

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 3, 2018
Sunday, February 4, 2018
Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

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 3
Head Usher	Susan Burnette
Greeter	TBD
Lectors	Luther Myers
Offering Ushers	Frank Burnette Rodgers Hagert
Communion	Susan Burnette

	Sun Feb 4
Head Usher	Tim Rill
Altar Guild	Wendy Maloney Sandy Voight
Greeters	Carolyn Kittelberger Betty Miller
Lector	Bob Nicoll
Offering Ushers	Norman Downes Debbie Hebrank Linda Schmidt Ron Schmidt
Communion Stewards	Frank Burnette Susan Burnette Audrey Shaffer Barb Yingling
Acolytes	Jayden Bosnick Jordan Bosnick
Pray w/ Pastor	Bob Nicoll
Bell Ringer	Bart Walder

Cell Phone Reminder

Please either turn off or silence your device during our service. 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 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 weekend service.

INDIVIDUAL PRAYER AND HEALING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as minister begins.

In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone.

Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

The assembly kneels or stands. Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves.

**We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.

**Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will
and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us,
and for his sake God forgives us all our sins.

As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his
authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins,
in the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

“O Zion, Haste”

ELW #668



1 O Zi - on, haste, your mis - sion high ful - fill - ing,
2 Pub - lish to ev - 'ry peo - ple, tongue, and na - tion
3 He comes a - gain! O Zi - on, ere you meet him,



to tell to all the world that God is light;
that God, in whom they live and move, is love;
make known to ev - 'ry heart his sav - ing grace;



that he who made all na - tions is not will - ing
tell how he stooped to save his lost cre - a - tion
let none whom he has ran - somed fail to greet him,



one soul should per - ish, lost in shades of night.
and died on earth that we might live a - bove.
through your ne - glect, un - fit to see his face.

Refrain



Pub - lish glad tid - ings, tid - ings of peace,



tid - ings of Je - sus, re - demp-tion, and re - lease.

Text: Mary A. Thomson, 1834–1923
Music: ANGELIC SONGS, James Walch, 1837–1901

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

Everlasting God, you give strength to the weak and power to the faint. Make us agents of your healing and wholeness, that your good news may be made known to the ends of your creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

MONTHLY MISSION SPECIAL OFFERING

-Immanuel's Christian Education

FIRST READING

Isaiah 40:21-31

²¹Have you not known? Have you not heard?

Has it not been told you from the beginning?

Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?

²²It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to live in; ²³who brings princes to naught, and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing.

²⁴Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows upon them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble.

²⁵To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One.

²⁶Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these? He who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name; because he is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing.

²⁷Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God"?

²⁸Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable.

²⁹He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless.

³⁰Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; ³¹but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 147:1-11, 20c

¹Hallelujah! How good it is to sing praises to our God!

How pleasant it is to honor God with praise!

²**The LORD rebuilds Jerusalem, and gathers the exiles of Israel.**

³The LORD heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.

⁴**The LORD counts the number of the stars
and calls them all by their names.**

⁵Great is our LORD and mighty in power;
there is no limit to God's wisdom.

⁶**The LORD lifts up the lowly, but casts the wicked to the ground.**

⁷Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving;
make music upon the harp to our God,

⁸**who covers the heavens with clouds and prepares rain for the
earth, making grass to grow upon the mountains.**

⁹God provides food for the cattle
and for the young ravens when they cry.

¹⁰**God is not impressed by the might of a horse,
and has no pleasure in the speed of a runner,**

¹¹but finds pleasure in those who fear the LORD,
in those who await God's steadfast love. ^{20c} Hallelujah!

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 9:16-23

¹⁶If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel!

¹⁷For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. ¹⁸What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel.

