



# 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,

Yesterday I preached on the story of Jesus' visit with Martha and Mary. Martha was knocking herself out trying to provide Jesus with the best of everything while her sister Mary was performing the equally important hospitality of sitting with their honored guest and listening to what he was saying. When Martha had reached her breaking point, she interrupted Jesus and told him to tell her lazy sister to get to work! But Jesus refused, and told Martha that Mary's sitting and listening to him was a better way of welcoming him than all the frenetic work Martha was doing. Jesus did not tell Martha to stop what she was doing, but he did suggest that she was doing more than was necessary and was genuinely concerned about what her workload was doing to her.



I confessed during coffee and conversation after the service that this was a "Physician, heal thyself" sermon for me. Especially lately, juggling extra family responsibilities at home and my regular workload as a full-time pastor, Jesus' words to Martha could easily have been spoken to me: "Charlie, Charlie, you are worried and distracted by many things." So much so that the person who was waiting to pray over me before the Sunday service had to try three times to catch up with me as I ran in and out of the sanctuary getting things ready as I remembered them! Don't get me wrong; I do get my daily "Mary" time with

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Jesus every morning, listening to him as he speaks to me in my daily Bible reading and in my prayer time, and as I sit quietly in his presence during my 20 minutes of centering prayer. But as soon as I am done, I am “off to the races” with the tasks I need to take on for that day.

My Mary time keeps me going the rest of the day. But how much better it would be if I could continue to sit at Jesus’ feet, listen to him and enjoy his presence all through the day in my heart, while I am carrying on with my juggling of responsibilities. After all, Jesus is fully present with me every moment; and it’s not so very hard to pause regularly throughout the day to remember and to enjoy his presence. I hope and pray that you will also find those times of inner refreshment as you deal with the “many things” in your life.

Our LEAD Team has been spending much “Mary” time over the past year and more, listening to Jesus in Scripture and prayer, in the voices in our congregation (including many of you) and now in the voices in our neighborhood. I have found the last part very exciting, meeting some amazing people doing some amazing things right here in Manchester that demonstrate to me that the Holy Spirit is alive and on the move all around us. I look forward to the next phase of our LEAD journey when we will do our “Martha” thing and get to work finding new ways to “make Christ known” in our neighborhood, connecting the needs of our neighbors with the gifts and passions of our members. And remember, we’re all on this journey with Jesus together. Yours in the steadfast Love of Christ,

*~Pastor Charlie*

## THANKS

Thank you all for the get well cards, prayers and well wishes after my recent surgery and recovery. What a wonderful Church family we have!  
God Bless ~Debbie Miller

## DEATHS

**Catherine Strevig**

**Nick Zentner**, Carroll Lutheran School student

**Thelma Blizzard**

**Charles Keller**, grandfather of Jen Yingling

**Curvin “Curve” Hagert**, brother of Rodgers Hagert

**Donna Mummert**, cousin of Connie Dattilio

# PASTOR CHARLIE'S AUGUST BIBLE CHALLENGE: MORAVIAN DAILY TEXTS

At our synod assembly this year, we took up the challenge to read through the Bible together using the Moravian Daily Texts, first published in 1731. The daily Bible readings take you through the entire Bible in two years and through the Psalms in one year. They are part of a devotional guide that includes Bible verses, hymn stanzas and a daily prayer. The devotional guide is available in print form, as an e-book, or as an app for your mobile phone. You can also sign up to receive each day's daily texts via email. Learn more about these options at [www.moravian.org/the-daily-texts/](http://www.moravian.org/the-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 Delaware-Maryland Synod Reads Together group at [www.facebook.com/groups/demdreads/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/demdreads/)

As I have been doing for those not on Facebook, I will send the daily reflection via email to those who wish to receive it. Email [pastorc@ielcmd.org](mailto:pastorc@ielcmd.org) to join the email group. Below are the readings for each day. On Sundays the readings are those used for our worship services.

