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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

TIME-SENSITIVE MATERIAL

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## CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS, MEETING TIMES, LEADERS

Bible Study	Wednesdays	10:00 AM, 7:00 PM	Pastor Hahn
Choir	As needed		Dr. James M. Clements
Congregation Council	3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday	7:00 PM	Barbara Hannon
Christian Event 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	3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday	12:00 Noon	Marianne Haug
German Circle/Deutscher Kreis	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday	7:00 PM	Ruth Muggler
Girl Scouts	Wednesdays	7:00 PM	Nancy Smith
Hand Bell Choir	As needed		Dr. James M. Clements
Immanuel German School	Saturdays	9:30 AM	Dr. Del Hausman
Ladies' Guild	TBA		Barbara Hannon
Member Care Team	1 <sup>ST</sup> Tuesday	10:00 AM	Judy Friedman
Mutual Ministry Team	TBA		John Scholtz
Social Ministry Team	3rd Wednesday	12:30 PM	Michele Cook
Sunday School	Sundays	9:30 AM	Eileen Szentjobi
Women's Book Club	TBA		Judy Friedman
Worship Planning Team	2nd Tuesday	2:00 PM	Dr. James M. Clements
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



At the worship service on March 3<sup>rd</sup>, we welcomed into the Immanuel church family new partners in ministry and mission



## SPECIAL MUSIC



Special music was provided by a volunteer choir at the worship service on Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>.

## HOLY WEEK SERVICES

### April 14, **Palm Sunday**

**10:30 AM** One Service with reading of the Passion and Confirmation Reunion

### April 18, **Maundy Thursday**

**11:30 AM** Communion Service followed by a Light Lunch and Fellowship

**6:30 PM** Light Meal

**7:30 PM** Communion Service

### April 19, **Good Friday**

**11:30 AM** Bi-lingual Service

**3:00 PM** Holy Communion followed by German Service

**7:30 PM** English Tenebrae Service

### Saturday, April 20, **Easter Eve**

**7:00 PM** Fellowship outdoors around the Easter Bonfire

**7:30 PM** Procession indoors for the service which will include communion. Champagne toast and desserts following the service.



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## From Pastor Hahn

“In Holy Baptism our gracious heavenly Father liberates us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

You have heard these words often—every time when you participated in the baptism of a child or affirmed your own baptism (as we have been doing in our mini-series, “The Benefits of Baptism” in March).

We associate the above words with baptisms. But they are Easter words, too. (And, of course, Good Friday words.) “Sin” and “death” we know. They are part of life. But “resurrection”?

As Spring gets underway, some people are tempted to point, as examples of resurrection, to budding trees or flowers that begin to poke their heads through the ground.

Author and theologian, Barbara Brown Taylor, says that would be a mistake. The re-awakening of nature every Spring is, well, natural, she says (and I paraphrase), while “resurrection” is not.

The entire awesomeness, mystery, and holiness—the complete “otherness”—of Christ’s resurrection from the dead on the first Easter is so very unique. As the gateway to everlasting communion with God on the other side of the gate we know as “death,” it is a once-in-history event.

Sure, Easter has become commodified and commercialized in our culture, and even some Christians have settled into shallow or perfunctory observations of this special festival.

I trust, however, that, with a little effort, everyone can get back in touch with the power and promise of Easter: death, destruction, endings, loss --and all the emotions that go along with such experiences—will NOT have the last word.

Newness, new beginnings, and hope—these are the operating principles of Easter. The victory is ours. Thanks be to God!

Lyn and I wish you a blessed Easter!  
In Christ,

*Pastor Hahn*



### Easter Greetings

The members of your Immanuel staff—Diane Burgess (secretary), Ed and Mary Borneo (sextons), Jim Clements (interim accompanist), and George Herrmann (supply accompanist)—would like to extend heartfelt Easter greetings to the members and friends of the Immanuel church family.

### Don't miss the Party Sunday, March 31 at 10:30 AM

Pastor Hahn and Lyn invite the members and friends of Immanuel to celebrate with them the anniversary of their third year of partnership with Immanuel. A light brunch will be served.

