

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, June 16, 2018
Sunday, June 17, 2018
4th Sunday After Pentecost
Father's Day

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 can assist you at any time during the service.

Worship Assistants

	Sat June 16
Head Usher	Linda Black
Greeter	Judy Bixler
Lector	Judy Bixler
Offering Ushers	Linda Black Ellen Linsenbardt
Communion	Judy Bixler

	Sun June 17
Head Usher	Rhonda Kiler
Altar Guild	Rhonda Kiler Betty Miller
Greeters	John Popp Brenda Wulforst
Lector	Joey Pomaes
Offering Ushers	Laurie Miller Steve Miller Brenda Murray Brenda Wulforst
Communion Stewards	Susan Burnette Carolyn Phillips Carroll Phillips Matthew Rooney
Acolytes	Ryan Edwards TBD
Pray w/ Pastor	Bob Nicoll
Bell Ringer	Tim Rill

***Cell Phone / Electronics
Announcement***

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

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION: Our hope is that you feel welcome at the Lord's Table. We welcome all baptized Christians who proclaim with us the crucified and risen Christ's real presence as he gives us his body and blood as food and drink. Grape juice and gluten free wafers are also available, please let the Communion assistants know of this dietary preference. The pastor also offers a pastoral blessing at the Communion Rail for those who do not wish to receive Communion.

INDIVIDUAL PRAYER AND HEALING: Pastor Charlie offers individual prayer at the communion rail, with anointing and laying of hands for healing for those who desire it, 20 minutes before each service.

FAMILIES WITH YOUNG CHILDREN: *We are glad you are here!*

- Activity bags are available in back to help little ones keep themselves occupied.
- The Oak Tree Room and the Pre-School Room are available for nursing mothers and others with small children and allow you to listen to the service.
- Baby Sunday School is offered for little ones accompanied by an adult most Sundays during worship (after children's sermon and return before Communion).

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

O God, you are the tree of life, offering shelter to all the world. Graft us into yourself and nurture our growth, that we may bear your truth and love to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

BLESSING OF FATHERS

Gracious God, pour out your Spirit on all fathers.

Grant to them keen insight into their children's needs.

Help them to be faithful examples of truth and love.

Soften their hearts so that they might hear their children's cries.

Strengthen their resolve to be men of commitment and faith.

In times of sorrow and disappointment

let them know that you are by their side.

In times of doubt and confusion show them the way.

In times of happiness and joy

let them see your face in all that is good and right and true.

In all times sustain them with the knowledge

that they are your beloved children.

We ask this in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Ezekiel 17:22-24

Tree imagery is used in a messianic prophecy to tell how the Lord will choose someone from Judah's royal family (the cedar tree) to reign over all creation. This tree will be planted on Mount Zion, the location of the holy temple.

²²Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of a cedar; I will set it out.

I will break off a tender one from the topmost of its young twigs;

I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain.

²³On the mountain height of Israel I will plant it, in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar.

Under it every kind of bird will live;

in the shade of its branches will nest

winged creatures of every kind.

²⁴All the trees of the field shall know that I am the LORD.

I bring low the high tree, I make high the low tree;

I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish.

I the LORD have spoken; I will accomplish it.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15

¹It is a good thing to give thanks to the LORD,
to sing praise to your name, O Most High;

²**to herald your love in the morning
and your faithfulness at night;**

³on the psaltery, and on the lyre,
and to the melody of the harp.

⁴**For you have made me glad by your acts, O LORD;
and I shout for joy because of the works of your hands.**

¹²The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree,
and shall spread abroad like a cedar of Lebanon.

¹³**Those who are planted in the house of the LORD
shall flourish in the courts of our God;**

¹⁴they shall still bear fruit in old age;
they shall be green and succulent;

¹⁵**that they may show how upright the LORD is,
my rock, in whom there is no injustice.**

SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 5:6-10, 14-17

Paul encourages believers to live by faith and not by sight. We do not consider Jesus from a human perspective but through the eyes of faith, believing he died for all and was raised. All who are in Christ are now in God's new creation.

⁶So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord—⁷for we walk by faith, not by sight. ⁸Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. ⁹So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. ¹⁰For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

¹⁴For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. ¹⁵And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them.

¹⁶From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. ¹⁷So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

Mark 4:26-34

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

Jesus frequently uses parables to teach ordinary people as they are able to hear and understand. Images of sowing and growing show the vitality of God's kingdom.

