

Emmanuel Lutheran News

February, 2018

ASH WEDNESDAY

February 14
Worship at 12noon and 7pm
Imposition of ashes and holy communion

LENT WEDNESDAYS

February 21-March 21
Worship at 12noon and 7pm
6pm dinner in fellowship hall

Theme: Unsung Servants of Christ

THE
FORTY
DAYS
of LENT



2017-18 Theme

Walk according to your calling: with humility, gentleness, patience, love, unity, and peace. Ephesians 4:1-3

Emmanuel is

*One Family, Many Peoples
Growing as Disciples of Jesus and
Children of God...*

through

WORSHIP

(Team Leader: Joni Mercer and Ruth Heilman)

Our WORSHIP goals are: that people would *understand* worship, *participate* in worship, and *enjoy* worship.

Sunday Morning Schedule—ONE SERVICE @10

9am Faith Formation/Sunday School
Begins sharply and lasts until 9:45.
10 Worship Service with Holy Communion.

Season of Lent On Ash Wednesday (Feb 14) we begin our journey of 40 days to the celebration of the resurrection of Jesus. Sundays don't officially count as part of these 40 days because every Sunday is considered a "little Easter". During this season we add worship services on Wednesdays (12noon and 7pm) to help us in our spiritual journey to the cross and empty tomb. Join us when you can!

Sunday Theme in Lent—We will have a special focus on various spiritual disciplines which relate to the readings for the day each week. For example, on the 1st Sunday in Lent we will look at "overcoming temptation" as we also hear the gospel lesson on the temptations of Jesus.

Wednesday Theme in Lent—In our midweek services (12noon and 7pm) we will take a look at several "unsung servants of Christ" along with the unique ways they served the Lord and how their examples help us in our service to Jesus. A couple examples include the woman who anointed Jesus' feet as well as the man born blind.

Wednesday Dinners—Each week one of our "neighborhoods" will provide the 6pm meal. Be sure to help out on your day to provide food, if you can and come each week to enjoy good fellowship with good food before our 7pm service.

Webcasts

Can't join us in person? Connect with us on the web each Sunday at www.emmanuelbaltimore.org. Mobile device? Download the "Sunday Streams" app and log in with: emmanuelbaltimore.org.

Urdu Language @ 7:30pm Worship (Pr. Robson)

Feel free to consider supporting this ministry financially using the DONATE button at emmanuelbaltimore.org. and designating your gift to "Evangelistic Outreach Minister".

through the
FELLOWSHIP OF BELIEVERS

(Team Leader: Trish May)

Our FELLOWSHIP goals are: that people would *know and care* for one another, "generationally" *pass on* the faith, and *support* the greater church.

Reading Ahead

Each week you are encouraged to daily read and meditate on the gospel for the upcoming Sunday.

Beginning	February 4	Mark 9:2-9
	February 11	Mark 1:9-15
	February 18	Mark 8:27-38
	February 25	John 2:13-22

9am Faith Formation/Sunday School—Each Sunday

Classes for ALL ages begin at 9am. Sunday School for ages 2.5 through grade 4. Preconfirmation for grades 5/6. Confirmation for grades 7/8. Youth group for high school. Bible study in sanctuary.

Wednesday Bible Study at 8:15am in the conference room. We are studying 1 John. All are welcome.

Youth Group—Second Sundays

In addition to weekly Sunday mornings, the youth group will get together on the second Sunday of each month for special events with Miss. Heidi.

Prayer Prayer Prayer

Prayer and Mercy Ministry Team Do you have a prayer request for our Prayer and Mercy Ministry Team? New contact coming soon!

through
WITNESS

(team leader: Stefan and Marlana Gabriel)

Our WITNESS goals are: that people would *bless* non-believers, *minister* to their neighborhoods, and *work* for the good of society.

Emmanuel Lutheran School—News

Thank you for sharing the word about Emmanuel Lutheran School with your friends and allowing us to provide and excellent Christ-centered education to an ever increasing number of students. *Call* (410-744-0015) for a personal tour to learn more about a school with a strong history, that continues to get stronger still. **2018-19 applications are now available.**

Concordia Preparatory School

CPS offers a high-quality, Lutheran Christian education to young men and women in grades 6-12 and is located in the Towson area. *For info* go to www.concordiaprepschool.org. Enrich the mind. Empower the spirit. Embrace the opportunity!

Comfort Dog Ministry FEBRUARY Note

All comfort dogs have their own "business cards" which also have their own unique Bible verse printed on it. Receiving our comfort dog is still a long way off, but feel free to follow the other comfort dog in our district, Sasha, on Facebook: SashaComfortDog.

Sandtown Mission—Faith and Work Enterprises

Thank you for your support during our campaign. You helped us raise over \$34,000 to cover the costs of men who will be in the Faith and Work program. Also, consider joining us for our prayer meeting on Dec 19 at 11 on location at 1824 Penn Ave, 21217: hear updates and lift up prayer concerns to the Lord. Reminder: the mission will be comprised of a new church plant and a job readiness program which includes our chocolate company: Pennsylvania Ave Chocolates.

Dates to Remember

March 4—Lutheran Schools Sunday

March 9—Lutheran High Northwest (Rochester Hills, Michigan) Choir Concert

April 1—Easter Sunday

April 21—Women's Retreat at Emmanuel

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Bringing Jesus to people and people to Jesus throughout Baltimore and beyond.

