

## Worship Schedule

*Sunday mornings – the heart of our life together*

*10:00 Worship for All Ages – Sanctuary & via Zoom*

### **Sunday, June 2**

**Scripture:** 1 Samuel 3:1-10 (11-20), Psalm 139:1-6 and 13-18, 2 Corinthians 4:5-12, Mark 2:23-3:6

Our lesson from the Old Testament is from 1 Samuel and is the call of the child Samuel and the beginning of his prophetic activity. “For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother’s womb,” highlight the psalmist’s words which acknowledge how much God knows about us and how wonderful that is. The epistle lesson from 2 Corinthians is one sometimes read at funerals. In it, Paul writes, “But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us.” in the gospel reading from Mark we are offered two stories about Jesus doing “wrong” things on the Sabbath. In the stories Jesus and his hungry disciples break the law by picking grain as they are walking through a field and later heal a man with a withered hand

### **Sunday, June 9**

**Scripture:** 1 Samuel 8:4-11 (12-15), 16-20, Psalm 138, 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1, Mark 3:20-35

For many years, judges governed the Israelites. In our reading today, the elders of Israel came to Samuel and demanded that he appoint a King to rule over the nation. Our gospel lesson this Sunday finds Jesus being compared to Satan and then in the following paragraph, Jesus, in the presence of his biological mother and siblings, claims all believers as his family. In Second Corinthians, Paul speaks of the power and effect the Spirit has on the faithful saying, “So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day.” The psalm is a song of thanksgiving and praise.

### **Sunday, June 16**

**Scripture:** 1 Samuel 15:34-16:13, Psalm 20, 2 Corinthians 5:6-10, (11-13), 14-17, Mark 4:26-34

The gospel lesson this week has us reading the parables of the Growing Seed and the Mustard Seed. In Second Corinthians, Paul teaches us what it means to live by faith. The Old Testament continues through the book of 1 Samuel telling us the story of Saul and David. This week we read about Saul’s death and how Samuel reviews seven of Jesse’s son and finally anoints Jesse’s eighth and youngest son, David, as King of Israel. The psalm, a prayer for victory, makes the case that in the day of trouble, God will answer.

### **Sunday, June 23**

**Scripture:** 1 Samuel 17: (1a, 4-11, 19-23) 32-49, Psalm 9:9-20, 2 Corinthians 6:1-13, Mark 4:35-41

The lesson from the Hebrew Scriptures on this Sunday is the lengthy story of David and Goliath. Psalm 9 is a song about God's power and justice. Remember that God's justice is not about people getting what they deserve or what is right, but what they need. The gospel lesson found in Mark is about Jesus calming a storm by simply saying, "Be quiet and be still." In the epistle lesson, despite the harsh challenges of being a faithful Christian, Paul testifies the Spirit empowers the faithful to live a righteous life.

### **Sunday, June 30**

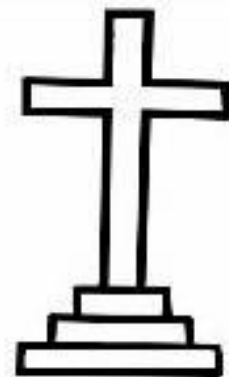
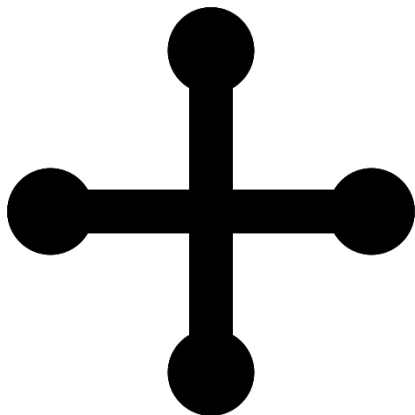
**Scripture:** 2 Samuel 1:1 and 17-27, Psalm 130, 2 Corinthians 8:7-15, Mark 5:21-43

At the beginning of 2 Samuel, the scriptures offer us a lamentation, written by David, about the death of Saul. Psalm 130, one of the more familiar psalms, begins, "Out of the depth I cry to you, O Lord. Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!" The psalm continues as a song about waiting for divine redemption. As we move to the New Testament, Paul, in the Second Letter to the Corinthians, encourages the members of the church in Corinth to be generous, in much the same way as Jesus, who gave up his riches and life for the sake of others. Finally, in the gospel of Mark, we are offered the account of Jesus healing of the woman who had hemorrhages for twelve years, placed in the middle of the story of Jesus healing Jairus' daughter.

Since Independence Day is celebrated in the middle of the week following this Sunday, some of our music will celebrate the July 4 holiday this week.

### **Pastor's Message**

Symbols and the Old Testament Timeline



As I announced to the Council, Spiritual Council, and those who received the weekly happenings article, I have chosen “Church Symbols” as the theme for summer worship. I was inspired to choose this theme several months ago and have been preparing for this unexpectedly ambitious choice since then. I will describe the many distinct kinds of crosses like the two above and a lot of the countless church symbols like the pelican shown on page 2 of this newsletter..