²⁶[Jesus] said, “The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground,²⁷ and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. ²⁸The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. ²⁹But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.”

³⁰He also said, “With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? ³¹It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; ³²yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.”

³³With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; ³⁴he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

++ Upcoming Week ++

<u>Sun June 17</u>	Father's Day Worship Service w Communion	9:00am
	Sunday Adult Bible Study	10:15am
<u>Mon June 18</u>	AA and AI-Anon	8:00pm
<u>Tues June 19</u>	Bible Study -Oak Tree Room	11:00am
	Scouts	7:00pm
<u>Wed June 20</u>	Stephen Ministry Mtg	10:30am
	Bible Study – Pastor's Home	7:00pm
	AA	7:15pm
<u>Thur June 21</u>	Pastor Retreat (Day)	
<u>Fri June 22</u>	Pastor Day Off	
	AA (in Social Hall) and AI-Anon	8:00pm
<u>Sat June 23</u>	Worship Service w Communion	5:00pm
	AA	6:30pm
<u>Sun June 24</u>	Worship Service w Communion	9:00am
	Stephen Ministy Reception in Social Hall	10:15am
	Luther Men Practice	10:30am
	Sunday Adult Bible Study	10:45am

Altar flowers are sponsored
in memory of Albert & Arbadella Graf by their loving family

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Center flowers sponsored in memory of Leroy Mullins
Love and Miss You Everyday, Always on our Mind and in our Hearts
Love, Tyler and Pam

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The Carnations for Father's Day are sponsored
by Ashton and Tanner Eckhardt
in honor of all fathers,
in memory of fathers lost,
to anyone who has ever loved a child,
and to all who have made a difference in a child's life

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Donations through the Thrivent Choice program received by Ruth Calp
*Contact the church office for information on how you can support Immanuel
by designating your Thrivent Choice Dollars.*

DAD and ME TRIBUTE

This weekend, we are celebrating **Father's Day**. A tradition, which began around 1907, honors the contributions that our fathers and other 'father figures' have made in our lives and those of our children! Today, we will honor him! Stop and look at the photos displayed on our '**DAD and ME**' Tribute. A red carnation has been presented to every gentleman to thank them for making a difference in our lives!

2018 ALTAR FLOWERS SPONSORSHIPS ~ LESSONS & PRAYERS

Fresh seasonal flowers enhance our weekend worship experience, adding color and beauty to the altar. Sponsorship forms and envelopes are found on the **2018 FLOWER SPONSORSHIP CALENDAR** bulletin board of the office hallway. Your written information and payment, must be received by 12noon 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

\$25 for **only one sponsored vase**

\$30 for Center Arrangement

\$20 for Lessons & Prayers

Options Available:

- **June 23-24** Altar Vases
 - **June 30-July 1** Altar Vases
(Red,White&Blue Wkend)
 - **July 7-8** Altar Vases ~ Center Arrangement
 - **July 14-15** Altar Vases ~ Center Arrangement
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Have you heard about the new business in Manchester?

Stop by and support Steeped Tea Café! Saturday & Sundays 10am-4pm

We offer a variety of teas that will bring your palate to life, and our pastries, soups and sandwiches are made fresh daily. If you're out and about, or just want a relaxing afternoon our family would love to share a cup with yours.

If you would like to make a reservation or plan a special event please call 443-986-9745 between 9am-7pm. Walk-ins are welcome.



Steeped Tea Café
3223 Main St
Manchester, MD

~ **SUMMER VACATIONS** ~

If you are a regular worship assistant at our weekend services and are planning a family vacation anytime during the months of June, July or August, please notify Susan Burnette, so adequate adjustments may be made in your absence. For everyone's convenience, the worship duty schedules are published in each monthly Visitor ~ are posted on the 'Council Corner' bulletin board outside the office door and by weekly reminder emails and/or phone calls. Thank you.

Feminine Products Drive

For the month of June, Social Ministry will collect feminine products and disposable underwear for the less fortunate in our community. These items cannot be purchased with food stamps. Please considering picking some up during you next trip to the Dollar Store. A basket will be placed in the Narthex. Any questions contact Amanda Yingling 717-880-5215

St Paul's Church Upperco Flea Market: Rain or Shine 8am to 2pm. With over 70 vendor spaces, there is something for everyone!

