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 9, 2019 Sunday, February 10, 2019 Fifth Sunday after Epiphany 259<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Immanuel Church

#### 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 Feb 9	
Head Usher	Susan Burnette	
Greeter	Charlotte Hann	
Lectors	Judy Bixler	
Offering	Charlotte Hann	
Ushers	Walter Hann	
Communion	Susan Burnette	
Guest Pastor	Bishop Bill Gohl	

	Sun Feb 10		
Head Usher	Brittany Trott		
Altar Guild	Ellen Linsenbardt		
Altai Guilu	Audrey Shaffer		
Greeters	Jane Taylor		
Greeters	Bart Walder		
Lectors	Bob Nicoll		
	Debbie Mace		
Offering	Steve Mace		
Ushers	Terri Rill		
	Tim Rill		
	Susan Burnette		
Communion	Wendy Maloney		
Stewards	Audrey Shaffer		
	Bart Walder		
Acolytos	Dylan Andrews		
Acolytes	Ava Yingling		
Pray w/ Pastor	Pastor Bob Nicoll		
Bell Ringer	Joe Fleck		
<b>Guest Pastor</b>	Bishop Bill Gohl		

## **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.

## **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.

## **FAMILIES WITH YOUNG CHILDREN**:

We are glad you are here!

- Activity bags are 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).

#### INDIVIDUAL PRAYER and HEALING

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### PRELUDE and SILENT MEDITATION

#### THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM - ANNIVERSARY

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

Amen.

## The presiding minister addresses the assembly.

Today we gather to celebrate the 259<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church, founded in 1760 with the building of a log church as a shared house of worship for German Lutheran and German Reformed settlers.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness, welcomed into God's family and sent out in mission to the people of Manchester and beyond.

Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism and for all who have been baptized into this community of faith.

## Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.

Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

#### **GATHERING HYMN**



#### 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.

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

Most holy God, the earth is filled with your glory, and before you angels and saints stand in awe. Enlarge our vision to see your power at work in the world, and by your grace make us heralds of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.** 

#### ANNIVERSARY PRAYER

O God, you have promised through your Son to be with your church forever. We give thanks to you for the members and the ministry of this congregation: for those who had the vision to begin this congregation 259 years ago, those who sustain its present ministry, and those who will carry its mission forward into the future. By your Holy Spirit living in us, help us to grow in faith, hope and love, and make our fellowship an example to all believers and to all nations. We pray through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.** 

#### FIRST READING

Isaiah 6:1-8 [9-13]

Isaiah says, Here am I; send me

<sup>1</sup>In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. <sup>2</sup>Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. <sup>3</sup>And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;

the whole earth is full of his glory."

<sup>4</sup>The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. <sup>5</sup>And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!"

<sup>6</sup>Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. <sup>7</sup>The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." <sup>8</sup>Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!" [<sup>9</sup>And he said, "Go and say to this people: 'Keep listening, but do not comprehend;

keep looking, but do not understand.'

<sup>10</sup>Make the mind of this people dull, and stop their ears, and shut their eyes, so that they may not look with their eyes, and listen with their ears, and comprehend with their minds, and turn and be healed."

<sup>11</sup>Then I said, "How long, O Lord?" And he said: "Until cities lie waste without inhabitant, and houses without people, and the land is utterly desolate; <sup>12</sup>until the LORD sends everyone far away, and vast is the emptiness in the midst of the land.

<sup>13</sup>Even if a tenth part remain in it, it will be burned again, like a terebinth or an oak whose stump remains standing when it is felled." The holy seed is its stump.]

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM Psalm 138

<sup>1</sup>I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart; before the gods I will sing your praise.

<sup>2</sup>I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, because of your steadfast love and faithfulness;

for you have glorified your name and your word above all things.

<sup>3</sup>When I called, you answered me; you increased my strength within me.

<sup>4</sup>All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O LORD, when they have heard the words of your mouth.

<sup>5</sup>They will sing of the ways of the LORD, that great is the glory of the LORD.

<sup>6</sup>The LORD is high, yet cares for the lowly, perceiving the haughty from afar.

<sup>7</sup>Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand shall save me.

<sup>8</sup>You will make good your purpose for me; O LORD, your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the works of your hands.

#### **SECOND READING**

**1 Corinthians 15:1-11** 

Paul delivers in a nutshell the story of the gospel that was given to him. In the lineage of the Christian faith, we have received the good news of God's love from generations of believers before us, and we continue to tell this story to the world.

