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DIVINE SERVICE AT IMMANUEL

November 5

Revelation 7:9-17

1 John 3:1-3

Matthew 5:1-12

All Saints' Day

The great multitude in white robes

"How great is the love the Father has lavished on us!"

The Beatitudes

November 12

Amos 5:18-24

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Matthew 25:1-13

Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost – Consecration Sunday

"Woe to you who long for the day of the Lord."

The coming of the Lord

The parable of the ten virgins

November 19

Zephaniah 1:7-16

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Matthew 25:14-30

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

"The great day of the Lord is near – near and coming quickly."

"The day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night."

The parable of the talents

November 23

Deuteronomy 8:1-10

Philippians 4:6-20 or

1 Timothy 2:1-4

Luke 17:11-19

Day of Thanksgiving

"The Lord your God is bringing you into a good land."

"Let your requests be made known to God."

I urge that prayers be made for everyone.

Healing of the ten lepers

November 26

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

1 Corinthians 15:20-28

Matthew 25:31-46

The Last Sunday of the Church Year - Consecration Sunday

"I Myself will search for my sheep and look after them."

"In Christ all will be made alive."

The sheep and the goats

Ministry Notes

DISCIPLES LIVING AS GRACE-FILLED STEWARDS

For our stewardship emphasis in 2017, we've been focusing on the theme "Disciples Living as Grace-filled Stewards." Jesus knows each of us by name, and He calls us to be His disciples (John 15:16). A disciple is a follower. *"While walking by the Sea of Galilee, He saw two brothers, Simon (who is called Peter) and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. And He said to them. "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers*

of men." (Matthew 4:18-19). When Jesus asked His 12 disciples to follow Him, He meant for them to leave something or someone or some place behind. In order to follow Jesus, some of the disciples left their fishing nets and families. Matthew left his tax position and the opportunity to make large sums of money.

In Matthew's Gospel, we read about a disciple who appeared to want to follow Jesus, but he put other things

ahead of that commitment, saying, “*Lord, let me first go and bury my father*” (Matthew 8:21). Many disciples walked away from Jesus after Jesus said the following: “*Whoever feeds on My flesh and drinks My blood abides in Me, and I in him.*” After hearing this, they said, “*This is a hard saying; who can listen to it?*” And many no longer wanted to follow Him (John 6:52-66).

A disciple is also defined as a learner. Disciples listen, learn, witness, and serve. Disciples nurture their faith by spending time reading and studying God’s Word, praying, attending worship services, and participating in the Lord’s Table.

A disciple is given the honor and responsibility to be a steward. As stewards, we manage all that God entrusts to us. We understand that all we are and have are gifts by God’s grace. By grace, we faithfully manage His creation and His blessings. As stewards, we seek to manage all that has been entrusted to us according to God’s will and for His purpose. It is a great blessing to be stewards of the gospel. With the Holy Spirit working in and through us, we can faithfully and boldly proclaim the gospel to those around us. Paul tells us that we should share our faith so that we “*will have the full knowledge of every good thing that is in us for the sake of Christ*” (Philemon 6).

We hope and pray that our stewardship emphasis is a blessing to you and your loved ones. We thank you for your prayers that have helped make this an enriching time for our members as we grow by God’s grace to be even more faithful as His disciples and stewards.

ADULT SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS

We continue our video based course, A Man Called Martin, this month. We continue to look at Martin Luther, The Man in this first series. Who was Luther? What struggles did he face? How did these struggles shape the future of the Lutheran Church. Please join us Sunday Mornings 9am in the fellowship hall for this course.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

As this is written Christmas seems a long way off, but it is only a little over a month before we host our annual Christmas concert. This event is one of the best ways to mark the beginning of the Christmas season. Please plan to attend the concert on Saturday, December 9, beginning at 3 pm. Please also invite friends and neighbors to be here and enjoy one of the nation’s finest choruses present a program of Christmas music.

There is no charge to attend the concert, although a free-will offering will be taken. We will also welcome sponsorships to help us defray the cost of this event. More information regarding sponsorships will be forthcoming.

CONSECRATION SUNDAY LUNCHEON – Sunday, November 12th

Consecration Sunday at Immanuel will be on Sunday, November 12th. You are invited to attend the celebration luncheon that will immediately follow the worship service. Please join us for lunch on the 12th to celebrate the completion of this year’s stewardship emphasis as we thank the stewards of Immanuel who have pledged their support to our ministry together coming up in 2018.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

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 to 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.