## **Symbols:**

It did not take me long to realize this could be an ambitious theme that could last far longer than the twelve or fourteen weeks of summer. The first book on symbols which I purchased described 18 different crosses. The second book which arrived at my desk illustrated and explained well over 80 different crosses. It will be a challenge to share them all with you in the next three months, but I will try.

You might also be surprised to learn that there are hundreds of church symbols which represent each of the four gospels, the twelve disciples, numerous biblical figures, and countless saints (most of which are completely unfamiliar to me). I hope to share many of the biblical prophets, patriarchs, and other figures with you, but I doubt I will share many (or any) of the symbols of the saints.

I also aim to share the more familiar symbols associated with the Trinity – Father, Son, and Spirit. Furthermore, I hope to offer you many doctrinal and worship related symbols like ones related to baptism, the Lord’s Supper, and the church.

Finally, throughout the summer, you may also see explanations of descriptions of other symbols (here is the teaser) like almonds, barley, cedar, daisy, holly, lily, lily of the valley, oak, pomegranate, and so many more I do not know where to begin. If there is a symbol you wish to know more about please let me know!

## **Old Testament Timeline**

The other change to our summer worship will be the choice of the lectionary readings I will use. In the season after Pentecost, churches are given the choice of two sets of Old Testament readings. One set of an Old Testament reading, and a Psalm are thematically related to the gospel and epistle reading. The other choice of Old Testament readings, again, and Old treatment reading and a Psalm, chronologically follow a portion of the Testament books. I will be using this option for the rest of the year.

Our current Lectionary is Year B, the middle of the three-year cycle and the “semi-continuous” Old Testament readings from Year B begin with readings from the book of I Samuel and lead us through 2 Samuel, I and 2 Kings, and into the Wisdom and Prophetic books which follow.

I hope you like what I will be doing. Should you have any questions or concerns, you know where to find me.

Peace, Pastor Dale.

### **THANK YOU!**

The Hospitality Committee would like to give everyone who participated in the recently held "Spring Yard Sale" a big **THANK YOU** for all of their efforts to make this another successful event for Immanuel!

As a Church, we are extremely lucky to have so many members, young people and friends willing to work so hard to make all of our dinners and events successful. There are so many Churches that do not have this type of participation and we need to count our blessings!

Without the help of those behind the scenes planning, posing for pictures for advertising, people setting up Fellowship Hall for the event, our workers in the kitchen working days prior to the event, the bakers, those working the various stations/sales areas the day or evening of the event and our farmers who pick-up our trash, none of this would be possible. It takes a lot of hands to provide these events for the community and our Church. If you have not volunteered previously, please consider it, as George indicated recently—we do have some fun and you get to know each other a little bit better.

If you see or know someone from the community who attends our dinners or sales, please "thank them for coming" as they are also important!

### **CONTRIBUTIONS**

During the summer months, churches always suffer a reduction in giving. Immanuel is no different. People go on vacation and attend other activities with family and friends. However, the expenses at your church continues on – *they don't take a vacation*. This is especially significant when it comes to paying our mortgage.

Please continue to give even if you aren't in church every Sunday and use your offering envelopes or the electronic giving option. This can be found on our website: [www.immanuelucc.faith](http://www.immanuelucc.faith). This is a big help in keeping track of your contributions for the end of the year reporting. You may, of course, give extra to help cover the Church's expenses at any time.

Please take a moment to review the financial report which is posted on the bulletin board outside the office.

*Diana Jackson, Treasurer*



## IMMANUEL HONORS OUR GRADUATES JUNE 16, 2024



Laura Ann Dixon, daughter of Allen & Michal Dixon, graduated from the University of Maryland in December 2023. While in school she played drums in the University of Maryland marching band also playing drumset for the University's pep band. She is currently working at Disney World in the college internship program and hopes to become a Disney Imagineer doing conceptual art. Laura enjoys drawing, volunteering and spending time with family and friends. She has a black lab, Coale.



Elizabeth Ann Krotee, daughter of Diana & Dale Krotee, graduated from Cambridge South-Dorchester High School on May 30, 2024. Elizabeth enjoys gaming, playing with her cats and tennis. She hopes to attend college with plans to study geology and volcanoes. She has a sister, Leah and two cats, Cali and Emily.



Jarrett Newman Ashton, son of Christy Newman Ashton, graduated May 13, 2024 from Stevenson University. He enjoys weightlifting and watching sports. Jarrett is currently looking for his dream job. He has a brother, Corey. He also has a Boston Terrier, Wayne Wright.

Congratulations and good luck in your future endeavors!

