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to make a difference!*
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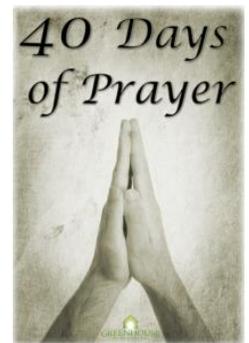
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Please use the special prayer calendar that was mailed to you with the February newsletter and is included with the weekly E-news. Or contact the church office.

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Congregation Meeting

Sunday, March 7, 2021--10:15 AM

**Immediately following the English Service
via ZOOM.**

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CONNECTING WITH GOD

FROM Pastor Hahn

My dear church family,

While shoveling snow after a recent snow storm, I had the opportunity to get better acquainted with one of my neighbors. It turned out that he works as a detective in the Philadelphia Police Department, is married, and has two sons, one of whom is differently abled.

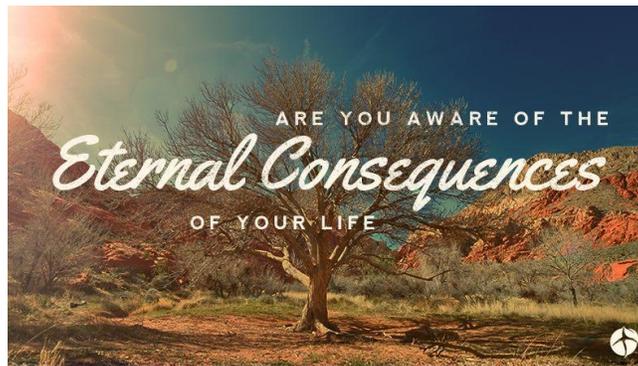
As we were shoveling snow next to each other and digging out our cars, I thanked him for serving our community as a peace officer. Then I asked him if he had “any extra pull” with the City of Philadelphia in order to get a snowplow to come through our neighborhood. “I wish,” he replied, “but it doesn’t work that way.”

Then he asked, “Aren’t you the one with the really important connections?” Apparently, he knew that I am a pastor. He continued, “I appreciate you thanking me for serving as a police officer, but I only deal with people in the here and now. Your

work, on the other hand, has eternal implications. What you do affects people for all eternity.”

I admit I was surprised. What I knew about him and his family was that they are church distant. But his comments showed great spiritual seriousness. It was a refreshing and encouraging reminder of the context in which you and I live our lives: in the light of eternity.

Set free from the power of sin by Christ’s sacrifice on Calvary and released from the grip of death by his resurrection on Easter, we live as holy people, as saints, by generously giving our time, talent, and treasure (financial resources) for God’s work in the church and the world. During the season of Lent, the eternal implications of our earthly living become even more focused.



Blessings on your Lenten journey!

Pastor Hahn

“7 Wochen ohne Blockaden”

Machen Sie Mit!

Donnerstags

19:30 – 20 Uhr

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84782756047?pwd=K3dYT3c3N2JJJaHZWVml1RFMyOE8zZz09>

Meeting ID: 847 8275 6047 **Passcode:** 731246

To listen by phone, dial: 1-301-715-8592

Meeting ID: 847 8275 6047 **Passcode:** 731246

Midweek Worship/Lenten Meditations

Coping with Change

Wednesdays, March 3, 10, 17, 24

12:00 Noon and 7:00 PM

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88067482018?pwd=YW5JeG91b1IES2E3dnZmTWdlcHdhQT09>

Meeting ID: 880 6748 2018 **Passcode:** 527875

To listen by phone, dial: 1-646-558-8656

Meeting ID: 880 6748 2018 **Passcode:** 527875

„Klopapier und Heilige Nacht“– Telgter Krippenausstellung im Corona-Jahr



Die traditionelle Telgter Krippenausstellung „Geheimnis der Nacht“ zeigte im Corona-Jahr 2020 rund 140 Exponate im „Westfälischen Museum für religiöse Kultur“.

Es ist bereits die 80. Krippenausstellung in Telgte, doch hat sie dieses Jahr einen besonders aktuellen Bezug.

Das Spektrum umfasst Althergebrachtes bis Ultramodernes versehen mit aktuellen Pandemie-Referenzen.

Die heiligen drei Könige mit Mund-Nasen-Schutz und Klopapier als Gabe? Das hat das Telgter Museum Religio wohl in 80 Jahren Krippenausstellung nicht gesehen.

„Jesus kommt nach Hamburg“-- Pastor Jonas Goebel schreibt ein Buch über eine unwahrscheinliche Begegnung.

