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Immanuel Newsletter

GOD'S WORK – OUR HANDS

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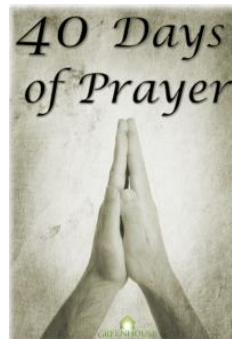
Fat Tuesday Celebration **Tuesday, February 16, 7 PM**

(ZOOM - Online and Phone)

ASH WEDNESDAY **February 17**

12:00 Noon Service
(ZOOM - Online and Phone)

7:00 PM Evening Service
(ZOOM - Online and Phone)



Please use the special prayer calendar included with this newsletter. More on page 5.

IMMANUEL NEWSLETTER

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CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS, MEETING TIMES, LEADERS

(All meetings held thru ZOOM)

Bible Study	Wednesdays	10:00 AM, 7:00 PM	Pastor Hahn
Choir	As needed		
Congregation Council	3 rd Monday	7:00 PM	Barbara Hannon
Christian Events Team	1 ST Tuesday	7:00 PM	Eileen Szentjobi
Finance Team	4 th Tuesday	7:00 PM	David W. Cook
Frauenverein	3 rd Wednesday	12:00 Noon	Marianne Haug
German Circle/Deutscher Kreis	1 st Sunday	7:00 PM	Ruth Muggler
Girl Scouts	Wednesdays	7:00 PM	Nancy Smith
Hand Bell Choir	As needed		
Immanuel German School	Saturdays	9:30 AM	Dr. Del Hausman
Ladies' Guild	TBA		Barbara Hannon
Member Care Team	1 ST Friday	10:00 AM	Judy Friedman
Mutual Ministry Team	TBA		John Scholtz
Social Ministry Team	TBA		
Sunday School	Sundays	9:30 AM	Eileen Szentjobi
Worship Planning Team	2nd Tuesday	4:00 PM	Marianne Haug
Youth Group	TBA		Chris Blankenhorn and Eileen Szentjobi

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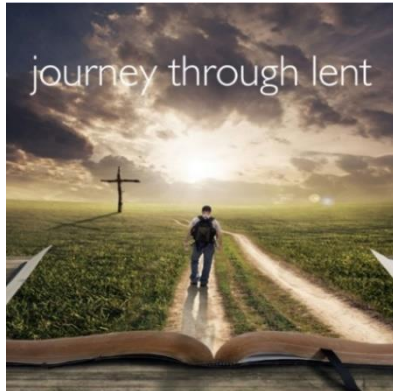
Immanuel Church needs your help in ensuring its future ministry. Please include the church in your will. You may want to at least tithe (give 10%) of your estate to the Lord. Remember to include the church's name and address along with the amount of your bequest. Should you wish, Pastor Hahn will provide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

CONNECTING WITH GOD

FROM Pastor Hahn

Recently, I had an experience that put me, perhaps a bit prematurely, into the spirit of the Lenten season.

I, finally, got around to unpacking some moving boxes that had seen several moves over the decades. These were marked “old stuff” and “band stuff.” In them I found items from when I played in one of those “hard rock and big hair bands.”



The items included sound-effect pedals for my guitar and parts of the stage costume our band had chosen. (You had to be flashy back then to stand out.) Amazingly, almost 40 years later, the effects still worked, and the costume still fit. (Sort of.) I thought back to when our band wore the costumes giving concerts during Mardi Gras and on Fat Tuesday back in the '80s. Some very nostalgic feelings about the old music days came up as I handled the old stuff.

This trip down memory lane got me thinking: Who are we as people? Does it matter what we wear? Do clothes really make the man or the woman? What parts of our being change and what parts remain unchanged? Is nostalgia a good thing or not so much? How does the core of our personality relate to the different roles we play in our lives? How does God see us? How does the Devil see us?

Unless I am mistaken, these are questions that are often raised during the season of Lent. Beginning on Ash Wednesday (this year, February 17) until Easter, many Christians across the world are on a journey of discovery about their true and complete identity. Part of that journey of discovery is also a

discernment of their struggle as both saints and sinners. It is an honest assessment of how awesome they can be in serving God and how often and how much they fall short of their God-created nature.

