

# APRIL 2021

IMMANUEL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

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*Pastor Hahn and the staff of the Immanuel Church Family (Diane Burgess, secretary; Mary Borneo and Anthony Borneo, sextons) wish you a blessed Easter Sunday and a joyous Easter season.*

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#### Holy Week Worship

##### Maundy Thursday

3:00 PM German (remote)

5 PM **Outdoor** ENGLISH Communion\*

7:15 PM English (remote)

##### Good Friday

3:00 PM German (remote)

5:00 PM **Outdoor** GERMAN Communion\*

7:15 PM English (remote)

#### Easter Worship

##### Easter Saturday

5:00 PM **Outdoor** English Communion/Baptism\*

7:15 PM Easter Vigil (remote)

##### Easter Sunday

**9:19** AM English (remote)

10:15 AM **Outdoor** BI-LINGUAL Communion\*

**11:11** AM German (remote)

6:30 PM English Contemporary (remote)

\*= **weather permitting**

Notice:  
New  
start  
times!

# IMMANUEL NEWSLETTER

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## CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS, MEETING TIMES, LEADERS

(All meetings held thru ZOOM)

Bible Study	Wednesdays	10:00 AM	Pastor Hahn
Choir	<i>On hiatus</i>		
Congregation Council	3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday	7:00 PM	Barbara Hannon
Christian Events Team	1 <sup>ST</sup> Tuesday	7:00 PM	Eileen Szentjobi
Finance Team	4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday	7:00 PM	David W. Cook
Frauenverein	<i>On hiatus</i>	12:00 Noon	Marianne Haug
German Circle/Deutscher Kreis	<i>On hiatus</i>	7:00 PM	Ruth Muggler
Girl Scouts	Wednesdays	7:00 PM	Nancy Smith
Hand Bell Choir	<i>On hiatus</i>		
Immanuel German School	Saturdays	9:30 AM	Dr. Del Hausman
Ladies' Guild	<i>On hiatus</i>		Barbara Hannon
Member Care Team	1 <sup>ST</sup> Friday	10:00 AM	Judy Friedman
Mutual Ministry Team	TBA		John Scholtz
Social Ministry Team	TBA		
Sunday School	<i>On hiatus</i>	9:30 AM	Eileen Szentjobi
Worship Planning Team	TBA	4:00 PM	Marianne Haug
Youth Group	<i>On hiatus</i>		Chris Blankenhorn and Eileen Szentjobi

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Send information or questions to [IELC.newsletter@comcast.net](mailto:IELC.newsletter@comcast.net).

**Immanuel Church** needs your help in ensuring its future ministry. Please include the church in your will. You may want to at least tithe (give 10%) of your estate to the Lord. Remember to include the church's name and address along with the amount of your bequest. Should you wish, Pastor Hahn will provide you with the name of a caring and capable lawyer who can assist you.

# CONNECTING WITH GOD

## FROM Pastor Hahn

My dear church family,

How would you answer this question: *What has God done for you lately?*

I imagine that you might mention a variety of blessings large and small, special people, positive experiences, holy moments, perhaps the courage to deal with challenges.

If you are pondering this question with an eye toward Holy Week, and especially Good Friday, then, I surmise, you might answer with a paraphrase of the words from the third chapter of the Gospel of John: "God loved me so much that he gave his only Son so that I as one who believes in him may not perish." (John 3:16)

How would you answer this question: *What will God do for you in the future?*

If you are like most people, you might say that you have a few hopes and wishes tucked away in your heart. Perhaps they are related to your well-being, to key relationships, to some need or desire that you hope to fulfill. And you hope for God's help.

Or being aware that Easter Sunday, the celebration of Christ's resurrection from the dead, is just around the corner, you might say something like "God will give me eternal life." (This, too, is from John 3:16.) You say this because you know what the resurrection of Jesus means to those who follow him in faith and deed.

One last question. How would you answer this one: *What will you do for God in the future?*

This is a bit tricky, because doing something for God means doing something good for His world, for His church, and for His people. And the future is a long time. So, let's be specific: What will you do for God in 2021? Will it be same as last year or will you grow a bit?

I wish you a meaningful Holy Week, a joyous Easter Sunday, and a blessed Easter season.