¹⁹For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. ²⁰To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. ²¹To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. ²²To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. ²³I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL

Mark 1:29-39

The holy gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁹As soon as [Jesus and the disciples] left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. ³⁰Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. ³¹He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

³²That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. ³³And the whole city was gathered around the door. ³⁴And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

³⁵In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. ³⁶And Simon and his companions hunted for him. ³⁷When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." ³⁸He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." ³⁹And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S MESSAGE

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *“This Little Light of Mine”*

This little light of mine,
I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine,
I'm gonna let it shine,
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Hide it under a bushel – NO!
I'm gonna let it shine.
Hide it under a bushel – NO!
I'm gonna let it shine,
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Won't let Satan blow it out,
I'm gonna let it shine.
Won't let Satan blow it out,
I'm gonna let it shine,
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

All around the neighborhood,
I'm gonna let it shine.
All around the neighborhood.
I'm gonna let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Let it shine til Jesus comes,
I'm gonna let it shine.
Let it shine til Jesus comes.
I'm gonna let it shine,
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Confident that God our light and our salvation hears us when we pray, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

A brief silence.

For the church, its pastors, deacons, musicians, artists, teachers, seminarians, and all proclaimers of the gospel, that your gift of steadfast love and mercy will spread throughout the world, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For the earth and all living creatures, for those preparing fields for planting, and for favorable weather, that all of us who care for this life will find voice to help creation thrive, let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

For all rulers of the earth in local, regional, national, and international offices, and those without the power of official office, that they will be given the courage to work for the protection of all people and act as servants of all, let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

For all who suffer this day: the sick and wounded, the grieving and brokenhearted, the hungry and exploited, those with malaria, and all who need our prayers especially those on our prayer list, that they will be consoled and healed by health care workers, counselors, family, and friends, let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

For those who gather in fellowship and festivities, for the ministries of this congregation in our community and throughout the world, that in all our service we see ourselves centered around Christ, let us pray.
Have mercy, O God.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

In thanksgiving for those who have died in the faith and now sing praises around the throne of God, and that we be assured of the promise of everlasting life, let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

Merciful God, you hear our prayers even before we speak them. Receive them for the sake of the one through whom you have revealed your goodness, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

OFFERING

ANTHEM

OFFERTORY RESPONSE



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be
fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -
nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

OFFERING PRAYER

Merciful God, receive the gifts we bring, our selves, our time, and our possessions. Through this meal unite us as your body, shining with the light of your justice and mercy; for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy God, the Beginning and the End, our Salvation and our Hope,
we praise you for creating a world of order and beauty.
When we brought on chaos, cruelty and despair,
you sent the prophets to proclaim your justice and mercy.
At this end of the ages your Son Jesus came to bring us your love
and to heal all the suffering world.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his life, death, and resurrection,

we await his coming again in righteousness and peace.

Send your Spirit on us and on this bread and wine we share: strengthen our faith, increase our hope, **and bring to birth the justice and joy of your Son.**

Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, **in your holy Church, both now and forever. Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

Blessed are all who are invited to his table.

LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

Beginning from the front row and moving toward the back, come down the center aisle from both sides. Take an empty cup if you wish wine, walk to either end of the communion rail to kneel or stand. Pita bread will be the host or a gluten-free wafer provided upon request. If no empty cup is presented for wine, you will be given a prepared cup of grape juice. After communing, stay as long as you wish to pray. Place empty cup in the basket at either end of the pew. Return to your seat by the side aisle.

COMMUNION HYMNS “Jesus Loves Me!”

ELW #595

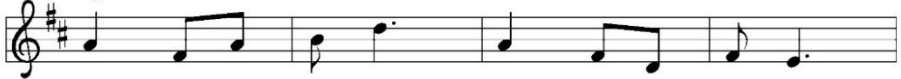


1 Je - sus loves me! this I know, for the Bi - ble tells me so;
2 Je - sus loves me! he who died heav - en's gates to o - pen wide;
3 Je - sus loves me! he will stay close be - side me all the way;



lit - tle ones to him be - long, they are weak, but he is strong.
he will wash a - way my sin, let his lit - tle child come in.
when at last I come to die, he will take me home on high.

Refrain



Yes, Je - sus loves me, yes, Je - sus loves me,



yes, Je - sus loves me, the Bi - ble tells me so.

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

ELW #742



1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
2 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?
3 Are we weak and heav - y - lad - en, cum - bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged—take it to the Lord in prayer.
Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge—take it to the Lord in prayer.



Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit; oh, what need - less pain we bear—
Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor - rows share?
Do your friends de - spise, for - sake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



all be - cause we do not car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness—take it to the Lord in prayer.
In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a so - lace there.

“Sweet Hour of Prayer”

TFF #242



1 Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer, that calls me from a world of care,
2 Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer, thy wings shall my pe - ti - tion bear
3 Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer, may I thy con - so - la - tion share,



and bids me at my Fa - ther's throne make all my wants and wish - es known.
to him whose truth and faith - ful - ness en - gage the wait - ing soul to bless;
till from Mount Pis - gah's loft - y height I view my home and take my flight.



In sea - sons of dis - tress and grief my soul has of - ten found re - lief.
and since he bids me seek his face, be - lieve his word and trust his grace,
With joy I'll has - ten to the place where God my Sav - ior shows his face,



and oft es - caped the tempt - er's snare by thy re - turn, sweet hour of prayer.
I'll cast on him my ev - 'ry care, and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer.
and glad - ly take my sta - tion there, thy prom - ise gained, sweet hour of prayer.

Text: William Walford, 1772–1850, alt.
Music: SWEET HOUR, William B. Bradbury, 1816–1868

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you
and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. Merciful God, constant source of all healing, we give you
thanks for all your gifts of strength and life, and above all we thank you
for the gift of your Son, through whom we have health and salvation.
As we wait for that day when there will be no more pain, help us by your
Holy Spirit to be assured of your power in our lives and to trust in your
eternal love; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

BLESSING

The God of all consolation bless you in every way, grant you hope all the
days of your life, restore you to health and grant you salvation, fill your
heart with peace, and lead you to eternal life. Almighty God bless you,
the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

“Here I Am, Lord”

ELW #574



1 “I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
2 “I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple’s pain.
3 “I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.



I, who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.
Fin-est bread I will pro-vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

Refrain



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you



lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

Text: Daniel L. Schutte, b. 1946
Music: HERE I AM, LORD, Daniel L. Schutte
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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

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Next Week’s Readings: February 5 ~ 11 Transfiguration

2 Kings 2:1-12; Psalm 50:1-6; 2 Corinthians 4:3-6; Mark 9:2-9

++ CALENDAR ++

Sun Feb 4	Missions Special Offering Worship Service w Communion	9:00am
	Sunday School	10:15am
	Coffee Hour – Social Hall	10:15am
	Adult Bible Study	10:45am
	Confirmation Class	7:00pm
Mon Feb 5	AA and Al-Anon	8:00pm
Tues Feb 6	Bible Study – Oak Tree Room	11:00am
	Scouts	7:00pm
Wed Feb 7	AA	7:15pm
Thur Feb 8	Chime Practice	6:00pm
	Choir Practice	7:00pm
Fri Feb 9	Pastor Day Off AA and Al-Anon	8:00pm
Sat Feb 10	Puerto Rico Special Offering Worship Service w Communion	5:00pm
	AA	6:30pm
Sun Feb 11	Puerto Rico Special Offering Worship Service w Communion	9:00am
	Sunday School	10:15am
	Adult Bible Study	10:15am
	Confirmation Class	7:00pm

Altar flowers are sponsored in honor of
Sarah Marshall on her birthday, Feb 8
by Pastor Charlie and Caroline

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Lessons and Prayers are sponsored in memory of my parents,
Milton E and Naomi B Snyder, on their Wedding Anniversary
by Dessie Ann Hann

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Donation to the Building Fund received in memory of Julia Berwager by
Frank & Susan Burnette

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Norm and I would like to thank everyone for all their cards and kind words which were expressed to us in the passing of our Dad. A special thank you to Pastor Charlie for all his phone calls and visits to the hospital.

~Deb Hebrank

**** THIS WEEKEND ****

MONTHLY SPECIAL OFFERING: Immanuel's Christian Education

Each year, the Christian Education team strive to provide the best in classroom materials and supplies, as well as opportunities outside the classroom for continued learning, fellowship and growth.

