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## DIVINE SERVICE AT IMMANUEL

### August 6

Isaiah 55:1-5  
Romans 9:1-5  
Matthew 14:13-21

### Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

*"Listen to me, and eat what is good."  
Paul anguishes over the people of Israel.  
Jesus feeds the 5,000*

### August 13

Job 38:4-18  
Romans 10:5-17  
Matthew 14:22-33

### Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

*"Where were you when I laid the earth's foundation?"  
"It is with your mouth that you confess and are saved."  
Jesus walks on the water.*

### August 20

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8  
Romans 11:1-2a, 13-15, 28-32  
Matthew 15:21-28

### Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

*"My house...a house of prayer for all nations."  
"God has bound all ... that He may have mercy on all."  
Jesus heals.*

### August 27

Isaiah 51:1-6  
Romans 11:33-12:8  
Matthew 16:13-20

### Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

*"My salvation will be forever, and my righteousness will never be dismayed."  
The wisdom and knowledge of God  
"Who do you say that I am?"*

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## Ministry Notes

### LETTER FROM PASTOR MINETREE

*Psalms 46:8-11 (ESV)*

<sup>8</sup>Come, behold the works of the LORD, how he has brought desolations on the earth. <sup>9</sup>He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the chariots with fire. <sup>10</sup>"Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!" <sup>11</sup>The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

Approximately 34 years ago I sat in the student commons of Concordia Seminary. The temperature in St. Louis was in the high nineties and the humidity was just as bad. I was gazing into my Hebrew language textbook as sweat dripped into it off of my nose. I was praying. I felt I had made a big mistake. The class was difficult and I doubted my ability to pass. I had married only a month before and dragged my new wife and step son half way across the country in a venture that seemed doomed. I prayed for God's mercy, forgiveness, and guidance.

His answer wasn't to take me from the difficult situation but to bring me through it. This was a tremendous lesson to learn for a would be pastor. He who did not spare His own son was certainly God over all things too. He led me through Hebrew that summer and the other 4 years of seminary. Holding my hand tightly in His, He brought me to my first call, parish and people. He has held me through mountain tops and valleys. When my anxiety mounted He whispered, Be still, Chuck, and know that I am God. When I was in a deep valley and begged to be removed from it, He would whisper, my grace is sufficient for you, and bring me through. When I stood on mountain tops I did not forget that I was there only by the grace of God. As I reflect on 56 years of life and 30 years in the office of the public ministry the overriding theme is God's Grace. It is His undeserved love. It is His hand around mine as He leads me. The Apostle John refers to Himself in His gospel as the only who Jesus loved. This was not a boast. It was a humble confession. The word for love used there means to love someone despite who and what they are. It means to see all their faults and sins and still love them dearly. This is how John felt about Christ's love. I certainly echo that feeling.

I share this as part of my thank you for the celebration you gave my family and me for my 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of ordination. That this milestone was remembered and you celebrated with me means more than I can express in words. It is a mountain top experience. It is one I feel in no way deserving. It is all God's grace. It is His undeserved love. I want you to know my thanks and appreciation. I want all glory and praise to go to our Lord Jesus Christ. Again I hear Him say, be still and know that I am God.

#### **COMING IN SEPTEMBER-----**

A Man Named Martin video Bible Class. The first of the series will look at Luther the man. The class will be taught Sunday mornings in the Fellowship Hall. Watch for more information in the September Herald and the bulletin.

#### **BOARD OF LAY MINISTRY**

At the May 21 congregational meeting, the congregation voted unanimously to reconvene the former Board of Lay Ministry. This recommendation was proposed as those of us currently serving in leadership roles tend to focus more on the operation of the church (Ministry Among Us) rather than areas of care and outreach ministry (Ministry Around Us). The result is an unintentional focus on internal matters and more limited efforts toward member care and reaching others for Christ.

In order to provide details as to the plans for how the Board of Lay Ministry will operate to address the areas of care and outreach ministry, we held an informational meeting in early July. From this meeting, the following agreed to serve on this group: Carolyn Henn, Mary Ruble, Denise Waicker, Rick Kruelle, and Emalee Smith, and Steve Heemann. We are also aware that there were a number of folks who were interested in the BOLM, but could not make it that evening. As a result, we have scheduled a second informational meeting for Sunday, August 13, immediately after church. If you did not attend the earlier session, we would encourage anyone who may be interested in serving with this group to attend this meeting. You will receive an update as to how the Board of Lay Ministry will be organized and what types of tasks it will undertake. Then, prayerfully consider whether to join this group.