8/1	Psalm 91:1-8	Isaiah 60-61	Colossians 3:12-25
8/2	Psalm 91:9-16	Isaiah 62-63	Colossians 4
8/3	Psalm 92:1-8	Isaiah 64-65	1 Thessalonians 1:1-5
<b>8/4</b>	<b>Eighth Sunday after Pentecost</b>		
8/5	Psalm 92:9-15	Isaiah 66	1 Thess. 1:6-2:9
8/6	Psalm 93	Jeremiah 1:1-2:9	1 Thess. 2:10-20
8/7	Psalm 94:1-11	Jeremiah 2:20-3:13	1 Thess. 3
8/8	Psalm 94:12-23	Jeremiah 3:14-4:22	1 Thess. 4:1-12
8/9	Psalm 95	Jeremiah 4:23-5:25	1 Thess. 4:13-5:3
8/10	Psalm 96:1-9	Jeremiah 5:26-6:30	1 Thess. 5:4-15
<b>8/11</b>	<b>Ninth Sunday after Pentecost</b>		
8/12	Psalm 96:10-13	Jeremiah 7	1 Thess. 5:16-28
8/13	Psalm 97:1-6	Jeremiah 8:1-9:9	2 Thessalonians 1
8/14	Psalm 97:7-12	Jeremiah 9:10-10:16	2 Thess. 2:1-12
8/15	Psalm 98	Jeremiah 10:17-11:23	2 Thess. 2:13-3:5
8/16	Psalm 99	Jeremiah 12:1-13:19	2 Thess. 3:6-18
8/17	Psalm 100	Jeremiah 13:20-14:22	1 Timothy 1:1-11
<b>8/18</b>	<b>Tenth Sunday after Pentecost</b>		
8/19	Psalm 101	Jeremiah 15:1-16:13	1 Timothy 1:12-2:7
8/20	Psalm 102:1-11	Jeremiah 16:14-17:27	1 Timothy 2:8-3:7
8/21	Psalm 102:12-22	Jeremiah 18:1-19:9	1 Timothy 3:8-16
8/22	Psalm 102:23-28	Jeremiah 19:10-21:10	1 Timothy 4:1-10
8/23	Psalm 103:1-5	Jeremiah 21:11-22:30	1 Timothy 4:11-5:8
8/24	Psalm 103:6-18	Jeremiah 23:1-32	1 Timothy 5:9-16
<b>8/25</b>	<b>Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost</b>		
8/26	Psalm 103:19-22	Jeremiah 23:33-25:14	1 Timothy 5:17-6:2
8/27	Psalm 104:1-9	Jeremiah 25:15-26:9	1 Timothy 6:3-16
8/28	Psalm 104:10-18	Jeremiah 26:10-27:22	1 Timothy 6:17-21
8/29	Psalm 104:19-23	Jeremiah 28:1-29:14	2 Timothy 1:1-18
8/30	Psalm 104:24-30	Jeremiah 29:15-30:11	2 Timothy 2:1-13
8/31	Psalm 104:31-35	Jeremiah 30:12-31:22	2 Timothy 2:14-26

This summer, 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



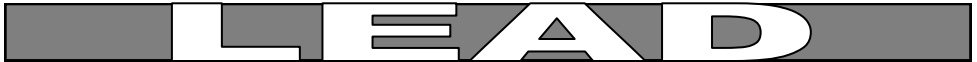
\*Except on Monday, August 12

### How You Can Help:

- When your schedule allows, 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 in our community know about this free lunch program. *Please pass this information along to as many people as you can!*

Contact the church or Sharon Bonner (443.847.8185 or [shoddfishn@aol.com](mailto:shoddfishn@aol.com)) for information and to schedule your donations and volunteer service.




### LEAD – Living Everyday As Disciples

Chris Crouch, Facilitator

John Gregg, Pastor Charlie, Debbie Miller, Debbie Mace, Terri Rill

### IMMANUEL NEIGHBORHOOD PRAYER WALK

As part of our LEAD commitment to reach out beyond the walls of our church, a prayer walk through our neighborhood took place on a beautiful summer evening on July 28. Eleven members of our church gathered to pray and read scripture (Luke 11:9-10), then divided in twos/threes to walk north, south, east, and west of Immanuel. We prayed for God's blessings on the residents, families, and workers in each home, apartment building, and business we passed. We also prayed for the staff and children of Manchester Elementary and those who work at the town offices.

 After our 20 minute walk, we gathered briefly to reflect on our experiences. The participants agreed was that it was a spiritually enriching exercise, opening our eyes to the small details of our town that we may miss when driving by, and knowing that we were instruments of God's love after praying at each place we passed by. The consensus was that we should do this again in the fall. We invite you to join us on our next neighborhood prayer walk.

## OPPORTUNITIES TO LEARN AND GROW AT IMMANUEL

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

### ***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 will take the 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*

Our two Bible study groups are on slightly different schedules. The morning group hopes to complete their study of 1 & 2 Peter in August while the evening group will continue their study of the Old Testament prophet Amos. 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 Aug 6, 20 & 27.

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

### **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



### **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.

## 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 by the main door for your donations. If you shop at Weis Markets Greenmount, there is a designated basket 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, AUGUST 12

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.

# STEPHEN MINISTRY

Leader: Connie Dattilio, 717-637-7157

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

Dear Friends in Christ,

The Stephen Ministry is alive and well at Immanuel Lutheran Church! The purpose of this ministry is to reach out to hurting people and give them a Christian ear and advocate during difficult times. Stephen ministers are paired with people of the same gender to be their care receivers. These pairs then meet regularly to talk about situations and receive Christian care and a listening ear for whatever problem or stress the receiver is experiencing. Confidentiality and Christian concern are the hallmarks of these meetings.

Stephen ministers receive training from experienced Stephen Leaders in preparation for this ministry. There are approved learning materials which are read, explained, and practiced during these sessions. The ministers within the congregation meet monthly to share our experiences and gain guidance on how to best help our care receivers in a confidential manner. We also have prayer time together and learn about topics directly related to the concerns of our care receivers. Some of the topics we have covered are:

- \*stages of grieving,
- \*ways to access public help for certain situations,
- \*elder care and what it involves, and
- \*review of our training materials.

