



# The VISITOR

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## From The Pastor's Desk....

### MISSION STATEMENT

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

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This summer, our LEAD journey is taking us outside the four walls of our church building to hear what God is saying to us through the voices we hear in our neighborhood. This is our third and final “Great Listening.” We began by Listening to God in Scripture and Prayer. Many of you joined the members of our LEAD Team as we studied and prayed through key passages in the New Testament book of Acts last year. Our second “Great Listening” was Listening to God in the Congregation. Many of you participated in this stage of our journey by completing the congregational survey and participating in one of the many focus groups that dug deeper into the themes we explored together. Our LEAD Team has already begun to listen to many different voices in our neighborhood of Manchester and will continue this process throughout the summer months.

As part of Listening to God in the Neighborhood, I invite you to join members of the LEAD Team in what may be for you a new way of praying, called “Prayer Walking.” Usually



done with a partner, it involves walking slowly through an area you choose and praying quietly for the people, homes, businesses and organizations you encounter. Ask the Holy Spirit to guide you and show you what you need to pray over. Pray God’s blessing on those you see and those you don’t see. It usually works well to meet with your partner before you begin your walk, read a brief passage of Scripture together as a theme for your walk, and pray together before you start, asking God to open your eyes and

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ears, your mind and heart, to whatever God may show you. Then get together briefly following your walk to reflect together on what happened and what you want to remember.

If, while you are on your walk, anyone asks you what you are doing, you can say something like this: ““We’re praying God’s blessing on the neighborhood. Is there anything you would like us to pray about?””

We will be scheduling a Neighborhood Prayer Walk at least once this summer, where a group of us will gather and prepare ourselves before going in groups of two or three to prayer walk in different parts of our neighborhood, and then regather to share our experiences. You may also do a prayer walk on your own, perhaps in the area where you live.

Please let me know if you are interested or if you would like to learn more about prayer walking.

Yours in the steadfast Love of Christ,  
*Pastor Charlie*

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## PASTOR CHARLIE’S JUNE BIBLE CHALLENGE: PSALMS 110-125

This month our Bible Challenge will return to the Psalms, beginning where we left off in November 2018. These ancient songs express the faith of God’s people Israel, from the heights of praise and thanksgiving to the depths of anger and despair. The online Bible Study will continue with daily comments from Pastor Charlie on Facebook. Email [pastorc@ielcmd.org](mailto:pastorc@ielcmd.org) if you would like to join this private group, or if you would like to receive an email of his daily comments.

6/1 Ps 110	6/11 Ps 118:1-9	6/21 Ps 119:113-128
6/2 Ps 111	6/12 Ps 118:10-20	6/22 Ps 119:129-144
6/3 Ps 112	6/13 Ps 118:21-29	6/23 Ps 119:145-160
6/4 Ps 113	6/14 Ps 119:1-16	6/24 Ps 119:161-176
6/5 Ps 114	6/15 Ps 119:17-32	6/25 Ps 120
6/6 Ps 115:1-8	6/16 Ps 119:33-48	6/26 Ps 121
6/7 Ps 115:9-18	6/17 Ps 119:49-64	6/27 Ps 122
6/8 Ps 116:1-11	6/18 Ps 119:65-80	6/28 Ps 123
6/9 Ps 116:12-19	6/19 Ps 119:81-96	6/29 Ps 124
6/10 Ps 117	6/20 Ps 119:97-112	6/30 Ps 125

## 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 explore the Gospel reading for the following Sunday. Everyone is welcome, and no previous knowledge of the Bible is needed.

### **\*MIDWEEK PRAYER AND BIBLE STUDY GROUPS:**

*1 & 2 Peter: Courage in times of trouble & Amos: prophet of justice*

Our two Bible study groups are on slightly different schedules. The morning group will continue their study of 1 & 2 Peter while the evening group will begin a new study on the Old Testament prophet Amos in June. Please join us! No previous knowledge of the Bible is needed.

**Tuesday Morning Group** will meet in the Oak Tree Room on

Tuesdays at 11am on June 4, 11, 18 & 25.

**Evening Group** will meet at the Pastor's home at 7pm on

(840 Hughes Shop Rd, Westminster MD 21158)

Tuesday June 4, Wednesday June 12 and Tuesdays June 18 & 25.

### **“ROAR!” VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL SNEAK PEEK PREVIEW**

On Sunday, June 30 from 1:30 – 4:00pm we will have our second annual pre-VBS study based on the Bible readings for our Vacation Bible School (July 7–11). Come and learn about the daily VBS themes, songs and animal mascots as we dig deep into the Bible stories for each of the five days of VBS. This special preview event is designed for VBS staff, helpers, parents of VBS students, and everyone who wants to grow in God's Word!

## MISSIONS

Joe Fleck, [jpflecksr@gmail.com](mailto:jpflecksr@gmail.com), 410-848-5919

The Special Mission Offering for June will be Immanuel's Emergency Assistance Fund. This fund, along with the Pastor's Discretionary Fund, is used to help church members and members of the local community with urgent financial needs such as BGE utility shutoff notices and eviction notices due to nonpayment of rent. All requests go through a verification process, and applicants are directed to other sources of assistance first. Payment is not made to the applicant but to the company or landlord to whom the funds are owed.

Your gift to the Emergency Assistance fund will enable us to help more people more generously, and keep us from having to deny help to people with legitimate needs. “Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and will be repaid in full.” (Proverbs 19:17)

*Remember:* Use your Special Offering envelopes or be sure to make note of the designation. Donations for the assigned mission are collected for the entire month. After our bank reconciliation, one check is issued to the organization. Make checks payable to Immanuel Church.