<sup>1</sup>Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, <sup>2</sup>through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.

<sup>3</sup>For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, <sup>4</sup>and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, <sup>5</sup>and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. <sup>6</sup>Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. <sup>7</sup>Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. <sup>8</sup>Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. <sup>9</sup>For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. <sup>10</sup>But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. <sup>11</sup>Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe. The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

#### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL Luke 5:1-11

The holy gospel according to Luke.

## Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus' teaching of God's word has begun to draw great crowds. For Simon, James, and John, Jesus' teaching inspires hospitality, then obedience, and then risk. After Jesus' creative power is revealed, fear and amazement lead these three fishermen to leave everything behind in order to become apostles.

<sup>1</sup>Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, <sup>2</sup>he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. <sup>3</sup>He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. 4When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." 5Simon answered, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets." <sup>6</sup>When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. <sup>7</sup>So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. 8But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" <sup>9</sup>For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; <sup>10</sup>and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people." <sup>11</sup>When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

#### YOUNG PEOPLE'S MESSAGE

#### **SERMON**

# **HYMN OF THE DAY** (Sung to the tune of 'The Church's One Foundation') *Immanuel's Anniversary Hymn* Original words by Bonnie Hull

- 1 Immanuel's first foundation
  Was Zion's Union Church.
  Reformed and Lutherans worshipped
  As Christian strength they searched.
  God's blue prints called for Immanuel in 1863.
  Through prayer and dedication
  Our goals were met through Thee.
- 2 Our oak tree stands in splendor, Boughs raised to Heav'n above. An 18<sup>th</sup> century landmark; Strong roots of beauty and love. It points the way to music; Our tower burst with song; Proclaiming our allegiance – Immanuel – we belong.
- 3 Our strengths are grace and service From youth to adulthood Through faith and prayer we follow As Christ's disciples would. Our stained glass windows glisten While telling of His love. Our hearts have captured stories We raise to heav'n above.
- 4 This special anniversary
  We lift our voice in song.
  And stand to praise and thank Thee
  Our heritage so strong.
  Our future lies before us
  Living from day to day.
  Two Hundred Fifty-Nine years
  Preserved in God's own way.

#### APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,

he is seated at the right hand of the Father,

and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,

the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  $% \left( \frac{1}{2}\right) =\frac{1}{2}\left( \frac{1}{2}\right) =\frac{1}$ 

the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

#### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

United as one body in Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

## A brief silence.

We pray for the church. Give us courage to answer your call and keep us faithful to your life-giving word. Send us out to be the good news of your love for all people. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.** 

For the earth. For tundra and forests, grasslands and deserts; for those who fish and those who farm. For ranchers, gardeners, and all whose work brings food to our tables. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.** 

For the nations. Grant wisdom to those in authority. Strengthen peacekeepers, ambassadors, military personnel, and disaster relief workers. Protect families who have to leave their homes because of war, natural disasters, or rejection by their communities.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For those in need. For those whose lives are in turmoil; for those who wrestle with addiction; for those burdened by anxiety and self-doubt. For those who grieve, and those who are ill sick including those on our prayer list and those we now name before you...

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For this assembly. For those who prepare this space for worship and those who mentor others in the faith; for those who nurture fellowship within this congregation and those who reach out in service to our community.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

With thanksgiving, we remember those who have died and now rest in your presence including our loved ones whom we remember before you... Sustain us in hope of the resurrection and bring us into the joy of unending life in you. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.** 

Receive our prayers and fill us with the radiance of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 

#### **PEACE**

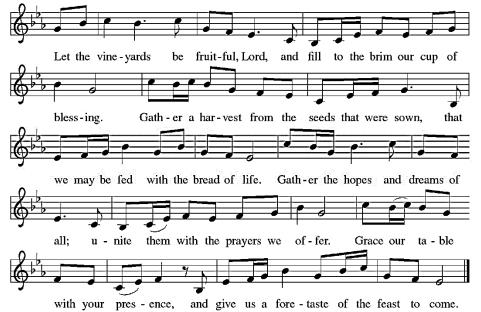
The peace of the Lord be with you all.

And also with you.

