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DIVINE SERVICE AT IMMANUEL

November 3rd

Revelation 7(2-8) 9-17
1 John 3:1-3
Matthew 5:1-12

All Saints' Day

The great multitude in white robes
"See what kind of love the Father has given to us."
The Beatitudes

November 10th

Exodus 3:1-15
2 Thessalonians 2:1-8, 13-17
Luke 20:27-40

Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

God promises Moses He will be with him.
Stand firm and hold to the traditions that you were taught by us.
He is the God of the living.

November 17th

Malachi 4:1-6
2 Thessalonians 3:(1-5) 6-13
Luke 21:5-28 (29-36)

Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

"Behold, the day is coming. . . . The sun of righteousness shall rise."
"Do not grow weary in doing good."
Signs of the end of the world

November 24th

Malachi 3:13-18
Colossians 1:13-20
Luke 23:27-43

Last Sunday of the Church Year

"Once more you shall see the distinction between the righteous and the wicked."
"He is before all things."
"If You are the King of the Jews, save Yourself."

November 28th

Deuteronomy 8:1-10
Philippians 4:6-20
1 Timothy 2:1-4
Luke 17:11-19

Thanksgiving Eve

"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

Ministry Notes

We are entering a special time of year with many celebrations and special events. I want you to be able to plan your holidays to include your worship time with Immanuel. Here are some of the events on the near horizon.

November 3rd at 2pm in the Immanuel Cemetery. We will have our All Saints Cemetery service again this year. Please dress warmly.

November 27th at 7pm. This year we will only have a Thanksgiving Eve Service. We will celebrate the Sacrament of the Altar at the service. Also, remember to

bring non-perishable food as part of your offering. The food will be given to our Compassion Center.

December 4th, 11th, and 18th at 12:10pm and 7pm. We will have our Wednesday Advent Services this year again in the Fellowship Hall. We will have soup lunches following the 12:10pm service and Dinner before the 7pm service. To sign up to bring food, see Emalee Smith.

December 7th at 3pm. We will again host the Choral Arts Society of Baltimore for a Christmas Concert. We will

offer this as a free event to the community. Please consider making a special donation so we may give this Christmas gift to our neighbors.

December 15th at 10am. Our Choir Christmas Choral Service will be this Sunday. We will hear wonder, special music from our Choir as well as sing Christmas favorites as a congregation.

December 22nd at 10am. This Sunday will be our Children's Christmas Program. See Emalee Smith if you would like to include a child in the program. We will learn of the Savior's birth from the mouth of our children.

December 24th at 4pm and 9pm. This year we will only have our two Christmas Eve Services. The 4pm Service will be for folks who wish to worship early on Christmas Eve so they are available for family gatherings that evening. The 9pm Service will be our traditional Christmas Eve Candle Light Service.

Mark your calendars now so you will not miss any of these special worship opportunities. Watch your bulletin and December Herald for additional events.

HIS LOVE, OUR RESPONSE

During the month of October, the members of Immanuel participated in the four-week stewardship emphasis titled "**His Love, Our Response**". Through the Holy Spirit, God continually reaches out to us and daily gives us His love, grace, and mercy. Faithful stewardship is our response of gratitude for God's love and generosity toward us. Consecration Sunday was celebrated during the third week of this emphasis. After an inspiring sermon by Pastor Minetree and a Stewardship Moment presented by Denise Adah, many of those in attendance prayerfully brought their 2020 pledge forward to be placed on God's altar. We rejoice in this opportunity to respond to God's love for us and that our initial pledge results indicate a significant increase in amounts pledged as compared to last year. If you have not yet had the opportunity to do so, please take a few moments to complete the pledge card previously mailed to you and return it to the church office or plan to bring it with you on Sunday and place it in the offering plate. We also thank Delores Harvey and Sandy Collins for sharing Stewardship Moments as part of worship services earlier in the month.

CALL EXTENDED TO REV LUCAS WITT TO BE MISSIONARY / ASSOCIATE PASTOR OF IMMANUEL

At the special Voters Assembly held on Sunday, October 6, Immanuel Lutheran Church determined that a solemn Call

would be extended to the Rev. Lucas Witt to the office of Missionary and Associate Pastor of Immanuel. The resolution to extend this Call passed with a 78% majority. Call documents were forwarded to Pastor Witt on October 18 and he now is prayerfully considering this Call. Updated information on the Call process will be provided as it becomes available.

SPECIAL ALL SAINTS DAY SERVICE AT IMMANUEL CEMETERY CHAPEL

A special service to commemorate All Saints Day will be held at the cemetery chapel this Sunday, November 3 at 2 PM. Please plan to attend this special service as we remember those who have gone before us.

