



IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

REV. DAVID CASEY-MOTLEY, PASTOR

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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 SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

FEBRUARY 16, 2025 ~ 10:30 a.m.

WELCOME TO IMMANUEL!

Welcome to worship. God plants us like trees beside streams of living water, provided by Jesus himself (Psalm 1:3; John 4:14). All who are thirsty, come and drink!

WORDS OF PREPARATION

God, I come to you with many preoccupations.
Settle my spirit in the embrace of your love and peace. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION AT IMMANUEL

Holy Scripture, according to St. Paul, clearly teaches that in Holy Communion we are receiving the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus, together with the bread and wine, for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our Christian faith and life. Furthermore, Holy Scripture clearly teaches that those who do *not share this* belief about the Sacrament would be sinning against Jesus if they were to receive the Sacrament (1 Corinthians 11:27, 29).

For this reason, if you desire to receive Holy Communion today, you are, in obedience to God's Word (1 Corinthians 11:28), to examine yourself *before* receiving the Sacrament. To do so, ask yourself the following questions:

1. Have I been baptized in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?
2. Do I believe that I am a sinner in need of God's forgiveness?
3. Do I believe that Jesus Christ, the Son of God, paid for my sins by His death on the cross?
4. Do I believe that in Holy Communion Jesus gives me His true body and true blood, with the bread and wine, to forgive my sins and to strengthen my Christian faith and life?
5. Do I intend, with God's help, to turn away from my sin and try to live as God wants me to live?

If you answer, "Yes," to all five of these questions and you have been instructed in the Christian faith of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod (LCMS), then you are well prepared to receive the Sacrament here at Immanuel. If you are not in agreement and have not received instruction, we ask that you, out of great Christian love and concern for your spiritual welfare, to refrain from the Sacrament. If you are a visitor who has not communed with us before, we ask that you meet with our pastor as soon as possible to let him know your intention to commune prior to the service.

Those receiving the Sacrament should wait for the usher's invitation to approach the altar. The pastor will offer the bread. The assistant will offer the individual cup of wine to those who desire to receive in that manner, after which the pastor will offer the chalice to those who desire to receive the wine in that manner. A few cups of white grape juice are available for those who are not able to drink wine.

♪ = *congregation sings response*

Prelude

“Beautiful Savior”

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, present our tithes and offerings at the altar, and to celebrate the Sacrament of 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.

Stand

Opening Hymn

“Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”

LSB 821

~ Confession and Absolution ~

LSB 184

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 119:1–2, 4–5; antiphon: v. 7

P I will praise you with an upright heart,
when I learn your just and righteous decrees.

C **Blessèd are those whose way is blameless,
who walk in the law of the LORD!**

P Blessèd are those who keep his testimonies,
who seek him with their whole heart.

C **You have commanded your precepts
to be kept diligently.**

P Oh that my ways may be steadfast
in keeping your statutes!

♪ 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.*

Salutation and Collect of the Day

LSB 189

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

P Let us pray.
O Lord, graciously hear the prayers of Your people that we who justly suffer the consequence of our sin may be mercifully delivered by Your goodness to the glory of Your name; 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

Jeremiah 17:5–8

⁵Thus says the LORD:
“Cursed is the man who trusts in man
and makes flesh his strength,
whose heart turns away from the LORD.
⁶He is like a shrub in the desert,

and shall not see any good come.
He shall dwell in the parched places of the wilderness,
in an uninhabited salt land.

⁷“Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD,
whose trust is the LORD.

⁸He is like a tree planted by water,
that sends out its roots by the stream,
and does not fear when heat comes,
for its leaves remain green,
and is not anxious in the year of drought,
for it does not cease to bear fruit.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

Psalm 1

Please join in singing the psalm as printed below.

The psalm tone will be played twice as an introduction.

♪ C ¹*Blessèd is the man who walks not in the counsel of the / wicked,*
nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of / scoffers;*
²*but his delight is in the law / of the LORD,*
and on his law he meditates / day and night.*
³*He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and
its leaf does not / wither.*
In all that he does, he / prospers.*
⁴*The wicked / are not so,*
but are like chaff that the wind / drives away.*
⁵*Therefore the wicked will not stand in the / judgment,*
nor sinners in the congregation of the / righteous;*
⁶*for the LORD knows the way of the / righteous,*
but the way of the wicked will / perish.*
Glory be to the Father and / to the Son
and to the Holy / Spirit;
as it was in the be- / ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. / Amen.*

Epistle

1 Corinthians 15:12–20

¹²Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? ¹³But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. ¹⁴And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. ¹⁵We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. ¹⁶For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. ¹⁷And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. ¹⁸Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. ¹⁹If in this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

²⁰But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

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 6:17-26

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

♪ **C** *Glory be to Thee, O Lord.*

¹⁷[Jesus] came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the seacoast of Tyre and Sidon, ¹⁸who came to hear him and to be healed of their diseases. And those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. ¹⁹And all the crowd sought to touch him, for power came out from him and healed them all.