## INDIVIDUAL PRAYER AND HEALING

Pastor offers individual prayer at the communion rail, with anointing and laying of hands for healing for those who desire it before each service.

## ARE YOU RECEIVING THE WEEKLY EMAIL?

Pastor Charlie sends out a weekly message. It is a great way to stay up to date on what is happening at Immanuel. If you would like to be included, please submit your email address to [pastorc@ielcmd.org](mailto:pastorc@ielcmd.org).

## COMMUNICATION DEADLINES

Information to print in the weekly service bulletin must be received by noon on the Wednesday prior to worship. Information to print in the monthly newsletter must be received by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month prior.

## AMAZON.COM

Did you know? ... When you shop on Amazon.com, you can help our church by linking your Amazon account to our Church ID.

We receive 0.5% proceeds from your purchases. Start with this link: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/52-0729004> then confirm Immanuel as the Charitable Organization to receive the proceeds, and you will then be directed to the 'regular' Amazon webpage.

## IMMANUEL'S LITTLE FREE PANTRY

Immanuel's Little Free Pantry needs your help. Labeled boxes are available for your donations. The current request is for tuna, soup, canned noodles (spaghettios, raviolis... etc) and canned vegetables.



Money donations are also graciously accepted – mark as pantry donation and put in offering plate or leave in church office.

## WORK DAY on MONDAY, MAY 13

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!

## BOOK EXCHANGE and PAINTED ROCKS

Outside of the church office is a stand that holds a Book Exchange and Painted Rocks. Feel free to take one or leave one.

## SYNOD ASSEMBLY

Our annual Synod Assembly was in Hunt Valley this year on Thursday, May 30 – Sat June 1. Pastor Charlie attended and represented Immanuel.



## MISSIONARY SPONSORSHIP

Rev. Wal Reat is our ELCA Global Missionary. He serves in South Sudan among the refugees in several camps along the border between South Sudan and Ethiopia.

## 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

## WEDDING

**Danielle Rill** and **Gavin Bussard** were united in marriage at Immanuel on Saturday, May 25 at 2pm. God bless them in their new life together!

## BAPTISM

Sunday, May 19, 2019

**Nathan Craig Voight**

Son of Brian and Stephanie Voight

Sponsored by Michael and Michelle Schmorrr

*We wish God's blessings on Nathan and his family*

## THANKS

An Easter donation was received from Esther Miller.

## DEATHS

Donald Dell Sr., father of Laurie Miller

Deborah Moose, daughter of Audrey Moose

Ryan Miller, grandson of Doris Miller and nephew of Sandy Voight

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# STEPHEN MINISTRY

Leader: Connie Dattilio, 717-637-7157

Members: Evonne Brillhart, Christine Crouch, Bonnie Hull,  
Gretchen Jensen, Audrey Shaffer, Pastor Charlie

## HELP WANTED!

The Stephen Ministers of Immanuel need you, and we are seeking those who may need us! We need new care receivers to keep our program robust and our commitment to help those in need fulfilled. We also need new Stephen Ministers.



Right now we have experienced Stephen Ministers who are willing to take on new care receivers. Stephen Ministers help those who are experiencing life issues such as grief, divorce, chronic illness, long-term care, terminal illness, loneliness, or job loss. It is not counseling, but rather a confidential and caring Christian lay ministry. We are trained as nonjudgmental compassionate listeners, willing to walk side by side with those facing difficulties.

We also need new Stephen Ministers. In the Stephen Ministry caregiving model, men in need of Stephen Ministry are assigned only male caregivers, while women Stephen Ministers only work with women. At this time we have no male Stephen Ministers. We welcome both men and women interested in becoming a Stephen Minister. As any Stephen Minister would acknowledge, we feel truly blessed by our relationship with our care receivers. If you would like to know more about Stephen Ministry, the training involved, and the support you receive from your Stephen Ministry supervisor and peers, Pastor Charlie or Connie Dattilio can speak to you further.

If you need the reassurance of God's love, and the knowledge that someone cares enough about you to share what you are struggling with, take that first step. Please talk with Pastor Charlie, Connie, or any of our Stephen Ministers.

# LEAD

Chris Crouch, Facilitator  
John Gregg, Pastor Charlie, Debbie Miller, Debbie Mace, Terri Rill

## **LEAD – Living Everyday As Disciples**

The LEAD team communicated our recent progress during worship services on the weekend of May 11/12. This report shares what was said, with updates as of this writing.

This spring and summer, the LEAD team is involved in the phase of our LEAD journey entitled *Listening to God in the Neighborhood*. Unlike *Listening to God in the Congregation*, these listening opportunities take us out of our familiar surroundings as we seek out those active in our community.

### **Who do we plan to listen to?**

We want to listen to people involved in town government, education, nonprofit organizations, neighborhood businesses, service organizations, senior programs, and other churches. Our initial hope is that we can get to know our neighborhood better, and as a church form stronger relationships within the community.

### **What are we asking our neighbors?**

We start by introducing ourselves, and try to get a feel about what the person we're talking to may know about Immanuel. We then ask them to share something about themselves and their organization. We continue by asking what they see as the strengths and needs of Manchester, how they may be addressing the challenges of our community, and who their partners are. We ask how they think the problems of the neighborhood can be solved. We always end by asking two questions: Who else should we talk to, and is there anything we didn't ask that you'd like to tell us.

### **Who have we talked to so far?**

We began our listening in a conversation with our own Steve Miller, Town Administrator of Manchester. We have since listened to Sharon Bonner who has overseen Kids Feeding Kids at Immanuel for the past two summers. We also had conversations with Mark Bugbee, Pupil Personnel Worker at the area elementary, middle, and high schools, and Amy Cain, Student Support Facilitator at Manchester Valley High School. We recently had a listening session with Erik Hott of Tree of Friends. We are currently in the process of reaching out to the North Carroll Senior Center, some of the business owners on Main St., the fire and police departments, and other churches.

