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Immanuel Newsletter GOD'S WORK – OUR HANDS

Our mission is to connect people, especially adults, with God and with other people in order to achieve the highest possible level of the abundant life Jesus came to offer.



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If you're unable to join us in-person for worship, you can participate using Zoom. Use the link or phone number below to join us!

Zoom link to join from your computer:

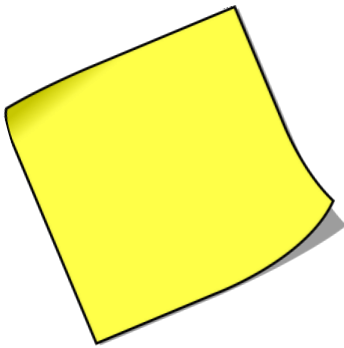
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88901607206>

To listen in by phone, dial the phone number below and you will be asked to enter a meeting ID. Enter the code below and make sure you enter the # at the end of the meeting ID

Phone number to call-in: 1-646-558-8656

Meeting ID for call-in: 889 0160 7206 #

Notes from Pastor Brown...



Well, now that I've been at Immanuel for 2 months, I have gotten into the groove of most of everything we do. I love all the community events, and I have enjoyed every event I've been at. I am getting to know some of you (please wear your name tags!) and am working on getting to know more names.

The Congregation Council recently looked at our committee structure and revised it into ministry teams. In this newsletter, and over the next couple of months, we will be explaining what the teams do, and certainly inviting new members if you would like to join one. There will be Temple Talks in worship on Sundays, highlighting one of those ministry teams each week. I encourage you to become involved in one of the teams, even if you never have been before!

A few other notes:

- If you see a visitor on Sunday, please welcome them and ask them to sign our guest book, outside of the sanctuary entrance. If they are having trouble following our worship service, please lend some assistance!
- If you visit someone in the congregation on a regular basis, please let me know, and especially if you notice a difference in someone's health when you are speaking with them or visiting with them, also.
- A reminder that if you or someone in your family is injured and/or hospitalized, please let me know. I don't promise I will visit if someone is in the hospital, but at least I will make a phone call and pray for you.
- I try to be in the office on Tuesdays and Thursdays, usually around 11:00 to 4:00 or so. Feel free to stop by if you are in the building, just to say hello! If you really need to see me or talk to me, call first to make sure I'm actually there.
- The Council and I are in the midst of forming our Transition Team. More updates on this process soon.

Blessings on the journey,
Pastor Brown



Spotlight on... Immanuel's Ministry Teams

In October 2023, Council presented to the congregation our Mission, Vision, and Goals for 2024-2027. Driven by our mission and striving to achieve our vision, ministry teams have been created, adapted, or expanded to meet our goals.

Below is a list of Immanuel's ministry teams, including the team leader and a brief description. Consider how your time and talents may assist in making our goals a reality here at Immanuel! If you are interested in joining one of our ministry teams, please reach out to the Team Leader.

Education Ministry Team

Dave Brabazon

Provide learning through educational forums, book clubs, classes, and discussion groups, interesting educational films, educational forums, and other learning opportunities.



Service to Others Ministry Team

(formerly Social Ministry Team)

Sally Sears

Providing an opportunity to use the gifts God has given each of us in ministry to serve others.

Socialization Ministry Team

(formerly Evangelism Team)

Marion Morris

Providing opportunities to grow in relationship with one another while having fun and doing something new!



Supportive Services to Home Bound and Facility-Bound Ministry Team

(formerly Member Care Team)

Judi Hannigan

For those whose health no longer permits them to gather at church, bring church connections, including communion, to them! Serve seniors by helping them remain in their homes longer by doing for them what they used to do for themselves.

Wellness Ministry Team**Barbara Hannon**

Promote light exercise (Seniorcise), walking groups, and relationships with local mental health agencies.

**Spiritual Ministry Team****Jim Clements**

Develop bible studies, prayer groups, retreats, worship services for seniors, and special workshop opportunities.

One of the stories Pastor Brown read on Holy Humor Sunday:

A Minneapolis couple decided to go to Florida to thaw out during a particularly icy winter. They planned to stay at the same hotel where they had spent their honeymoon some 20 years earlier.

Because of hectic schedules, it was difficult to coordinate their travel schedules. So, the husband left Minnesota and flew to Florida on Thursday, with his wife flying down the following day.

The husband checked into the hotel. He had some time and decided to send an email to his wife. He accidentally, however, left out one letter in her email address, and without realizing his error, sent the email. Meanwhile, somewhere in Houston, a widow had just returned home from her husband's funeral. He was a minister who was called home to Glory following a fatal heart attack. The widow decided to check her email, expecting sympathy messages from relatives and friends. Reading the first message, she screamed and fainted. The widow's son rushed into the room, found his mother on the floor, and saw the computer screen which read:

To: My Loving Wife

Subject: I've Arrived

I know you're surprised to hear from me, but the Wi-Fi here is surprisingly strong so I'm able to send you an email. I've just arrived and have been checked in. I see that everything has been prepared for your arrival tomorrow. Looking forward to seeing you then! Hope your journey is as uneventful as mine was.

