

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 17, 2018
Sunday, February 18, 2018
First Sunday in Lent
Scout Sunday

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 17	
Head Usher	Susan Burnette
Greeter	Barb Davidson
Lectors	Jeanne Swain
Offering Ushers	Barb Davidson Ron Davidson
Communion	Jeanne Swain

Sun Feb 18	
	*Scout Sunday
Head Usher	Tim Rill
Altar Guild	Wendy Maloney Sandy Voight
*Greeters	Jane Taylor Delores Whitehead
*Lector	Jennifer Edwards
*Offering Ushers	Laurie Miller Steve Miller Brenda Murray Brenda Wulforst
Communion Stewards	Susan Burnette Jeremy Edwards Todd Robinson Sandy Voight
Acolytes	Ryan Edwards Kyle Robinson
Pray w/ Pastor	Bob Nicoll
Bell Ringer	Bart Walder

*Scout Worship Assistants

Greeters: Rocco Buscemi,
Viktor Buscemi, Derrick Martin,
Stephen Tapp

Lectors: Bradley Livesay,
Shaunn Pavelik, Joe Poore

Offering Usher: Nick Roche

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

Holy God, heavenly Father, in the waters of the flood you saved the chosen, and in the wilderness of temptation you protected your Son from sin. Renew us in the gift of baptism. May your holy angels be with us, that the wicked foe may have no power over us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

SCOUT PRESENTATION *David Stein, Senior Patrol Leader*

FIRST READING

Genesis 9:8-17

Today's reading is the conclusion to the flood story. Because of human sin, the Lord destroys the earth by flood, saving only Noah, his family, and the animals on the ark. Yet divine destruction gives way to divine commitment. As in the first creation, God blesses humanity and establishes a covenant with all creatures.

⁸God said to Noah and to his sons with him, ⁹“As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, ¹⁰and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. ¹¹I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.” ¹²God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: ¹³I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. ¹⁴When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, ¹⁵I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. ¹⁶When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” ¹⁷God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

¹To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

²**My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.**

³Let none who look to you be put to shame;
rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

⁴**Show me your ways, O LORD, and teach me your paths.**

⁵Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

⁶**Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love,
for they are from everlasting.**

⁷Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;
remember me according to your steadfast love
and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.

⁸**You are gracious and upright, O LORD;
therefore you teach sinners in your way.**

⁹You lead the lowly in justice and teach the lowly your way.

¹⁰All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast love and faithfulness
to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies.

SECOND READING

1 Peter 3:18-22

As God acted through Christ's suffering and death to bring us to God, so God acts through baptism to save us from a sinful existence. This spiritual cleansing marks our new life in Christ.

¹⁸Christ 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, ¹⁹in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰who 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. ²¹And 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, ²²who 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: Mark 1:9-15

The holy gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

The Spirit that comes upon Jesus at his baptism sustains him when he is tested by Satan so that he might proclaim the good news of God's reign.

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him.

¹¹And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

¹²And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. ¹³He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, ¹⁵and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Next Week's Readings: February 19 ~ 25 Lent 2

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16; Psalm 22:23-31; Romans 4:13-25; Mark 8:31-38

++ CALENDAR ++

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
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Mon Feb 19	Work Day – Social Hall	9am-2pm
	AA and Al-Anon	8:00pm
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Tues Feb 20	Stephen Ministry Meeting	10:30am,
	Scouts	7:00pm
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Wed Feb 21	Soup 'n' Bible Study	12-1pm
	Soup 'n' Bible Study	6-7pm
	Evening Prayer Service	7:15pm
	AA	7:15pm
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Thur Feb 22	Chime Practice	6:00pm
	Choir Practice	7:00pm
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Fri Feb 23	Pastor Day Off	
	AA and Al-Anon	8:00pm
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Sat Feb 24	Youth Saturday	
	Worship Service w Communion	5:00pm
	AA	6:30pm
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Sun Feb 25	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

Today we celebrate Scout Sunday, giving thanks to God for our Scout Troop 320 and their leaders, and remember the many years of faithful service of our Cub Pack 320 and their leaders. The Pack disbanded last year due to declining numbers, a very difficult decision following great efforts to keep it going. Many, many thanks to all who worked so hard for our Pack!

The **Altar Vases** are **unsponsored** for **this weekend, February 17-18**. Contact Altar Guild following the Sunday service if you would like to take one or both vases of flowers. Thank you.

