

# THE IMMANUEL HERALD

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## APRIL 2018

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### DIVINE SERVICE AT IMMANUEL

**April 1** 7 AM – Sunrise Service (*Immanuel Cemetery*)  
10 AM – Festival Worship

Isaiah 25:6-9  
1 Corinthians 15:1-11  
Mark 16:1-8

**April 8**  
Acts 4:32-35  
1 John 1:1 – 2:2  
John 20:19-31

**April 15**  
Acts 3:11-21  
1 John 3:1-7  
Luke 24:36-49

**April 22**  
Acts 4:1-12  
1 John 3:16-24  
John 10:11-18

**April 29**  
Acts 8:26-40  
1 John 4:1-11  
John 15:1-8

### The Resurrection of Our Lord

*"This is the Lord, ... let us rejoice and be glad in His salvation."  
"Christ died, ... was buried, that He was raised on the third day."  
The resurrection of Jesus Christ*

### Second Sunday of Easter

*The believers share their possessions.  
"We walk in the light."  
Jesus appears to the disciples and to Thomas.*

### Third Sunday of Easter

*"The God of Abraham . . . glorified His servant Jesus."  
How great the love that we should be called children of God!  
Jesus appears to the disciples.*

### Fourth Sunday of Easter

*Peter and John are brought before the Sanhedrin.  
"Let us love in actions and in truth."  
"I know My sheep and My sheep know Me."*

### Fifth Sunday of Easter

*Philip and the Ethiopian  
"Let us love one another, for love is from God."  
"I am the vine; you are the branches."*

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### Ministry Notes

#### **EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE – THIS SUNDAY, APRIL 1 AT 7AM AT IMMANUEL CEMETERY**

Please join us Easter morning for our sunrise service that is held in the chapel at the Immanuel Cemetery. We will begin to gather at about 6:45 AM in this candlelit structure built in 1882 to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus. The service begins with the ringing of the church bell and there are usually visitors from the community that attend. Following the service, which includes Holy Communion, there is a time of fellowship with pastries and

coffee. Dress for the weather as there is no central heating in our chapel.

Immanuel Cemetery is located on Grindon Lane (near the intersection of Cold Spring Lane and Harford Road), less than a 15 minute drive from church. For directions, please contact the church office. We hope to see you this Sunday at the cemetery so that you might share in this meaningful worship experience.

### **COMPASSION CENTER TENTH ANNIVERSARY**

On Saturday, April 8, 2008, Immanuel opened a Lutheran Mission Society Compassion Center. Our hope was to provide assistance to those in need both within our neighborhood and beyond. Visitors to the Immanuel Compassion Center receive food and clothing, but more importantly, hear about Jesus by participating in devotions or talking to a caregiver.

On Sunday, April 8, the Immanuel Compassion Center will mark its tenth anniversary! We plan to celebrate that day with a special focus on the Compassion Center during the 10 AM worship service. Current volunteers and anyone who has volunteered at the Compassion Center during the past ten years is cordially invited to be part of this special service. Representatives from the Lutheran Mission Society will also be with us. Mark your calendars and join us on this special day.

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

The most recent meeting of the Board of Lay Ministry was held on Sunday, March 4 after church. The group of 14 has divided its efforts into three areas: Caring Committee, Fellowship, and Compassion Center. Some of the new plans being made include the availability of casseroles for those experiencing challenges, VBS during the last week in June, a possible LYFT ministry to provide transportation to those needing this service, and a Saturday morning exercise class. There are also a number of other initiatives previously introduced that are continuing.

The next meeting of the Board of Lay Ministry will take place on Sunday, May 20 immediately after church. Please join us to assist in these or other new initiatives. All are welcome to participate.

### **VICAR'S BIBLE CLASS**

Vicar Matt's Bible class will be meeting after worship to discuss the shortest books of the Bible. We will be discussing Philemon on March 11, II John on March 18, and III John on March 25. Please join us for good company and stimulating discussion!

### **COMPASSION CENTER NEWS**

The Compassion Center is continuing to serve the needs of our closest neighbors near Immanuel. We will be open March 3, 10, 17, and 24, and will be closed March 31 for Holy Saturday. We welcome donations of food and secondhand clothes and housewares. Please see Vicar Matt if you are interested in helping out.

### **SAVE THE DATE!**

VBS is coming June 25-29, 6-8:30 pm!

### **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

### **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 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:**

- Ray Ward, who is recovering from hand surgery
- Franklin and Coreathia Davis
- 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
- Henrietta Solanka
- Dr. Kent Glindemann, who is being treated for cancer
- Bradley Will, who is being treated for cancer
- Dorothy Friant, who is recovering from a heart attack
- Michael Dunston, a friend of June Dennis, who is hospitalized
- Ray Ward, who had shoulder replacement surgery
- Ray Will, who is recovering from surgery
- Lonnie Carter, Tom Manager's daughter-in-law's father, who is being treated for cancer
- Charles Powell, Pastor Minetree's brother-in-law, who is being treated for cancer