Our annual Vacation Bible School is offered free of charge to youth at Immanuel, but also to youth in our community. Our attendance grows each year. Your donations and support allow us to continue to improve our program each summer.

Your generosity also allows youth to participate in activities such as our bowling party, corn maze, snow tubing, parents night out, movie nights where our youth, staff and families spend more time together building and strengthening their relationships with God and with each other.

While Christian Ed has a small amount from Immanuel's operating budget, most of our activities are funded from your offerings and from our Italian Dinner fundraiser. We thank you for your continued support. If you want more information or would like to help in other ways, please see any member of our Christian Education team or Pastor Charlie.

COFFEE HOUR:

Join us in the Social Hall for Coffee Hour this morning, February 4th.

PEACE, LOVE, DOLLS:

Makenna Steel, a middle school student in Westminster, uses her allowance to purchase used Barbie dolls at yard sales and consignment shops. She cleans them, restyles their hair, and puts them in a new outfit. The dolls are then donated to local shelters and relief organizations to give to girls in need. According to Makenna, no Barbie is beyond repair!

Makenna is visiting our youth immediately following coffee hour. She will share her story of how she started Peace, Love, Dolls. Our youth will help make tags for dolls that are ready to be donated.

ARE YOU RECEIVING PASTOR CHARLIE'S WEEKLY EMAIL?

If you would like to receive a weekly message from Pastor Charlie with reminders about what's happening at Immanuel, please submit your email address to pastorc@ielcmd.org.

Set up AUTOMATIC DONATIONS for 2018

You can make a one-time donation, or you can set up a recurring offering from your bank account or credit card. If you have any questions, please contact the office for assistance. Our church website www.ielcmd.org has a link to get started. ** *If you do not want to use the computer*, complete an Automatic Donations form in newsletter and return to the Church Office.

Wedding Anniversaries

Tom and Ardice Holbrook
February 7, 1970

Chris and Debbie Miller
February 14

Bobby and Susan Yingling
February 17

February Birthdays

Sam Guthrie	5	Jacob McCarty	13
Earl Nace	5	Katharyn Black	14
Luther Myers	7	Ryleigh Hoffman	14
Katie Taylor	7	Ron Davidson	17
Sarah Marshall	8	Brian Yingling	17
Pam Miller	8	Ellen Stickles	20
Brenda Murray	9	Christian Adami	24

Weather Cancellations: Every attempt will be made make the announcement to cancel services/activities at least 2 hours prior.

- WBAL Ch. 11 television closure site
- Immanuel's Facebook page
- Immanuel's Web site (www.immanuellutheranccmd.org)
- Immanuel's Office Phone Message (410-374-4463)
- Pastor Charlie's weekly email list

When possible, an alternative service time will be announced.

LOOKING AHEAD ...

TODAY, February 3-4

Special Missions Weekend Offering at 5pm and 9am
Sunday Coffee Hour in Social Hall

February 10-11 Transfiguration Services at 5pm and 9am

Sunday Baptism

Tuesday, February 13

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper at 6pm, Social Hall
Council meeting at 7pm, Martin Luther room

Wednesday, February 14

Ash Wednesday Services at 1pm and 7pm
Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion

February 17-18

Lent 1

Scout Sunday



WOMENS' HARMONY CHOIR

Music and Worship is looking for interested ladies from the congregation who would like to join a new singing group. Similar to the 'Luther Men', your voices would harmonize on various musical selections several times during the coming year. **Remember... you do not need to be a 'singer'**, but enjoy hearing music and maybe becoming a possible member of new outreach musical group of Immanuel's Music Ministry. The proposal of this new venture has gathered interest! Let's meet **TODAY during Coffee Hour**. Stop by and listen, ask questions and see if you'd like to join us! Interested – contact Susan Burnette with any questions.

2018 ALTAR FLOWERS SPONSORSHIPS ~ LESSONS & PRAYERS

Sponsorship forms and envelopes are found on the 2018 FLOWER SPONSORSHIP CALENDAR bulletin board of the office hallway. Written information and payment, must be received by 12noon of the Wednesday prior to your reserved sponsorship date to be included in the bulletin.

