

Immanuel Newsletter

GOD'S WORK – OUR HANDS

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IMMANUEL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

*Connecting people with God and
with other people to make a difference!*

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Saturday, September 23

9:00 AM-2:00 PM

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Tuesday, September 26

12:00 Noon

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CONNECTING WITH GOD

Hello Members and Friends of Immanuel,

September is right around the corner! Fall is on its way! Change is happening, not only in our weather, but here at Immanuel, too!

Thank you for participating on Sunday, August 6th at Pastor Hahn's Farewell Luncheon (pictures on Page 2 and 3). We began the day with a 10:15 AM combined worship service, including Holy Communion, as well as a Litany of Farewell. A luncheon was provided and a short program followed. After the program, we enjoyed desserts, coffee and fellowship. It was an opportunity for us to say goodbye to Pastor and Lyn Hahn.

Our Summer Series will be completed by the end of August. We thank Jim Clements for his time and talent for this fantastic summer program.

September worship (see Page 3) will be led by members of the congregation or a guest preacher who will provide communion.

I am working with the Synod to move forward with the process of getting a bridge or an interim pastor. This process will take time as there are more openings than there are qualified pastors.

We are moving forward with awesome events in the next few months and ask for your continued support in our efforts. Volunteers are needed for various tasks. If you are interested or can offer your help, please contact the church office.

Come worship with us either in-person, online, or on the telephone. Keep Immanuel in your prayers!

Christine Blankenhorn

Pastor Hahn's Farewell Service

August 6, 2023



September Worship at Immanuel

In September, we return to our regular worship schedule. In most cases, services will be led by members of the congregation. When communion is included, a guest minister will preside.

September 3 – 14th Sunday after Pentecost

There Must Be Another Way!

10:15 AM - Combined Worship

September 10 – “God’s Work. Our Hands.” Sunday

Rediscovering Others and Ourselves in Service

10:15 AM - Combined Worship

September 17 – 16th Sunday after Pentecost

Forgiveness in the Community of Faith

9:30 AM - Worship in English

11:00 AM - Worship in German

Both services with Holy Communion

September 24 – 17th Sunday after Pentecost

Our Discomfort with Grace

9:30 AM - Worship in English

11:00 AM - Worship in German

LEAP OF FAITH

Reach up to the sky and see.
Can you touch the air you breathe?
Kind of like a mystery -
Can't see the air, but we know it's there.
That's how God made you and me.
It's by faith that we believe.

Step by step we trust where it leads.
Follow your heart; it's time to start!
Jump into the action. Let's run the race.
Believe and take a leap of faith.
Strong and courageous whatever we face.
Believe and take a leap of faith.

Feel a bit lost and unsure?
Directions are found in God's word.
The power of faith is superb.
Trust God and see where it can lead!
Jump into the action. Let's run the race.
Believe and take a leap of faith.
Strong and courageous whatever we face.
Believe and take a leap of faith.

Shared by Jim Clements during the August 20 service on Faith and Trust.

*"Leap of Faith" Music video from Cokesbury VBS 2017, Hero Central!
You can find this video on YouTube*



Pastor Hahn's Farewell Luncheon

August 6, 2023



CONNECTING WITH OTHERS



MULTI-FAMILY CHURCH YARD SALE

INDOOR -- RAIN OR SHINE

Saturday, September 23
9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

All types of merchandise and treasures for sale! Something for everyone! Plenty of free parking in the church parking lot. We encourage shoppers to bring a non-perishable food donation for the local food bank.

Enjoy a free cup of coffee while you browse for bargains! Enter our free door prize drawing for a chance to win a Gift Card. Snacks and drinks will be available for purchase.

Interested in being a Seller?

Please leave your name and phone number at immanuelphilly2023@gmail.com for info. Or call 215-464-1540 and leave a message for Chris with your name and phone number.

A \$10 Seller donation will be given to a worthy cause. We will provide you with a table and two chairs.

We are meeting for lunch!

When: Tuesday September 26th at noon

Where: Café Michelangelo

11901 Bustleton Avenue

Check out the menu on their website – cafemichelangelo.com

Social Event, all are welcome!

This is a “BYOL” (buy your own lunch!)

If you would like to join us, **please respond by Saturday 9/23** so we can make a reservation. We can meet at the church and carpool if that’s more convenient.