We are in the process of scheduling a seminar on dementia in the coming months, which will be open to all interested persons.

An abbreviated training will be taking place this fall for anyone who would like to become a Stephen Minister. We need more candidates of both genders in order to better serve the people of our congregation and community. We would also like to be made aware of anyone in need of a Stephen Minister at this time. If you would like to take part in the training or know of anyone who could benefit from having a Stephen Minister, please contact Pastor Charlie or Connie Dattilio. If you are interested in learning more about the program there are cards in the pews about the ministry and you can search <https://www.stephenministries.org>.

~Gretchen Jensen



# **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

## **SCHOOL SUPPLIES**

School Supplies .... Backpacks are available to be filled. A list is in each bag listing the supplies each child needs for the upcoming year. Please fill out the attached label and return to Deb or Brittany so we know who is filling the backpacks. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask us. Delivery to the families will be made in mid August.

## **WOMEN SHELTER DONATIONS**

We will be collecting Feminine Hygiene Products for one of our local Women's Shelter's. Please consider picking up one of these products and donating them. A labeled box will be in the Narthex.

## **FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS**

Pantries at NESAP/TOFF are in need of Jelly. Labeled baskets are in the Narthex. Please consider picking up a jar of Jelly (sold at the dollar store!). They are also in need of plastic bags and brown paper bags (Miller's Bags). Your contributions are greatly appreciated.



# 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

## MOBILE GIVING NOW AVAILABLE AT IMMANUEL

We are working to find new ways to help our members and friends to support God's work at Immanuel through their tithes and offerings. Because many people now do most of their financial transactions on their mobile devices, we have added a new platform for mobile giving called **Tithe.ly**.

To use the platform, visit [get.tithe.ly/download-tithely-app](https://get.tithe.ly/download-tithely-app) where you can download the Tithe.ly app or give through the Tithe.ly web site. You can also give via text message by texting "Give" to 443-214-0406 (Immanuel's dedicated number) 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!

Here is the QR Code that will take you to the download page mentioned above:



## Help Us. Help You. = Win. Win.

Qualified charitable distributions. A qualified charitable distribution (QCD) generally is a nontaxable distribution made directly by the trustee of your IRA (other than a SEP or SIMPLE IRA) to an organization eligible to receive tax-deductible contributions. You must be at least age 70<sup>1/2</sup> when the distribution was made. Also, you must have the same type of acknowledgment of your contribution that you would need to claim a deduction for a charitable contribution. See Records To Keep in Pub. 526.

The maximum annual exclusion for QCDs is \$100,000. Any QCD in excess of the \$100,000 exclusion limit is included in income as any other distribution. If you file a joint return, your spouse also can have a QCD and exclude up to \$100,000. The amount of the QCD is limited to the amount of the distribution that would otherwise be included in income. If your IRA includes nondeductible contributions, the distribution is first considered to be paid out of otherwise taxable income.

Let us know if you have questions or want help to complete transaction <https://www.irs.gov/retirement-plans/retirement-plans-faqs-regarding-iras-distributions-withdrawals>

