

# THE IMMANUEL HERALD

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## MARCH 2023

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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

#### March 5

#### Second Sunday in Lent

**Genesis 12:1–9**

The Lord promises Abram a great nation and blessing in Canaan.

**Psalms 121**

The Lord watches over you.

**Romans 4:1–8, 13–17**

As with Abraham, the promise comes by faith.

**John 3:1–17**

Nicodemus visits Jesus at night.

*Faith is Abraham's legacy—nothing more! He believed God's credibility in fulfilling the incredible. How could an aged, childless father boast of countless heirs? How could a rich Pharisee be born again through water, Word, and Spirit? How could a condemned world be redeemed by the death of a Son? All these things are grasped, believed, and confessed by God's gift of faith—nothing more!*

#### March 12

#### Third Sunday in Lent

**Exodus 17:1–7**

The Israelites demand water in the desert.

**Psalms 95:1–9**

The Venite

**Romans 5:1–8**

"While we were still sinners, Christ died for us."

**John 4:5–26 (27–30, 39–42)**

Jesus and the Samaritan woman at the well

*Sin mars living; distorts perceptions; ignites quarrels; endorses lies! This is the journey that believers navigate—suffering, enduring, and hoping. It is the singular hope in Christ that catapults us through our own difficult wilderness journey. We know that Jesus in justice and truth brings down the gavel on sin and the sinner. But in His definitive care, He refreshes with Word, water, bread, and wine. In these sacred forgiving gifts, Christ is among us and for us.*

#### March 19

#### Fourth Sunday in Lent

**Isaiah 42:14–21**

I will turn darkness into light.

**Psalms 142**

"You know my way."

**Ephesians 5:8–14**

"Walk as children of light."

**John 9:1–41**

**or John 9:1–7, 13–17, 34–39** The blind will see and those who see will become blind.

*People endure debilitating disabilities—blindness, deafness—and these ailments are not punishment for sin. Without intervention, people in darkness and utter silence remain isolated. Jesus attends wholeheartedly to those who live in darkness and silence. He illuminates minds and hearts with faith, so that people would confess Him as Lord. He heals the blind so that people would see who He is! Christ's amazing miracles confound the arrogant and enlighten the repentant.*

**March 26**  
**Ezekiel 37:1–14**  
**Psalms 130**  
**Romans 8:1–11**  
**John 11:1–45 (46–53)**  
**or John 11:17–27, 38–53**

**Fifth Sunday in Lent**  
The valley of dry bones  
“With You there is forgiveness.”  
Through Christ, the law of the Spirit of life sets me free.  
After the raising of Lazarus, the Pharisees begin to plot to take Jesus’ life.

*Decaying skeletons are revived in hearing the prophecies of God. Graveyards are opened; the dead are raised—and the Lord does it all! Lifeless creatures respond to the breath of the Holy Spirit. Hostile flesh wars against God and dies, but those continually revived by the Spirit live in peace. Dead Lazarus is three days entombed in stench, and yet, when Jesus speaks, he rises, he lives! Lazarus sheds the shroud of death, and the Lord has done it all!*

## Ministry Notes

### **Midweek Lent Services**

This year our Wednesday Lent services are catechetical in nature. We will examine the 10 Commandments in our preparation to walk with Christ to the Cross. On Ash Wednesday we examined the First Commandment. Wednesday, March 1 we examined the Second and Third Commandments. We then proceed as follows: Commandments 4 and 6, Commandments 5 and 7, Commandment 8, and Commandments 9 and 10. Our Wednesday Lent Services began on February 22nd and continue through March 29th. Services will be held at 12:10 pm and 7:00 pm. Lunch follows the 12:10 pm service; dinner precedes the 7 pm service.

**Holy (Maundy) Thursday and Good Friday services** 12:10 pm, and 7 pm both days.

### **SAVE THE DATE -- SATURDAY, MARCH 25!**

#### **BINGO -- LRIA Community Fundraiser.**

2 - 5 PM, doors open at 1 PM.

If you would like to volunteer that day (help with concessions, direct to rest rooms, etc.), please see \_\_\_\_\_.

