

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 25, 2017
Sunday, February 26, 2017
Transfiguration 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 Feb 25 |
|------------------------|----------------------------|
| Head Usher | Jen Edwards |
| Greeter | Linda Black |
| Lector | Luther Myers |
| Offering Ushers | Judy Bixler Linda Black |
| Communion | Jeanne Swain |
| Supply Pastor | Laura Russell |

| | Sun Feb 26 |
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| | Transfiguration |
| Head Usher | Amanda Yingling |
| Altar Guild | Laurie Miller Steve Miller |
| Greeters | Chris Miller Debbie Miller |
| Lector | Carolyn Hamlet |
| Offering Ushers | Barbara Guthrie John Popp Todd Robinson Ernest Weiss |
| Communion Stewards | Susan Burnette Jo Fleck Joe Fleck Audrey Shaffer |
| Acolytes~ Torchbearers | Tanner Eckhardt Austin Gregg |
| Crucifer | Ashton Eckhardt |
| Pray w/ Pastor | Connie Dattilio |
| Bell Ringer | Frank Burnette |

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

O God, in the transfiguration of your Son you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the witness of Moses and Elijah, and in the voice from the bright cloud declaring Jesus your beloved Son, you foreshadowed our adoption as your children. Make us heirs with Christ of your glory, and bring us to enjoy its fullness, 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

Exodus 24:12-18

¹²The LORD said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.” ¹³So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. ¹⁴To the elders he had said, “Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.”

¹⁵Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. ¹⁶The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. ¹⁷Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. ¹⁸Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

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

PSALM

Psalms 2

¹Why are the nations in an uproar?

Why do the peoples mutter empty threats?

²Why do the kings of the earth rise up in revolt, and the princes plot together, against the LORD and against the LORD’s anointed?

³“Let us break their yoke,” they say; “let us cast off their bonds from us.”

⁴God whose throne is in heaven is laughing;

the LORD holds them in derision.

⁵Then in wrath God speaks to them, and in rage fills them with terror.

⁶“As for me, I have anointed my king upon Zion, my holy mountain.”

⁷Let me announce the decree of the LORD,

who said to me, “You are my son; this day have I begotten you.

⁸Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for your inheritance and the ends of the earth for your possession.

⁹You shall crush them with an iron rod
and shatter them like a piece of pottery.”

¹⁰**And now, you kings, be wise; be warned, you rulers of the earth.**

¹¹Submit to the LORD with fear, and with trembling bow in worship;

¹²**lest the LORD be angry, and you perish in a sudden blaze of wrath.**

Happy are all who take refuge in God!

SECOND READING

2 Peter 1:16-21

¹⁶For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. ¹⁷For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, “This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”

¹⁸We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

¹⁹So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. ²⁰First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one’s own interpretation, ²¹because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

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

GOSPEL

Matthew 17:1-9

The holy gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. ²And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. ³Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴Then Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” ⁵While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, “This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!” ⁶When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. ⁷But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Get up and do not be afraid.” ⁸And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

⁹As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, “Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.”

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

Next Week's Readings: Feb 27~March 5 Lent 1

Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7; Psalm 32; Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11

++ CALENDAR ++

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| Sun Feb 26 | Transfiguration of Our Lord Worship Service w Communion Sunday School Adult Bible Study Confirmation Class | 9:00am 10:15am 10:30am 6:30pm |
| Mon Feb 27 | AA AI-Anon | 8:00pm 8:00pm |
| Tues Feb 28 | Centering Prayer in Oak Tree Room Shrove Tuesday – Pancake Supper Cub and Boy Scout Meeting | 11:00am 6:00pm 7:00pm |
| Wed Mar 1 | Ash Wednesday Soup/Study Worship Service Soup/Study Worship Service AA | 12:00pm 1:00pm 6:00pm 7:00pm 7:15pm |
| Thur Mar 2 | Pastor on Retreat (during day) Choir Practice | 7:00pm |
| Fri Mar 3 | Pastor Day Off AA and AI-Anon | 8:00pm |
| Sat Mar 4 | Special Mission Offering Worship Service w Communion AA | 5:00pm 6:30pm |
| Sun Mar 5 | Special Mission Offering Worship Service w Communion Sunday School Baby Sunday School Coffee Hour Adult Bible Study Confirmation Class | 9:00am 10:15am 10:15am 10:15am 10:30am 6:30pm |

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We welcome seminarian Laura Russell to our pulpit on Saturday evening. Pastor Charlie 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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Donation received
in memory of Joe Milton and Naomi Snyder
from Dessie Ann Hann

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TODAY, Lutherans observe the Feast of the Transfiguration.

