



The VISITOR

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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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From The Pastor's Desk....

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This is my last letter to you. Since my previous letter focused on the future of Immanuel, this time I will look back over the past five+ years with a grateful heart. When I was first asked to be interviewed by Immanuel's call committee in the fall of 2015, I agreed, with little expectation that they would be interested in an old guy like me. To my great surprise, everything fell into place. I was stunned when in January 2016 you voted to call me as your next pastor. We drove through some rain on our way home and as the sun came out, we saw a brilliant double rainbow – which I saw as God's way of telling me this was for real!

I quickly grew to love Immanuel: its rich history, beautiful sanctuary, and so many caring, giving people. My wife Caroline and I moved into our first and last home after 35 years of living in parsonages, planning to spend several years there while I served Immanuel and then many more together when I finally felt ready to retire. After my first two years, I began to lay the groundwork for Immanuel's involvement in the LEAD journey, which grew to be a highlight of my ministry. Our LEAD Team was formed and began listening to God through Scripture and prayer, through the voices in our congregation and in our neighborhood for the next three years. We clarified our congregation's values and began building neighborhood partnerships which bore tremendous fruit when the pandemic hit and we started our food distribution ministry – another major highlight of my ministry here – with the help of so many partners.

Yes, there was the pandemic, my wife's two-year battle with cancer and her untimely death that suddenly upended our carefully laid plans. But what I will remember is the tremendous support we received from so many of you through it all, and how we all got through it – and are still getting through it – together. The pandemic has taken its toll on all of us, and it is too soon to tell the long-term effects it will have on the congregation we love so dearly. But I believe it is no accident that Immanuel has been here for 261 years bringing the Good News of Jesus Christ to the people of Manchester. Whatever changes and challenges lie before you, I believe this church will rise to the occasion once again.

As I look back over the last five years, all I can say to all of you is thank you, thank you and thank you! You have given me five of the best years of my life.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Charlie Marshall

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CHURCH MESSAGES

Let Pastor Charlie know if you want to receive his weekly emails.

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NEW MEMBERS

Elizabeth Nelson and Jerica Gardiner
Jean Thomas
Associate Members: Patricia and Roy Hodgson

BAPTISMS

9am Svs August 22, 2021
Aubryn Raine Rice
Daughter of George and Christina Rice
Granddaughter of Steve and Laurie Miller
Sponsors: Gregory Miller and Hanna Dawson

DEATHS

Gene Voight, Sr
Linda Harmony, wife of Ebert who supplies bread for our food distribution

ZOOM WORSHIP & BIBLE STUDY SCHEDULE

The events listed below are held on Zoom.
We do not post the zoom login information online.
Please contact Pastor Charlie or the church office to get details.

Saturday Evening Worship: 5:00pm

Recording of Saturday service also available on our website.

Sunday Morning Worship: 9:00am

Recording of Sunday service also available on our website.

CHURCH PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

Our Church is doing a new pictorial directory! We want everyone to get a new picture made so that our new directory will be complete. *IT WON'T BE COMPLETE WITHOUT YOU!*

Please make your appointment by using the link on our Website or Facebook page. You will also find it below and in the weekly email update. You may also sign up at church on Sundays or by calling Debbie Mace at 443-244-0358.

Photo dates are September 20 & 21, from 2:00 – 8:30pm. Each professional photography session takes about 15 minutes. You will then schedule a ZOOM meeting to see your proofs on computer and have the opportunity to purchase extra portraits for family and friends if you wish. *You will receive a FREE 8×10 portrait and a FREE copy of the new directory.*

If you want a photo of your extended family, group your appointments together and make a separate appointment for the extended family photo. Your extended family members don't need to be church members to participate, and they will receive the same benefits.

Make your appointment today!

<https://instant-scheduling.com/sch.php?kn=763&typId=63681&step=2>



BIBLE STUDY: THANK YOU!