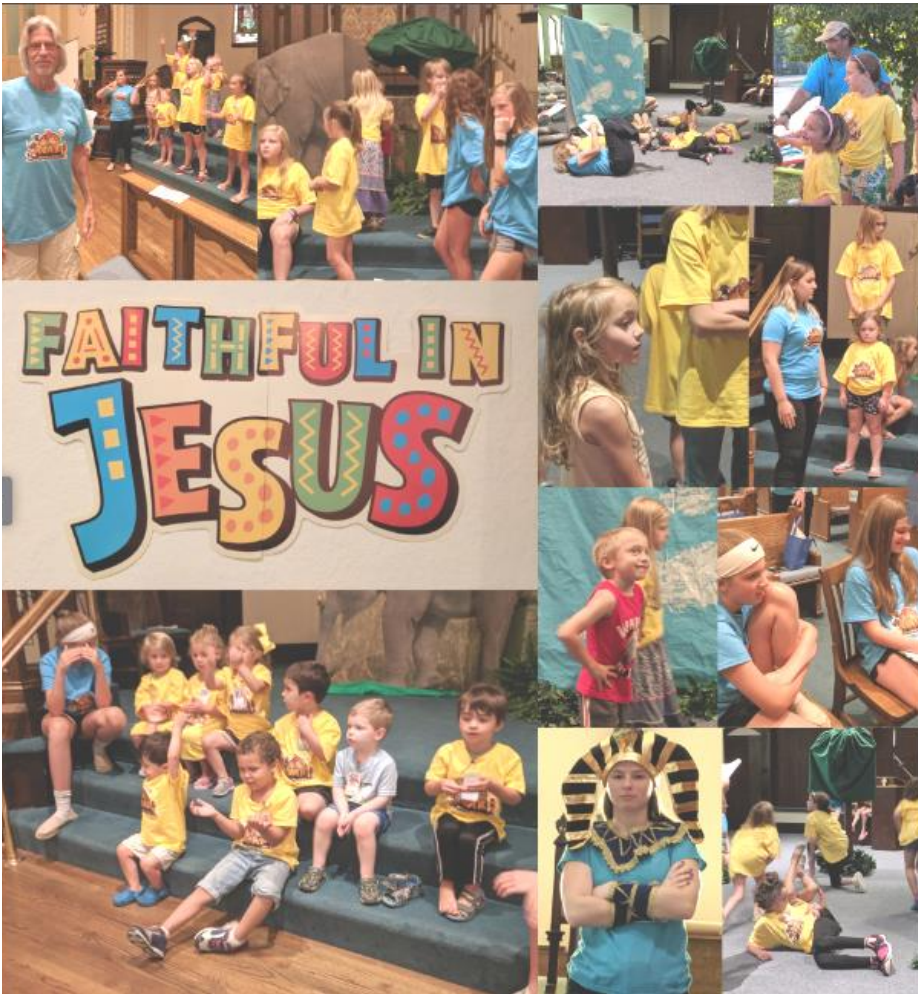
# CHRISTIAN ED

Jeanne Swain, Angie Eckhardt, Sandy Voight

Immanuel's Vacation Bible School was a "ROARING" success! Our staff was enthusiastic, creative and energetic. We were quite excited to add many new faces to our already committed staff. Thank you to everyone who lent a hand in any way. Formal VBS was Sun-Thurs, July 7 -11.

July 2 we entered a "float" in the MVFD parade. Ten children along with one or 2 parents rode the appropriately decorated truck. A brief shower and high winds were not friendly to us as we lined up on Park Avenue. We didn't consider winds taking the umbrella tops off of the "trees". We laughed all the way to the carnival grounds.

Our Sunday afternoon kickoff was successful. We offered face painting, balloon sculptures, games and a picnic style meal in the Social Hall.



We cast a wide net for VBS:

we registered 45 children which included three 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders who were assigned as crew leaders. 30 families were represented among the registered children. Of the children who registered: 11 were members of Immanuel, 14 were from other churches and 20 had no home church identified. Of the registered children, 16 were from Manchester, 10 from Hampstead, 10 from Pennsylvania, 5 from Westminster and 4 from other areas.

VBS supported a global mission and a local mission. Donations of \$412.03 were accepted to assist in building a well in Tanzania. We also collected over 228 back to school items to be distributed locally.

## **YOUTH PLANNING MEETING**

July 18 at 7pm several of Immanuel's members attended a planning meeting at Jerusalem Church. The group discussed the combined youth ministry and plans for the coming year. More information will be printed in the weekly bulletin and future monthly Visitors.

## **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION DIRECTOR**

Immanuel is still seeking a Christian Education chair person. Please prayerfully consider becoming involved with Immanuel's youth and their education. We have been blessed with new families with children. Our goal is to resurrect the Sunday school program at Immanuel. Won't you be a part of it and help get this program up and running?

## **MOBILE MAR LU RIDGE SUMMER DAY CAMP**

The camp and VBS is held at Carrol Lutheran School July 29 - August 2. Pastor Charlie will be Pastor-in Residence on **Friday morning, August 1**. Immanuel will provide supper for the staff that evening. Please pray for the children, staff and volunteers!

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL PLANNING MEETING**

Please join us on Thursday, August 8 at 7pm at Wulforst home to make plans for upcoming the Sunday School year. Let Brenda know if you plan to attend to help plan for the refreshments.

## **BABY SUNDAY SCHOOL SUMMER PLAYDATES**

Jamie Rooney is organizing some outings this summer. All babies and toddlers, birth to 3 years old, with an adult are welcome. She will include an educational component, but it is mostly for fun and fellowship. If interested, e-mail/text Jamie ([jamielr126@gmail.com](mailto:jamielr126@gmail.com)/(443)536-3541).

# FELLOWSHIP

Chair: Rhonda Kiler, 410-239-7028

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

We had lots of red, white and blue desserts for our coffee hour on July 7<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to everyone who contributed baked goods.

## COFFEE AND CONVERSATION

We know how much you enjoy the coffee hour the first Sunday of each month. So during July and August we will be having coffee and light refreshments every Sunday. A time to talk about anything and everything you may have on your mind. Pastor Charlie will be there if you have questions about the sermon or anything else. Just chatting with someone you have not had a chance to talk to in a while, or discussing ideas you might have for Immanuel. So come fellowship and enjoy a break from the summer heat, mowing grass, gardening or whatever you can put on hold to enjoy some time with friends.

## NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

On August 6<sup>th</sup> Immanuel will be at Manchester Night Out at the carnival grounds. The Fellowship Committee will have a game for children where Pastor Charlie helps to catch a fish and win some school supplies. For some reason ... they always seem to catch a fish and win!! This is a great event and watching the children fish is always entertaining.