## JUNE BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

### June Birthdays

Jock Luthy	6/4
Patti Cannon	6/4
Tara Cannon	6/5
Abby Spillman-Wise	6/6
Michal Dixon	6/6
Stacy Seymour	6/10
Sherry Todd	6/10
Sandy Dodson	6/12
Michael Giese	6/13
Emily Robbins	6/13
Charlotte Hanson	6/14
Beau Cherry	6/14
Frank Spillman	6/17
Vivian Anderson	6/19
Susan Hutson	6/22

### June Anniversaries

Trudi & Donald Jones, Jr.	6/3
Saarah & Michael Bass	6/15
Kelly & Josh Dodson	6/18
Terry & Bill Makus	6/19
Tammy & Danny Luthy	6/20
Sherry & Adam Todd	6/24

### **BIRTHDAYS (CONTINUED)**

Josh Dodson	6/22
Helen Krom	6/27
Amy Robbins	6/27
John Ashton	6/27
Parker Dodson	6/30
Alasdair Campbell	6/30

### **Your Staff**

The Rev. Dale Krotee  
 Janice Haller  
 J. Curtis White  
 Lynne Breil & Tina Lyte-Davis

Pastor  
 Church Secretary  
 Choir Director/Organist  
 Pianist

### **Your Church Council**

Bill Bair – President

Tina Lyte-Davis  
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 Lou Jones  
 Sam Shelly

Chuck Hanson  
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 John Adkins  
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**IMMANUEL PRAYER LIST:** *You are invited to remember these people in prayer*

**Members of Immanuel:**

Connie BARNETT, health issues  
Carter BASS, grandson of Jim & Susie Creighton, health issues  
Carole Ann BROHAWN, health issues  
Cassie BURTON, health issues  
Dolores DIXON, health issues  
Wells David DODSON, son of Scott & Amy Dodson  
Bill FOXWELL, facing health challenges  
Chris FOXWELL, health issues  
Helen KROM, health issues  
Phyllis MURPHY, health issues  
Frank SPILLMAN, health issues

**Friends of Immanuel Church:**

Shirley BURTON, Robin Burton's mother, health issues at home  
Joan COLLINS, friend of Beverly Shelly, health issues  
Charlotte EDWARDS, friend of Deana Kozak, health issues  
Kent ELZEY, brother of Julia Neman, health issues  
Carolyn ELZEY, sister-in-law of Julia Newman, health issues  
Manford "Hunter" McGLAUGHLIN, friend of Deana Kozak, health issues  
Henry KROTEE, Pastor Dale's father, health issues  
John LOWENSEN, father of Diana Krotee, health issues  
Debbie McCRAY, friend of Beverly Shelly & the Kozaks, health issues  
Terry VINCENT, friend of Beverly Shelly, health issues

**Other Prayer Requests:**

Guidance in Immanuel's leaders for 2023 and beyond  
The leadership of Immanuel church, the need for people willing to  
serve to do the business of the church.  
Our adopted child, Royer Gaeel Arroyo Sulca, from Peru  
Dorchester County Public Schools  
Children at the border; Those shot in our country  
Those suffering from natural disasters; those dealing with COVID-19  
For the healing of our nation and the world, both physical & emotional

**Members and Friends Serving in Our Armed Forces:**

Hunter BROWN, U.S. Army, stationed in Wiesbaden, Germany  
friend of Laura Dixon  
Jake CREIGHTON, Captain, U.S. Army, stationed Ft. Sam Houston, TX  
Alton FRASE, Lance Cpl, US Marine Corps, Camp LeJeune, North  
Carolina, Son of Andrew & Tracy Luthy Frase, grandson of Jock &  
Debbie Luthy  
Buddy HAYDEN, friend of Robin Burton, U.S. Air Force  
Keagan ROSARIO, U.S. Air Force, friend of Kim Leonard, now  
stationed in the U.S.  
Lucas TOLLEY, U.S. Marine Corps, son of Leslie & Adam Tolley,  
Grandson of Lou & Dennis Jones, stationed in Okinawa, Japan  
Jason T. WARDEN, Marines, nephew of Michal Dixon, in North Carolina



## UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2024



August 17

Family Bingo – details are not final at this Time. Please check our website and/or Facebook page for details as they become Available.



September 20

Spaghetti Dinner – 4:30-7pm. Eat in or Carry out



October 27

Halloween Trunk or Treat – 4:30-6pm. Please check our website and/or Facebook page for more details



November 16

Holiday Bazaar – 9:00am to noon. Offering chicken salad, soups plus bake Table, Country Store, White Elephant Tables, Silent Auction, crafts (snowman and crocket items) and 50/50 Raffle.



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2 10a Worship	3 4 11a-noon Bible Study	5	6	7	8
9 10a Worship	10 11 11a-noon Bible Study	12	13	14	15
16 10a Worship Graduate Reception	17 18 11a-noon Bible Study	19	20	21	22
26 10a Worship	24 25 11a- noon Bible Study	26	27 1-6p Blood Bank	28	29
30 10a Worship					

## COUNTERS

June 2 Robin Burton & Kathy Kelly  
June 9 Sherry Hoefer & Bill Bair  
June 16 Tom Wilkison & Beverly Shelly

June 23  
June 30

Robin Burton & Kathy Kelly  
Sherry Hoefer & Bill Bair

## CHANCEL

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**GRADUATE RECEPTION**  
**SUNDAY, JUNE 16, FOLLOWING**  
**WORSHIP SERVICE**