*Pastor Hahn*



### Outdoor In-Person Worship with Holy Communion\*

At **5:00 PM** on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday.

At **10:15 AM** on Easter Sunday.

PLEASE, reserve your spot by calling the office.

PLEASE, bring a chair (or sit in your car).

PLEASE, wear a mask over mouth and nose.

PLEASE, observe physical distancing.

*\*weather permitting*

### Celebrate Easter! Worship the Risen Lord!

Easter Saturday (April 3)  
Easter Vigil: 7:15 PM (remote)

#### Easter Sunday

**9:19 AM**—English-language worship (remote)  
**10:15 AM**—**Outdoor** with bi-lingual Communion  
**11:11 AM**—German-language worship (remote)  
**6:30 PM**—Contemporary worship (remote)

## Der Sonntag in Deutschland

**Anlässlich des Jubiläums "1.700 Jahre freier Sonntag"** haben die christlichen Kirchen an den bleibenden Wert eines arbeitsfreien Sonntags erinnert.

**Dieser Tag**, der den Alltag unterbreche, gebe dem Leben Rhythmus, schaffe individuelle Freiräume, verbinde Menschen und fördere das Gemeinwohl, erklärten der Ratsvorsitzende der evangelischen Kirche, Bischof Heinrich Bedford-Strohm, der Vorsitzende der katholischen Deutschen

Bischofskonferenz, Georg Bätzing, und der Vorsitzende der Arbeitsgemeinschaft Christlicher Kirchen in Deutschland (ACK), Erzpriester Radu Constantin Miron, am Sonntag in Bonn und Hannover.

**"Im Bewusstsein vieler Menschen** ist der Sonntag daher als wichtiges und schützenswertes 'Kulturgut' tief verankert", betonten die Kirchenvertreter. Am 3. März 321 hatte der römische Kaiser Konstantin den Sonntag zum reichsweiten Feiertag erhoben.

**"Wie sehr Menschen** eine 'Struktur der Zeit' brauchen, haben uns die Erfahrungen der Corona- Pandemie einmal mehr ins Bewusstsein gerufen", erklärten Bätzing, Bedford-Strohm und Miron: So hätten die sonntäglichen Besuche bei der Verwandtschaft oder Angehörigen im Pflegeheim nicht stattfinden und Fußballmannschaft nicht mehr spielen können, "Gottesdienstbesuche waren gar nicht oder nur unter strengen Auflagen möglich." In der Pandemie habe sich fast jeder von Gewohntem und Geschätztem verabschieden müssen.



**Zugleich verschwinde** mehr und mehr der wichtige Rhythmus zwischen Arbeits- und Freizeiten durch Homeoffice, mobiles Arbeiten oder asynchrone Arbeitszeiten, so die kirchlichen Spitzenvertreter.

**Die digitale Transformation** werde nicht nur das Arbeiten, sondern auch den Sonntag verändern sowie das Miteinander und "womöglich uns selbst". "Denn: Die Seele braucht die Unterbrechung des Alltags", betonten die Bischöfe und der orthodoxe Erzpriester. "Und der Sonntag ist so ein Tag zum Abschalten, im wörtlichen wie übertragenen Sinne."

**Das Jubiläums lasse innehalten**, um den Wert des arbeitsfreien Sonntags zu würdigen, der im deutschen Grundgesetz-Artikel 140 als Tag "der Arbeitsruhe und der seelischen Erhebung" gesetzlich geschützt sei.



**Die Kirchen verweisen** auch auf die herausragende religiöse Bedeutung des Sonntags als Tag der Auferstehung Jesu Christi. Der sonntägliche Gottesdienst stehe im Mittelpunkt des Lebens der Kirche. Auch Islam und Judentum feierten wöchentlich wiederkehrende Tage der Ruhe und Besinnung.

**Die Kirchen appellieren** zudem an die Bürger, durch eigenen verantwortlichen Umgang mit der Zeit zur Erhaltung des arbeitsfreien Sonntag beizutragen. "Durch unser eigenes Tun und Lassen entscheiden wir Menschen darüber, welchen Wert und welche Qualität der Sonntag für hat", heißt es dazu in der gemeinsamen Mitteilung.