The journey begins on Ash Wednesday when we hear the words, “Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return.”

It continues throughout the 40 Days of Lent (not counting Sundays) when we learn about temptations, the misuse of religion, doubt, betrayal, the systemic infliction of pain on people, and spiritual struggles. It is not an easy journey, but it is well worth taking. The spiritual rewards are immense.

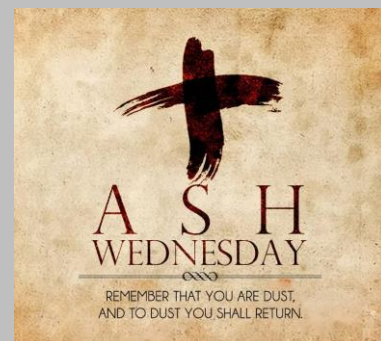
I look forward to our Lenten journey. *PH*

Worship during Lent 2021

Ash Wednesday, Feb. 17

Ash Wednesday Worship

12 noon and 7:00 PM



Wednesdays in Lent

Lenten Meditations

12 noon and 7:00 PM

7 Wochen Ohne?

7 Wochen Ohne ist eine bundesweite Aktion der Evangelischen Kirche in Deutschland, die jedes Jahr in der Passionszeit stattfindet. Sie beginnt stets am Aschermittwoch und endet immer am Ostersonntag. Diese Aktion gilt in Deutschland mit jährlich mehr als zwei Millionen Teilnehmern als bekannteste kirchliche Aktion nach Brot für die Welt.

1983 beschloss in Hamburg eine Gruppe von Journalisten und Theologen, sieben Wochen lang – von Aschermittwoch bis Ostern – zu fasten. Auf einen Aufruf in einer Kirchenzeitung der Nordelbischen Evangelisch-Lutherischen Kirche meldeten sich 70 Teilnehmer.

Ein Jahr später nahmen 300 Menschen teil. Die Idee breitete sich rasch aus, so dass die Koordination 1992 von der Nordelbischen Evangelisch-Lutherischen Kirche an das bundesweit tätige Gemeinschaftswerk der Evangelischen Publizistik in Frankfurt am Main übertragen wurde. 1989 beteiligten sich bereits rund 500.000 Menschen an der kirchlichen Fastenaktion.

Mittlerweile nehmen laut einer Emnid-Umfrage jährlich mehr als 3 Millionen Menschen in Deutschland an der Fastenaktion „7 Wochen Ohne“ teil, wobei die Gesamtzahl der Bundesbürger, die während der Fastenzeit auf bestimmte Nahrungs- und Genussmittel verzichten wollen, gemäß einer

Als **Fastenzeit** wird in der Westkirche der vierzigstägige Zeitraum des Fastens und Betens zur Vorbereitung auf das Hochfest Ostern bezeichnet. In den reformatorischen Kirchen ist hierfür der Begriff „Passionszeit“ gebräuchlich.

Forsa-Umfrage von 2007 für das Magazin Stern bei rund 11,5 Millionen Menschen liegt.



Das Gemeinschaftswerk der Evangelischen Publizistik organisiert, betreut und unterstützt die Fastenaktion, zum Beispiel durch Medieninformationen, Fastenkalender, Fastenbegleitbriefe und weitere Materialien sowie durch einen eigenen Internetauftritt.

Seit 1983 haben sich in Kirchengemeinden, Schulen und Vereinen Tausende von Fastengruppen gebildet, die sich mit lokalen Angeboten an der Aktion beteiligen. Über die jährliche Fastenaktion wird regelmäßig in den Medien berichtet, wie zum Beispiel in Hörfunk-, Fernseh- und Zeitungsbeiträgen.

Nachdem von den Reformatoren das Fasten ganz oder doch zumindest als gutes Werk (vgl. Rechtfertigung) abgelehnt wurde, war der Brauch in den protestantischen Kirchen über die Jahrhunderte in Vergessenheit geraten. Die Aktion hat die ursprünglich gemeinchristliche Tradition im deutschen Protestantismus wieder populär gemacht. (Quelle: Wikipedia.org)

7 WOCHEN
OHNE

Machen Sie Mit!
Donnerstags
19:30 – 20 Uhr

Die Login Informationen
werden noch bekannt
gegeben.