Co-Sponsor with a family member or a friend to split the cost.

Prices: \$50 for both Altar Vases or \$25 for only one sponsored vase

\$30 for Center Arrangement

\$20 for Lessons & Prayers

OPEN WEEKENDS:

- **Feb 10-11** (Transfiguration) Altar Vases ~ Center Arrangement
 - **Feb 17-18** Altar Vases ~ Center Arrangement
 - **Feb 24-25** Altar Vases ~ Center Arrangement ~ Lessons & Prayers
 - **March 3-4** Altar Vases ~ Center Arrangement ~ Lessons & Prayers
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PASTOR CHARLIE'S FEBRUARY BIBLE CHALLENGE – MARK 10-16

This year in worship we will read mostly from the Gospel according to Mark. We began the new year by reading Mark chapters 1-9. In February we conclude with chapters 10-16.

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 private group, or if you would like to receive copies via email of the comments he posts there for each day.

2/1 Mark 10:1-16	2/10 Mark 12:18-27	2/19 Mark 14:32-42
2/2 Mark 10:17-31	2/11 Mark 12:28-37	2/20 Mark 14:43-52
2/3 Mark 10:32-45	2/12 Mark 12:38-44	2/21 Mark 14:53-65
2/4 Mark 10:46-52	2/13 Mark 13:1-13	2/22 Mark 14:66-72
2/5 Mark 11:1-11	2/14 Mark 13:14-27	2/23 Mark 15:1-15
2/6 Mark 11:12-25	2/15 Mark 13:28-37	2/24 Mark 15:16-20
2/7 Mark 11:27-33	2/16 Mark 14:1-11	2/25 Mark 15:21-32
2/8 Mark 12:1-12	2/17 Mark 14:12-25	2/26 Mark 15:33-39
2/9 Mark 12:13-17	2/18 Mark 14:26-31	2/27 Mark 15:40-47
		2/28 Mark 16:1-8

OPPORTUNITIES TO LEARN AND GROW AT IMMANUEL

No previous knowledge of the Bible is required for any Bible study

—> **SUNDAY MORNING: LECTIONARY BIBLE STUDY**

Meets 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. Each week we explore the Gospel reading for the following Sunday. Feb 4: Mark 9:2-9 Feb 11: Mark 1:9-15
Feb 18: Mark 8:31-38 Feb 25: John 2:13-22

—> **MIDWEEK PRAYER AND BIBLE STUDY GROUPS**

Morning Group meets in the Oak Tree Room Tuesday Feb 6 at 11am. During Lent, the group will join in the Wednesday Lenten Soup Study.

Evening Group meets at Pastor's home, 840 Hughes Shop Rd, Westminster MD 21158 at 7pm on **Wed Feb 7. Topic: Message of the Prophets.** During Lent, the group will join in the Wednesday Lenten Soup Study.

—> **CONFIRMATION CLASS: Every Sunday at 7pm in Oak Tree Room.**

Feb 4: Jesus Calls Disciples Feb 11: The Beatitudes
Feb 18: Feeding the 5,000 Feb 25: The Good Samaritan

LENTEN MIDWEEK SERIES: "God Is Speaking! Are We Listening?"

Wednesdays Feb 21 – Mar 21

**Soup 'N' Bible Study:
12–1pm & 6–7pm**

**Evening Prayer
7:15pm**

God speaks to us in many ways: through prayer and the reading and study of God's Word, through our brothers and sisters in the Body of Christ, through the people around us in our community, and through the events and experiences of life. In our Lenten Bible study we will see how the early Church experienced phenomenal growth by listening and responding to God. Following the evening soup 'n' study, we will conclude the day with a simple service of evening prayer in the sanctuary. Please join us, and bring your friends! Feb 21: Acts 1:1-14 You Will Receive Power

Feb 28: Acts 2: 1-21 The Holy Spirit Comes

Mar 7: Acts 2:37-47 Life in the Early Church

Mar 14: Acts 8:26-40 Philip and the Ethiopian Eunuch

Mar 21: Acts 10:1-48 Peter and Cornelius

FEBRUARY 2018 LECTIONARY SERIES CONTINUES...