Contact –
Judy Friedman
Margot Purucker



Contact—
Marion Morris

Halloween is just around the corner!! Many individuals were disappointed when we canceled our Trunk or Treat event last year. We are prayerfully asking for volunteers to decorate their cars this year so we can again have our Trunk or Treat event.

We need a minimum of 15 cars. You are free to choose your theme -- many ideas can be found on the internet. The candy and treats will be provided to you.

We need to know by September 15, 2023 who will participate. We expect to have Trunk or Treat on Saturday, October 28, 2023 from 3:30 PM to 5:00 PM.

It's never too late to learn a new language, or to continue learning a new language! The **Immanuel German School**, the school founded 49 years ago by Pastor Hans Haug and his wife Marianne resumes classes on Saturday, September 9.

For further information, please visit the website www.igsphilly.org

IMMANUEL GERMAN SCHOOL
Deutsche Sprachschule Philadelphia

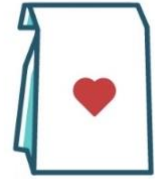
Sprechen Sie Deutsch?

German classes for ages 4-99+ / Pre-K—Adult

Saturdays 9:30AM-Noon: September-May

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

“God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday



“God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday is an opportunity for us to celebrate who we are as Lutherans-- one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor.

Following our combined service on September 10, we will be assembling “Breakfast Buddies” bags. This service event is to assist the Caring for Friends organization in supplying food to their home delivery program.

We are asking for volunteers who will fill the bags with food items and enclose a cheerful note to help someone get through the day. All materials will be supplied by Immanuel.

Thank you to everyone who donated in August to Seafarers’ Christmas-At-Sea. It’s not too late to donate, but it is last call!

In addition to your monetary contributions, we also received a \$250 grant from Thrivent. The grant will be used to purchase a variety of items from the Seafarers’ Amazon Wishlist.



**Saturday, September 30, 2023
9:30 AM – 1:00 PM**

Everyone welcome – if you would like to learn to knit, or crochet, or maybe have a problem with your craft, please do not hesitate to join us. Also, help is needed to sew on Linus labels or help tie fleece blankets. For information contact Barbara Hannon or Alma Dallas.



Could you ask your family and friends if they are interested in supporting Immanuel by purchasing a Savings Pass? Their \$5.00 donation would be appreciated. **Please contact Chris Blankenhorn if you are interested in helping.** Thank you!

**July
Total:**

303



Thank you to all the members and friends who donated cereal in July to help us surpass our goal of 250 boxes. Over five Sundays, you donated 303 boxes of cereal!

Your generous giving enabled us to spread our donations to three area food banks.

We greatly appreciate the volunteers who helped carry, bag, count, load up, and deliver the boxes of cereal. (Super Volunteers pictured on the left.) Thanks to all!

Dear Members of Immanuel Lutheran Church,

We are so very grateful for the delivery we got today from you, delivered by your Council President, Christine Blankenhorn.

Your generosity in donating all those boxes of cereal to our St. Stephens Food Bank, will help feed many families. As the need has grown with the times, we have seen a huge increase of people in need.

Thank you All so very much for your Loving Christian Spirit.

Dear Immanuel Lutheran Church,

We ran out of cereal at the food bank a few weeks ago. God answered our prayers through the generous cereal donation given to us by your church.

Thank you for your continued support of Somerton Interfaith Food Bank. Blessings to you all,

*Doreen Conway,
Volunteer & Treasurer*

SEPTEMBER 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 14th Sunday after Pentecost 10:15 AM Combined Service	4 Labor Day	5 1:30 PM Member Care Team 7:00 PM Evangelism Team	6	7	8	9 9:30 AM Immanuel German School @LMHS
10 15th Sunday after Pentecost <i>"God's Work. Our Hands."</i> 10:15 AM Combined Service	11	12	13	14	15	16 9:30 AM Immanuel German School @LMHS
17 16th Sunday after Pentecost 9:30 AM English Service 11:00 AM German Service <i>Both services with Holy Communion</i>	18	19	20 Newsletter Deadline 7:00 PM Congregation Council	21	22	23 9:00 AM Yard Sale 9:30 AM Immanuel German School @LMHS
24 17th Sunday after Pentecost 9:30 AM English Service 11:00 AM German Service	25	26 12:00 Noon Lunch Social 7:00 PM Finance Team	27	28	29	30 9:30 AM Project Linus 9:30 AM Immanuel German School @LMHS