MEN'S BIBLE CLASS

The next meeting of the Men's Bible Class will be November 6th at 6:00pm. We will meet at Bill Hermann's office for a light dinner. We will continue our examination of Man Up! A Christian Study of Biblical masculinity. To attend, see Pastor Minetree or Bill Hermann for directions.

UPCOMING SUNDAY SCHOOL EVENTS

Sunday, November 3 – Daylight Savings Time Ends, set clocks back one hour, so you can attend Sunday School on time.

November 10 – We will assign parts to read for Christmas Service. You must attend class regularly to read a part in the service. All students will participate, either in costume, singing or reading at the lecturn.

Sunday, November 24 – For Thanksgiving – All Youth and students are expected to attend this service so we can present the collected food items to the offering, this year starting, we do it on Sunday.

Saturday, December 21 – 10 a.m. – Practice in church for the Christmas Children's Service. Readers must attend this service to read in the Service. Costumes are assigned.

Sunday, December 22 – 9 a.m. – Prompt attendance to Sunday School to prepare in costume and practice carols for the service at 10 a.m.

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

\$20.00 for a Special Arrangement and \$40.00 for Altar Flowers. 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.

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

Daylight Savings Time Ends Sunday, November 3rd



Community News

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH, DUNDALK.

While it is a sad event whenever a congregation closes, we still want to gather and give thanks to God for His blessings given to and through the people of that church. On November 10th at 3pm, Immanuel members are invited to join with the members of Christ Lutheran, Dundalk as they celebrate and say goodbye to the ministry of that congregation. This will be their last worship service.

NORTHERN REGION MISSION FACILITATOR

Pastor Don Schafer, our Mission Facilitator for this region of the Southeastern District will retire at the end of the year. Pastor Don has been a good friend to Immanuel. He has given us the best of his time and abilities whenever we sought him. He will certainly be missed. The SED is in the process of call a new facilitator.

| CHURCH VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE | | | | |
|---|-------------------------------------|-------------------|------------------|----------------------------|
| | Altar Guild | Lay Reader | Liturgist | Communion Assistant |
| November 3 | Sally Hermann/ Margaret Mitchell | Gerhard Ehlerding | Rick McDonnell | Albert Lietzau V |
| November 10 | | Jean Heemann | Ted Henn | Sylvanus Ibenana |
| November 17 | Carolyn Henn/ Rita Alcarese | Ted Henn | Mark Smith | Albert Lietzau IV |
| November 24 | | Mary Ruble | Steve Heemann | Albert Lietzau V |
| November 28 <i>(Thanksgiving Day)</i> | | | | |

November 2019

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | | | 1 | 2 10 am-12 pm Compassion Center |
| 3 All Saints' Day 9 am Bible Study & Sunday School 10 am Worship, Holy Communion 11:45 am New Zion Ministries 2 pm All Saints' Service (Cemetery) Daylight Saving Time Ends Set clocks back one hour | 4 7:15 pm Choir rehearsal Agape Group (Ray Spitznas) 8:30 am Circuit 3 meeting | 5 | 6 6:30 pm Men's Bible Study <i>(Bill Hermann's office)</i> | 7 | 8 | 9 10 am-12 pm Compassion Center 10 am The Real Wings |
| 10 Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost 9 am Bible Study & Sunday School 10 am Worship, Holy Communion 11:45 am New Zion Ministries 3 pm Closing Service, Christ Dundalk | 11 7:15 pm Choir rehearsal Agape Group (Ray Spitznas) | 12 | 13 9:30 am Women's Bible Study | 14 | 15 | 16 10 am-12 pm Compassion Center |
| 17 Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost 9 am Bible Study & Sunday School 10 am Worship, Holy Communion 11:30 am Altar Guild Bake/Craft Sale 11:45 am New Zion Ministries | 18 7:15 pm Choir rehearsal Agape Group (Ray Spitznas) | 19 6 pm Finance Committee Meeting | 20 7 pm Church Council | 21 | 22 | 23 10 am-12 pm Compassion Center |
| 24 Last Sunday of the Church Year 9 am Bible Study & Sunday School 10 am Worship, Holy Communion Thanksgiving Food Drive collection 11:45 am New Zion Ministries | 25 IMMANUEL HERALD ARTICLES DUE 7:15 pm Choir rehearsal Agape Group (Ray Spitznas) | 26 | 27 7 pm Thanksgiving Eve Worship, Holy Communion | 28 Thanksgiving Day OFFICE CLOSED | 29 OFFICE CLOSED | 30 10 am-12 pm Compassion Center |