

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, 28, 2017
Sunday, January 29, 2017
Fourth 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 28
Head Usher	Jeanne Swain
Greeter	Mary Ayers
Lector	Jeanne Swain
Offering Ushers	Fred Ayers Linda Black
Communion	Jeanne Swain

	Sun Jan 29
Head Usher	Susan Burnette
Altar Guild	Ellen Linsenbardt Sandy Voight
Greeters	Chris Miller Debbie Miller
Lectors	Brooks Hoffman
Offering Ushers	Frank Burnette Jen Edwards Andy Kiler Ernest Weiss
Communion Stewards	Norman Downes Debbie Hebrank Denise Rickell Sandy Voight
Acolytes	Ashton Eckhardt Willis Kiler
Pray w/ Pastor	Bob Nicoll
Bell Ringer	Brian Kremen

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 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.

Holy God, you confound the world's wisdom in giving your kingdom to the lowly and the pure in heart. Give us such a hunger and thirst for justice, and perseverance in striving for peace, that in our words and deeds the world may see the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

FIRST READING

Micah 6:1-8

¹Hear what the LORD says:

Rise, plead your case before the mountains,
and let the hills hear your voice.

²Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the LORD,
and you enduring foundations of the earth;
for the LORD has a controversy with his people,
and he will contend with Israel.

³“O my people, what have I done to you?
In what have I wearied you? Answer me!

⁴For I brought you up from the land of Egypt,
and redeemed you from the house of slavery;
and I sent before you Moses,
Aaron, and Miriam.

⁵O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised,
what Balaam son of Beor answered him,
and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,
that you may know the saving acts of the LORD.”

⁶“With what shall I come before the LORD,
and bow myself before God on high?
Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,
with calves a year old?

⁷Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams,
with ten thousands of rivers of oil?
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”

⁸He has told you, O mortal, what is good;
and what does the LORD require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

¹LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle?

Who may abide upon your holy hill?

²**Those who lead a blameless life and do what is right,
who speak the truth from their heart;**

³they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil to their friends;
they do not cast discredit upon a neighbor.

⁴**In their sight the wicked are rejected,
but they honor those who fear the LORD.**

They have sworn upon their health and do not take back their word.

⁵They do not give their money in hope of gain,
nor do they take bribes against the innocent.

Those who do these things shall never be overthrown.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

¹⁸The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

²⁰Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. ²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, ²³but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For God’s foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God’s weakness is stronger than human strength.

²⁶Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. ²⁷But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; ²⁸God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, ²⁹so that no one might boast in the presence of God. ³⁰He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, ³¹in order that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

Matthew 5:1-12

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

³“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

⁵“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

⁶“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they will be filled.

⁷“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

⁸“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

⁹“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Next Week’s Readings: Jan 30~Feb 5

Isaiah 58:1-12; Psalm 112:1-10; 1 Corinthians 2:1-16; Matthew 5:13-20

++ CALENDAR ++

Sun Jan 29	<i>Worship Service w Communion</i>	9:00am
	<i>Sunday School</i>	10:15am
	<i>Adult Bible Study</i>	10:30am
	'Keeping in Touch' Meeting- Social Hall	10:30am
	Confirmation Class	6:30pm
Mon Jan 30	AA	8:00pm
	AI-Anon	8:00pm
	VBS Planning Meeting	
Tues Jan 31 **	Table of Grace	
	Cub and Boy Scout Meeting	7:00pm
Wed Feb 1	AA	7:15pm
	Pastor on Retreat (Day)	
Thur Feb 2	Chime Practice	6:00pm
	Choir Practice	7:00pm
	Pastor Day Off	
Fri Feb 3	AA and AI-Anon	8:00pm
	Mission Special Offering	
Sat Feb 4	<i>Worship Service w Communion</i>	5:00pm
	AA	6:30pm
	Mission Special Offering	
Sun Feb 5	<i>Worship Service w Communion</i>	9:00am
	<i>Sunday School</i>	10:15am
	<i>Baby Sunday School</i>	10:15am
	<i>Coffee Hour</i>	10:15am
	<i>Adult Bible Study</i>	10:30am
	Confirmation Class	6:30pm

