



PASTOR'S PONDERINGS



The first reading for the celebration of All Saints' Day is from Revelation 7:9-17. It's a fitting text for All Saints' Day as it describes heaven with the Saints' around the throne of God. See the Words written by St. John, **"Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, 'Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?' I said to him, 'Sir, you know.' And he said to me, 'These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.' 'Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence. They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'"** (Revelation 7:13-17).

The language of St. John's text is one of hope for us saints here on earth. For we too, like the saints who have gone before us, wear white robes, washed in the blood of the Lamb, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. In the font, we became saints whose sins were forgiven and who now wear the mark of the cross upon our forehead and our hearts. In the blood that Jesus shed for us on the cross, we are made new, sainted, promised that when we too, like the saints before us, fall asleep in Jesus, that we will be with our God who guides us to springs of living water, who will wipe away every tear from our eyes. Thanks be to God for His promises to us. What joy there is in knowing that someday, when our frail flesh lays in the grave, that we will be with our loved ones again, gathered around the throne of our Good Shepherd, partaking of His Divine Holy Supper for us in the marriage feast of the Lamb that is still to come. Amen.

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*"...in everything give thanks;
for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus
for you." I THESSALONIANS 5:18*



IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Caring For Our Community Through Christ

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On a personal note, thank you to all of you for your thoughts, prayers, love, gifts, and support during Pastor Appreciation Month. I am richly blessed to be your pastor. Lastly, thank you to everyone who took home a flood bucket last month and have brought it back. I know it was short notice, but you rocked it and those who will receive it will be greatly appreciative! What a joy it is to be here.

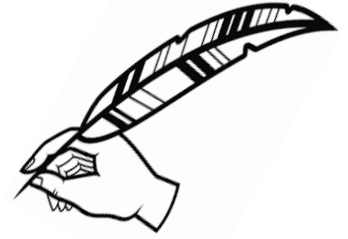
Lord, we love the habitation of your house and the place where Your glory dwells. Alleluia.

With a Shepherd's Heart,
Pastor David





From the President's Pen



The 2019 Budget was approved as presented at the recent Voter's Meeting. During November, the Stewardship Committee will kick off the pledge drive and ask for your commitment. Remember that our expenses have increased by 2.9% overall. Please pray about how you can increase your annual pledge accordingly.

The recent Elections of Officers resulted as follows:

- Evangelism – Shelly Kapitan and Marsha Kenton (co-chairs)
- Financial Secretary – Dee Lambert
- Recording Secretary – Gail Crampton
- Stewardship – Richard Wheatley (2nd term)
- Treasurer – Carol Frase (2nd term)

I am thankful that all Council positions are filled. A special thank you goes out to Earleen Lozen and Iris Rieck for their years of service on the Council, ending December 2018.

Attendance at Sunday service has been low in October, so I ask that you make an effort to attend. Your presence is missed and there are special services planned as we approach year-end. Once such service will be in December. We will not be having a separate Christmas Concert this December, but do plan special music on December 23rd during the morning service. Please attend and bring a friend or neighbor.

Ruth Thomas
Church Council President

DID YOU KNOW?

The earliest official reference to using "Taps" at a military funeral is described in an 1891 manual. During the Civil War, a Union soldier "was buried at a time when the battery occupied an advanced position concealed in the woods." Because it wasn't safe to fire the customary three volleys over the grave, Captain John Tidball decided the sounding of "Taps" would be an appropriate substitute ceremony.

Previously, "Taps" signaled the end of a soldier's work day, but it has since come to honor the end of his or her earthly life. Horace Trim's lyrics remind us of God's constant presence:

Day is done, gone the sun
From the lakes, from the hills, from the sky
All is well, safely rest
God is nigh.
Thanks and praise for our days
'Neath the sun, 'neath the stars, 'neath the sky
As we go, this we know
God is nigh.

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October has been a busy month! We have been settling into our routine and making new friends! We have been learning letters C and D and numbers 3 and 4.