P.S. Sure is awfully hot down here!

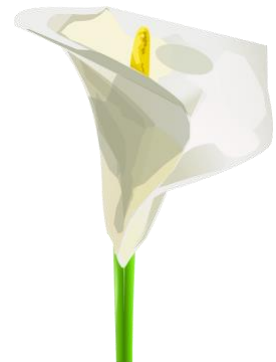


**Around the
Immanuel Campus...**



IN CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

We extend our Christian Sympathy to the family and friends of **Andre Horst Vollrath**, who joined The Church Triumphant on Sunday, April 14, 2024. Please keep Andre's family and friends, especially his mother, Hannelore Vollrath, in your prayers.



Friday
May 31
6:40 PM



St. Louis
Cardinals

Join other fans at Citizens Bank Park on Friday, May 31 when the Phillies host the St. Louis Cardinals at 6:40 PM for **Lutheran Night**.

A \$4 per ticket Fundraising Rebate Fee will be applied to your order and those proceeds will benefit SEPA Synod Youth Programs.

To order your tickets, visit <https://www.mlb.com/phillies/tickets/specials/lutheran> and use the password LUTHERAN.



THANK YOU

Socialization Ministry would like to thank all those who attended our Spaghetti Dinner and Movie Night on Saturday, April 13th.

We had 32 participants who enjoyed a spaghetti and meatball dinner, salad and Italian bread, along with coffee and tea and brownie dessert. After dinner and dessert, the Sherlock Holmes movie, "The Hound of the Baskervilles" was shown.

All those who attended enjoyed the meal and the movie! We hope to offer another movie night in the future.



Danubia Beer Festival

The event will be held at the club the afternoon of Saturday, May 4. This year, the theme will be Cuatro de Mayo. Cost will be \$30 in advance and \$35 at the door.

Tickets can be purchased at the club, by contacting a board member, by calling Gerlinde at 215-673-4423, or via [PayPal](#)

Saturday, May 4, 2024
1:00 PM to 5:00 PM

Over 20 beers will be available for tasting, including German, Mexican, and local craft beers. Entertainment will be provided by the Everything Hurts band.

Danube Swabian Association
1277 Southampton Road
Philadelphia, PA 19116

Please visit the [Danubia Beer Festival](#) page or send an e-mail to info@danubeswabian.com for more information.



Confirmation Anniversary

Sunday, May 19, 2024

On Pentecost Sunday, May 19, we will honor everyone celebrating their confirmation anniversary. Special recognition will be given to those celebrating their 10th, 25th, 50th, and 65th or older anniversary. Please join us at our 10:15 worship service for this festive Pentecost event.

Food Bank Volunteers



The Somerton Food Bank could use your help! Please consider volunteering your time with our local food bank. Help them accomplish their mission of feeding the working poor and hungry of the Northeast Philadelphia region.

Hours are Monday and Wednesday from 9:30 AM – 12:00 Noon. Their phone number is 215-673-1117.



From Somerton Food Bank:

Thank you so much for your continued support.

Your donations help ease the growing demand for food for those who are facing food insecurity in our neighborhood.

Have you seen how beautiful our flower garden looks when you enter the front doors?

We would like to thank Christel and Matt Birgel for their gardening skills.



Did you know Immanuel Lutheran Church is a member of The Restaurant Store?

If you would like to shop at any of their locations, please feel free to contact the office and we would be happy to lend you our membership card!



June 9—Immanuel Church Picnic

**June 11—Vaccination Clinic
sponsored by The Giant
(Food Store) Company**

June 15—Yard Sale

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 7:00 PM Girl Scouts	2 10:30 AM Bible Study (Parlor) 7:00 PM Bible Study (Zoom)	3 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: auto;">Synod Assembly</div>	4 9:30 AM Immanuel German School
5 Sixth Sunday of Easter 10:15 AM Worship Service With Holy Communion	6	7 1:30 PM Supportive Service Ministry 7:00 PM Socialization Ministry	8 7:00 PM Girl Scouts	9 10:30 AM Bible Study (Parlor) 7:00 PM Bible Study (Zoom)	10	11
12 Seventh Sunday of Easter Mother's Day 10:15 AM Worship Service	13	14	15 7:00 PM Congregation Council (Zoom) 7:00 PM Girl Scouts	16 10:30 AM Bible Study (Parlor) 7:00 PM Bible Study (Zoom)	17	18
19 Day of Pentecost Confirmation Reunion 10:15 AM Festival Service With Holy Communion <i style="color: red;">Wear Red</i>	20	21 Newsletter Deadline	22 7:00 PM Girl Scouts	23 10:30 AM Bible Study (Parlor) 7:00 PM Bible Study (Zoom)	24	25
26 The Holy Trinity 10:15 AM Worship Service With Holy Communion	27 Memorial Day	28 7:00 PM Finance Ministry Team	29 7:00 PM Girl Scouts	30 10:30 AM Bible Study (Parlor) 7:00 PM Bible Study (Zoom)	31 6:40 PM Lutheran Night @ the Phillies	