#### **OFFERING**

#### ANTHEM

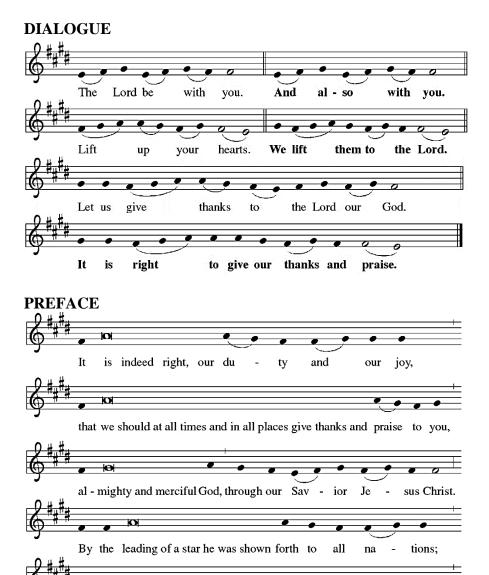
#### **OFFERTORY RESPONSE**



#### **OFFERING PRAYER**

God of all creation.

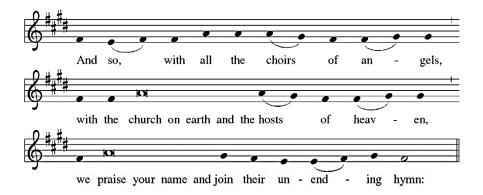
all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.



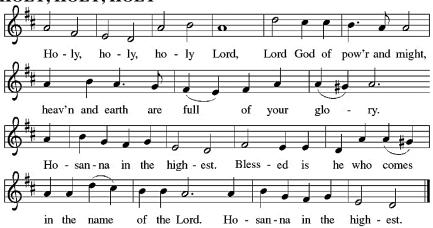
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and in the miracle of water turned to wine he re - vealed your glo - ry.

in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your be-lov -



## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Blessed are you, O holy God: you are the Life and Light of all.

By your powerful word you created all things.

Through the prophets you called your people to be a light to the nations. Blessed are you for Jesus, your Son. He is your Light, shining in our darkness and revealing to us your mercy and might.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,

and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood,

shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his preaching and healing, his dying and rising, and his promise to come again, we await that day when all the universe will rejoice in your holy and life-giving light.

By your Spirit bless us and this meal, that, refreshed with this heavenly food, we may be light for the world, revealing the brilliance of your Son. Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever. **Amen.** 

#### LORD'S PRAYER

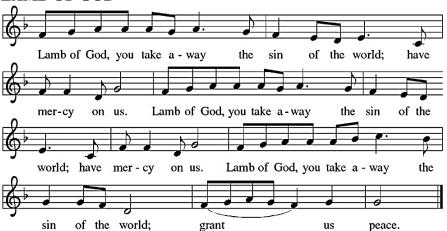
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

#### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to the table.

Feast on God's abundant life for you.

## LAMB OF GOD

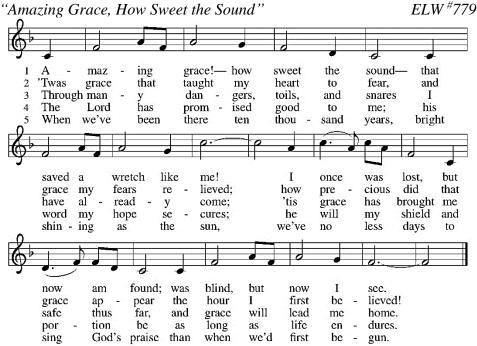


#### DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

Beginning from the front row and moving toward the back, please come down the center aisle from both sides. Take an empty cup if you wish wine, walk to either end of the communion rail to kneel or stand. Pita bread will be the host or a gluten-free wafer will be provided upon request. If no empty cup is presented for wine, you will be given a prepared cup of grape juice.

After communing, stay as long as you wish to pray. Place empty cup in the basket at either end of the pew. Return to your seat by the side aisle.





Text: John Newton, 1725–1807, alt., sts. 1–4; anonymous, st. 5 Music: NEW BRITAIN, W. Walker, Southern Harmony, 1835



The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.** 

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Almighty God,

we give you thanks that you have fed us with this heavenly food. In your grace and by your Spirit, help us to be what we celebrate, the body of Christ in the world.

Send us out, renewed by this sacramental meal, to do the work you have given us to do: to witness for Christ, to love you with singleness of heart, and to serve you with clarity of purpose; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

#### BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

Go forth in peace and with the courage of faith.

