

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, January 5, 2019
Sunday, January 6, 2019
Epiphany 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!!***

Cell Phone Reminder

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

Worship Assistants

	Sat Jan 5 Epiphany Wkend
Head Usher	Jeanne Swain
Greeter	Rodgers Hagert
Lectors	Judy Bixler
Offering Ushers	Rodgers Hagert Ellen Linsenbardt
Communion	Judy Bixler

	Sun Jan 6 Epiphany
Head Usher	Sharon Slivecky
Altar Guild	Wendy Maloney Sandy Voight
Greeters	Betty Miller Kathleen Regester
Lectors	Susan Burnette
Offering Ushers	Jennifer Edwards Jeremy Edwards Rhonda Kiler Audrey Shaffer
Communion Stewards	Frank Burnette Susan Burnette Norman Downes Debbie Hebrank
Acolytes~ TorchBearers	Madelyn Edwards Kyle Robinson
Crucifer	Bart Walder
Pray w/ Pastor	Christine Crouch
Bell Ringer	Joe Fleck

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

O God, on this day you revealed your Son to the nations by the leading of a star. Lead us now by faith to know your presence in our lives, and bring us at last to the full vision of your glory, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Isaiah 60:1-6

Jerusalem is assured that nations will make a pilgrimage to her, because the light of God's presence is in her midst. The bountiful food of the sea and the profits of international trade will come streaming to Jerusalem and thereby declare God's praise.

¹Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. ²For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. ³Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. ⁴Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.

⁵Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you.

⁶A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

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

PSALM

Psalms 72:1-7, 10-14

¹Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to the king's son;

²**that he may rule your people righteously and the poor with justice;**

³that the mountains may bring prosperity to the people,
and the hills, in righteousness.

⁴**Let him defend the needy among the people,
rescue the poor, and crush the oppressor.**

⁵May he live as long as the sun and moon endure,
from one generation to another.

⁶**Let him come down like rain upon the mown field,
like showers that water the earth.**

⁷In his time may the righteous flourish;
and let there be an abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.

¹⁰**May the kings of Tarshish and of the isles pay tribute,
and the kings of Sheba and Seba offer gifts.**

¹¹May all kings bow down before him, and all the nations do him service.

¹²**For the king delivers the poor who cry out in distress,
the oppressed, and those who have no helper.**

¹³He has compassion on the lowly and poor,
and preserves the lives of the needy.

¹⁴**From oppression and violence he redeems their lives,
and precious is their blood in his sight.**

SECOND READING

Ephesians 3:1-12

What had been hidden from previous generations is now made known through the gospel ministry of Paul and others. In Christ both Jews and Gentiles participate in the richness of God's promised salvation.

¹This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles—²for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, ³and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, ⁴a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. ⁵In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: ⁶that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

⁷Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. ⁸Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, ⁹and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; ¹⁰so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. ¹¹This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, ¹²in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

Matthew 2:1-12

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

God's promise shines bright in the night as magi follow a star to honor a new king. Strangers from a faraway land, they welcome the long-awaited messiah of Israel.

¹In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, ²asking, “Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.” ³When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

⁶‘And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.’”

⁷Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. ⁸Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.” ⁹When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. ¹¹On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. ¹²And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

++ CALENDAR ++

Sun Jan 6	Missions Special Offering	
	Worship Service w Communion	9:00am
	Sunday School	10:15am
	Coffee Hour	10:30am
	Adult Bible Study	10:45am
	Confirmation Class	7:00pm
Mon Jan 7	Cub Scouts	7:00pm
	AA and Al-Anon	8:00pm
Tues Jan 8	Bible Study – Oak Tree Room	11:00am
	Council Meeting	7:00pm
	Scouts	7:00pm
Wed Jan 9	Bible Study – Pastors Home	7:00pm
	AA	7:15pm
Thur Jan 10	Choir Practice	7:00pm
Fri Jan 11	Pastor Day Off	
	AA and Al-Anon	8:00pm
Sat Jan 12	Blessing of the Baptized	
	Worship Service w Communion	5:00pm
	AA	6:30pm
Sun Jan 13	Blessing of the Baptized	
	Worship Service w Communion	9:00am
	Sunday School	10:15am
	Adult Bible Study	10:30am
	Snow Tubing – Weather Dependent	2-4pm
	Confirmation Class	7:00pm

The **Altar Vases** are **un-sponsored** for **this weekend, January 5-6**. 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.

The Feast of the Epiphany occurs today. We celebrate the revelation of Christ to the Gentiles – that is, to all nations. The word, epiphany, means ‘*manifestation*’. Some Christian traditions celebrate three great epiphanies on this day: the magi’s adoration of the Christ child ~ Jesus’ baptism in the River Jordan ~ and his first miracle, in which he changes the water into wine. The word and sacraments are for us the great epiphany of God’s grace and his mercy. Let us go out and witness to the light that shines brightly in our lives!

