



IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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*Caring for Our Community Through Christ
for over 125 Years!*

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GENERAL INFORMATION

- **Restrooms** are located downstairs. An elevator is available in the narthex.
- A **nursery room** is available at the rear of the Sanctuary for young children and their parents. The nursery room is equipped with a speaker so you can hear the service.
- **Worship Bags** are available in the nursery room every Sunday to help kids engage and participate in the service. They include coloring pencils, coloring sheets and Worship Guides. After worship service, keep your papers and place the bag back in the nursery room.
- **Registration cards** are placed in the back of the pews for worshipers to use for: 1) Visitor registration; 2) Communion registration for communion services; 3) Prayer requests may be written on the back of the card; after filling out the card, please place it in the offering plate.
- **Preprinted offering envelopes** are available in the pews for special offerings and Special Funds donations. Visitors are welcome to use these envelopes as well as members. Members, please make sure to note your envelope number on these special envelopes and place in the offering plate.
- **Kids Worship** - We love having children in church! It is so important for the kids to be welcomed and loved in God's house. Kids Worship is offered during the service, after the Bible Readings. Kids ages 3 through 10 can come downstairs where we offer an age appropriate lesson on the readings, snack and sometimes a craft. Children will return to the sanctuary on communion Sundays just before communion. For more information, contact Rene Langwost at 410-253-8735.

We kindly request that all cell phones be silenced.

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

JANUARY 26, 2025 ~ 10:30 a.m.

WELCOME TO IMMANUEL!

Welcome, dear family in Christ. May you sense the care and guidance of Father, Son and Holy Spirit during worship, faith education and Christian fellowship today.

WORDS OF PREPARATION

Sometimes my heart feels cold, like the snowy ground during a northern winter. Nurture seeds of growth deep inside me, Great Gardener, so I may soon bloom with love and faith.

Divine Service, Setting Three

Lutheran Service Book (LSB) 184-202

♪ = *congregation sings response*

Prelude

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

Gathering Prayer Concerns

Welcome

The Call to Worship

P This is the day the Lord has made.

C **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

P We pause silently to prepare ourselves for worship.

Sharing of the Peace

P The Lord says to you as Paul wrote to the church at Colossae: “Put on then, as God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you must forgive. And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful.”

C **We come to the Lord to hear His Word, to receive His forgiveness and present our tithes and offerings at the altar. It is my desire to be reconciled – to make things right – with you my sisters and brothers (Matthew 5:23-24). Receive the “peace” I share with you as I receive the peace of God through Jesus.**

~ Confession and Absolution ~

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

~ Service of the Word ~

Introit

Psalm 102:18–22; antiphon: v. 13

P You will arise and have pity on Zion;
it is the time to favor her; the appointed time has come.
C **Let this be recorded for a generation to come,
so that a people yet to be created may praise the LORD:**
P that he looked down from his holy height;
from heaven the LORD looked at the earth,
C **to hear the groans of the prisoners,
to set free those who were doomed to die,**
P that they may declare in Zion the name of the LORD,
and in Jerusalem his praise,
C **when peoples gather together,
and kingdoms, to worship the LORD.**

♪ C *Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.*

Kyrie *LSB 186*

♪ C *Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.*

Gloria in Excelsis *LSB 187*

P Glory be to God on High,
♪ C *and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.
We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee.
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.
O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.
For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.
Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

P The Lord be with you.
 ♪ C *And with thy spirit.*

P Let us pray.
 Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities and stretch forth the hand of Your majesty to heal and defend us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
 ♪ C *Amen.*

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

¹ All the people gathered as one man into the square before the Water Gate. And they told Ezra the scribe to bring the Book of the Law of Moses that the LORD had commanded Israel. ² So Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could understand what they heard, on the first day of the seventh month. ³ And he read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand. And the ears of all the people were attentive to the Book of the Law. . . .

⁵ And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was above all the people, and as he opened it all the people stood. ⁶ And Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, “Amen, Amen,” lifting up their hands. And they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground. . . .