This festival is a bridge between the Advent-Christmas-Epiphany cycle that comes to a close today and the Lenten-Easter cycle that begins on Ash Wednesday, March 1st.

On the mount of transfiguration, Jesus is revealed as God's beloved Son, echoing the words at his baptism. This vision of glory sustains us as Jesus faces his impending death in Jerusalem. We turn this week to Ash Wednesday and our yearly baptismal journey from Lent to Easter. We, at Immanuel, will put aside 'the alleluia', at the conclusion of today's liturgy. This word of joy will be omitted during the penitential season of Lent and will be sung again at Easter.

The Altar Vases are **unsponsored** for this weekend's services, **Feb 25/26**. Please contact Altar Guild if you would like to take one or both vases of flowers after the service. The flowers will be bagged for your easy transport. Thank you.

Next weekend:

- Coffee Hour on Sunday, March 5.
- Special Offering collected for monthly mission. Our mission for March is the South Sudan Missionary being supported by Immanuel through the ELCA Global Outreach.

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.

FEBRUARY 2017 LECTIONARY SERIES CONTINUES...

| Week of: | First Reading | Psalm | Second Reading | Gospel |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------|
| Jan 30~Feb 5 | Isaiah 58:1-12 | Psalm 112:1-10 | 1 Corinthians 2:1-16 | Matthew 5:13-20 |
| February 6~12 | Deuteronomy 30:15-20 | Psalm 119:1-8 | 1 Corinthians 3:1-9 | Matthew 5:21-37 |
| February 13~19 | Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18 | Psalm 119:33-40 | 1 Corinthians 3:10-11, 16-23 | Matthew 5:38-48 |
| February 20~26 Transfiguration | Exodus 24:12-18 | Psalm 2 | 2 Peter 1:16-21 | Matthew 17:1-9 |
| Feb 27~March 5 Lent 1 | Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7 | Psalm 32 | Romans 5:12-19 | Matthew 4:1-11 |

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. I enjoyed both the reading and the interaction with you on Facebook. It was 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: 2/26 1 Corinthians 15:29-34

2/27 1 Corinthians 15:35-49

2/28 1 Corinthians 15:50-58



Our focus during Lent will be Martin Luther's Small Catechism, following the devotional book *Free Indeed!*. Daily readings will be from the book, and I will continue the Facebook group to share my comments and stimulate online conversation. ~Pastor Charlie

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:

Transfiguration Service at 9am

Tues, Feb 28:

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper at 6pm (Social Hall)

Wed, March 1:

Ash Wednesday Service at Immanuel

Soup/Study at 12noon and 6pm

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

March 4~5:

Lent 1

Wed, March 8:

Lenten Wednesdays @ Immanuel

Soup/Study at 12noon and 6pm

March 11~12:

Lent 2

Spring forward – Daylight Savings Time begins on Sunday at 2am

Wed, March 15:

Lenten Wednesday @ Trinity UCC

Soup/Study 12noon and 6pm

March 18~19:

Lent 3

Wed, March 22:

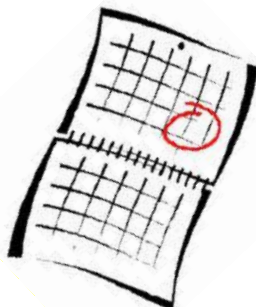
Lenten Wednesday @ Immanuel

Soup/Study 12noon and 6pm

March 25~26:

Lent 4

Easter Lily Orders begin



2017 ALTAR FLOWERS ~ LESSONS & PRAYERS SPONSORSHIP

New Sponsorship Option: The altar vases are budgeted for every weekend. However, should you not wish to sponsor both vases, **you may now sponsor only one vase for \$25.** (Both vases will still be on the altar) **Co-Sponsor** with a family member or a friend to split the cost. Sponsorship forms and envelopes are found on the FLOWER SPONSORSHIP bulletin board in the office hallway. Your written information, with your payment, must be received by 12 noon of the Wednesday prior to your reserved sponsorship date to insure inclusion in the weekly bulletin. Sign-up often for your sponsorship dates. Contact Altar Guild with questions.

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

Sponsorship Dates OPEN:

- **Wed. March 1** Lessons & Prayers
(Ash Wednesday)
- **March 4-5** Altar Vase(s) ~ Center Arrangement ~ Lessons & Prayers
- **March 18-19** Altar Vase(s) ~ Center Arrangement ~ Lessons & Prayers
- **March 25-26** Altar Vase(s) ~ Center Arrangement ~ Lessons & Prayers

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED IN OUR COMMUNITY !!