October is Fire Prevention Month so we learned about how to prevent fires and to keep our families prepared in case of an emergency. We visited Preston's Fire House and listened to them talk to us about how friendly firemen are, and how we should never be scared of them because they are here to help us! Thank you PVFC for having us! We all had so much fun.

We have been busy fundraising this month in efforts to raise money for our nursery school playground. We are roughly \$5,500 away from a new playground so keep praying for us! Thank you for everyone's hard work and efforts to raise this money!

We finished off the month with an amazing harvest party, we had a fun day playing games, Eating and trunk r treating with our friends and family.



This month our character trait is "Thankfulness." We will be looking at someone who demonstrates thankfulness through out the month of November. Our theme verse will be Psalm 107:1, "Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, His love endures forever."

I will choose a few Bible stories that talk about thankfulness this month. We welcome you to come out to Chapel on Wednesdays and just know we are praying for each one of the children faithfully.

- Mrs. Angel



Lutheran Mission Society

November is traditionally a time for giving thanks and The Compassion Place at the Lutheran Mission Society in Cambridge is surely thankful for all those at Immanuel who support us through prayers, donations of food and other goods, and/or donation of their time.

We are still in need of gently used coats, especially for children

Our Christmas Shop opens on November 1st. Please stop by and shop. We have a large assortment of decorations and other Christmas items.

Each year we prepare baskets of food for Christmas dinners. We need boxes of stuffing mix, instant mashed potatoes, canned sweet potatoes, canned gravy or packages of instant gravy and cans of cranberry sauce. Please leave these items in the designated basket in the narthex. If you prefer, you can make a monetary donation and we can do the shopping for you. Please contact Irene Wheatley – 410-310-2571 if you have questions, need help getting your donations into church or if you choose to donate money. Thank you for your support.

Care and Compassion

2018 Angel Tree

For the last eleven years Care and Compassion has sponsored a needy family for Christmas. Our 2018 Angel Tree will soon be in the narthex. On the tree will be “angel tags” that have the items the family would like for Christmas. Our family this year is a single mother who has four children – ages 1, 2, 8 and 12 years old years. If you would like to help this family, please select a tag, purchase and wrap the gift. Attach the angel tag to the gift and return it to church by December 9th. The toys are available in stores and online. Since some of the gifts the children request are rather expensive, we suggest that several people join together to purchase the more costly gifts. If you are unable to shop but would like to participate by giving a monetary donation, please see or call Irene Wheatley – 410 – 310 – 2571. Thank you for helping us help others in our community.

God's Peace,
Irene Wheatley



This year on Saturday December 1st from 1:00 -5:00 p.m. the Evangelism committee along with WINGS and church members will host the 1st Annual Advent Nativity Display.

Help us share the beautiful Christmas story with our community. If you have a nativity you'd like to display or other nativity ornaments to display contact Marsha Kenton (410)924-7057 or Shelly Kapitan (443) 239-2137.



Adopt a Student

Just a reminder that we have committed to adopting a student.

*This is Brenden Harrell from
Concordia Seminary, St. Louis.*

I cannot believe it is already October! I started this academic year studying Hebrew over the summer. That was a very fulfilling but also challenging time. We had class from 8am to noon every week day from June to August. Even with that much class time, wrapping my brain around a whole new language was very exhausting. It has paid off however this semester as we have been going through the Old Testament Prophets and are about to start going through the first five books of the Old Testament starting at Genesis. Hebrew is such a rich language and there is so much to learn from the Old Testament books. It has been exciting to be able to use the tools they have equipped us with to really dig into God's word more deeply. It has definitely grown my own spiritual life and understanding of the Gospel! In addition to class work I have been keeping busy with my jobs (most of what I make goes straight toward my fiancé's and my wedding fund). Speaking of which, plans are going well and the wedding gets closer everyday! It still feels like a long way off because we will be getting married in May 2019 after she finishes up her teaching degree at Concordia Bronxville. Your prayers for all the preparations and coordination would be much appreciated. Life has been excellent here at seminary, the community here has taught me so many things about friendship and being the body of Christ. I am excited for us to get out and start ministry! Starting ministry is something that is becoming more and more real as well. We had our first vicarage meeting last week to start preparing us for when we ship out next summer and I couldn't be happier. It will be such a blessing to be able to take all that we have learned and put it into action.

