

The family of Immanuel Lutheran Church welcomes you.
We hope that you will Worship with us often.



IMMANUEL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
The Rev. Charles P. Marshall

Our mission as disciples of Jesus, is to commit ourselves to making Christ known
through worship, service, outreach, learning, and loving one another

Saturday, September 22, 2018

Sunday, September 23, 2018

18th Sunday After Pentecost

HARVEST HOME

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 Sept 22
Head Usher	Judy Bixler
Greeter	Rodgers Hagert
Lector	Luther Myers
Offering Ushers	Judy Bixler Rodgers Hagert
Communion	Judy Bixler

	Sun Sept 23
Head Usher	Jeremy Edwards
Altar Guild	Betty Miller Audrey Shaffer
Greeters	Carolyn Kittelberger John Popp
Lector	Frank Burnette
Offering Ushers	Jennifer Edwards Debbie Hebrank Danica Reiley Audrey Shaffer
Communion Stewards	Susan Burnette Norman Downes Rhonda Kiler Barb Walder
Acolytes	Tanner Eckhardt Madelyn Edwards
Pray w/ Pastor	Bob Nicoll
Bell Ringer	Bart Walder

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).

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.

HARVEST HOME LITANY

God of harvest, gardener supreme, you place us at your center and feed us.

We thank you, Lord.

God of harvest, we praise you for the return of planting and harvest
seasons, the rain from heaven and the sun to warm the soil.

We thank you, Lord.

God of harvest, we thank you for crowning the fields with your blessings
and enabling us once more to gather in the fruits from our labor.

We thank you, Lord.

God of harvest, we present to you now our harvest for those who are
hungry. Allow all those in need of your abundant love and care a seat at
your table. **We thank you, Lord.**

God of harvest, feed us, prune us and harvest us that our lives might bring
glory to you always, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

O Lord, maker of all things, you open your hand and satisfy the desire
of every living creature. We praise you for crowning the fields with
your blessings and enabling us once more to gather in the fruits of the
earth. Teach us to use your gifts carefully, that our land may continue
to yield its increase, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

LEAD JOURNEY PRESENTATION

FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

The annual harvest festival called the feast of Weeks provides the setting for today's reading. This festival celebrates the first fruits of the produce of the land, offered back to God in thanks. As they bring their offerings, worshipers remember and proclaim God's gracious acts on behalf of Israel.

¹When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, ²you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. ³You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us." ⁴When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, ⁵you shall make this response before the LORD your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. ⁶When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, ⁷we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. ⁸The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; ⁹and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. ¹⁰So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me." You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. ¹¹Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 65

¹You are to be praised, O God, in Zion; to you shall vows be fulfilled.

²**To you, the one who answers prayer, to you all flesh shall come.**

³Our sins are stronger than we are, but you blot out our transgressions.

⁴**Happy are they whom you choose and draw to your courts to dwell there! They will be satisfied by the beauty of your house, by the holiness of your temple.**

⁵Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness, O God of our salvation, O hope of all the ends of the earth and of the oceans far away.

⁶**You make firm the mountains by your power; you are girded about with might.**

⁷You still the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, and the clamor of the peoples.

⁸**Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your marvelous signs; you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy.**

⁹You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very plenteous; the river of God is full of water.

You prepare the grain, for so you provide for the earth.

¹⁰**You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.**

¹¹You crown the year with your goodness, and your paths overflow with plenty.

¹²**May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing, and the hills be clothed with joy.**

¹³May the meadows cover themselves with flocks, and the valleys cloak themselves with grain; let them shout for joy and sing.

SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 9:6-15

Christian fellowship involves sharing with those in need. Here Paul is gathering a collection for the church in Jerusalem from all the Gentile churches he helped found. We can be extravagant in our giving because God is extravagant, not stingy, in providing for our lives.

⁶The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. ⁷Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

⁸And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. ⁹As it is written, "He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures forever."

¹⁰He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. ¹¹You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; ¹²for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. ¹³Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others, ¹⁴while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. ¹⁵Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!
The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL

Mark 9:30-37

The holy gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus' teaching and action in this text are directed to the church whenever it is seduced by the world's definition of greatness: prestige, power, influence, and money. The antidote to such a concern for greatness is servanthood.

³⁰[Jesus and the disciples went on] and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; ³¹for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." ³²But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

³³Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" ³⁴But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. ³⁵He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all."