Rehearsals for the Children’s Christmas Service are during Sunday School. We must have all students here at 9:00 a.m. every Sunday to rehearse for the songs and parts. This includes the Youth Class.

On Saturday, December 16th at 10 a.m., we will meet in the Library across from the Fellowship Hall for a special practice up in Church. We will rehearse and then have lunch. We expect to be done by 12:30 p.m.. Parents, you are welcome to attend and participate if you can. Students who come to this practice are the ones who are most actively involved in the Service. The weekly practices on Sundays until then also determine who has which part in the service.

On Sunday, December 17th, we will present the Christmas story in church at 10 a.m. So we can be ready, please, please come at 9 a.m. to have your costume in place by 10 a.m. Please see Emalee Smith or Elaine Schwab for more information. In Christ, Emalee Smith

COMPASSION CENTER NEWS

The Compassion Center is open Saturdays from 10 AM to 2 PM. Stop in and take a look at some of the clothing and unique items we have in stock! You are also welcome to join us for chapel in the library every Saturday at 10:30, in conjunction with the Compassion Center.

Of course, we need volunteers to keep the Compassion Center open and running smoothly. Please see Vicar Matthew if you are interested in taking part in this vital outreach into the community, call him at the church office, or send him an e-mail at vicar@immanuel Lutheran.org for more information.

We will be closed on Saturday, November 25th for our Thanksgiving holiday.

"For there will never cease to be poor in the land. Therefore I command you, 'You shall open wide your hand to your brother, to the needy and to the poor, in your land.'" *Deuteronomy 15:11*



MIRACLE OF CHRISTMAS SHOW

The Fellowship Committee is sponsoring a trip to SIGHT AND SOUND THEATER in Lancaster, PA for the "MIRACLE OF CHRISTMAS" show on Tuesday, December 5 at 11:00 am. The cost per ticket is \$78 and includes lunch at a local restaurant, following the performance. Transportation will be additional.

Reservations and payments must be made by Sunday, November 12. Please make checks payable to Immanuel Lutheran Church in the memo line write "Sight and Sound." Please contact Carolyn Henn (410.833.0970), Laura Pickering (410-296-2075) or Vicar Matthew (716-861-7721) for a reservation or for more information.

DATES TO KEEP IN MIND:

November 5th All Saints Service at Immanuel's Cemetery Chapel **3pm**

November 23rd Thanksgiving Day Service **10am**

December 6th, 13th, 20th Wednesday Advent Service in the Fellowship Hall **12:10pm and 7pm**

December 9th Baltimore Choral Arts Society Christmas Concert **3 pm**

December 10th Choir Christmas Hymn Service

December 17th Children's Christmas Program

December 24th Candle Light Service **9pm**

CARING CARDS ARE COMING!

Our "new" member care committee will be expanding sending out cards not only to shut-ins and those absent, but also for birthdays and special occasions. Would you like to support this love project? Donations are appreciated for postage to mail the cards to members. Please place either Forever Stamps or money earmarked for "Caring Cards" in the offering. We have several members who are mailing these out and even creating special cards. We appreciate every penny that will brighten someone's day with a caring card. Thank you so much for your help!

SHARING IS CARING - A new way to connect with our Immanuel family. Would you make a casserole or soup to share with someone who is sick or homebound? Make item, put in freezable container, label with ingredients and date. Bring to church and put in freezer, log on clipboard with name and date. Thank You!!

The Caring Committee

CHRISTMAS GIFTS – CD's and DVD's OF IMMANUEL'S MUSICAL HERITAGE

Very limited quantities -

1. "Organ Music at Immanuel" – CD, contains 10 organ compositions and two works for orchestra and Immanuel's Senior Choir of 1990. Cost: \$10.00
2. DVD – "Organ of Immanuel." Hear and see it on your TV screen. As the eleven compositions of organ music are being played, the photographer takes close-up pictures of our magnificent stained glass windows and wood carvings, and the organ console. Cost: \$12.00. A limited number of the DVD are still available.
3. In addition, one of our best recordings: "Sixty Years of Sacred Music" has been re-ordered, after being



sold out. These are available now. Cost of this Double CD is \$20.00

4. and 5. Two CD's from the 125th anniversary of Immanuel – now re-issued:

4. "Christmas at Immanuel"

5. "Praise God in His Sanctuary"

(Both of these feature Immanuel School Choir, Immanuel Senior Choir, our superb soloists, string, brass, and flautists, professional players from our Immanuel's music history. Each of these CD's costs \$10.00.

