

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 20, 2017**  
**Sunday, May 21, 2017**  
Sixth 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

	<b>Sat May 20</b>
<b>Head Usher</b>	Jeanne Swain
<b>Greeter</b>	Barb Davidson
<b>Lector</b>	Jeanne Swain
<b>Offering Ushers</b>	Barb Davidson Ron Davidson
<b>Communion</b>	Jeanne Swain
<b>Supply</b>	Laura Russell

	<b>Sun May 21</b>
<b>Head Usher</b>	Frank Burnette
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Barb Yingling Gene Yingling
<b>Greeters</b>	Susan Burnette Carolyn Kittelberger
<b>Lector</b>	Jordan Bosnick
<b>Offering Ushers</b>	Brenda Murray Barb Yingling Gene Yingling TBD
<b>Communion Stewards</b>	Susan Burnette Andy Kiler TBD TBD
<b>Acolytes ~ Torchbearers</b>	Jayden Bosnick Willis Kiler
<b>Crucifer</b>	Joe Fleck
<b>Pray w/ Pastor</b>	TBD
<b>Bell Ringer</b>	Joe Fleck

#### **\*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.*

Almighty and ever-living God, you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, 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**

**Acts 17:22-31**

<sup>22</sup>Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. <sup>23</sup>For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. <sup>24</sup>The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, <sup>25</sup>nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. <sup>26</sup>From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, <sup>27</sup>so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. <sup>28</sup>For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said, ‘For we too are his offspring.’

<sup>29</sup>Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. <sup>30</sup>While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, <sup>31</sup>because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM

Psalm 66:8-20

<sup>8</sup>Bless our God, you peoples; let the sound of praise be heard.

<sup>9</sup>**Our God has kept us among the living and has not allowed our feet to slip.**

<sup>10</sup>For you, O God, have tested us; you have tried us just as silver is tried.

<sup>11</sup>**You brought us into the net; you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.**

<sup>12</sup>You let people ride over our heads; we went through fire and water,  
but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.

<sup>13</sup>**I will enter your house with burnt offerings and will pay you my vows—**

<sup>14</sup>those that I promised with my lips

and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.

<sup>15</sup>**I will offer you burnt offerings of fatlings with the smoke of rams;**

**I will give you oxen and goats.**

<sup>16</sup>Come and listen, all you who believe,

and I will tell you what God has done for me.

<sup>17</sup>**I called out to God with my mouth,**

**and praised the Lord with my tongue.**

<sup>18</sup>If I had cherished evil in my heart, the Lord would not have heard me;

<sup>19</sup>**but in truth God has heard me**

**and has attended to the sound of my prayer.**

<sup>20</sup>Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer,

nor withheld unfailing love from me.

## SECOND READING

1 Peter 3:13-22

<sup>13</sup>Who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? <sup>14</sup>But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, <sup>15</sup>but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord.

Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; <sup>16</sup>yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame.

<sup>17</sup>For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. <sup>18</sup>For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, <sup>19</sup>in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, <sup>20</sup>who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. <sup>21</sup>And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, <sup>22</sup>who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL

John 14:15-21

The holy gospel according to John.

### Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>15</sup>“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. <sup>16</sup>And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. <sup>17</sup>This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

<sup>18</sup>“I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. <sup>19</sup>In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. <sup>20</sup>On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. <sup>21</sup>They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

The gospel of the Lord.

### Praise to you, O Christ.

**Next Week's Readings:** May 22~28 Ascension

Acts 1:1-11; Psalm 47; Ephesians 1:15-23; Luke 24:44-53



Sun May 21	Church Music Sunday <b>Worship Service w Communion</b> <b>Sunday School and Baby SS</b> <b>Adult Bible Study</b> Spring Tea – by Ticket Only	<b>9:00am</b> <b>10:15am</b> <b>10:30am</b> 11:00am
Mon May 22	AA Al-Anon	8:00pm 8:00pm
Tues May 23	Bible Study – Oak Tree Romm Bible Study – Pastors Home Cub and Boy Scout Meeting	11:00am, 7:00pm 7:00pm
Wed May 24	AA	7:15pm
Thur May 25	Chimes Practice Town Hall Mtg Immanuel Softball Choir Practice	6:00pm 6:30pm 6:30pm 7:00pm
Fri May 26	Pastor Day Off AA Al-Anon	 8:00pm 8:00pm
Sat May 27	Noisy Change Weekend <b>Worship Service w Communion</b> AA	 <b>5:00pm</b> 6:30pm
Sun May 28	Noisy Change Weekend <b>Worship Service w Communion</b> <b>Sunday School</b> <b>Adult Bible Study</b>	 <b>9:00am</b> <b>10:15am</b> <b>10:30am</b>

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The altar flowers and the center arrangement  
are sponsored in memory of Marian Thomas  
by Wayne Thomas

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Lessons and Prayers are sponsored  
in memory of Babe Miller  
with love, Chris and Debbie

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We welcome seminarian Laura Russell for Saturday evening service. Pastor Charlie has already 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!

