

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, September 16, 2017
Sunday, September 17, 2017
Holy Cross Sunday

A SPECIAL WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS!

Immanuel welcomes you to our worship today. We hope that you will feel the welcoming presence of Christ. We invite you to become a part of what God is doing at Immanuel. For more information about the church and how you can get involved, please speak with the pastor following the service.

Please enter your name and contact information on the red registration pad found in each pew by the center aisle. The Head Usher is here to assist you at any time during the service.

Sunday School classes resume Sept 17 and are offered following the Sunday worship service for children 2 years old through adult. We encourage you to stop by while you are here or contact the church office for information. Registration forms are in the back of the sanctuary and on our website.

BABY SUNDAY SCHOOL

Beginning Sept 17, Baby Sunday School will meet every Sunday during worship. Small children will be dismissed following the children's sermon, accompanied by an adult, and return before communion. The class will follow our regular Sunday School curriculum and based on the same readings used in worship.

Worship Assistants

	Sat Sept 16
Head Usher	Jen Edwards
Greeter	Linda Black
Lector	Luther Myers
Offering Ushers	Linda Black Judy Bixler
Communion	Judy Bixler

Cell Phone / Electronics Announcement

Kindly, turn off or silence
ALL devices during our
services. Thank you.

	Sun Sept 17
Head Usher	Jamie Rooney
Altar Guild	Ellen Linsenbardt Audrey Shaffer
Greeters	Jane Taylor Delores Whitehead
Lector	Jeremy Edwards
Offering Ushers	Laurie Miller Steve Miller Brenda Murray Brenda Wuforst
Communion Stewards	Carolyn Phillips Carroll Phillips Todd Robinson Sandy Voight
Acolytes~ TorchBearers	Ryan Edwards Kyle Robinson
Crucifer	Pete Wulforst
Pray w/ Pastor	Connie Dattilio
Bell Ringer	Ernest Weiss

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.

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. *A brief silence is kept before the prayer.*

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ was lifted high upon the cross so that he might draw the whole world to himself. To those who look upon the cross, grant your wisdom, healing, and eternal life, 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

Numbers 21:4b-9

[From Mount Horeb the Israelites set out,] ^{4b}but the people became impatient on the way. ⁵The people spoke against God and against Moses, “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food.” ⁶Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. ⁷The people came to Moses and said, “We have sinned by speaking against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD to take away the serpents from us.” So Moses prayed for the people. ⁸And the LORD said to Moses, “Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live.” ⁹So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.
The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalms 98:1-4

- ¹Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done marvelous things,
whose right hand and holy arm have won the victory.
- ²**O LORD, you have made known your victory,
you have revealed your righteousness in the sight of the nations.**
- ³You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness
to the house of Israel;
all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.
- ⁴**Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands;
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.**

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 1:18-24

¹⁸The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

²⁰Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. ²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, ²³but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

John 3:13-17

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] 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.

Next Week's Readings: September 18~24 Harvest Home

Jonah 3:10 ~ 4:11; Psalm 145:1-8; Philippians 1:21-30; Matthew 20:1-16

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Sun Sept 17	Holy Cross Sunday Worship Service w Communion Sunday School Adult Bible Study Confirmation Class	9:00am 10:15am 10:30am 7:00pm
Mon Sept 18	Work Day Al-Anon & AA	8:00pm
Tues Sept 19*	Scouts	7:00pm
Wed Sept 20*	Stephen Minister Meeting AA	7:00pm 7:15pm
Thur Sept 21*	Chime Choir Practice Choir Practice	6:00pm 7:00pm
Fri Sept 22*	Pastor Day Off AA & Al-Anon	8:00pm
Sat Sept 23	Harvest Home Decorate for Harvest Home Worship Service w Communion AA	10:00am 5:00pm 6:30pm
Sun Sept 24	Harvest Home Worship Service w Communion Sunday School Adult Bible Study Confirmation Class	9:00am 10:15am 10:30am 7:00pm

*Pastor Charlie on vacation

The **Altar Vases** are unsponsored for this weekend, Sept 16th and 17th. 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.