## CHURCH PICNIC



Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, is our church picnic at Christmas Tree Park, Pavilion #4, following Sunday service. Lunch will be served at 11:30am. Bring your family and friends. Everyone is welcome. Spread the word!

## COMMUNITY YARD AND CRAFT SALE

October 5<sup>th</sup> we will be having our Immanuel/Trinity Community Yard and Craft Sale from 8-2. You can rent a space for ONLY \$20 and get rid of things you haven't used in years or didn't know you had in that closet, basement, attic or garage. This is always a fun time to see what other people have found in their home, and who knows, it may be something you need. Maybe you can just come to enjoy breakfast sandwiches and baked goods. Come and fellowship with your church family and the community.

# PROPERTY

Chair: Tim Rill  
Members: Frank Burnette

## CHURCH WORK DAY

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 let us know if you can help!



## KITCHEN USE

When using the kitchen, please note: Do NOT turn off gas to stove. For some reason, if you have to turn the gas back on, you must light ALL TEN pilot lights.

# MISSIONS

Joe Fleck, jpflecksr@gmail.com, 410-848-5919

The Special Mission Offering for August is Carroll Lutheran Village. *Home*. That's what hundreds of residents call it.

They live purposefully, meaningfully, and they age gracefully. Their lives are full and enriched. This is a place of quality and choice. **This is home.**

*But what if Carroll Lutheran Village didn't exist?*

As a not-for-profit continuing care retirement community, Carroll Lutheran Village knows that it takes a village to care. Our philanthropy program serves residential need throughout the Village including:

- o Financial subsidy provided to residents who are experiencing financial shortfall
- o Capital and major needs, which may include facility maintenance and development, equipment, or special programming demands  
Where the need is greatest – providing flexibility to the donor and to the Village

*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.

# ACTIVITIES / EVENTS

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

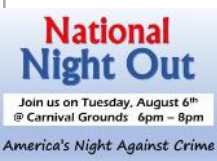
Below is a list of some upcoming activities, including the Shared Ministry Events. These events are planned in cooperation with the local congregations. *The entire congregations are welcome to join any or all of these activities! Bring a friend too!*

**\*Monday – Friday, July 15 – August 16** \*Except on Mon, Aug 12

Kids Feeding Kids at Immanuel Church

Summer Lunch Program (open to all) 12noon – 1pm

**Tuesday, August 6**



National Night Out enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community. Furthermore, it provides a great opportunity to bring police and neighbors together under positive circumstances.

**Saturday, August 10**

Jerusalem Lutheran Church Chicken BBQ Event 11am till sold out.

\$10 Combo Meal. Eat In or Carry -Out.

**Saturday, August 17**

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

**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

**Saturday, October 5**

Immanuel/Trinity Community Yard and Craft Sale from 8-2.

Spaces available to rent for only \$20



# AUGUST 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Mission Special Offering <b>9am Worship-Communion</b> 10:15am Coffee & Conversation	12-1pm Kids Feeding Kids 8pm AA & AI-Anon	11am Bible Study -Oak Tree Rm 12-1pm Kids Feeding Kids 6-8pm National Night Out at Carnival Grounds 7pm Scouts	12-1pm Kids Feeding Kids 7:15pm AA	12-1pm Kids Feeding Kids 7pm Sunday School Planning meeting at Wulforst home	Pastor Day Off 8pm AA & AI-Anon 12-1pm Kids Feeding Kids	<b>5pm Worship-Communion</b> 6:30pm AA
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# CHURCH COUNCIL

President: Brenda Wulforst, 443-507-6753; Vice President: Frank Burnette  
Recording Secretary: Sarah Marshall; Treasurer: Sharon Slivecky

Traditionally, July is a vacation month for Immanuel's church council. As a result, there is no report for July.

# PERSONNEL

Chair: Frank Burnette, 410-847-4027, [lrburnette@gmail.com](mailto:lrburnette@gmail.com), Chairman  
Members: Connie Dattilio, 717-870-7705;  
Debbie Hebrank, 410-952-3320; Pete Wulforst, 410-596-5416

Personnel met with Steve Burris in an 'Exit Interview'. Steve shared information on the alarm system and on sexton job duties. Personnel will be setting up meetings with the other church employees for the Third Quarter to address issues and concerns.

## - 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 3pm - 9pm	Fri, Sept 20 1pm - 9pm	Sat, Sept 21 11am - 9pm
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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@uppercofvc.org](mailto:vendor@uppercofvc.org)  
FB [uppercomusicfestival](https://www.facebook.com/uppercomusicfestival) call/text 410-259-8861



held at  
16020 Carnival Avenue  
Upperco, MD 21155

Limited spaces - return your Vendor Registration Form as soon as possible!  
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AND get your product/service seen by thousands of guests!

