

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 20, 2018
Sunday, January 21, 2018
Third Sunday after Epiphany

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 20
Head Usher	Jeanne Swain
Greeter	Barb Davidson
Lectors	Judy Bixler
Offering Ushers	Barb Davidson Ron Davidson
Communion	Judy Bixler

	Sun Jan 21
Head Usher	Rhonda Killer
Altar Guild	Frank Burnette Susan Burnette
Greeters	Jane Taylor Delores Whitehead
Lectors	Barbara Guthrie
Offering Ushers	Laurie Miller Steve Miller Brenda Murray Brenda Wulforst
Communion Stewards	Susan Burnette Jeremy Edwards Matthew Rooney Sandy Voight
Acolytes	Ryan Edwards Kyle Robinson
Pray w/ Pastor	Bob Nicoll
Bell Ringer	Ernest Weiss

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 weekend service.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. *A brief silence is kept before the prayer.*

Almighty God, by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service. Strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of your call, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

FIRST READING

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

¹The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying, ²“Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.”

³So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days’ walk across.

⁴Jonah began to go into the city, going a day’s walk. And he cried out, “Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!” ⁵And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

¹⁰When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalms 62:5-12

⁵For God alone I wait in silence; truly, my hope is in God.

⁶**God alone is my rock and my salvation,
my stronghold, so that I shall never be shaken.**

⁷In God is my deliverance and my honor;
God is my strong rock and my refuge.

⁸**Put your trust in God always, O people,
pour out your hearts before the one who is our refuge.**

⁹Those of high degree are but a fleeting breath; those of low estate cannot be trusted.

Placed on the scales together they weigh even less than a breath.

¹⁰**Put no trust in extortion; in robbery take no empty pride;
though wealth increase, set not your heart upon it.**

¹¹God has spoken once, twice have I heard it, that power belongs to God.

¹²**Steadfast love belongs to you, O Lord,
for you repay all according to their deeds.**

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

²⁹Brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, ³⁰and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions, ³¹and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

Mark 1:14-20

The holy gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, ¹⁵and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”

¹⁶As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. ¹⁷And Jesus said to them, “Follow me and I will make you fish for people.”

¹⁸And immediately they left their nets and followed him. ¹⁹As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. ²⁰Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

++ CALENDAR ++

Sun Jan 21	<i>Worship Service w Communion</i>	<i>9:00am</i>
	Sunday School	10:15am
	Adult Bible Study	10:15am
	Worship and Music Meeting-OTR	10:15am
	SS Bowling Party	1-3pm
	Confirmation Class	7:00pm
Mon Jan 22	AA and Al-Anon	8:00pm
Tues Jan 23	Bible Study – Oak Tree Room	11:00am
	Scouts	7:00pm
Wed Jan 24	Stephen Ministry rescheduled fr last week	10:30am
	Naloxone Training	6:00pm
	AA	7:15pm
Thur Jan 25	Chime Practice	6:00pm
	Choir Practice	7:00pm
Fri Jan 26	Pastor Day Off	
	Office Closed	
	AA and Al-Anon	8:00pm
Sat Jan 27	<i>Worship Service w Communion</i>	<i>5:00pm</i>
	AA	6:30pm
Sun Jan 28	Youth Sunday	
	<i>Worship Service w Communion</i>	<i>9:00am</i>
	Sunday School	10:15am
	Adult Bible Study	10:15am
	Confirmation Class	7:00pm

*"Strike it up with the Sunday School kids!" Our Sunday School bowling party has been rescheduled to Sunday, January 21st from 1 to 3pm at Greenmount Bowl. Please RSVP to Jen Edwards at 443-883-6138 as soon as you can.

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The **Altar Vases** are **unsponsored** for **this weekend, January 20-21**. Please contact Altar Guild if you would like to take one or both vases of flowers following the Sunday Service. Flowers will be bagged for your easy transport. Thank you.

Music and Worship Annual Planning Meeting is TODAY, January 21st following the morning worship in the **Oak Tree room**. All committee members are urged to attend this important meeting.

An urgent local request was received last week. Local assistance groups are looking for donations of gently used winter coats and snowsuits for infants, toddlers and children. Also, warm gloves are needed for both male and female in all sizes-children and adult.

Please bring your donations to the area inside the education doors and place them where we house other donations. Social Ministry members assure that your donations are delivered appropriately and timely.

