

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”
Rev. Charles Marshall
Pastor

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

Saturday, August 10, 2019
Sunday, August 11, 2019
9th Sunday after Pentecost

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 in each pew by the center aisle. The Head Usher is here to assist you at any time during the service. Complete the 'Welcome Card' in your pew rack and put in the offering plate or hand it to the pastor as you leave.

Worship Assistants

Sat, Aug 10	
Head Usher	Sarah Marshall
Greeter	Barb Davidson
Lector	Judy Bixler
Offering Ushers	Barb Davidson Ron Davidson
Communion	Judy Bixler

Sun, Aug 11	
Head Usher	Rhonda Kiler
Altar Guild	Steve Burris Sandy Voight
Greeters	Jane Taylor Delores Whitehead
Lector	Willis Kiler
Offering Ushers	Debbie Mace Steve Mace Terri Rill Tim Rill
Communion Stewards	Susan Burnette Andy Kiler Audrey Shaffer Barb Yingling
Acolytes	Dylan Andrews TBD
Pray w/ Pastor	Gretchen Jensen
Bell Ringer	Bart Walder

Cell Phone / Electronics Announcement

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

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, 15 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).

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Genesis 15:1-6

God promises childless and aging Abram that a child of his own will be his heir and that his descendants will number as many as the stars. Abram trusts God's promise, and through this faith he is considered righteous.

¹After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great."

²But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." ⁴But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." ⁵He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." ⁶And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalms 33:12-22

¹²Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD!

Happy the people chosen to be God's heritage!

¹³**The LORD looks down from heaven,
and sees all humankind.**

¹⁴God sits firmly enthroned and watches
all who dwell on the earth.

¹⁵**God fashions all their hearts
and observes all their deeds.**

¹⁶A king is not saved by the size of the army,
nor are warriors rescued by their great strength.

¹⁷**The horse gives vain hope for victory;
despite its great strength it cannot save.**

¹⁸Truly, your eye is upon those who fear you, O LORD,
upon those who wait for your steadfast love,

¹⁹**to deliver their lives from death,
and to keep them alive in time of famine.**

²⁰Our innermost being waits for you, O LORD,
our helper and our shield.

²¹**Surely, our heart rejoices in you,
for in your holy name we put our trust.**

²²Let your lovingkindness, O LORD, be upon us,
even as we place our hope in you.

SECOND READING

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Abraham and Sarah exemplify the vision of faith that people of God enact in every age. Their hope and trust in God's promise allowed them to face an unknown future and to receive the promise of God.

¹Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ²Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. ³By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

⁸By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. ¹¹By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. ¹²Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, “as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.”

¹³All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, ¹⁴for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

Luke 12:32-40

Jesus encourages disciples to invest their hearts and live fully into God's reign. Instead of facing life with fear, those who know God's generosity are always ready to receive from God and to give to others.

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

[Jesus said:] ³²“Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

³⁵“Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; ³⁶be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks.

³⁷Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

³⁹“But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”
The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

++ Upcoming Week Calendar ++

<u>Sun Aug 11</u>	<i>Worship Service w Communion</i>	<i>9:00am</i>
	Coffee & Conversation	10:15am
<u>Mon Aug 12</u>	Work Day	
	AA and Al-Anon	8:00pm
<u>Tues Aug 13</u>	Bible Study – Oak Tree Rm	11am
	Kids Feeding Kids	12pm
	Council Meeting	7pm
<u>Wed Aug 14</u>	Kids Feeding Kids	12pm
	Bible Study – Pastor’s Home	7pm
	AA	7:15pm
<u>Thur Aug 15</u>	Kids Feeding Kids	12pm
<u>Fri Aug 16</u>	Pastor Day Off	
	Kids Feeding Kids – LAST DAY	12pm
	AA and Al-Anon	8:00pm
<u>Sat Aug 17</u>	<i>Worship Service w Communion</i>	<i>5:00pm</i>
	AA	6:30pm
<u>Sun Aug 18</u>	<i>Worship Service w Communion</i>	<i>9:00am</i>
	Coffee & Conversation	10:15am

Thank you to Lexi Starr for playing music at our Sunday morning service.

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Altar flowers are sponsored in memory of
granddaughter Jamie Lynn Black and
my dear friend, Howard ‘Babe’ Miller, father of Chris Miller
by Linda Black and Chris Miller and family

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Center flower arrangement is sponsored in honor of
the August birthdays of great-granchildren
Tyler Spires and Cassidy Egan by Linda Black

Donation rec’d in memory of Thelma Blizzard by
Milton & Nancy Herman and Brenda Murray

Donation rec’d in memory of Catherine Strevig by Brenda Murray

It is very rewarding to see members of Immanuel's congregation being active in the weekly cleaning and maintenance of our church.

This is some information you may find useful:

*A supply cupboard is being stocked in the "old library" with various cleaning supplies, furniture polish, glass and mirror cleaner, rubber gloves, dust cloths, etc. There is a vacuum cleaner located in that room also.