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

Week of:	First Reading	Psalms	Second Reading	Gospel
Jan 29 ~ Feb 4	Isaiah 40:21-31	Psalms 147:1-11, 20c	1 Corinthians 9:16-23	Mark 1: 29-39
February 5 ~ 11 Transfiguration	2 Kings 2:1-12	Psalms 50:1-6	2 Corinthians 4:3-6	Mark 9:2-9
February 14 Ash Wednesday	Joel 2:1-2, 12-17	Psalms 51:1-17	2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10	Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21
February 12 ~ 18 Lent 1	Genesis 9:8-17	Psalms 25:1-10	1 Peter 3:18-22	Mark 1:9-15
February 19 ~ 25 Lent 2	Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16	Psalms 22:23-31	Romans 4:13-25	Mark 8:31-38
Feb 26 ~ March 4 Lent 3	Exodus 20: 1-17	Psalms 19	1 Corinthians 1:18-25	John 2:13-22

Our sisters and brothers in Puerto Rico continue to be devastated by the effects of hurricanes earlier this season. With other synods in the church, we are working together to raise an offering for the congregations of the Caribbean Synod to help them continue the important work of recovery. On Sunday, Feb 11 (Transfiguration), all congregations and ministries of our Synod will receive a special offering for Puerto Rico. Please come and give generously. If you are unable to attend on Feb 11, you may mail or drop off your offering to the church office, marked "Puerto Rico."



Shrove Tuesday has been celebrated with fancy dress and lots of delicious food in many countries for many years. It is called "Pancake Day", "Fat Tuesday", or "Mardi Gras". We will have our own celebration on February 13th at 6pm in the Social Hall. *Children are asked to dress in a festive costume* and of course we will be serving pancakes. All you can eat pancakes with lots of toppings for you and those wonderful fasnachts. Come and enjoy a meal with your friends. A signup sheet is available for you at the back of the sanctuary.

What a deal ... a meal you don't have to shop for, cook, or clean up.
Just show up and enjoy. A dream come true!

'You Are the Way' is this year's Lenten devotional available through Augsburg Fortress.org. Each devotional explores one or more "I am" sayings of Jesus during each week of Lent. Each reading is accompanied by a photo, a quote to ponder, reflection, and prayer. The accessible and colorful format makes it easy to incorporate a simple Christian observance into your Lenten journey. Three different options are available:

- (1) You Are the Way: **Pocket Edition**, cost: **\$3.00 each**
- (2) You Are the Way: **Large Print Edition**, cost: **\$6.00 each**
- (3) You Are the Way: **EBook Edition**, cost: **\$2.99 each**

Order online at AugsburgFortress.org or call 1-800-328-4648 to receive in time for Ash Wednesday, February 14th.

HEART FOR NESAP

Fundraiser at Greenmount Station on Tuesday, February 13 from 11am to 10pm. Present coupon at restaurant and 15% of all eat-in & carry-out orders will support NESAP's assistance programs!

(Greenmount Station Restaurant: 1631 N Main St 21074, 410-239-0063)

Coupon is available on bulletin board by steps and at NESAP Thrift Store. Reservation suggested but not required.

Ash Wednesday Worship Assistants

	Wednesday, Feb 14 1 pm	Wednesday, Feb 14 7 pm
Head Usher	Rhonda Kiler	Amanda Yingling
Altar Guild	Betty Miller	Sandy Voight
Greeters	Linda Black Kathleen Regester	Jane Taylor Delores Whitehead
Lector	Pete Wulforst	Christine Crouch
Offering Ushers	Judy Bixler Cindy Ganjon Barb Skelley Bill Skelley	Frank Burnette Norman Downes Barb Yingling TBD
Communion Stewards	Rhonda Kiler Audrey Shaffer Brenda Wulforst Pete Wulforst	Frank Burnette Susan Burnette Sandy Voight Bart Walder
Acolytes	-----	Ashton Eckhardt Tanner Eckhardt
Pray w/ Pastor	Bob Nicoll	Christine Crouch
Bell Ringer	-----	Bart Walder



Fellowship Committee is hosting the Lenten Soup meals on Wednesdays at Immanuel starting on February 21st.