Die evangelische Auferstehungskirche in Hamburg-Lohbrügge erhält ungewöhnlichen Besuch: Auf einem alten Fahrrad ist Jesus vorgefahren und fordert von Gemeindepastor Jonas Goebel und seiner Freundin Trixi Einlass. Sein Kumpel Martin Luther komme auch gleich, erklärt er. Er müsse nur noch schnell zum Dönerimbiss.

Autor Jonas Goebel hat sich ausgemalt, welche Vorlieben Jesus heute hätte und wie er mit den Menschen sprechen würde. Sein Buch könne ein „lockerer, leichter Einstieg sein, über den

christlichen Glauben neu nachzudenken“, sagte er dem Evangelischen Pressedienst. „Ganz niedrigschwellig, ganz einfach.“

Jesus hat die konkrete Aufgabe von seinem Vater mitbekommen, auf der Erde ein neues Evangelium zu schreiben. Martin Luther arbeitet derweil an seinen 95 Thesen „wider die liberale Belanglosigkeit in der evangelischen Kirche“. Dank der sozialen Medien hat Jesus inzwischen wesentlich mehr Jünger als seinerzeit in Jerusalem, die aber heute Follower heißen.

Jesus kommt bei Pastor Goebel ganz irdisch rüber: Er hockt ständig vor dem Laptop, trinkt Bier und hört gern Helene Fischer. Er trägt Kapuzenpulli, Jogginghose und „Adiletten“. „Kein schöner Mann, aber viele Lachfalten“, heißt es. Als Mann aus dem Nahen Osten hat er in Hamburg auch schon Rassismus erlebt.

Er ist sehr kommunikativ und plaudert auch mit betrunkenen Jugendlichen über Gott und das Leben. Auch die Bibel zeige Jesus ja als einen Mann, der mit den Außenseitern gesprochen habe, sagt Pastor Goebel. Er spricht wie ein Kind mit Kindern, und selbst schwerhörige Senioren verstehen ihn gut. An Wunder erinnert nur, dass er Gedanken lesen und Wände durchschreiten kann.



Sein Engagement gilt heute dem Klimaschutz. Durch den übermäßigen Konsum einiger weniger Menschen würden viele andere ihre Heimat verlieren, sagt er. „Klimaschutz ist gleich Nächstenliebe.“

Mehr bei evangelisch.de

CONNECTING WITH OTHERS



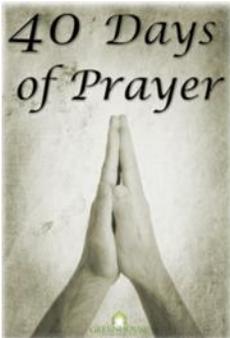
Thank You

FROM Barbara Hannon: "Thank you to everyone for their prayers, calls and cards following my surgery. It is greatly appreciated."

FROM Irene Bodnar: "Thanks to all for the prayers. I am feeling better."

Congratulations

TO Sierra Lockhart for making the Dean's List for the fall 2020 semester at Cedar Crest. (The Dean's List recognizes students who have earned a grade point average of 3.65 or higher in the academic year.)



40 Days of Prayer

Please continue to use the special Lenten prayer calendar during the 40 Days of Lent. Set aside a few minutes each day 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 ... and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.* (NIV)

If you need a 40 Days of Prayer calendar, please contact the church office.
Email: Office@immanuelPhilly.org or call: 215-464-1540

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.



**“The Story of Easter”
A Drive-Thru Experience on Saturday, April 3
(Rain Date: April 10)**

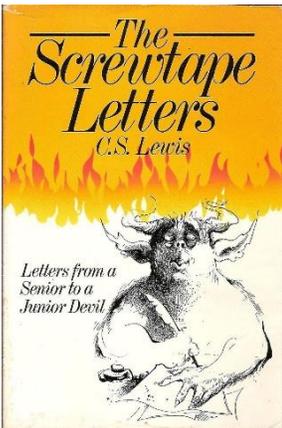
Immanuel will be celebrating the Easter season with a drive thru – “The Story of Easter” – on Saturday, April 3, 2021, 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. on our campus.

We will have stations set up to tell the story of Holy Week from Palm Sunday through the Resurrection. There will also be games that all attendees can play and a visit from the Easter Bunny who will be providing

treats. This event will be enjoyed by both young and old alike. You will also have the opportunity to donate food/cash for the food bank.

For planning purposes, we are asking that you reserve a time slot by going to either our Immanuel website or HillHappenings.org. Volunteers will also be needed for this event to be successful. If you would like to volunteer or have questions, please call Marion Morris, Judy Friedman or Christine Blankenhorn.