** The 11am Prayer Group meeting on Tuesday is cancelled.
Please join us at Table of Grace in Westminster!

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Altar flowers are sponsored in honor of
Caroline Marshall on her birthday, January 28
by Pastor Charlie and Sarah

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Pastor Charlie's Bible Challenge for February

Jesus said... "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." (John 8:31b-32)

Many thanks to all who accepted my Bible challenge for January and read through the Gospel according to Matthew with me. I thoroughly enjoyed both the reading and the interaction with many of you on Facebook. It was good to get a broad overview of the Gospel that we will be focusing on in worship this year.

My *Bible Challenge for February* will focus on First Corinthians, Paul's challenging letter to a divided and polarized congregation.

Here are the readings for this week:



2/1/2017	1 Corinthians 1:1-9
2/2/2017	1 Corinthians 1:10-19
2/3/2017	1 Corinthians 1:20-31
2/4/2017	1 Corinthians 2:1-16

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	



Informational meeting for the 'Keeping In Touch' ministry is in the Social Hall following service THIS SUNDAY, Jan 29th.

SAVE THESE DATES!

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

February 4~5 Weekend Special Missions Offering

Scout Sunday

Coffee Hour following Sunday

February 11~12 Immanuel's 257th Birthday Weekend

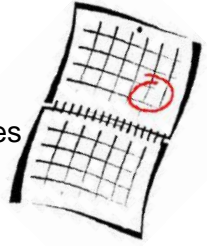
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Sunday, February 26 Transfiguration Service at 9am

Receiving of New Members

Wednesday, March 1 Ash Wednesday Service at 7pm

March 4~5 Lent begins



Immanuel serves 'Table of Grace' at Grace Lutheran Church in Westminster on Tuesday, January 31st. Please join us anytime you can (from 10 and 2) as we make lunch, serve food to the clients and clean up. If you can't help on Tuesday, then consider donating a baked good (homemade or store bought). The clients love pies and desserts with icing. Bring items to Church on Monday – leave in the office or on kitchen counter by 'ToG' signs. We will pick up and take with us on Tuesday morning.

Carroll County Youth Service Bureau will be holding our second *Substance Use/Abuse Parent Education workshop* on Tues, February 7th from 5 - 7:30pm. This workshop is FREE and geared toward parents and caregivers of adolescents who want to know more about signs/symptoms of substance use and abuse, effects of substance use, resources in the community, and ways to intervene/talk with your teenagers about substances and peer pressure. Flyer posted on bulletin board. Contact Rachel Greenberg, LGPC, to register by Friday February 3.

Italian Dinner time! Join us on Saturday, February 25th at 5:30pm (snow date of March 4th) for our annual Italian Dinner to support our Sunday School classes.

Ticket sign-up sheet is in the rear of the sanctuary, and tickets are only \$5 for adults and youth under 5 are free! Dinner will include salad, bread, spaghetti or lasagna, dessert and drinks. We will have meatless options as well as gluten free options. We look forward to serving you at our fun and delicious dinner!



To start our Lenten season is our pancake supper on Shrove Tuesday, February 28th at 6pm. We will serve sausages, pancakes (blueberry, choc chip, plain) and fasnachts. Plan now to bring your family to Immanuel on Shrove Tuesday to eat and talk about what you might be planning to do this Lenten season. There is a sheet in the back of the church – sign up to attend and to volunteer. As always, we thank you for your help.



LENTEN SOUP, STUDY, AND WORSHIP

Immanuel Church (IELC) and Trinity United Church of Christ (TUCC) will share a meal, study, and worship together on Wednesdays during Lent.

On Ash Wednesday, we will have a day and an evening time to gather. Starting with Soup/Study (at noon and 6pm) followed by a Worship Service with Disposition of Ashes and Communion (at 1pm and 7pm).

