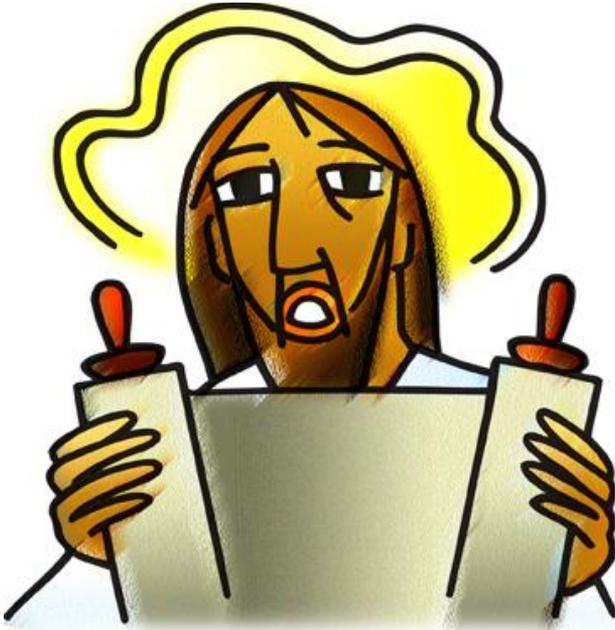


The family of Immanuel Lutheran Church welcomes you.
We hope that you will Worship with us often.



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 26, 2019
Sunday, January 27, 2019
Third Sunday after Epiphany

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 26
Head Usher	Jeanne Swain
Greeter	Sharon Bohli
Lectors	Linda Black
Offering Ushers	Judy Bixler Sharon Bohli
Communion	Jeanne Swain

	Sun Jan 27
Head Usher	Sharon Slivecky
Altar Guild	Wendy Maloney Sandy Voight
Greeters	Chris Miller Debbie Miller
Lectors	Danica Reiley
Offering Ushers	Norman Downes Wendy Maloney Barb Skelley Bill Skelley
Communion Stewards	Frank Burnette Susan Burnette Sandy Voight Bart Walder
Acolytes	Ashton Eckhardt Tanner Eckhardt
Pray w/ Pastor	Gretchen Jensen
Bell Ringer	Bart Walder

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.*

Blessed Lord God, you have caused the holy scriptures to be written for the nourishment of your people. Grant that we may hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that, comforted by your promises, we may embrace and forever hold fast to the hope of eternal life, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

FIRST READING

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

The exiles have returned and rebuilt Jerusalem. Now Ezra, the priest, reads the law of Moses to them in the public square. When they hear it, they weep for their sins and for the long years in exile, but Ezra reminds them that the joy of the Lord is their strength.

¹All the people [of Israel] gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had given to Israel. ²Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. ³He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. ⁵And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. ⁶Then Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground. ⁸So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

⁹And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. ¹⁰Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our LORD; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

⁷The teaching of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul;
the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.

⁸**The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart;
the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.**

⁹The fear of the LORD is clean and endures forever;
the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

¹⁰**More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold,
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.**

¹¹By them also is your servant enlightened,
and in keeping them there is great reward.

¹²**Who can detect one's own offenses? Cleanse me from my secret faults.**

¹³Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get
dominion over me;

then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

¹⁴**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be
acceptable in your sight, O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.**

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

The apostle and pastor Paul uses the metaphor of the human body to describe how intimately connected we are in the church. For this struggling congregation in Corinth, Paul delivers a vital message of unity that is a mark of the church today.

¹²For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

¹⁴Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. ¹⁵If the foot would say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁶And if the ear would say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁷If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? ¹⁸But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. ¹⁹If all were a single member, where would the body be? ²⁰As it is, there are many members, yet one body. ²¹The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.” ²²On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; ²⁴whereas our more respectable members do not need this.

But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, ²⁵that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. ²⁶If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

²⁷Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.

²⁸And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. ²⁹Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? ³⁰Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret?

^{31a}But strive for the greater gifts.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

Luke 4:14-21

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Near the beginning of Jesus' public ministry, he visits his hometown of Nazareth. In the words of Isaiah, he states and claims his identity, purpose, and mission.

¹⁴Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. ¹⁵He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

¹⁶When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

^{18c}“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, ¹⁹to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.”

²⁰And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The Mutual Ministry Committee has assumed the responsibility to coordinate the development of a strategic church safety and security plan. On January 16, 2019, we met with two Officers from the Manchester Police Department who toured our facilities and made security recommendations for us to consider.

Congregational presentations to review our plans are scheduled on February 16th and 17th following each service. (Inclement weather reschedule date will be Feb 23-24.)

In the interim, ***we will lock all outside doors to the church building at the beginning of the scheduled services.*** The Head Usher will respond to individuals that come to the front door after this time. Late congregants will be admitted, but the Police encouraged us to call them if we encounter any unauthorized or suspicious individuals seeking entry.