Today, we celebrate The FESTIVAL OF THE HOLY CROSS. This idea originated from the dedication of the Church of the Resurrection, built by Emperor Constantine, in 335 AD. This magnificent structure was believed to have been near the site where Jesus was crucified and buried. Thank you to everyone for wearing red.

Work Day is THIS Monday, September 18. Please join us any time you can, for however long you can - from 9am to 2pm for making Linus Quilts and fellowship. No sewing experience necessary. Lunch provided.

Our **Annual Harvest Home** will be held during **next weekend's services** on **September 23rd and 24th**. Plan now to participate in the '**Fill Our Baskets' for NESAP**. Everyone is encouraged to help us overflow our Harvest baskets with donations of canned and boxed food or monetary donations. Last year, Immanuel donated over 120 items to NESAP's Food Pantry! Help make this another bountiful harvest year for those less fortunate in the Carroll County community. Thank you!

Our **9th Annual Old-Fashioned Hymn Sing** will be held during the weekend services of **October 7th-8th**. During both services, many familiar hymns will be sung. The Luther Men will provide the special music at the Sunday Service. Please invite your family and friends to attend and enjoy hearing and singing those long-loved songs of yesteryear!



COMING OCTOBER 8: MINISTRY FAIR

Our two big goals from the congregational survey are to **improve communication** within and outside the congregation and to **increase involvement** by all our members in the church's ministries.

The **Ministry Fair** planned for the coffee hour on Sunday, October 8, will help all our members to **learn** about the full range of ministries and activities at Immanuel and how they can **get involved**. Each of our congregational ministries, including Christian Education and Youth, Worship and Music, Stephen Ministry, Mutual Ministry, Fellowship, Social Ministry, Keeping in Touch (visitation ministry), Faith Health Network (hospital ministry) and more will have displays describing their activities and opportunities for people to serve. You can visit the displays, speak to a representative, and sign up to participate in whatever ways best fit your individual abilities and interests. The Ministry Fair is a great way to accomplish our two big goals. Please mark your calendars and join us in the Social Hall on **Sunday, October 8!**

SEPTEMBER 2017 LECTIONARIES

For your Home Bible Study ~ Join everyone as we read through September.

Week of:	First Reading	Psalms	Second Reading	Gospel
August 28~Sept 3	Jeremiah 15:15-21	Psalms 26:1-8	Romans 12:9-21	Matthew 16:21-28
September 4~10	Ezekiel 33:7-11	Psalms 119:33-40	Romans 13:8-14	Matthew 18:15-20
September 11~17 Holy Cross Sunday	Genesis 50:15-21	Psalms 103:[1-7] 8-13	Romans 14:1-12	Matthew 18:21-35
September 18~24 Harvest Home	Jonah 3:10 ~ 4:11	Psalms 145:1-8	Philippians 1:21-30	Matthew 20:1-16
Sept. 25~Oct 1	Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32	Psalms 25:1-9	Philippians 2:1-13	Matthew 21:23-32

BIBLE STUDY and PRAYER GROUPS

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY continues weekly throughout the year in the Martin Luther Room following the worship service, approximately 10:15–11:15am. On coffee hour Sundays, we meet 10:45–11:30am. We are currently studying the gospel reading for the upcoming Sunday. Beginning September 10 through October 29, Pastor Charlie will lead a study of **Luther's 95 Theses**, using a new book by world-famous Luther scholar, Dr. Timothy Wengert. (Pastor Charlie will be away Sept 19–22)

MIDWEEK PRAYER AND BIBLE STUDY GROUPS

Morning Group meets in the Oak Tree Room at 11am on Tuesday **Sept 26**.

Evening Group meets at the Pastor's home, 840 Hughes Shop Rd, Westminster MD 21158 at 7pm on Tuesday, **Sept 26**.

PASTOR CHARLIE'S SEPTEMBER BIBLE CHALLENGE:

GOD'S PLAYLIST: PSALMS 1 – 60

The book of Psalms is the songbook of God's people. During September we will read selections from the first 60 songs on "God's Playlist" and reflect together on how God is speaking to us through them. The online Bible Study will continue with daily comments from Pastor Charlie on Facebook. Email him at pastorc@ielcmd.org to join this private group, or if you would like to receive copies via email of the comments he posts there each day.