Details: [immanuellutheran.org](http://immanuellutheran.org)

### **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**

-Heavenly Father, we pray that You be glorified through the effort of our 'Til All Have Heard Ministry. Guide us and Pastor Witt as we seek and pursue avenues to declare that Your Kingdom is coming clearly and powerfully. Give us the opportunity to plant, water, and harvest for Your Kingdom according to Your will, and grant patience to wait on Your timing and purposes. Lord, in Your mercy/Let us pray to the Lord .....

- The end of war, and peace for Ukraine
- John Rebstock with kidney failure and diabetes
- Elaine Schwab's brother-in-law who has been diagnosed with cancer
- Ray Will who is recovering from surgery
- John Pickering, who has a broken arm
- Rosemarie Wilson, the daughter of Filleseta James, for return of strength in her left leg
- Bill Hermann, now recuperating at home.
- Joseph Woah-tee missing, and whereabouts unknown

### **Birthdays:**

- 4 Luke Salter
- 6 Cheryl Akers
- 9 Ryan Bland
- 11 Pamela Hasskamp  
Rochelle Obedekah
- 12 Manix Paye
- 21 Richard Goeller  
Jennifer Pecora
- 24 Jacob Gordon
- 25 Lila Salter
- 27 Prince BellePu  
Sally Hermann
- 28 Elaine Schwab

**March Anniversaries**

- 1 D. Scott and Lynn Wegner
- 11 Jay and Wendie Wegner
- 24 Al and Weezie Lietzau IV

<b>CHURCH VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE</b>				
	<b>Altar Guild</b>	<b>Lay Reader</b>	<b>Liturgist</b>	<b>Communion Assistant</b>
<b>March 5</b>	Sheila Gordon/Laura Pickering		Gerhard Ehlerding	
<b>March 12</b>			Mark Smith	
<b>March 19</b>			Sandy Collins	
<b>March 26</b>			Rick Kruelle	

## March 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1  12:10 pm, 7 pm <b>Midweek Lent service</b>	2	3	4
5 9 am <b>Adult Bible Study</b> 10 am <b>Worship &amp; Holy Communion</b> 12 pm <b>Christ Congregation Eritrean</b>	6  7 pm LRIA Bingo meeting	7	8  12:10 pm, 7 pm <b>Midweek Lent service</b>	9  7 pm <b>Choir practice</b>	10	11  10 am <b>Compassion Center Wings</b>
12 9 am <b>Adult Bible Study</b> 10 am <b>Worship &amp; Holy Communion</b> 12 pm <b>Christ Congregation Eritrean</b>	13	14	15  12:10 pm, 7 pm <b>Midweek Lent service</b>	16  7 pm <b>Choir practice</b>	17	18  10 am <b>Wings</b>
19 9 am <b>Adult Bible Study</b> 10 am <b>Worship &amp; Holy Communion</b> 12 pm <b>Christ Congregation Eritrean</b>	20	21	22  12:10 pm, 7 pm <b>Midweek Lent service</b>	23  7 pm <b>Choir practice</b>	24	25  10 am <b>Compassion Center</b> 1 pm LRIA Bingo Fundraiser
26 9 am <b>Adult Bible Study</b> 10 am <b>Worship &amp; Holy Communion</b> 12 pm <b>Christ Congregation Eritrean</b>	27	28	29  12:10 pm, 7 pm <b>Midweek Lent service</b>	30  7 pm <b>Choir practice</b>	31	

# The Baltimore Bulletin Insert

**March 2023**

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

*Deadline for April edition: March 20<sup>th</sup>*

## MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES

Wednesdays, March 1 – March 29

Not every church has a Midweek Lenten Service, but they are a great Lenten piety of seeking God with a humble and repentant spirit. Here's where you may find yourself in Lenten worship, with or without soup:

11:00a	St. Paul, Catonsville
12:00 noon (soup after)	Immanuel, Baltimore
12:00 noon	Emmanuel, Catonsville
7:00 p.m. (soup 5:30)	Bethlehem, Baltimore
7:00 (dinner 6:00)	Emmanuel, Catonsville, Faith, Eldersburg
7:00 p.m. (soup before)	Immanuel, Baltimore
7:00 p.m.	Redeemer, Irvington, St. Paul, Annapolis, St. Paul, Catonsville
7:30 p.m. (soup 6:30)	Our Saviour, Ednor Gardens

**CIRCUIT 3 TRE ORE WORSHIP** *Bethlehem Lutheran Church*  
Good Friday, April 7, 12 noon – 3p, 4815 Hamilton, Ave., 21206, Pastors and churches of the Circuit gather for hymns and preaching on the seven last words of Christ from the cross. Worshipers come or go between any of the words, as they are able. All are welcome from all circuits!

