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DINNER AND A MOVIE

Friday, February 21

Dinner at 6:30 PM

Movie at 7:15 PM

ASH WEDNESDAY

11:30 AM Service

(Followed by Soup Lunch)

7:30 PM Service

(Preceded by Soup Dinner

@ 6:30 PM)

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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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Send information or questions to IELC.newsletter@comcast.net.

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

CHRISTMAS 2019



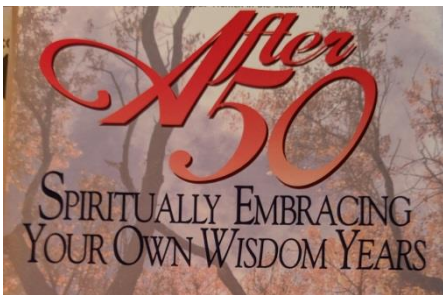
From Pastor Hahn

My dear church family,

With apologies to the younger folks in our church family, I would like to share a few reflections by Philadelphia-born author and psychologist, Dr. Robert Wicks, aimed especially at people who have reached and passed their 50th birthday. Wicks suggests:

ONE: Listening to the people and the world around us, because it is in and through people and events that we encounter God and what God is calling us to be;

TWO: Prioritizing the God-relationship in our lives by recognizing the importance of both personal and communal prayer and then acting accordingly;



THREE: Reading and praying with Scripture where we encounter God's self-revelation most directly;

FOUR: Maintaining a healthy balance between structure and freedom; action and contemplation; personal and communal prayer/worship;

FIVE: Making efforts to nurture our faith through spiritual reading, good conversation, and on-going education;

SIX: Opening ourselves ... to the possibilities of grace that fills and surrounds us and sometimes the kinds of grace that even come kicking, scratching, or begging at our door.

And if all that sounds too "heavy," perhaps this short list of activities, suggested by Wicks, would be a great start:

Read a bit -- Listen to a favorite song -- Call a friend -- Remember a kindness -- Help the poor -- Keep perspective -- Smile broadly -- Laugh loudly -- Close doors gently -- Do what you can -- Live gratefully -- Relax for a moment -- Breathe deeply -- Tease yourself often -- Take a quiet walk -- Tell God a funny story.

Let me know if any of this is helpful! And: please pray for me. I am praying for you.

Pastor Hahn

Thank You

FROM Pastor Hahn and Lyn: "We are grateful for the many ways members and friends of our church family reached out to us at Christmas in personal and generous ways. Your kindness and attention inspires us."

Auslegung der Jahreslosung 2020

„Ich glaube; hilf meinem Unglauben!“ --Markus 9,24

(Interpretation of the 2020 slogan "I think; help my unbelief!"--Mark 9.24)

Es gibt Zeiten im Leben, in denen man an einer Schwelle steht und damit vor der Frage: Gehe ich durch diese Tür oder nicht?

Es ist wie das Zögern beim ersten Sprung des Kindes vom Einmeterbrett im Schwimmbad. Traue ich mich zu springen oder nicht?



Von außen betrachtet sagt man, es ist doch ganz einfach, es gibt nur ein „Ja oder Nein“. Entweder du springst oder du bleibst stehen. Aber so eindeutig sind die damit verbundenen Gedanken und Emotionen meist nicht.

Natürlich gibt es Situationen, in denen man leicht, freudig und zuversichtlich entscheidet, die eindeutig sind. Zugleich gibt es Entscheidungen, die verbunden sind mit Zweifel, Angst, Verunsicherung.

„Ich glaube; hilf meinem Unglauben!“ Der Mann, der im Markusevangelium diese Worte spricht, ist ein Mensch in einer solch schwierigen Situation.

Er steht an einer Schwelle. Sein Sohn ist krank, schwer krank, schon seit Kindertagen. Die Krankheit hat tödliche Macht über den Sohn. In seiner Sorge und Verzweiflung hat der Vater schon vieles versucht. Soeben erst ist eine Hoffnung erloschen. Die Jünger Jesu, an die er sich gewandt

hatte, konnten seinen Sohn nicht heilen. Die Enttäuschung darüber ist mächtig.

Da begegnet der Mann Jesus und damit der Frage: Wage ich, Jesus so zu vertrauen, so an ihn zu glauben, dass Heilung doch möglich ist? Oder wage ich es nicht?

Mit all diesen Gefühlen, Ängsten, Sorgen steht der Mann vor Jesus. Er versteckt seine Zweifel nicht. Er verdrängt sie nicht. Sie sind ihm auch nicht peinlich. Er spricht nicht so, als sei alles in Ordnung.

Die Zweifel, der Unglaube, sie sind keine bewusste Verweigerung des Glaubens oder gar eine intellektuelle Distanzierung. Sie sind eine Reaktion aufgrund einer schweren Erfahrung: die Erkenntnis: Mein eigener Glaube ist angefochten.

Dennoch wagt er den Schritt über die Schwelle. Der Vater bittet Jesus, das Kind zu heilen. Er bittet ihn um Erbarmen für seine ganze Familie: „Hilf meinem Sohn, indem du dich unserer erbarmst!“ Dieser Mann wirft Christus seine ganze existentielle Not vor die Füße.

Der Vater wagt den Sprung in den Glauben, obwohl er zweifelt. Er vertraut, obwohl er unsicher ist. Er glaubt, obwohl ungläubige Gedanken und Gefühle an ihm zerren. Dieses Obwohl ist der Mut des Glaubens. Der Mut zum Sein. Der Mut, sein Leben Gott anzuvertrauen.