August was my last month as Bible study leader at Immanuel. After returning from vacation on September 8, my last Sunday will be September 12. Small group Bible study has always been very important to me. I have greatly enjoyed my five years of Bible studies at Immanuel, and I hope and pray that small group Bible study will resume soon and continue at Immanuel, either under the leadership of the interim pastor or under lay leadership.

Let me say a big Thank You! to all of you who have been part of Bible study with me over the years. You have enriched my life and my understanding of Scripture and I pray that I have helped to enrich yours.

Keep on learning and growing! ~Pastor Charlie



The Season of Giving. The Gift of Hope.

November 26 · 27 · 28, 2021

John Street Quarters, Westminster

The Shepherd's Staff Annual Festival of Trees features a silent auction of unique, beautiful and handcrafted trees and other artisan items. Live music, photo booth, cash & carry table, baked goods, and raffles. Fun for the whole family!

SEPTEMBER BIBLE CHALLENGE

Moravian Daily Texts www.moravian.org/the-daily-texts

We continue the daily readings we share with others in our DE/MD Synod. The online Bible Study will continue at www.facebook.com/groups/demdreads/. Email pastorc@ielcmd.org to receive the daily reflection through Sept 12.

9/1	Ps 104:24-30	Jer 30:12-31:22	2 Tim 2:14-26	9/16	Ps 107:1-9	Jer 48:26-49:16	Heb 3:1-15
9/2	Ps 104:31-35	Jer 31:23-32:15	2 Tim 3:1-9	9/17	Ps 107:10-16	Jer 49:17-38	Heb 3:16-4:5
9/3	Ps 105:1-7	Jer 32:16-33:5	2 Tim 3:10-4:8	9/18	Ps 107:17-22	Jer 50:1-40	Heb 4:6-16
9/4	Ps 105:8-15	Jer 33:6-34:7	2 Tim 4:9-22	9/19	17th Sunday after Pentecost		
9/5	15th Sunday after Pentecost			9/20	Ps 107:23-32	Jer 50:41-51:23	Heb 5
9/6	Ps 105:16-22	Jer 34:8-35:19	Titus 1:1-9	9/21	Ps 107:33-43	Jer 51:24-64	Heb 6:1-12
9/7	Ps 105:23-36	Jer 36	Titus 1:10-2:5	9/22	Ps 108:1-5	Jer 52	Heb 6:13-7:3
9/8	Ps 105:37-45	Jer 37:1-38:13	Titus 2:6-3:2	9/23	Ps 108:6-13	Lam 1:1-15	Heb 7:4-17
9/9	Ps 106:1-5	Jer 38:14-39:18	Titus 3:3-15	9/24	Ps 109:1-7	Lam 1:16-2:10	Heb 7:18-28
9/10	Ps 106:6-12	Jer 40,41	Phm 1:1-11	9/25	Ps 109:8-20	Lam 2:11-3:15	Heb 8
9/11	Ps 106:13-23	Jer 42,43	Phm 1:12-25	9/26	18th Sunday after Pentecost		
9/12	16th Sunday after Pentecost / Holy Cross			9/27	Ps 109:21-31	Lam 3:16-66	Heb 9:1-10
9/13	Ps 106:24-31	Jer 44	Heb 1:1-9	9/28	Ps 110	Lam 4,5	Heb 9:11-22
9/14	Ps 106:32-39	Jer 45,46	Heb 1:10-2:8a	9/29	Ps 111	Eze 1,2	Heb 9:23-10:4
9/15	Ps 106:40-48	Jer 47:1-48:25	Heb 2:8b-18	9/30	Ps 112	Eze 3:1-4:5	Heb 10:5-18