~Bob Nicoll for Mutual Ministry

NEXT WEEKEND, Feb 2nd and 3rd
Special Offering collected for Carroll Lutheran School

MONTHLY MISSION SPECIAL OFFERING FOR FEBRUARY:

Carroll Lutheran School (CLS) is our baby! It began as a dream shared by the congregations of our Westminster Conference and opened its doors in September 2000. Eighteen years later CLS is still owned by the Conference congregations, including Immanuel, as an extension of our ministry to families in Carroll County.

CLS is among the best schools in Carroll County and provides a quality education where the love of Christ sets the tone to develop, cultivate, and nurture all aspects of learning, including spiritual, academic and social. CLS provides special scholarship support for members of the Westminster Conference congregations, so that families will be able to afford to send their children. CLS is experiencing financial challenges right now, and needs to boost enrollment and to receive financial support from the community and especially from Immanuel and other Conference congregations.

Please spread the word about CLS to families with school age children, and please give generously to CLS through this monthly mission offering.

CLS's mission is "Exceptional Education, Formed in Faith."

Let us help to ensure that CLS will continue to carry out its mission for many years to come!

***Note:** Coffee Hour will be on Feb 10th after Immanuel's Anniversary Sunday service with the Bishop.

Christ In Our Home (for January, February and March) and **Our Daily Bread** (for December, January and February) devotionals are still available in the tiered display at the stairway entrance.

Copies are nearly gone, stop by and get your today!

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

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.

PASTOR CHARLIE'S JANUARY BIBLE CHALLENGE – WATER

Our Bible Challenge for January comes as a personal request from a member of Immanuel who works with water and asked me for information about what the Bible says about water. Water is a theme that runs throughout the Bible, appearing in more than 600 verses. Join us as we follow the theme of water through the Bible, from beginning to end.



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.

1/25 John 4:5-14

1/26 John 7:37-39

1/27 Acts 2:37-42

1/28 Romans 6:1-11

1/29 Revelation 7:13-17

1/30 Revelation 22:1-5

1/31 Revelation 22:16-17

*Rescheduled date ...

LEAD focus groups with Sunday School families and staff:

During the month of January, the LEAD team is meeting with small groups and individuals within the congregation. These conversations will center on Immanuel's values, mission, and relationship with the neighborhood, by looking deeper at the results of congregational survey completed in October.

The Sunday School parents and grandparents are invited to meet with the LEAD team on Sunday February 3rd at **10:30am** in the Social Hall. The Sunday School staff will follow with a meeting at **11:15am**.

The LEAD team looks forward to your input as we work together to discern God's plan for our future.



On Saturday, February 2nd, we will host our annual Italian dinner starting at 5:30pm. Youth are needed to serve as waiters and waitresses as well as hosts. Please RSVP to confirm you can participate. Tickets will be \$5 each as donation. Signup sheets are in the back of the sanctuary.

LOOKING AHEAD ...

TODAY, January 27

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

February 2-3

Epiphany 4 Services @ 5pm and 9am

Monthly Special Missions collected for '*Carroll Lutheran School*'

February 9-10

Immanuel's 259th Anniversary Celebration Weekend

*** Bishop Bill Gohl attending and participating at both services

Sunday '259th Anniversary' reception in Social Hall

following morning worship (in place of 2/3 Coffee Hour)

March 2-3

Transfiguration Weekend Services @ 5pm and 9am

Monthly Special Missions for '*Boys & Girls Club of Westminster*'

Sunday Coffee Hour in Social Hall following morning worship

Wed March 6

Ash Wednesday Services @ 1pm and 7pm

March 9-10

Lent 1

Keeping in Touch (KIT) Ministry

Admin Team: Jo Fleck, Jeanne Swain, Matthew Rooney

Working with Pastor Charlie, KIT is a visitation group that reaches out beyond our 4 walls to maintain contact with others. The group connects with those in our congregation who are unable, or frequently unable, to attend worship, or participate in church events and activities.

Last year, KIT reached out on 55 different occasions, either through a visitation, a phone call, or a written card.

2019 brings new goals for KIT as we broaden this ministries vision and impact within Immanuel. We will continue to visit members of Immanuel who may not be able to worship with us, but KIT will now also reach out to those whom we have not seen in a while.

For this reason, the KIT administration team is *looking for eager volunteers* to visit or contact designated members of Immanuel. If you would like to find out more about this ministry, please contact the KIT admin team.

ALTAR FLOWERS SPONSORSHIPS ~ LESSONS & PRAYERS

Fresh seasonal flowers enhance each weekend worship experience, adding color and beauty to the altar. Sponsorship forms and 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 W&M 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.

