

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, March 11, 2017
Sunday, March 12, 2017
Second Sunday in Lent

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 March 11
Head Usher	Susan Burnette
Greeter	Charlotte Hann
Lector	Luther Myers
Offering Ushers	Charlotte Hann Walter Hann
Communion	Susan Burnette

	Sun March 12
Head Usher	Todd Robinson
Altar Guild	Rhonda Kiler Betty Miller
Greeters	Jane Taylor Delores Whitehead
Lector	Bob Nicoll
Offering Ushers	Debbie Mace Steve Mace Brenda Murray Brenda Wulforst
Communion Stewards	Susan Burnette Rhonda Kiler Sandy Voight Bart Walder
Acolytes	Ashton Eckhardt Tanner Eckhardt
Pray w/ Pastor	Bob Nicoll
Bell Ringer	Bart Walder

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.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

O God, our leader and guide, in the waters of baptism you bring us to new birth to live as your children. Strengthen our faith in your promises, that by your Spirit we may lift up your life to all the world through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

FIRST READING

Genesis 12:1-4a

¹The LORD said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. ²I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

^{4a}So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 121

¹I lift up my eyes to the hills; from where is my help to come?

²**My help comes from the LORD, the maker of heaven and earth.**

³The LORD will not let your foot be moved
nor will the one who watches over you fall asleep.

⁴**Behold, the keeper of Israel will neither slumber nor sleep;**

⁵the LORD watches over you;
the LORD is your shade at your right hand;

⁶**the sun will not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.**

⁷The LORD will preserve you from all evil and will keep your life.

⁸**The LORD will watch over your going out and your coming in,
from this time forth forevermore.**

SECOND READING

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

¹What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? ²For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. ³For what does the scripture say?

“Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.”

⁴Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. ⁵But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

¹³For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

¹⁶For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, ¹⁷as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”)—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

John 3:1-17

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ²He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” ³Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.”

⁴Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?”

⁵Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ ⁸The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.”

⁹Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” ¹⁰Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

¹¹“Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. ¹²If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

¹⁷“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

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Next Week’s Readings: March 13~19 Lent 3

Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 95; Romans 5:1-11; John 4:5-42

WELCOME to the season of Lent at Immanuel. In the early church, Lent was a time of '*intense preparation*' for those wishing to be baptized at the Easter Vigil. This meaning of faith is at the heart of our Lenten journey to the baptismal waters of Easter. Hungry for God's mercy, we will receive the 'bread of life' to nourish us for the days ahead.

In today's gospel, Jesus tells Nicodemus that he must be born of water and Spirit. At the font, we are given a new birth as sons and daughters of God. As God made a covenant with Abraham, in baptism God promises to raise us up with Christ to new life. From worship, we are sent forth to proclaim God's love for all the world.

++ CALENDAR ++

Sun Mar 12	Worship Service w Communion Sunday School Adult Bible Study Confirmation Class	9:00am 10:15am 10:30am 6:30pm
Mon Mar 13	AA AI-Anon Office Closed	8:00pm 8:00pm
Tues Mar 14	Centering Prayer in Oak Tree Room Council Meeting Cub and Boy Scout Meeting	11:00am 7:00pm 7:00pm
Wed Mar 15	Lenten Soup/Study at Trinity Lenten Soup/Study at Trinity Stephen Ministry AA	12:00pm 6:00pm 7:00pm 7:15pm
Thur Mar 16	Choir Practice	7:00pm
Fri Mar 17	Pastor Day Off Social Hall Reserved AA and AI-Anon Office Closed	8:00pm
Sat Mar 18	Social Hall Reserved Worship Service w Communion AA	5:00pm 6:30pm
Sun Mar 19	Worship Service w Communion Sunday School Adult Bible Study Confirmation Class	9:00am 10:15am 10:30am 6:30pm

Altar vases are sponsored
 in honor of Doris Dell's birthday March 9th
 from Randy, Kim & Casey Dell and Jeff, Podi, Joe & Janie Dell

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Center arrangement flowers are sponsored
 in honor of Doris Dell's birthday March 9th
 from Doris Weeks, Dave, Cathy, Lucy and Janie Walton

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Lessons and Prayers are lovingly presented
 in honor of the birthday of our daughter, Jennifer, on March 12th
 by her parents, Arice and Tom Holbrook

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Donation received through Thrivent
 from Robert and Susan Yingling

NESAPs Annual Report to the Community will be presented THIS AFTERNOON, March 12 from 2 to 3pm at St Marks Lutheran Church in Hampstead. The 2017 Budget, NESAPs community assistance programs and impact on our neighbors will be reported.

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.

MARCH 2017 LECTIONARY SERIES CONTINUES...

