

# JULY 2017

## 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**

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## **I-SEE Program** (Immanuel - Summer Education Event)

July 9, 16, 23, 30  
10:15 AM – 11:15 AM

“Lessons from the Reformation and  
Being Lutheran Today”

## **Bible Study**

Meeting now on Thursdays!  
July 6, 13, 20 and 27  
10:00 AM and 7:00 PM

# CONNECTING WITH GOD

## From Pastor Hahn



My dear church family,

Do you know what YMBaLI means?

It is shorthand for “You Might Be A Lutheran If ...” A website that sells Lutheran paraphernalia had some fun with it a few years ago. Here are some of its humorous suggestions:

You Might Be a Lutheran If ...

... the church building is on fire, and you rush in to save the coffee pot.

... you sing, “Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus” while sitting down.

... your church library has three Jell-o cookbooks.

... you have the uncontrollable urge to sit in the back of any room.

... you feel guilty for not feeling guilty.

However, once we push beyond the humor, the question is a serious one: What makes a Lutheran a Lutheran?

Are there some essential practices? A set of non-negotiable beliefs? A number of ironclad traditions? A canon of values and ethical standards?

Are there some global principles that apply to Lutherans everywhere and anywhere? Or are there local or regional variables? And, if so, what are they?

A related question quickly emerges: How is being a Lutheran today in 2017 in and around Philadelphia, PA, related to the Protestant Reformation that got started when Martin Luther nailed his 95 theses to the door of the castle church in 1517?

These are, I believe, good and proper questions to explore in this 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary year of the Protestant Reformation. We will try to get some answers this summer during the I-SEE program (the Immanuel Summer Education Event).

The I-SEE program will be offered every Sunday in July and August from 10:15 to 11:15 AM—except on the first Sunday in July and August when we will have an English Communion Service at 9:30 AM and a German Communion Service at 11 AM.

On Sundays when I-SEE is being offered, a half-hour service of the Word in English will be offered at 9:30 AM and a similar service in German will be offered at 11:30 am.

I look forward to exploring with you what it means to be a Lutheran at the I-SEE program.

God’s Peace,  
*Pastor Hahn*

## ELECTRONIC GIVING

The Stewardship and Finance Teams hope you will not forget us during your summer vacations. Church expenses do not stop during the summer. The easiest way to ensure that weekly giving continues is through Immanuel’s electronic giving program. It is safe, convenient and easy to use. Use the sign-up form available on the information table, sign up on line through our website ([www.ImmanuelPhilly.org](http://www.ImmanuelPhilly.org)), or use the QR code reader on your phone.



## Das Reformationsjubiläum 2017 Feiern

Ein Auszug aus einer Veröffentlichung der Evangelischen Kirche in Deutschland (EKD)

*Reformation ist ein historisches Geschehen des 16. Jahrhunderts, sie ist aber auch ein Prozess der ständigen Erneuerung von Glaube, Kirche und Gesellschaft.*

*Im Zusammenspiel mit anderen Kräften und Ideen hat die Reformation durch die Jahrhunderte in vielen Bereichen der Gesellschaft ihre Wirkungen entfaltet und eine Lerngeschichte angestoßen. Für das 21. Jahrhundert gilt: Von der Reformation inspiriert sein, heißt über sie hinausgehen.*

*Die historischen Wirkungen der Reformation dürfen nicht verwechselt werden mit dem reformatorisch geprägten Glauben selbst. Der Rat der EKD sieht darum im Jubiläumsjahr 2017 eine große Chance, eine im Geist der Reformation geprägte Lebenshaltung glaubwürdig und attraktiv zu entfalten.*

*Die Suche und Sehnsucht nach Gott, nach dem Heiligen, nach Frömmigkeit und Innerlichkeit ist dabei verknüpft mit der Verantwortung für den Nächsten, die Welt und die Zukunft.*

*Sieben Grunddimensionen beschreiben diese Lebenshaltung:*

- 1. Auf Gott vertrauen als das Geheimnis dieser Welt.*
- 2. Demütig leben und empfindsam werden für menschliches Leiden und realistisch angesichts menschlicher Schuld – auch der eigenen.*
- 3. Bestärkt in der inneren Freiheit lebe und aufrecht, selbstbewusst und berührbar durchs Leben gehen.*
- 4. Im Widerstand leben gegenüber Missbrauch von Macht, gegen Fundamentalismus und gegen Angriffe auf gesellschaftliche Minderheiten.*
- 5. Den eigenen Horizont erweitern, andere Lebenshaltungen und -wege verstehen lernen und empfindsam sein für den Kummer und das Leid anderer Menschen.*
- 6. Eine gute Balance finden von religiöser Selbstbestimmung und einem gemeinsamen Raum, in dem der Glaube beheimatet ist und Gestalt gewinnt.*
- 7. Von Gelassenheit und Dankbarkeit geprägt sein, in der Gewissheit feiern und genießen, daß Schöpfung und Weltgeschichte, gegenwärtiges Leben und zukünftiges Geschehen nicht allein vom eigenen Tun und Lassen abhängen sondern in Gottes Hand sind.*

*Diese reformatorische Lebenshaltung will individuell gestaltet werden und spiegelt doch den einen Geist, den Gott uns gegeben hat: nicht "den Geist der Furcht, sondern der Kraft, der Liebe und der Besonnenheit" (2. Tim. 1,7). (Mehr bei [www.ekd.de](http://www.ekd.de))*

## Celebrating the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Protestant Reformation: An Excerpt

What we call "the Reformation" was, on the one hand, an historical event in the 16<sup>th</sup> Century. On the other hand, it has been an ongoing process of renewing faith, church, and society.