## OSTERN RICHTIG FEIERN

**Wer als Christ „richtig“ Ostern feiern will**, der geht natürlich in den Gottesdienst, und zwar – um den vollen Sinn des Festes mitzuerleben – ganze drei Mal: Am Gründonnerstag, am Karfreitag und in der Nacht zum Ostersonntag. Mittlerweile feiern auch evangelische Gemeinden das „Triduum Sacrum“: Danach gehören alle drei Kirchgänge zusammen und bilden einen einzigen Gottesdienst. Dahinter steht die Überzeugung, dass Leiden, Tod und Auferstehung Christi in ihrer Bedeutung nicht voneinander zu trennen sind.

**Das Fest beginnt am Gründonnerstagabend** mit dem Besuch eines Abendmahlsgottesdienstes. Das Abendmahl erinnert an Jesu letztes Mahl mit den Jüngern. Im Essen und Trinken symbolisieren Christen die Gemeinschaft untereinander und mit ihrem Herrn, bezeugen sein Leiden und Sterben und vergewissern sich der Vergebung ihrer Sünden.

**Am Karfreitag ist Ruhe.** Manche Christen versuchen an diesem Tag zu schweigen, um sich ganz auf Jesu Leiden zu konzentrieren. An diesem Tag sollte nichts Lustiges unternommen werden, man schlägt sich nicht den Bauch mit Leckereien voll, geht auch nicht tanzen – statt dessen wieder in den Gottesdienst zum zweiten Teil des Triduum Sacrum. Der Gottesdienstraum ist nicht geschmückt, die liturgische Farbe ist schwarz, traurige Lieder wie „O Haupt voll Blut und Wunden“ von Paul Gerhardt werden gesungen.

**Dann kommt der Karsamstag**, der Tag der Grabesruhe Christi. Hektische Ostervorbereitungen sind an diesem „Zwischentag“ ebenso unpassend wie lautes Partyfeiern. Doch am Abend geht es dann schon langsam auf Ostern zu und die Stimmung wird fröhlicher: In vielen Gemeinden werden mit dem Einbruch der Dunkelheit Osterfeuer angezündet.



**Der dritte Teil des Triduum Sacrum** wird am späten Abend oder am frühen Morgen gefeiert – jedenfalls in

der Osternacht. Denn schließlich ist Jesus nach den biblischen Berichten in der Nacht auferstanden, die Frauen fanden am frühen Morgen das leere Grab vor.

Wird der Gottesdienst am Abend gefeiert, kann die Auferstehung durch Kerzenlicht symbolisiert werden; feiert man in den Morgen hinein, wird es von selbst hell. Die aufgehende Sonne am ersten Tag der Woche steht als Symbol für die Auferstehung Christi. (Pech, wenn es am Ostermorgen regnet oder schneit.)



**Traurigkeit und Stille sind endlich vorbei**, jetzt wird gefeiert! Der Ostergottesdienst ist der passende Ort für Taufen, und auch das Taufgedächtnis der gesamten Gemeinde hat hier seinen Platz. Christen bekräftigen, dass sie zu Christus gehören und durch ihn das Leben haben – symbolisiert durch das Taufwasser. Die Überwindung des Todes ist zentrales Thema des Gottesdienstes, in dem Pfarrer und Gemeinde mittlerweile auch in einigen evangelischen Gemeinden einander den orthodoxen Ostergruß zurufen: „Christus ist auferstanden! – „Er ist wahrhaftig auferstanden!“ Viele Gemeinden feiern im Ostergottesdienst das Abendmahl – jetzt als Zeichen der Gemeinschaft mit ihrem auferstandenen Herrn.

**Zur Feier des Tages** gibt es in vielen Gemeinden ein Frühstück in der Kirche – mit Ostereiern. Sind die nun christlich oder nicht? Welcher Kulturkreis auch immer den Brauch der bunten Eier erfunden haben mag – es spricht nichts dagegen, sie als Symbol für das Leben und für die Unendlichkeit zu betrachten und am Ostermorgen zu essen. Weil Christen auch für einen schützenden Umgang mit der Schöpfung verantwortlich sind, seien allerdings Bio-Eier von gesund lebenden Hennen empfohlen. Denn die Eier werden eben nicht vom Osterhasen gebracht. Der hat – auch wenn es Deutungen als Auferstehungssymbol gab – vom Ursprung her nichts mit einem christlichen Osterfest zu tun. -- Mehr bei Anne Kampf ([evangelisch.de](http://evangelisch.de)).

