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IMMANUEL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

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Immanuel Newsletter GOD'S WORK – OUR HANDS

Outdoor In-Person Worship with Holy Communion*

**Sundays, May 2, May 23, and May 30
10:15 AM**

PLEASE, reserve your spot by emailing or calling the office BY NOON on FRIDAYS.
PLEASE, bring a chair (or sit in your car).
PLEASE, wear a mask over mouth and nose.
PLEASE, observe physical distancing.

Communion will be contact-less with pre-packaged individual cups and wafers in a sterile package for each person.

**weather permitting*

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**Notice:
New
start
times!**

Sunday Worship

9:19 AM English (remote)

11:11 AM German (remote)

6:30 PM English Contemporary (remote)

Sundays, May 2, 23 and 30

10:15 AM **Outdoor**

BILINGUAL Communion *

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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 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	TBA
Frauenverein	<i>On hiatus</i>		Marianne Haug
German Circle/Deutscher Kreis	<i>On hiatus</i>		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 ST Tuesday	1:30 PM	Judi Hannigan
Mutual Ministry Team	TBA		John Scholtz
Social Ministry Team	TBA		
Sunday School	<i>On hiatus</i>		Eileen Szentjobi
Worship Planning Team	TBA		
Youth Group	<i>On hiatus</i>		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

My dear Immanuel church family,

Recently, some electrical outlets and the ceiling fan in our guest room stopped working. We had to call an electrician to diagnose and fix this issue and to tackle a couple of small home improvement jobs.

The very nice and knowledgeable gentleman wore his face mask and observed social distancing the entire time while he was in our house and he did great work.

Unfortunately, while tackling one of the small improvement jobs, he discovered that the electrical work done previously was done poorly and, in places, could even pose a danger. “One project leads to two more,” he shared with us. “What do you want me to do?”

A neighbor who had stepped into our house for another matter overheard this diagnosis and offered his opinion: “Just put it all back the way it was, and nobody will know about it.”

I think he was implying that whoever would own the house after us—some years down the road, of course—could deal with the problems and the money it would cost to fix them.

I like my neighbor and, usually, he is helpful and wise, but this statement did not sit well with me or the electrician. It seemed ethically and morally suspect.

Putting the burden on another person in the future seemed plain wrong and dangerous. Plus, it is easy for the neighbor to suggest this solution as he does not have to live in the house. (So, we had the electrician fix the problems.)



You and a lot of other people may not face this same dilemma when it comes to the wiring in your house. However, all of us face this dilemma when it comes to our own well-being and the well-being of those who come after us in the future, including children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and relatives yet unborn.

The well-being of all who will be around in the not-too-distant future is threatened by the rapid decline of the health of the earth’s climate.

This was made clear once again as millions of people observed Earth Day 2021 on April 22. I am still educating myself on this

issue, but one thing stands out for me: a lot of change is needed now. And the bulk of the change must come from various industries.

It is not enough for individuals to be less wasteful, eat less meat, use fewer toxic cleaners, and recycle more. Public policy and industrial methods must change, too.

However, you and I can – and must – do our part as people of faith who pledge allegiance to (=believe in) God, the Creator, whose marvelous Creation is being despoiled and endangered. Including the well-being of Creation in our daily prayers is a great start and the least we can do.

It feels wrong to ignore the problem that we know about now and to leave solving it to the future inhabitants of this planet. For then, it may be too late to do anything about the problem.

God’s Peace,
Pastor Hahn

To find out more go to [EarthDay.org](https://www.earthday.org). See especially the “take action” tab.

Polizist erklärt „Querdenkern“ das Prinzip christlicher Nächstenliebe

Der Evangelische Pressedienst (epd) berichtet: „Der Chef der Polizeiinspektion Worms, Thomas Lebkücher, hat mit seinem couragierten Auftreten bei einer Versammlung von Corona-Leugnern einen Hit im Internet gelandet. Ein am Sonntag bei Twitter veröffentlichtes Video zeigt den Beamten in einem kurzen Gespräch mit „Querdenkern“, die am Rande der Feierlichkeiten zum 500. Jahrestag von Martin Luthers Auftritt vor dem Reichstag in Worms eine als Gottesdienst getarnte Demonstration abhalten wollten.

Lebkücher dringt in dem Gespräch auf die Einhaltung der geltenden Hygienevorschriften. „Sie haben ein Recht zu demonstrieren, andere haben ein Recht auf Leben.“ Zudem bittet er die Gruppe, an das christliche Gebot der Nächstenliebe zu denken. Auf die Nachfrage eines Mannes, ob Jesus heute das Tragen eines Mund-Nasen-Schutzes und eine Corona-Impfung empfehlen würde, antwortet der Polizist: „Der würde sagen: Betet so, dass ihr keinem anderen schadet.“



Selbst als Jesus im Garten Gethsemane verhaftet werden sollte, habe er, nachdem sein Jünger Petrus einem Soldaten mit einem Schwert ein Ohr abgeschlagen habe, diesem das Ohr wieder angelegt. „Weil er davon geprägt war, den Nächsten mehr zu lieben als sich selbst. Das ist das fundamentale Gebot, und wenn wir uns alle daran halten, haben wir kein Problem“, sagte Lebkücher....