We will continue to offer a day and an evening time to gather for the following Wednesdays during Lent. Each of these gatherings will be for an hour, starting at noon and at 6pm. The schedule is as follows:

Wednesday Date	Location	Day Time	Evening Time
Ash Wednesday, March 1	IELC	12pm Soup/Study 1pm Worship Svs	6pm Soup/Study 7pm Worship Svs
March 8	IELC	12pm	6pm
March 15	TUCC	12pm	6pm
March 22	IELC	12pm	6pm
March 29	TUCC	12pm	6pm
April 5	IELC	12pm	6pm

If you wish to be participate in the Mid-Week Lenten service, please alert the Pastor or Rachel by Tuesday, February 14. This number is needed for meal planning and to order books. We will use the book *A World Worth Saving: Lenten Spiritual Practices for Action*. Your cost is \$10 for each book.

Although it is not necessary to attend all the mid-week gathering, we hope that you will be able to attend most of them. These mid-week times of study and reflection will be in place of regularly scheduled Bible Study.

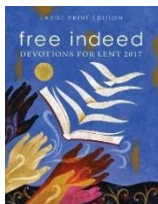
SPECIAL ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

Our worship on Ash Wednesday will include the option of walking a labyrinth. The labyrinth goes back 5,000 years or more. Beginning in the Middle Ages, Christianity adopted the labyrinth as a symbol, changing the design to imbue it with specifically Christian meaning.

The labyrinth will be built from food cans which will be donated to NESAP and Tree of Friends Foodbanks. Please bring your cans (lots of them) to church by Sunday, February 19. Cans should not be expired. Suggested canned items (to be used for Easter food baskets for NESAP) are as follows:

Baked Beans and Other Beans	Green Beans	Peas
Tuna, Salmon, Spam, Chicken	Corn	Carrots
Spaghetti-o's, Ravioli, etc.	Gravy/Broth	Fruit
Cranberry Sauce	Spaghetti Sauce	Soup

In celebration of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation this year, congregations are focusing on Luther's Small Catechism during the season of Lent. Pastor Charlie will use the Catechism in his sermons. A special Lenten devotional book based on the Catechism, "Free Indeed" is available for individual use. Order slips for the pocket (\$2) or large-print (\$5) editions are being handed out during worship, so we will know how many to order from church. You can get an e-book (\$2) version by searching for "Free Indeed" on smile.amazon.com for Kindle, barnesandnoble.com for Nook, or books.google.com for Google version. You can order a print version directly from augsborgfortress.org.



NEW MISSIONARY SPONSORSHIP

We are pleased to announce that we entered an ELCA Global Mission Covenant to sponsor an overseas missionary. Rev. Wal Reat serves in South Sudan among the refugees in several refugee camps along the border between South Sudan and Ethiopia. What an honor it is for us to help bring the love of Jesus to one of the places on earth where people are most in need of hope and good news!



Please keep Rev. Wal in your prayers, and watch future issues of the Visitor and bulletin for missionary updates from him, as well as a monthly mission offering.

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 \$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.

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

HELP WANTED

Immanuel Church needs you.

Are you willing to share some of your time and talent assisting your congregation?

If you have computer skills- Immanuel is in search of a member willing to update the church website, when needed.

Immanuel also needs a person willing to publicize our church and our activities in the local newspapers.

Both of these tasks can be done in the comfort of your own home and would require minimal time.

Contact Pastor Charlie or Brenda Wulforst today!

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

No experience is needed! 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, but could participate occasionally during the year, please contact:

Jerry Hoffman (Organist/Choir Director) **Audrey Moose** (Chime Director)

Wayne Thomas (Luther Men) **Amanda Yingling** (Children's Choir)

- **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.



Registration for Summer Camp at Mar-Lu-Ridge, an Outdoor Ministry of the ELCA, 3200 Mar Lu Ridge Road, Jefferson, MD 21755, is now open! There are camps available for a variety of interests, including horseback riding, hammock camping, night owls, sports, arts, cooking, and so much more! Mar-Lu-Ridge Summer Camp offers day and night residential camp opportunities for ages 6-17, plus Family Camp and Grand Adventure. Descriptions of each camp is online at mlr@mar-lu-ridge.org. You can visit the camp and meet the staff, at an Open House on March 26, April 30 or May 21 from 2-4 pm.

