socks are one the most needed items in homeless shelters, but also one of the least donated. We are holding a <u>Sock Drive</u> the month of January to benefit the less fortunate in our community. The 'Sock Drop' is in the Narthex to collect new sock donations. If you have any questions please contact Amanda Yingling:

717-880-5215, mandymae1210@gmail.com

JANUARY LECTIONARIES

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

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 <u>choice of **one** or **both** altar vases</u> when signing up on the Flower Calendar. Your written information with payment <u>must be received by 12 noon of the Wednesday prior to your reserved date</u> 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 <u>four</u> 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:

- ✓ WBAL Ch 11 Television closure site
- √ Immanuel Facebook page
- ✓ Web Site (immanuellutheranccmd.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) *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 Joev 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 Tommy Leonard

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 Jennifer Bortner Leroy Mullins Gary Eppley

Margaret Graham

*Pastoral Care list

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