²⁰And he lifted up his eyes on his disciples, and said:

“Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

²¹“Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you shall be satisfied.

“Blessed are you who weep now, for you shall laugh.

²²“Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you and revile you and spurn your name as evil, on account of the Son of Man! ²³Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven; for so their fathers did to the prophets.

²⁴“But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.

²⁵“Woe to you who are full now, for you shall be hungry.

“Woe to you who laugh now, for you shall mourn and weep.

²⁶“Woe to you, when all people speak well of you, for so their fathers did to the false prophets.

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

Nicene Creed

LSB 191

C I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life † of the world to come. Amen.

Sit

Children's Sermon

What is an Acolyte?

Kids Worship

Sermon Hymn

“I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus”

LSB 729

Sermon

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

“Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense”

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 Heavenly Father, Your kingdom has been made manifest in the preaching and miracles of Jesus Christ. Gather together a great multitude from every Gentile nation and from Judea's remnant, that many may know Wisdom come in our flesh. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Grant, O Lord, that Your people may always hold fast to the Word that has been preached to them and not believe it in vain. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

- P Lord God, You bestow favor and honor and withhold nothing from those who walk uprightly. Bless parents and those who teach children Your ways, that generations to come would love Your promises, walk in Your truth and dwell in Your house. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C **hear our prayer.**
- P O Lord, preserve us from the ways of the wicked, and prosper us in Your paths. We commend to You all who bear office in our land and ask You to make them a blessing to those they serve. Grant to us every joy in the calling You have given to us, that we would render service to You in our works of love toward our neighbor. Remember those in need of honest labor and daily bread, and give them gainful employment according to Your good and gracious will. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C **hear our prayer.**
- P Merciful God, hear our prayer for those who are troubled by any unclean spirit, memory or thought; for the sick; and for all who need Your healing [*especially* _____]. Send forth Your power in the name of Christ Jesus, that they would hear Your Word and be cured. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C **hear our prayer.**
- P Bless all who trust in You and come to eat the holy body and precious blood of Christ for the forgiveness of their sins in the blessed Sacrament. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C **hear our prayer.**
- P O Lord, Your Son is risen from the dead and has promised that He is the firstfruits from among those who sleep. Preserve us in Christ Jesus with hope beyond this life. Comfort those who mourn [*especially* _____] with the certainty of Christ's resurrection, and grant us to live in confident expectation. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C **hear our prayer.**
- P Lord God, heavenly Father, plant us as trees by the stream of Christ, our Savior. Root us securely in His Word and wisdom. Do not let us turn from You, nor put our trust in man and this flesh, which fail. Preserve us from all anxiety, and take our fears away through right fear of You. Cause us, by Your Holy Spirit, to bear much fruit and, when affliction and persecution come, to stand firm and rejoice at the great reward that is laid up for those who trust in You; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the same Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C **Amen.**

~ Service of the Sacrament ~

Preface

LSB 194

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

P Lift up your hearts.
♪ C *We lift them up unto the Lord.*

P Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.
♪ C *It is meet and right so to do.*

P It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

LSB 195

♪ C *Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.*

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.

The Words of Our Lord

LSB 197

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My † body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

P In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My † blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

Pax Domini

LSB 197

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

♪ C *Amen.*

Agnus Dei

LSB 198

♪ C *O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace.
Amen.*

Sit

Distribution

The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first and then distribute them to those who come to receive, saying:

Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.

Amen.

Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for the forgiveness of your sins.

Amen.

In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart † in peace.

C **Amen.**

LSB 526

LSB 570

Stand

LSB 199

♫ C *Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word,
for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of
all people,
a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.
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.*

LSB 200

P O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
 ♪ C *and His mercy endureth forever.*

P Let us pray.
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and 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.*

LSB 201

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

P Bless we the Lord.
 ♪ C *Thanks be to God.*

LSB 202

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

♫ C *Amen. Amen. Amen.*

Sit

Announcements

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



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SERVICE INFORMATION

THOSE SERVING IMMANUEL TODAY 2/16/2025

Pastor	Rev. David Casey-Motley
Administrative Assistant	Raechl Cannon
Director of Music, Emeritus	Dennis L. Janko, M.M.
Director of Music & Organist	Lynn Short
Director of Hand Bells	Janice Isenberg
Ushers	Jack Collins, Dale Kenton
Lay Reader	Kate Frase
Assisting Elder	Rick Clendaniel
Kids Worship	Raechl Cannon
Acolyte	
Sound Operator	Rex Rosebrock
Camera Operator	Shelly Kapitan
Greeters	Kenny & Michelle Wheatley
Tellers	Dee Lambert, Glen Plutschak, Linda Jefferson