CHURCH CLEANING : September Schedule

Week Of:	Sanctuary Narthex Archives -Vacuum/dust sanitize pews -Altar area -Altar Guild -Archives -Empty trash, recycling	Bathrooms (1st floor+ Ps.) -Sanitize both Bathrooms: (toilets, sinks & floors) -empty trash -replace any paper products	Bathrooms (Social Hall) -Sanitize both bathrooms -clean toilets, sinks & floors -empty trash -replace any paper products	Oak Tree+ Auditorium -Vacuum/dust both rooms: -vacuum the side staircase (oak tree side) -empty trash	General Vacuuming Vacuum: -Both Offices -main entrance -Take recycling and all trash to back room off kitchen	SS Wing -Vacuum Kindergarten Classroom -sweep back parking lot staircase	Outside -Hand mowing -bag any twigs, grass clippings -trim shrubs, pull any weeds -sweep walks
Aug 29-Sept 4	Susan	Judy	Flecks	Chris C	Brittany	Terri	Bobby Y
Sept 5-11	Audrey	Rhonda	Rhonda	Sandy F	Connie	Brittany	Frank
Sept 12-18	Audrey	Rhonda	Rhonda	Sandy F	Connie	Brittany	Frank
Sept 19-25	Susan	Judy	Flecks	Chris C	Brittany	Terri	Bobby Y
Sept 26-Oct 2	Susan	Judy	Flecks	Chris C	Brittany	Terri	Bobby Y

CHURCH COUNCIL

President: Brenda Wulforst, brenjwl@comcast.net; Vice President: Brittany Pomales, brittpomales1114@gmail.com
Recording Secretary: Sarah Marshall; Treasurer: Sharon Slivecky

Your church council met August 10, 2021 on ZOOM after a vacation in the month of July. Three guests attended the meeting, Mike Pavelik and Buddy Buscemi from Scout Troop 320. Bishop Bill Gohl also attended.

- *The scout leaders raised several concerns regarding relocating to accommodate Shepherd's Staff. After a lengthy discussion, a second meeting was set to discuss these issues.
- *Bishop Gohl attended the council meeting to discuss the interim Pastor position and the call process. Council members were invited to ask questions, however, no one had much to say. A meeting is scheduled on September 2 with Robin Litton to continue the dialogue.
- *The purchase of chrome books using the \$1500.00 grant money has been tabled until new council members are elected.
- *All Immanuel audit issues have been resolved and the committee has signed off on cemetery board, Troop 320 and Immanuel.
- *The nominating committee is continuing to look for members for church council. Council is looking at making terms very flexible. This would involve approval at the November congregational meeting. More information will be coming.
- *Other business can be viewed under the individual committee reports found elsewhere in this publication.

The next scheduled council meeting is Tuesday, September 14 at 7 pm on ZOOM.

PROPERTY

Chair: Tim Rill

Members: Frank Burnette, Terry Nowlin (Council Rep), Bobby Yingling

The property committee is replacing the toilets on the main floor near the church office. Alford Plumbing will put in two new toilets. These are modern chair height toilets that use very little water. The current toilets are most likely the same ones put in when the Sunday School building was built. They are old and take forever to fill and sometimes do not fill properly. This should help us save water and make it better for the women of the church.

The huge wooden cross is in very bad shape. After cutting off the bad wood on the cross, it will distort the shape of the cross. There are huge cracks in the wood that will continue to degrade even if we could try to redo it. Property will remove the wood that is laying on the ground and clean it up. If this cross had been prepared correctly before it was installed, and green wood had not been used, it should have survived a longer life. Wood this thick should never have been snapped off by the wind. Property had worked to sustain the cross many times by bleaching it, pressure washing it, and then coating it with Behr Water Resistant coating to seal it. Even with this approach, we could not stop the moisture release from the green wood and the cracking of the wood. We hate to remove this Eagle Scout project, but we have no other options with the condition the cross has evolved into.

Arbor Care will return to the church to finish the trimming of the 3 trees behind the wooden cross. They did not take enough of the limbs off their first trip. This should make it easier to mow the grass and walk under the trees. They have not advised us on when this will happen.

Property will be replacing the door lock on the men's bathroom near the office. It has served a long life, but we are afraid someone may get locked in the bathroom, especially our younger men in the church.

