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Immanuel Newsletter GOD'S WORK – OUR HANDS

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and Food Drive



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ONLINE
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CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS, MEETING TIMES, LEADERS

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 tith (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 church family,

Both my father and my only uncle died in their early 50s, when I was in my mid-teens. Both worked hard with their bodies, both liked their rich German meat-and-potatoes meals, and both smoked. All three elements were factors in their early deaths. Despite the constant pleas of their wives and their children to stop smoking, which we felt was the biggest threat to their health and well-being, they did not.

Educational shows on television did not change their minds. Informative and medically grounded articles did not persuade them to change. The stern warnings of their physicians had no impact. Although the factual evidence was solid that smoking was very, very bad for them, they would not stop.

My family and Uncle Kurt's family were astonished and flabbergasted. The facts were clear. But the facts did not make a difference. Of course, that was before we knew what we know now: the extreme addictive qualities of nicotine and the immoral manipulations by the cigarette industry.

My early experience of facts appearing to be useless and weak would repeat itself again and again over the subsequent decades. One of my professors tried to comfort me and my classmates: "You cannot take out of a person by reason (facts) what reason (facts) did not put in there in the first place." He meant well, but it did not help much.



The situation seems to have become worse - especially with the arrival of the internet and cable TV. Everyone can now find their own facts - especially facts that confirm what they already believe or want to believe.

Psychologists call this "confirmation bias." This is an unconscious process in all our brains that makes us seek out information that confirms what we already believe and like, while also rejecting information (including facts) that challenges what we already believe and like.

So, then we come to the words of Jesus in the Gospel of Matthew (14:13-21). The disciples tell him that the crowd in front of them is hungry and he should do something. His response is this: "You give them something to eat!"

No matter what newspapers we read or what television news we watch, you and I hear these words from our Savior and know that he addresses us as well. A lot of people are out of work, and families with children are food insecure. We are a caring congregation. We can help. Let's "take a stab at it" on August 8.



I invite you to support the Immanuel Food Drive on August 8—even if you do not sign up for the Parking-Lot-Palooza.

Bring non-perishable groceries. Make a second-mile gift beyond your weekly offering designated for hunger relief. Send a check. Give online. Share a portion of your government stimulus check. Be the hands of Christ! Let's make a BIG difference in Christ's name!

Thank you for your partnership in ministry and mission!

Pastor Hahn

Pastor Hahn will be out of the office Monday through Friday, August 17-21 and 24-28. If you need pastoral care, please contact President Barbara Hannon at 215-637-8478 or VP Chris Blankenhorn at 215-947-5079. They will arrange for a pastor to be available.



Holy Communion at Sunrise

Sunday, August 2 at 7:30 AM

Outdoors on the Immanuel campus

Holy Communion under the Stars

Sunday, August 2 at 8:30 PM

Outdoors on the Immanuel campus



- Come as you are. No need to dress up!
- Social distancing and masks are required!
- The services are about 15 minutes long.
- Communion will be contact-less with pre-packaged individual cups and wafers in a sterile package for each person.
- Please bring your own lawn chair or remain seated in your car (engine off).
- Each event is limited to 25 persons.
- Additional events can be scheduled, if needed.



Morddrohung gegen Pfarrer

Es passiert nicht häufig in Deutschland, dass ein Pfarrer seine Gemeinde aufgrund von Morddrohungen verlässt. Im Jahr 2012 kam Pastor Olivier als Pfarrer in die Gemeinde St. Martin im bayrischen Zorneding. Damals war er bereits promovierter Theologe und Professor in Moralphilosophie.

Im Jahr 2016 verließ er die Gemeinde wieder, weil er zahlreiche anonyme Beleidigungen und Drohungen erhalten hatte, darunter mehrere Morddrohungen; er hatte sich angesichts der vielen Flüchtlinge, die nach Deutschland kamen, für Menschlichkeit und Barmherzigkeit ausgesprochen.

Pastor Olivier ist schwarz, er stammt aus dem Kongo, er hatte also schon Erfahrungen mit Rassismus. Doch diesmal war die Grenze seiner Belastbarkeit erreicht: Er trat als Pfarrer zurück.

Die Postkarte mit der ersten Morddrohung hatte er an seine Tür geklebt habe – mit der Hoffnung, dass es zum Nachdenken führen würde. Aber das wurde nicht so empfunden. Seine Mitchristen haben ihn gebeten, das wegzunehmen.