### **TODAY is CHURCH MUSIC APPRECIATION SUNDAY**

We recognize the volunteer time given by the members of the Adult Choir, the Luther Men, the Children's Choir and the Chime Choir, along with their directors and accompanists.



### ***YOU should become a part of the Music Ministry of Immanuel!***

Even if you are not able to commit to regular practices,  
but could participate occasionally during the year, please contact:

Jerry Hoffman (Organist/Choir)      Audrey Moose (Chimes)  
Wayne Thomas (Luther Men)      Amanda Yingling (Children's Choir)

**NO EXPERIENCE IS NEEDED .. just help 'make a joyful noise'!**

~**Sunday Adult Choir** practices weekly on Thursdays from 7-8pm

~**Chime Choir** practices on Thursdays at 6pm

~**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

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

**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.

Thank you for the donations to support Immanuel's softball team! This helps pay the umpire fees for our games.



Come out and cheer us on! We play on Thursday evenings in Westminster – schedule posted: on bulletin board, online, in newsletter. Any questions, talk with the Team Manager, Brian Yingling or anyone on the team.

### **SAVE THESE DATES!**

Today, May 20~21: **Easter 6**

Church Music Appreciation Sunday

Spring Tea, Social Hall at 11am (ticket required)

May 27~28: **Ascension** Weekend at 5pm and 9am

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

June 3~4: **Pentecost** Weekend Services, Wear RED

Special Missions Weekend Offering

Sunday Coffee Hour in social hall following worship

June 10~11: **Holy Trinity** Weekend Services at 5pm and 9am



### **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](mailto: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 18** Acts 6:8-15

**May 19** Acts 7:1-22

**May 20** Acts 7:23-43

**May 21** Acts 7:44-60

**May 22** Acts 8:1-8

**May 23** Acts 8:9-25

**May 24** Acts 8:26-40

**May 25** Acts 9:1-31

**May 26** Acts 9:32-43

**May 27** Acts 10:1-16

**May 28** Acts 10:17-33

**May 29** Acts 10:34-48

**May 30** Acts 11:1-18

**May 31** Acts 11:19-30





If you purchased a ticket for our Spring Tea, then please remain in the Sanctuary until you are called to be seated at your table. Unfortunately, we are not able to accommodate anyone that did not purchase tickets in advance.

**Let Robert Miller at Trinity UCC know by TODAY**, 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. Robert's phone number is 410-374-4455 or call the Church Office at 410-374-2727.

**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

*\*Date Change\**

**American Legion Post 200 invites families** from local Cub Scout Packs to join in the annual Memorial Day Flag Placement on **Wed, May 24,**



6:30pm at the Immanuel Lutheran Church Cemetery on Locust Street. Local Boy Scouts are encouraged to join us and to assist the Cub Scouts.

This year's program will begin with opening ceremonies and prayers, followed by the flag placement. We then process to the Old Cemeteries for flag placement, songs and the conclusion of the ceremonies.

Units are encouraged to bring their BSA flags to lead the parade of scouts between cemeteries. (parade is dependent on weather) Please contact Peter Johnston with possible attendance to help with planning: Pete.Johnston@ssa.gov, home 410.374.1531, work 410.965.7708

**Please plan to attend the community-wide conference** at the new Manchester Town Hall. Prescription painkiller and heroin abuse is a community issue. Wisdom is the beginning of understanding.

**Free Refreshments and Resources • All Are Welcome**

**Heroin and Opioid Prevention Education May 25, 2017 6:30 to 8:30pm**

**Welcome:** Pastor Charlie Marshall, Faith Community Representative

**Opioid Comm Updates:** Hampstead and Manchester Police Depts;

Linda Auerback-Carroll County Health Dept

**Personal Testimony:** Tim Weber, Carroll County States Attorney's Office;

Steve Seidel, Manchester Pharmacy; Beth Cox, parent

**Last year the people of our synod** gave their loose change to make a “**Noisy Change Offering**” to World Hunger. All those coins added up to more than \$22,000! We are doing it again-so start saving up your 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.



**ASCENSION SUNDAY** Next Sunday, **May 28<sup>th</sup>**, we celebrate the **Feast of the Ascension**, the last Sunday of the Easter season. On Ascension Sunday, we remember the day that Christ, in the presence of His apostles, ascended bodily into Heaven. Tradition designates that Mount Olivet, near the town of Bethany, was the place where Jesus ascended into the clouds. Ascension Day occurs 40 days after Easter Sunday (actual day Thur, May 25). Take a moment and enjoy the beauty of our ‘*Ascension*’ stained glass window to the right of the choir loft.