A meal of soup, bread, fruit and drink will be served at 12noon and 6pm in the evening. If you would like to prepare a soup, we would appreciate it. There is a signup sheet on the back radiator sanctuary. Also please indicate if you will be attending. Any questions, please see Rhonda Kiler or Brenda Wulforst.

North Carroll Middle School Food Pantry is open every Thursday 3:30-4:30, unless schools are closed. Food is Free to anyone in need. Pantry is in a room by the parent pick up entrance in front of building next to gym. (2401 Hanover Pike Hampstead 21074) Questions or concerns: School Principal, Ralph Billings or School Counselor, Mary Dee Oxen at 410-751-3440 or mdoxen@carrollk12.org.



Summer Camp at Mar-Lu-Ridge

Summer camp is a great place for youth and families to make friends, challenge themselves with new experiences and activities, and deepen their faith by living and working in a Christ-centered community.

Mar-Lu-Ridge offers a wide variety of programming for young people from ages 6-17 and families. Their tiered pricing option allows you to choose the price that best fits your budget, and Camperships are always available for those in need of assistance.

For more information, you can **download the brochure**, read more **online**, or contact the camp office with questions **by email** or at 800-238-9974.

Registration is now open and Early Bird savings of \$35 off each camp are in effect until February 18th (does not apply to Day Camps).

The Maryland Faith Health Network is a group of volunteers from the congregation to help you stay healthy after you leave the hospital.

It is FREE and confidential.



1. Sign up using the form in the church office or in the back of the sanctuary to receive a Network card to keep in your wallet.
 2. If you ever stay overnight in a LifeBridge Health hospital, tell them you are a part of the Maryland Faith Health Network or show them your card.
 3. Volunteers from Immanuel will help you and your family as needed.
- Sign up now! ~Judy Bixler, Immanuel Faith Health Network Liaison

Please remember in your prayers:

Jeff Dell	Cassandra Fleckenstein	Jim Federici
*Walter Ruby	Steven Gary	Dan Riley
*Ardice Holbrook	Pat Bowen	Kathryn Riley
Ann Trent	Karen Schaefer	Gene Black
Cary Myers	Gary Southard	Joeann Peach
Gail Brown	Paul Moffitt	Jan Engman
Fred Davies	Gaiser Family	Bill Whitehead III
Reid Ronayne	Gene Yingling	Tricia
Dorinda Smith	Ally Crossley	Joe Fleck
Ann Miller	Angela Locke	Daniel Woo
*Dolly Ruby	Michelle Richie	Lisa Wulforst
Jan Rhoten	Gladys Ricketts	Katie & Brian Benden
Robert Rhoten	Janis Hagert	Denise Rickell
Joe Morris	Dot Matthews	Wanda Robinson
*Ginny Sellers	Wesley Martin family	Darcie Robinson
Deborah Moose	Jerry Hoffman	Connie Dattilio
Elissa Snedeker	Mary Alice Steger	Tonia Files
John Leitner	Jeff Mullins	Katy Moran
*Carl Krauss	Carolyn Kittelberger	Justin Tawney
*Romaine Harper	Bill Skelley	Desi Rill
*Paulyne Hartlaub	Gary Eppley	Jackie Losiewski
Leann Eltz	Kelly McNeal	Brenda Kiler Perry
Joe Miller	Carter Murphy	Janet Gross
Esther Miller	Maria Barczak	Jordan Bosnick
Ann Harden	Jerry Betzler	June Hale
John Marshall	Jodi Grossman	Mary Ayers
Doug Brown	Dave Jones	Gretchen Jensen
Don Diseroad	Jeffrey Jones	Mary Popp
Thelma Blizzard	Barry Rill	Jim Menges
Terri Blevins		

Family of Mary Driver
Family of Laura Menges

*Pastoral Care list

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

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Brett Richardson, Jenelle Espinoza, Kyle Pasta,
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