Love God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind, and love your neighbor as yourself. **Amen.** 

Whatever you do in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God through him. **Amen.** 

The God of hope fill you with joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.** 

Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.** 

## SENDING HYMN



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#### **POSTLUDE**

#### ++ CALENDAR ++

Sun Feb 10	Church Anniversary Weekend	
	Worship Service w Communion	9:00am
	Brunch Reception in Social Hall	10:30am
	Confirmation Class	7:00pm
Mon Feb 11	Work Day	9am-2pm
	Cub Scouts	7:00pm
	AA and Al-Anon	8:00pm
Tues Feb 12	Bible Study	11:00am
	Church Council Meeting	7:00pm
	Scouts	7:00pm
Wed Feb 13	Bible Study – Pastor's Home	7:00pm
	AA	7:15pm
Thur Feb 14	Choir Practice	7:00pm
Fri Feb 15	Pastor Day Off	
	AA and Al-Anon	8:00pm
Sat Feb 16	Social Hall Reserved	
	Joint Co-op Ch Mtg @ Jerusalem	1:00pm
	Worship Service w Communion	5:00pm
	AA	6:30pm
Sun Feb 17	Worship Service w Communion	9:00am
	**Snow Tubing	2-4pm
	Confirmation Class	7:00pm

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Altar flowers are sponsored in honor of Sharon and Heather's birthday by the Slivecky Family

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The center flower arrangement is sponsored in honor of Immanuel's birthday by the Slivecky Family

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Lessons and Prayers are sponsored in memory of Leroy Mullins (Feb 12, 2017) Love and Miss You! by Pam and Tyler

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Welcome, Bishop Gohl! We are very happy and blessed to welcome our Bishop, Bill Gohl to help us celebrate 259 years of mission at Immanuel, and to help us look forward to the new thing God is doing among us.



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY, IMMANUEL

This Weekend, Immanuel celebrates her 259<sup>th</sup> Birthday! Thank you to Bishop Bill Gohl for joining us at our weekend services and our special anniversary brunch following the Sunday morning worship!

This rich heritage began when a small group of German speaking Lutheran men met together to start a new church. On that cold <u>February 12<sup>th</sup> day in 1760</u>, these men gathered in a log cabin, not far from our mighty oak tree. Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church was born ~ has grown and changed physically several times into our present beautiful building!

Our Archives, housed and displayed in the Sunday School auditorium are always open to browse, research and enjoy! Take a look at our 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Memory Quilt ~ take a closer look at the preserved handmade church quilts in the showcase ~ find the German Bibles and photos of our former pastors ~ inspect the beautiful 'retired' silver communion chalices and ornate communion cloths ~ sit down and glance through albums of photos from past worship services, Sunday Festivals, Easter, Pentecost, Christmases and former Catechism classes and Luther League-Youth activities, along with many newspaper clippings saved to remember Immanuel through the years. HAPPY 259<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY, Immanuel!!

After Sunday service, join us for brunch in the Social Hall to celebrate Immanuel's 259th anniversary.



#### MONTHLY MISSION

The Monthly Mission for February is *Carroll Lutheran School. Remember.* The Special Offering is collected for the entire month. Make checks payable to Immanuel Church. Use your Special Offering envelopes or be sure to make note of the designation.

Carroll Lutheran School (CLS) 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.

Please spread the word about CLS to families with school age children, and please give generously to CLS through this monthly mission offering. Help to ensure that CLS will continue to carry out its mission for many years to come!

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

## Come help at Work Day this Monday, February 11th.

Join us any time you can, between 9am and 2pm in the Social Hall. It is great fellowship (and lunch is provided!) while helping make blankets for charity organizations. ~No sewing experience necessary~

There is something for everyone to do! So, bring a friend with you!

## **February Lectionary**

Week of:	First Reading	Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel
Jan 28 – Feb 3	Jeremiah 1:4-10	Psalm 71:1-6	1 Corinthians 13:1-13	Luke 4:21-30
Feb 4 – 10	Isaiah 6:1-13	Psalm 138	1 Corinthians 15:1-11	Luke 5:1-11
Feb 11 – 17	Jeremiah 17:5-10	Psalm 1	1 Corinthians 15:12-20	Luke 6:17-26
Feb 18 – 24	Genesis 45:3-11,15	Psalm 37:1-11,39-40	1 Corinthians 15:35-38,42-50	Luke 6:27-38

#### 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	5	Pam Miller	8	Ron Davidson	17
Earl Nace	5	Brenda Murray	9	Brian Yingling	17
Luther Myers	7	Jacob McCarty	13	Ellen Stickles	20
Katie Taylor	7	Katharyn Black	14	Christian Adami	24
Sarah Marshall	8	Ryleigh Hoffman	14		

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

## Pastor Charlie's FEBRUARY Bible Challenge – Jesus Begins

The season of Epiphany focuses on the beginnings of Jesus' ministry in Galilee: teaching, healing, casting out demons, and driving his opponents crazy! Our Bible Challenge will take us straight through chapters 4-8 of the Gospel according to Luke. 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.