Yours in Christ,

Brenden Harrell

Sat., Nov. 10, 2018

9 AM - 2 PM

Holiday

BAZAAR

**Immanuel Lutheran Church
Main St. & Backlanding Road
Preston, MD**

JOY:FULLY LUTHERAN

1 THESS 5:16-18

REJOICE / PRAY / GIVE THANKS

When you think “Lutheran,” do you think joy? When you tell your neighbors and friends that you are a Lutheran, do they say that Lutherans are joyful people? When you go to worship on Sunday morning, do you go in joy, listen in joy, sing in joy and leave with joy?

“Rejoice always” (1 Thess. 5:16). That is the whole verse — easy to memorize. Rejoice. Always. Because God loves you. Because Jesus died and rose for you. Because the Spirit has called you by the Gospel into this saving faith. Because God is faithful to His promises, and He will surely do it (1 Thess. 5:24).

“Joy:fully Lutheran” is the theme for The Lutheran Church—Missouri [Synod](#) through the 2019 Synodical Convention. Joyfully Lutheran, we live in response to God’s love for us in the death and resurrection of Jesus. We live joyfully, because God’s love is freely given to sinners through faith for Christ’s sake. We live joyfully, because we do not work to earn God’s love and forgiveness but receive it by faith alone in what Christ has done for us.

Joyfully, we receive God’s Word and Sacraments as His means through which He gives to His children His love and mercy in Christ. We live joyfully, because though we cannot believe by our own reason or strength, the Holy Spirit has called us by the Gospel, enlightens us with His gifts, sanctifies and keeps us in the one true faith in Christ Jesus. We live joyfully, because the Father invites us to pray to Him as children talk to their dear father. We live joyfully, because Jesus has done it all for us.

Our joy is not generic joy. We are not just happy people. We are joyfully Lutheran. We live our lives trusting in the mercy and love of God. Our Savior suffered for us, and we know that our lives also will be filled with trials and suffering, yet we live in joy.

Joy does not mean that we ignore the realities of our lives. Faith in Christ does not remove us from the trials and temptations that befall people in this life. Faith in Christ does not mean that we cannot suffer or sin. Faith in Christ points us to the hope we have in the midst of the difficulties of this life. And Christ is our joy.

The cross is the most prominent symbol of Christianity. We proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes. With our Lord, we know that suffering and pain is inherent in our lives as we dwell in this sinful world. With our Lord, we do not expect sinners to embrace the Kingdom, but trust that it is through suffering and death that the Kingdom comes among us. With the Lord, we bear our own crosses and rejoice in the will of the loving Father, even when it seems hidden from our view.

The Christ on the cross is the Christ who conquered death and the grave. We rejoice, because our sins have been removed from us. We rejoice that death no longer has the final word over our

lives. We rejoice that our Savior is coming again. We rejoice in the promises of life with Him forever. We rejoice that He is with us in His Word, Sacraments and Church.

<https://joyfullylutheran.org/resources/>



The Youth group will be meeting November 18, after church. We will be making up care packages for our active duty, service personnel and first responders. If anyone in our congregation has information about anyone on our list, please contact me Jennifer Phillips 410-829-9302 or jennkphillips77@gmail.com

SPECIAL FUNDS

In Memory of Paul Elzey

Elizabeth Webster
David & Kathy Schmidt
Janis Silvia
Vic & Vera Rieck
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Lucille Richardson

In Memory of Bobbie Duff

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Air Conditioning Fund (In Memory of Paul Elzey)

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Choir Fund (In Memory of Paul Elzey)

Dale & Marsha Kenton

Care & Compassion Fund (In Memory of Paul Elzey)

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Bill & Virginia Naugle
Anne Ryan Neary
Wayne & Lee Saunders
Debra P. Fulcher
Mildred Quidas



We Remember Mr. Frederick H Schmick



Frederick Harold Schmick, Sr., 91, passed away on Thursday, November 1, 2018 at University of Maryland Medical System at Easton. He was born on February 5, 1927 in Preston, Maryland the son of the late John T. and Elsie E. Goehringer Schmick. After graduation from Preston High School he served in the US Navy for two years. He graduated from the University of Maryland in 1960 earning a BS Degree in Industrial Arts Education.