~Frank Burnette-Property

SOCIAL MINISTRY

Chair: Deb Hebrank, 410-952-3320
Members: Debbie Bowdoin; Rhonda Kiler

BLOOD DRIVE

Our Blood Drive on August 5th was very successful. We donated 30 units of blood which Red Cross was very thankful for. On behalf of Red Cross and myself, thank you to everyone who came out to donate.

TABLE OF GRACE

Our next Table Of Grace is August 31st and we are hoping to be able to serve inside.

SCOUTS

Immanuel Church Sponsors #320

Scouts will be using the Social Hall for Pack 320 on Mondays, Troop 320B (boys) on Tuesdays and Troop 320G (girls) on Wednesdays, while the Scout Room is being used by Shepherd's Staff for their Christmas tree fundraiser.

FELLOWSHIP

Chair: Rhonda Kiler, 410-239-7028, kkiler@comcast.net
Members: Deb Hebrank, Brittany Pomaes, Brenda Wulforst

CHURCH PICNIC

The church picnic and Sunday School Kickoff will be on September 12th at Christmas Tree Park (Pavilion 4) following the 9am service. This will also be a time to say farewell to Pastor Charlie. Food will be served at 11:30. Chicken and drinks will be provided. We ask you to bring a side dish or dessert. There is a signup sheet in the sanctuary. You can also email kkiler@comcast.net. Please come and enjoy a meal, bingo, games for the children and share some time with Pastor Charlie.

YARD & CRAFT SALE

Our Yard and Craft sale has been canceled.

COFFEE HOUR

We will start the coffee hours again. Our first one will be October 3rd after 9am Sunday service.

LITTLE FREE PANTRY

Chris Crouch, Brenda Wulforst, Pete Wulforst

FOOD DISTRIBUTION MINISTRY REPORT: September 2021

During the month of July we served an average of 82 guests per week, an upward trend lasting during the month of August. We continue to have new people come to us for food. Lately we've also seen people who had come for food when we first opened, stopped coming, and now have returned for the food we offer.

Tree of Friends Foundation has let us know that they plan to reopen this fall, distributing food weekly on Sundays. Our leadership team has discussed how this reopening might impact our food ministry. Currently, we are considering a midweek food distribution at Immanuel. We also will be open to where the Holy Spirit may be leading us in this ministry.

Although milk prices are double what we paid for milk last year, we are blessed to be connected now with The Westminster Rescue Mission as a reliable source for donated frozen meat. Brenda was in touch with Caroline Babylon, Executive Director of Carroll County Food Sunday, who referred us to Harvie Combass, Food Director at the Westminster Rescue Mission. We now can pick up frozen meat as needed six days/week.

We have been giving out school supplies during the month of August. These items were collected during Immanuel's Vacation Bible School as a mission project. After August 22, any leftover supplies will be donated to local schools and Shepherd's Staff.

The MCQE mobile pet pantry returned in July and will be at Immanuel every third Tuesday of the month during our distribution hours of 10-11:30am. Michele provides pet food for those in need in our community.

As I read over this report, it's apparent that our community and congregational partners continue to sustain this ministry in new and meaningful ways. We have distributed food for over 28,000 meals since we began in March 2020. We thank God for those who have stepped forward to keep us going these many months through their prayers, donations of food and money, and many volunteer hours.

~Christine Crouch

FINANCE

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

AUDIT COMMITTEE

The Finance Committee would like to thank Ellen Linsenbardt, Chris Miller, and Larry Hentz for their intense work on the Church Audit. They reviewed the Books of the church, the Boy Scout Troop and the Cemetery Board Books. They met several times and followed up with the Church and the Boy Scouts to finalize their questions they developed when doing the audit. They performed a complete and detailed audit on each group. The Finance Committee wants to thank each of you for time, your patience, and the complete manner you performed your responsibilities. Thanks to all of you for a job well done! Frank Burnette-Finance

MONTHLY MISSIONS - SPECIAL OFFERINGS

- *Donations are collected for the entire month.
- *Use purple Special Offering envelopes or clearly note the designation.
- *Make checks payable to Immanuel Church.
- *When giving online, be sure to select Mission Offering from the drop down list.
- *After our bank reconciliation, one check is issued to the organization.