2/8	Luke 5:17-26	2/15	Luke 6:37-42	2/22	Luke 8:1-8
2/9	Luke 5:27-32	2/16	Luke 6:43-49	2/23	Luke 8:9-15
2/10	Luke 5:33-39	2/17	Luke 7:1-10	2/24	Luke 8:16-21
2/11	Luke 6:1-11	2/18	Luke 7:11-17	2/25	Luke 8:22-25
2/12	Luke 6:12-19	2/19	Luke 7:18-23	2/26	Luke 8:26-39
2/13	Luke 6: 20-26	2/20	Luke 7:24-35	2/27	Luke 8:40-48
2/14	Luke 6:27-36	2/21	Luke 7:36-50	2/28	Luke 8:49-56

#### LOOKING AHEAD ...

#### **TODAY, February 9-10**

Immanuel's 259<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Weekend
\*\*\* Bishop Bill Gohl attending and participating at both services
Sunday '259<sup>th</sup> Anniversary' Brunch reception in Social Hall
following morning worship (in place of 2/3 Coffee Hour)

<u>March 2-3</u> 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

#### **ALTAR FLOWERS SPONSORSHIPS ~ LESSONS & PRAYERS**

Fresh seasonal flowers enhance each weekend worship experience, adding color and beauty to the altar. Sponsorship forms and supplied envelopes are posted on the 2019 Flower Sponsorship Calendar outside the church office. Your written information and payment <u>must be received by 12 noon of the Wednesday before your reserved sponsorship date</u> to ensure inclusion in the weekend bulletins. Leave your information and payment in the Worship and Music basket on the lamp table in the office. Sign-up early and often to reserve the dates of your choice during 2019. Contact Altar Guild with any questions.

## Sponsorships still available:

- 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
- Wed, March 9-10 Center Arrangement Lent 1



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 (Women's Harmony Choir)

## NO EXPERIENCE IS NEEDED,

just 'make a joyful noise'!



- ➤ Sunday Adult Choir practice Thursdays at 7pm
- ➤ Chime Choir practice Thursdays at 6pm (resume Feb 28th)
- Luther Men will sing with Womens' Harmony Choir on
  - Palm Sunday, April 14th Practices: Sundays, April 7 & 14 (choir loft)
- ➤ Children's Choir sing quarterly, practices scheduled as needed
- ➤ Women's Harmony Choir will sing with Luther Men on Palm Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup> Practices: Sundays, April 7 & 14 (choir loft)

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



**The stand outside the church office** is a Book Exchange and Painted Rocks. Feel free to take one or leave one. We hope to spread kindness through the painted rocks!

(Most 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. ©

**Mar-Lu-Ridge Summer Camp Registration is open NOW** and Early Bird savings of \$35 off each camp are in effect *until February 18<sup>th</sup>*.

## **REGISTER NOW!**

We all want to see our youth grow and learn with Christ. There is an individual at Immanuel that feels time at MLR will help with this important mission. We are so blessed that this person will cover the cost of summer camp for active members! Visit mar-lu-ridge.org to view the camp brochure. 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!

#### 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 throughout the year in the Martin Luther Rm following the worship service, approximately 10:15–11:15am. Coffee hour Sundays, we meet 10:45–11:30am. Each week we will explore the Gospel reading for the following Sunday. Everyone is welcome.

### MIDWEEK PRAYER AND BIBLE STUDY GROUPS:

1 & 2 Peter: Courage in the Times of Trouble The morning group is finishing "All About Angels." The evening group is beginning a study of 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Peter, providing guidance and encouragement for those going through dark and difficult times. Join us!

Bible Study Join us!

**Tuesday Morning Group** will meet in the Oak Tree Room at 11am throughout February.

**Evening Group** will meet at 7pm at the Pastor's home, (840 Hughes Shop Rd, Westminster MD 21158) on Wed Feb 13 and Tuesdays Feb 19 & 26.