\* 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

Linda Calhoun, 410-374-3056, Community Hymn Sing Coordinator

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

## JUNE WORSHIP ATTENDANCES

Weekend Services	Sat-Sun Attendance	Remarks
June 1,2	14 + 86 = 100	Ascension
8,9	22 + 86 = 108	Pentecost
15,16	16 + 73 = 89	Holy Trinity
22,23	22 + 74 = 96	Pentecost 2
<b>June Totals</b>	<b>393</b>	
<b>Wkend Average</b>	<b>98</b>	

## JUNE ATTENDANCE REVIEW

YEAR	MONTHLY ATTENDANCE	MONTHLY AVERAGE
2015	446	112
2016	419	105
2017	467	117
2018	368	92
2019	393	98

## AUGUST HEAD USHERS

Saturdays at 5pm  
Sarah Marshall

Sundays at 9am  
Rhonda Kiler

## AUGUST ALTAR GUILD

Steve Burris  
Sandy Voight

## LOOKING AHEAD ...

**Weekend, August 24-25**

*Blessing of the Backpacks @ 5pm and 9am*

**Thurs, Sept 12**

Adult Choir resumes regular practices @ 7pm

**Sunday, September 15**

**Holy Cross Sunday**

Women's Harmony Choir practice following worship, choir loft

**September 21-22**

Decorate for *Harvest Home* – Saturday @ 10am

*Harvest Home* Weekend Services @ 5pm and 9am

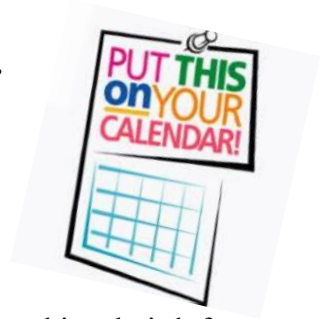
'*Fill-Our-Baskets*' Food Drive

Sunday, Special music-Women's Harmony Choir (practice @ 8:30am)

Sunday @ 3 pm: **Immanuel's Community Hymn Sing**

**Thurs, Sept 26**

Chime Choir resumes practices @ 6pm



# MUSIC MINISTRY @ IMMANUEL

Immanuel supports five various musical groups:

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

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

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

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



**NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED.**

Simply a willingness to 'make a joyful noise'!

## Practice Schedules:

- ~ **Sunday Adult Choir** – Practices resume on Thur, Sept 12 at 7pm
- ~ **Chime Choir** – Practices resume on Thur, Sept 26 at 6pm
- ~ **Luther Men** - Sing quarterly, practices scheduled as needed
- ~ **Children's Choir** -sing quarterly, practices scheduled as needed
- ~ **Women's Harmony Choir** - Sing *Harvest Home Sunday*, Sept. 22 @ 9am  
\*\*\* Practices: Sunday, Sept 8 and 15 @ 10:30am, choir loft

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

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## AUGUST LECTIONARY SERIES CONTINUES...

**For your Home Bible Study ~ Join everyone as we read through August.**

Week of:	First Reading	Psalms	Second Reading	Gospel
August 3 - 4	Ecclesiastes 1: 2,12-14 ~ Ecclesiastes 2:18-23	Psalms 49:1-12	Colossians 3:1-11	Luke 12:13-21
August 10 - 11	Genesis 15:1-6	Psalms 33:12-22	Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16	Luke 12:32-40
August 17 - 18	Jeremiah 23:23-29	Psalms 82	Hebrews 11:29 ~ Hebrews 12:2	Luke 12:49-56
August 24 - 25	Isaiah 58:9b-14	Psalms 103:1-8	Hebrews 12:18-29	Luke 13:10-17

## BULLETIN STREAMLINING

Beginning last month, we began 'Phase 1' of streamlining and simplifying the weekly worship bulletin by singing the service hymns from our red ELW hymnal instead of printing the music in the bulletins. This has already saved many pages for each printed bulletin! Colorful, laminated bookmarks have been provided to mark each song in the hymnal.



## BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

During the weekend services of **August 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>**, all children are invited to wear their school backpacks (with supplies) to church for our **Annual Blessing of the Backpacks**. During the Young Peoples' Message, each backpack will be blessed with a prayer that each student and teacher will safely begin another successful school year.

We encourage each family to pray for God's continued help and guidance. This special invitation is extended to all members of the congregation who are beginning (preschool) or continuing their education!

From **Mark 10:13-16**,

'... 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.'

## Holy Cross

**The Festival of the Holy Cross** will be celebrated on **Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup>** at the 9am service. History tells us that Helena, the mother of Emperor Constantine, made a pilgrimage to Israel to look for Christian holy sites. She found what she believed were the sites of the Crucifixion and burial of Jesus, sites that modern archaeologists believe to be correct. Here, Constantine built two churches. The celebration of the **Holy Cross** originated with the dedication of the Church of the Resurrection in 335 AD. Many centuries later, this festival still provides the church with an opportunity to '*Lift High the Cross*' with a spirit of celebration for all future generations.