Diese Veranstaltung halten wir in Kooperation
mit der Deutschen Kirchengemeinde in
Washington, DC.

CONNECTING WITH OTHERS

Fat Tuesday Celebration

Tuesday, Feb. 16, 7:00 PM

Shrove Tuesday is the last day of the Epiphany season before we begin the season of Lent. Traditionally, Lent is a season of fasting and personal reflection; and because it often involves a long abstention from rich foods, Shrove Tuesday is enjoyed as the last day to eat those delicacies before Lent begins.



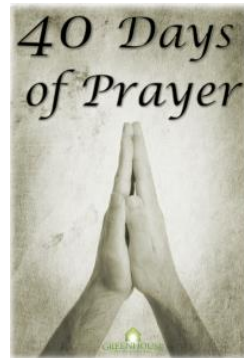
This is why in French-speaking nations, the day is known as Mardi Gras, or “Fat Tuesday”. In many countries the day is marked by the consumption of copious amounts of pancakes!

According to Wikipedia.org, in many Christian countries Fat or Shrove Tuesday is observed through participating in confession and absolution, the ritual burning of the previous year's Holy Week palms, finalizing one's Lenten sacrifice, as well as eating pancakes and other sweets. You are invited to a combination of both: an evening devotion and a social and fun time. The logon is:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81866883017?pwd=S3ljbWlCSEh4YWFCNi9lMG41UzRtdz09>

Meeting ID: 818 6688 3017 Passcode: 560110

40 Days of Prayer



As in previous years, you are asked to participate in a special prayer emphasis during the 40 Days of Lent. Set aside a few minutes each to pray by name for the individuals and households indicated for that day on the special “40 Days of Prayer” calendar.

With this emphasis and prayer tool, we hope to assist all friends and members of Immanuel to follow the exhortation of Ephesians 6:18: *Pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.* (NIV)

In Christian Sympathy

We extend our Christian Sympathy to the family and friends of **Ulrich Both**, a member of the Immanuel church family, who joined the Church Triumphant on January 19. A private graveside funeral service was held on January 28 with Pastor Hahn officiating. Please keep Ulrich's family and friends in your prayers.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Thank you to all members and friends who donated food in the second half of January to assist people in our area who are food-insecure due to the fallout from the COVID-19 pandemic.



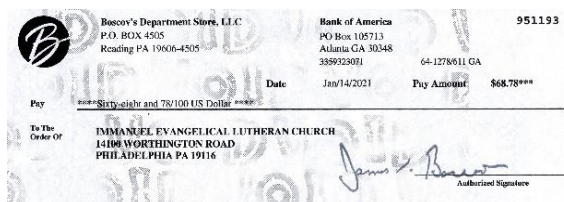
Thank you to all members and friends who gave “something different” (such as goats, piglets, backpacks full of food, bees, chickens, medicine, meals for the homeless, etc.) to family and friends this past Christmas by participating in Immanuel’s “Good Gifts” emphasis.



“Good gifts” is a ministry of the ELCA. Your “good gifts” had a total value of about \$800. While we did not quite match the generosity of the previous year (\$4,098), each gift will make a huge difference in the lives of people in need in the U.S. and beyond.

Thank you to all members and friends who, out of gratitude to God, donated a portion (a biblical tithe, 10%, or more) of their government stimulus check for the continued work of Immanuel and/or the ELCA Hunger Relief.

Thank you to all members and friends who shopped at Boscov’s at the end of last year when a portion of the sales amount was given back to Immanuel. A check for \$68.78 arrived recently from Boscov’s.



Thank You Notes Received

FROM: The Scheidt and Sears Families

“I want to thank the whole congregation and Pastor Hahn for your kind thoughts, prayers, and pastoral services.

“Our mother, Ruth, has always enjoyed the services at Immanuel. She also very much enjoyed the dinners where she would see old friends and make some new ones for the next dinner.

“Few words can express how much those of Immanuel Lutheran Church are appreciated.”--
Jim Scheidt (on behalf of the Scheidt and Sears families)



A few have called asking when we would be collecting the blankets you have made for Project Linus. Please know it has been difficult to designate a day to do so.