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## What's next?

After interviewing a solid cross section of community members, we'll reflect on those conversations and look for common themes in their comments. We'll then compare the themes to what the congregation had to say in their listening sessions and surveys, asking "Where do the gifts of the congregation link with the needs of the community?" This isn't the discernment of a committee of a few people, but rather a congregation wide effort. To open our eyes and focus our hearts on the neighborhood, we are inviting the congregation to join the LEAD Team in a neighborhood prayer walk, to be scheduled this summer.

In the future we'll be sharing details of our neighborhood conversations. Please remember that our listening in the congregation did not stop as we shifted to listening in the neighborhood. Your input continues to be invaluable. If you wish to share your thoughts, we're here to listen. It's our mission to listen, respect, reflect, and listen again as we are all led by God to develop a shared vision of our church with our neighbors and a clear purpose for our future.



~Christine Crouch,  
LEAD Facilitator

# PROPERTY

Chair: Tim Rill

Members: Frank Burnette

- Boiler was inspected by our insurance company on May 14<sup>th</sup> as required by the state, and passed the inspection.
- Boiler is to be shut down and air conditioner serviced in preparation for our summer season.
- Hood fan in the kitchen is in the installation process
- We are considering purchasing a motion camera to monitor the Little Free Pantry, cost varies from \$100—\$200. It has been reported that one or two individuals are abusing the pantry.
- Antique doors, which hung in the Sunday School Auditorium need to be retrieved from storage. Council is currently looking at what we would like to do with them.



# PERSONNEL

Chair: Frank Burnette,  
Members: Connie Dattilio, Deb Hebrank, Pete Wulforst

Personnel committee will be meeting with the employees for the second quarter review. We will address employee concerns and current issues.

# FINANCE

Treasurer: Sharon Slivecky, 410-790-6146, sslivecky@ielcmd.org  
Members: Garth Eckhardt, Audrey Shaffer, Matthew Rooney, Jeff Yingling,  
Rachel Murphy, Frank Burnette, Norm Downes

## **AUTOMATIC AND ONLINE DONATIONS**

Submit one-time donations or setup recurring contributions directly from your checking account or use a credit card. Visit our website: [ielcmd.org](http://ielcmd.org)

**\*\*Instead of going online, there is also a hardcopy form available \*\***

A special congregation meeting is schedule for June 15 and 16 to discuss Immanuel's finances. A letter is in the mail advising you of this meeting. Please mark your calendars and make every effort to attend.

# SOCIAL MINISTRY

Chair: Deb Hebrank, 410-952-3320

Members: Rhonda Kiler, 410-239-7028; Brittany Trott, 865-282-6521

Brenda Wulforst, 443-507-6753, Amanda Yingling, 717-880-5215

## SPRINGFIELD HOSPITAL

We are collecting New or Gently Used Handbags/Totebags for Springfield Hospital. A labeled box is in the Narthex for your donations. Remember Ladies it's never too late to do a little spring cleaning!

## FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS

The food pantries at NESAP and Tree Of Friends are in need of Mac & Cheese. Please consider picking up a box or two (dollar store sells them). They also are in need of plastic and paper bags.

## THRIVENT DOLLARS

Just a friendly reminder: Anyone can become an Associate Member of Thrivent for \$20 a year. This entitles you to a one time distribution of \$250. Social Ministry & Fellowship can put these dollars to use. Please consider becoming an Associate Member....we can help you apply.

## TABLE OF GRACE

We served 80 clients at our April Table Of Grace. Thank you to everyone that helped, whether it be cooking, serving or cleaning up. Also, a big thank you to everyone that bakes goodies (they are truly appreciated by all!!). Your help is greatly appreciated and please know we could not do this without you!

Our next Table Of Grace is July 30<sup>th</sup>. If you are unable to help, please consider donating a baked good (our clients love everything sweet!!).

# CHRISTIAN ED

Jeanne Swain, Angie Eckhardt, Sandy Voight

We visited the Carroll County Humane Society on May 11. The tour and information received was good and our donations were much appreciated.

May 19 was the last Sunday School class for the school year. We still encourage the children to bring a can good in lieu of monetary donations throughout the summer to help stock the Little Free Pantry.

Also, we are seeking a Christian Ed director. Please prayerfully consider this important and much needed ministry at Immanuel. We need to get our Sunday School program strong for our youth.



Another VBS meeting is scheduled on June 10 at 7pm. We will participate in the MFD parade on Tuesday, July 2. Angie, Brittany, Joey, and Elise are decorating Joe Fleck's truck in our VBS theme.

Pastor will have a VBS sneak peek preview on June 30 from 1:30 to 4pm for teachers, parents and anyone else interested.



Immanuel's Vacation Bible School begins with a ROAR (our theme!) on Sun, July 7 and concludes on Thur, July 11. Registration is open now!

To encourage early registration, we are offering the chance to win a prize basket, filled with VBS related gifts. Our drawing for the basket will take place on Sunday June 9. Each child with a completed registration form will have their name submitted and be eligible to win the basket. Registration forms are available on last page of this newsletter. You can also find forms at the rear of the sanctuary, along with a tray where completed forms can be left. Completed forms can also be dropped off at the church office.

Register TODAY. Your child might be the lucky winner!

