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 10, 2018 Sunday, February 11, 2018 Transfiguration of Our Lord

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 10	
Head Usher	Susan Burnette	
Greeter	Charlotte Hann	
Lectors	Frank Burnette	
Offering	Charlotte Hann	
Ushers	Walter Hann	
Communion	Susan Burnette	
Supply Pastor	Mike Adams	

Cell Phone Reminder

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

	Sun Feb 11	
	Transfiguration	
	258 th Anniversary	
Head Usher	Tim Rill	
Altar Guild	Wendy Maloney	
Altai Guilu	Sandy Voight	
	Susan Burnette	
Greeters	Carolyn	
	Kittelberger	
Lector	Matthew Rooney	
	Alice Warehime	
Offering	Dale Warehime	
Ushers	TBD	
	TBD	
	Susan Burnette	
Communion	Rhonda Kiler	
Stewards	Carolyn Phillips	
	Carroll Phillips	
Acolytes	Dylan Andrews	
Torchbearers	Tanner Eckhardt	
Crucifer	Ashton Eckhardt	
Pray w/ Pastor	Connie Dattilio	
Bell Ringer	Frank Burnette	

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. A brief silence is kept before the prayer. Almighty God, the resplendent light of your truth shines from the mountaintop into our hearts. Transfigure us by your beloved Son, and illumine the world with your image, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

SPECIAL OFFERING - Puerto Rico

FIRST READING

2 Kings 2:1-12

¹Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. ²Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. ³The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent."

⁴Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here; for the LORD has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. ⁵The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know; be silent."

⁶Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. ⁷Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. ⁸Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

⁹When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." ¹⁰He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." ¹¹As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. ¹²Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM Psalm 50:1-6

¹The mighty one, God the LORD, has spoken; calling the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

²Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, God shines forth in glory.

³Our God will come and will not keep silence; with a consuming flame before, and round about a raging storm.

⁴God calls the heavens and the earth from above to witness the judgment of the people.

⁵"Gather before me my loyal followers, those who have made a covenant with me and sealed it with sacrifice."

⁶The heavens declare the rightness of God's cause, for it is God who is judge.

SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 4:3-6

³Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. ⁴In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. ⁵For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. ⁶For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL Mark 9:2-9

The holy gospel according to Mark. Glory to you, O Lord.

²Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, ³and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. ⁴And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. ⁵Then Peter said to Jesus,

"Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." ⁶He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. ⁷Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" ⁸Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

⁹As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

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Next Week's Readings:

February 14 Ash Wednesday

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17; Psalm 51:1-17; 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

February 12 ~ 18 Lent 1

Genesis 9:8-17; Psalm 25:1-10; 1 Peter 3:18-22; Mark 1:9-15

++ CALENDAR ++

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
Mon Feb 12	AA and Al-Anon	8:00pm
Tues Feb 13	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper	6:00pm
	Church Council Meeting	7:00pm
	Scouts	7:00pm
Wed Feb 14	AA	7:15pm
Thur Feb 15	Chime Practice	6:00pm
	Choir Practice	7:00pm
Fri Feb 16	Pastor Day Off	
	AA and Al-Anon	8:00pm
Sat Feb 17	Sunday School Italian Dinner	
	Worship Service w Communion	5:00pm
	AA	6:30pm
Sun Feb 18	Scout Sunday	
	Children's Choir Practice	8:15am
	Worship Service w Communion	9:00am
	Sunday School	10:15am
	Adult Bible Study	10:15am
	Confirmation Class	7:00pm

The **Altar Vases** are <u>unsponsored</u> for <u>this weekend</u>, <u>February 10-11</u>. Contact Altar Guild following the Sunday service if you would like to take one or both vases of flowers. Flowers will be bagged for your easy transport. Thank you.

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Welcome to Pastor Mike Adams!

Thank you for presiding at the Saturday evening service while Pastor Charlie is on vacation

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THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM
9am Service – February 11, 2018
Colin James Hoffman
Son of Brooks and Christine Hoffman
Sponsored by Matthew and Jamie Rooney
We wish God's blessings on Colin and his family

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Center altar flowers are sponsored in memory of Leroy Mullins, Feb 12, 2017 We love and miss you everyday by Pam & Tyler Mullins and family

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Lessons and Prayers are sponsored in loving memory of Clair & Ethel Sterner for their birthdays on Feb 4th and Feb 19th by daughter, Betty Miller and grandson, Brian

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TODAY at 9am service, we celebrate the Transfiguration of Our Lord. This festival is a bridge between the Advent~Christmas~Epiphany cycle that comes to a close today and the Lenten~Easter cycle that begins in three days on Ash Wednesday, February 14th. The Sundays after Epiphany began with Jesus' baptism and end with three disciples' vision of his transfiguration. In Mark's story of Jesus' baptism, apparently only Jesus sees the Spirit descending and hears the words from heaven. But, now Jesus' three closest friends hear, on the Mount of Transfiguration, the same words naming him ~God's beloved Son! After our Transfiguration Service, the 'alleluia' portion of our liturgy will be 'buried' or omitted during the sixweek season of Lent and will be sung again at Easter!

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.



This weekend, Feb 10-11, all congregations and ministries of our Synod will receive a special offering for Puerto Rico. You may also mail or drop off your offering to the church office, marked "Puerto Rico."