Sept 15 Ps 25	Sept 19 Ps 34	Sept 23 Ps 45	Sept 27 Ps 51
Sept 16 Ps 27	Sept 20 Ps 37:1-17	Sept 24 Ps 46	Sept 28 Ps 53
Sept 17 Ps 30	Sept 21 Ps 40	Sept 25 Ps 48	Sept 29 Ps 57
Sept 18 Ps 32	Sept 22 Ps 42	Sept 26 Ps 50	Sept 30 Ps 60

500 BIBLE Sponsorship CHALLENGE

Take up our challenge! During the month of October, Immanuel would like to sponsorship 500 Bibles to be delivered to the people in China. This service project is just one way our congregation can help celebrate the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation. With the help of the American Bible Society, for every \$1 we donate, 1 Bible will be made available to someone in China to read in their own language! Help us reach this goal by taking a sponsorship form from the bulletin board at the Educational door entrance. **Sponsorships may be offered to the Glory of God, In Memory Of or In Honor Of someone in your family.** Place your sponsorship form with payment in the supplied envelopes and leave in the Worship & Music basket on the lamp table of the office. **DEADLINE: October 31st.**

2017 ALTAR FLOWERS, LESSONS & PRAYERS SPONSORSHIPS

Fresh seasonal flowers enhance our weekend worship experience, adding color and beauty to the altar. Sponsorship forms and envelopes are found on the FLOWER SPONSORSHIP CALENDAR bulletin board of the office hallway. Your written information and payment, must be received by 12 noon of the Wednesday prior to your reserved sponsorship date to insure inclusion in the weekly bulletin. Contact Altar Guild with questions.

Co-Sponsor with a family member or a 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

Sponsorship Dates OPEN:

Sept 30-Oct 1 Altar Vases ~ Lessons & Prayers

Oct 7-8 Lessons & Prayers

Oct 14-15 Center Arrangement ~ Lessons & Prayers

Oct 21-22 Altar Vases ~ Center Arrangement ~ Lessons & Prayers

Oct 28-29 Altar Vases ~ Center Arrangement ~ Lessons & Prayers



The Tree of Friends Food Pantry is currently in need of cans of Tuna Fish. Please place donations in the labeled baskets in the narthex. Thank you!

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



We currently support four various groups:

- ~ The Sunday Adult Choir ~ The Chime Choir
- ~ The Luther Men ~ The Children's Choir – 'All God's Children'

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** resumed *practice* on Thursday, Sep 14 at 7pm
- ~**Chime Choir** resume*f* *practice* on Thursday, Sept 14 at 6pm, auditorium
- ~**Luther Men** sing Sunday, Oct 8 for our Old-Fashioned Hymn Sing Sunday
- ~**Children's Choir** *sing* quarterly

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

Last year we packed 38 shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. Help us beat that number this year!! The Sunday School students will be packing shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child in early November. We are collecting the following items during the months of September and October.

Bars of soap
Wash cloths
Hair ties
Combs
Toothbrushes



Packs of crayons
Activity/coloring books
Packs of Pencils
Small toy/stuffed animal
(no liquids or war related items)

Please place donations in the Operation Christmas Child boxes outside of the sanctuary. We cannot pack food, liquid, toothpaste or any war related items. If you have any questions please contact Matthew or Jamie Rooney at 443-536-3541 or jamielr126@gmail.com.



All of the items for the shoeboxes can be found in the dollar section at Carroll Drugs Pharmacy in Manchester. And remember... if you fill your prescriptions at Carroll Drugs in Manchester, they donate a dollar to the charity of your choice. ~Select *Immanuel Church* and then we can get more items for the boxes!



SAVE THESE DATES!