### **Vacation Bible School Needs You!**

Again this year we are relying on the generosity of the congregation of Immanuel to support VBS by either their donated items or monetary contributions. Our wish list includes anything you have at home that can help us create a jungle in the sanctuary along with:

- 200 small paper plates
- 200 6 oz plastic cups
- 1 large iced tea mix
- 60 pairs large googly eyes
- 20 glue sticks
- 10 pool noodles
- 20 ping pong balls
- 15 soak balls
- 50 juice boxes
- 100 individual serving size cookies, granola bars
- 100 individual serving applesauce or fruit cups
- 20 pounds bird seed (8lb bags at Big Lots for \$8)
- Paper grocery bags
- 4 rolls removable double-sided tape (safe for walls)
- 2 packs patterned scrap booking paper
- 2 packs brightly colored craft paper
- 2 packs animal print craft paper
- 150 plain white paper plates
- 100 paper drinking straws

\*Note: this is current list as of May 29 printing

If you can assist with any of these items, please sign the donation list at the rear of the sanctuary and place your contribution in the room adjacent to Rachel's office – the old library. We would also deeply appreciate any monetary donations to support the purchase of perishable items for our meals and picnic, T shirts, and VBS supplies.

We are also asking for members of the congregation to “adopt” blow up jungle animals for \$25 each. See the list in the sanctuary.

Thank you for your support of Immanuel's Vacation Bible School. We couldn't do it without you!

# FELLOWSHIP

Chair: Rhonda Kiler, 410-239-7028

Members: Deb Hebrank, 410-952-3320; Brenda Wulforst, 443-507-6753;  
Brittany Trott, Elise Decker, Tyler Mullins

The Fellowship Committee wishes to thank everyone who helped provide breakfast on Easter morning. We had 72 hungry people attend the breakfast and everyone went away with a full stomach. We also celebrated cooking on a new stove. Thanks to Tim Rill for pushing to get it installed before Easter morning. Unbelievable how much easier it was just to turn a knob to start our ovens and stove.

We had a coffee hour on May 5<sup>th</sup>. It may have been pouring outside but we enjoyed ourselves inside with coffee, homemade baked goods and some fun. The tables were decorated in pink with flowers for Mother's day. Special treats or prizes were given to mothers who had the most grandchildren, the oldest mother, youngest, who had a birthday on Mother's day, etc. We actually learned a lot about the mothers who attended the coffee hour that day.



On June 2<sup>nd</sup> our coffee hour will be honoring the men in our congregation. Please come and join us. We will be serving breakfast sandwiches and strawberry desserts. If you wish to bring a baked good that day we would appreciate it. There is a signup sheet for coffee hours at the back of the sanctuary.

A special coffee hour is planned for June 9<sup>th</sup> in honor of Tanner Eckhardt's confirmation. Please take the time to come and congratulate Tanner for this accomplishment.

Thanks to everyone who helps in some way with any of the activities. Doing just one little thing helps so much to make Immanuel stronger.

# ACTIVITIES / EVENTS

*\*Events and activities are listed throughout the newsletter.\**

Below is a list of some upcoming activities, including the Shared Ministry Events. These events are planned in cooperation with the congregations of Immanuel, Jerusalem and St. Paul's (Upperco), St Mark's (Snydersburg) and Christ (Trenton) Churches. ***The entire congregations are welcome to join any or all of these activities! Bring a friend too!***

## **Saturday, June 1**

Jerusalem Lutheran Church Strawberry Festival Event 12pm till 5pm.

## **Saturday, June 15**

St. Paul's (Upperco) Flea Market from 8am to 2pm, rain or shine.

## **Saturday, June 24**

Co-op shared ministry meeting at 7pm at Immanuel.

## **Sunday, July 14**

St. Mark's Lutheran Church of Snydersburg Picnic at 1pm. They will be supplying hot dogs, hamburgers and drink. Everyone is to bring a dish and chair. They will need head count one week before. Contact Beverly Martin at [bamedd40@gmail.com](mailto:bamedd40@gmail.com)

## **Saturday, July 20**

St. Paul's (Upperco) Flea Market from 8am to 2pm, rain or shine.

## **Monday, July 22 — Friday, July 26 (during the DAY)**

St. Paul's (Upperco) VBS from 9am to 12noon

Theme: To Mars and Beyond

## **Saturday, August 10**

Jerusalem Lutheran Church Chicken BBQ Event 11am till sold out.  
\$10 Combo Meal. Eat In or Carry -Out.

## **Saturday, September 14**

St. Mark's Lutheran Church of Snydersburg Yard Sale 8am-2pm.  
Spaces are available.

## **Saturday, September 21**

Jerusalem Lutheran Church Pork Feed/ Pit Beef Event till 6pm.