⁸ They read from the book, from the Law of God, clearly, and they gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

⁹ And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, “This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep.” For all the people wept as they heard the words of the Law. ¹⁰ Then he said to them, “Go your way. Eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions to anyone who has nothing ready, for this day is holy to our Lord. And do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.
 C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

Psalm 19:7-14

- P ⁷The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul;
the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple;
- C ⁸**the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart;
the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes;**
- P ⁹the fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever;
the just decrees of the LORD are true, and righteous altogether.
- C ¹⁰**More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold;
sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb.**
- P ¹¹Moreover, by them is your servant warned;
in keeping them there is great reward.
- C ¹²**Who can discern his errors?
Declare me innocent from hidden faults.**
- P ¹³Keep back your servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me!
Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression.
- C ¹⁴**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in
your sight,
O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.**
- C **Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Epistle

1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

- ¹²For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit.
- ¹⁴For the body does not consist of one member but of many. ¹⁵If the foot should say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁶And if the ear should say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁷If the whole body were an eye, where would be the sense of hearing? If the whole body were an ear, where would be the sense of smell? ¹⁸But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. ¹⁹If all were a single member, where would the body be? ²⁰As it is, there are many parts, yet one body.
- ²¹The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.” ²²On the contrary, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³and on those parts of the body that we think less honorable we bestow the greater honor, and our unpresentable parts are treated with greater modesty, ²⁴which our more

presentable parts do not require. But God has so composed the body, giving greater honor to the part that lacked it, ²⁵that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. ²⁶If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together.

²⁷Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. ²⁸And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, helping, administrating, and various kinds of tongues. ²⁹Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? ³⁰Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret? ³¹But earnestly desire the higher gifts.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

LSB 190

♪ C *Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.*

Holy Gospel

Luke 4:16–30

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fourth chapter.

♪ C *Glory be to Thee, O Lord.*

¹⁶[Jesus] came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. And as was his custom, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and he stood up to read. ¹⁷And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written,

¹⁸“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to proclaim good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives
and recovering of sight to the blind,
to set at liberty those who are oppressed,

¹⁹to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

²⁰And he rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹And he began to say to them, “Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.” ²²And all spoke well of him and marveled at the gracious words that were coming from his mouth. And they said, “Is not this Joseph’s son?” ²³And he said to them, “Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, ‘Physician, heal yourself.’ What we have heard you did at Capernaum, do here in your hometown as well.” ²⁴And he said, “Truly, I say to you, no prophet is acceptable in his hometown. ²⁵But in truth, I tell you, there were many

widows in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the heavens were shut up three years and six months, and a great famine came over all the land, ²⁶and Elijah was sent to none of them but only to Zarephath, in the land of Sidon, to a woman who was a widow. ²⁷And there were many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian.” ²⁸When they heard these things, all in the synagogue were filled with wrath. ²⁹And they rose up and drove him out of the town and brought him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they could throw him down the cliff. ³⁰But passing through their midst, he went away.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
♪ C *Praise be to Thee, O Christ.*

Apostles' Creed

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life † everlasting. Amen.

Sit

Kids' Worship

Sermon Hymn

“We Give Thee But Thine Own”

LSB 781

Sermon

Be Still, and Know That I Am God
Psalm 46

Rev. Ellwood Mather

Stand

Offertory

LSB 192

♪ *C* *Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.*

Sit

Offering

“Precious Lord Take My Hand”

Stand

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

LSB 805

♪ *C* *Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav’nly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

Prayer of the Church

P Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

P Lord God of Zion, we give You thanks that You have arisen to show pity to our fallen world and set us free from sin and death. In Christ the appointed time of favor has come for all people. Cause Your name to be declared among all peoples, that Your grace may not be rejected in our time but received with delight in every place. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P O Lord, Your people in the days of Ezra the priest returned to Your Word with attentive ears. Give us eagerness to hear Your Word with understanding, that our days may be sanctified and Your commandments put into practice among us. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Lord God, Giver of the Holy Spirit, You bless Your servants with a variety of gifts from one and the same Spirit. Grant that each of us may use these gifts for the common good of Your people. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Give wisdom and courage to all who govern our communities and country, that they may lead well, following Your will rather than man's whims. Grant us willingness to support them with our prayers and encouragement. Lord, in Your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**

P Gracious and compassionate Lord, comfort those who mourn. As our Great Physician, mend the bodies and uplift the spirits of all in need [*especially* _____]. Lord, in Your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**

P O Lord, Your Son has come with favor to deliver us, and in His blessed Sacrament He brings cleansing and strength. Give us faith that we would not despise our Savior and this Holy Communion. Do not pass through us and go away as at Nazareth, but dwell among us graciously. Lord, in Your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**

P O Lord, heavenly Father, we gratefully remember the sufferings and death of Your dear Son, Jesus Christ, for our salvation. Rejoicing in His victorious resurrection from the dead, we draw strength from His ascension before You, where He ever stands for us as our own High Priest. Gather us together from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers, deliver and preserve us, for to You alone we give all glory, honor and worship, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

LSB 196

C **Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

Closing Collect

P Let us pray.
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift of Your Word, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Benediction

LSB 202

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and † give you peace.