*A supply of trash bags [various sizes], toilet tissue, paper towels [including the refill type used in the dispensers], bottles of hand soap and room deodorizers are stored in this closet as well to replenish as needed.

* There will be a dry erase board / clipboard for you to write down any supplies that need to be purchased. You can also record any questions or concerns there as well.

We appreciate everyone's patience while we are 'learning as we go' to figure out the best way to complete tasks.



'Coffee and Conversation' Please take time to join us downstairs for 'coffee and conversation' after every Sunday service.

PASTORS AUGUST BIBLE CHALLENGE: MORAVIAN DAILY TEXTS

I ask you to accept the challenge from Bishop Gohl and join 180 congregations reading and reflecting on God's Word together. The online Bible Study will continue on the new DE-MD Synod Reads Together group at www.facebook.com/groups/demdreads/

Send message to pastorc@ielcmd.org to join the group and receive the daily reflections by email. ~Pastor Charlie

Readings for the entire month are on a 'take-home' page in back of church.

In August, we are collecting jelly for NESAP and ToFF pantries. Labeled boxes by door for donations. Thank you!



WORSHIP ASSISTANTS ~ SUMMER VACATIONS August worship responsibilities are published in the **August** newsletter and posted on the bulletin board outside the office. If you are planning to be away in August, please contact Susan Burnette, asap, so adjustments can be made in your absence. Thank you.

The August Monthly Mission Special Offering collected for Carroll Lutheran Village. **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.

Immanuel Church is hosting a lunch program where youth volunteers earn service-learning hours by preparing and serving lunch to children in our community and their families.



Kids Feeding Kids

2019 Summer Lunch Program

***Monday – Friday, July 15 – August 16
12noon – 1pm**

How You Can Help:

*Except on Monday, August 12

- Volunteer as an adult advisor at an activity station or at:
11:30am Set Up 12-1pm Serve Lunch 1-2pm Clean Up
- Pray for the children in our program
- Donate food and other needed supplies

This will only be successful if the children and families know about this free lunch program. *Please pass this information along to as many people as you can!* Contact Sharon Bonner 443.847.8185 for information and to schedule your donations and volunteer service

St. Paul's Movie Night Join us at 8pm outside under the pavilion to see



"Miracles from Heaven" on Friday, August 16th

"I Can Only Imagine" on Friday, September 20th

Immanuel's Property committee has scheduled a **Church Work Day** on Saturday, August 17. We will work inside and outside with a provided 'to do list'. Please sign up on the clipboard to let us know you can help!

Place donations for Immanuel's Little Free Pantry in the labeled boxes by main door. Or feel free to place items in the shopping cart at *Weis Markets* that Social Ministry secured for pantry donations.

Trinity UCC Blood Drive is on Wed, August 21 from 12 to 5:30pm.
To donate, call 1-800-Red-Cross or visit www.redcrossblood.org and enter Sponsor Code: trinityunitedchurchofchrist

*To reduce your donation time by 15 minutes, visit
redcrossblood.org/rapidpass

LOOKING AHEAD ...

August 24-25 *Blessing of the Backpacks* Weekend @ 5pm and 9am

September 7-8 Sunday Coffee and Conversation

Special Mission Offering collected for 'Operation Christmas Child'

Women's Harmony Choir Sunday practice @ 10:30am

Thurs, Sept 12 Adult Choir weekly practices resume @ 7pm

Sunday, September 15 **Holy Cross Sunday**

Women's Harmony Choir practice @ 10:30am

September 21-22 Decorate for *Harvest Home* – Saturday @ 10am

Harvest Home Weekend Services @ 5pm and 9am

'Fill-Our-Baskets' Food Drive

Women's Harmony Choir provide Sunday special music

Sunday practice @ 8:30am

Afternoon Hymn Sing @ Immanuel, Sunday @ 3pm

Thurs, Sept 26 Chime Choir practices resume @ 6pm, auditorium



OPPORTUNITIES TO LEARN AND GROW AT IMMANUEL

—> **COFFEE AND CONVERSATION CONTINUES THROUGH AUGUST**

During the month of August, Pastor Charlie will be available for "Coffee and Conversation" following Sunday morning worship in the Martin Luther Room. This takes place of our Sunday Adult Bible Study for the summer. Bring your responses to the sermon, questions about the Bible, ideas for ways to help Immanuel grow, or anything else that may be on your mind. Or just come and enjoy some good Christian fellowship!

—> **MIDWEEK PRAYER AND BIBLE STUDY GROUPS:**

1 & 2 Peter: Courage in Times of Trouble & *Amos: Prophet of Justice*
Please join us! No previous knowledge of the Bible is needed.

Tuesday Morning Group will meet at 11am in the Oak Tree Room on Tuesdays, Aug 20 & 27.