*An English translation is available from Pastor Hahn.*

# CONNECTING WITH OTHERS



We held our St. Patrick's Event on Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup> with over 80 people who joined us!

The evening began with appetizers, followed by a traditional Irish meal of ham, boiled potatoes, cabbage, soda bread and a salad. There were also many delicious desserts available.

There was a short PowerPoint presentation about Ireland. The comedic talents of Dan M. were enjoyed by all! Many door prizes were won and everyone was given a small bag of mints as a thank you for spending the evening at Immanuel!

We were pleased to see so many friends and neighbors who came to this event. The generous donations of canned items, as well as the monetary donations, were greatly appreciated and will help our local Somerton Food Bank stock its shelves.



**The Christian Events Team thanks you for your participation. Or, as they say in Ireland, Go raibh maith agat (Thank you!).**

## ***FREE KIDS CONNECTION EVENT*** **Sunday, April 14, 2019 at 5:00 PM**

Do you have children or grandchildren between the ages of 3 and 10? Bring them to Immanuel's Kids Connection on Sunday, April 14, 2019 for an Easter Celebration! This fun-filled event starts at **5:00 PM sharp**. There will be singing, a video, crafts and the story of Easter. The event also includes a light dinner, wrapping up approximately 6:30 PM. To register for the event, email the church at [office@immanuelphilly.org](mailto:office@immanuelphilly.org). We would need to know the names and ages of the children attending. It is also requested that one adult accompany each family.

We ask that you please bring a canned food item(s) as a donation for our local food bank.

# FREE ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

## Saturday, April 20th at 12:30 PM

### Rain or Shine!!

This fun event will be held on our campus (inside, if it rains). We invite our friends, neighbors, community and our families of Immanuel to attend. Meet and take photos with the Easter Bunny! Free raffle prizes for kids and adults. The Easter Egg Hunt begins *promptly* at 12:30 PM.



There will be three different age groups searching for eggs on the lawn: 2-5, 6-9 and 10+. Won't you join us? Don't forget your basket or bag!



There is no charge for this event, as it is supported by Thrivent Financial. However, please bring a nonperishable food item for the Somerton Food Bank.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact the office at 215-464-1540.



Carl was honored for his recognition as Cannstatter's "Man of the Year."



March 5, Fat Tuesday Event



Two of Immanuel's leaders, joined Pastor in attending a leadership conference entitled "Canoeing the Mountains," held at the seminary in Philadelphia.



At the St. Patrick's Event the confirmation youth arranged the donated items nicely on a table in the fellowship hall.



Our pianist, Laura, celebrates her birthday at the Coffee Hour.

**"SIGHT AND SOUND  
THEATRE"**  
is showing their production of  
**NOAH**



in Movie Theatres in April.

Please let us know if you would like to join us  
on Thursday, April 11<sup>th</sup>.

We are planning to attend the evening show at  
Neshaminy AMC Theatre.

Please reserve your spot soon, seating is limited!

Contact Judy Friedman, 267-343-3606.

**WOMEN'S NIGHT**  
**Friday, May 3, 2019 at 6:00 PM**



We are the precious  
treasured possession of  
our Heavenly Father,  
who sought us and  
claimed us as His own in  
Christ! From coals to

diamonds, we are continually being transformed in  
Christ, reflecting His glory and light to a dark world.

Join us for a "bedazzling" Women's Night for a  
small donation of \$10.00. We will enjoy a nice  
dinner as we share  
fellowship, reflect on God's  
Word and make and take home  
a treasure! Reserve your spot  
by calling the church office or  
email [office@immanuelphilly.org](mailto:office@immanuelphilly.org) by April 30th!



"The Lord has chosen you to be a people for His  
treasured possession." Deuteronomy 14:2

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item(s) as a donation for our local food bank.

## MAKING A DIFFERENCE

### **ELCA WORLD HUNGER 40 DAYS OF GIVING** **Journey through Lent**

ELCA World Hunger is our church's ministry to end hunger and poverty in more than 60 countries around the world, including the United States.

The world provides enough food for all, but millions of people around the world face chronic hunger.

This Lent we are saving for **A Just World Where All Are Fed.**

The World Food Bank estimates 766 million people live in extreme poverty on less than \$1.90 per day.

