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, May 6, 2017 Sunday, May 7, 2017 Fourth Sunday of Easter

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 May 6
Head Usher	Todd Robinson
Greeter	Charlotte Hann
Lector	Luther Myers
Offering	Charlotte Hann
Ushers	Walter Hann
Communion	Judy Bixler

Cell Phone / Electronics Announcement Kindly, turn off or silence ALL devices during our services. Thank you.

	Acolyte Appreciation
-	Youth Sunday
Head Usher	Frank Burnette
Altar Guild	Barb Yingling
Altai Guilu	Gene Yingling
Greeters	YOUTH
Lector(s)	YOUTH
Offering Ushers	YOUTH
	Susan Burnette
Communion	Audrey Shaffer
Stewards	Bart Walder
	Barb Yingling
Acolytes ~	Ryan Edwards
Torchbearers	Kyle Robinson
Crucifer	Ashton Eckhardt
Pray w/ Pastor	Connie Dattilio
Bell Ringer	Ernest Weiss

Sun May 7

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 shepherd, you know your sheep by name and lead us to safety through the valleys of death. Guide us by your voice, that we may walk in certainty and security to the joyous feast prepared in your house, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

MONTHLY MISSION SPECIAL OFFERING Rising Above Addiction

FIRST READING Acts 2:42-47

⁴²[The baptized] devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

⁴³Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. ⁴⁴All who believed were together and had all things in common; ⁴⁵they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved. The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM Psalm 23

¹The LORDis my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

²The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.

³You restore my soul, O LORD,

and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

⁴Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

1 Peter 2:19-25

¹⁹It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. ²⁰If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. ²¹For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

²²"He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth." ²³When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. ²⁴He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. ²⁵For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls. The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL John 10:1-10

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] "Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit.

The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

⁷So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. ¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

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Next Week's Readings: May 8~14 Easter 5

Acts 7:55-60; Psalm 31:1-5,15-16; 1 Peter 2:2-10; John 14:1-14



Sun May 7	Missions Special Offering	
	Acolyte Appreciation / Youth Sunday	
	Spring Tea Tickets on Sale	
	Children's Choir Practice	8:15am
	Worship Service w Communion	9:00am
	Sunday School and Baby SS	10:15am
	Adult Bible Study	10:30am
	Mutual Ministry Meeting	11:30am
Mon May 8	AA	8:00pm
	Al-Anon	8:00pm
Tues May 9	Bible Study – Oak Tree Room	11:00am
	Council Meeting	7:00pm
	Cub and Boy Scout Meeting	7:00pm
Wed May 10	Bible Study – Pastors Home	7:00pm
	AA	7:15pm
Thur May 11	Chimes Practice	6:00pm
	Immanuel Softball	6:30pm
	Choir Practice	7:00pm
Fri May 12	Pastor Day Off	
	AA	8:00pm
	Al-Anon	8:00pm
Sat May 13	Faith Health Network Weekend	
	Worship Service w Communion	5:00pm
-	AA	6:30pm
Sun May 14	Mother's Day	
	Faith Health Network Weekend	
	Children's Choir Practice	8:15am
	Worship Service w Communion	9:00am
	Sunday School and Baby SS	10:15am
	Adult Bible Study	10:30am
	Confirmation Class	6:30pm

Altar flowers are sponsored in honor of our granddaughter, Alicia Madelyn Stegmayer, on receiving her first Communion by Bart and Carol Walder

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Center arrangement is sponsored in honor of Fred Ayers 70th Birthday by Mary Ayers

Today is Acolyte Appreciation Sunday. During the service, we will congratulate our valuable acolytes for their continued service to Immanuel. They serve an important bridge between Pastor Charlie and the congregation at every worship service. A special thank you is extended to the following acolytes:

Dylan Andrews Jayden Bosnick Jordan Bosnick Ashton Eckhardt Tanner Eckhardt Ryan Edwards Kvle Robinson Austin Gregg Willis Kiler

Monthly Mission Special Offering collected for Rising Above Addiction Community Foundation of Carroll County sponsored by the Carroll County States Attorney's Office and run by Tracey Kuhns and Tammy Lofink.