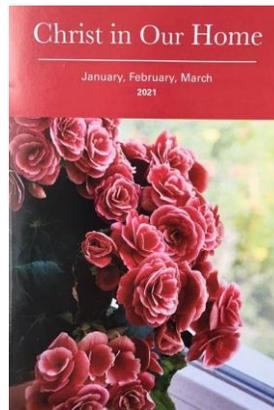
Two Great Topics for Lent:



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

Thursdays, 1:00 PM

Contact the church office if you would like to participate.



**“Journeying with Jesus”
Discussing Daily Devotions**

Fridays, 2:00 PM

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

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

Congregation Meeting

Sunday, March 7

10:15 AM

Immediately after the English Service

If you are already logged into the English service, please stay logged in. Anyone else is asked to use the login information for the English service and begin logging in at 10:10 AM. Here is the link:

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

To listen in by phone dial: 1-646-558-8656

Meeting ID for call-in: 889 0160 7206 #

Annual Report

The Annual Report will be available after the Congregation Meeting.

If you would like a copy of the Annual Report emailed to you, send an email to office@immanuelphilly.org.

If you wish to have a copy of the report snail-mailed to you, please call the office at 215-464-1540.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE



As the world has reeled from the effects of a deadly pandemic, we have seen the number of hungry people around the world rise, watched as food pantries and soup kitchens expanded to serve an ever-growing number of guests, and longed together for the time when we “will hunger no more, and thirst no more ... and God will wipe away every tear from [our] eyes” (Revelation 7:16-17).

This Lent, you are invited to join with fellow supporters to pledge to work to end hunger together during ELCA World Hunger’s 40 Days of Giving. Your support is critically needed for people around the world facing hunger and poverty.

Please consider supporting the work of ELCA World Hunger beyond your typical offerings. Consider using a 40 Days of Giving coin jar. You may already have a mason jar we gave you in past years.

Our work together is more important than ever, even as we feel separated from each other.



Thank you to all members and friends who donated food in the past few weeks to assist people in our area who are food-insecure due to the fallout from the COVID-19 pandemic. Your repeat- or first-time gifts will continue to be welcome in weeks to come as people continue to struggle.

A new pastor was visiting the homes of his parishioners.

At one house it seemed obvious that someone was at home, but no answer came to his repeated knocks at the door. Therefore, he took out a card and wrote “Revelation 3:20” on the back of it and stuck it in the door.

When the offering was processed the following Sunday, he found that his card had been returned. Added to it was this cryptic message, Genesis 3:10.”

Reaching for his Bible to check out the citation, he broke up in gales of laughter.

Revelation 3:20 begins “Behold, I stand at the door and knock.” Genesis 3:10 reads, “I heard your voice in the garden and I was afraid, for I was naked.” –Submitted by a reader.

–Anonymous

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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 12 Noon and 7:00 PM: Lenten Worship	4 9:30 AM Lower Bucks Conference 1:00 PM "The Screwtape Letters" <i>19.30 Uhr 7 Wochen Ohne</i>	5 2:00 PM "Christ in Our Home"	6 9:30 AM Immanuel German School 10:00 AM DELKINA Exec. Com.
7 Third Sunday of Lent 9:30 AM English Service 10:30 AM Annual Congregational Meeting 11:00 AM German Service 6:30 PM Evening Service 7:15 PM What Lutherans Really Believe	8	9	10 12 Noon and 7:00 PM: Lenten Worship	11 1:00 PM "The Screwtape Letters" <i>19.30 Uhr 7 Wochen Ohne</i>	12 2:00 PM "Christ in Our Home"	13 9:30 AM Immanuel German School
14 Fourth 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	15 7:00 PM Congregation Council	16	17 12 Noon and 7:00 PM Lenten Worship	18 9:30 AM Committee of Deans 1:00 PM "The Screwtape Letters" <i>19.30 Uhr 7 Wochen Ohne</i>	19 2:00 PM "Christ in Our Home"	20 9:30 AM Immanuel German School
21 Fifth 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 7:00 PM Finance Team	24 12 Noon and 7:00 PM Lenten Worship	25 1:00 PM "The Screwtape Letters" <i>19.30 Uhr 7 Wochen Ohne</i>	26 2:00 PM "Christ in Our Home"	27 9:30 AM Immanuel German School
28 Palm Sunday 9:30 AM English Service 11:00 AM German Service 6:30 PM Evening Service 7:15 PM What Lutherans Really Believe	29	30	31	Maundy Thursday	Good Friday	Easter Eve and Vigil 2:00 PM Easter Drive-Thru