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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/UCqkp9bt5FmMFDmfW0QNpIUw/videos>

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

October 6

Genesis 2:18–25

Psalm 128

Hebrews 2:1–13 (14–18)

Mark 10:2–16

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

The Lord God creates woman.

“Thus shall the man be blessed who fears the Lord.”

The one who makes men holy and those who are made holy are of the same family.

A question regarding divorce. “Let the little children come to Me.”

The Lord bestows favor on man. He is to possess dominion over every living creature and is given woman to be his most blessed companion. Marriage between a husband and his wife is meant to prevail through life's circumstances. Yet adultery and divorce diminish this blessed institution. In all things designed by God and destroyed by sin, man is dependent upon the glory, honor, suffering, and death of Jesus. Only in Him is there perseverance, restoration, and forgiveness.

October 13

Amos 5:6–7, 10–15

Psalm 90:12–17

Hebrews 3:12–19

Mark 10:17–22

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

“Seek good, and not evil, that you may live.”

“So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom.”

“Take care, lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart.”

Jesus and the rich young man

Seek the Lord and live. In life's journey, there is great contention between evil and good. One we abhor; the other we cherish. As we live in this constant tension, it is difficult to keep our sight focused on Jesus. Sin rears its deception and we are enticed to unbelief. Only in Christ, the Good Teacher, is goodness completely revealed. It is Him that we truly seek, for He alone is our treasure in heaven.

October 20

Ecclesiastes 5:10–20

Psalm 119:9–16

Hebrews 4:1–13 (14–16)

Mark 10:23–31

Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

Find enjoyment in your lot in life.

“I will delight in Your statutes.”

“There remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God.”

“All things are possible with God.”

The fevered pace of labor and life is refreshed only by the living Christ, who gives grace and forgiveness. These things are abundantly revealed to us in Word and Sacrament on the sacred Sabbath. This is the day we hear the preaching of His Word, receive it, and learn it. Through this Word, we hear the restorative Gospel from Jesus. No other riches on earth can compare to His Gospel—it is the means by which we enter eternity.

October 27

Revelation 14:6–7

Psalm 46

Romans 3:19–28

John 8:31–36

or Matthew 11:12–19

Reformation Day (Observed)

“Fear God and give Him glory.”

“God is our refuge and strength.”

A man is justified by faith.

“The truth will set you free.”

He who has ears, let him hear.

The Law leaves us speechless, for it condemns us and holds us accountable to God. By the Law, every sin is unmasked, every sinner declared guilty. In Christ, by His blood, we receive faith. This faith justifies us apart from the works of the Law. Thanks be to God that Christ gives us this Gospel. By it, sin is forgiven and sinners declared innocent. This is our freedom in Christ proclaimed throughout every nation, tribe, language, and people.

Ministry Notes

A Healthy Body. A Healthy Immanuel.

A Healthy Body, A Healthy Immanuel is our theme for October as we work toward prayerfully making our financial, time, and talent vows to the Lord. Below is a brief Bible study about the Church as the Body of Christ and what it means to be a spiritually healthy congregation.

1 Corinthians 12:12-13 (ESV) 12 For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. 13 For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit. 1 Corinthians 12:27 (ESV) 27 Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.

Through our baptism, we participate in the body of Jesus. His righteousness becomes ours. His suffering on the cross becomes ours. His death becomes ours. His resurrection becomes ours. Through the Holy Spirit, we become the body of Christ in the world.

We are the eyes, hands, feet, ears, mouth, etc. of Jesus through whom He works. It is God’s will to work through us to carry on His mission of bringing the Gospel of Jesus Christ to all people for their salvation. We do this willingly and with great joy in thanksgiving for the love and grace given to us by Jesus.

In 1 Corinthians 12, Paul compares our physical bodies to us as the body of Christ. Each of us is an important and needed member of this body. Like the members of our physical body when each member is doing its part in the body, the body of healthy. When any member is not functioning properly the body is unhealthy and all the members are affected. Paul says in Ephesians 4:15 ESV “*Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, 16 from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working*

properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.”

In a healthy body of Christ (you and I as a congregation) there are 5 main parts which we have been referring to as “5-fold functions.” These are Worship, Education, Fellowship, Service, and Evangelism. On a macro scale, for the body of Christ at Immanuel to be healthy, all 5 functions need to be present and fulfilling their purpose. The lack of any of these produces illness in the rest of the body. On a micro scale, all of these functions need to be present in the life of a disciple for a healthy spiritual life. A lack of anyone brings spiritual illness to the disciple.