## **Friday, October 4**

St. Paul's (Upperco) Bingo at Arcadia Activities building

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Missions Special Offering <b>5pm Worship / Communion</b> 6:30pm AA						
2 Missions Special Offering <b>9am Worship / Communion</b> 10:15am Coffee Hour 10:45am Adult Bible Study	3 7pm Den Scout Mtg 8pm AI-Anon 8pm AA	4 11am Bible Study - Oak Tree Rm 7pm Scouts 7pm Bible Study - Pr Home	5 7:15pm AA	6 Pastor Retreat Day	7 Pastor Day Off 8pm AA 8pm AI-Anon	8 <b>5pm Worship / Communion</b> 6:30pm AA
9 <b>9am Worship / Communion</b> 10:15am Coffee Hour 10:45am Adult Bible Study	10 9am Work Day 7pm Den Scout Mtg 7pm VBS Mtg 8pm AI-Anon 8pm AA	11 11am Bible Study - Oak Tree Rm 7pm Church Council Meeting 7pm Scouts	12 7pm Bible Study - Pr Home 7:15pm AA	13	14 Pastor Day Off 8pm AA 8pm AI-Anon	15 <b>5pm Worship / Communion</b> 6:30pm AA Special Congregation Mtg
16 <b>9am Worship / Communion</b> 10:15am Adult Bible Study Special Congregation Mtg	17 7pm Den Scout Mtg 8pm AI-Anon 8pm AA	18 11am Bible Study - Oak Tree Rm 7pm Scouts 7pm Bible Study - Pr Home	19 7:15pm AA	20	21 Pastor Day Off 8pm AA 8pm AI-Anon	22 <b>5pm Worship / Communion</b> 6:30pm AA
23 Special Congregation Mtg	24 7pm Coop Ministry Mtg 7pm Den Scout Mtg 8pm AI-Anon 8pm AA	25 11am Bible Study - Oak Tree Rm 7pm Scouts 7pm Bible Study - Pr Home	26 7:15pm AA	27	28 Pastor Day Off 8pm AA 8pm AI-Anon	29
30 <b>9am Worship / Communion</b> 10:15 Adult Bible Study 1:30pm VBS Preview Session						

# CHURCH COUNCIL

President: Brenda Wulforst, 443-507-6753; Vice President: Frank Burnette

Recording Secretary: Sarah Marshall; Treasurer: Sharon Slivecky

## NEW BUSINESS

- Plans are being pursued by the Property and Fellowship committees to schedule and organize work days for Immanuel. The first will be planned for the fall of this year. The suggested activities are cleaning, organizing, painting the first floor bathrooms in the education building, etc. More information will be posted in the weekly bulletin.
- Efforts are being made to revitalize a Stewardship group at Immanuel. This small group would encourage tithing and investing your time and talent at Immanuel. Each of us has a responsibility to play a significant part in the church's future.
- Kids Feeding Kids, 2019—Church council and our Pastor are currently working with Sharon Bonner to fine tune plans for Kids Feeding Kids. Adult supervision needs to be beefed up and Immanuel members are asked to volunteer some hours during the summer, if able. Watch the weekly bulletin for more details.
- Immanuel's Little Free Pantry is experiencing some growing pains. Since the 18<sup>th</sup> of April, the pantry has been raided 3 times and the fully stocked pantry has been emptied in a matter of a few hours. Options to control and prevent this from continuing are being explored. Currently the Pantry has been shut down until further notice. We hope to have some security measures in place and reopen.
- The ministry co-op met at St Paul's. This small group is looking at various ways for the churches in the area to partnership and even share time and talent. The next meeting is scheduled for June 24 at 7 pm at Immanuel.
- Church council is exploring possible ways to reduce the budget. Suggestions were discussed on the following 3 items. Discontinue the printing of the hymns and liturgy in the weekly bulletin. Instead we would go back to using the red hymnal. This practice would save thousands of pages of print each year. Unsponsored flowers each week are a huge expense on Immanuel's budget. Council is exploring and addressing this also. Should alter vases not be filled if there is no sponsor?

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**OLD BUSINESS**

- Synod Assembly is scheduled for May 30 through June 1 at Hunt Valley.
- Immanuel is partnering with Trinity UCC to promote and attend the Frederick Keys game on Friday, August 16. After the game, there is a fireworks display. Bus transportation is available that night leaving from the front of the church.
- Vacation Bible school plans are in full swing. Thanks to each of you contributing to our successful start. Our staff is excited and encouraged by this. A “wish list” is published in the Christian Education section of this news letter. The list is also available in the rear of the Sanctuary for you to volunteer to contribute needed items. VBS is here at Immanuel on July 7-July 11. Also, come out to the MVFD parade on July 2 to see Immanuel’s children.

**- Vendors Wanted -**

Presented by the Upperco Volunteer Fire Company,  
the *Inaugural Upperco Music Festival* is a multiple day event **September 19 – 21, 2019**  
with Workshops, Craft Beer, Vendors, Camping, Jamming, Band Competitions and much more!

Your space is *reserved for all three days* of the event:

Thur, Sept 19	Fri, Sept 20	Sat, Sept 21
3pm - 9pm	1pm - 9pm	11am - 9pm

Vendor spaces are 12' x 12', have electric and include admission for two people each day!

<u>Commercial Vendors</u>	<u>Non-profit/Craft Vendors</u>
Pavilion Space \$350	Pavilion Space \$300
Open Lawn Space \$300	Open Lawn Space \$250

More information at: [www.uppercofvc.org](http://www.uppercofvc.org) or contact Rachel Murphy: [vendor@uppercovfc.org](mailto:vendor@uppercovfc.org)  
FB [uppercomusicfestival](https://www.facebook.com/uppercomusicfestival) call/text 410-259-8861



*Limited spaces - return your Vendor Registration Form as soon as possible!*  
Upperco Music Festival · PO Box 916 · Manchester, MD 21102

This is a great way to help support the fire company  
AND get your product/service seen by thousands of guests!

held at  
16020 Carnival Avenue  
Upperco, MD 21155

\*formerly Arcadia Bluegrass Festival



# WORSHIP & MUSIC

Susan Burnette, 410-357-9466, sb31220@gmail.com, Chairman & Women's Choir Contact

Jerry Hoffman, 410-374-2565, Organist/Choir Director

Beth Hannon, 410-206-3203, Chime Choir Director

Judy Bixler, 717-632-1805, Saturday Evening Service; Jennifer Holbrook, 410-374-6401, Acolytes

Sandy Voight, 410-239-9428, Altar Guild; Wayne Thomas, 410-374-9538, Adult & Luther Men Choirs

