

# THE IMMANUEL HERALD

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## JULY 2024

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**DIVINE SERVICE AT IMMANUEL:** In addition to the in-person services, all Services are live streamed also. The live stream is available at the following Youtube link:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCqkp9bt5FmMFDmfW0QNplUw/videos>

**DIVINE SERVICE AT IMMANUEL AT 10:00 a.m.**

### **July 7**

**Ezekiel 2:1–5**

**Psalm 123**

**2 Corinthians 12:1–10**

**Mark 6:1–13**

### **Seventh Sunday after Pentecost**

They will know that a prophet has been among them.

“To You I lift up my eyes.”

“My grace is sufficient for you.”

In his hometown a prophet is without honor.

*Our human existence is burdened by personal weaknesses and limitations. Paul confesses that he is inflicted with a thorn in the flesh. His only sufficiency is the very grace of God. So also, the prophet Ezekiel is called upon by God as the “son of man.” Yet this designation emphasizes Ezekiel’s human weakness. Even the disciples embark on their missionary journey without food or possessions. In all circumstances, as God’s people we can only boast in His divine grace.*

### **July 14**

**Amos 7:7–15**

**Psalm 85:(1–7) 8–13**

**Ephesians 1:3–14**

**Mark 6:14–29**

### **Eighth Sunday after Pentecost**

The Lord commands Amos, “Go, prophesy to My people Israel.”

“Surely His salvation is near to those who fear Him.”

Having believed, you were marked with a seal.

The death of John the Baptist

*God unravels political systems, schemes, and nations, using atypical prophets and preachers. God’s chosen messengers attempt to subdue rebellion and call for repentance. Their efforts are met with resistance and fury. Amos, a herdsman and tender of fig trees, prophesies against Israel, but there is no repentance. John the Baptist, the forerunner of Jesus, is unjustly imprisoned and subsequently beheaded. Only through the bloodshed of Jesus is sin completely unraveled and forgiven.*

### **July 21**

**Jeremiah 23:1–6**

**Psalm 23**

**Ephesians 2:11–22**

**Mark 6:30–44**

### **Ninth Sunday after Pentecost**

“I will gather the remnant of My flock.”

“Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.”

You are fellow citizens with God’s people.

“He had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd.”

*Shepherds are to gather, tend, nourish, and protect flocks. The Lord passes harsh judgment on unfaithful shepherds. Ultimately, it is only Christ, the righteous Branch, who gathers together His flock both from alien Gentile nations as well as chosen Israel. Christ alone provides respite for shepherding disciples, nourishing them with His Word and presence. Furthermore, He miraculously equips faithful shepherds to feed, tend, and nourish those who gather to hear His Word of truth.*

**July 28**  
**Genesis 9:8–17**  
**Psalms 136:1–9**  
**Ephesians 3:14–21**  
**Mark 6:45–56**

**Tenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
God establishes His covenant with Noah.  
His love endures forever.  
That you may know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge.  
Jesus walks on water; Jesus heals the sick.

*“Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid.” These words of Jesus are precious. At His words, storms cease, fear subsides, disease is eradicated. Christ is able to do far more abundant work than we can comprehend. We are rooted and grounded in His love, which surpasses all boundaries of breadth, length, height, and depth. In all things, Christ is the fulfillment of God’s covenant promise through all generations forever and ever.*

## Ministry Notes

**Summer Worship at Immanuel.** The topics for our summer worship in July will be as follows:

**July 7** – Ministry of Music and Creative Arts  
**July 14** – Ministry of Home and Family  
**July 21** – Ministry of Social Concerns  
**July 28** – Ministry of Healing

### **Update on *Building on Christ, Equipping for the Future***

A big *THANK YOU* to the 33 individuals who have participated in either the June 8 session or the Zoom presentation of *Building on Christ, Equipping for the Future*. We have been receiving input from those attending as to specific areas where each might be involved and some specific strategies that might be employed to help to rebuild the church here at Immanuel.

The Leadership Team has been hard at work reviewing and categorizing the information shared on the Area(s) of Interest Forms that were submitted. The Conveners (Denise Adah for Spiritual, Sheila Gordon for Projects, and Nickel Lietzau for Finance) will begin making phone calls the week of July 8 to discuss how you might be involved based on what you previously shared.

We look forward to being in touch with you soon and pray that your will be blessed through your participation. We look forward to being in touch with you soon.

#### **Lay Readers:**

**July 7**, Rick Kruelle  
**July 14**, Gary Stratemeyer  
**July 21**, Mark Smith  
**July 28**, Roland Obedekah

#### **Communion Assistant/Liturgist Schedule:**

*First Sunday of the month communion assistant – Denise Waicker*  
*Third Sunday of the month communion assistant – Sylvanus Ibenana*  
*Second and Fourth Sundays liturgist – Rick McDonnell*

#### **CHURCH FLOWERS**

If you would like a special arrangement, the procedure is to call Denise Waicker at (443) 981-0019 or [Denisewaicker@mac.com](mailto:Denisewaicker@mac.com). Denise needs to know the date you select and the statement you want to include so that she can order the flowers for that Sunday. The cost depends on your selection. Pay by cash or check (make payable to *Denise Waicker*) and give to Denise Waicker in person or mail checks via the postal service.