This year Immanuel Church is blessed to have a member of the congregation who volunteered to support Mar Lu Ridge. This member will pay tuition for up to 30 children this summer. Please note that this offer is being extended outside the doors of Immanuel Lutheran Church. **Registrations must be to the Church Office by Feb 15** and will be processed on a first come, first serve basis.

Receipt of the Registration Form will secure a spot for your child at the requested camp. Mar-Lu-Ridge will send confirmation email and request the other required forms (including a doctor signed physical).

If you have any questions or need assistance, contact Brenda Wulforst, Council President, Rachel Murphy, Office Manager or Pastor Charlie.

Immanuel Church Sponsors #320

Pack 320 will have their Blue and Gold Banquet on Sunday Feb 19th at 1pm in the Social Hall. The Blue and Gold Banquet is really a birthday dinner for the whole Scouting program. It is usually held during the month of February, the anniversary month of the Boy Scouts of America. The Cub Scouts annual celebration gets its name from the Cub Scout colors. The Blue stands for truth, spirituality, steadfast loyalty, and the blue sky above. The Gold stands for warm sunlight, good cheer and happiness.

During the Banquet the Webelo II Scouts will "cross over" to Boy Scouts. The five boys crossing over have worked together since the 1st grade as Cub Scouts and will each earn their Arrow of Light Award, the highest award for Cub Scouts. The Webelo II's moving on to Boy Scouts are

Ryan Edwards, Samuel Hoke, Bradley Livesay,
Hunter Livingston and Kyle Robinson

Congratulations to the boys for their hard work and dedication to Pack 320!

Next Weekend:

The February Monthly Mission is Habitat for Humanity of Carroll County. Their Mission Statement is "Seeking to put Gods Love into action, bringing people together to build homes, communities and Hope!" Habitat is an international organization with programs around the country, including right here in Carroll County.

Next weekend is Scout Sunday. Our Coffee Hour on Sunday, Feb 5th will honor our Scouts. They have been an important part of Immanuel for many years and continue to help whenever they are needed for events and projects. So come down to the Social Hall after our service and take some time to talk to these young men and their families.

Please remember in your prayers:

Jeff Dell (parkinsons)	Jenni Roiser	Anna Krauss
*Walter Ruby	Deborah Moose	Jamie Walker
*Ardice Holbrook	Loretta Hanson	Al Phillips
Ann Trent	Nancy Rohrback	Brenda Kiler Perry
Cary Myers	Tomi Unkle	Ethel Hunt
Gail Brown	*Pat Diserod	Phyllis Zumbun
Fred Davies	Elissa Snedeker	Nicolas Campbell
Stella Gary	Carolyn Kittelberger	Cheryl Myers
Reid Ronayne	Ulli Woschitz	Leann Eltz
Dorinda Smith	Kelly McNeal	Linda Calhoun
Ann Miller	Greg Losiewski	Carolyn Hamlet
*Dolly Ruby	John Leitner	Terry Sutton
Jan Rhoten	Carter Murphy	Jennifer Bortner
Robert Rhoten	*Carl Krauss	Leroy Mullins
Joey Morris	*Romaine Harper	Gary Eppley
Anna Warehime	*Debra Hartlaub	Audrey Moose
*Ginny Sellers	*Paulyne Hartlaub	George Colonna
Dervilla Hynes	Tommy Leonard	Larry Hentz
Kelcie Gavin	Margaret Graham	Barbara Johnson
Lisa Wulforst	Brian Haga	Danny Myers
	Darcie Robinson	Donnie Gonzalez
	Richard Sterner	

Family of William Wells

*Pastoral Care list

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

Those serving in the military:

Brett Richardson Matthew Swain Kyle Pasta David Mace

If you wish to send a card to Audrey, her address is:

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