Pete Wulforst, Children's Choir Coordinator

## APRIL WORSHIP ATTENDANCES

Weekend Dates	Attendance	Remarks
April 6,7	23+71=94	Lent 5
13,14	22+94=116	Passion Sat-Palm Sun
18	46	Maundy Thursday
19	57	Good Friday
Easter 20,21	26+38+106=170	Vigil, Sunrise, Resurrection
27,28	11+61=72	Easter 2
<b>April Totals</b>	<b>555</b>	All services
<b>Wkend Totals</b>	<b>452</b>	5 Sat/Sun
<b>Wkend Average</b>	<b>113</b>	

## JUNE HEAD USHERS

Saturdays at 5pm: Jeanne Swain

Sundays at 9am: Connie Dattilio

## JUNE ALTAR GUILD

Rhonda Kiler and Betty Miller

## LOOKING AHEAD...

**Weekend, June 2-3 Ascension Services @ 5pm and 9am**

**Weekend, June 8-9 Pentecost Services @ 5pm and 9am— WEAR RED**

**Sunday, Rite of Confirmation**

**Weekend, June 15-16 Holy Trinity Services @ 5pm and 9am**

Father's Day Weekend – red carnations to all men

**Weekend, June 22-23**

**Sunday Baptism**

**Sunday, June 30**

Luther Men practice following worship in choir room

**Weekend, July 6-7**

*Red, White and Blue Services @ 5pm and 9am*

– Wear your patriotic colors!

**Sunday, Luther Men provide special music**



## GLUTEN-FREE COMMUNION

For those who are gluten intolerant, your weekly communion offers gluten-free wafers as your communion host. Please express your wishes to Pastor Charlie when you arrive for communion. A communion steward will present a ciborium chalice of gluten-free wafers to you. Pre-filled grape juice cups are available in addition to poured wine.

## DEVOTIONALS

**Christ In Our Home** and **Our Daily Bread** devotionals are available in the tiered display case at the stairway. Each quarter is provided in small pocket editions and a few large-print editions. Stop by to get your copies.

# MUSIC MINISTRY @ IMMANUEL

Consider becoming a part of the *Music Ministry at Immanuel!*

We currently support five various groups:

- ~The Sunday Adult Choir
- ~ The Chime Choir
- ~ The Luther Men
- ~ The Children's Choir
- ~ The Women's Harmony Choir

If you are not able to commit to regular practices at this time, but could participate occasionally during the year, please contact:

**Jerry Hoffman** (*Organist/Adult Choir Director*)

**Beth Hannon** (*Chime Choir Director*)

**Wayne Thomas** (*Luther Men Choir*)

**Pete Wulforst** (*Children's Choir Coordinator*)

**Susan Burnette** (*Women's Harmony Choir*)



**NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED**, just your help to 'make a joyful noise'!

## Practice Schedules:

~**Sunday Adult Choir** -weekly practices on Thursdays 7-8pm (Sept-May)

~**Chime Choir** –weekly practices on Thursdays 6-7pm (Sept-May)

~**Luther Men** - sing quarterly

**practice Sunday, June 30<sup>th</sup>** following worship

\*\*\* **singing on Sunday, July 7<sup>th</sup>** (Red, White & Blue Sunday)

~**Children's Choir** -sing quarterly

~**Women's Harmony Choir** - sing quarterly

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

**Join us for your Home Bible Study  
as we read each week through the month of JUNE.**

Week of:	First Reading	Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel
June 1 - 2 Ascension	Acts 1: 1-11	Psalm 47	Ephesians 1: 15-23	Luke 24: 44-53
June 8 - 9 Pentecost	Acts 2: 1-21	Psalm 104:24-34, 35b	Romans 8: 14-17	John 14: 8-17, 25-27
June 15 - 16 The Holy Trinity	Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31	Psalm 8	Romans 5: 1-5	John 16: 12-15
June 22 – 23	Isaiah 65: 1-9	Psalm 22:19-28	Galatians 3: 23-29	Luke 8: 26-39
June 29 – 30	1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21	Psalm 16	Galatians 5:1, 13-25	Luke 9: 51-62

## ASCENSION

**The Ascension of Our Lord** celebrates the day that Christ, in the presence of his apostles, ascended bodily into heaven. As written in Luke 24:51, “*While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven.*” Tradition designates that Mt. Olivet, near the town of Bethany, was the place where Jesus ascended into the clouds of heaven. The disciples were told not to gaze up into heaven to look for Jesus; but would find his presence among us everyday.<sup>1</sup> The Day of Ascension occurs 40 days after Easter. This year, the actual calendar day was Thursday, May 30<sup>th</sup>. **The Feast of the Ascension will be celebrated at Immanuel during the weekend services of June 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>.** The next time you are in the sanctuary, please take a moment to enjoy the beauty of our ‘*Ascension*’ stained glass window to the right of the choir loft. Join us for worship as we celebrate the final Sunday of Easter, the **Ascension of Our Lord**.



<sup>1</sup>by permission, Sundays and Seasons, 2019

## PENTECOST ~ The Rite of Confirmation

Immanuel will celebrate the **Festival of Pentecost** during the weekend services of **June 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>**. Pentecost is a day of promises fulfilled. The promised Spirit of God is poured out. The baptized have become “children of God” and “joint heirs with Christ.” By the power of the Spirit, we have seen the face of the Father in his only begotten Son and have been saved by him.<sup>2</sup> **On Pentecost Sunday, the Rite of Confirmation** will be given to Tanner Eckhardt. Welcome Tanner into the family of Immanuel! The color of Pentecost is RED. We encourage everyone attending our Pentecost services to wear something **RED**.