He began farming at Spring Garden Farms in 1952 the year he married Jeanette Isler. He farmed for 40 years growing vegetable crops and small grains. He was known for the delicious cantaloupes, honeydews, and watermelons he grew. He also was a member of the Board of Directors of Provident State Bank for 22 years. He enjoyed gardening, traveling, and playing bridge.

He was a lifelong member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Preston where he taught Sunday school for over 20 years, served on the church council and was congregational president for 15 years.

He was an active member of the Maryland Farm Bureau, past member of the Preston Lions Club. He also served as a member of the Board of Directors of Choptank Community Health Systems for 14 years.

Fred is survived by his wife of 65 years, Jeanette Schmick, whom he married on November 22, 1952, three children, Frederick Schmick, Jr. (Patricia), Carol Trice (Jeff) , Ruth S. Thomas (Dale), four grandchildren, Jordan Glover (Joshua), Rebekah Trice, Sarah Trice, Kathryn Trice, Charles Fry (Kimberly), William Fry, Dylan Vickers (Meghan), and great-grandchildren, Aireal and Dax Vickers, and a brother, Victor L. Schmick (Betty). He was preceded in death by siblings, Leona Wrightson, Kenneth Schmick, John Schmick, Jr., Edna Warren, and Betty Shirey.

Funeral services will be held on Monday, November 5, 2018 at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Preston at 11:00 a.m. with Rev. David-Casey-Motley officiating. Interment will follow at Junior Order Cemetery. A visitation will be held one hour prior to the service.

Memorial contributions may be made to Immanuel Lutheran Church, PO Box 39, Preston, MD 21655 or to SAT-7 North America, PO Box 2770, Easton, MD 21601 .

From Our Kitchen To Yours...

Recipe *Grandmother's Devil's Food Chocolate Cake and Icing*

From the kitchen of: *Marsha Kenton*

2 cups flour, 1 tsp. salt, 1 tsp baking powder, 2 tsp baking soda, 3/4 cup unsweetened cocoa, 2 cups sugar, 1 cup veg. oil, 1 cup hot coffee, 1 cup milk, 2 eggs, 1 tsp vanilla extract

Prepare: Sift together dry ingred. in mixing bowl. Add oil, coffee, and milk, mix at med. speed for 2 min. Add eggs and vanilla, beat 2 more min. Batter will be thin. Pour into 2 greased and floured 9" x 1 1/2" cake pan. Bake at 325 for 25-30 min. Cool cake 15 min before removing from pan. Cool on wire racks. When completely cool then add icing.

Icing: 2 cups sugar, 1 cup can milk, and 1 butter (size of walnut)

Prepare: In sauce pan cook until forms a bubble in water. Then beat with spoon off heat until becomes thick. Immediately pour on cake.

Taste and see that the Lord is good! PSALM 34:8

Karla Elmacher



This icing tends to run off the cake and if cooked to perfect texture, once it cools it will have a "crackling texture". However, mine is usually sticky but still tastes good. I am not sure I have ever gotten it to look or be like Mommom's but I keep trying. My dad's birthday was in December and this was his mom's recipe. It is still a favorite for everyone in our family (especially Richardson side).



Recipe *Berks County Potato Filling*

From the kitchen of: *Olga Macdonald*

Potatoes; 2 tbsp butter; 1 onion & 1 stalk of celery chopped; 1 tbsp chopped parsley; 4 slices of bread; 1 egg, 1 cup of milk; 2 tsp salt & dash pepper.

Peel potatoes and boil in salted water until soft. Meanwhile, cook chopped onions & celery in butter until soft. Cube bread in small pieces. When potatoes are cooked, mash. Add onion, celery, bread, 1/2 cup milk, salt, pepper, parsley. Beat until smooth and then add egg and remaining milk. Beat again. Turn into a greased casserole, dot with butter and bake 1 hour at 350 degrees .

