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CONNECTING WITH GOD

From Pastor Hahn

My dear Immanuel church family,

The official beginning of summer is just around the corner. According to the secular calendar, it is the third Wednesday in June, June 21. For some people, that date is nothing to be excited about because, to them, it means that several weeks of hot and muggy days are just around the corner. To others, it means that it is time to plan enjoyable trips to the beach.

Our Immanuel church calendar, in my view, only has good news. For example, every Sunday in June is a special celebration. And there is more.

June 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

On June 4, we will observe the Festival of the Holy Trinity.

On June 8 (a Thursday), you, your neighbors, and your friends are invited to the awesome Senior Resource Event. (If you can't come, please spread the word.)

On June 11, we will hold our congregation (indoor) picnic after a combined worship service.

On June 18, we will offer a special prayer and blessing for fathers and people in father roles.

On June 25, we will recognize the graduates in our extended church family and offer a special prayer and blessing for them.

I look forward to being in worship with you on those special Sundays to celebrate those special occasions and on June 8

The secular calendar for June lists other interesting occasions for the month of June: **On June 6**, the

calendar points to the 79th anniversary of D-Day, the invasion of Normandy, and the beginning of the end of Fascism in Europe. **June 14** is Flag Day (US).

On June 18, the calendar asks us to observe Father's Day, and **on June 19** "Juneteenth," the commemoration of the end of enslavement in the United States. (Read more about this [HERE](#).)



In Philadelphia, according to [forbes.com](https://www.forbes.com), Juneteenth is a week-long celebration with the Miss Juneteenth pageant on June 10, breakfast on June 16 and a parade, pop-up shop, carnival, and music festival on June 18.

And then, on June 21, it is time for the official start of summer.

Have a blessed June!
God's Peace,
Pastor Hahn



A SPECIAL REQUEST!!!

If you have email—even if you don't use it often-- please check your email at least every Friday afternoon or Saturday morning, because every Friday around noon, we send you a short electronic newsletter with important updates and information for the coming week. This you don't want to miss!

Kirche des Jahres 2023

Die "Kirche des Jahres 2023" der Stiftung zur Bewahrung kirchlicher Baudenkmäler in Deutschland (KiBa) ist auf der Insel Rügen.

Die Dorfkirche Altenkirchen, deren Geschichte bis in die Zeit der Slawen zurückreicht, sei bei einer Online-Abstimmung unter zwölf Bewerbern ausgewählt worden. Das teilten die EKD und die KiBa-Stiftung in Hannover am Mittwoch mit.

Den zweiten Platz belegt mit der St. Jacobus-Kirche Zirchow auf der Insel Usedom ein weiteres Gotteshaus in Mecklenburg-Vorpommern.

Insgesamt wurden in der Online-Abstimmung der von der EKD gegründeten Stiftung fast 7.000 Stimmen abgegeben. Auf den um 1200 entstandenen Backsteinbau in Altenkirchen entfielen knapp 1.400, auf die Kirche in Zirchow fast 1.100 Stimmen.

Die Dorfkirche Altenkirchen im nördlichen Teil Rügens ist eines der ältesten Gotteshäuser auf der Insel. Nur kurze Zeit nach der Christianisierung Rügens sei sie - möglicherweise auf einem slawischen Begräbnishügel - errichtet worden, hieß es. In der zweiten Hälfte des 14. Jahrhunderts sei das Langhaus

zur dreischiffigen Basilika vergrößert worden. Einen Turm hat das Gebäude nicht. 1670 wurde ein freistehender Fachwerkbau als Glockenturm errichtet, der inzwischen leicht schief stehe. Auch Balkentragwerk, Dach und Treppe im Inneren der Kirche seien anierungsbedürftig. Für die Instandsetzung stellt die Stiftung KiBa 10.000 Euro zur Verfügung.



freistehende Glockenturm steht inzwischen leicht schief.

Die St. Jacobus-Kirche Zirchow ist die älteste Kirche auf Usedom. Sie wurde 1280 aus Feldsteinen



errichtet. Erste Funktion der Kirche sei der Schutz der Zirchower vor räuberischen Übergriffen gewesen, hieß es. Der quadratische Turm kam im 15. Jahrhundert hinzu. Die KiBa unterstützt die Instandsetzung des Kirchturms mit 10.000 Euro.

Seit 1999 konnte die Stiftung der EKD und der evangelischen Landeskirchen laut eigenen Angaben Zusagen für Sanierungsvorhaben in Höhe von rund 35,5 Millionen Euro geben.

Mehr bei evangelisch.de. *For an English translation, please contact Pastor Hahn.*

CONNECTING WITH OTHERS

Pentecost Sunday at Immanuel
Sunday, May 28



Graduation Sunday

As in previous years, we would like to honor, celebrate with, and pray for the members and friends of our congregation who are graduating this year. We plan to bless our graduates on **Sunday, June 25**.

Please send information about your graduate to the church office at office@ImmanuelPhilly.org or 215-464-1540.

