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Immanuel Newsletter **GOD'S WORK – OUR HANDS**

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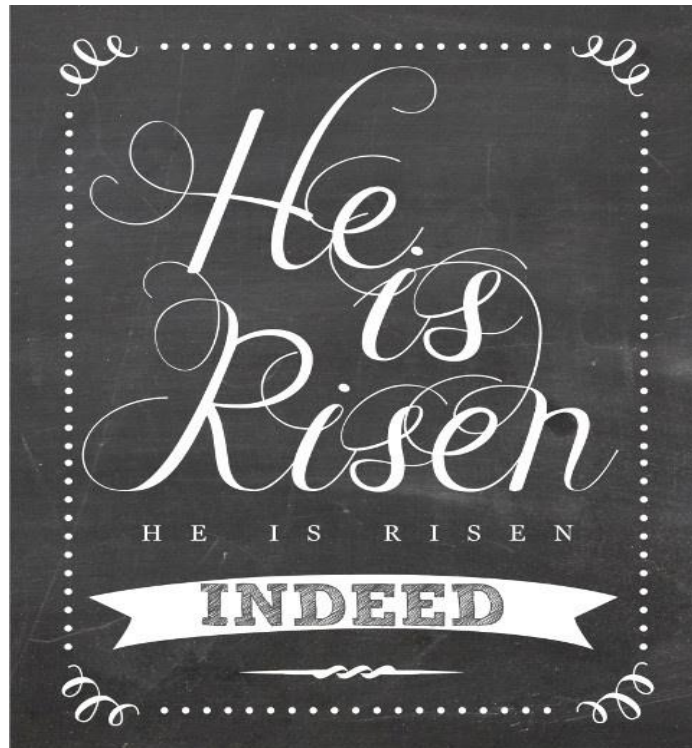
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CONNECTING WITH GOD



Easter Sunday – April 1

6:30 AM - Easter Sunrise Service

A bi-lingual service of darkness to light with Holy Communion.

7:30-9:00 AM - Easter Breakfast

provided for all worshippers.

9:30 AM - Easter Communion Service

11:00 AM - Family Easter Celebration

Share the good news of Easter with family and friends at this bi-lingual service.

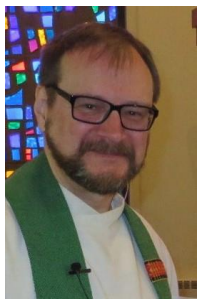
First Holy Communion

After three weeks of learning with Pastor Hahn, the young people were invited to receive their first Holy Communion on Maundy Thursday, the holy day in the Christian calendar when Christians remember how Christ celebrated the first Holy Meal with his disciples in Jerusalem.

(Those who are unable to be present due to scheduling conflicts will receive their first Lord's Supper on Easter Sunday or on another Communion Sunday.)



From Pastor Hahn



My dear church family,

It's no joke: Easter Sunday and April Fool's Day are falling on the same day this year, April 1. Some comedians and also some preachers are already contemplating on how the two occasions could be combined in a humorous, yet non-offensive manner.

Yet, for Christians, Easter—even with all its glory, joy, flowers, uplifting hymns, and filled church building—is a serious matter. The festival of Easter is the culmination of a three-day drama that also includes Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. This drama centers on the horrible and painful self-sacrifice of Jesus on the cross. He gave his life for the sins of the world, including yours and mine.

In other words, the freedom, the joy, the glory of Easter was bought at a heavy price. And since that price, that life of Jesus, was given as a gift, we can never pay it back. However, we can pay it forward.

Paying forward the gift of Jesus' life is what is called "ministry" or "serving God" or "loving our neighbors." It is done with our tithes and offerings, with the way we seek to support one another in our church family, and the helpful things we try to do for people in need, such as the foods we share with the food bank and the foods we cook for Aid for Friends (AFF).

This Easter will be the second anniversary for your and my partnership in ministry. Oh my, how fast two years have gone by. And how much we have been able to do and to celebrate already. And yet, God is not yet done with our church family; not by a long shot. God has plans for us, I am sure.

Lyn and I thank you for your support and for your prayers. You are, of course, in ours.

God's Peace,

Pastor Hahn

P.S.: I look forward to seeing you at Easter worship. Either at the Saturday vigil, the sunrise service, or one of the morning services. Have a blessed Easter!

Happenings

Open House, Part 2: Pastor and Lyn are inviting everyone who was unable to participate in their first drop-in open house to visit with them on Saturday, April 28 between 3 and 6 PM at 13040 Dorothy Drive, Philly. Snacks and beverages are provided. Call the office about parking and ride-sharing.