♪ **C** ***Amen. Amen. Amen.***

Closing Hymn

“Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness”

LSB 849

Sit

Announcements

P Go in peace, and serve the Lord!
C **Thanks be to God!**

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“Precious Lord Take My Hand” Thomas A. Dorsey.

SERVICE INFORMATION

THOSE SERVING IMMANUEL TODAY 1/26/2025

Pastor	Rev. David Casey-Motley
Guest Pastor	Rev. Ellwood Mather
Administrative Assistant	Raechl Cannon
Director of Music, Emeritus	Dennis L. Janko, M.M.
Director of Music & Organist	Lynn Short
Organist	Sharon Gutz
Director of Hand Bells	Janice Isenberg
Ushers	Dicky Wheatley, Ron Andrew
Lay Reader	Dicky Wheatley
Assisting Elder	
Kids Worship	Rene Langwost
Acolyte	Anthony Clark
Sound Operator	Jim Harris
Camera Operator	Ruth Thomas
Greeters	Kenny & Michelle Wheatley
Tellers	David & Kathy Schmidt, Julie Farnell

THOSE SERVING IMMANUEL NEXT SUNDAY 2/02/2025

Guest Pastor	Rev. Charles Gustafson
Ushers	Jack Collins, Dale Kenton
Lay Reader	Catie Casey-Motley
Greeters	Kenny & Michelle Wheatley
Assisting Elder	Todd Butler
Kids Worship	Rene Langwost
Acolyte	Grayson Jackson
Sound Operator	David Schmidt
Camera Operator	Janice Isenberg
Tellers	Janice Isenberg, Shelly Kapitan, John Crampton

*The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God by
Marsha & Dale Kenton in thankfulness for our blessings.*

ADMINISTRATION

THE WEEK AHEAD 1/27/2025 – 2/02/2025

Tuesday - Thursday	Nursery School Open	8:50 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.
Tuesday	Youth Confirmation Class	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday - Friday	Church Office Open	9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Wednesday	Handbells	6:30 p.m.
	Senior Choir	7:30 p.m.
Thursday	Women's Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
Sunday	Groundhog Day	
	Sunday School	9:15 a.m.
	*No Adult Bible Class	
	Divine Service	10:30 a.m.
	AA Meeting	7:00 p.m.

Be sure to check the church calendar for events happening at Immanuel Lutheran this month. Check with the church office before scheduling meetings or activities so they can be put on the calendar.

STATISTICS January 19, 2025

WORSHIP SERVICE

Attendance: 70

Goal Income Per Week: \$3,802.04

Offering: \$2,955.25

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR DECEMBER 2024

Goal income per month	\$18,842.67
Actual Offerings	\$18,935.25
Total Disbursements	<u>-17,970.69</u>
Checking account balance, end of month	\$52,519.40

PRAYER LIST & CONGREGATIONAL MATTERS

SHUT-INS – RETIREMENT FACILITIES – NURSING HOMES: Jimmy Fuchs and Janice Plutschak.

SPECIAL PRAYERS: Wyatt Ewing, Jennifer Flanagan, Butch Frase, Linda Frase, Cheryl Hochmuth, Dennis Janko, Nicole James, Maggie Thompson, Brianna Fissel, Tony Krupka, James Cohee, William Frase, Page Murphy, Jeannie Kegeal, Terry Lloyd, Mike Lloyd, Dora Bailey, Sheri Rodriguez, Brenda Richards, Sharlene Steere, Joe Bartenfelder and Jan Baker.

ACTIVE-DUTY SERVICE PERSONNEL & FIRST-RESPONDERS:

Ryan Andrew, Matthew Harris, Shelby Hochmuth, Michael Jantz Jr., Robbie Phillips, Eric Stacey, Jerry Stivers, Amber Thamert, and Robert Barnett.

HAPPY
Birthday
FROM YOUR
CHURCH FAMILY



Joey Durham	1/26
Warren Frase	1/27
Michelle Frase	1/28
Bailey Knorr	1/28



Rev. Ellwood Mather was born in Queens, NY. He graduated with the last graduating class of Concordia Prep. School in Bronxville, NY. Mather graduated from Central College in Pella, IA with a BA in Theater. While at Central, he studied in Mexico & England. Mather earned a BA & MA from Cambridge University. Then he went to Concordia Seminary in St. Louis. He did his Doctorate in Medieval Intellectual & Church History at Southern Cal. Rev. Ellwood Mather has served congregations in CA, MT, NY & NJ.