Please consider supporting the work of ELCA World Hunger beyond your typical offerings. Consider using a 40 Days of Giving coin jar. We have jars for you to use or you may have a mason jar we gave you a few years ago for the Lenten offerings. We suggest \$2.00 a day to fight hunger and poverty. Jars and devotional booklets are still available at the Coffee Hour.





# Immanuel German School

Earlier this year, 29 of our students participated in the National German Exam sponsored by the American Association of teachers of German. The AATG awards gold medals to students scoring at or above the 90<sup>th</sup> percentile, silver to those scoring between the 80<sup>th</sup> and the 89<sup>th</sup> percentiles, and those between the 70<sup>th</sup> and 79<sup>th</sup> percentiles bronze.

Fifteen of our students won gold medals, two won silver, and five won bronze. Thus, of our 29 students participating, twenty-two or 76% were medalists. Looking at the Philadelphia Vicinity and State of Delaware Chapter of the AATG: The top scorer on the level IV exam was an Immanuel German School student. The second highest score on both the level III and level II exams were earned by Immanuel students. That, as they say, is the good news. The not so good news is that the local AATG chapter has scheduled their awards program for May 11, the same day as our Abschlussfeier. Needless to say, we are exploring our options, but we already know that our students and their teachers can't be at two places at the same time.

On Thursday, March 14, six of Frau Rieker's students took the written portion of the Deutsches Sprachdiplom in Immanuel's conference room. The oral test was administered on Saturday, March 16, by Herr Helmut Kehlenbeck of the Zentralstelle für das Auslandsschulwesen.

Lest anyone think that the Immanuel German School is all about tests and testing, we celebrated Fasching the last Saturday before Lent.

Del Hausman, Principal



# IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

## APRIL 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>March 31</b> 10:30 AM 3rd Anniversary Celebration with light brunch</p>	<b>1</b>	<p><b>2</b> 1:00 PM Staff Meeting  7:00 PM Christian Events Team</p>	<p><b>3</b> 10:00 AM Bible Study 11:30 AM Lenten Service 7:00 PM Bible Study 7:00 PM Girl Scouts</p>	<p><b>4</b> 9:30 AM Lower Bucks Conference Meeting</p>	<p><b>5</b> 10:00 AM Member Care Team</p>	<p><b>6</b> 9:30 AM Immanuel German School at LMHS  <b>3:30 – 7:00 PM Ham Supper</b></p>
<p><b>7</b> <b>Fifth Sunday in Lent</b> 9:30 AM English Service 10:30 AM Fellowship 11:00 AM German Service 6:30 PM Evening Service 7:10 PM What Lutherans REALLY Believe</p>	<b>8</b>	<p><b>9</b> 1:00 PM Staff Meeting  2:00 PM Worship Team meeting</p>	<p><b>10</b> 10:00 AM Bible Study 11:30 AM Lenten Service 7:00 PM Bible Study 7:00 PM Girl Scouts</p>	<p><b>11</b> 9:30 AM Dean's Meeting  <b>6:00 PM Noah Movie @ AMC Neshaminy</b></p>	<b>12</b>	<p><b>13</b> 9:30 AM Immanuel German School at LMHS</p>
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<p><b>21</b> <b>EASTER SUNDAY</b> (See page 3) 6:00 AM Easter Sunrise Service 7:00-9:00 AM Easter Breakfast 9:30 AM Easter Communion Service 11:00 AM Family Easter Celebration  <b>Newsletter Deadline</b></p>	<b>22</b>	<p><b>23</b> Office Closed</p>	<p><b>24</b> Office Closed</p>	<b>25</b>	<p><b>26</b> 9:30 AM Newsletter Mailing</p>	<p><b>27</b> 9:30 AM Immanuel German School at LMHS  <b>9:30 AM-1:00 PM Linus Project</b></p>
<p><b>28</b> <b>Second Sunday of Easter</b> 9:30 AM English Service 10:30 AM Fellowship 11:00 AM German Service</p>	<b>29</b>	<p><b>30</b> 1:00 PM Staff Meeting  7:00 PM Finance Team</p>		<p><b>Coming in May</b> <b>Friday, May 3 - 6:00 PM - Women's Event</b></p>		