**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.

*Information Requested:* the graduate’s name; family members; grade-level milestone; any special interests; future plans and a photo of the graduate, if available.

**Please provide your information by next Sunday, May 28<sup>th</sup>** to the M&W basket in the church office. **Graduates** will be on display for month of June.

**‘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.

## May 2017 LECTONARIES

For your Home Bible Study

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

**Father's Day is Sunday, June 18<sup>th</sup>.** A tradition, which began around 1907, honors the contributions that our fathers and other 'father figures' have made in our lives and those of our children! Honor him with a donation of a photo during a special activity in your life. Your photos will be displayed on our '**DAD and ME**' Tribute to ALL DADS during June. Leave your donations, by Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup>, in an envelope addressed: Dad & Me pictures and place in the basket on the lamp table. During services on June 17-18, Music and Worship will present a long-stem red carnation to every gentleman.

### WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Jeff & Jen Yingling May 6                      Tom & Shannon Taylor May 21, 2011  
Fred & Mary Ayers May 16                      Ronald & Janice Martin May 23

### MAY BIRTHDAYS

Wendy Maloney	Alice Myers	Benjamin Eppley
Linda Gregg	Stephen Swain	Pete Wulforst
Jennifer Robinson	Betty Wildasin	Tracey Graf
Olivia Yingling	Ellen Linsenbardt	Nancy Hoffman
Fred Ayers	Cheryl Graf	
Sunshine Cobak	Declan Rooney	



## 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 year's 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, we may add a daytime group.

**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](mailto: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 from 6 to 8pm each night. A presentation on Thursday evening will celebrate our week and share what we 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. The 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 1<sup>st</sup> for a chance to win 2 tickets to the Maryland Science Center!

**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.

## 2017 ALTAR FLOWERS ~ LESSONS & PRAYERS SPONSORSHIPS

Fresh seasonal flowers enhance our weekend worship experience, adding color and beauty to the altar. **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 appear 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 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.

**\$50** for **both** Altar Vases or

**\$25** for **one vase ONLY**

**\$30** for Center Arrangement

**\$20** for Lessons & Prayers



### **Sponsorship Dates 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

### **WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

Summer Vacations Many of you are regular worship assistants at our weekend services during the summer. Duty schedules are published in each monthly newsletter and weekend bulletin. Summer vacations are quickly on the horizon. During the **months of June, July and August** ~ if you know that you and your family will be away from church for a particular weekend, please contact Susan Burnette as soon as possible so adequate adjustments may be made in your absence. Thank you.

***If you fill your prescriptions at Carroll Drugs*** in Manchester, they donate a dollar to the charity of your choice. ***Select Immanuel Church!***



Most recently, we used these Carroll Drug donations to help fill the Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes. It sure made a difference! Thank you!

## **Please remember in your prayers:**

Jeff Dell (parkinsons)	John Leitner	Esther Miller
*Walter Ruby	Carter Murphy	Bob Shaffer
*Ardice Holbrook	*Carl Krauss	Mark Strawbridge
Ann Trent	*Romaine Harper	Ryan Whitehead
Cary Myers	*Paulyne Hartlaub	Barb Twigg
Gail Brown	Tommy Leonard	Doris Weeks
Fred Davies	Darcie Robinson	Ann Harden
Stella Gary	Richard Sterner	John Marshall
Reid Ronayne	Anna Krauss	Donna Frase
Dorinda Smith	Jamie Walker	Doug Brown
Ann Miller	Al Phillips	Maggie Schuster
*Dolly Ruby	Brenda Kiler Perry	Ken Gundling
Jan Rhoten	Ethel Hunt	Rich N. Lippy
Robert Rhoten	Phyllis Zumbrun	Sue Muller
Joey Morris	Nicolas Campbell	Thelma Blizzard
*Ginny Sellers	Cheryl Myers	Cassandra Fleckenstein
Dervilla Hynes	Leann Eltz	Chap Craft
Kelcie Gavin	Terry Sutton	Elaine Cullison
Lisa Wulforst	Jennifer Bortner	Todd Robinson
Jenni Roiser	Gary Eppley	Pete Wulforst
Deborah Moose	Audrey Moose	Austin Gregg
Loretta Hanson	Barbara Johnson	Brian Haga
Nancy Rohrback	Joe Miller	Merridith Mooth
Elissa Snedeker	Joe Hunter	Steven Gary
Carolyn Kittelberger	Dick Hebrank	Pat Bowen
Kelly McNeal	Fred Ayers	Patsy Graf
	Connie Dattilio	

\*Pastoral Care list

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

**Those serving in the military:**

Brett Richardson, Matthew Swain, Jenelle Espinoza, Kyle Pasta, David Mace

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