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DIVINE SERVICE AT IMMANUEL

February 4

Isaiah 40:21-31
1 Corinthians 9:16-27
Mark 1:29-39

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

*"They who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength."
"I have become all things to all people, that ... I might save some."
Jesus heals.*

February 11

2 Kings 2:1-12 or
Exodus 34:29-35
2 Corinthians 3:12-13; 4:1-6
Mark 9:2-9

The Transfiguration of Our Lord

*Elijah is taken up into heaven.
Moses' face is radiant after speaking with the Lord.
Being transformed into His likeness.
Jesus is transfigured.*

February 14

Joel 2:12-19
2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10
Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

Ash Wednesday

*"Return to the Lord your God."
"Be reconciled."
"Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."*

February 18

Genesis 22:1-18
James 1:12-18
Mark 1:9-15

First Sunday in Lent

*Abraham prepares to offer Isaac as a sacrifice.
God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He tempt anyone.
Jesus is tempted by Satan.*

February 21

Galatians 3:10-14
Luke 1:68-75
Malachi 3:6-12

Second Wednesday in Lent

*Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law.
God has visited and redeemed His people.
God calls His people to return to Him.*

February 25

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16
Romans 5:1-11
Mark 8:27-38

Second Sunday in Lent

*God renames Abram and Sarai.
"We were reconciled to God."
Take up your cross and follow Me.*

February 28

1 Peter 5:6-11
John 10:7-10
Jeremiah 15:19-21

Third Wednesday in Lent

*God restores His people after a time of suffering.
Jesus promised abundant life to His people.
God promises deliverance and restoration.*

Ministry Notes

PREPARATION FOR EASTER

By now the Christmas Trees are down. The lights and other decorations have been packed away. Our homes look "normal" again. Now is the time to prepare to celebrate Easter, the Resurrection of our Lord. I am not talking about dyeing eggs, buying candy, digging out the baskets, or planning the Easter Dinner. We usually don't decorate our homes to prepare for Easter. Preparation for the Celebration of the Lord's Resurrection involves internal work. We prepare our hearts and souls. The time of preparation is called Lent. Again this year we will meet on Wednesdays at noon and early evening to share a meal together and a time of preparation. Only with this preparation can we truly celebrate Easter in all its glory and joy. Come and prepare together our hearts, minds, and souls to celebrate the greatest event of the Christian's life, our Lord's Resurrection.

LENT IS COMING EARLY THIS YEAR

Ash Wednesday begins on Valentines Day! It is just a few weeks away. Once again we will have two Services on Wednesday. One at 12:10 pm and the other at 7 pm. Except for Ash Wednesday and Holy Week, all weekday services will be held in the Fellowship Hall. We also intend on having our soup lunches and dinners during Lent. Please see Emalee Smith to sign up to bring a soup or other goodie.

WEEKDAY BIBLE CLASS

Pastor's weekday Bible Class, held every 2nd and 4th Tuesday beginning at 6:30 pm continues in February. This is a free form discussion type of class that meets by the fireplace in the conference room. All are welcome to attend.

SNOW CANCELLATIONS

Please check our Facebook page or your email for info about cancellations due to snow. If you don't have internet access you may contact Pastor directly at 443-615-4852.

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

IMMANUEL'S SUPPER CLUB

Join fellow members for food and fellowship

We would like to resume our social activity of hosting dinner parties with members of Immanuel. Those who have participated in the past have truly enjoyed the camaraderie in getting to know each other better.

We usually schedule 4 dinners within a 6 month period of time. Those who enjoy hosting the dinners take turns and others bring dishes to complement the host's main course. Everyone is invited to bring a friend or companion to our dinner dates.

Interested? Please contact Carolyn Henn at 410-833-0970 or in person.

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 is \$35.00. Pay by cash or check (made payable to the "Altar Guild") and give to Denise Waicker in person or mail checks via the postal service.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Franklin and Coreathia Davis
- Lola Barnes
- 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
- Virginia Metzger
- Henrietta Solanka
- Dr. Kent Glindemann, who is being treated for cancer
- 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
- Michael Dunston, a friend of June Dennis, who is hospitalized

Birthdays:

- 2 Charles Libby
- 3 Nnenna Ibenana
- 9 Kristin Beatty
- 10 Emalee Smith
- 15 John Pickering
ReNay Royster
- 16 Franklin Davis
Phyllis Rebstock
- 17 Pastor Minetree
- 18 Austin Pahr
- 21 Phoebe Clark
- 25 Wendie Wegner
- 26 Carl Harvey
Ray Will
- 27 Julie Cosimano
Joyce Marani

Anniversaries:

- 11 Warren & Lavette Blue

Community News


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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2018 | 9:30AM - 11:30AM
CONCORDIA PREP, 1145 CONCORDIA DRIVE, TOWSON, MD 21286

YOU WILL:
MEET PEOPLE FROM OTHER CHURCHES
TALK ABOUT HOW WE CAN WORK TOGETHER
PRAY
ENJOY FOOD & DRINK
MAKE SOME NEW FRIENDS

SEE YOU THERE!

CHURCH VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

	Altar Guild	Lay Reader	Liturgist	Communion Assistant
Feb 4	Carolyn Henn/ Denise Waicker	Nickel Lietzau	Steve Heemann	Albert Lietzau V
Feb 11		Mary Ruble	Mark Smith	Sylvanus Ibenana
Feb 14 <i>(Ash Wednesday)</i>			Steve Heemann	Albert Lietzau IV
Feb 18	Sheila Gordon/ Phyllis Rebstock	Jean Heemann	Ted Henn	Dave Pfitzinger
Feb 25		Carolyn Henn	Rick McDonnell	Albert Lietzau V

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3 9:30 am Town Hall Meeting (at Concordia Prep) 10 am-12 pm Compassion Center
4 Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany 9 am Bible Study & Sunday School 10 am Worship & Communion 11:45 am New Zion Ministries	5 7:15 pm Choir rehearsal Agape Group <i>(Ray Spitznas)</i>	6	7 6 pm LRIA BOD	8	9	10 10 am-12 pm Compassion Center
11 The Transfiguration of Our Lord 9 am Bible Study & Sunday School 10 am Worship & Communion 11:45 am New Zion Ministries	12 7:15 pm Choir rehearsal Agape Group (Ray Spitznas)	13 6:30 pm Adult Bible Study	14 Ash Wednesday 9:30 am Women's Bible Study 12:10 pm - Worship followed by Soup Lunch 6 pm - Soup Dinner 7 pm - Worship	15	16	17 10 am-12 pm Compassion Center
18 First Sunday in Lent 9 am Bible Study & Sunday School 10 am Worship & Communion 11:45 am New Zion Ministries	19 7:15 pm Choir rehearsal Agape Group <i>(Ray Spitznas)</i>	20 6 pm Finance Committee Meeting	21 12:10 pm - Worship followed by Soup Lunch 6 pm - Soup Dinner 7 pm - Worship 8 pm Church Council	22	23	24 10 am-12 pm Compassion Center
25 Second Sunday in Lent 9 am Bible Study & Sunday School 10 am Worship & Communion 11:45 am New Zion Ministries	26 IMMANUEL HERALD ARTICLES DUE 7:15 pm Choir rehearsal Agape Group <i>(Ray Spitznas)</i>	27 6:30 pm Adult Bible Study	28 12:10 pm - Worship followed by Soup Lunch 6 pm - Soup Dinner 7 pm - Worship			