³⁶Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷"Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Lessons and Prayers are sponsored
in memory of my husband, Dave Hann, for his birthday
from Dessie Ann Hann

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Center altar flowers are sponsored
in honor of our 17th Wedding Anniversary
~Steve & Dawn Burris

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A donation received in memory of Nancy Rohrback by Betty Miller

++ Upcoming Week ++

<u>Sun Sept 23</u>	Harvest Home Weekiend Worship Service w Communion	9:00am
	Sunday School	10:15am
	Bible Study-Martin Luther Room	10:15am
<u>Mon Sept 24</u>	Cub Scouts Kick Off	7:00pm
	AA and AI-Anon	8:00pm
<u>Tues Sept 25</u>	Bible Study – Oak Tree Rm	11:00am
	Scouts	7:00pm
	Bible Study – Pastor’s Home	7:00pm
<u>Wed Sept 26</u>	AA	7:15pm
<u>Thur Sept 27</u>	Chime Choir Practice	6:00pm
	Adult Choir Practice	7:00pm
<u>Fri Sept 28</u>	Pastor Day Off	
	AA (in Social Hall) and AI-Anon	8:00pm
<u>Sat Sept 29</u>	Worship Service w Communion	5:00pm
	AA	6:30pm
<u>Sun Sept 30</u>	Worship Service w Communion	9:00am
	Sunday School	10:15am
	Bible Study-Martin Luther Room	10:15am

The **Altar Vases** are **unsponsored** for **this weekend, Sept 22-23**. Please contact Altar Guild if you would like to take one or both vases of flowers following the Sunday Service. Flowers will be bagged for your easy transport. Thank you.

TODAY, is our **Annual Harvest Home**. The sanctuary has been decorated for our fall celebration thanking God for another harvest season. Music and Worship thanks the Dale Warehime Family for donating the antique wagon that anchors our harvest display ~ to those who donated harvest vegetables and fall flowers ~ to the 'harvest helpers' who decorated ~ and, to the congregation who donated the canned/boxed food items and monetary gifts to overflow the "**Fill-Our-Baskets**" for **Tree of Friends** and **Little Free Pantry**". Lastly, a special thank you to Debbie Hebrank and Rhonda Kiler, from Social Ministry, for delivering our donations. Immanuel continues to be generous in its giving to help relieve hunger in Carroll County.

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.

We are collecting these items during September and October for **Operation Christmas Child.** All the items can be found in the dollar section at Carroll Drugs Pharmacy in Manchester or at the Dollar Store!

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| Bars of soap | Combs | Activity/coloring books |
| Wash cloths | Toothbrushes | Packs of Pencils |
| Hair ties | Packs of crayons | Small toy/stuffed animal |
- (no liquids or war related items)

Place donations in the Operation Christmas Child boxes outside of the sanctuary. Last year we packed 60 shoeboxes. Our goal is to beat that number this year! If you have any questions please contact Matthew or Jamie Rooney at 443-536-3541 or jamielr126@gmail.com



*More information about
Operation Christmas Child:*

Every shoebox gift is an excellent resource for evangelism and discipleship which leads to the multiplication of new believers and churches around the world. In addition to hearing the Gospel before they receive their shoebox gift, children also receive The Greatest Gift, a storybook that shares the message of salvation. With the Apostle John as narrator, the booklet shares 11 Scripture stories and invites children to follow Christ. Children take this home to share with family and friends. It is used in more than 80 languages.

SEPTEMBER 2018 LECTIONARY ~ for your Home Bible Study

Week of:	First Reading	Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel
Aug 27 ~ Sept 2	Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9	Psalm 15	James 1:17-27	Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23
Sept 3 ~ 9	Isaiah 35:4-7a	Psalm 146	James 2:1-17	Mark 7:24-37
Sept 10 ~ 16 Holy Cross Sunday	Isaiah 50:4-9a	Psalm 116:1-9	1 Corinthians 1:18-24	Mark 8:27-38
Sept 17 ~ 23 Harvest Home	Deuteronomy 26:1-11	Psalm 65	2 Corinthians 9:6-15	Mark 9:30-37
Sept 24 ~ 30	Numbers 11:4-6,10-16,24-29	Psalm 19:7-14	James 5:13-20	Mark 9:38-50

Our *two devotionals*, **Our Daily Bread** (for September, October and November) and **Christ In Our Home** (for October, November and December) are available for your home study in the tiered display case at the stairway entrance. Stop by and get your copies!