Join your church family and wear **RED**  
on **Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup> at our 9am service.**

## BULLETIN SPONSORSHIPS ~

### FLOWERS and LESSONS & PRAYERS

The Flower Sponsorship Calendar (with forms and envelopes) is posted in the church office hallway. Available weekend dates are still open during **AUGUST**. Consider splitting the cost with a family member or friend. Place your completed form with payment, in the Worship and Music basket on the lamp table of the office by Wednesday at 12noon of the weekend prior to your reserved date.

#### Prices:

**\$60** for both altar vases

**\$30** for one vase **ONLY**

**\$30** for a center arrangement

**\$20** for Lessons & Prayers

#### AUGUST OPEN DATES:

Aug 3-4 Center Arrangement

Aug 10-11 Altar Vases~ Center Arrangement

Aug 17-18 Center Arrangement

Aug 24-25 Altar Vases~ Center Arrangement~ Lessons & Prayer

### ALTAR GUILD MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Immanuel's Altar Guild is recruiting new faces to serve on the guild. Extra members are needed to coordinate the 'behind-the-scenes' setup and cleanup of communion for our Sunday Morning Services. **NO** experience is needed for the twenty minutes of your volunteer time before and after a service. Individuals or husband-wife teams are encouraged to join. See any member of Immanuel's current Altar Guild with your interest or questions. Our Annual Altar Guild Meeting is tentatively scheduled for Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup>, following worship in the Oak Tree room.

### DEVOTIONALS

The July, August, September devotional, Christ In Our Home, is still available in the tiered informational display at the stairway of the Educational entrance.

### ADULT CHOIR ~ CHIME CHOIR RECRUITMENT

Prayerfully consider joining the **Sunday Morning Adult Choir** or **The Chime Choir** this fall. Even if you are not ready for a regular commitment, but can help occasionally, please contact Jerry Hoffman (organist/choir director) or Beth Hannon (chime director). Reading music is not a requirement; there is no age limit and NO auditions are necessary! Simply as a group of people who like music – everyone together can make a *'joyful noise to the Lord'*! After a well-deserved summer break, The Adult Choir will resume their weekly practices **on Thurs, Sept 12**, while the **Chime Choir** will resume their practices **on Thurs, Sept 26**.

## HARVEST HOME 2019

Our **Annual Harvest Home Celebration** will be held during the weekend services of **September 21-22**. The sanctuary will be decorated for fall and the altar will offer a bountiful harvest.

During the Harvest Home portion of the service, please remember to participate in our *'Fill-Our-Baskets'* campaign. Your donations of non-expired canned and boxed items can fill our baskets to the brim! Monetary donations are always accepted. Let's make this another wonderful harvest opportunity to thank God for our many blessings in order to help those less fortunate in our immediate community.

## AFTERNOON HYMN SING

Immanuel will host its First *'Community Hymn Sing'* on **Sunday Afternoon, September 22<sup>nd</sup>** beginning at **3pm** in the sanctuary. Many community congregations and individuals are being invited to participate in an afternoon of singing and enjoying those old-fashioned hymns! We will designate a free-will offering to *"feed the hungry of our community through Tree of Friends Foundation and Manchester's Little Free Pantry".* Plan your calendar now to attend and enjoy an afternoon of wonderful music! Thank you to Linda Calhoun for chairing this event.



Our August birthday and wedding anniversaries are listed below. If your family wishes to be included, please contact Susan Burnette.

## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Pastor Charlie  
Gene Yingling  
Andrew Eppley  
Dorothy Norris  
Jo Fleck  
Jason Unkle  
Ann Trent  
Steve Burris  
Carla Wenzel  
Barbara Davidson

Steve Miller  
Joanna Marshall  
Christine Crouch  
Adam Decker  
Carolyn Phillips  
Tyler Mullins  
Greg Patterson  
Bonnie Hull  
Stacey Hamlet  
Rodgers Hagert, Jr.

Marlene Thompson  
Mary Popp  
Paul Sellers  
Debbie Hebrank  
Larry Kreseski  
Sarah Day  
Audrey Moose  
Bruce Klinedinst  
Dorothy Yingling  
Steve Guthrie

## WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Carroll and Carolyn Phillips	August 18, 1972
Brad and Iva Martin	August 23, 1969
Bill and Barbara Skelley	August 23, 1986
Todd and Jennifer Robinson	August 23, 2003
Michael and Sherry Parker	August 24, 2013
Derek and Erin Sennett	August 24, 2012
Chris and Kellyn Sandermann	August 25, 2012
Tim and Carla Wenzel	August 26, 2006
Henry and Susan Adami	August 28, 1976

# 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.

## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS ~ SUMMER VACATIONS

One more month until summer is over and everyone gears up for another year of school! But, in the meantime, if you are a worship assistant during **AUGUST** and will be on vacation, please contact Susan Burnette so adequate adjustments can be made in your absence.