Thank you to our members responding this past Monday, after hearing the announcement during the service on January 14. Your donations were delivered to NESAP on Tuesday morning.

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
Bryce Chaney	Jordan Bosnick	Caroline Marshall
Doris Miller	Jeremy Edwards	Kyle McCarty
Jennifer Yingling	Justin Patterson	Christina Miller
Jean Arbaugh	Nancy Herman	
Debbie Mace	Carol Nicoll	

LOOKING AHEAD ...

TODAY: January 20-21

Sunday, Music and Worship Annual Planning Meeting –
following worship in Oak Tree room

NEXT SUNDAY, January 27-28

Healing Services

Youth Sunday

February 3-4

Special Missions Weekend Offering at 5pm and 9am
Sunday Coffee Hour in Social Hall

February 10-11

Transfiguration Services at 5pm and 9am
Sunday Baptism

Tuesday, February 13

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper at 6pm, Social Hall
Council meeting at 7pm, Martin Luther room

Wednesday, February 14

Ash Wednesday Services at 1pm and 7pm

February 17-18

Lent 1

Scout Sunday



The Maryland Faith Health Network is a group of volunteers from the congregation to help you stay healthy after you leave the hospital. *It is FREE and confidential.*

1. Sign up using the form in the church office or in the back of the sanctuary to receive a Network card to keep in your wallet.
 2. If you ever stay overnight in a LifeBridge Health hospital, tell them you are a part of the Maryland Faith Health Network or show them your card.
 3. Volunteers from Immanuel will help you and your family as needed.
- Sign up now! ~Judy Bixler, Immanuel Faith Health Network Liaison

2018 ALTAR FLOWERS SPONSORSHIPS ~ LESSONS & PRAYERS

Fresh seasonal flowers enhance our weekend worship experience, adding color and beauty to the altar. Sponsorship forms and envelopes are found on the 2018 FLOWER SPONSORSHIP CALENDAR bulletin board of the office hallway. Your written information and payment, must be received by 12 noon of the Wednesday prior to your reserved sponsorship date to insure inclusion in the weekly bulletin. Contact Altar Guild with questions.

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



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

OPEN WEEKENDS:

- **Jan 27-28** Center Arrangement ~ Lessons & Prayers
- **Feb 3-4** Altar Vases ~ Center Arrangement ~ Lessons & Prayers
- **Feb 10-11** Altar Vases ~ Center Arrangement
(Transfiguration)
- **Wed, Feb 14** Lessons & Prayers only
(Ash Wednesday)

ARE YOU RECEIVING PASTOR CHARLIE'S WEEKLY EMAIL?

If you would like to receive a weekly message from Pastor Charlie with reminders about what's happening at Immanuel, please submit your email address to pastorc@ielcmd.org.

WOMENS' HARMONY CHOIR

Music and Worship is looking for interested ladies from the congregation who would like to join a new singing group. Similar to the 'Luther Men', your voices would harmonize on various musical selections several times during the coming year. **Remember... you do not need to be a 'singer'**, but enjoy hearing music and maybe becoming a possible member of new outreach musical group of Immanuel's Music Ministry. The proposal of this new venture has presented interest over the last few years! Let's meet for an informational meeting during the February Coffee Hour on Sunday, February 4th downstairs in the Social Hall. Stop by and listen, ask questions and see if you'd like to join us! Interested – contact Susan Burnette with any questions. See you on Feb 4th.



Consider becoming a part of the Music Ministry at Immanuel

We currently support four various groups:

- ~ *The Sunday Adult Choir* ~ *The Luther Men*
- ~ *The Chime Choir* ~ *The Children's Choir*

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)

Wayne Thomas (Luther Men Choir)

Audrey Moose (Chime Choir)

Amanda Yingling (Children's Choir)

NO EXPERIENCE IS NEEDED .. just help 'make a joyful noise'!

~**The Sunday Adult Choir**– weekly practices, Thursdays 7-8pm (Sept–May)

~**The Chime Choir** – practice Thursdays at 6pm (auditorium)

~**The Luther Men** – sing quarterly, choir room after Sunday service, as needed

~**The Children's Choir** – sing quarterly, practices scheduled as needed

More information on our *Music Ministry Bulletin Board*.