<sup>2</sup>by permission, Sundays and Seasons, 2019

## ALTAR FLOWERS and LESSONS & PRAYERS

Fresh seasonal flowers enhance the altar adding beauty and color. Sponsorship of weekly Altar Flowers and the bulletin’s Lessons & Prayers are available for sign-up on the 2019 Flower Chart in the office hallway. Sponsorship forms and envelopes are posted. Your written information with payment must be received by 12 noon of the Wednesday prior to your reserved sponsorship date, in order, to insure its inclusion in each weekend bulletin. Consider co-sponsoring with a friend or family member.

### Prices:

\$60 for both altar vases

\$30 for one vase **ONLY**

\$30 for a center arrangement

\$20 for Lessons & Prayers



# THE HOLY TRINITY

**Holy Trinity** Services will be observed on **June 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>**. “*O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!*” On Holy Trinity, we celebrate the name of God: holy blessed Trinity. There is no other day quite like this one in the church’s year. There is no other God like ours. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Spirit! <sup>3</sup> Though the word ‘*trinity*’ is not found in the scriptures, this weekend’s 2<sup>nd</sup> reading from Romans 5:1-5, Paul describes the life of faith with reference to **God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit ~ the three persons of the Trinity**. The Spirit leads us to recognize that we are children of God, the Father: and sisters and brothers with Christ, the Son. Jesus sent his disciples into the world to baptize in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. More than just a doctrine, **The Holy Trinity** expresses the very heart of our Christian faith.  
<sup>3</sup> by permission, Sundays and Season, 2019



Birthdays and Wedding Anniversary are listed in the bulletins and newsletter. If you want to be included, please contact Worship & Music.

## JUNE BIRTHDAYS

David Mace  
Pearl Moffitt  
Tim Wenzel  
Sharon Martin  
Tanner Eckhardt  
Paula Leonard  
Terry Benedict  
Caroline Grady  
Virginia Barron  
Nancy Little  
Ethel Hunt

Lacey-Leigh Headley  
Brian Miller  
Gulia Vandergucht  
Carolyn Kittelberger  
Steve Mace  
Willis Kiler  
Charlotte Lopata  
Lilly Lopata  
Kelley Day  
George Rohrback  
Jeanne Swain

Thelma Blizzard  
Charles Frase  
Luke Robinson  
Delores Whitehead  
Brenda Wulforst  
Dawn Burris  
Angie Eckhardt  
Linda Schmidt  
Bart Walder

## WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Brooks & Christina Hoffman	June 2	Terry & Bernadette Nowlin	June 23
Paul & Connie Dattilio	June 6	Ken & Rhonda Kiler	June 25

## DAD and ME TRIBUTE

**Father’s Day is Sunday, June 16<sup>th</sup>**. This tradition, which began around 1907, honors the contributions that our fathers and other ‘father figures’ have made in our lives and those of our children! Honor him with a donation of a photo remembering a special activity in your life. Your photos will be displayed on our ‘**DAD and ME**’ Tribute to ALL DADS during June. Place your photo(s) in an envelope addressed: Father’s Day Pictures and place in the basket on the lamp table of the church

\*\*\* At the weekend services of June 15-16, Music and Worship will present every gentleman attending with a red carnation.

# RED, WHITE and BLUE WEEKEND



Join us for the *Fourth of July* with a **Red, White and Blue** Weekend on **July 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>** @ 5pm and 9am. Our favorite patriotic hymns will be sung and the Luther Men will provide the special music for this occasion.

Everyone is being asked to *wear something patriotic!*

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY, AMERICA!**

## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS ~ SUMMER VACATIONS

If you are a worship assistant during our weekend services, your responsibilities are published in The Visitor for the current month along with an advanced look ahead for the next month. As of this printing, the summer months of **June, July and August** are being finalized.

If you or a family member are regular worship assistants and have planned a summer vacation during these months, please contact Susan Burnette, asap, so adjustments can be made in advance. Thank you.

### June 2019 Worship Assistants

~ 5pm Saturday Services ~

	<b>Saturday June 1</b> Ascension Wkend	<b>Saturday June 8</b> Pentecost Wkend	<b>Saturday June 15</b> Holy Trinity Wkend	<b>Saturday June 22</b>	<b>Saturday June 29</b>
<b>Head Usher</b>	Jeanne Swain	Jeanne Swain	Jeanne Swain	Jeanne Swain	Jeanne Swain
<b>Greeter</b>	Rodgers Hagert	Charlotte Hann	Barb Davidson	Sharon Bohli	Rodgers Hagert
<b>Lector</b>	Luther Myers	Judy Bixler	Linda Black	Jeanne Swain	Russell Jensen
<b>Offering Ushers</b>	Rodgers Hagert Ellen Linsenbardt	Charlotte Hann Walter Hann	Barb Davidson Ron Davidson	Sharon Bohli Cindy Ganjon	Rodgers Hagert Ellen Linsenbardt
<b>Communion</b>	Russell Jensen	Judy Bixler	Linda Black	Jeanne Swain	Russell Jensen