*Mehr bei EKD.de. Ask Pastor Hahn for an English version.*

# CONNECTING WITH OTHERS



## Don't Miss "The Story of Easter"

A Drive-Thru Experience

Saturday, April 3, 2-4 PM

(Rain Date: April 10)

Come and celebrate the Easter season with a special drive-thru experience called "The Story of Easter," scheduled for Saturday, April 3, 2021, 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. on the Immanuel church campus. (Please note the rain date.)

- **Enjoy and be inspired** by stations telling the story of Holy Week from Palm Sunday through the Resurrection!
- **Have fun** with games for all ages! Try a game or watch and cheer on others!
- **Greet** the Easter Bunny who will visit and provide treats!
- **Bring** non-perishable food items or cash and help make Immanuel's Easter Food Drive a success!

Please, **reserve your time slot** via [ImmanuelPhilly.org](http://ImmanuelPhilly.org) or [HillHappenings.org](http://HillHappenings.org) or by calling the church office.

## Annual Report

If you would like a copy of the Annual Report emailed to you, send an email to [office@immanuelphilly.org](mailto:office@immanuelphilly.org).

If you do not have email and need to have a copy of the report snail-mailed to you, please call the office at 215-464-1540.

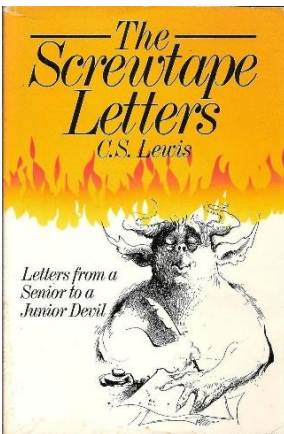
Please note, financial reports are only provisional until an audit can be done once it is safe to do so.



**Living Lutheran** is the primary publication of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). Originally titled The Lutheran with antecedents going back to the 1831, the magazine changed its name in 2016. The current 52-page monthly magazine carries news of the ELCA, its institutions, synods, congregations, and members; news of global Lutheran churches; news of other U.S. denominations and faith groups; and inspirational stories and columns. Living Lutheran is published 12 times a year. It is the largest Lutheran publication in the world and the largest denominational periodical in North America. It is distributed in more than 50 countries.

An anonymous donation was made to cover the cost of existing Immanuel subscriptions for 2021. If you would like to receive a copy, please contact Barbara Hannon at (215) 637-8478. **This is a great read!**

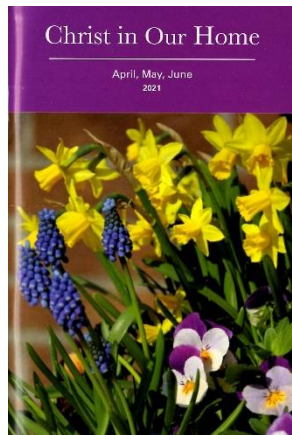
### Faith Development Opportunities:



**How does the devil work?  
How are people tempted  
and pulled away from God?**

Thursdays at 1:00 PM

Contact the church office if you would like to participate.



**“Christ in Our Home”  
Discussing Daily Devotions**

Fridays at 2:00 PM  
April 23 & 30

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81618811335>

Tel.: 1 646 558 8656  
Meeting ID: 816 1881 1335

### Congregation Meeting Summary

On Sunday, March 7, the Immanuel church family held its first congregation meeting via Zoom. **Congregation President, Barbara Hannon**, shared some thoughts and expressed gratitude to several people. **Pastor Hahn** gave his annual report, highlighting various congregational strengths and achievements such as an increase in worship participation, a growth in envelope-based giving, and ministries to assist people in need.

**The congregation** unanimously **approved** a recommendation to permit the congregation council to operate with ten council members to make quorums easier to achieve.

The congregation unanimously **elected** Chris Blankenhorn to a second term on the congregation council and Dave Mitchell to his first term.

The congregation unanimously **approved** the proposed 2021 Ministry Spending Plan which had been presented on the previous Sunday. (The 2021 MSP is about 3% lower than the 2020 MSP.)



## MAKING A DIFFERENCE



### BIG Easter Food Drive

**We'll be glad to do the shopping for you. Just let the office know how much we should buy on your behalf. You can pay later!**

### Share the Joy of Easter!

Share the joy of Easter by helping with Immanuel's BIG Easter Food Drive.