**Birthdays:**

3 Bruce Greensfelder  
 Yassah Kemezee  
 5 Christopher Minetree  
 10 Tom Manager  
 14 Benjamin Pfitzinger  
 15 Tonia Momo  
 18 Ellen Noel  
 19 Joan Goeller  
 Jeanne Pfitzinger  
 20 Frieda Gustafson  
 21 Elaine Mueller  
 Katelyn Griffin  
 22 Catherine Belz  
 Gwen Heemann  
 Moni Tenabe  
 23 Timothy Bardzik  
 27 Jormoh BellePu  
 Julie Goeller  
 Jay Wegner

**Anniversaries:**

6 Manix & Yassah Paye  
 11 Richard & Sharon Kruelle

**Community News****LUTHERAN MISSION SOCIETY BULL & OYSTER ROAST  
SATURDAY, MAY 5, 2018**

Join us on Saturday, May 5, 2018 at Richlin Ballroom, 1700 Van Bibber Road, Edgewood, MD 21040 for a Bull & Oyster Roast to benefit LMS Compassion Place ministries. The event runs from 7:00 PM till 11:00 PM. Bring some friends and fill a table! There will be a DJ, games and a Silent Auction.

Cost is \$50 per person (tables seat 10 persons). Tickets are available now. Call Kathy at 410-636-0123 or email [tickets@compassionplace.org](mailto:tickets@compassionplace.org).

Thank you for your support, and we look forward to seeing you.

**Concordia Prep News**

The Concordia Preparatory School Theatre Department will be presenting **Disney and Cameron Mackintosh's *Mary Poppins*** on April 26 as a Dinner Theatre at 6:30 p.m., on April 27-28 at 7:30 p.m., and at 3:00 p.m. on April 29. Tickets can be ordered online at [www.concordiaprepschool.org](http://www.concordiaprepschool.org) and will also be available for purchase at the door. Advance ticket prices for adults are \$12 online and \$15 at the door (students and senior citizens are \$10); dinner theatre tickets are \$40.

**CHURCH VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE**

	<b>Altar Guild</b>	<b>Lay Reader</b>	<b>Liturgist</b>	<b>Communion Assistant</b>
<b>April 1</b>	Mary Ruble/ Nina Ward/ Denise Waicker	June Dennis	Mark Smith	Sylvanus Ibenana
<b>April 8</b>	Laura Pickering/ Sheila Gordon	Steve Heemann	Rick McDonnell	
<b>April 15</b>		Roland Obedekah	Steve Heemann	Albert Lietzau IV
<b>April 22</b>		Nickel Lietzau	Ted Henn	Albert Lietzau V
<b>April 29</b>		Jean Heemann	<i>Fifth Sunday, No Communion</i>	

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> <i>The Resurrection of Our Lord</i> 9 am <b>Bible Study &amp; Sunday School</b> 10 am <b>Worship &amp; Communion</b> 11:30 am <b>Easter Egg Hunt</b> 11:45 am <b>New Zion Ministries</b>	<b>2</b> <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b> <b>Agape Group</b> <i>(Ray Spitznas)</i>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 10 am-12 pm <b>Compassion Center</b>
<b>8</b> <i>Second Sunday of Easter – Compassion Center Sunday</i> 9 am <b>Bible Study &amp; Sunday School</b> 10 am <b>Worship &amp; Communion</b> 11 am <b>Special Reception</b> 11:45 am <b>New Zion Ministries</b>	<b>9</b> 7:15 pm <b>Choir rehearsal</b> <b>Agape Group</b> <i>(Ray Spitznas)</i>	<b>10</b> 6:30 pm <b>Adult Bible Study</b>	<b>11</b> 9:30 am <b>Women’s Bible Study</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 10 am-12 pm <b>Compassion Center</b>
<b>15</b> <i>Third Sunday of Easter</i> 9 am <b>Bible Study &amp; Sunday School</b> 10 am <b>Worship &amp; Communion</b> 11:45 am <b>New Zion Ministries</b>	<b>16</b> 7:15 pm <b>Choir rehearsal</b> <b>Agape Group</b> <i>(Ray Spitznas)</i>	<b>17</b> 6 pm <b>Finance Committee Meeting</b>	<b>18</b> 7 pm <b>Church Council</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 10 am-12 pm <b>Compassion Center</b>
<b>22</b> <i>Fourth Sunday of Easter</i> 9 am <b>Bible Study &amp; Sunday School</b> 10 am <b>Worship &amp; Communion</b> 11:45 am <b>New Zion Ministries</b>	<b>23</b> <b>IMMANUEL HERALD ARTICLES DUE</b> 7:15 pm <b>Choir rehearsal</b> <b>Agape Group</b> <i>(Ray Spitznas)</i>	<b>24</b> 6:30 pm <b>Adult Bible Study</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 10 am-12 pm <b>Compassion Center</b>
<b>29</b> <i>Fifth Sunday of Easter</i> 9 am <b>Bible Study &amp; Sunday School</b> 10 am <b>Worship &amp; Communion</b> 11:45 am <b>New Zion Ministries</b>	<b>30</b> 7:15 pm <b>Choir rehearsal</b> <b>Agape Group</b> <i>(Ray Spitznas)</i>					