Immanuel celebrates her 258th birthday this weekend. Our rich heritage began one cold winter day, on February 12,1760, when a small quaint group of German-speaking Lutheran men gathered in a log cabin not far from our mighty Oak Tree. Our Archives, displayed in the auditorium, relate this story through preserved handmade quilts, old German bibles, pictorial displays of former pastors, glass cabinets of 'retired' sterling communion chalices and ornate communion cloths from earlier years of service along with many other donated items. Take a 'gallery walk' through our history by reminiscing through albums of photographs, letters and moments of former Sunday School classes, catechism classes, Luther League youth group gatherings and the Ladies Aid Society, who prepared meals in the social hall, along with many newspaper clippings saved to remember Immanuel through the years! HAPPY 258th BIRTHDAY, IMMANUEL!!

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 will visit our youth on *March 4 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.

Rescheduled because of weather

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.

Wedding Anniversaries

Tom and Ardice Holbrook February 7, 1970 February 14 Chris and Debbie Miller Bobby and Susan Yingling February 17

February Birthdays

Jacob McCarty Sam Guthrie Katharyn Black Earl Nace Luther Myers Ryleigh Hoffman Katie Taylor Ron Davidson Sarah Marshall **Brian Yingling** Ellen Stickles Pam Miller Brenda Murray Christian Adami

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 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

Consider becoming a part of the *Music Ministry of Immanuel*! We currently support <u>four</u> 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 at this time, but could participate occasionally during the year, please contact:

- ~ Jerry Hoffman (Organist/Choir Director)
- ~ Audrey Moose (Chime Choir Director)
- ~ Wayne Thomas (Luther Men Choir)
- ~Amanda Yingling (Children's Choir Coordinator)

NO EXPERIENCE IS NEEDED,

just your willingness to help and 'make a joyful noise'!

- ➤ The Sunday Adult Choir weekly practices on Thursdays @ 7-8 pm (September thru May)
- ➤ The Chime Choir practice Thursdays @ 6 pm (auditorium)
- ➤ The Luther Men sing quarterly, choir room following Sunday worship, as needed
- ➤ The Children's Choir sing quarterly, practices scheduled as needed More information on our *Music Ministry Bulletin Board* in the office hallway.

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, <u>must be received by 12noon of the Wednesday prior to your reserved sponsorship date</u> to be included in the bulletin.

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

<u>Prices</u>: \$50 for <u>both</u> Altar Vases or \$25 for only <u>one sponsored vase</u>

\$30 for Center Arrangement

\$20 for Lessons & Prayers

OPEN WEEKENDS:

- ➤ 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
- > March 10-11 Center Arrangement

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.

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

Have a Heart for NESAP



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

Greenmount 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.

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 During Lent,

Morning Group will join in the Wednesday Lenten Soup Study. **Evening Group** will join in the Wednesday Lenten Soup Study.

→ CONFIRMATION CLASS: Every Sunday at 7pm in Oak Tree Room.

2/11: The Beatitudes 2/18: Feeding the 5,000 2/25: The Good Samaritan

LENTEN MIDWEEK SERIES:

"God Is Speaking! Are We Listening?"

Wednesdays Feb 21 - Mar 21

Soup 'N' Bible Study: Evening Prayer

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

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!

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	Jane Taylor
Greeters	Kathleen Regester	Delores Whitehead
Lector	Pete Wulforst	Christine Crouch
	Judy Bixler	Frank Burnette
Offering Ushers	Cindy Ganjon Barb Skelley Bill Skelley	Norman Downes Barb Yingling TBD
	Rhonda Kiler	Frank Burnette
Communion Stewards	Audrey Shaffer Brenda Wulforst Pete Wulforst	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 21^{st.} 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. A signup sheet is on the back radiator. Also please indicate if you will be attending. Any questions, see Rhonda Kiler or Brenda Wulforst.

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 *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 Leann Eltz Joe Miller Esther Miller Ann Harden John Marshall Doug Brown Don Diseroad Thelma Blizzard

Terri Blevins

Cassandra Fleckenstein Jim Federici Steven Gary Karen Schaefer **Gary Southard** Paul Moffitt Gaiser Family Gene Yingling Ally Crossley Angela Locke Michelle Richie Janis Hagert **Dot Matthews** Wesley Martin family Jerry Hoffman Mary Alice Steger Jeff Mullins Carolyn Kittelberger Bill Skellev Gary Eppley Kelly McNeal

Carter Murphy Maria Barczak Jerry Betzler Jodi Grossman **Dave Jones** Jeffrey Jones Barry Rill

Dan Riley Kathryn Riley Gene Black Joeann Peach Jan Engman Bill Whitehead III

Tricia Joe Fleck Daniel Woo Lisa Wulforst Katie & Brian Benden

Denise Rickell Wanda Robinson Darcie Robinson Connie Dattilio Tonia Files Katy Moran

Justin Tawney Desi Rill

Jackie Losiewski Brenda Kiler Perry Janet Gross Jordan Bosnick June Hale Mary Avers Gretchen Jensen

Mary Popp Jim Menges Cyndi Seibel Nancy Rohrback

*Pastoral Care list

Our Missionary in South Sudan refugee camps: Rev. Wal Reat Those serving in the military:

Brett Richardson, Jenelle Espinoza, Kyle Pasta, David Mace, Cassy Sanders, Gavin Bussard



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