2018 Flea Market Schedule:

June 16 · July 21 · August 18 · September 15 · October 13

On June 24th we will be commissioning Gretchen Jensen our new Stephen Minister. Coffee and cake will be served downstairs following the service. Please join us!

Looking Ahead ... Save these Dates

TODAY, June 16-17

Happy Father's Day Weekend
– red carnations to every gentleman

Sunday, June 24

Luther Men practice following worship, Choir Rm

June 30 – July 1

Red, White and Blue Weekend – wear patriotic colors
Sunday, Luther Men providing special music

July 7 – 8

Special Missions Offering collected for '*Hampstead Fire Department*'
Sunday Coffee Hour in Social Hall following worship

Vacation Bible School kick-off begins

Sunday afternoon @ 4:30pm ~ VBS 6-8pm

Mon July 9 - Thurs July 12

Vacation Bible School: Dinner at 5:30pm ~ VBS from 6-8pm



**PASTOR CHARLIE'S JUNE BIBLE CHALLENGE:
OLD TESTAMENT DAILY LECTIONARY**

Our June Bible Challenge is taken from the Old Testament readings in the Revised Common Lectionary daily lectionary. These readings have been chosen to coordinate with the Sunday worship readings for June. 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.

6/16	2 Kings 14:1-14	6/24	Job 38:1-11
6/17	Ezekiel 17:22-24	6/25	Exodus 7:14-24
6/18	Ezekiel 31:1-12	6/26	Exodus 9:13-35
6/19	Jeremiah 21:11-14	6/27	Joshua 10:1-14
6/20	Jeremiah 22:1-9	6/28	Lamentations 1:16-22
6/21	Job 29:1-20	6/29	Lamentations 2:1-12
6/22	Job 29:21—30:15	6/30	Lamentations 2:18-22
6/23	Job 37:1-13		

ARE YOU RECEIVING PASTOR CHARLIE'S WEEKLY EMAIL?

If you want a weekly message from Pastor Charlie with reminders about what's happening at Immanuel, send your email to pastorc@ielcmd.org.

OPPORTUNITIES TO LEARN AND GROW AT IMMANUEL

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

Join Pastor Charlie for our year-round Sunday morning Bible study in the Martin Luther Room following the worship service, approximately 10:15 to 11:15am. On Coffee Hour Sundays, we meet 10:45–11:30am.

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY: Lectionary Bible Study

Each week we will explore the Gospel reading for the following Sunday.

*Jun 17: Mark 4:35-41 *Jun 24: Mark 5:21-43

MIDWEEK PRAYER AND BIBLE STUDY GROUPS: Ecclesiastes

Morning Group meets every Tuesday in June at 11am.

Evening Group meets at the Pastor's home, (840 Hughes Shop Rd, Westminster 21158) on Wednesdays June 20 & 27 at 7pm.

CONFIRMATION CLASS: We are on summer break and will resume after Labor Day. This two year program is open to all youth in grades 7-12. If you are interested in joining, please contact Pastor Charlie this summer so we can get the ball rolling.

MUSIC MINISTRY @ IMMANUEL

Consider becoming a part of the *Music Ministry of Immanuel!*

We currently support five various groups:

- ~ The Sunday Adult Choir ~ The Chime Choir
- ~ The Luther Men ~ The Children's Choir
- ~ The Woman's Harmony Choir



If you are not able to commit to regular practices at this time, but can participate during the year, please contact:

- ~ **Jerry Hoffman** (Adult Choir) ~ **Audrey Moose** (Chime Choir)
- ~ **Wayne Thomas** (Luther Men Choir) ~ **Amanda Yingling** (Children's Choir)
- ~ **Susan Burnette** (Woman's Harmony Choir)

NO EXPERIENCE IS NEEDED,

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

- **The Sunday Adult Choir** – resume practice in September
- **The Chime Choir** - resume practice in September
- **The Luther Men** sing quarterly, next practice, Sunday, June 24th
***Sing on Red, White and Blue Sunday on July 1st
- **The Children's Choir** sing quarterly, practice as needed
*** Will sing on Sunday, August 26th
- **The Woman's Harmony Choir** sing quarterly, practice as needed

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



Help replenish pantries at NESAP and ToFF. We are collecting Dish Detergent for the month of June. Labeled baskets are in the Narthex for donations.