CHRISTIAN ED

Chair: Jeanne Swain Members: Angie Eckhardt, Deacon Don Helfer, Jamie Rooney, Sandy Voight, Brenda Wulforst, Pete Wulforst

After a successful and exciting VBS and a break in August, we are ready to get back to Sunday School and Youth Group starting in September!

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Unfortunately, we had very poor response to the survey offered about Sunday School times but based on these responses here is the plan:

Ms Jeanne - **Preschool/Kindergarten** (younger ones always welcome with an adult)
After opening prayer I will escort the children to the classroom.
We come back for communion and then back to the classroom to finish up lessons/crafts.
Parents will pick up the children from the classroom at the end of the service.

Ms Angie - **Elementary and up**
Will meet after the service (10:15 - 11:15)
At this age, participation in the service is an important part of their Christian education, especially for the children preparing for confirmation.

Ms Jamie has agreed to be a substitute teacher when needed. Pastor Charlie is working to find a solution to keep continuity with the existing confirmation class after he leaves on the 12th.

UP AND COMING

September 10: First fall youth group activity - Mini Golf - details will follow soon

September 12: Sunday School kick off (and Pastor Charlie's farewell) at church picnic at Christmas Tree Park

October 8: Youth Group Hike or Corn Maze (youth to decide at Sept event)

October 18: Sunday School/Youth group meeting (on zoom, 6:45 - 7:30 p.m.)

November 12: Youth Group - Service project (cold weather bags to be distributed at Table of Grace on Nov. 30)
We will also do some brainstorming for a Christmas program.

Parents, please prayerfully consider your baptismal commitment and help us help your children grow in Christ through sharing God's Word with them through the lessons and other activities. Our hands, God's work! Your feedback, thoughts and ideas are needed to help us make this a most meaningful experience for your children. Your assistance and participation is needed and always appreciated.

Looking forward to seeing you at the Church picnic / Kickoff and getting started with an exciting new school year!

~Respectfully submitted, Ms Jeanne
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MISSIONS

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Our September Monthly Mission Offering will help *the group attending the 2022 ELCA Youth Gathering*.



Every three years, 30,000 high school youth and their adult leaders from across the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America gather for a week of faith formation known as the ELCA Youth Gathering. Through days spent in interactive learning, worship, Bible study, service and fellowship, young people grow in faith and are challenged and inspired to live their faith in their daily lives. The Gathering (postponed from 2021) is in Minneapolis, Minnesota July 24-28, 2022.

The theme is **Boundless: God beyond measure**

I kneel in prayer to the Father. All beings in heaven and on earth receive their life from [God]. God is wonderful and glorious. I pray that [God's] Spirit will make you become strong followers and that Christ will live in your hearts because of your faith. Stand firm and be deeply rooted in [God's] love. I pray that you and all of God's people will understand what is called wide or long or high or deep. I want you to know all about Christ's love, although it is too wonderful to be measured. Then your lives will be filled with all that God is. I pray that Christ Jesus and the church will forever bring praise to God. [God's] power at work in us can do far more than we dare ask or imagine. Amen. Ephesians 3:14-21 CEV

We are bound. Bound by our sin, by the expectations of others, by poverty, by -isms that try to divide us, and by so much more. In a life that often feels as if it has young people in a suffocating grip, we want them to imagine the boundlessness of God: boundless love, boundless creation, boundless forgiveness, boundless invitation, boundless promise. All offered from a gracious and loving God who knows and adores them. All so abundant and endless it cannot be measured. What are the stories of God's people, both in Scripture and modern-day, that share the awe and wonder of just how vast our God is? What does it mean, what does it look and feel like to live a life "filled with all that God is"? How can young people find themselves within the boundlessness of Christ's love?