**** THIS WEEKEND ****

MONTHLY MISSION SPECIAL OFFERING:

January monthly mission is for Manchester's Little Free Pantry. The Little Free Pantry is an action against local food insecurity. It is most often for those who are not able to meet everyday food and personal needs. Many food pantries require an application before use and have set hours of operation. The Little Free Pantry is a safety net. Anyone may access the Little Free Pantry at any time. 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Neighbors are encouraged to take what they need, and give what they can.

Our pantry is maintained by the Sunday School children on a weekly basis. The money raised this month will keep the pantry well stocked for our neighbors who need assistance during these winter months.



Thank you for your support!

COFFEE HOUR:

Join us in the Social Hall for the Coffee Hour after Sunday service.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Pr Charlie & Caroline Marshall Jan 3, 1976 Joe & Jo Fleck Jan 20, 1990
Tom & Jane Taylor Jan 21, 1984

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Sandy Voight	Debbie Mace	Carol Nicoll
Bryce Chaney	Beverly Klinedinst	Jamie Rooney
Doris Miller	Jeremy Edwards	Caroline Marshall
Jennifer Yingling	Justin Patterson	Kyle McCarty
Jean Arbaugh	Nancy Herman	Christina Miller

Christ In Our Home (for January, February and March) and **Our Daily Bread** (for December, January and February) devotionals are available in the tiered display at the stairway entrance. Stop by and get your copies today!

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

Local Pantry Collection for January: Food pantries at NESAP and Tree of Friends need *bars of soap* and *toilet paper*. Labeled baskets are in the Narthex for your donations. Thank you!

PASTOR CHARLIE'S JANUARY BIBLE CHALLENGE: MARK 1-9

This year in worship we will read mostly from the Gospel according to Mark. We begin the new year by reading through Mark, the first of the Gospels to be written and the most action-packed! In January we will read chapters 1-9, and finish up in February 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.

1/1	Mark 1:1-13	1/12	Mark 4:21-34	1/23	Mark 7:24-30
1/2	Mark 1:14-28	1/13	Mark 4:35-41	1/24	Mark 7:31-37
1/3	Mark 1:29-39	1/14	Mark 5:1-20	1/25	Mark 8:1-13
1/4	Mark 1:40-45	1/15	Mark 5:21-34	1/26	Mark 8:14-26
1/5	Mark 2:1-12	1/16	Mark 5:35-43	1/27	Mark 8:27-38
1/6	Mark 2:13-17	1/17	Mark 6:1-13	1/28	Mark 9:1-13
1/7	Mark 2:18-28	1/18	Mark 6:14-29	1/29	Mark 9:14-29
1/8	Mark 3:1-12	1/19	Mark 6:30-44	1/30	Mark 9:30-37
1/9	Mark 3:13-30	1/20	Mark 6:45-56	1/31	Mark 9:38-50
1/10	Mark 3:31-35	1/21	Mark 7:1-13		
1/11	Mark 4:1-20	1/22	Mark 7:14-23		

LOOKING AHEAD ...

TODAY, January 5-6

Epiphany Services @ 5pm and 9am

Monthly Special Offering collected for '*Little Free Pantry*'

Sunday Coffee Hour in Social Hall following morning worship



January 12-13

The Baptism of Our Lord Services @ 5pm and 9am

Sunday, January 27

W & M Annual Planning Meeting @ 10:30am, Oak Tree Room

February 9-10

Immanuel's 259th Anniversary Weekend, Bishop Gohl participating

JANUARY 2019 LECTIONARY for your Home Bible Study

Week of:	First Reading	Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel
Dec 31 ~ Jan 6 Epiphany	Isaiah 60:1-6	Psalm 72:1-7,10-14	Ephesians 3:1-12	Matthew 2:1-12
Jan 7 ~ 13 Baptism of Our Lord	Isaiah 43:1-7	Psalm 29	Acts 8:14-17	Luke 3:15-17,21-22
Jan 14 ~ 20	Isaiah 62:1-5	Psalm 36:5-10	1 Corinthians 12:1-11	John 2:1-11
Jan 21 ~ 27	Nehemiah 8:1-3,5-6,8-10	Psalm 19	1 Corinthians 12:12-31a	Luke 4:14-21

Share a great meal for a great cause. Dine at Wendy's in Westminster (395 N Center St) on Thursday, Jan 10 from 5 to 8pm. Carroll Lutheran School received 15%.



ALTAR FLOWERS SPONSORSHIPS ~ LESSONS & PRAYERS

Sponsorship forms and supplied envelopes are posted on the *2019 Flower Sponsorship Calendar* outside the church office. Your written information and payment must be received by 12 noon of the Wednesday before your reserved sponsorship date to ensure inclusion in the weekend bulletins. Leave your information and payment in the basket on the office lamp table. Sign-up early and often to reserve the dates of your choice during 2019. Contact Altar Guild with any questions.