IN CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

We extend our Christian sympathy to the family and friends of **Armin Ast** who joined The Church Triumphant on April 30. Funeral services were held on May 9. Thank you for keeping Armin's family and friends in your prayers.



Seniors' Lunch and Resource Event

Thursday, June 8
11:00 AM – 2:00PM

Immanuel is hosting an informational event for area seniors. Join us to learn from local speakers and enjoy a free lunch!

Please RSVP by June 4 by contacting Margot Purucker or Judy Friedman.

You can also register online:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904044fa9ad28a7fc1-senior>



Calling All Seniors!

A Thrivent Action Team Event

2023 SEPA Synod Assembly

For the first time in four years, leaders of SEPA Synod gathered at Synod Assembly. What an opportunity to be together, to see each other in person and to worship and carry out the work of the church.

Marion Morris and Christine Blankenhorn attended the two-day Assembly. So many inspiring speakers and great information was shared.

Bishop Davenport called forward synod staff and others - including the *entire* assembly - to recognize and thank them for their service to the synod and the church. Pastor Larry Smoose was recognized for his service including parliamentarian at Assembly.



Thank you to all the ladies who planned, prepared, and participated in the Women's Brunch on May 20. The members and friends of Immanuel shared fellowship, fun, and food!



Join us for an Indoor Church Picnic and afternoon of Fellowship!

Sunday, June 11
(Following our 10:15 Combined Worship Service)



Enjoy picnic food, music, games, and fellowship! Lunch will be buffet style and hot dogs will be provided. Please consider bringing a main dish, side dish, or dessert to share. Guests are welcome. Dress is casual.

Please let Christine Blankenhorn or Barbara Hannon know by Sunday, June 4th that you plan to attend. RSVP sheets will be available.

We hope to see you at the picnic!

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

What a great turnout we had for our **Gift Card Bingo** on Saturday, April 29!

There were 67 people who attended and supported this event. The generous donations of 214 non-perishable items were greatly appreciated and donated to the Feast of Justice Food Bank.

With the 50/50 ticket and Raffle Basket ticket proceeds, we donated \$428.00 to benefit the Lutheran Disaster Relief Fund.

Thank you for your participation and generosity!

The Evangelism Team



Support Our Local Food Banks

During the month of June, please keep up with your donations for the food bank. Bring them to worship on Sunday! Deliver them to the church campus during the week!

There is continued need for nonperishable food, personal care, and household items.

Donations made by members and friends of Immanuel will be split between Feast of Justice and Somerton Food Bank.





THANK
YOU!

Thank you to the late Al Mezger who remembered his Immanuel church family in his Last Will and Testament with a legacy gift.

This is Pastor David Wangaard from Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service. Just a quick thank you for your congregation's giving to LIRS in the past year. You're greatly appreciated and because of you, we are able to continue welcoming the stranger as God has called us to do. So, I wish you all of God's blessings.



Dear Immanuel Lutheran Church,



Thank you for your gift of \$1,230.00 to Lutheran Disaster Response.

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God (Romans 5:1-2).

As a church, we believe that God's grace is freely given to us. This brings us peace and hope. It makes a difference in our lives. Through your gifts to the ministries of the ELCA you share this amazing grace with others and help people around the world feel the transformational power of God's love.

Your Spirit-filled generosity helps families and communities reeling from disasters. No matter the variety of disaster, no matter the variety of need, your gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response enable people to rebuild their lives and livelihoods now and far into the future.

Thank you for your gracious gifts. The glory of God shines through you.



FEAST OF JUSTICE

Addressing hunger, meeting needs, and inspiring hope as we work toward abundant justice in Northeast Philadelphia and beyond.

Thank you for your support to sustain the work of Feast of Justice. Specifically, we want to acknowledge your donation of 246 lbs of dry goods on 05/09/2023. This is an incredible gift that helps us continue our mission to address hunger, meet needs, and inspire hope in our community of Northeast Philadelphia.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 9:30 AM Lower Bucks Conference	2	3
4 Holy Trinity Sunday 9:30 AM English Service 11:00 AM German Service 6:30 PM English Service <i>All services with Holy Communion</i>	5 10:00 AM Deans Meeting	6 1:30 PM Member Care Team 7:00 PM Evangelism Team	7 10:00 AM Bible Study 7:00 PM Bible Study	8 11:00 AM Senior Lunch and Resource Event	9	10
11 2nd Sunday after Pentecost 10:15 AM Combined Service Indoor Church Picnic	12	13	14 10:00 AM Bible Study 7:00 PM Bible Study	15	16	17
18 3rd Sunday after Pentecost Father's Day 9:30 AM English Service 11:00 AM German Service 6:30 PM English Service <i>All services with Holy Communion</i>	19 Juneteenth	20 Newsletter Deadline	21 10:00 AM Bible Study 7:00 PM Bible Study	22	23	24
25 4th Sunday After Pentecost Graduation Sunday 9:30 AM English Service 11:00 AM German Service	26	27 7:00 PM Finance Team	28 10:00 AM Bible Study 7:00 PM Bible Study	29 7:00 PM Congregation Council	30	