June Birthdays

David Mace	Lacey-Leigh Headley	Jeanne Swain
Pearl Moffitt	Brian Kremen	Thelma Blizzard
Tim Wenzel	Brian Miller	Charles Frase
Sharon Martin	Gulia Vandergucht	Luke Robinson
Tanner Eckhardt	Carolyn Kittelberger	Delores Whitehead
Paula Leonard	Steve Mace	Brenda Wulforst
Nick Donhauser	Willis Kiler	Dawn Burris
Caroline Grady	Charlotte Lopata	Angie Eckhardt
Virginia Barron	Lilly Lopata	Linda Schmidt
Nancy Little	Kelley Day	Bart Walder
Ethel Hunt	George Rohrback	

Wedding Anniversaries

Brooks & Christina Hoffman	June 2, 2013
Paul & Connie Dattilio	June 6
Ken & Rhonda Kiler	June 25



Every three years, 30,000 high school youth and their adult leaders from across the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America gather for a week of faith formation known as the ELCA Youth Gathering.

Over the years, many youth from Immanuel have attended this life-changing event. We are blessed to be sending one of our own this year.

Ashton Eckhardt was confirmed on Pentecost Sunday this year and will be entering high school in the fall. He will travel to and attend the gathering with others from several nearby Lutheran congregations.

Please keep Ashton and all those attending in prayer, for safe travels and for a time of life-changing spiritual growth while they are there.

The next gathering will be in 2021, and it will soon be time to begin planning to send more of our youth – including those who will be in middle school this fall. **God go with you, Ashton!!**

ELCA Youth Gathering 2018: June 27 – July 1, Houston, TX

During the week, follow along online.

Go to “follow us on Social Media” at www.elca.org/YouthGathering.



Vacation Bible School

“Shipwrecked: Rescued by Jesus”

Save the dates! July 8 — July 12

Registration Forms in back of Church

Kids Feeding Kids

Starting July 17 through August 10, Immanuel is hosting a summer lunch program for children (adults are also welcome!) in the Social Hall. Lunch is served Tuesday through Friday from 11:30am to 12:30pm.

ATTN: Middle and High School students

Earn service learning hours toward graduation requirement, gain leadership, teamwork and job/life skills and have FUN!

We need help to

set up (11-11:30), serve lunch (11:30-12:30) and clean up (12:30-1).

Please call Sharon Bonner at 443-847-8185 to sign up or for more information.

Please remember in your prayers:

Jeff Dell	Terri Blevins	Joeann Peach
*Walter Ruby	Cassandra Fleckenstein	Jan Engman
*Ardice Holbrook	Steven Gary	Bill Whitehead III
Ann Trent	Karen Schaefer	Tricia
Cary Myers	Gary Southard	Joe Fleck
Gail Brown	Paul Moffitt	Daniel Woo
Fred Davies	Gaiser Family	Lisa Wulforst
Reid Ronayne	Ally Crossley	Katie & Brian Benden
Dorinda Smith	Angela Locke	Denise Rickell
Ann Miller	Michelle Richie	Connie Dattilio
*Dolly Ruby	Janis Hagert	Tonia Files
Jan Rhoten	Dot Matthews	Katy Moran
Robert Rhoten	Mary Alice Steger	Justin Tawney
Joe Morris	Jeff Mullins	Jackie Losiewski
*Ginny Sellers	Carolyn Kittelberger	Brenda Kiler Perry
Deborah Moose	Bill Skelley	Janet Gross
Elissa Snedeker	Gary Eppley	June Hale
John Leitner	Kelly McNeal	Mary Ayers
*Romaine Harper	Carter Murphy	Mary Popp
*Paulyne Hartlaub	Maria Barczak	Jim Menges
Joe Miller	Jerry Betzler	Cyndi Seibel
Esther Miller	Jodi Grossman	Nancy Rohrback
Ann Harden	Dave Jones	Janet Brady
John Marshall	Jeffrey Jones	Logan Reiley
Don Diseroad	Jim Federici	Marianne Lieberman
Thelma Blizzard	Dan Riley	Vince Shipley
Donna Mummert	Kathryn Riley	Pastor Greg Knepp
Frank Burnette	David MacArthur	Bill Melliush
Pam Miller	Lindsey Yingling	Donna Frase
Jim Moose	Donna Strawbridge	Susie Zepp
Dhruv Dhingra	Donald Trott	Arnold Speert
Nancy Hoffman		Diana Thompson

Family of Andy Farley, Jeanne Swain's brother-in-law

*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, Austin Maloney



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