January sponsorships still available:

- **Jan 12-13** Altar Vases~Center Arrangement~Lessons & Prayers
Baptism of our Lord
- **Jan 19-20** Altar Vases~Center Arrangement
- **Jan 26-27** Altar Vases~Center Arrangement~Lessons & Prayers

2019 Prices: Co-Sponsoring is encouraged.

\$60 for both altar vases OR

\$30 for one vase ONLY

\$30 for a Center Arrangement

\$20 for Lessons & Prayers

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** (Organist/Choir Director) ~**Wayne Thomas** (Luther Men Choir) ~**Sandy Voight** (Chime Choir contact) ~**Amanda Yingling** (Children's Choir) ~**Susan Burnette** (Woman's Harmony Choir)

NO EXPERIENCE IS NEEDED, just '*make a joyful noise!*'

- **Sunday Adult Choir** – practice on Thursdays @ 7pm
 - **Chime Choir** – Stay tuned for updates
 - **Luther Men** sing quarterly, practices scheduled as needed
 - **Children's Choir** sing quarterly, practices scheduled as needed
 - **Women's Harmony Choir** sing quarterly, practices scheduled as needed
- More information on *Music Ministry Bulletin Board* in the office hallway.



OPPORTUNITIES TO LEARN AND GROW AT IMMANUEL

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

—> SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY: 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 will explore the Gospel reading for the following Sunday. Jan 7: Mark 1:4-11 Jan 14: Mark 1:14-20
Jan 21: Mark 1:21-28 Jan 28: Mark 1:29-39

—> MIDWEEK PRAYER AND BIBLE STUDY GROUPS

Morning Group meets in the Oak Tree Room (resumes Jan 9) every Tuesday morning at 11am for “**See Through the Scripture**” which provides a bird’s eye view of the entire Bible that helps us see how it all fits together.

Evening Group meets at the Pastor’s home, 840 Hughes Shop Rd, Westminster MD 21158 at 7pm on **Wed Jan 10, Tuesday Jan 16 & 23, and Wednesday Jan 31. Topic: Message of the Prophets.**

—> **CONFIRMATION CLASS:** Sessions are every **Sunday** in the **Oak Tree Room at 7pm.** Jan 7: Exile and Return; Jan 14: Message of the Prophets; Jan 21: Jesus is Born; Jan 28: Temptation.

New Cooperative Joint Ministry!

Immanuel is one of at least three churches in a new joint youth ministry! **Everyone in the congregation is invited to attend!** *Please take advantage of these great events so we continue to plan more!*



*Cancelled for Jan 6. We hope the weather will allow Ski Liberty to open for the make up date, Jan 13th. Join us from 2-4pm for **Snow Tubing!** Contact Angie Eckhardt for more information and to RSVP. Email to Angie_Eckhardt@verizon.net or call/text 410-215-8894.

Weather Cancellation Policy @ Immanuel

Weather conditions and circumstances may establish the need to cancel worship services and/or activities at Immanuel. **Every attempt will be made to announce** any decision to cancel services and/or activities **at least 2 hours prior to such activities** through the following official means:

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

When possible, an alternative time will be scheduled and announced.

Please remember in your prayers:

Jeff Dell	Bobby Patterson	Daniel Woo
*Walter Ruby	Barbara Patterson	Justin Tawney
*Ardice Holbrook	Steven Gary	Jackie Losiewski
Ann Trent	Gary Southard	Brenda Kiler Perry
Cary Myers	Paul Moffitt	Janet Gross
Gail Brown	Gaiser Family	June Hale
Fred Davies	Angela Locke	Mary Ayers
Reid Ronayne	Janis Hagert	Jim Menges
Dorinda Smith	*Dot Matthews	Cyndi Seibel
Dolly Ruby	Carolyn Kittelberger	Janet Brady
Jan Rhoten	Bill Skelley	Marianne Lieberman
Robert Rhoten	Gary Eppley	Susie Zepp
Joe Morris	Kelly McNeal	Arnold Speert
Deborah Moose	Carter Murphy	Diana Thompson
Elissa Snedeker	Maria Barczak	Angie
John Leitner	Jodi Grossman	Jess (Biondo) Redifer
*Romaine Harper	*Dan Riley	Don Sites
*Paulyne Hartlaub	*Kathryn Riley	Nathan and Jackson
Joe Miller	David MacArthur	Sharon Heyet
Esther Miller	*Jan Engman	Delores Whitehead
Ann Harden	Bill Whitehead III	Jeff Petrusky
John Marshall	Ryan Whitehead	Heather Petrusky
*Don Diserod	Norma & Joe Rawlings	John Petrusky
*Thelma Blizzard	Pat Morris	Elise Decker & family
Donna Mummert	Linda Price	Ed Marshall
Pam Miller	Jean Honeycutt	Chris Sigel
Jim Moose	*Gladys Riley	Lainey Loftus
Dhruv Dhingra	Martha Hyson	Donna Marshall
Nancy Hoffman	Linda Slate	Linda Calhoun
Janice Farley	David Barnhart	Mike
*Bonnie Sterner	Bonnie Hull	
Bryan Ridgely	Nick Campbell	

*Pastoral Care list

Family of Kerry Flanagan

Family of Doris Smith, sister of Luther Myers

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, Christian Evans



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