Out-of-Office: Pastor Hahn will be out of the office the week after Easter. One of his colleagues will be available for emergencies. Please call the office or council president Barbara Hannon.

Bible Study: A new study will begin on Wednesday, April 18 and go for seven weeks until May 30. The focus will be on studying one of the smaller books in the New Testament all the way through. Please contact the office to sign up.

New Language Award: The Ladies Guild and the German Circle teamed up to fund a new award for a student of the German language. The \$100 Immanuel Language Award will be presented on Saturday, April 28 at the annual meeting of the AATG at the Cannstatter.

Do you cook? If you prepare your own meals, please consider doubling up on the recipe next time and donating half of it to Aid for Friends, a charity that delivers food to home-bound seniors. The appropriate containers and instructions are available in the fellowship hall. Look for the big brown box.

Mark your calendar: Friday, April 27 is "Bingo Night" at Immanuel. Watch for more information.

»Was soll ich für dich tun?«

Als Jesus in die Nähe von Jericho kam, saß ein Blinder am Weg und bettelte. Dieser hörte viele Menschen vorbeigehen und erkundigte sich, was los sei. Die Leute erzählten ihm, dass Jesus, der Nazoräer, vorbeigehe. Da schrie er auf und rief: »Jesus, Sohn Davids, hab Mitleid mit mir!« Jesus blieb stehen und ließ ihn zu sich führen. Als der Blinde näher gekommen war, fragte Jesus ihn: »Was soll ich für dich tun?« Er antwortete: »Meine Nachbarin, die Witwe, ist arm und hungert. Hilf ihr! Ich will dir den Weg zu ihr zeigen.« Und Jesus folgte ihm nach.

So steht es natürlich nicht in den Evangelien. ›Selbstverständlich‹ geht es darum, dass der Blinde zu sehen wünscht und das ›Wunder‹ darin besteht, dass der Wunsch in Erfüllung geht und nicht darin, dass Jesus einem Blinden folgt.

Jedoch beinhaltet Jesu Frage, dass seine Blindheit nicht notwendig das Problem darstellt. Was kann daraus geschlossen werden?

Blindheit – ebenso wie Nichtblindheit – ist Teil der Vielfalt der Schöpfung. Blinde sind geschaffen nach Gottes Ebenbild.

Zeitweilig nicht-behinderten Menschen wird antrainiert, bestimmte körperliche Verfasstheiten mit einem Defekt zu verbinden, aus welchem nur Leid resultiert und der Wunsch nach Beseitigung des Defekts. Folglich fällt es ihnen schwer, bestimmte körperliche Verfasstheiten als Varianzen zu sehen und nicht als Mangel....

Leseprobe von "So ist mein Fleisch" aus So ist mein Leib: Kranke Körper - Orte des Heils herausgegeben von Ilse Falk, Kerstin Möller, Brunhilde Raiser, Eske Wollrad Paperback, 240 Seiten, 17,99 Euro.



"What do you want me to do for you?"

One day, while travelling near Jericho, Jesus came across a blind beggar by the side of the road. Hearing so many people passing by, the man asked about the commotion. The people told him that Jesus of Nazareth was coming through. Then the blind man cried out, "Jesus, Son of David, have compassion on me." Jesus stopped and had the man brought to him. As the blind man was close Jesus asked: "What do you want me to do for you?" He answered: "My neighbor is a poor widow. She has nothing to eat. Help her! I will show you the way." And Jesus followed him.

This version differs from the one recorded in the Gospels where, understandably, the blind man wants to see again and the miracle is that his wish is granted and not that Jesus follows a blind man.

However, the way Jesus phrases the question he asks the blind man indicates that the man's blindness is not necessarily the problem. What can we learn from that?

Being blind—just like not being blind—is an ingredient in the rich variety of Creation. Blind persons, too, are created in the image of God.

People without so-called handicaps are taught to view certain bodily conditions as "defects" which cause only suffering and produce the desire for the removal of the defect. Hence it becomes difficult for them to view certain bodily conditions as a variety and not a deficit....

The above is a section of an article entitled "This Is My Flesh" from a German book whose title can be translated as "This Is My Body: Where Sickness and Salvation Come Together." The 240-page paperback version was edited by Ilse Falk, Kerstin Möller, Brunhilde Raiser, Eske Wollrad and is available for 17,99 Euro.

CONNECTING WITH OTHER PEOPLE

GERMAN CIRCLE

The German Circle would like to thank the members of Immanuel and friends of Immanuel who made the Ham Supper a great success again this year. **THANK YOU!**

Our next meeting will be April 8th. We will be having our Pot Luck Supper and this will start at 6:00 PM. Please bring veggie, salad or dessert if you are able, meat will be provided.

If you have a friend who would like to join the German Circle, bring them to our Pot Luck Supper.