Von: Landesbischof Heinrich Bedford-Strohm, der Ratsvorsitzende der EKD.

(Mehr unter www.ekd.de/auslegung-der-jahreslosung-2020-52453.htm)

CONNECTING WITH OTHERS

You are invited to:

**The Annual Meeting of the Congregation
on Sunday, **MARCH 1, 2020**
immediately following the combined worship service at
10:00 AM**

There will be reports about the church's ministry, including a financial report and a vote on the 2020 Ministry Spending Plan.

All members, 18 years or older, are herewith urged to attend. Members are asked to submit nominations of church members to serve on church council for a term of office of three years. Nominations may be given to Council President Barbara Hannon.

THANKS FOR THE CALENDARS

We would like to thank Wetzel and Son Funeral Home for our 2020 personalized scenic inspirational wall calendars. We appreciate their generous donation.

DINNER AND A MOVIE ALL ARE WELCOME!!!

The Member Care Committee is busy preparing a spaghetti dinner for you!

Please join us on Friday, February 21st.

Doors will open at 6:00 PM, dinner will be served at 6:30 and the movie will start at 7:15. If you are not able to come for the dinner, please join us for the movie! Please respond by February 18th, to the church office at 215-464-1540.

ADDRESS CHANGE

Fred and Jeannie Apple
Brandywine Living at Upper Providence
1133 Black Rock Rd,
Phoenixville, PA 19460

LIVING LUTHERAN

Many of our members and friends have been receiving Living Lutheran for the past several years. It is time for us to renew our subscriptions. If you did not have a subscription, you can sign up now.

It is important that we have at least 50 people/families subscribing to Living Lutheran so that the cost is only \$8.95 a year instead of the regular price of \$19.95 a year. The magazine will be mailed directly to your house. Make your checks payable to Immanuel Lutheran Church and give them to Barbara Hannon. For additional information, check the information table in the room behind the nave or contact Barbara Hannon.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

THANK YOU

From The Church Staff

The church staff wish to express our gratitude for the special financial Christmas gift given to us by members and friends of Immanuel. We really appreciate this sign of your support, appreciation, and generosity. It means a lot!

Diane Burgess (Secretary),
Ed And Mary Borneo (Sextons),
Jim Clements (Retired Organist/Supply Substitute)
George Herrmann (Supply/Substitute Organist).
Marilyn Davis (Supply/Substitute Organist)

From The Seaman's Institute

Dear friends at Immanuel Lutheran,
On behalf of the Seafarers we serve, we thank you for your generous donations to our 2019 Ditty Bag program.
Helene Pierson,
Executive Director



**LINUS DAY – SATURDAY, APRIL 25
9:30 AM - 1:00 PM**

Please mark your calendar and plan to attend the Linus Workshop. Everyone is welcome. Any questions, contact Barbara Hannon or Alma Dallas

February 3 is "Super Bowl" Sunday

**When you come to Worship
please bring a can of soup for the
Somerton Food Bank**

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 9:30 AM Immanuel German School at LMHS
<p style="text-align: center;">2</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Fourth Sunday after Epiphany</p> <p>9:30 AM English Service with Holy Communion 10:30 AM Fellowship 11:00 AM German Service with Holy Communion 6:30 PM Evening Service with Holy Communion 7:00 PM German Circle 7:10 PM What Lutherans REALLY believe</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">3</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">4</p> <p>1:00 PM Staff Meeting</p> <p>7:00 PM Christian Education Team</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">5</p> <p>10:00 AM Bible Study</p> <p>7:00 PM Bible Study</p> <p>7:00 PM Girl Scouts</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">6</p> <p>9:30 AM Lower Bucks Conference Meeting</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">7</p> <p>10:00 Member Care Team</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">8</p> <p>9:30 AM Immanuel German School at LMHS</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">9</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Fifth Sunday after Epiphany</p> <p>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>	<p style="text-align: center;">10</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">11</p> <p>1:00 PM Staff Meeting</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">12</p> <p>10:00 AM Bible Study</p> <p>7:00 PM Bible Study</p> <p>7:00 PM Girl Scouts</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">13</p> <p>9:30 AM Dean's Meeting</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">14</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">15</p> <p>9:30 AM Immanuel German School at LMHS</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">16</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sixth Sunday after Epiphany</p> <p>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 Newsletter Deadline</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">17</p> <p>7:00 PM Church Council</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">18</p> <p>1:00 PM Staff Meeting</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">19</p> <p>10:00 AM Bible Study</p> <p>12:00 Noon Frauenverein</p> <p>7:00 PM Bible Study</p> <p>7:00 PM Girl Scouts</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">20</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">21</p> <p>6:00 PM Dinner and a Movie</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">22</p> <p>9:30 AM Immanuel German School at LMHS</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">23</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Transfiguration of Our Lord</p> <p>9:30 AM English Service with Holy Communion 10:30 AM Fellowship 11:00 AM German Service with Holy Communion 6:30 PM Evening Service with Holy Communion 7:10 PM What Lutherans REALLY believe</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">24</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">25</p> <p>1:00 PM Staff Meeting</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">26</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ASH WEDNESDAY</p> <p>11:30 AM Service (Followed by Soup Lunch)</p> <p>7:30 PM Service (Preceded by Soup Dinner @ 6:30 PM)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">27</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">28</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">29</p> <p>9:30 AM Immanuel German School at LMHS</p>