THOSE SERVING IMMANUEL NEXT SUNDAY 2/23/2025

Ushers	Jack Collins, Dale Kenton
Lay Reader	Rev. David Casey-Motley
Greeters	Kenny & Michelle Wheatley
Assisting Elder	
Kids Worship	Jessie Harding
Acolyte	Shyann Gillis
Sound Operator	Jim Harris
Camera Operator	Ruth Thomas
Tellers	David & Kathy Schmidt, Julie Farnell

*The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God by Hugh & Joanne Smith in memory of
Judge Marvin & Rebecca Smith and John & Frieda Fuchs.*

ADMINISTRATION

THE WEEK AHEAD 2/17/2025 – 2/23/2025

Monday	President's Day	
	Board of Elders	7:00 p.m.
Tuesday - Thursday	Nursery School Open	8:50 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.
	Church Office Open	9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Tuesday	Youth Confirmation Class	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday	Handbells	6:30 p.m.
	Senior Choir	7:30 p.m.
Thursday	Women's Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
Sunday	Sunday School	9:15 a.m.
	Worship Service	10:30 a.m.
	Church Council Meeting	
	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 February 9, 2025

WORSHIP SERVICE

Attendance: 62

Goal Income Per Week: \$3,802.04

Offering: \$3,414.00

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR JANUARY 2025

Goal income per month	\$19,351.17
Actual Offerings	\$20,946.25
Total Disbursements	<u>-21,774.88</u>
Checking account balance, end of month	\$51,902.77

PRAYER LIST & CONGREGATIONAL MATTERS

SHUT-INS – RETIREMENT FACILITIES – NURSING HOMES: Jimmy Fuchs, Janice Plutschak, Olga McDonald and Margaret Bolyard.

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, Mike Lloyd, Dora Bailey, Brenda Richards, Sharlene Steere, Joe Bartenfelder, Jan Baker, Barbara Wright, Kitty Hefelfinger, Gail Crampton and Terry Lloyd.

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!

Rick Clendaniel	2/16
Ronald Andrew Jr.	2/17
Ann Bradley	2/17
Jacob Parmer	2/17
Helen Schmidt	2/21
Robert Phillips III	2/22



William & Carole Greenage Jr.	2/18
Timothy & Naomi DeGroat	2/22



Sharing a note left by Pastor Tad:

*"Thank you for welcoming us!
- Pastor Tad & Carol Thayer"*

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: 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



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!

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. **TODAY at 3:00pm.**



YOUTH GROUP FUNDRAISER: Immanuel's Youth Group will be traveling to New Orleans, LA to attend the 2025 LCMS Youth Gathering in July. This event brings youth together for praise, worship, and fellowship! Alicia Carder, Catie & Desi Casey-Motley, Joanna & Zoe Durando, and Jennifer & Veronica Phillips are raising funds for their trip with a 'No Fuss Fundraiser'. Simply choose an amount that you would like to donate and

'fill' their cross! See our poster in the narthex or any youth group member for more information. Checks should be made out to Immanuel Lutheran Church and be sure to indicate 'Youth Group'. Thank you for your support! The Youth Group would also like to thank each of you who donated Thrivent Choice dollars to their cause!

A NOTE FROM PASTOR: We want to thank everyone for their thoughts, prayers, text, calls, visits, cards, and gifts. We love you all!
– From Pastor & family



PRESIDENTS' DAY: Monday, February 17, 2025, is Presidents' Day. Presidents Day is a federal holiday celebrated each year to honor past U.S. presidents. The church office and Immanuel Lutheran Nursery School will be closed on Monday February 17th.

PASTORS OFFICE HOURS: Pastor has returned to the office. His office hours will be limited to what he feels like he can handle. We appreciate your understanding! Adult Bible study classes, Confirmation classes, GriefShare, etc. will resume as normal.



MARCH NEWSLETTER: Spring is around the corner, I promise! Please send in any articles, pictures, info, etc. for the March newsletter by Monday February 24th! Thank you!

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING: Church Council will meet on Sunday February 23rd after worship!



ASH WEDNESDAY: Join us on Ash Wednesday, March 5th, as we begin our Lenten journey! Our annual potluck dinner will begin at 6:00 pm followed by a Confession and Communion service at 7:00 pm.

TODAY!!

JOIN US

Spaghetti Dinner

TO BENEFIT THE NURSERY SCHOOL

Sunday, February 16th

\$10

PER PERSON

12-2 PM

**Immanuel
Lutheran Church
Basement**

**242 Main St
Preston**

**INCLUDES: Spaghetti, Salad, Bread, Drink &
Dessert**

CARRY OUT ONLY

SERMON NOTES

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