The Gathering is a unique opportunity to invite young people into a deeper relationship with a God whose possibilities are boundless. Through one-of-a-kind experiences, this ministry stretches and affirms young people's gifts and calls. They experience the power of the Spirit within them, that frees them to live in the grace of God's boundless love in Jesus Christ. Finally, we are excited by the connections this theme offers to our host city of Minneapolis and the surrounding area. Known as the "City by Nature," Minneapolis is an earth-minded city in many ways. The Minneapolis Area Synod also names advocacy around care for creation as a top priority, which would allow us to learn from and support the local expression of the church.

This will be the groups third gathering. Enjoy the highlight videos of our last two experiences!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BvA4O6ldYfU>

https://youtu.be/B98CQBf_6b4



2015 ELCA Youth Gathering Detroit, MI



2018 ELCA Youth Gathering Houston, TX

We currently have a group of 12 youth and three adults planning to attend in 2022. The cost per person is approximately \$1,000 per person, which includes: all transportation, lodging, registration, and food. Our goal is that the only out of pocket for our attendees is the registration deposit. We have been fundraising for over three years by selling snowballs at our monthly flea markets, Hosting Mario's Italian Restaurant, Gertrude Hawk Chocolate Sales, Soup & Sandwich Fellowship, Mario's Memorial Day Weekend Pre-made Meals, and In-kind donations.

We THANK all who have supported our efforts!

WORSHIP & MUSIC

Susan Burnette, 410-357-9466, sb31220@gmail.com, Chairman

Jerry Hoffman, Organist/Choir Director; Jacob Ziegler, Saturday Evening Pianist; Pete Wulforst, Children's Choir Coordinator; Linda Calhoun, Hymn Sing Coordinator; Judy Bixler, Saturday Evening Service; Ashley Burnette, Acolytes; Wayne Thomas, Adult & Luther Men Choirs; Sandy Voight, Altar Guild

JULY WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

July Weekend Dates	Sat 5pm Zoom + Sun 9am In-Person Attendances	Remarks
3,4	6 + 45 = 51	Red, White, Blue Wkend
10,11	5 + 42* = 47	Pentecost 7, *baptism
17,18	6 + 71* = 77	Pentecost 8, *baptisms
24,25	4 + 41 = 45	Pentecost 9
July Totals	220	
July Average	55	4 wkends

SEPTEMBER

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

If you or a family member still wish to be included, please contact Susan Burnette.

BIRTHDAYS

Barbara Guthrie	Norman Downes
Ashton Eckhardt	Milton Herman
Kyle Robinson	Debbie Hailey
Frank Burnette	Erik Adami
Mia Wenzel	Bobby Yingling
Alice Downes	Dessie Ann Hann
Carol Walder	Bob Nicoll
Luke Campbell	Mike Haddaway
Betty Miller	Andy Kiler
Rachel Murphy	

ANNIVERSARIES

Bill and Delores Whitehead	Sept 13, 1957
Frank and Susan Burnette	Sept 14, 1974
Kevin and Cheryl Graf	Sept 16, 1989
Michael and Catherine Pearson	Sept 21, 2013
Brian and Stephanie Voight	Sept 21, 2013
Steve and Dawn Burris	Sept 29, 2001



LOOKING AHEAD

Weekend Services, September 4-5 Pentecost 15
(Ps Charlie on vacation. Supply Pastor: Phil Huber)
Saturday @ 5pm on Zoom
Sunday @ 9am In-Person
Sunday @ 10:30am on Zoom

Weekend Services, September 11-12
~ **Pastor Charlie's Final Services at Immanuel ~**
Saturday @ 5pm on Zoom
Holy Cross Sunday @ 9am In-Person
Sunday @ 10:30am on Zoom

Weekend Services, September 18-19 Pentecost 17
(Supply Pastor TBD)
Saturday @ 5pm on Zoom
Sunday @ 9am In-Person
Sunday @ 10:30am on Zoom

Weekend Services, September 25-26 Pentecost 18
(Supply Pastor TBD)
Saturday @ 5pm on Zoom
Sunday @ 9am In-Person
Sunday @ 10:30am on Zoom



HOLY CROSS SUNDAY

The Festival of the Holy Cross will be celebrated on Sunday, September 12th at the 9am In-Person Service.