PASTOR CHARLIE'S JANUARY BIBLE CHALLENGE: MARK 1-9

This year in worship we will read mostly from the Gospel according to Mark. We begin the new year by reading through Mark, the first of the Gospels to be written and the most action-packed! In January we will read chapters 1-9, and finish up in February with chapters 10-16.

The online Bible Study will continue with daily comments from Pastor Charlie on Facebook. Email him at pastorc@ielcmd.org if you would like to join this private group, or if you would like to receive copies via email of the comments he posts there for each day.

1/19	Mark 6:30-44	1/24	Mark 7:31-37	1/28	Mark 9:1-13
1/20	Mark 6:45-56	1/25	Mark 8:1-13	1/29	Mark 9:14-29
1/21	Mark 7:1-13	1/26	Mark 8:14-26	1/30	Mark 9:30-37
1/22	Mark 7:14-23	1/27	Mark 8:27-38	1/31	Mark 9:38-50
1/23	Mark 7:24-30				

OPPORTUNITIES TO LEARN AND GROW AT IMMANUEL

No previous knowledge of the Bible is required for any Bible study

—> SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY: LECTIONARY BIBLE STUDY

Meets weekly throughout the year in the Martin Luther Room following the worship service, approximately 10:15–11:15am. On coffee hour Sundays, we meet 10:45–11:30am. Each week we will explore the Gospel reading for the following Sunday. Jan 21: Mark 1:21-28 Jan 28: Mark 1:29-39

—> MIDWEEK PRAYER AND BIBLE STUDY GROUPS

Morning Group meets in the Oak Tree Room (resumes Jan 9) every Tuesday morning at 11am for “**See Through the Scripture**” which provides a bird’s eye view of the entire Bible that helps us see how it all fits together.

Evening Group meets at the Pastor’s home, 840 Hughes Shop Rd, Westminster MD 21158 at 7pm on **Tues Jan 23, and Wed Jan 31.**

Topic: Message of the Prophets.

—> **CONFIRMATION CLASS:** Sessions are every **Sunday** in the **Oak Tree Room at 7pm.** Jan 21: Jesus is Born; Jan 28: Temptation.

AUTOMATIC DONATIONS for 2018

Immanuel offers a convenient and secure way to make donations! You can make a one-time donation, or you can set up a recurring offering from your bank account or credit card.



If you have any questions, please contact the office for assistance. Our church website www.ielcmd.org has a link to get started.

If you do not want to set up using the computer,
complete the Automatic Donations form
found in the January newsletter and return to the Church Office.

North Carroll Middle School Food Pantry is open every Thursday 3:30-4:30, unless schools are closed. Food is Free to anyone in need. Pantry is in a room by the parent pick up entrance in front of building next to gym. (2401 Hanover Pike Hampstead 21074) Questions or concerns: School Principal, Ralph Billings or School Counselor, Mary Dee Oxen at 410-751-3440 or moxen@carrollk12.org.

Naloxone Training on Wednesday January 24

The opioid epidemic has been in the news, and affects all communities, including our own. Most deaths from opioid overdose can be prevented by timely use of an antidote, Naloxone. The Carroll County Health Dept is working to provide this life-saving treatment, with training in its use, to caring citizens. Immanuel is hosting a training event on Wed, Jan 24 in the Social Hall. Registration begins at 6pm with refreshments and displays. Training session begins at 6:30pm and should end around 8pm.

Co-sponsored by Families Against the Stigma of Addiction.

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED

Email or call Michelle McVay to register for this FREE training.

(michelle.mcvay@maryland.gov or 410- 876-4802)

ELCA YOUTH GATHERING www.elca.org/YouthGathering

Every three years, 30,000+ high school youth and adult leaders spend a week together in interactive learning, worship, Bible study, service and fellowship. A group from St Paul's Church went to Detroit for the 2015 ELCA Youth Gathering (see video: vimeo.com/135696493).

The next gathering is in Houston THIS YEAR!!

June 27 – July 1, 2018



In our group, we have a total of 50 people going!
32 youth and 18 adults from these local churches:

St. Paul's Upperco

Trinity Taneytown

St. Mark's Hampstead

St Ben's

Immanuel

St. Paul Burkettsville

St. John's

Messiah

St. Paul's Harney

Not counted in these numbers, we also have some older youth that are going as Servant Companion volunteers! To participate, we estimate \$1,000 per person is needed. We have been fundraising since returning from Detroit but still need your help!