In Building on Christ-Equipping for the Future, our aim is to restore the health of Immanuel as the body of Christ and work to keep the disciple and the congregation spiritual healthy as we gather around word and Sacrament and live as the body of Christ. This is our healthy response to the mercy, grace, and salvation given to us by Jesus through His life, death, and resurrection. As Paul says in Romans 12:1 *I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. 2 Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.*

Part of our “living sacrifice” involves properly stewarding the gifts God gives us in time, talents/skills, and treasure. These are all entrusted to us by God for use as disciples serving in the body of Christ and as the body of Christ. This is how a disciple lives their life and how the body of Jesus lives in the world.

On the macro scales time relates to all a disciple’s life from baptism to grave. The goal of a disciple’s life is to live as usefully as possible to our God in worship and thanksgiving. Talent refers to the use of all that we are as

a child of God in worship and thanksgiving. Treasure refers to all the material things God entrusts to us to use in worship and thanksgiving to Him. All three are used by the disciple as part of the body of Christ, Immanuel Congregation.

Beginning October 6th, we will examine the spiritual health of the individual disciple and the health of Immanuel in light of the fivefold function of the Church. We will begin with Worship (The Divine Service) where we gather as the Body of Christ around His Means of Grace, Word and Sacrament.

On October 13th, we will look at Education. This involves coming to know God better where He reveals Himself to us in His Word. Can you recognize the voice of God? On this Sunday, you will be encouraged to make a vow of the use of Time to our Lord.

On October 20th, we will look at the dual functions of Fellowship and Service. How is the love of God manifested among us and in the world around us. On this Sunday, you will be encouraged to make a vow of talents and abilities in serve to our Lord.

Finally, October 27th, Reformation Sunday, we will examine the function of Evangelism. In this the Body of Christ (Immanuel; you and me) walks in the world as Jesus bringing the good news of salvation through the cross. On this Sunday we will make our financial pledges to the work of God at Immanuel.

Pastor Minetree

Building on Christ, Equipping for the Future Update as of October 1, 2024

Twelve BCEF Teams have been formed to provide a new focus on the challenges that Immanuel is facing and the realization that changes are necessary if we are to continue in ministry. A total of 36 members or friends of Immanuel have come together to form the twelve teams listed below.

There is some significant planning taking place when you consider that most, if not all of the BCEF teams are quite active. It is our plan to provide three short verbal reports of one minute or less each Sunday during the announcements with one report coming from finance, one from spirituality, and one from projects. In addition, periodic written reports will appear in the Herald.

By now, you have probably received the letter from the Stewardship Team and the Insert that details the current financial challenges that we face. At first glance, Immanuel's financial future may appear hopeless. However, everyone on the BCEF Leadership Team would not agree with this. In addition to your generous financial support, the twelve BCEF Teams have begun the work to identify and implement new sources of income in support of our existing ministry and to make new ministry possible. *BCEF Team 1 is working to engage a commercial real estate developer to determine "best practices /uses" for our property and building with the goal of establishing a for profit entity that would be capable of generating new sources of funds in support of our ministry.*

In this light, the church has received a proposal from the Lutheran Church Extension Fund to help us identify the highest and best use of the existing 2.73-acre campus excluding the sanctuary, fellowship hall/kitchen, church office, two classrooms and associated parking to accommodate the same. The study would focus on the following:

- Vacant Land: Complete a preliminary market analysis of the undeveloped land (~1.10 acres) examining various uses for ILC to create an alternative source of revenue and possibility grow its ministry. This will identify the highest and best use of the site.
- Provide a preliminary land value estimate.
- Former school classrooms and office space (north wing): Review building characteristics and feasibility of repurpose for leasing to a third party. This will include a market analysis to measure potential interest in today's market climate.
- Provide high level insights on the possibility of removing the structure (the north wing) to make way for a possible new building to accommodate a future use to create an alternative source of revenue.
- Preliminary site analysis identifying potential density, site characteristics, zoning, setbacks and other site factors.
- Initial discussion with Baltimore City to ascertain interest and feasibility.
- Work with the congregational key stake holders to identify ILC's current and future worshiping and ministry needs to identify building size and site amenities to accommodate contemplated future uses.