Week of:	First Reading	Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel
March 1 Ash Wednesday	Joel 2:1-2,12-17	Psalm 51:1-17	2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10	Matthew 6:1-6,16-21
Feb 27~March 5 Lent 1	Genesis 2:15-17 Genesis 3:1-7	Psalm 32	Romans 5:12-19	Matthew 4:1-11
March 6~12 Lent 2	Genesis 12:1-4a	Psalm 121	Romans 4:1-5,13-17	John 3:1-17
March 13~19 Lent 3	Exodus 17:1-7	Psalm 95	Romans 5:1-11	John 4:5-42
March 20~26 Lent 4	1 Samuel 16:1-13	Psalm 23	Ephesians 5:8-14	John 9:1-41
March 27~April 2	Ezekiel 37:1-14	Psalm 130	Romans 8:6-11	John 11:1-45

Pastor Charlie's Bible Challenge 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) 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

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Walter & Charlotte Hann March 5, 1966 John & Mary Popp March 5

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Meghan Lee	Audrey Shaffer	Logan Reiley
Greg Miller	Pat Hentz	Bryan Lopata
Iva Martin	Jennifer Holbrook	Susan Adami
Ketti McCarty	Jared Patterson	Brittany Trott
Janis Hagert	Dolly Ruby	Henry Adami
Heather Hoffman	Matthew Rooney	Dana Martin
John Taylor	Dave Robinson	Jennifer Biden
Doris Dell	Daphne Lee	Brooks Hoffman
Rodgers Hagert	Laura Kiler	

SAVE THESE DATES!

Today, March 11~12: **Lent 2**

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



Remember when you shop on Amazon.com....

You can help our church by linking your Amazon account to our Church ID. We receive 0.5% proceeds from your purchases. Start with this link: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/52-0729004> then after confirming Immanuel as the Charitable Organization to receive the proceeds, you will then be directed to the 'regular' Amazon webpage. *Happy Shopping!*

"Chasing It" documentary and opioid awareness program on **March 13**, from 6 to 8pm at Carroll Arts Center. *Free and Open to the Public.
Carroll County Health Department 410-876-4802 (Flyer on bulletin board)

Annual **BASKET & BAG**

*Door Prizes & Raffles
including 50/50*



*Generously Filled
Bags & Baskets*

SATURDAY, March 18, 2017

12:00 noon – 4:00 p.m.

Games Begin at 1:00 p.m.

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~ Coming Soon ~

EASTER LILY SALES

March 25 – April 9 **\$10.50** each

Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser on Sat, March 25 from 5pm–7pm in Immanuel's Social Hall to support Boy Scout troop 320 going to Sea Base, (a High Adventure camp) this summer. Can't make it? Donations are welcome!

\$8 per adult, \$5 for children under 10

Dinner includes: spaghetti with (or without) meatballs, salad, bread & dessert.

Tickets must be pre-ordered. Not available at the door.

Contact Maureen at mmladerer@aol.com



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. 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:

- **March 18-19** Altar Vase(s) ~ Center Arrangement ~ Lessons & Prayers
- **March 25-26** Altar Vase(s) ~ Center Arrangement ~ Lessons & Prayers
- **April 1-2** Altar Vase(s) ~ Center Arrangement ~ Lessons & Prayers
- **April 8-9** Altar Vase(s) ~ Center Arrangement (Palm Sunday)

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.

We offer two times for the Wednesdays during Lent. Each of the gatherings are an hour, starting at noon and at 6pm.

The schedule is as follows:

It is not necessary to attend all the mid-week gathering, but we hope you attend most of them.

Wednesday Date	Location	Day Time	Evening Time
March 15	TUCC	12pm	6pm
March 22	IELC	12pm	6pm
March 29	TUCC	12pm	6pm
April 5	IELC	12pm	6pm

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

April 13: Maundy Thursday Agape Meal Communion Service at Immanuel

April 14: Good Friday Trinity and Immanuel are not having joint services, but are inviting each other to our separate services:

- 6:30pm Good Friday Blues Service at Trinity
- 7pm Good Friday Tenebrae Service at Immanuel

April 16: Easter Sunday Easter morning is always a busy morning for most families, especially if you have children. Just trying to get everyone dressed and the children from eating marshmallow bunnies is enough without thinking of what you are going to do for breakfast. So we solved this by having Easter breakfast ready to eat following the 7am service. If you are going to the 9am service, you can eat before you go. Either way it is one thing you do not have to worry about on Easter! You do not have to do anything but enjoy the food and fellowship with others.

Immanuel will supply a delicious breakfast of eggs, pancakes, sausages, and pastries. Please come and celebrate Easter with your church family.

The Spring Dinner Meeting for the Lutheran Church Men of the Westminster Conference is on Mon, April 24 at Trinity Lutheran Church at 6:30pm. A free-will offering will be received for the meal (at least \$12 expected). A short devotion and hymn sing will take place following dinner. Please contact Ed Leister at eleister@qis.net or 410-259-5922 with your reservations or any questions by Sunday, April 9.

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



~ *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** 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-singing on Palm Sunday, Apr 9.

~ **The Children's Choir** sing quarterly-singing on Mother's Day, May 14.

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

Our next Children's Choir performance is on *Mother's Day, May 14*.

Practice times are at 8:15am on: April 2, April 9, April 30, May 7(*only if necessary*), and May 14(*last minute run-through*).

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

Nancy Rohrback
*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
Darcie Robinson
Richard Sterner
Anna Krauss
Jamie Walker
Al Phillips
Brenda Kiler Perry
Ethel Hunt
Phyllis Zumbun
Nicolas Campbell

Cheryl Myers
Leann Eltz
Linda Calhoun
Terry Sutton
Jennifer Bortner
Gary Eppley
Audrey Moose
Barbara Johnson
Joe Hunter
Dick Hebrank
Fred Ayers
Connie Dattilio
Bart Walder
Esther Miller
Bob Shaffer
Mark Strawbridge
Ryan Whitehead
Joan Shifrin
Barb Twigg
BarbaraAnn Goodman

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

Those serving in the military:

Brett Richardson Matthew Swain Kyle Pasta David Mace

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