OPPORTUNITIES TO LEARN AND GROW AT IMMANUEL

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

➔ **SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY:** Our year-round Sunday morning Bible study is held in the Martin Luther Room following the worship service, approximately 10:15 to 11:15am. (Coffee Hour Sundays, 10:45–11:30) Each week we explore the Gospel reading for the following Sunday.

Sept 23: Mark 9:38-50 Sept 30: Mark 10:2-16

➔ **MIDWEEK PRAYER AND BIBLE STUDY GROUPS:**

THE BIBLE & THE AFTERLIFE

What happens when we die? Beginning Sept 11, our midweek groups will be exploring Bible passages that help answer this perennial question. We will learn how the understanding of the afterlife developed from ancient Israel to the New Testament Church. Everyone is welcome.

Morning Group will meet in the Oak Tree Room
on Tuesday 25 at 11am.

Evening Group will meet at the Pastor's home, (840 Hughes Shop Rd, Westminster MD 21158) on Tuesday Sept 25 at 7pm.

Looking Ahead ... **Save these Dates**

Today, September 22-23

Harvest Home Weekend Services @ 5pm and 9am

~ Fill-Our-Harvest Baskets for *Tree of Friends* and *Little Free Pantry*

October 6-7

Special Missions Weekend Offering for 'Community of St. Dysmas'

Luther Men practice following Sunday worship

Sunday Coffee Hour in Social Hall following worship

October 13-14

Old-Fashioned Hymn Sing Weekend at 5pm and 9am

Luther Men provide Sunday special music

October 27-28

Reformation Weekend Services at 5 pm and 9 am

The Lutheran Church Men of the Westminster Conference Fall Dinner Meeting is at 6:30pm on Monday, October 29 at St Luke's (Winter's) Lutheran Church. Contact Church Office to RSVP by October 22.



We Need Socks!!



Socks are one the most needed items in homeless shelters, but also one of the least donated. We are holding a Sock Drive the month of October to benefit the less fortunate in our community.

A box will be in the Narthex October 1st to collect new sock donations. If you have any questions please contact Amanda Yingling: 717-880-5215, mandymae1210@gmail.com.

2018 ALTAR FLOWERS SPONSORSHIPS ~ LESSONS & PRAYERS
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 be included in the bulletin.

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:

- **Sept 29-30** Altar Vases ~ Lessons & Prayers
 - **Oct 6-7** Altar Vases ~ Lessons & Prayers
 - **Oct 20-21** Altar Vases ~ Center Arrangement ~ Lessons & Prayers
 - **Oct 27-28** Altar Vases ~ Center Arrangement ~ Lessons & Prayers
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The weekend services of **OCTOBER 13-14** will showcase our **Annual Old-Fashioned Hymn Sing**. Many songs, during the service, will be those familiar from our childhood! The Luther Men will be leading the singing during the Sunday service and will be providing the special music as the offertory anthem. Invite your family and friends to attend and enjoy singing those long-loved hymns of yesteryear!

Carroll Lutheran School **New Scholarship Program**

CLS is offering a Conference Church Scholarship to a student of our choosing. The program allows one student from Immanuel to attend CLS for a tuition cost of just \$2,000/year (standard tuition approx \$7,000).

The goal of CLS is to bring high-quality education to as many students as possible. They are striving for 100% participation from all conference churches. **Let us know if you are interested in this great opportunity.**

PASTOR CHARLIE'S SEPTEMBER BIBLE CHALLENGE:

WHAT HAPPENS AFTER WE DIE?

Our September Bible Challenge will parallel our midweek Bible study for this fall on the Bible and the afterlife. The online Bible Study continues with daily comments from Pastor Charlie on Facebook. Email pastorc@ielcmd.org to join this private group, or if you would like to receive copies via email of the comments he posts there for each day.