Die Feierlichkeiten zu 500 Jahre Wormser Reichstag vom 16. bis 18. April konnten aufgrund der hohen Infektionszahlen nur digital stattfinden. Publikum war nicht zugelassen. Einige Gegner der Corona-Politik hatten sich aber doch vor Ort versammelt - teilweise ohne Mund-Nasen-Schutz und ohne Abstand.“

Mehr bei www.evangelisch.de

Police officer explains the principle of “loving your neighbor”

A press release of the Protestant Church in Germany reports an interesting incident: “A video capturing the police chief of the city of Worms in a courageous and compassionate act became a hit on the internet.” The video, published on Twitter, shows the officer in a conversation with “Corona deniers” who were planning a demonstration, camouflaged as a worship service, during the observance of the 500th anniversary of Martin Luther’s actions at the Diet of Worms.

During the conversation, the police chief, Thomas Lebkücher, insists that the public health measures be observed: “you have a right to protest,” he says, “others have a right to live.” He also asks the group to remember the Christian love command, to love one’s neighbor. When asked if Jesus would recommend the wearing of face masks and getting a Corona vaccine, the police chief states: “Pray (act) in such a way, that you do no harm to others.”

The police chief continues: “During his arrest in the Garden of Gethsemane, Jesus restored the ear of a soldier after Peter had cut it off with his sword. Jesus did this because he was grounded in loving others more than himself. That is the basic commandment. If we all follow it, we would have no problems.”

Due to the high rate of Covid-19 infections, the celebration of the 500th anniversary of the Diet of Worms could take place only online. However, a number of opponents of the Corona pandemic rules regulating public life, had gathered in Worms, including those without masks and without social distancing.

More information: <https://www.dw.com/en/500-years-after-luther-and-the-diet-of-worms-the-ecumenical-movement-is-strong/a-57230023>

CONNECTING WITH OTHERS

“The Story of Easter” – A Drive-Thru Experience

The Easter event was celebrated with a special drive-thru experience on Saturday, April 3 on the Immanuel church campus.

- Everyone enjoyed and was inspired by stations telling the story of Holy Week from Palm Sunday through the Resurrection!
- Participants had fun with games for all ages!
- Children and adults thought the Easter Bunny’s visit and treats were awesome.
- People donated non-perishable food items and cash to Immanuel’s Easter Food Drive.



← Station 1: Jesus enters Jerusalem on a donkey.

Station 2: Jesus is arrested and crucified. →



Try Electronic Giving – A Greener Approach to Giving

At the heart of e-giving is a desire to make a positive impact on the lives of others and invest in Immanuel’s mission to connect people with God and with other people to make a difference. Electronic giving offers convenience and provides much-needed donation consistency for our congregation. Online Giving lets you go to our website (ImmanuelPhilly.org) at any time to set up an automatic donation plan, change your donation plan, make a one-time donation or view your online donation history.

Welcome to the Newest Member of Immanuel



The newest member of the Immanuel Church family, Kohen Paul Vetter-Kimball, was baptized on Saturday, April 3 during the Easter Outdoor Holy Communion Service.

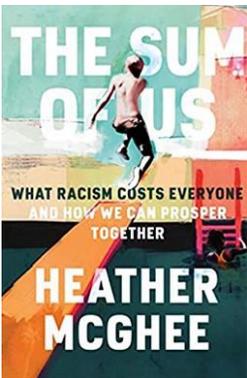
In observance of Covid-19 precautions, his parents and sponsors took turns pouring water over his head while Pastor Hahn stood six feet away speaking the words of the baptismal liturgy.

Congratulations to the entire family! Please keep this new brother in Christ and newest member of our church family as well as his parents Anneliese and Tristan in your prayers. Their “thank you” note reads: *Pastor Hahn and Church Family. Thank you for blessing Kohen with guiding hands and love at his baptism on Saturday, April 3rd, 2021. It was a very special day. You added so much joy, and the hymns and verses were so thoughtful and tasteful. Thanks also to Lyn for the help in decorating and setting up. We are glad to have Kohen as a new member at Immanuel and appreciate everyone who stayed for the service. Thanks for being an amazing pastor.*



Faith Development Opportunities in May

Book Discussion: How we all can do better together! – Wednesdays at 7:00 PM



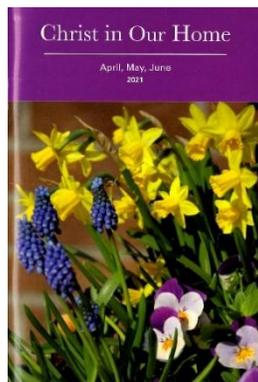
The Apostle Paul said in 1 Corinthians: “If one part of the body suffers, all the parts suffer with it.” Conversely, when the part that suffers stops hurting, the hurt for all the parts stops as well. For all to benefit, it makes sense to heal the hurting part.