Taste and see that the Lord is good! PSALM 34:8

Karla Dojnacher

“Being from Berks County, Pa. (which is next to Lancaster County) this is my favorite recipe for the holidays instead of plain mashed potatoes. It is an old Pennsylvania dutch recipe.”

Recipe *Ambrosia Salad*

From the kitchen of: *Charlotte Casey-Motley*

2 cans drained fruit cocktail , 1 container of cool whip, thawed , 1 package of instant pistachio pudding , 1 cup of washed blueberries, 1 cup of sliced strawberries, 1 cup of cashews, 1 cup of mini marshmallows, 1 1/2 cup of halved grapes

Combine all fruits into a large mixing bowl, with marshmallows and cashews.

In a separate bowl add cool whip and pistachio pudding mix. Once all combined add cool whip and pistachio mix to the fruit mixture. Keep cold in fridge till ready to serve. Enjoy!

Taste and see that the Lord is good! PSALM 34:8

Karla Dojnacher

My mommy likes to make a special fruit salad for any occasion, and it is really good. It's so good that it could be food for the angels in heaven! Here is how to make it!



Those Serving Immanuel November 2018

Date	Usher	Lay Reader	Greeter	Assisting Elder	Kids' Worship	Acolytes	Head Teller / Counter
November 4, 2018	David Schmidt Rex Rosebrock	Richard Wheatley	Myrna Roth	Roger Schmick	Rene Raechl	Hayden Plutschak Kalei Durando	Janice Isenberg Shelly Kapitan John Crampton
November 11, 2018	David Schmidt Rex Rosebrock	Glen Plutschak	Rene Langwost	Mark Frase	Karen Myrna	Veronica Phillips	Doris Maser Karen Lyons Olga Macdonald
November 18, 2018	David Schmidt Rex Rosebrock	Kathy Schmidt	Windsor and Peggy Meyer	Rex Rosebrock	Shelly Raechl	Catie Casey- Motley	Dee Lambert Glen Plutschak Mary Lou Plutschak
November 25, 2018	David Schmidt Rex Rosebrock	Earleen Lozen	Shelly Kapitan	Glen Plutschak	Sarah Raechl	Catie Casey- Motley	David Schmidt Kathy Schmidt



Margaret Bolyard	11/2		
Gail Karge	11/3		
Daniel Mitchell	11/3	Jennifer Stevens	11/14
Ann Schmick	11/3	Steffanie Keefe	11/17
Gail Crampton	11/4	Kenneth Miller	11/18
Avery Ostermann	11/4	Danielle Scudder	11/21
Byron Mead	11/5	Dolores Slyter	11/22
Allen Coppage	11/8	Lucas Morgan	11/23
Juliana Garcia	11/8	Samantha Greenage	11/25
Michael Lyons	11/9	James Rieck	11/26
Danielle Youells	11/11	Ben Braband	11/27
Gaby Schmick	11/11	Iris Rieck	11/27
Leonard Slyter	11/13	Leonard Rieck	11/27
		Wanda North	11/28




Roger and Anne Schmick 11/25



Guest Speaker! On Sunday November 4, Rev. Dr. John Denninger will be here with us to celebrate both All Saints Sunday and Immanuel's 121st Anniversary.

Rev. Denninger is president of the Southeastern District of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. He will be leading the adult Bible class on that morning, as well as preaching the sermon and assisting Pastor David with Holy Communion. Come and celebrate with us!

NOVEMBER 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4 8:15 Stewardship Breakfast 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship	5 7:00 Church Council	6 Election Day!	7 WINGS 9-12 p.m. 6:00 Youth Confirmation 6:30 Handbells 7:00 AI-Anon 7:45 Senior Choir	8 WINGS 9-5pm 8:55 Connections	9 WINGS 9-5pm	10 9:00 -2p.m. Holiday Bazaar 7:00 AA
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