Evening Group will meet at 7pm in the Pastor's home on Aug 20 & 27. (840 Hughes Shop Rd, Westminster MD 21158)



We now have a new way for you to support God's work at Immanuel: Mobile Giving! Our new platform for mobile giving is called **Tithe.ly**.

To use the platform, download the Tithe.ly giving app from the App Store or Google Play, go to <https://tithe.ly/give> or text "Give" to 443-214-0406 and follow instructions to set up your Tithe.ly account.

Your gift is safe, secure and goes directly to Immanuel. Plus, you'll be able to track your giving, setup recurring gifts, and more!

Our Annual Blessing of the Backpacks will be on **August 24-25**. Backpacks will be blessed, along with a prayer that each child safely begin their new school year. We pray all families will ask God to help and guide their children throughout their learning years.

~ "And they were bringing children to him... Jesus said, 'Let the children come to me... for such belongs the Kingdom of God'...and Jesus took them in His arms and blessed them laying his hands upon their heads." (Mark 10:13-16)

Sunday, September 8th, is our church picnic at Christmas Tree Park, Pavilion #4, following Sunday service. Lunch served at 11:30am.

Fellowship will provide: Fried Chicken, Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Paper Products, and Drinks. Bring a side dish to share. Sign up sheet in back.

Bring your family and friends. Everyone is welcome. Spread the word!



Our youth and family activity with the shared ministry of the local churches is on Saturday, **September 14, 2019** from **9:30-11:30am** to volunteer at *First Fruits Farm*. (20431 Middletown Road, Freeland MD 21053)

All ages are welcomed as long as they can do manual labor. We will be there to *work for the farm* – so it is not recommended for younger children.

Please RSVP to Brenda Wulforst (443.507.6753 or brenjw1@comcast.net) by Sept 1st with how many will participate so we can plan accordingly.

To learn more about the farm, check out their website and YouTube video. firstfruitsfarm.org https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wG-rRL_FpWA

St Mark's Lutheran Church of Snydersburg Fall Bazaar is **Sept 14th** from 8am to 2pm. 1616 Cape Horn Rd Hampstead, MD 21074

October 5th is our Immanuel/Trinity Community Yard and Craft Sale from 8-2. Rent a space for ONLY \$20! Sign up sheet is in the back.

Kids Activities · Live Music · Food & Drinks

The Shred Mill truck
on site from 1 to 2



For more information, contact:

Rhonda at 443-340-2357 / kiler@hughes.net

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	Paul Moffitt	Janet Gross
Cary Myers	Angela Locke	June Hale
Gail Brown	Janis Hagert	Mary Ayers
Fred Davies	*Dot Matthews	Jim Menges
Reid Ronayne	Carolyn Kittelberger	Cyndi Seibel
Dorinda Smith	Gary Eppley	Janet Brady
Dolly Ruby	Kelly McNeal	Marianne Lieberman
Jan Rhoten	Carter Murphy	Diana Thompson
Robert Rhoten	Jodi Grossman	Angie
Joe Morris	*Dan Riley	Jess (Biondo) Redifer
John Leitner	*Kathryn Riley	Don Sites
*Romaine Harper	David MacArthur	Nathan and Jackson
*Paulyne Hartlaub	*Jan Engman	Sharon Heyet
Joe Miller	Bill Whitehead III	Delores Whitehead
Esther Miller	Ryan Whitehead	Jeff Petrusky
Ann Harden	Pat Morris	Heather Petrusky
John Marshall	Linda Price	John Petrusky
*Don Diserod	Jean Honeycutt	Elise Decker & family
Pam Miller	*Gladys Riley	Lainey Loftus
Jim Moose	David Barnhart	Donna Marshall
Dhruv Dhingra	Debbie Halley	Linda Calhoun
Nancy Hoffman	Jerry Hoffman	Mike
*Bonnie Sterner	Mary Sipe	Sarah Kline
Bryan Ridgely	Judy Jensen	Brittany Trott
Ch Jimmie Schwartz	Tyler Mullins	Pr Michael Dubsky
Dr & Mrs. Bruce Belvin	Mary Mitchell	Jeffery Jones
Caroline Marshall Paul	Debbie Miller	Gail Ensor
Dattilio	Steve Yelton	Amy Buechler
Shelly Drechsler	Kelsey Thoebus	Nate Linsenbardt
Lynda Magee	Carly	Jackson Burnham
Loretta Murphy	Harry Downes	Michael Roberts
Pam Mullins	Carol Stonesifer	Dorothy Norris
Kevin Carpenter	Cindy Ganjon	Dave Jones
Ben Johnson	Nick Campbell	Carl & Cathy Hintz

Family of Ray Ferrier, husband of Bonnie

Continue to keep in your prayers:

Our Missionary in South Sudan refugee camps: Rev. Wal Reat

Those serving in the military: Brett Richardson, Kyle Pasta, David Mace, Cassy Sanders, Gavin Bussard, Austin Maloney, Christian Evans