St Paul's biggest fundraiser is the Spaghetti Dinner:

Mario's Italian Restaurant

will be opened for business Friday, February 2nd

from 5:30 - 7:30pm at St. Paul's Church

Free will offering with all proceeds benefiting those attending the 2018 Youth Gathering. **Invite your family & friends!**

(If possible (but not needed), RSVP to Rachel Murphy to help with food preparation.)

Our sisters and brothers in Puerto Rico

continue to be devastated by the effects of hurricanes earlier this season. With other synods in the church, we are working together to raise an offering for the congregations of the Caribbean Synod to help them continue the important work of recovery. On Sunday, Feb 11 (Transfiguration), all congregations and ministries of our Synod will receive a special offering for Puerto Rico. Please come and give generously. If you are unable to attend on Feb 11, you may mail or drop off your offering to the church office, marked "Puerto Rico."



Men's Winter Retreat on February 3, 2018 from 8:30am till 2pm ***"Men of Integrity"***

Using several strong men in the Bible as examples, we will look at what integrity means to the Christian man.

Plan on enjoying a continental breakfast and a scrumptious hot lunch by the ladies of Pleasant Grove UMC.

Pleasant Grove UMC 15300 Dover Rd Reisterstown, MD 21136
410-913-6182 for reservations



In order to care for the safety of each and every member of the congregation, weather conditions and circumstances may establish the need to cancel worship services and/or activities at Immanuel. Otherwise, the decision to cancel activities will be made by a review of the NOAA.gov website, in consultation with the Council President and Pastor and (optionally) the executive committee.

Every attempt will be made to announce any decision to cancel services and/or activities **at least 2 hours** prior to such activities through the following official means:

- WBAL Ch. 11 television closure site
- Immanuel's Facebook page
- Immanuel's Web site (www.immannuellutheranccmd.org)
- Immanuel's Office Phone Message (410-374-4463)
- Pastor Charlie's weekly email list

When possible, an alternative service time will be scheduled and announced.

Please remember in your prayers:

Jeff Dell	Cassandra Fleckenstein	Jim Federici
*Walter Ruby	Steven Gary	Dan Riley
*Ardice Holbrook	Pat Bowen	Kathryn Riley
Ann Trent	Karen Schaefer	Gene Black
Cary Myers	Gary Southard	Joeann Peach
Gail Brown	Susan Esworthy	Jan Engman
Fred Davies	Paul Moffitt	Bill Whitehead III
Reid Ronayne	Gaiser Family	Tricia
Dorinda Smith	Gene Yingling	Joe Fleck
Ann Miller	Ally Crossley	Mary Driver
*Dolly Ruby	Angela Locke	Daniel Woo
Jan Rhoten	Michelle Richie	Lisa Wulforst
Robert Rhoten	Gladys Ricketts	Katie & Brian Benden
Joe Morris	Janis Hagert	Denise Rickell
*Ginny Sellers	Dot Matthews	Wanda Robinson
Deborah Moose	Donna Marshall	Darcie Robinson
Elissa Snedeker	Wesley Martin family	Joanna Marshall Wade
John Leitner	Jerry Hoffman	Connie Dattilio
*Carl Krauss	Mary Alice Steger	Tonia Files
*Romaine Harper	Jeff Mullins	Katy Moran
*Paulyne Hartlaub	Carolyn Kittelberger	Justin Tawney
*Ethel Hunt	Bill Skelley	Desi Rill
Leann Eltz	Gary Eppley	Jackie Losiewski
Joe Miller	Kelly McNeal	Brenda Kiler Perry
Esther Miller	Carter Murphy	Janet Gross
Ann Harden	Maria Barczak	Jordan Bosnick
John Marshall	Jerry Betzler	June Hale
Doug Brown	Jodi Grossman	Mary Ayers
Thelma Blizzard	Dave Jones	Gretchen Jensen
	Jeffrey Jones	

*Pastoral Care list

Family of Julia Berwager

Family of Dick Hebrank, father of Deb Hebrank

Our Missionary in South Sudan refugee camps: Rev. Wal Reat

Those serving in the military:

Brett Richardson, Jenelle Espinoza, Kyle Pasta,
David Mace, Cassy Sanders



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