St. Paul applied this image to the early church community. Author Heather McGhee applies it to society. She invites readers to see how racism creates hurts for all citizens and how healing it benefits all. For more information or to sign up, please contact Dr. Jim Clements at jim_clements@comcast.net.

Daily Devotions:

A quick and easy spiritual snack!

If you do not have the inclination or the time for a solid spiritual meal each day, then spending one minute a day with this devotional book is for you. It inspires, comforts, guides, and more. Like Vitamin C, it is good for you! (Call the office if you need a copy.)



“Christ in Our Home” Discussing Daily Devotions

Fridays, May 21 & 28, 2:00 PM

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

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

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Last Chance to Support Immanuel's Easter Food Drive!



Thanks to everyone who participated in Immanuel's Easter food drive either by donating non-perishable grocery items or giving a financial gift.

Your food and financial donations will make a difference in the lives of people battered by the Covid-19 pandemic.

You can still share the joy of Easter by helping with Immanuel's BIG Easter Food Drive which will end on Pentecost Sunday, May 23 when the Easter season comes to an end.

← The picture shows food items donated through April 18.

You can help in several ways:

Bring non-perishable groceries to any outdoor service.

Drop off your non-perishable donations at the Immanuel church campus the weeks of May 3, May 24, and May 31 Monday through Friday, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM or Thursday, May 13 or 20 between 10:00 AM and noon.

Have groceries delivered to the church campus by a local food store (e.g., Aldi, ACME, or Giant) or an online vendor. Please be sure to let the office know of the date of deliver.

Let us shop for you. Just let the office know how much we should buy on your behalf. You can pay later.

Send a financial gift by mail to the church office or give online through our website, ImmanuelPhilly.org. Make your checks out to Immanuel Lutheran Church, memo: "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!

Thank You!



Thank you to everyone who has mailed their offering to the church office or donated online.

Thank you to all who have shared a percentage of their stimulus checks for God's work.

Thank you for remembering my 15 years of service with Immanuel. I'm very grateful for the generous gift. It will help me honor Ed with a beautiful headstone. –Mary Borneo

Thank for remembering me on Administrative Professional's Day (Secretary's Day) and the generous gift. –Diane Burgess

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>PLEASE NOTE: Most Worship Services and Meetings are remote –EXCEPTIONS are in red– and will be held/broadcast LIVE through ZOOM. (Online and telephone)</p> <p>Check your email or the announcements in your worship folder for instructions.</p>						<p>1 9:30 AM ILC German School (Remote)</p>
<p>2 Creation Sunday 9:19 AM English Service 10:15 AM Outdoor BI-LINGUAL Communion Service* 11:11 AM German Service 6:30 PM Contemporary Service 7:15 PM What Lutherans Really Believe</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4 1:30 PM Member Care Team 7:00 PM Christian Events Team</p>	<p>5 7:00 PM Book Discussion</p>	<p>6 9:30 AM Lower Bucks Conference 1:00 PM The Screwtape Letters</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8 9:30 AM Immanuel German School (Remote)</p>
<p>9 Earth Day Sunday Mother's Day 9:19 AM English Service 11:11 AM German Service 6:30 PM Contemporary Service</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12 7:00 PM Book Discussion</p>	<p>13 9:30 AM Deans Meeting 10-12 Food Drop-Off @ ILC</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15 9:30 AM Immanuel German School (Remote)</p>
<p>Pastor out of the office</p>						
<p>16 Ascension Sunday 9:19 AM English Service 11:11 AM German Service 6:30 PM Contemporary Service NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18 Election Day</p>	<p>19 7:00 PM Book Discussion</p>	<p>20 10-12 Food Drop-Off @ ILC</p>	<p>21 2:00 PM Christ in Our Home</p>	<p>22 9:30 AM Immanuel German School (Remote)</p>
<p>Pastor out of the office</p>						
<p>23 Day of Pentecost and Confirmation Sunday 9:19 AM English Service 10:15 AM Outdoor BI-LINGUAL Communion Service* 11:11 AM German Service 6:30 PM Contemporary Service</p>	<p>24 7:00 PM Congregation Council (remote)</p>	<p>25 7:00 PM Finance Team Meeting (remote)</p>	<p>26 7:00 PM Book Discussion</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28 2:00 PM Christ in Our Home</p>	<p>29 9:30 AM Immanuel German School (Remote)</p>
<p>30 The Holy Trinity 9:19 AM English Service 10:15 AM Outdoor BI-LINGUAL Communion Service* 11:11 AM German Service 6:30 PM Contemporary Service</p>	<p>31 Memorial Day</p>					

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