Sunday Coffee Hour: Join us in the Social Room after worship service!

Become a part of the Music Ministry of Immanuel!

More information on our Music Ministry Bulletin Board in the office hallway. We currently support four various groups:

~The Sunday Adult Choir ~The Chime Choir

- ~The Children's Choir -"All God's Children" ~The Luther Men

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)

NO EXPERIENCE IS NEEDED

- ~Sunday Adult Choir practices weekly on Thursdays from 7-8pm
- ~Chime Choir practices weekly on <u>Thursdays at 6pm</u>, as needed ~The Luther Men practice quarterly on Sundays following worship
- Sing: Palm Sunday, Red, White & Blue Sunday, Hymn Sing and Advent 3
- ~The Children's Choir sing quarterly Singing on Mother's Day, May 14

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.

SAVE THESE DATES!

Today, May 6~7: Easter 4

Missions Special Offering for 'Rising Above Addiction'

Acolyte Appreciation Sunday ~ Youth Sunday

Sunday Coffee Hour, Social Hall following service

May 13~14: Easter 5

Mother's Day Weekend

Children's Choir provides Sunday special music

May 20~21: Easter 6

May 11 Acts 4:13-22

Church Music Sunday

Spring Tea, Social Hall following morning worship (ticket required)

May 27~28: Ascension Weekend

June 1 ~ 3: DEL-MD Synod Assembly Convention, Ocean City, MD

June 3 ~ 4: Pentecost Weekend Services, Wear RED

Pastor Charlie's Bible Challenge for May: The Book of Acts

On Sunday during the Easter season, we read from the New Testament book of Acts. Beginning in May and continuing into the summer, we will read through this powerful story of the growth of the early church.

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 group, or if you are not on Facebook and would like to receive copies via email of the comments he posts there each day.

May 1 Acts 1:1-11	May 12 Acts 4:23-31	May 23 Acts 8:9-25
May 2 Acts 1: 12-26	May 13 Acts 4:32-37	May 24 Acts 8:26-40
May 3 Acts 2:1-13	May 14 Acts 5:1-11	May 25 Acts 9:1-31
May 4 Acts 2:14-21	May 15 Acts 5:12-26	May 26 Acts 9:32-43
May 5 Acts 2:22-36	May 16 Acts 5:27-42	May 27 Acts 10:1-16
May 6 Acts 2:37-41	May 17 Acts 6:1-7	May 28 Acts 10:17-33
May 7 Acts 2:42-47	May 18 Acts 6:8-15	May 29 Acts 10:34-48
May 8 Acts 3:1-16	May 19 Acts 7:1-22	May 30 Acts 11:1-18
May 9 Acts 3:17-26	May 20 Acts 7:23-43	May 31 Acts 11:19-30
May 10 Acts 4:1-12	May 21 Acts 7:44-60	

May 22 Acts 8:1-8

Trinity Lutheran Church in Taneytown is hosting a concert featuring *Martin Luther Choir* and *Augsburg Bell Choir* of Saint Luke Lutheran Church Silver Spring, MD on <u>Friday May 12 at 7pm</u>.

Mother's Day will be celebrated next Sunday, May 14th. Every woman attending our weekend services on May 13th and 14th, will be given a pink carnation when they arrive! You will be thanked for your loving, supporting and encouraging care in the life of a child. A special 'I Love You, Mom' Tribute is being displayed. If you would like to donate a picture of your mom, grandmother or any other special lady in your life, please enclose with names and comments, in an envelope addressed to Mother's Day Tribute and place them in the Mother's Day Basket on the lamp table of the church office by TODAY, May 7th. Thank you, Music and Worship

Faith Health Network Sunday: May 13-14

Immanuel is now part of the Maryland Faith Health Network! We will be working with LifeBridge Health (Carroll Hospital, Northwest Hospital and Sinai Hospital) to provide spiritual and practical support to members during and following hospital stays.

The purpose of the program is to help you stay healthy after you leave the hospital, and to help Immanuel Church to care for all our members when care is needed most. Pastor Charlie and Judy Bixler are the liaisons at Immanuel. If you join the network and are hospitalized, you can have the church notified, then Pastor or Judy will contact you to learn how you would like us to support you during and after your time in the hospital with things like: personal visits,



phone calls, Holy Communion, prayer support, meals brought to your home, help getting to doctor appointments etc.