February 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>9:00 am Faith Formation 10: 00 am Worship (1:pm Oromo Lutheran Worship) 7:30 Urdu/Hindi Worship</p>				<p>1</p> <p>7:00 pm Handbell Choir 7:45 pm Senior</p> <p>B-Day: Amy Gutberlet</p>	<p>2</p> <p>8:30 am ELC Chapel</p>	<p>3</p> <p>8:30pm N.A.</p> <p>B-Day: Jr., Virginia Weinknecht, Julie Marques</p>
<p>4 Fifth Sunday After the Epiphany</p>	<p>5</p> <p>7:30 pm N.A</p> <p>B-Day: Jacob Campitelli</p>	<p>6</p> <p>B-Day: Kalisha Tyson, Seth Schultheis</p>	<p>7</p> <p>8:15am Bible Study 8pm A.A</p>	<p>8</p> <p>7:00 pm Handbell Choir 7:45 pm Senior</p> <p>B-Day: Nasasha Parker</p>	<p>9</p> <p>8:30 am ELC Chapel</p>	<p>10</p> <p>8:30pm N.A.</p> <p>B-Day: Regina Siverls</p>
<p>11 Transfiguration of Our Lord</p>	<p>12</p> <p>7:30 pm N.A</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14 Ash Wednesday</p> <p>8:30 ELS Chapel 12 noon service 7pm service 8pm A.A</p>	<p>15</p> <p>7:00 pm Handbell Choir 7:45 pm Senior</p>	<p>16</p> <p>School Closed</p>	<p>17</p> <p>8:30pm N.A.</p>
<p>18 First Sunday in Lent</p>	<p>19</p> <p>7:30 pm N.A</p> <p>School Closed</p>	<p>20</p> <p>11am Sandtown Meeting 6:30pm PTL meeting</p>	<p>21</p> <p>8:15am Bible Study 12noon Worship 6pm Dinner 7pm Worship 7:45pm Church Council 8pm A.A</p>	<p>22</p> <p>7:00 pm Handbell Choir 7:45 pm Senior</p> <p>B-Day: Samuel Hartman, Johann Schull</p>	<p>23</p> <p>8:30 am ELC Chapel</p>	<p>24</p> <p>8:30pm N.A.</p> <p>B-Day: Bernard White</p>
<p>25 Second Sunday in Lent</p> <p>B-Day: Daniel Donnelly</p>	<p>26</p> <p>7:30 pm N.A</p>	<p>27</p> <p>B-Day: Diane Dubner, Jonathan Edwards</p>	<p>28</p> <p>8:15am Bible Study 12noon Worship 6pm Dinner 7pm Worship 8pm A.A</p>			

Memorials

Emmanuel General Fund in memory of Edwin O. Lohmeyer.

By: Ms. Janet Roth

Mr. John T. Webbert

Joanna K. Callegary

Susan Lilly

Dorothy O Lappe

Kevin and Paula Klages

Lois Lohmeyer

Margaret B. Kiessling

Carl R. Klages

Bob and Jean Rees

William and Catherine Ward

Mark and Bobbie Jean Cashman

Herb and Lois Brettschneider

Emmanuel General Fund in memory of Tobey Brehm

LCMS Stewardship Ministry

Newsletter Article – February 2018

“I am not commanding you, but I want to test the sincerity of your love by comparing it with the earnestness of others. For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich” (2 Corinthians 8:8-9). Without commands or even arm-twisting, St. Paul encourages, even challenges, the Church in Corinth to demonstrate the sincerity of their faith by their generosity in giving. He does this because giving generously is a gift of the Spirit given to us through the Gospel. St. Paul wrote: “But just as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in your love for us—see that you also excel in this grace of giving” (2 Corinthians 8:7). In other words, just as we grow in faith and speech and knowledge of eternal things by the Holy Spirit through the Word of God, so also do we grow in giving from the same Spirit through the same Word. The problem is that the grace of generosity often grows cold in us. It’s not so much that we stop giving, but we don’t put it first. We treat it like all the other bills that must be paid. It becomes a chore, just one more thing to check off a list of things to do. That empties it of its spiritual power and robs us of the joy that Christ and the Scriptures assign to it. On top of that, since this generosity is linked to faith and knowledge of divine things, a lack of excelling in giving is a sure sign that our faith and knowledge of God are under attack as well. Thus St. Paul points to the foundation of generosity: the generosity of Christ Himself. Even though He was rich, He became poor so that we who are poor might become rich. Thus, the incarnation, suffering, and death of our Lord on the cross is the reason, source, and driving force for our generosity in giving to the church. And since Christ who was rich became poor so that we might be rich in His grace—of which generous giving is part—so we also who are rich in His grace can excel in pressing His grace into service toward the gracious work of the church. Pay attention to what you give to the church so that you may excel at it. And if you find that your heart has grown cold or indifferent toward it, immerse yourself in God’s Word. Read it at home. Attend Bible Class. Hear and listen to it preached in the Divine Service. Be reminded of what Christ has done for you in His incarnation, suffering, and death. For this will strengthen your faith and knowledge. And where that excels, so will the grace of giving excel also.