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Lessons and Prayers are sponsored
in memory of Lavere Jones on his February 18th birthday
by his loving family

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On Ash Wednesday, the church began its journey toward baptismal immersion in the death and resurrection of Christ. During the **Sundays of Lent**, our readings lead us to focus on five covenants God makes in the Hebrew Scriptures and to use them as lenses through which to view baptism. The book of First Peter connects the way God saved Noah's family in the flood with the way God saves us through the water of baptism. The baptismal covenant is made with us, individually, but the new life we are given in baptism is for the sake of the whole world. (Sundays and Seasons, 2018)

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.



*We are still collecting new and used Barbie dolls!
They can be in ANY condition! Labeled box in narthex for donations.*

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.

Weather Cancellations: Every attempt will be made to announce any decision to cancel services/activities at least 2 hours prior.

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

When possible, an alternative service time will be announced.

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

LOOKING AHEAD ...



TODAY, February 17-18

Lent 1

Scout Sunday

Wednesday, Feb 21

Soup 'n' Bible Study: (daytime) 12 noon - 1 pm
(evening) 6 – 7 pm*

Evening Prayer at 7:15 pm

February 24-25

Lent 2

Youth Saturday

Wednesday, Feb 28

Soup 'n' Bible Study: (daytime) 12 noon - 1 pm
(evening) 6 – 7 pm*

Evening Prayer at 7:15 pm

March 3-4

Lent 3

Monthly Special Missions Offering collected
Sunday Coffee Hour

March 10-11

Lent 4

Daylight Savings Time begins – spring forward
Easter Lily sales begin

Come help at Work Day this Monday, February 19th.

Join us for any time you can, between 9am and 2pm in the Social Hall. You will have a great time of fellowship (and lunch is provided!) while helping make blankets for charity organizations.



We are working on patriotic blankets to donate to TAPS (Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors). Memorial weekend, TAPS hold 'Camp Good Grief'

in Washington DC for children who have lost a loved one in the military. The camp provides a safe place for military children to explore grief and embrace healing. Each child attending receives a handmade patriotic quilt.

~No sewing experience necessary~

There is something for everyone to do! So bring a friend with you!
Everyone can help. And all help is appreciated.

**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'
- ~ *Woman's Harmony Choir* (COMING SOON!)

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)
- ~ **Susan Burnette** (Woman's Harmony Choir)

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
- **The Woman's Harmony Choir** will sing quarterly (organization in progress)

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, 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 24-25** Altar Vases ~ Center Arrangement ~ Lessons & Prayers
- **March 3-4** Altar Vases ~ Center Arrangement ~ Lessons & Prayers
- **March 10-11** Center Arrangement
- **March 17-18** Altar Vases ~ Center Arrangement ~ Lessons & Prayers
- **March 24-25** Altar Vases ~ Center Arrangement ~ Lessons & Prayers
Palm Sunday

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.

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



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. 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 season of Lent is a time of prayer and spiritual preparation for Holy Week and Easter. Many options are available at Immanuel to help you on your 2018 Lenten journey:

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 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.**

2/18: 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:
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

Job Opening /Help Wanted Debbie Davis who is the director of *Christian Hands Child Care* at St. Benjamin Lutheran Church in Westminster needs an aide Mon-Fri 8 to noon for the 2,3,and 4-year old class and also an aide/assistant for the infant room three days a week. Call **410-871-4790** for an interview.

SPECIAL REQUEST FROM JERUSALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH:

One of our church neighbors Mr. Stem is in Hospice and looking for a home for his pet dog Cooper.

"Cooper is about 6 years old, he's male and he's a coon hound/beagle/blue tick mix. He's got a lot of play in him and Mr. Stem is the only owner Cooper has ever known. Unfortunately, no one in the family can take in Cooper. They are looking for a home for him (they prefer a nice farm but Cooper is an 'inside dog' - meaning he definitely enjoys a good sofa while watching TV before bed)."

If anyone is willing to adopt Cooper or know of someone who is please let myself or Janene Edgar know ASAP. Please spread the word so we can find Cooper a loving home and please keep Mr. Stem and his family and friends in your prayers.

Set up AUTOMATIC DONATIONS

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, we have a paper form! ***

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 moxen@carrollk12.org.

Please remember in your prayers:

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

*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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