We will be officially rolling out the Network here at our worship services <u>May 13 at 5pm</u> and <u>May 14 at 9am</u>. Please spread the word and encourage others to sign up for the Network also.

If you would like to be a Faith Health Network volunteer at Immanuel, please contact the church office and someone will be in touch with you. Finally, please keep this new ministry in your prayers, that it will be one more way in which the healing love of Jesus Christ will touch and transform human lives. Thank you and God bless you!



Well ... we made it thru winter and spring has finally arrived! Now comes the time you start to spring clean (maybe!?) but before that begins, enjoy some time at Immanuel's Spring Tea.

Bring your tea cup and join us on <u>Sunday, May 21</u> in the Social Hall. **Seats are limited!!** Tickets must be purchased in advance – *LAST WEEKEND to get tickets!* On sale in the Sunday School Auditorium, cost is \$8 with children 6 and under free.

*If you have any teapots you could donate, then please bring them in!

CHURCH MUSIC SUNDAY will be observed on **Sunday, May 21**st. Music and Worship will recognize the volunteer time given by the members of the <u>Adult Choir</u>, the <u>Chime Choir</u>, the <u>Luther Men</u>, the <u>Children's Choir</u>, along with their directors and accompanists. Each group dedicates rehearsal time during the week or on Sunday mornings and sacrifices 'family time' during worship to help lead our services. Please join Immanuel's church family as we thank them for sharing their 'spiritual gifts of music'.

Last year the people of our synod saved up their loose change to make a "Noisy Change Offering" to World Hunger. All those little coins added up to more than \$22,000

to help feed hungry people! We are doing it again. Start saving up your loose change and bring it to church **May 27-28** for our Noisy Change Offering. Pastor Charlie will deliver it to the Synod Assembly June 1–2 in Ocean City. If you are away that weekend, drop your change off the weekend before, or at the office during the week.

CALLING ALL 2017 GRADUATES Immanuel would like to congratulate those who will reach an important milestone in their lives ~ **GRADUATION**. If there is a 'graduate' in your family this year, *preschool thru post-graduate*, please provide the needed information.

<u>Information Requested:</u> the graduate's name; family members; grade-level milestone; any special interests; future plans and a photo of the graduate, if available.

Our **Graduates** bulletin board will be displayed during the month of June. Please provide your information by Sunday, May 28th.

'Table of Grace' served at Grace Lutheran on May 30. Please join us on Tuesday. If you are not able to help that day, then consider donating a baked good (homemade or store bought). The clients love pies and desserts with icing. Bring items to Church on Sunday (leave in office or on kitchen counter) or drop off on Monday morning.

20th Anniversary Carroll Lutheran Village Golf Tournament is on Friday, June 2. Rain~or~Shine. 8:30am Tee off at The Links at Gettysburg. Register online now! www.clvillage.org/golf-tournament Contact Monica Burnham with any questions at (443) 605-1068 or mburnham@clvillage.org

Vacation Bible School



Adult VBS Bible Study: June 7 - July 5

We are doing something different this year to prepare for our **Vacation Bible School**. Pastor Charlie will lead a study of this years Bible stories and themes for teachers, staff, parents and others who are interested.

The group will meet **Wednesday evenings**, **June 7–July 5 at 7pm** in the Oak Tree Room. If there is

enough interest in a daytime group as well, we may add one.

Please register in advance for this study, or indicate your interest in a daytime group, by calling the church office or emailing the pastor at pastorc@ielcmd.org.

Kids VBS Week: July 9 - 13

Our theme this year is "Maker Fun Factory", which has some great hands on activities to help us realize we were

"Created by God, Built for a Purpose"!

The first day, Sunday, July 9 will start at 4:30pm for the kickoff! Dinner is served at 5:30pm for the remainder of the week. VBS activities are from 6 to 8pm each night. A presentation on Thursday evening will celebrate our week and share what we have learned – invite your family and friends!