It is our prayer that a new sources of funds for ministry will be identified. Significant detail has been provided as an example of the scope of the efforts taking place to revitalize ministry at Immanuel. In future monthly editions, work underway within other teams will be highlighted as all 12 Teams work to provide the infrastructure in support ministry renewal at Immanuel.

Immanuel's Amazing Experience

What does it mean to participate in a worship service at Immanuel Lutheran Church? It's more than sitting in the pews in the sanctuary surrounded by Gothic architecture. It's more than seeing sunlight filtered by the stained glass windows; window's highlighting biblical and contemporary figures; depicting significant and meaningful events in our Christian heritage. When the Moller pipe organ music is playing you realize you are feeling each note. The organ guides the hymn singing inviting everyone to participate regardless of their musical abilities. The altar's bas-relief of the last supper is worth your attention and appreciation. The hand-carved wood behind the alter is one-of-a-kind and reminds us of the twelve apostles and other religious symbols. The liturgy, sermons, communion and prayers bind the congregation together as they worship our Triune God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Even non-committed Christians can still benefit from experiencing a worship service at Immanuel Lutheran.

Matthew 18:20

*"For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."
How often do we recognize and feel God's presence during our worship service?*

Friendship Sunday

Let's all get on board for Immanuel's first bi-monthly "*Friendship Sunday*" voyage. WE ARE NOT A SINKING SHIP! Starting on December 1st every member in our family of Christian believers is asked to bring an unchurched friend with them to our Sunday service. After church, we will offer refreshments and a time for getting acquainted in our Narthex. Immanuel will be cheerfully dressed for Christmas and we will be clothed in our most welcoming manners, biggest smiles, and warmest greetings. With your help, enthusiasm and prayers, we will successfully sail through these troubled waters.

Lay Readers:

October 6, Rick Kruelle
October 13, Mary Ruble
October 20, Gerhard Ehlerding
October 27, Sandy Collins

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

Altar Guild

October 6, 13, 20, and 27 – Sheila Gordon and Laura Pickering

CHURCH FLOWERS

If you would like a special arrangement, the procedure is to call Denise Waicker at (443) 981-0019 or 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, Gaza, and Russia
- Bonnie and Joe Castrilli as she cares for her husband who has dementia
- Ginger Glindemann for family members who are being treated for cancer
- Leonard Harper who is beginning dialysis
- Ray Ward who is recovering from hip replacement surgery on July 5
- Jerry Ruble who had back surgery and is recuperating
- 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 Filleseta James
5 Iris Anunihu
10 Laura Pickering
11 Johnson Momo
Adama Paye
14 Robert Clark
21 Ted Henn
23 Dai Summers

- 24 Tyler Nash
- 29 Robert Hylton
Max Paye
Nina Ward
- 30 Grace Palmer
Julia Pfitzinger

Anniversaries:

- 3 Anthony and Dai Summers
- 14 Cathy and Anthony Cadorette
- 21 Timothy and Cathy-Jo Bland

October 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 6 pm Special Council	3 12 pm Zoom Bible Class 7 pm Choir	4	5 10 am Wings 10 am Team 11 Neat & Tidy
6 <i>Worship Sunday</i> 9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship & Holy Comm. 11 am Adult Bible Study 12 pm Christ Eritrean	7 7 pm Adult confirmation	8	9 12 pm Bible Study & Lunch 6:30 pm LRIA BoD	10 7 pm Choir	11	12 10 am G Boys
13 <i>Education Sunday</i> 9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship & Holy Comm. Board of Lay Ministry meeting 11 am Adult Bible Study 12 pm Christ Eritrean	14 7 pm Adult confirmation	15 7 pm LRIA General	16 6 pm Council	17 12 pm Zoom Bible Class 7 pm Choir	18	19 9 am Flea market
20 <i>Fellowship & Service Sunday</i> 9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship & Holy Comm. 11 am Adult Bible Study 12 pm Christ Eritrean	21 7 pm Adult confirmation	22	23 12 pm Bible Study & Lunch	24 7 pm Choir	25	26
27 <i>Consecration Sunday</i> 9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship & Holy Comm. 11 am Adult Bible Study 12 pm Christ Eritrean	28 7 pm Adult confirmation	29	30 7 pm <i>Dan Meyer Choir concert</i>	31 6 pm Trunk or Treat		