Als er schließlich Zorneding verließ, zeigte sich, dass auch ein Großteil der Gemeinde hinter ihm stand. An einem Abend, als er schon weg war, sind mehr als 3000 Zornedinger und Zornedingerinnen auf die Straße gegangen und haben einen Kerzenmarsch veranstaltet für ihn, damit er zurückkomme.

Der Pfarrer wurde im Kongo in eine christliche Familie hineingeboren. In seinem Dorf wurde christliche Nächstenliebe von der normalen Bevölkerung täglich praktiziert. Er erinnert sich: „*Von meinen Eltern habe ich das Bewusstsein bekommen, dass wenn man Christ ist, auch die Nächstenliebe in die Tat umsetzen muss. Das ist bei mir auch so geblieben. Man muss sich um die anderen Menschen kümmern, die Probleme haben, egal welche Probleme. So sind wir aufgewachsen.*“

„Wenn Gott schwarz wäre,“ das Buch des Pfarrers, ist 2017 in der Gütersloher Verlagsanstalt erschienen.

Mehr bei www.deutschlandfunkkultur.de

Please contact Pastor Hahn for an English translation.

CONNECTING WITH OTHERS

“FROZEN” CHRISTMAS IN JULY



On Tuesday, July 14, 2020, Kids Connection hosted “Frozen” Christmas in July on Immanuel’s Campus. The event was a drive-thru, with no person-to-person contact. Approximately 25 families reserved a time slot. Olaf was there for pictures next to the cars and there was a Frozen sing-a-long at the beginning of the drive-thru. Elsa, Anna, and Keistoff hosted games for the kids to play from the safety of their family car. The campus was decorated for Christmas, as well. The event ended with a drop off for food bank items and a video of the Christmas Story by children from New Zealand. A popsicle and a take home craft were provided to all the kids. We had great feedback and it seemed all the kids had fun.



THANK YOU

The Kids Connection team would like to thank everyone who volunteered to help with our “Frozen” Christmas in July event on Tuesday, July 14, 2020. This event could not have happened without the many volunteers who turned out. We were even blessed with three volunteers from Good Shepard Lutheran in Southampton.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE



Linus hasn't forgotten you, hopefully you haven't forgotten Linus. Linus is still in need of your blankets. Unfortunately we are unable to schedule a meeting date or drop-off date at this time. I am sure you can understand the situation. Your diligence in making the blankets is truly appreciated. Please watch the newsletter for a meeting or drop-off date.



Q: What is this? – A: This is a combination of safe fellowship; fun; and doing good.

Q: What does that mean? – A: Members and friends are invited to come by car to the Immanuel campus, park at a safe distance from each other (spots will be marked), and interact with each other in a safe way (wave, talk, just see and be seen.)

Q: What about the fun? -- A: There will be music for a sing-a-long; fun and inspiring posters prepared by the Member Care Team; door prizes; and a funny hat and funny t-shirt contest. (Participation is optional.)

Q: Do I have to bring food? – A: You don't have to. You can give a check or cash instead. Or bring nothing.

Do I have to reserve my spot? -- A: Yes, for logistical safety, and planning reasons. Call the office or check the Immanuel website or the E-News to register.



Deutsche Sprachschule
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Join us **ONLINE** this fall!

Now in our 46th year providing instruction in the German language and culture to children and adults throughout the Greater Philadelphia area, we welcome you to join us on September 12, 2020, as classes resume online for the 2020-21 school year. We offer classes for students as young as four through elementary, middle and high school as well as four separate levels for adults. Our students range from native speakers to so-called “heritage learners” to students learning German as a foreign language.

Our students’ achievements are recognized and rewarded. Students participate in both American and German testing programs. Beginning in level 6, students take part in the National German Exam sponsored by the American Association of Teachers of German and can win medals and certificates that can be shared with their regular school and can become part of their school record and transcript. Students in levels 5 and 7 participate in the Internationale schulische Vergleichsarbeit (International Scholastic Comparative Test) on the A1 and A2 levels. These tests are sponsored by the Zentralstelle für das Auslandsschulwesen (Central Agency for Schools Abroad) and offer excellent preparation for the German Language Diploma, which students typically take in levels 10 (DSD 1) and 12 (DSD 2). The DSD 2 certifies that the student’s German is sufficient for study at a German university. Finally, students in level 11 or 12 can take the Advanced Placement Exam in German Language and Culture sponsored by the US College Board. Bottom line: Students learn German, deepen their understanding of the German language and culture and receive certification of their language abilities.

For further information and to register for fall classes, please visit our website:
www.theimmanuelgermanschool.org. Register and pay before August 1 and save \$100.



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Please note the time change!
 Evening Services will begin at **7:30 PM** and will feature more modern music.