#### **PRAYER REQUESTS:**

-For peace in Ukraine, Israel, and Gaza  
-Ray Ward who will have hip replacement surgery on July 5  
-Jerry Ruble who will have back surgery  
-Judy Stratemeyer, sister of Denise and Gary, who had bypass surgery  
-Lillian Cooperman, friend of Ray Ward, who has stage 4 colon cancer and is not doing well  
-Ray Will, who has been diagnosed with neck cancer  
-Winnie Kruelle who has been diagnosed with cancer  
-Naomi Kruelle for health reasons  
-Rosemarie Wilson, the daughter of Filleseta James, for return of strength in her left leg  
-Joseph Woah-tee missing, and whereabouts unknown

#### **Birthdays:**

2 Carolyn Henn  
3 Keira Huhra  
6 Lucas Witt  
7 Jordan Gordon

- 10 Jacob Pfitzinger
- 12 Olivia Elbers
- 15 Gabriel Tenabe
- 16 Amy Bishop
- 19 Lilac Witt
- 20 Charlie Clark
- 23 Delores Harvey
- 25 Ray Spitznas
- 27 Gerhard Ehlerding  
Jean Heemann
- 28 Amanda Thomas

**July Anniversaries:**

- 1 Jerry and Mary Ruble
- 11 Jefferson and Christine Will

<b>CHURCH VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE</b>				
	<b>Altar Guild</b>	<b>Lay Reader</b>	<b>Liturgist</b>	<b>Communion Assistant</b>
<b>July 7</b> <b>July 14</b>	Denise Waicker/Sharon Minetree			
<b>July 21</b> <b>July 28</b>	Rita Alcarese/Nina Ward			

## July 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
<b>7</b> 8 am <b>Cemetery Service</b> 10 am <b>Sunday School</b> 10 am <b>Worship &amp; Holy Comm.</b> 12 pm <b>Christ Eritrean</b>	8	9	10  6:30 pm LRIA BoD	11  Noon Zoom Bible class	12	13
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## The Baltimore Bulletin Insert

July 2024

Events of area LCMS churches, entities, and Recognized Service Organizations

Deadline for August edition: July 20<sup>th</sup>

Pray for  
the  
churches  
and  
ministries  
seen in  
The  
Baltimore  
Bulletin  
Insert!

### FREE FLEA MARKET

*Our Saviour, Ednor Gardens*  
A totally new inventory will be available for men's and women's clothing on Saturday, July 13, 9a-12noon. Each person who attends receives 10 tickets and can redeem them for 10 items. Rain or shine! This is our outreach to people in need in our community. We want to share the bounty the Lord has given us!

### MIRACLE OF CHRISTMAS IN JULY

*Lutheran Mission Society*



Help provide Christmas gifts to unsponsored families.  
Use QR-code provided and items go directly to the Mission Society.

### THE CHOSEN ON THE BIG SCREEN

*Faith Lutheran, Eldersburg*

Season 4, Episode 1, Wednesday, July 10, 7-8:30p

Season 4, Episode 2, Wednesday, July 17, 7-8:30p

Come Early both nights for free Kona ice/snowballs 6:30p

### SAVE THE DATES

*Lutheran Mission Society*

Crab Feast, August 24, 3-6p, Annapolis ELC, Edgewater, MD

Annual Dinner and Retirement Celebration for Rev. Dr. Maack and Susan Maack, Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2-5p, Kurtz's Beach

Ticket information coming soon.

### FOOD PANTRY, READING HELP, PASTORAL CARE

*Bethlehem, Baltimore*

Receive a bag of food as needed.

Reading Specialists assist children, youth (Parents please stay).

Pastor present for discussion, prayer, Bible study.

July 6, 10a -11:45a

### ACTIVITIES AT BEREAL..

*Berea, Belair-Edison*

1) Temple Rock: Dancercise ea. Mon, 2:30p, Zoom or in person.

2) Pain Clinic: Wed, 12:30-1:30p, Zoom, With certified therapist.

3) Game Night: Fri. , July 26, 7-9:30p Fellowship and board games with refreshments. More info.: BereaLutheran2999@gmail.com .

## The -Baltimore Bulletin Insert

### The VBS List:

#### Week of June 24-28

Berea Lutheran, Baltimore, 6:00-8:00p

Register: berealutheran2999@gmail.com

St. Paul, Catonsville, 9a-12noon, Ages 3yr. - entering 5<sup>th</sup> grade.

Theme: *Scuba-Diving into Friendship with God*

Register: stpaulcatonsville.org

Martini Lutheran, Balto, 9a-12noon, Ages 3yr - 6<sup>th</sup> grade completed.

Theme: *Celebrate the Savior – Jesus Gives Us Joy*

Register at Martinilutheran.org or 410.752.7817, 9-1, M-F.

#### Week of July 8-12

St. Paul's Lutheran, Glen Burnie, 8:30a-11:30a

Theme: *Scuba-Diving into Friendship with God*

Donations accepted but not necessary

#### Week of July 15-18

St. John's, Glen Arm, 9a-12noon.

Theme: *Scuba-Diving into Friendship with God*

Sign Up : [www.stjohnslcsm.org](http://www.stjohnslcsm.org)

#### Week of July 22-26

Galilee Lutheran, Pasadena, 9a-Noon

IF YOUR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL didn't make this edition, send us your VBS dates, times, themes, and age group for the next edition of the Baltimore Bulletin insert.

This insert only happens because your church submits items.  
A service of The Wynaken Project, appreciating the fellowship we share.  
Submit your event to [Secretary@MartiniLutheran.org](mailto:Secretary@MartiniLutheran.org)  
For locations of churches see [LCMS.org](http://LCMS.org) > Locators & Directories

