

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, February 4, 2017
Sunday, February 5, 2017
Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
Scout 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 Feb 4
Head Usher	Jeanne Swain
Greeter	Janis Hagert
Lector	Judy Bixler
Offering Ushers	Janis Hagert Rodgers Hagert
Communion	Judy Bixler

	Sun Feb 5 Scout Sunday
Head Usher	Amanda Yingling
Altar Guild	Laurie Miller Steve Miller
Greeters and Offering Ushers	Tyler Jaworski Shaun Pavelik Bradley Livesay Eric Wolf
Lectors	Colten Feezer Shaun Pavelik Joe Poore
Communion Stewards	Frank Burnette Susan Burnette Norman Downes Debbie Hebrank
Acolytes	Jordan Bosnick Austin Gregg
Crucifer	Pete Wulforst
Pray w/ Pastor	Denise Rickell
Bell Ringer	Gene Yingling

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. Lord God, with endless mercy you receive the prayers of all who call upon you. By your Spirit show us the things we ought to do, and give us the grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

SCOUT CEREMONY

NEWS FROM OUR SCOUT TROOP AND CUB PACK

MONTHLY MISSION OFFERING

Habitat for Humanity of Carroll County

FIRST READING

Isaiah 58:1-12

¹Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet!
Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins.
²Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways,
as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake
the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments, they delight
to draw near to God. ³“Why do we fast, but you do not see?
Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?”
Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day,
and oppress all your workers.
⁴Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight
and to strike with a wicked fist.
Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high.
⁵Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself?
Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush,
and to lie in sackcloth and ashes?
Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the LORD?
⁶Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice,
to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free,
and to break every yoke?
⁷Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless
poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them,
and not to hide yourself from your own kin?
⁸Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall
spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you,
the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.

⁹Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry for help,
and he will say, Here I am. If you remove the yoke from among you,
the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,
¹⁰if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,
then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday.
¹¹The LORD will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched
places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden,
like a spring of water, whose waters never fail.
¹²Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of
many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach,
the restorer of streets to live in.
The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

Psalm 112:1-9

¹Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the LORD
and have great delight in God's commandments!
²**Their descendants will be mighty in the land;
the generation of the upright will be blessed.**
³Wealth and riches will be in their house,
and their righteousness will last forever.
⁴**Light shines in the darkness for the upright;
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.**
⁵It is good for them to be generous in lending
and to manage their affairs with justice.
⁶**For they will never be shaken;
the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.**
⁷They will not be afraid of any evil rumors;
their heart is steadfast, trusting in the LORD.
⁸**Their heart is established and will not shrink,
until they see their desire upon their enemies.**
⁹They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands fast
forever; they will hold up their head with honor.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 2:1-12

¹When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. ²For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. ³And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. ⁴My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, ⁵so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

⁶Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. ⁷But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. ⁸None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. ⁹But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him"—

¹⁰these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. ¹¹For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. ¹²Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God. But we have the mind of Christ.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL

Matthew 5:13-20

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ¹³“You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

¹⁴“You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. ¹⁵No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

¹⁷“Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. ¹⁸For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Next Week's Readings: February 6~12

Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Psalm 119:1-8; 1 Corinthians 3:1-9; Matthew 5:21-37

++ CALENDAR ++

Sun Feb 5	Mission Special Offering <i>Worship Service w Communion</i> <i>Sunday School</i> <i>Baby Sunday School</i> <i>Coffee Hour</i> <i>Adult Bible Study</i> Confirmation Class	<i>9:00am</i> <i>10:15am</i> <i>10:15am</i> <i>10:15am</i> <i>10:30am</i> 6:30pm
Mon Feb 6	AA AI-Anon	8:00pm 8:00pm
Tues Feb 7	*Bible Study at Pastors Home Cub and Boy Scout Meeting	7:00pm 7:00pm
Wed Feb 8	Finance Meeting AA	7:00pm 7:15pm
Thur Feb 9	Chime Practice Choir Practice	6:00pm 7:00pm
Fri Feb 10	Pastor Day Off AA and AI-Anon	 8:00pm
Sat Feb 11	<i>Worship Service w Communion</i> AA	<i>5:00pm</i> 6:30pm
Sun Feb 12	<i>Worship Service w Communion</i> <i>Sunday School</i> <i>Adult Bible Study</i> Confirmation Class	<i>9:00am</i> <i>10:15am</i> <i>10:30am</i> 6:30pm

*Bible Study changed from Wed night to Tuesday night.