TODAY, Sunday, Sept 17: Holy Cross Sunday

Sept 23-24: Decorating for Harvest Home @ 10am
Harvest Home Celebration at 5pm and 9am services

October 8-9: Annual Old-Fashioned Hymn Sing at 5pm and 9am
Sunday Luther Men provide special music
Special Missions Weekend Offering
Following morning service
~Ministry Fair during Sunday Coffee Hour

October 28-29: Immanuel's 500th Reformation Service @ 9am
Westminster Conference Reformation Service
@ 3:30pm (Big Baker Chapel)



Martin Luther Exhibit The Walter's Art Museum in Baltimore has an exhibit on display from now through the end of October titled, "*Uncertain Times: Martin Luther's Remedies for the Soul*". The exhibit focuses on the ways in which Martin Luther comforted the distressed souls of his contemporaries by approaching them as a father, a husband and a friend, rather than as a priest or theologian.

(DE-MD Synod E-Letter, August 15,2017)

NESAP fundraiser at Spargo's Restaurant on Thursday, Sept 21st from 4 to 10pm. Mention that you are supporting NESAPs fundraiser and 10% of your dine-in purchases will be donated. Questions? Contact Lynn at NESAP: 443-952-0097 or Spargo's Restaurant: 410-374-0035

Trinity Lutheran Church, Taneytown is celebrating the 500th Anniversary with an Oktoberfest on Sept 23rd from 2 to 6pm.

<http://bit.ly/TrinityOktoberfest>

German Music! German Food! German Beer!

Craft Market and raffles benefit Habitat for Humanity of Carroll County.

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CARROLL COUNTY
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REFORMATION 2017
OCTOBER 29, 2017 @ 3:30pm
Big Baker Chapel
McDaniel College

Join us for a festival worship opportunity as we commemorate the significant anniversary of a church that is always reforming.

Our guest preacher will be The Rev. Dr. Mark Oldenburg, Steck-Miller Professor of Worship and Dean of the Chapel on the Gettysburg Campus of United Lutheran Seminary (a reforming effort to train church leaders).

There will be a festival choir as we celebrate our mutual work within the Kingdom of God. Our offering will support the work of Carroll Lutheran School.

Following worship there will be the opportunity to go to one of many restaurants to raise money for Shepherd Staff, NESAP, and Caring and Sharing Ministries.

Please join us!

Freed & RENEWED
in Christ **500**
YEARS OF GOD'S
GRACE IN ACTION

The Lutheran Church Men of the Westminster Conference will hold their Fall Dinner Meeting on Mon, Oct 30th at Trinity Lutheran Church (38 West Baltimore St Taneytown 21787). The ladies of the church will serve a family-style dinner at 6:30pm. A free-will offering received for the meal with at least \$12.00 expected. Pastor Cris Frigm will lead a short devotion and hymn sing along with their new director of music. Sign up or contact church office. **RSVP no later than Sunday morning, Oct 22.**

Please remember in your prayers:

Jeff Dell
(parkinsons)
*Walter Ruby
*Ardice Holbrook
Ann Trent
Cary Myers
Gail Brown
Fred Davies
Reid Ronayne
Dorinda Smith
Ann Miller
*Dolly Ruby
Jan Rhoten
Robert Rhoten
Joe Morris
*Ginny Sellers
Deborah Moose
Elissa Snedeker
John Leitner
*Carl Krauss
*Romaine Harper
*Paulyne Hartlaub
*Ethel Hunt

Leann Eltz
Joe Miller
*Dick Hebrank
Esther Miller
Ann Harden
John Marshall
Doug Brown
Thelma Blizzard
Cassandra Fleckenstein
Chap Craft
Steven Gary
Pat Bowen
Patsy Graf
Karen Schaefer
Gary Southard
Susan Esworthy
Paul Moffitt
Gaiser Family
Gene Yingling
Ally Crossley
Angela Locke
Michelle Richie
Gladys Ricketts

Janis Hagert
Dot Matthews
Donna Marshall
Wesley Martin family
Jerry Hoffman
Joan Shrifon
Vito Tunzi
Mary Alice Steger
*Julia Berwager
*Carl McCullough
Ed Kuhn
Jeff Mullins
Carolyn Kittelberger
Bill Skelley
Gary Eppley
Kelly McNeal
Carter Murphy
Maria Barczak
Jerry Betzler

*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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