This will be Pastor Charlie's final In-Person Worship Service.

History recalls 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 may be correct. Here, Constantine would build two churches. The celebration of the Holy Cross originated with the dedication of the Church of the Resurrection in 335 AD. Today, this festival still provides the church with an opportunity to '*Lift High the Cross*' with a spirit of celebration for many generations to come.

Help us celebrate the ministry of Pastor Charlie by attending his final In-Person Worship at Immanuel on **Holy Cross Sunday, September 12th at the 9am** service. Remember to wear something RED.

SEPTEMBER LECTORS

Service Dates	5pm Saturday Zoom	9am Sunday In-Person
September 4-5	Jeanne Swain	Brenda Wulforst
September 11-12	Judy Bixler	Susan Burnette
September 18-19	Linda Black	Matthew Rooney
September 25-26	Sarah Marshall	Joe Fleck

DEVOTIONALS

Christ In Our Home (July, August, September) and **Our Daily Bread** (Sept, Oct, Nov) devotionals are available for your daily readings, in the tiered bookcase display at the stairway entrance. Stop by and pickup your copy while supplies last!

September 2021 LECTIONARY READINGS

For your Home Bible Study. Join us as we read through the month of September.

Week of:	First Reading	Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel
Aug 30 ~ Sept 5 Pentecost 15	Isaiah 35:4-7a	Psalm 146	James 2:1-17	Mark 7:24-37
Sept 6 ~ 12 Holy Cross Sunday	Isaiah 50:4-9a	Psalm 116:1-9	James 3:1-12	Mark 8:27-38
Sept 13 ~ 19 Pentecost 17	Jeremiah 11:18-20	Psalm 54	James 3:13 -> 4:3,7-8a	Mark 9:30-37
Sept 20 ~ 26 Pentecost 18	Numbers 11:4-6,10-16,24-29	Psalm 19:7-14	James 5:13-20	Mark 9:38-50

Fresh seasonal flowers enhance the altar adding beauty and color. Flower ~ Lessons & Prayers are offered for sponsorship for Sunday In-Person Worship Services along with dedication sponsorships for 5pm Saturday Zoom Services. The sign-up chart is posted in the office hallway, providing the needed forms and envelopes for your use. A sponsorship form is provided above for convenience. **All** sponsorship information **MUST** be received by 12 noon of the Wednesday prior to any reserved date. Contact Susan Burnette with any questions.

Reserved Sponsorship Date: _____ Today's Date: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

_____ Altar Flowers **\$60** _____ Center Arrangement **\$30** _____ Lessons & Prayers **\$20**
(both vases)

_____ Altar Flowers **\$30** _____ Bulletin Dedication **\$20**
(one vase ONLY) (Saturday 5pm ZOOM)

Choose the appropriate space below and print
exactly as you would like it to appear in the weekly bulletin.

To the **GLORY** of GOD _____

In **MEMORY** of:

In **HONOR** of:

Sponsored **By**: _____

(Bulletin sponsorship & payment must be received NO LATER than Wednesday @ 12 noon for your sponsored date.)

- ✓ Make check payable to: *'Immanuel Lutheran Church'*
- ✓ Place your sponsorship information with your payment in the supplied envelope
- ✓ Place this envelope in the 'M&W Basket' (office lamp table) or contact Susan Burnette

- welcoming all in worship and learning,
- growing in faith as the Spirit leads us,
- reaching out with our neighbors to serve those in need,
- sharing with others God's all-embracing love.

Immanuel Lutheran Church

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