6. A Symphonic Choral Suite based on forty-two

Traditional Hymns, arranged by Lee Holdridge. The hymns are presented here in unifying medleys, relating each to a thought perfectly expressed in the nine sections of "The Lord's Prayer."

This musical worship service was recorded, live, at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Baltimore, Maryland, on May 6, 1984. Participating in this Service were the Senior Choir (50 members) and the Immanuel Lutheran School Choir (60 members), a congregation of 725 people, orchestra and organ, Dr. Richard Wegner, Conductor, Barbara Sommer, Organist, and Rev. Hubert Temme, Pastor.

The cost of this CD is \$12.00.

All funds from the purchase of CD's and DVD's go into our Organ and Piano Maintenance Fund. See me after services or phone me (410-296-1957) Richard Wegner, Minister of Music, Emeritus

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Franklin and Coreathia Davis
- Marie McDonnell, who is being treated for cancer
- Daphne Klautky, who is recovering from a stroke
- Danielle Blanke, niece of Michelle Lam, who is in ICU struggling with respiratory issues and lung infection
- Mayampu Paye, Cecelia Woah-Tee's mother, who is ill
- Dick Goeller, who is being treated for Lyme Disease
- Rosemarie Wilson, daughter of Phyllis James, who is ill
- Emmanuel Lewis, grandson of June Dennis, who is recovering from surgery
- Ruth Waicker
- Henrietta Solanka
- Gary Stratemeyer, Denise Waicker's husband, who is having health problems
- Bradley Will, who is being treated for cancer
- Jane Derry, who is recovering from a fractured ankle
- Dorothy Friant, who is recovering from a heart attack
- Erv Dietrich, who is recovering from a fall

Birthdays:

- 2 Keisha English
Dorothy Wolff
- 7 Joshua Minetree
- 11 Daphne Klautky
Christy St. Clair
- 12 Nyewoe Barwulor
- 13 Guenter Schwab
- 19 Kay Lietzau
- 23 Eyibio Adah
Ginger Glindemann
Scott Heemann
- 28 Nsebong Adah

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Community Notes

2017 LMS Compassion Place ANNUAL DINNER

Make plans to join us for the 2017 Annual Dinner on Sunday, November 5th from 4:00 - 7:00 PM in the beautiful Bay Room at Kurtz's Beach in Pasadena, MD.

Mr. Rob MacReynolds, acclaimed keyboardist who has accompanied George Benson, Stevie Wonder and Maria Carey, will provide music for the event. Mr. Randy Gast will MC the event. The Compassionate Servant Award for 2017 will be presented to Mrs. Marlene Young, volunteer at the LMS Hyattsville Compassion Center. Mr. John O'Malley will be honored for his five years of service on the Board of Directors. Mr. Rich Kunst and Mrs. Kathy

Hearding, organizers of the Trinity Church LMS Benefit Golf Tournament held each year, will present a check for the proceeds of this year's event.

There will be a raffle and also a Silent Auction with a variety of great items on which to bid.

Tickets are \$50 per person and tables hold eight to ten people. For tickets or more information, call Kathy at 410-636-0123 or email her at: tickets@lutheranmissionsociety.org.

Join us for an afternoon of faith, food and fun while raising money for the LMS Compassion Place ministries!

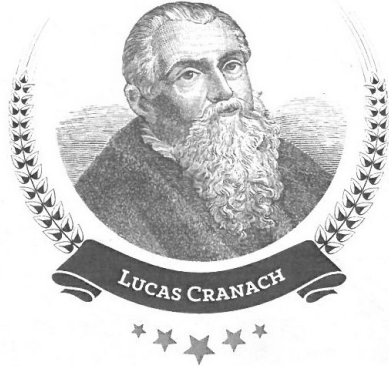
500th Anniversary of the Reformation

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

Artist, businessman and friend of Luther




LUCAS CRANACH THE ELDER

Born: 1472 | Kronach, Germany

Died: 1553 | Weimar, Germany

WHILE LUTHER, MELANCHTHON AND OTHERS led the charge of the Reformation with their writings, Lucas Cranach aided the cause through the use of images, specifically paintings and woodcuts. Luther grew close to him when they became colleagues in the publication of Luther's writings and pamphlets, most notably his Small Catechism and German translation of the Bible. Cranach's lasting appeal is multifaceted because of his unique contributions to late-Renaissance painting, while also being a successful business man and local Wittenberg politician. Cranach became an important part of Luther's personal life as they served as godparents for each other's children.