Thank you so much for being here with Immanuel Lutheran Church today!



Please continue to pray for Pastor David during his recovery!

In the case of an emergency, while Pastor is recovering, please contact Rex Rosebrock (410-673-2326). For non-emergencies, please contact Raechl Cannon in the church office (410-673-7107). Thank you!

ANNOUNCEMENTS



WELCOME VISITORS! Before leaving, please stop in the Narthex to sign the guest book and pick up a gift pack. We hope to see you again!

ALTAR FLOWERS: Open dates are 2/2, 2/23, and 3/2. Please sign up using the altar flower chart in the narthex. The following florists provide flowers for Immanuel and have the ability to deliver to the church prior to Sunday Service:



- Lucy's Flowers – Federalsburg – 410-754-5011
- John's Four Seasons Florist – Federalsburg / Reliance – 410-754-5835
- Vintage Family Farms – Preston – 410-310-6457
- Tammie's Country Florist (Roses & Bows) – Federalsburg / Hurlock – 443-786-8102



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: Be in God's Word in the new year! Thursdays 9:30 – 10:30 am. Contact Rene Langwost or Lynn Short for more information.

HIS HOPE MINISTRIES FOOD MINISTRY: The February dates for bringing in individually wrapped breakfast food items that don't require refrigeration for HHM are February 2nd and 9th. If you have questions about this program or would like to make a cash donation, please see or call Irene Wheatley- 410-310-2571. Thank you for helping Immanuel care for our community through Christ.



Children's
Sermon



CHILDREN'S SERMON: Children's Sermons will resume during worship when Pastor David returns.

FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER: Please drop off or email any articles, pictures, information, etc. for the February Newsletter by Monday January 27th. Thank you!



MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST: There will be no Men's Prayer Breakfast in February. The next Men's Prayer Breakfast will be Saturday March 1st!



CHURCH DIRECTORY UPDATE TIME: Please provide us with your current contact information to allow us to update and distribute the Church Directory for 2025. The directory includes name, address, phone number(s), and email address. Forms are available in the narthex or you can email your updates: ImmanuelLutheranPreston@verizon.net. Thank you!

NO ADULT BIBLE CLASS: There will be no Adult Bible Classes on February 2, and February 9 while Pastor is recovering.



CONFIRMATION CLASSES: Youth Confirmation classes will continue to be held Tuesday evenings at 6:00 pm. Students will be watching the movie "Luther". Please continue to take sermon notes to be turned in.

GRIEFSHARE: Each Sunday at 3:00 pm, in the fellowship hall, we will have a GriefShare ministry here at Immanuel. What is GriefShare? GriefShare is for everyone who is grieving the death of a loved one. It's a video and sharing ministry that is open to everyone and runs 13 weeks. This ministry will be facilitated by Pastor David and Sheri Rodriquez. If you have any questions, please let Pastor David know. For more information visit: griefshare.org. * **No GriefShare for the month of January. GriefShare will resume after Pastor David's surgery.**



COMMUNITY SPEAKERS SERIES: Friends of the Caroline County Public Library in partnership with Burke & Herbert Bank will be hosting a Winter – Spring 2025 Community Speakers Series. The Speakers Series is free to the public and will be held in the large conference room of the Central Branch of the Caroline County Library in Denton. Topics include Financial Literacy & Fraud Protection, Addressing Social Isolation in Later Life, Food for Overall Well-Being, Long Term Care Insurance & Medicare, and Financial Fraud & Fraud Protection. Pamphlets are available in the narthex for more information.



GUEST PASTORS: Today's guest Pastor is Rev. Ellwood Mather. The next guest Pastors will be Rev. Charles Gustafson on February 2nd and Rev. Edward Thayer on February 9th. Thank you!



CHOICES PREGNANCY CENTER BABY BOTTLE

CAMPAIGN: Change for Life! Choices Pregnancy Center's Baby Bottle Campaign is an opportunity to donate pocket change or extra cash thereby helping their center provide a compassionate Christian ministry that offers life-affirming choices to women and their families who are faced with an unplanned pregnancy. Together, they can continue to share God's truth while showing His love to the men and women in our communities facing crisis pregnancies.

How it Works:

Simply take a baby bottle home with you, fill the bottle with spare change, cash or check, and return the bottle to Immanuel Lutheran Church by **next Sunday February 2nd**! Save babies' lives one bottle at a time!

For more information, please contact Desi Casey-Motley or Raechl Cannon in the church office.



"I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.
Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well."

Psalm 139:14 ESV

SERMON NOTES

Title

Text

Law

Gospel

Summary

Application