9/21	Romans 14:7-9	9/26	Luke 16:19-31
9/22	1 Corinthians 15:12-19	9/27	Romans 2:5-11
9/23	2 Corinthians 5:1-9	9/28	2 Thessalonians 1:6-10
9/24	John 11:21-27	9/29	Revelation 20:11-15
9/25	1 Thessalonians 4:13-18	9/30	Revelation 21:1-8



September Wedding Anniversaries

Bill and Delores Whitehead	September 13, 1957
Frank and Susan Burnette	September 14, 1974
Kevin and Cheryl Graf	September 16, 1989
Michael and Catherine Pearson	September 21, 2013
Brian and Stephanie Voight	September 21, 2013
Steve and Dawn Burris	September 29, 2001

September Birthdays

Barbara Guthrie	Luke Campbell	Bobby Yingling
Ashton Eckhardt	Betty Miller	Dessie Ann Hann
Kyle Robinson	Rachel Murphy	Bob Nicoll
Frank Burnette	Norm Downes	Mike Haddaway
Mia Wenzel	Milton Herman	Andy Kiler
Alice Downes	Debbie Hailey	
Carol Walder	Erik Adami	

Oct 6 from 8am to 2pm,

Immanuel and Trinity is hosting our

Manchester
COMMUNITY
Event

Sign up in the back of the church to reserve a vendor space (\$20), to offer help or if you have any questions.

*The Shred Mill Truck (1-3pm) *Kids Activities *Live Music *Food & Drinks

Immanuel Church Contact: Rhonda Kiler 443-340-2357 / kiler@hughes.net

Trinity UCC Contact: Sue Myers 443-375-6788 / wsmdem@comcast.net

*****Remember to invite your family and neighbors to attend this event!***

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* – 'All God's Children'

~ *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** (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 contact)

NO EXPERIENCE IS NEEDED,

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

➤ **The Sunday Adult Choir** resume practices on Thur, Sept 13 @ 7pm

➤ **The Chime Choir** resume practices on Thur, Sept 13 @ 6pm

➤ **The Luther Men** sing quarterly, practices scheduled as needed

*** **Hymn Sing practice, Sunday, Oct 7 @ 10:15am**

➤ **The Children's Choir** sing quarterly,

practices scheduled as needed

➤ **The Woman's Harmony Choir** sing quarterly,

practices scheduled as needed

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

Lazarus UCC is hosting a Songfest to benefit Trinity UCC Restoration Project on September 30th from 3 to 5pm. Performances by local church choirs, soloist, duets, quartets and/or instrumentalist will 'make a joyful noise to our Lord', including from Immanuel Church! Free will offering.

12th Annual Carroll County Festival of Trees at John Street Quarters in Westminster (next to Westminster Fire Dept) on November 23, 24, and 25. Featuring Silent Auction of over 30 Decorated Trees. Proceeds to benefit The Shepherd's Staff.

Please remember in your prayers:

Jeff Dell	Terri Blevins	Daniel Woo
*Walter Ruby	Cassandra Fleckenstein	Lisa Wulforst
*Ardice Holbrook	Steven Gary	Katie & Brian Benden
Ann Trent	Karen Schaefer	Denise Rickell
Cary Myers	Gary Southard	Connie Dattilio
Gail Brown	Paul Moffitt	Justin Tawney
Fred Davies	Gaiser Family	Jackie Losiewski
Reid Ronayne	Angela Locke	Brenda Kiler Perry
Dorinda Smith	Janis Hagert	Janet Gross
Ann Miller	Dot Matthews	June Hale
*Dolly Ruby	Carolyn Kittelberger	Mary Ayers
Jan Rhoten	Bill Skelley	Mary Popp
Robert Rhoten	Gary Eppley	Jim Menges
Joe Morris	Kelly McNeal	Cyndi Seibel
*Ginny Sellers	Carter Murphy	Janet Brady
Deborah Moose	Maria Barczak	Marianne Lieberman
Elissa Snedeker	Jodi Grossman	Pastor Greg Knepp
John Leitner	Dave Jones	Bill Melliush
*Romaine Harper	Jeffrey Jones	Donna Frase
*Paulyne Hartlaub	Jim Federici	Susie Zepp
Joe Miller	Dan Riley	Arnold Speert
Esther Miller	Kathryn Riley	Diana Thompson
Ann Harden	David MacArthur	Brian Yingling
John Marshall	Max Murphy	Angie Keffer
Don Diseroad	Joeann Peach	Aurthur Ensor Sr.
Thelma Blizzard	Jan Engman	Jess (Biondo) Redifer
Donna Mummert	Bill Whitehead III	Don Sites
Pam Miller	Tricia	Nathan and Jackson
Jim Moose	Sarah Kline	Sharon Heyet
Dhruv Dhingra	Ryan Whitehead	
Nancy Hoffman	Julie Carl	
Janice Farley		
Bonnie Sterner		
Bryan Ridgely		

*Pastoral Care list

Family of Nancy Rohrback, wife of George

Family of Joey Morris, nephew of Norm and Deb

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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