**MARYLAND WALK FOR LIFE** *Lutherans for Life, Maryland Branch 348*  
Monday, Feb. 27, meet at St. Mary's School and Church, 109 Duke of Gloucester Street, Annapolis. Support Sanctity of Life. Info. at: <https://www.mdmonthforlife.com/march>.

**LWML PRAYER SERVICE AND BREAKFAST** *Our Savior, Laurel*  
Saturday, March 4, 8:30a-12 noon, Registration fee \$5.00. Donations will be for New Hope Church and School in Liberia. Register at [clmacon@aol.com](mailto:clmacon@aol.com) by February 28. 13611 Laurel-Bowie Rd.

**FOOD PANTRY** *Bethlehem Lutheran, Baltimore*  
March 4, 10a -12 noon, *Food pantry* open for those who would like to pick up a bag of food.

**When you go, say you saw it in The Baltimore Bulletin Insert!**

## READING HELP

*Bethlehem Lutheran, Baltimore*  
March 4, from 11:00-11:45a. Volunteers (retired teachers and a reading specialist) will work with children and youth to develop their reading skills. Parents are asked to remain on site. Pastor will be available for anyone that wants to participate in discussion, prayer or Bible study. Enter by the downstairs entrance off of the parking lot.

## SPRING GATHERING OF COALITION OF LUTHERANS IN BLACK MINISTRY

Sat., March 11, 9:30a-4p. Theme: *Are you Zealous for God?* Holiday Inn Express, South Hill, Virginia. More info: [colibmlcms@gmail.com](mailto:colibmlcms@gmail.com).

## A RESPITE BREAK

*Faith Lutheran Eldersburg*  
Saturday, March 18, 11a-2p. A fun, safe place for a child with special needs or disabilities while you get a break. "Parent's Night Out" (ages 4 mos. - 21 yrs and their siblings). Once a month on Fri. eve or Sat. daytime. Engaging activities, lunch/dinner, refreshments, crafts, and take home item. More info: Sharon Ihde 443.622.5983 or [smihde@comcast.net](mailto:smihde@comcast.net)

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

## EASTER EGG HUNT

*Bethlehem, Baltimore*  
Saturday, April 8, 10 – 12 noon

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

*Nazareth Lutheran, Highlandtown*  
Volunteers needed for ESL classes on Tuesdays, 4:30-5:30p. You don't have to have skills to be an ESL or English teacher, but know English. Contact Pastor Miguel Torneire 410.513.6393, [miguel@torneire.com](mailto:miguel@torneire.com).

## ST. MARKS CONFERENCE

*Our Saviour, Ednor Gardens*  
April 24-25. Starting on Monday at 11a with Divine service and ends with Prayer for Travelers on Tuesday. Topic: *The Praying Church*. The Saint Mark's Conference concerns the confessional, sacramental, and liturgical life of the Church of the Augsburg Confession. It is hosted by Our Saviour Lutheran Church, Baltimore and is open to interested clergy and laity. Info, register: [oursaviourbaltimore.org](http://oursaviourbaltimore.org)

## IMMEDIATE NEED

*Orphan Grain Train, Maryland Branch*  
In immediate need of wheelchairs, Bibles, backpacks, school textbooks, all school supplies, including pencils, erasers, crayons, colored pencils, markers, paper, folders, notebooks, binders, scissors, rulers, and glue sticks to fill a container to South Sudan. Items may be dropped off at the warehouse on Tuesday 9a 12 noon; Tues. eves, 5-7p., second Sat. of the month 9a-12 noon.

## THANK YOU FOR THE RADIATORS!

*The Wyneken Project*  
Thank you to each who donated radiator style space heaters for people this winter, given out in the Name of Jesus.

This insert only happens because your church submits items.

A service of The Wyneken 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