#### **FELLOWSHIP NOTES**

Sincere thanks for all who celebrated with us for Pastor Minetree's 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Special thanks to Mary Ruble, Denise Waicker, Carolyn Henn and Elaine Schwab for serving that day and supplying the marvelous menu items.

We welcome Vicar Matthew Schettler on August 1 and will have a reception following his installation service. Any help is welcome with menu selection. Please see Emalee Smith, 717-235-5548 to let us know what you would like to do.

#### **SUNDAY SCHOOL NOTES**

Rally Day is September 10, 2017 with our annual picnic on the lawn. Our Sunday School singers of any age will share a song. Also, anyone who would like to bring a dish is encouraged to let Emalee Smith know so we can supplement the cookout buffet. Hope to see you there!

#### **VBS NOTES**

35 students attended our 2017 VBS – A Mighty Fortress with 14 adults sharing time, talent and teaching skills. We appreciate the Christian Congregation of Eritrea Church for sharing their many students, and the parents who ensured their students arrived promptly and were picked up on time. Save this week next year – June 25-29, 2018 for VBS. FYI – our sponsorship collection netted \$380 and we have about \$300 outstanding in supplies. Anyone wishing to donate may still do so for 2017 VBS.

#### **SUNDAY SCHOOL MISSION BOOK BAG PROJECT**

We served our community last year in supplying 34 book bags to deserving Baltimore students. We would like to

do that again to have them ready for pick up at the August 27, 2017 service. Some basic items needed by August 20 are:

- #2 pencils with erasers
- Pink erasers
- Wide-ruled loose leaf paper
- 3 prong pocket folders
- Wide-ruled spiral notebooks (single subject please)
- Wide-ruled marble notebooks
- Book bags (large enough for binder notebooks)
- Pencil sharpeners (pocket size)
- Wooden rulers
- 24 ct. crayons
- Colored pencils
- Fat 8-10 pack markers (RoseArt or Crayola)
- Elmer's glue (4oz) or RoseArt
- Black pens
- Gummed reinforcements
- Notebooks
- Pencil cases
- Yellow highlighters
- Glue sticks
- Blunt or school scissors
- Or you may sponsor a book bag (cost \$20) by donating any amount

Please leave in box outside Sunday School or the box in Church. God bless the kids! Thank you. Emalee Smith, 717-235-5548.

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL CALENDAR THIS SUMMER AND FALL**

Sunday School this summer focuses on Prophets, Prayer and Praise. We meet Sundays and exit during the 10 am service. We will meet through August 27<sup>th</sup>. We will not meet Labor Day as Ms. Emalee is away. Please make a note of that.

We resume our regular 9 am schedule on Rally Day, September 10, 2017. All ages are welcome in Bible Study for adults, Youth with the Vicar, and Pre-K through 8<sup>th</sup> grade in the Sunday School room below the church office.

**Thanksgiving Compassion Center Food Drive** - Please bring in any non-perishable food and pantry items for our Annual Thanksgiving Collection. This year we ask for all donations be here by November 19 so we have them in order for the Thanksgiving Service. You may put them in the box by the Sunday School Room marked "Thanksgiving Food Drive." Please also continue to support the Compassion Center as you have been so generously doing.

**Christmas Schedule in August?** You bet. Save the date for our Saturday Christmas rehearsal on December 16<sup>th</sup> at 10 am with lunch at 11:30 am. We will present on Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at the 10 am service. The Christmas Eve Family Service, time to be determined, however our Sunday School service is on December 17. We hope all of our students will be present. We need a multitude of angels, and other costumed role players!

### **INTRODUCING MORE WAYS TO CONNECT WITH IMMANUEL!**

Immanuel Lutheran Church is on your favorite social media sites, so you can stay in touch with us on more than just Sundays. Link up with us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram to discover the latest news, see pictures, and learn about upcoming events.

To find us on Facebook, simply search "Immanuel Lutheran Church Baltimore" and 'Like' our page. To follow us on Twitter and Instagram here are the links to those pages: [twitter.com/BmoreImmanuel](https://twitter.com/BmoreImmanuel) and [instagram.com/BmoreImmanuel](https://instagram.com/BmoreImmanuel)

Don't have a social media account? All these pages are open to anyone, so we invite you to take a peek.