Upcoming sponsorships available:

- **Feb 2-3** Altar Vases~Center Arrangement
- **Feb 16-17** Altar Vases~Center Arrangement
- **Feb 23-24** Altar Vases~Center Arrangement
- **March 2-3** Altar Vases~Center Arrangement~Lessons&Prayers
Transfiguration
- **Wed, March 6** 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.



The stand outside of the church office holds a Book Exchange and Painted Rocks. Feel free to take one or leave one. We hope to spread kindness through the painted rocks! Most of the rocks were painted during our 'Kids Feeding Kids' summer program.

Take a Rock. Hide the rock. When people find it, they can keep it to be inspired every time they see it or they can hide it again for someone else to find. Spread Kindness. ☺

Social Ministry is serving 'Table of Grace' on Tuesday, January 29th. Please join us anytime you can (between 10 and 2) as we make lunch, serve food to the clients and clean up.

NOTE:

**No 11am Bible Study next Tuesday, Pastor will be helping at Grace Lutheran Church.*

Join us Feb 9-10 as we celebrate Immanuel's 259th anniversary. Bishop Bill Gohl will be our honored guest. **For this reason, the February coffee hour will be held Feb 10 (instead of the usual 1st Sunday of the month).



****Please sign up in the back to help us plan the food and refreshments.***

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. Everyone is welcome. No previous knowledge of the Bible is needed.

—> **MIDWEEK PRAYER AND BIBLE STUDY GROUPS:** All About Angels
During January we will finish our Bible study: “All About Angels.” Even if you missed the first part, you are more than welcome to join us for the rest. No previous knowledge of the Bible is needed.



Tuesday Morning Group will meet in the Oak Tree Room at 11am on Jan 29.

Evening Group will meet at the Pastor's home, (840 Hughes Shop Rd, Westminster MD 21158) at 7pm on Tuesday Jan 29.

—> **CONFIRMATION CLASS:** The Apostles Creed
Confirmation Class meets Sundays, Jan 27 at 7-8pm in the church office. This year we are exploring the Small Catechism. In January we will finish up the Apostles Creed and begin the Lord's Prayer.

Local Pantry Collection for February: Pantries at NESAP and Tree of Friends need *Egg Noodles*. Labeled baskets are in the Narthex for your donations. Thank you!

Pleasant Grove United Methodist Church invites you to a Men's Retreat on February 9th from 8:30am to 2pm.

A Hot Lunch will be served by the Pleasant Grove United Methodist Women. More information can be found at www.pleasantgroveumcmd.org

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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!*

***Rescheduled for February 17th**. We hope the weather will allow Ski Liberty to be open for this makeup date! 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.

We will meet at 12:30 at Immanuel for a caravan up, otherwise we will meet at the snow tubing ticket office at 1:45pm. As a reminder, the cost for families is \$15 per youth, Immanuel will cover the rest of the youth costs. Cost for adults who are also tubing is \$33 each.

***February 22, 2019 at St. Paul's Church (March 1 snow date):**

Mario's Italian Restaurant is open for one night.

Please accept this as your special invite!!

Come and see something strange

The kids doing the work for a change!

Join us between 5:30 and 7:30pm and take a seat.

Then St Paul's Youth will serve something to eat.

Other desserts are available to purchase, so take home and share.

We sure do hope to see you there!

Ticket Cost: your donation. Proceeds help us go to the ELCA Youth Gathering in 2021. Contact Rachel Murphy for more information.



Mar-Lu-Ridge Summer Camp Registration is open NOW and Early Bird savings of \$35 off each camp are in effect until February 18th. (not applicable for Day Camps)

Two open house dates scheduled in **2019**:

March 17th and May 19th from 2–4:30pm. No appointment is necessary, just come and check us out! If those dates do not fit your schedule, please call us at 1.800.238.9974 to set up a personal tour. www.mar-lu-ridge.org

REGISTER NOW!

We all want to see our youth grow and learn with Christ. There is a special individual at Immanuel that feels time at Mar Lu Ridge will help with this important mission. We are so blessed that this individual has offered to cover the cost of summer camp for active members.

Please visit their website to view the brochure, camp description and session dates. Simply send your completed registration form to Rachel in the church office and she will process your registration.

Again, we are *blessed by the generosity of the anonymous donor* and hope that you participate! If you have any questions, please reach out to Rachel.

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	Lainey Loftus
Jim Moose	*Gladys Riley	Donna Marshall
Dhruv Dhingra	Martha Hyson	Linda Calhoun
Nancy Hoffman	Linda Slate	Mike
Janice Farley	David Barnhart	Debbie Myers
*Bonnie Sterner	Bonnie Hull	Sarah Kline
Bryan Ridgely	Nick Campbell	

Family of Harry Arbaugh, husband of Jean

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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