~ 9am Sunday Services ~

	<b>Sunday June 2</b> The Ascension	<b>Sunday June 9</b> Pentecost	<b>Sunday June 16</b> The Holy Trinity	<b>Sunday June 23</b>	<b>Sunday June 30</b>
<b>Head Usher</b>	Connie Dattilio	Connie Dattilio	Connie Dattilio	Connie Dattilio	Connie Dattilio
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Betty Miller Rhonda Kiler	Betty Miller Rhonda Kiler	Betty Miller Rhonda Kiler	Betty Miller Rhonda Kiler	Betty Miller Rhonda Kiler
<b>Greeters</b>	Betty Miller Kathleen Regester	Jane Taylor DeloresWhitehead	Linda Gregg John Popp	Dawn Burris Steve Burris	Chris Miller Debbie Miller
<b>Lector</b>	Andy Kiler	Pete Wulforst	John Gregg	Carolyn Hamlet	Susan Burnette
<b>Offering Ushers</b>	Rhonda Kiler Carolyn Phillips Carroll Phillips John Popp	Debbie Mace Steve Mace Terri Rill Tim Rill	Laurie Miller Steve Miller Brenda Murray Brenda Wulforst	Frank Burnette Tyler Mullins Brittany Trott Ernest Weiss	Frank Burnette Norman Downes Audrey Shaffer Bart Walder
<b>Communion Stewards</b>	Frank Burnette Susan Burnette Audrey Shaffer Bart Walder	Susan Burnette Norman Downes Sandy Voight Barb Yingling	Susan Burnette Andy Kiler Wendy Maloney Audrey Shaffer	Susan Burnette Jo Fleck Joe Fleck Bart Walder	Susan Burnette Debbie Hebrank Tim Rill Sandy Voight
<b>Acolytes ~ Torchbearers</b>	Ashton Eckhardt Tanner Eckhardt	Dylan Andrews Danica Reiley	Zoe Gregg Willis Kiler	Danica Reiley Kyle Robinson	Ashton Eckhardt Tanner Eckhardt
<b>Crucifer</b>	Bart Walder	Kyle Robinson	Austin Gregg	-----	-----
<b>Pray w/ Pastor</b>	Connie Dattilio	Gretchen Jensen	TBD	Connie Dattilio	Gretchen Jensen
<b>Bell Ringer</b>	Ernest Weiss	Joe Fleck	Gene Yingling	Frank Burnette	Chris Miller

# July 2019 Worship Assistants

~ 5pm Saturday Services ~

	<b>Saturday July 6</b> Red White & Blue Wkend	<b>Saturday July 13</b>	<b>Saturday July 20</b>	<b>Saturday July 27</b>
<b>Head Usher</b>	Jeanne Swain	Jeanne Swain	Jeanne Swain	Jeanne Swain
<b>Greeter</b>	Rodgers Hagert	Charlotte Hann	Barb Davidson	Sharon Bohli
<b>Lector</b>	Luther Myers	Judy Bixler	Linda Black	Jeanne Swain
<b>Offering Ushers</b>	Rodgers Hagert Ellen Linsenbardt	Charlotte Hann Walter Hann	Barb Davidson Ron Davidson	Sharon Bohli Cindy Ganjon
<b>Communion</b>	Russell Jensen	Judy Bixler	Linda Black	Jeanne Swain

~ 9am Sunday Services ~

	<b>Sunday July 7</b> Red White & Blue Sunday	<b>Sunday July 14</b>	<b>Sunday July 21</b>	<b>Sunday July 28</b>
<b>Head Usher</b>	Susan Burnette	Frank Burnette	Frank Burnette	Frank Burnette
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Susan Burnette Ellen Linsenbardt	Susan Burnette Ellen Linsenbardt	Susan Burnette Ellen Linsenbardt	Susan Burnette Ellen Linsenbardt
<b>Greeters</b>	Betty Miller Kathleen Reqester	Jane Taylor Delores Whitehead	John Popp Bart Walder	Chris Miller Debbie Miller
<b>Lector</b>	Matthew Rooney	Danica Reiley	Connie Dattilio	Carolyn Phillips
<b>Offering Ushers</b>	Linda Gregg John Gregg Bart Walder Barb Yingling	Debbie Mace Steve Mace Terri Rill Tim Rill	Laurie Miller Steve Miller Tyler Mullins Brenda Murray	Frank Burnette Wendy Maloney Sandy Voigt Ernest Weiss
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<b>Bell Ringer</b>	Bart Walder	Ernest Weiss	Joe Fleck	Gene Yingling

# Scouts 320

## IMMANUEL CHURCH SPONSORS #320

**TROOP 320** Scoutmaster: Walt Feezer 410-239-1176, coremedia@comcast.net  
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# VBS 2019 Registration Form

## Immanuel Lutheran Church VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



**July 7-11, 2019**

Sunday through Thursday Evenings

Dinner at 5:30pm

VBS Activities Begin at 6pm

Ends in Sanctuary with Closing Activity at 8pm

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_  
(Completed)

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ Home Church \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact – *During VBS*

Name

Phone Number

Relationship to Child

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Please List Any Allergies and/or Disabilities of Which We Should Be Aware:

\_\_\_\_\_

Please Provide Any Additional Information We Should Know About Your Child:

\_\_\_\_\_

Preschool children age 3-5 will be grouped together.

For grades (completed) K-6, we are using multi-age groups.

If registering more than one child, do you want them grouped together? If so, please list other child's name:

Circle I-Shirt Size: YS YM YL AS AM AL

\_\_\_\_\_ Will you be joining us for dinner? \_\_\_\_\_

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**My child has permission to attend Vacation Bible School during the week of July 7-11, 2019.**

I grant to Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church (IELC), the right to take photographs of me and my family in connection with VBS. I authorize IELC, its assigns and transferees to copyright, use and publish the same in print and/or electronically. I agree that IELC may use such photographs with or without names and for any lawful purpose, including for example publicity, illustration, advertising, and Web content. I have read and understand the above:

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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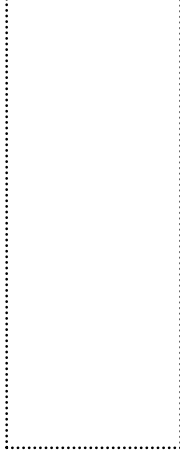
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