### **PRAYER REQUESTS:**

- Franklin and Coreathia Davis
- Mayampu Paye, Cecelia Woah-Tee's mother, who is ill
- Carl Tresselt, who is being treated for cancer
- Dick Goeller, who is being treated for Lyme Disease
- Rosemarie Wilson, daughter of Phyllis James, who is ill
- Lisa Lewis, daughter of June Dennis, who is ill
- Michael Gilmore and family as he battles cancer
- Ruth Waicker
- Ken Robertson, son of Shirley Robertson, who is being treated for cancer
- Henrietta Solanka
- Denise Waicker, who is recovering from foot surgery
- Ray Ward, who is recovering from hip replacement surgery
- Ray Will
- Urtella Coffey, who is recovering at home after a fall
- Vi Wegner, who is home recovering from pneumonia
- Doris Bagan, who is in hospice care

## Community Notes

**THE LUTHERAN MISSION SOCIETY CRAB FEAST** is being held on Saturday, August 26, 3-6p, St. Paul Lutheran Church, 31 Roscoe Blvd. 21401. (rain or shine). Menu: Crabs, hot dogs, corn on the cob, watermelon. Cost: Adults in advance \$45.(by August 21), at the door \$49. Youth 9-13 \$20, 8 and under free. For tickets call 410.636.0123 or email tickets@lutheranmissionsociety.org

### August Birthdays:

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|----------------------|--------------------------------|
| 3 Susan Libby        | 27 Sheila Gordon               |
| Kevin Wolff          | 28 Sharon Minetree             |
| 5 Sylvanus Ibenana   | 29 Amy Elbers                  |
| Louise Lietzau       | 30 Sandra Hasselbarth          |
| 6 Denise Adah        |                                |
| 8 Eugene Anderson    |                                |
| 9 Erik Elbers        |                                |
| 16 Audrey Montgomery | <b>August Anniversaries:</b>   |
| 19 Steve Heemann     | 1 Mark & Emalee Smith          |
| 21 Lola Barnes       | 2 Robert & Kelly Clark         |
| Theresa Storrer      | 7 William & Sally Hermann      |
| 22 Kweenia BellePu   | 8 Eyibio & Denise Adah         |
| Cathy-Jo Bland       | 16 Bruce & Katherine Weidner   |
| Cecelia Woah-Tee     | 17 Guenter & Elaine Schwab     |
| 23 Cooper Cosimano   | 20 Albert & Danielle Lietzau V |
| William Hermann      |                                |
| 25 Henrietta Solanka |                                |
| Carl Tresselt        |                                |
| D. Scott Wegner      |                                |

## CELEBRATING THE 500 ANNIVERSARY OF THE LUTHERAN REFORMATION!

For the celebration of the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation, I have several special items planned. Each month, beginning November 2016, there will be an article in the Herald on a famous "face" of the reformation. There is a bible study to complement this. I will also offer a video-based course "A Man Named Martin." This three-part course will be given at different times for each multi-week part. I will offer the first beginning in winter, the second in spring/summer of 2017 and the third will be offered next fall. Finally, the Herald calendar will include events from the reformation beginning this month and continuing into Reformation 2017. Other possible Bible Class (weekday or Sunday) topics include: The Lutheran Identity (Confessional Writings of the Lutheran Church), Lutheranism 101, The Lutheran Difference, History of the Church from the Reformation until Today, and Lutheran Spirituality. Please indicate to me your interest in any of these courses.

### FACES OF THE REFORMATION

#### A Dominican monk hired by church authorities to sell indulgences in Germany



#### JOHANN TETZEL

**Born:** 1465 | Saxony, Germany

**Died:** Aug. 11, 1519 | Leipzig, Germany

IT'S A COMPLICATED STORY OF MONEY AND POWER, AND JOHANN TETZEL PLAYED A BIG PART. Tetzel was a Dominican monk who specialized in preaching indulgences. Indulgences were pardons from the penalties of sin imparted by the Church. They originated as an inducement for men to fight in the Crusades. The business of selling indulgences expanded to raise money for other good purposes like building churches. Unscrupulous churchmen also used them to buy church offices.