## CONFIRMATION CLASS: The Lord's Prayer

Confirmation Class meets 7pm Sundays in February in the church office. This year we are exploring the Small Catechism; continuing our study of the Lord's Prayer in February.

## New Cooperative Joint Ministry!

Some upcoming events planned in cooperation with the congregations of Immanuel Lutheran, Jerusalem Lutheran and St. Paul's Lutheran.

Everyone in the congregation is invited to attend!

\*February 17<sup>th</sup>: Join us 2-4pm for **Snow Tubing!** RSVP to Angie (email Angie\_Eckhardt@verizon.net or call/text 410-215-8894).

Meet at 12:30 at Immanuel to caravan up, otherwise meet at the ticket office at 1:45pm. The cost for families is \$15 per youth (Immanuel will cover 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.

#### ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES

~ Wednesday, March 6, 2019

	1pm Afternoon Service	7pm Evening Service	
Head Ushers	Rhonda Kiler	Frank Burnette	
Altar Guild	Ellen Linsenbardt	Sandy Voight	
Greeters	Linda Black	John Popp	
Greeters	Kathleen Regester	Bart Walder	
Lectors	Pete Wulforst	Christine Crouch	
	Judy Bixler	Frank Burnette	
Offering	Rodgers Hagert	Norman Downes	
Ushers	Barb Skelley Laurie Miller		
	Bill Skelley	Steve Miller	
	Rhonda Kiler	Susan Burnette	
Communion	Audrey Shaffer	Debbie Hebrank	
Stewards	Brenda Wulforst	Sandy Voight	
	Pete Wulforst	Bart Walder	
Acolytes		Ashton Eckhardt	
Acolytes		Tanner Eckhardt	
Pray with Pastor	Bob Nicoll	Christine Crouch	
Bell Ringer		Frank Burnette	

## **Weather Cancellation Policy @ Immanuel**

In order to care for the safety of each and every member of the congregation, weather conditions and circumstances <u>may</u> 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** <u>prior to such activities</u> 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 \*Walter Rubv \*Ardice Holbrook Ann Trent Cary Myers Gail Brown Fred Davies Reid Ronayne Dorinda Smith Dolly Ruby Jan Rhoten Robert Rhoten Joe Morris Deborah Moose Elissa Snedeker John Leitner \*Romaine Harper \*Paulyne Hartlaub Joe Miller **Esther Miller** Ann Harden John Marshall \*Don Diseroad \*Thelma Blizzard Donna Mummert Pam Miller Jim Moose **Dhruv Dhingra** 

Nancy Hoffman \*Bonnie Sterner Bryan Ridgely Ch Jimmie Schwartz Lauren DiLeonardi Margo Hawver

**Bobby Patterson** Barbara Patterson Steven Gary **Gary Southard** Paul Moffitt Angela Locke Janis Hagert \*Dot Matthews Carolyn Kittelberger

Bill Skelley Gary Eppley Kelly McNeal Carter Murphy Maria Barczak

Jodi Grossman \*Dan Rilev \*Kathryn Riley David MacArthur \*Jan Engman Bill Whitehead III Ryan Whitehead Norma & Joe Rawlings Pat Morris

Linda Price Jean Honeycutt \*Gladys Riley Martha Hyson **David Barnhart** Bonnie Hull Nick Campbell Brenda Wulforst Debbie Hallev

Daniel Woo **Justin Tawney** Jackie Losiewski Janet Gross June Hale Mary Ayers Jim Menges Cyndi Seibel Janet Brady

Marianne Lieberman Susie Zepp Arnold Speert Diana Thompson

Angie

Jess (Biondo) Redifer

Don Sites

Nathan and Jackson

Sharon Heyet

**Delores Whitehead** 

Jeff Petrusky Heather Petrusky John Petrusky

Elise Decker & family

Ed Marshall Lainey Loftus Donna Marshall Linda Calhoun

Mike

Debbie Myers Sarah Kline **Brittany Trott** 

Pastor Michael Dubsky

**Jeffery Jones** Gail Ensor

Family of Linda Slate, friend of Barb Skelley

Family of George Cox, close friend of Terry Nowlin

Family of Betty Wildasin, mother of Pastor David and Sharon Helfrich Monday, Feb 18: Gathering at Immanuel at 10am, Memorial Service at 11am, Lunch to follow in Social Hall

#### Continue to keep in your prayers:

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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