The Baltimore Bulletin Insert

October 2024

Events of area LCMS churches, entities, and Recognized Service Organizations
Deadline for November edition: October 2C^h

GOD'S WORK AMID WAR IN UKRAINE Orphan Grain Train, Middle River The recent Orphan Grain Train (LCMS) Convention in Nebraska heard from a dedicated Christian woman serving children there affected by the war. Now she will be at OCT's Maryland Branch, 621 East West Blvd., in Millersville. Elfie Eberle, Ambassador for the Maryland Branch, writes: Alla will be speaking at our warehouse on Sunday, October 6 at 5 p.m. Join us for an opportunity to speak with someone who is on the ground in Ukraine doing great things for the Lord. Light snacks will be served. Attenders please RSVP to ElfieEberle@gmail.com

— FEATURED WORSHIP EVENT —

JOINT REFORMATION SERVICE Our Saviour, Ednor Gardens
Oct. 27, 4p. Preacher: The Rev., Dr. Lawrence Rast. Please join us for this beautiful Vespers service. Light reception to follow. 410.235.9553

DISASTER RESPONSE WORKSHOP Holy Nativity, Arbutus
Saturday, October 12, 9a— 3p Contact: secretary@holy-nativity.com

LUTHERAN BOOKS AND BEER St. Paul, Catonsville
Every 4th Thursday of the month 7p, at Rathskeller in Elkridge, Reading: Dietrich Bonhoeffer's The Cost of Discipleship. Contact Pastor Alms at pastoralms@stpaulcatonsville.org.

TRUNK OR TREAT Martini Lutheran, Baltimore Sat. Oct. 26, Noon - 3p. If you would like to sign up to decorate a car and hand out candy, please sign up by October 19. There will also be prizes for the most creative decorated trunk! All are also welcome to attend as guests, so bring your kids and grand-kids to join the fun and feel free to invite any friends who may be interested. Please contact Rachel Jaseph at (443) 454-1931 or rachel.jaseph@gmail.com to sign up to help or with questions.

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN ACTIVITIES Loch Raven
1) All Saints' Day Cemetery Service (Grindon Ave.) Oct. 27, 2P
2) Dan Meyer Concert for the cemetery Oct. 30, time TBA

3) Trunk or Treat, Oct. 31, 6-8p-

Contact: ilcadmin@immanuelutheran.org

A RESPITE BREAK Faith Lutheran Eldersburg October 19, 1 la, For Parents/Caregivers with children or teens with special needs/disabilities. Info: Sharon Ihde 443.622.5983 or smihde@comcast.net

BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN ACTIVITIES Baltimore 1)
Reading Help, Oct. 5, Nov. 2 10-12noon. Specialists assist children, youth. Parents please stay. Pastor present for discussion, prayer, Bible study.

2) Community Yard Sale, Oct. 12, 9a-12 noon, rain date Oct. 19.

3) Trunk or Treat, Oct. 26, 3-4p. Rain or shine!

Contact Church@bethlehemlutheran.org

GALILEE LUTHERAN ACTIVITIES Pasadena 1)

Spaghetti Dinner, Oct. 5, 5p, at Annapolis Ev. Lutheran. Questions Elfe Eberle 410.544.1621 or Sherry Sheldon 720.626.7506 2) Otis Stroup Concert, Oct. 6, 7p Cost \$10, Desserts and prizes. Supports The Way Home Contact: (410) 255-8236.

3) Trunk or Treat, Oct. 26, Noon — 2p, Candy, costumes, free hayride and prizes! Contact: Mary 410.699.2277 or mmmourning@gmail.com.

ANNUAL DINNER AND RETIREMENT CELEBRATION Lutheran Mission Society for Rev. Dr. Maack and Susan Maack, Nov. 3rd, 2-5p, Kurtz's Beach. Ticket information call 410.636.0123 or www.CompassionPlace.org

INSTALLATION OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR Lutheran Mission Society Sat., Nov. 23, 1 la. Rev, Lucas Witt will be installed. Immanuel Lutheran Church (5701 Loch Raven Blvd.). Meal served afterwards.

THANKSGIVING DINNER St. Thomas Lutheran, Carrolton Ridge Free to all. Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 28, 12:30-3:00. Volunteer to cook turkeys, donate food, do prep work, serve on Thanksgiving Day. Monetary donations offer flexibility to purchase items not given. Contact Cricket at St.ThomasLutheran@yahoo.com or 443.629.7117.

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

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