Enter Albrecht, brother to the elector of Brandenburg. Although Albrecht was the archbishop of Magdeburg, he coveted the archbishopric of Mainz. But this appointment cost money, especially since the pope was building a new St. Peter's Basilica in Rome. The two churchmen made a deal: Tetzel would go into Albrecht's territories and raise funds through the sale of indulgences to meet both of these needs.

Tetzel may have started as the target of Luther's ire, but soon a clearer picture emerged wherein Tetzel was seen as a greasy cog in a corrupt machine.



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<b>CHURCH VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE</b>				
	<b>Altar Guild</b>	<b>Lay Reader</b>	<b>Liturgist</b>	<b>Communion Assistant</b>
<b>August 6</b>	Shirley Robertson/	Mark Smith	Mark Smith	Sylvanus Ibenana
<b>August 13</b>	Nina Ward	Steve Heemann	Steve Heemann	Dave Pfitzinger
<b>August 20</b>	Carolyn Henn	Nickel Lietzau	Rick McDonnell	Albert Lietzau IV
<b>August 27</b>		June Dennis	Ted Henn	Albert Lietzau V

# August 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 6:30 pm <b>LRIA BOD</b>	3 <i>Luther's infant daughter Elisabeth dies. 1528</i>	4 <i>Luther writes Contro Henricum Regem Anglicum, a response to King Henry VIII of England's writings against Luther. 1522</i>	5 <i>Emperor Maximillian denounces Luther as a heretic. 1518</i>
<p><b>6</b> <i>Ninth Sunday after Pentecost – Installation of Vicar Matthew Schettler</i>            9 am <b>Bible Study</b>            10 am <b>Worship, Holy Communion &amp; Sunday School</b>            11:30 am <b>Special Reception</b>            11:45 am <b>New Zion Ministries</b></p>	<p><b>7</b>  <b>Agape Group (Ray Spitznas)</b></p>	<p><b>8</b>            6:30 pm  <b>Adult Bible Study</b></p>	<p><b>9</b></p>	<p><b>10</b>  <i>Sir Thomas More, Lord Chancellor of England, is executed for treason. 1535</i></p>	<p><b>11</b>  <i>John Tetzel dies. 1519</i></p>	<p><b>12</b>  <i>William Paget, ardent English Lutheran, again attempts to persuade Martin Luther to side with Henry VIII of England in his divorce from Catherine. 1532</i></p>
<p><b>13</b> <i>Tenth Sunday after Pentecost</i>            9 am <b>Bible Study</b>            10 am <b>Worship, Holy Communion &amp; Sunday School</b>            11:45 am <b>New Zion Ministries</b></p>	<p><b>14</b>  <b>Agape Group (Ray Spitznas)</b></p>	<p><b>15</b>            6 pm  <b>Finance Committee Meeting</b></p>	<p><b>16</b>            7 pm  <b>Church Council</b></p>	<p><b>17</b></p>	<p><b>18</b></p>	<p><b>19</b>            10 am-2 pm  <b>Compassion Center</b></p>
<p><b>20</b> <i>Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost</i>            9 am <b>Bible Study</b>            10 am <b>Worship, Holy Communion &amp; Sunday School</b>            11:45 am <b>New Zion Ministries</b></p>	<p><b>21</b>  <b>IMMANUEL HERALD ARTICLES DUE</b>  <b>Agape Group (Ray Spitznas)</b></p>	<p><b>22</b>  <i>Luther's disputation with Andreas Karlstadt takes place in Jena. 1524</i></p>	<p><b>23</b></p>	<p><b>24</b>  <i>Five thousand Huguenots and other Protestants are killed in the St. Bartholomew's Day Massacre in Paris. 1572</i></p>	<p><b>25</b>  <i>Philip Melancthon joins the Wittenberg faculty as chair of Greek. 1518</i></p>	<p><b>26</b>            10 am-2 pm  <b>Compassion Center</b></p>
<p><b>27</b> <i>Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost</i>            9 am <b>Bible Study</b>            10 am <b>Worship, Holy Communion &amp; Sunday School</b>            11:45 am <b>New Zion Ministries</b></p>	<p><b>28</b>  <b>Agape Group (Ray Spitznas)</b></p>	<p><b>29</b>            6:30 pm  <b>Adult Bible Study</b></p>	<p><b>30</b></p>	<p><b>31</b>  <i>Pope Paul III excommunicates King Henry VIII. 1535</i></p>		