Meals on Wheels of Central Maryland is seeking caring, reliable people to help deliver meals to your homebound neighbors. Give 1 hour of your time to deliver nutritious meals on a Monday, Wednesday, or Friday between 11am and 1pm. 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.

Princess Pillowcase Project makes dresses out of pillowcases, sheets and fabric for local missionary groups to deliver. We meet every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month at the *North Carroll Senior Center* from 9am to 2:30pm. We iron, sew, cut, organize, make kits and bind and pack ...
...so there is always a job for everyone!!

Our upcoming dates are March 8 and March 22.

Our pancake supper is on Shrove Tuesday, Feb 28th at 6pm. We will serve sausages, pancakes (blueberry, choc chip, plain) and fastnachts. Plan to bring your family to Immanuel on Shrove Tuesday to enjoy a great meal. Use this time to talk about what you plan to do this Lenten season: you may be planning to attend the mid-week services or volunteering to help people in need or some other outreach project that is important to you.



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 start 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 for the Wednesdays during Lent. Each of the gatherings are 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 |

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.



We need your help –

If you are interested in donating soup for our Lenten Suppers, then please contact the Church Office or Rhonda Kiler.

Ash Wednesday Worship Assistants

| | March 1 at 1pm | March 1 at 7pm |
|---------------------------|--|---|
| Head Usher | ----- | Amanda Yingling |
| Altar Guild | ----- | Sandy Voight |
| Greeters | Betty Miller Kathryn Register | Judy Bixler Linda Black |
| Lector | Pete Wulforst | Todd Robinson |
| Offering Ushers | ----- Audrey Shaffer Rhonda Kiler ----- | Frank Burnette TBD Jeanne Swain TBD |
| Communion Stewards | Brenda Wulforst Pete Wulforst | Susan Burnette Christine Crouch TBD Sandy Voight |
| Acolytes | ----- | Ashton Eckhardt Tanner Eckhardt |
| Pray w/ Pastor | ----- | Denise Rickell |
| Bell Ringer | ----- | Frank Burnette |

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.

HELP WANTED

Immanuel Church needs you.

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

Immanuel is in search of a member willing to update the church website, when needed.

Immanuel also needs a person 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.

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

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** holds weekly practices on Thursdays from 7-8pm
- **Chime Choir** holds weekly practice on Thursdays beginning at 6pm
- **The Luther Men** sing four times a year
- **The Children's Choir** sing quarterly

More information on our *Music Ministry Bulletin Board* in the office hallway.

Mark your Calendars for these upcoming meetings and events from the *Carroll County Health Department*: Opioid Prevention Coalition Meetings
9:00 am on **March 8, 2017** May 10, 2017 July 12, 2017

Carroll County Opioid
Prevention Coalition

www.clearthecabinet.com

Carroll County Coalition
Against Underage Drinking

www.carroll-coalition.org

Carroll County Health Department 410-876-4802
Bureau of Prevention, Wellness and Recovery
290 S. Center Street Westminster, MD 21157

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)
*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
Joey Morris
Anna Warehime
*Ginny Sellers
Dervilla Hynes
Kelcie Gavin
Lisa Wulforst
Jenni Roiser
Deborah Moose
Loretta Hanson

Elissa Snedeker
Carolyn Kittelberger
Ulli Woschitz
Kelly McNeal
Greg Losiewski
John Leitner
Carter Murphy
*Carl Krauss
*Romaine Harper
*Debra Hartlaub
*Paulyne Hartlaub
Tommy Leonard
Darcie Robinson
Richard Sterner
Anna Krauss
Jamie Walker
Al Phillips
Brenda Kiler Perry
Ethel Hunt
Phyllis Zumbrun
Nicolas Campbell
Cheryl Myers
Leann Eltz
Linda Calhoun

Terry Sutton
Jennifer Bortner
Gary Eppley
Audrey Moose
George Colonna
Larry Hentz
Barbara Johnson
Danny Myers
Donnie Gonzalez
Joe Hunter
Dick Hebrank
Fred Ayers
Connie Dattilio
Bart Walder
Esther Miller
Bob Shaffer
Mark Strawbridge
Ryan Whitehead
Joan Shifrin
Barb Twigg

*Pastoral Care list

Family of Anna Warehime, including husband Donald
(sister-in-law of Dale)

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

Those serving in the military:

Brett Richardson Matthew Swain Kyle Pasta David Mace

Nancy Rohrback Carolyn Hamlet
*Pat Diserod



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