**\* August ~ September Worship Assistants' Schedules in newsletter.**

### August 2019 Worship Assistants

~ 5pm Saturday Services ~

	Saturday August 3	Saturday August 10	Saturday August 17	Saturday August 24 Blessing of Backpks	Saturday August 31
<b>Head Usher</b>	Sarah Marshall	Sarah Marshall	Sarah Marshall	Sarah Marshall	Sarah Marshall
<b>Greeter</b>	Rodgers Hagert	Charlotte Hann	Barb Davidson	Sharon Bohli	Jeanne Swain
<b>Lector</b>	Jeanne Swain	Judy Bixler	Linda Black	Luther Myers	Sarah Marshall
<b>Offering Ushers</b>	Rodgers Hagert Ellen Linsenbardt	Charlotte Hann Walter Hann	Barb Davidson Ron Davidson	Sharon Bohli Jeanne Swain	Linda Black Jeanne Swain
<b>Communion</b>	Jeanne Swain	Judy Bixler	Linda Black	Russell Jensen	Judy Bixler

~ 9am Sunday Services ~

	Sunday August 4	Sunday August 11	Sunday August 18	Sunday August 25 Blessing of Backpks
<b>Head Usher</b>	Rhonda Kiler	Rhonda Kiler	Rhonda Kiler	Rhonda Kiler
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Steve Burris Sandy Voight	Steve Burris Sandy Voight	Steve Burris Sandy Voight	Steve Burris Sandy Voight
<b>Greeters</b>	Betty Miller Kathleen Register	Jane Taylor Delores Whitehead	Carolyn Kittelberger Tyler Mullins	Chris Miller Debbie Miller
<b>Lector</b>	John Gregg	Willis Kiler	Pete Wulforst	Russell Jensen
<b>Offering Ushers</b>	Norman Downes Debbie Hebrank John Popp Audrey Shaffer	Debbie Mace Steve Mace Terri Rill Tim Rill	Laurie Miller Steve Miller Brenda Murray Brenda Wulforst	Frank Burnette Wendy Maloney Brittany Trott Ernest Weiss
<b>Communion Stewards</b>	Frank Burnette Susan Burnette Sandy Voight Bart Walder	Susan Burnette Andy Kiler Audrey Shaffer Barb Yingling	Susan Burnette Connie Dattilio Norman Downes Debbie Hebrank	Susan Burnette Sandy Voight Bart Walder Barb Yingling
<b>Acolytes</b>	Austin Gregg Zoe Gregg	Dylan Andrews Ava Yingling	Danica Reiley Kyle Robinson	Ashton Eckhardt Tanner Eckhardt
<b>Pray with Pastor</b>	Connie Dattilio	Gretchen Jensen	Connie Dattilio	Gretchen Jensen
<b>Bell Ringer</b>	Frank Burnette	Bart Walder	Ernest Weiss	Chris Miller



# September 2019 Worship Assistants

~ 5pm Saturday Services ~

	Saturday September 7	Saturday September 14	Saturday September 21 Harvest Home	Saturday September 28
<b>Head Usher</b>	Judy Bixler	Judy Bixler	Judy Bixler	Judy Bixler
<b>Greeter</b>	Rodgers Hagert	Charlotte Hann	Barb Davidson	Sharon Bohli
<b>Lector</b>	Jeanne Swain	Judy Bixler	Linda Black	Luther Myers
<b>Offering Ushers</b>	Rodgers Hagert Ellen Linsenbardt	Charlotte Hann Walter Hann	Barb Davidson Ron Davidson	Sharon Bohli Jeanne Swain
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~ 9am Sunday Services ~

	Sunday September 1	Sunday September 8	Sunday September 15 Holy Cross Sunday	Sunday September 22 Harvest Home	Sunday September 29
<b>Head Usher</b>	Susan Burnette	Susan Burnette	Susan Burnette	Susan Burnette	Susan Burnette
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Susan Burnette Wendy Maloney	Wendy Maloney Sandy Voight	Wendy Maloney Sandy Voight	Wendy Maloney Sandy Voight	Wendy Maloney Sandy Voight
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<b>Acolytes ~ Torchbearers</b>	Austin Gregg Zoe Gregg	Dylan Andrews Ava Yingling	Danica Reiley Willis Kiler	Austin Gregg Kyle Robinson	Ashton Eckhardt Tanner Eckhardt
<b>Crucifer</b>	-----	-----	Tanner Eckhardt	-----	-----
<b>Pray with Pastor</b>	Christine Crouch	Connie Dattilio	Gretchen Jensen	Christine Crouch	Connie Dattilio
<b>Bell Ringer</b>	Gene Yingling	Frank Burnette	Bart Walder	Ernest Weiss	Joe Fleck

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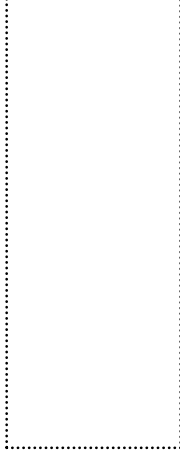
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 Committee Chair: Mike Pavelik mike@pavelik.com

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