Artist, businessman and friend, we see Cranach as a man who exemplified Luther's doctrine of vocation: that all stations in life are necessary for society and are God-pleasing.



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Reformation 500

Choral Vespers and Hymn Festival

November 19, 2017 at 4:00 PM

Reception to follow

Matthew Gerhardt

Assistant Organist and Choir Director

St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Indianapolis, IN

Daylight Savings Time Ends Sunday, November 6th



In recognition of Martin Luther's birthday (Nov. 10) during this year of the 500th anniversary of the start of the Reformation and the 125th anniversary of Our Saviour Church, you are invited to a special service of celebration featuring the hymns of Luther and Paul Gerhardt, as well as the winner of the LCMS Reformation hymn-writing contest "Though all the World is Like a Scroll."



About the organist: A native of Fairmont, Minnesota, Matthew Gerhardt holds degrees in Parish Music from Concordia University Wisconsin and Organ Performance from the Indiana University Jacobs School of Music. He also spent a year enrolled as a guest student at the Hochschule für Kirchenmusik in Herford, Germany and studied organ and improvisation with Stefan Kagl and received the top score of 1,0 (excellent) on the MA-level organ performance exam.

CHURCH VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE				
	Altar Guild	Lay Reader	Liturgist	Communion Assistant
November 5	Sally Hermann/ Margaret Mitchell/ Gwen Heemann	Nickel Lietzau	Mark Smith	Dave Pfitzinger
November 12		Jean Heemann	Rick McDonnell	Albert Lietzau IV
November 19		Ted Henn	Ted Henn	Nickel Lietzau
November 23 <i>Thanksgiving Day</i>			Mark Smith	Sylvanus Ibenana
November 26		Mary Ruble	Steve Heemann	Dave Pfitzinger

November 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 6:30 pm LRIA BOD	2	3 <i>The British Parliament passes the Supremacy Act, whereby Henry VIII and his successors to the English throne are declared to be "the only supreme head in earth of the Church of England. 1534</i>	4 10 am-2 pm Compassion Center <i>Holy Roman Emperor Charles V promises Luther a hearing. 1520</i>
5 All Saints' Day 9 am Bible Study & Sunday School 10 am Worship, Holy Communion 11:45 am New Zion Ministries 3 pm All Saints' Service (Cemetery) Daylight Saving Time Ends Set clocks back one hour	6 7:15 pm Choir Rehearsal Agape Group (Ray Spitznas)	7 6:30 pm Adult Bible Study	8 9:30 am Women's Bible Study	9 <i>Martin Chemnitz, often called the "second Martin of the Reformation," is born. 1522</i>	10 <i>Martin Luther born in Eisleben, Germany. 1483</i>	11 10 am-2 pm Compassion Center <i>Martin Luther baptized. 1483</i>
12 Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost – Consecration Sunday 9 am Bible Study & Sunday School 10 am Worship, Holy Communion 11:30 am Special Luncheon 11:45 am New Zion Ministries	13 7:15 pm Choir Rehearsal Agape Group (Ray Spitznas)	14 6 pm Finance Committee Meeting	15 7 pm Church Council	16 <i>Casper Creuziger, editor of Martin Luther's works, dies at Wittenberg. 1548</i>	17	18 10 am-2 pm Compassion Center
19 Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost 9 am Bible Study & Sunday School 10 am Worship, Holy Communion 11:45 am New Zion Ministries	20 IMMANUEL HERALD ARTICLES DUE 7:15 pm Choir Rehearsal Agape Group (Ray Spitznas)	21 6:30 pm Adult Bible Study	22	23 Thanksgiving Day OFFICE CLOSED 10 am Worship & Holy Communion	24 <i>John Oecolampadius, German-born Swiss reformer, dies. 1531</i>	25 10 am-2 pm Compassion Center
26 Last Sunday of the Church Year 9 am Bible Study & Sunday School 10 am Worship, Holy Communion 11:45 am New Zion Ministries	27 7:15 pm Choir Rehearsal Agape Group (Ray Spitznas)	28 <i>Luther appeals to the pope for a general council. 1518</i>	29 <i>Jacob Andreae finishes the Swabian Concord, a forerunner of the Formula of Concord. 1573</i>	30 <i>Luther petitions the new elector of Saxony, John, to inaugurate a visitation in order to provide competent priests (pastors) in the parishes of his principality. 1625</i>		