You can help in several ways:

**Bring** non-perishable groceries to any of the outdoor services during Holy Week, Easter, and beyond.

**Drop off** your non-perishable donations at the Immanuel church campus every Thursday between 10 AM and noon.

**Send** a financial gift by mail to the church office or give online through our website, [ImmanuelPhilly.org](http://ImmanuelPhilly.org). Make your checks out to Immanuel Lutheran Church, memo: "Food Drive."

### What is 40 x 2 x 50?

**There are** several answers, depending on your perspective: \$4,000, life over death, a miracle, or a good start.

**If only 50** (that is about half) of the households of the Immanuel Church Family, as part of their spiritual journey during Lent, set aside \$2 per day to fight hunger and poverty, all four answers would be true.

**Please bring** your Lenten anti-hunger gift with you to any of the outdoor services, mail a check, or give online. Thank you in advance!



# APRIL 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>PLEASE NOTE:</b>  <b>Most Worship Services and Meetings are remote—EXCEPTIONS are in red--</b>  <b>and will be held/broadcast LIVE through ZOOM.</b>  <b>(Online and telephone)</b></p> <p>Check your email or the announcements in your worship folder for instructions.</p>				<p><b>1</b>  <b>Maundy Thursday</b>            3:00 PM German Service    <b>5 PM Outdoor* ENGLISH Holy Communion</b>            7:15 PM English Service</p>	<p><b>2</b>  <b>Good Friday</b>            3:00 PM German Service    <b>5 PM Outdoor* GERMAN Holy Communion</b>            7:15 PM English Service</p>	<p><b>3</b>            9:30 AM ILC German School              2 PM Easter Drive-Thru    <b>5 PM Outdoor* Baptism &amp; Communion</b>            7:15 PM Easter Vigil</p>
<p><b>4</b>  <b>EASTER SUNDAY</b>            9:19 AM English Service  <b>10:15 AM Outdoor BI-LINGUAL Communion Service*</b>            11:11 AM German Service            6:30 PM Contemporary Service</p>	<p><b>5</b></p>	<p><b>6</b>            7:00 PM Christian Events Team</p>	<p><b>7</b></p>	<p><b>8</b>            10-12 Food Drop-Off @ ILC            1:00 PM The Screwtape Letters</p>	<p><b>9</b></p>	<p><b>10</b>            9:30 AM Immanuel German School (Remote)    <i>Rain date:</i>            2 PM Easter Drive-Thru</p>
Pastor out of the office						
<p><b>11</b>  <b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Easter</b>            9:19 AM English Service            11:11 AM German Service            6:30 PM Contemporary Service</p>	<p><b>12</b></p>	<p><b>13</b>            1:30 PM Member Care Team</p>	<p><b>14</b></p>	<p><b>15</b>            10-12 Food Drop-Off @ ILC            1:00 PM The Screwtape Letters</p>	<p><b>16</b></p>	<p><b>17</b>            9:30 AM Immanuel German School (Remote)</p>
Pastor out of the office						
<p>18  <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter</b>            9:19 AM English Service            11:11 AM German Service            6:30 PM Contemporary Service    <b>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</b></p>	<p><b>19</b></p>	<p><b>20</b></p>	<p><b>21</b>  <b>Secretary's Day</b></p>	<p><b>22</b> <i>Earth Day</i>            1:00 PM The Screwtape Letters</p>	<p><b>23</b>            2:00 PM Christ in Our Home</p>	<p><b>24</b>            9:30 AM Immanuel German School (Remote)</p>
<p><b>25</b> <i>Earth Day Sunday</i>  <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter</b>            9:19 AM English Service            11:11 AM German Service            6:30 PM Contemporary Service            7:15 PM What Lutherans Really Believe</p>	<p><b>26</b>            7:00 PM Congregation Council (remote)</p>	<p><b>27</b>            7:00 PM Finance Tm. Meeting (remote)</p>	<p><b>28</b></p>	<p><b>29</b>            1:00 PM The Screwtape Letters</p>	<p><b>30</b>            2:00 PM Christ in Our Home</p>	

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