Many factors have been discussed. We have decided to wait and pick a date when conditions are more favorable and safe. At present, we are planning a collection in March or April. The date and time will surely be posted. We are sorry for any inconvenience this has caused. If you are truly having a problem storing the blanket(s) till then, please call me and I will do my best to help you.

Looking forward to being together.

Stay Safe -

Alma

THANK YOU

January 15, 2021

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Dear Norbert,

Thank you for having been a partner in supporting our mission to seafarers and immigrants during this pandemic. According to our records you contributed the following in 2020:

Date	Gift Amount	Purpose
12/18/2020	\$1,075.00	Port Mission

Total: \$1,075.00

During this health crisis that resulted in the loss of our major income stream from guesthouse operations, seafarers and immigrants relied more than ever on your generosity.

You enabled us to maintain and modify our services to people that need it most during the COVID-19 pandemic: seafarers stuck on their vessels because of travel restrictions and immigrants and seafarers in need of free or subsidized lodging, while they deal with the disruptions in their lives.

In our 2020 Annual Report we will share more details with you. You may expect in February.

Wishing you all the best for 2021,

The Rev. Marsh Luther Drege, Executive Director

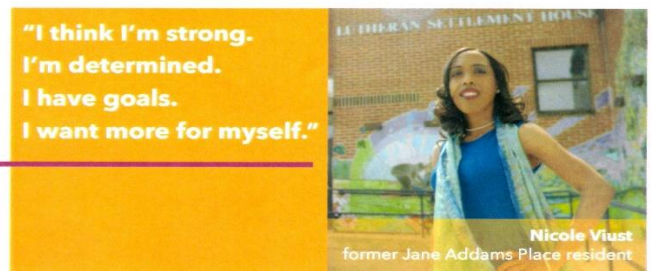


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December 31, 2020

Dear Friends at Immanuel Lutheran Church,

Thank you for supporting Lutheran Settlement House and the children, adults, and families we serve. Your gift of \$1,132 spreads hope and joy, and helps our clients on their journey towards safety and stability. Your commitment makes a difference in people's lives, people like Nicole and her family, and we are honored to have you in our family of supporters.



David Chiles
Executive Director

Michelle Conley
Board President

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PLEASE NOTE:

All Worship Services and Meetings are remote

and will be held/broadcast LIVE through ZOOM. (Online and telephone)

Check your email or the announcements in your worship folder for instructions.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 1:30 PM Member Care Team 7:00 PM Christian Events Team	3 10:00 AM Bible Study	4 9:30 AM Lower Bucks Conference 1:00 PM "The Screwtape Letters"	5 2:00 PM Share, Support, Learn, Grow!	6 9:30 AM Immanuel German School 10:00 AM DELKINA Exec. Com.
7 Fifth Sunday after Epiphany 9:30 AM English Service 11:00 AM German Service 6:30 PM Evening Service 7:15 PM What Lutherans Really Believe	8	9	10 10:00 AM Bible Study	11 1:00 PM "The Screwtape Letters"	12 2:00 PM Share, Support, Learn, Grow!	13 9:30 AM Immanuel German School
14 Transfiguration of Our Lord 9:30 AM English Service 11:00 AM German Service 6:30 PM Evening Service 7:15 PM What Lutherans Really Believe	151 7:00 PM Congr. Council	16 7:00 PM Fat Tuesday Celebration	17 ASH WEDNESDAY 12 noon and 7:00 PM Worship Service	18 1:00 PM "The Screwtape Letters" <i>19.30 Uhr 7 Wochen Ohne (Pg. 4)</i>	19 2:00 PM Share, Support, Learn, Grow!	20 9:30 AM Immanuel German School
21 First Sunday of Lent 9:30 AM English Service 11:00 AM German Service 6:30 PM Evening Service 7:15 PM What Lutherans Really Believe Newsletter Deadline	22	23	24 12 noon and 7:00 PM: Lenten Worship	25 9:30 AM Committee of Deans 1:00 PM "The Screwtape Letters" <i>19.30 Uhr 7 Wochen Ohne</i>	26 2:00 PM Share, Support, Learn, Grow!	27 9:30 AM Immanuel German School
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