As always, VBS couldn't work without your support. If you would like to volunteer or sign up for donation items, please see the sheets in the rear of the sanctuary or see Jen Edwards for more information. Registration form is in the May Newsletter. You can also print from our website or pickup in the back of the church.

SPECIAL PRIZE FOR EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION: Register by June 1st for a chance to win 2 tickets to the Maryland Science Center!

Frederick Keys Baseball Game on Friday, July 21 at 7pm. If we buy 25 or more tickets, the cost for reserved seats will be:

Adults (ages 13 – 59)- \$10, Seniors (60 & over)- \$7,

Youth (ages 3-12) and Active Military- \$7

Let Robert Miller at Trinity UCC know by May 21, if you are planning to attend and if you are interested in taking a bus. Transportation may be provided and subsidized by the churches attending.

A yard sale is being planned in September, partnering with Trinity UCC! We are accepting donations now, storing the items in the back room of the church downstairs. We are looking for dishes, pots and pans and most



usable household goods. If you have items, please contact Rhonda Kiler 443-340-2357 or Brenda Wulforst 443-507-6753. We are happy to pick up or you can deliver to Immanuel during regular office hours Monday-Friday. If you have questionable items, give us a call and we can talk.

May 2017 LECTIONARIES - For your Home Bible Study

Week of:	First Reading	Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel
May 1~7	Acts	Psalm	1 Peter	John
Easter 4	2:42-47	23	2:19-25	10:1-10
May 8~14	Acts	Psalm	1 Peter	John
Easter 5	7:55-60	31:1-5,15-16	2:2-10	14:1-14
May 15~21	Acts	Psalm	1 Peter	John
Easter 6	17:22-31	66:8-20	3:13-22	14:15-21
May 22~28	Acts	Psalm	Ephesians	Luke
Ascension	1:1-11	47	1:15-23	24:44-53
May 29~June 4	Acts	Psalm	1 Corinthians	John
Pentecost	2:1-21	104:24-34, 35b	12:3b-13	20:19-23



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MAY BIRTHDAYS

Wendy Maloney
Jen Robinson
Linda Gregg
Fred Ayers
Sunshine Cobak
Alice Myers
Stephen Swain

Betty Wildasin
Ellen Linsenbardt
Cheryl Graf
Benjamin Eppley
Pete Wulforst
Tracey Graf
Nancy Hoffman



WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Fred and Mary Ayers May 16
Tom and Shannon Taylor May 21, 2011
Ronald and Janice Martin May 23

2017 ALTAR FLOWERS ~ LESSONS & PRAYERS

New Sponsorship Option: Two 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 CALENDAR bulletin board of the office hallway. Your written information, with your payment, must be received by 12noon 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.

\$50 for both Altar Vases or \$25 for one vase ONLY

\$30 for Center Arrangement

\$20 for Lessons & Prayers

Upcoming Dates still OPEN:

May 27-28 CenterArrangement~Lessons&Prayers(Ascension)

June 3-4 Altar Vases~Center Arrangement (Pentecost)

June 10-11 Center Arrangement ~ Lessons & Prayers (Holy Trinity)

June 17-18 Center Arrangement

June 24-25 Altar Vases~Center Arrangement

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 *Ginny Sellers Dervilla Hynes Kelcie Gavin Lisa Wulforst Jenni Roiser Deborah Moose Loretta Hanson Nancy Rohrback Elissa Snedeker Carolyn Kittelberger Kelly McNeal

John Leitner Carter Murphy *Carl Krauss *Romaine Harper *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** Barbara Johnson Joe Miller Joe Hunter Dick Hebrank

Connie Dattilio Esther Miller Bob Shaffer Mark Strawbridge Ryan Whitehead Barb Twigg Doris Weeks Ann Harden John Marshall Donna Frase Doug Brown Maggie Schuster Ken Gundling Rich N. Lippy Sue Muller Thelma Blizzard Cassandra Fleckenstein Chap Craft Elaine Cullison Todd Robinson Pete Wulforst Austin Greaa Brian Haga Merridith Mooth Steven Gary

*Pastoral Care list

Family and friends of:

John Shifflett, brother of Rhonda Kiler Pat Diseroad, wife of Don

Fred Avers

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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