If you have any questions, please call Ruth Muggler at 215-443-5023.

THE HAM SUPPER



The "potato peeling platoon" getting things ready in the morning.



The "dishwashing derwiches" kept the dishes coming.



Feeding the tired troops.



LADIES' NIGHT

Please join us for Ladies' Night, Friday, May 11.

Dinner will be at 6:30 PM. Our topic will be "**God's Garden**". A guest speaker and take-home project will follow the meal.

For information or to make a reservation, please contact
Judy Friedman (267-343-3606) or
Marion Morris (215-394-5620).
Hope you can join us!



COMMUNITY BINGO NIGHT

This *free* community event will be held on
Friday, April 27th
from 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM.

Join us for an evening of BINGO fun!
Refreshments will be provided.
Hope to see you there!

Please feel free to bring along a canned item
donation for our local food bank.



**Feeding the
Community**

MAKING A DIFFERENCE



LINUS DAY – EVERYONE WELCOME
SATURDAY, APRIL 28, 2018
9:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Please help us bring joy to ill children/young adults by participating in the Linus Project. Your help is needed in various ways. You may help by crocheting, knitting or tying a blanket. If you cannot do so and would like to learn we can teach you. Materials will be furnished. We look forward to having your help for this worthwhile project. Light refreshments will be served.



AID FOR FRIENDS
FOOD AND FRIENDSHIP FOR THE HOMEBOUND



In 1974, Aid For Friends (AFF) was established to provide free meals, delivered by a volunteer, to isolated seniors and those who were disabled and homebound. Each volunteer visitor delivered seven homemade meals per week.

Last May, our church began to make meals for AFF. Thanks to some amazing people, Immanuel has donated 37 dinners and 57 soups during 2018. This brings our grand total to 87 dinners and 124 soups since last May.

Trays for dinners and containers for soups are available at the Coffee Hour. When they are filled and frozen, they can be placed in the church freezer. Michele will deliver them to AFF where volunteer visitors will pick them up and deliver them to shut-ins.

Aid For Friends is in need of volunteer visitors to deliver meals once a week to isolated, homebound people in the Northeast area. If you can help, please call Lynn Trombetta at 215-464-2224 or email at ltrombetta@aidforfriends.org.



Michele Cook delivers meals, prepared by members of Immanuel, to Aid For Friends, for delivery to home bound seniors in our area.



FEED OUR HUNGRY NEIGHBORS GARDEN

To have another successful garden this year we need **your** help.

We will begin work in May.

Please tell Michele Cook if you want to help.

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April 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 EASTER SUNDAY (See page 2) 6:30 AM Easter Sunrise Service 7:30-9:00 AM Easter Breakfast 9:30 AM Easter Communion Service 11:00 AM Family Easter Celebration	2	3 1:30 PM Staff Meeting 7:00 PM Christian Event Team	4 7:00 PM Girl Scouts	5 10:00 AM Member Care Team	6	7 9:30 AM Immanuel German School at LMHS
8 Second Sunday of Easter 9:30 AM English Service 10:30 AM Fellowship 11:00 AM German Service 6:00 PM German Circle Pot Luck Supper	9 7:00 PM Council	10 10:00 AM Worship Planning Team 1:30 PM Staff Meeting 7:00 PM Ladies Guild	11 7:00 PM Girl Scouts	12 9:30 AM Lower Bucks Conference Meeting	13	14 9:30 AM Immanuel German School at LMHS
15 Third Sunday of Easter 9:30 AM English Service 10:30 AM Fellowship 11:00 AM German Service	16	17 1:30 PM Staff Meeting	18 10:00 AM Bible Study 12:00 Noon Frauenverein 7:00 PM Bible Study 7:00 PM Girl Scouts	19	20	21 9:30 AM Immanuel German School at LMHS
22 Creation Sunday 9:30 AM English Service 10:30 AM Fellowship 11:00 AM German Service	23	24 1:30 PM Staff Meeting 7:00 PM Lower Bucks Assembly. Worship with the band LutherRock and election of a new conference Dean.	25 10:00 AM Bible Study 12:30 PM Social Ministry Team 7:00 PM Bible Study 7:00 PM Girl Scouts	26 7:00 PM Confirmation Class	27 7:00-8:30 PM Community Bingo Night (See page 6)	28 9:30 AM Linus Day (See page 7) 10:30 AM AATG Awards at Cannstatter (See page 3) 3:00-6:00 PM Drop-In Open House at Pastor's and Lyn's (See page 3)
29 Confirmation Sunday 10:30 AM One Service with Confirmation	30		<u>Save the date</u> Friday, May 11 Ladies Night (See page 6)			