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Lessons and Prayers are sponsored
in memory of My Parents, Milton E and Naomi B Snyder,
on their Wedding Anniversary
by Dessie Ann Hann

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We welcome **Troop 320** to Immanuel for our annual **Scout Sunday**. This Boy Scout troop has been sponsored by Immanuel for over 80+ years. The scouts greeted you with a bulletin as you arrived, will serve as the lectors and will be the offering ushers. Members of the Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts along with their leaders will present a brief ceremony and update the congregation on their many activities for the year. Please join them at our monthly coffee hour following worship this morning!

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:

2/5	1 Corinthians 3:1-15
2/6	1 Corinthians 3:16-23
2/7	1 Corinthians 4:1-13
2/8	1 Corinthians 4:14-21
2/9	1 Corinthians 6:12-20
2/10	1 Corinthians 7:17-31
2/11	1 Corinthians 8:1-13



WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Tom & Ardice Holbrook
February 7, 1970

Chris & Debbie Miller
February 14

Bobby & Susan Yingling
February 17

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Sam Guthrie
Earl Nace
Luther Myers
Katie Martin
Sarah Marshall

Pam Miller
Brenda Murray
Jacob McCarty
Ryleigh Hoffman
Ron Davidson

Brian Yingling
Ellen Stickles
Christian Adami

SAVE THESE DATES!

Today: Weekend Special Missions Offering
Troop 320 Scout Sunday
Coffee Hour following Sunday

February 11~12: Immanuel's 257th Birthday Weekend
Archives Gallery Walk following services

Sunday, Feb 26: Transfiguration Service at 9am
Receiving of New Members and Reception

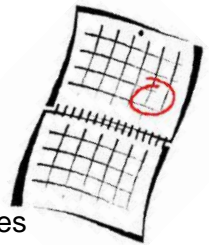
Tuesday, Feb 28: Shrove Tuesday Panckacke Supper at 6pm

Wed, March 1: Ash Wednesday Services

Soup/Study at 12noon and 6pm

Worship w Imposition of Ashes and Communion at 1pm and 7pm

March 4~5: Season of Lent begins at 5pm and 9am services



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.

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.

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 to bring your family to Immanuel on Shrove



**SHROVE
TUESDAY**

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 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 Svcs	6pm Soup/Study 7pm Worship Svcs
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. RSVP 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.**

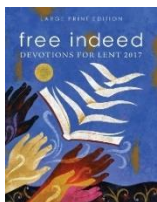
Although it is not necessary to attend all the mid-week gathering, we hope you will be able to attend most of them. These mid-week times of study and reflection will be in place of regularly scheduled Bible Study.

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:

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| 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 |



Free Indeed Lenten Devotional in celebration of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation.

A special Lenten devotional book, **Free Indeed**, focusing on Martin Luther's Small Catechism is available for your individual use. Pastor Charlie will use the Catechism during his sermons. Yellow Order Slips can be found on the back center radiator to be completed for your order. Complete the needed information of Pocket Edition (\$2 each) or Large-Print Edition (\$5 each) with your payment. Place your order in the supplied envelopes in the M&W basket on the lamp table in the church office. **DEADLINE is this weekend, February 4th-5th.** You will be notified to pick-up your order at church when it arrives before Ash Wednesday. Thank you.

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 is now open! There are camps available for a variety of interests, for ages 6-17, plus Family Camp and Grand Adventure.

Descriptions of each camp are 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.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED IN OUR COMMUNITY!!!

Are you looking for an easy and rewarding way to serve your community? Look no further, as *Meals on Wheels of Central Maryland* is seeking caring, reliable people to help deliver meals to your homebound neighbors. Give us 1 hour of your time to deliver nutritious meals on a Monday, Wednesday, or Friday between 11am and 1pm. In sharing a smile along with a little of your time you will make a lasting difference in the life of a homebound senior. To get started please call Volunteer Services at 443-573-0925 or email us at volunteer@mowcm.org.

Visit us at www.mealsonwheelsmd.org

to apply online and to view all volunteer opportunities.



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!

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 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,
Immanuel Web Site, and the Church Phone Message.

Whenever possible, cancelled services will be rescheduled and will be announced via Facebook, Website and Church Phone Message.

Please remember in your prayers:

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

*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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