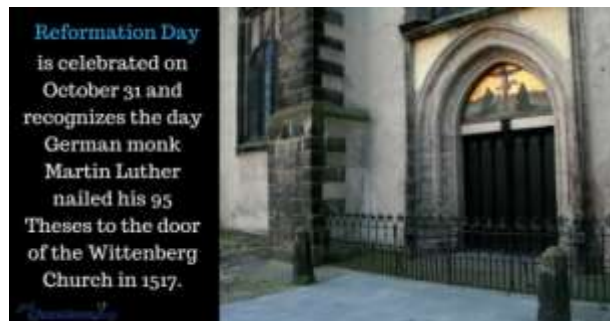
Interacting with other forces and ideas across the centuries, the Reformation has impacted many spheres of society and set in motion an historical process of learning. Its import for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century is this: to be inspired by the Reformation means to move beyond it.

It is important not to confuse the historical effects of the Reformation upon society with the set of beliefs that was shaped by it. The Council of the Protestant Church in Germany (EKD) views the anniversary year 2017 as a great opportunity to present, in an attractive and authentic way, a model of living and believing steeped in the spirit of the Reformation.

The human search and yearning for God, for the Holy, for devotion and a spiritual life is, thereby, tied to being responsible for one's neighbor, the world, and the future.

This way of living and believing in the spirit of the Reformation has seven basic dimensions: 1. Trust in God as the mystery that underlies all of existence. 2. Live humbly, become sensitive to human suffering, and be realistic about human sinfulness—including one's own. 3. Be empowered in your inner freedom and live righteously, confidently, and approachably. 4. Oppose abuses of power, fundamentalism of any kind, and attacks on minorities. 5. Widen your horizon, learn to understand other ways of living and pathways through life, show empathy for the sadness and the pain of other people. 6. Balance individual spiritual pursuits and preferences with participation in a community where faith is shared, shaped, and lived out. 7. Grow in serenity and gratitude; celebrate and enjoy life in the certainty that creation and history, present life and future events do not depend solely on human action but are in God's hands.

Although this way of life and faith will vary from person to person, underneath the emerging variety there is the one God-given spirit, i.e. "not a spirit of fear but a spirit of power, love, and maturity" (2 Timothy 1:7). (More at [www.ekd.de](http://www.ekd.de))



# CONNECTING WITH OTHER PEOPLE

## CHURCH PICNIC – JUNE 11, 2017



Our air-conditioned, indoor picnic provided a heat-free and bug-free environment where we could eat, converse, sing and play games. It was a fun way to spend an afternoon. Thank you to all who brought their favorite dishes to share with us.

# MAKING A DIFFERENCE

## THANK YOU !

The Social Ministry Team tries to lead and inspire the members and friends of our church family to make a difference in the lives of people in need.

Since the beginning of the year, we have had several opportunities to help others. We want to share with you the results:

<b>Somerton Food Bank</b>	784 items
<b>40 Days of Giving</b> to end world hunger	\$2,397
<b>Benefit Concert</b> to Aid Syrian Children	\$1,304

This summer, our projects include:

- Cooking for Aid for Friends
- Feed Our Hungry Neighbors Garden
  - John Iskra (our landscaper) tilled the plot.
  - Otto Schmidt (our florist) and Johann Scholtz donated plants and seeds.
  - Things are growing. We hope to provide produce for Somerton Food Bank and Aid for Friends.
- Somerton Food Bank
  - Please bring cereal, canned meat or soup to worship each Sunday in July. The groceries will be delivered to the Food Bank each week.

## PAINTING PIZZA PARTY

Come join us on Saturday, July 1, for our first ever **Garage Painting Party**. We will be painting the interior walls and ceiling.

Time 9:00 AM to 12:30 PM

Pizza and refreshments will be served.

Contact either Theo Sawadski, Klaus Abendroth or John Scholtz.



## EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY

Donations to the SPCA are no longer being accepted. Please do not bring any donations of sheets, towels, blankets or such items to church - this task has been discontinued.

My sincere thanks to all who have donated items in the past.

Alma Dallas

## CAUGHT DOING MINISTRY



Theo and John were “caught” painting the doors and windows of the parsonage garage. Thank you, gentlemen.



Margret spent hours shredding old financial records. Thanks, Margret.



Erich W, the Simpsons and the Birgels prepared and served a home-cooked meal to the SEPA Synod Council (about 30 people) at its recent half-day meeting on the Immanuel church campus. Thank you.

# WE ARE DOING IT AGAIN!

Last year, we had such a great turn out by members, friends and our neighborhood community, we are offering not one but **TWO Water Adventure Days.**

## Water Adventure Fun Fest

Saturday ~ July 8, 2017 (Rain date: July 15)

From 1:00 PM until 3:00 PM

**AND**

August 12, 2017 (Rain date: August 19)

From 1:00 PM until 3:00 PM

Join us for an afternoon of **FUN** in the sun!

Stop by our Immanuel campus to cool off at the water stations.

Enjoy free food, water ice and drinks! Win great prizes!

Bring along an extra pair of shoes/flip flops/water shoes and a towel, **because you will get soaked.**

A shaded area will be available for those who would like to relax!

Have an afternoon of fun for **ALL** ages!



## THANK YOU

To Michael Dettra,  
Music Director at Advent Lutheran  
Church in Richboro, PA,  
for providing the music for our  
Benefit Concert to  
Aid Syrian Children



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<b>1</b> 9:00 AM Garage Painting and Pizza Party
<p><b>2</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Fourth Sunday after Pentecost</b></p> <p>9:30 AM English Service with Holy Communion 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Fellowship 11:00 AM German Service with Holy Communion</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>3</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>4</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Independence Day</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Church Office Closed</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>5</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>6</b></p> <p>10:00 AM Bible Study</p> <p>7:00 PM Bible Study</p> <p>7:00 PM Christian Education Team</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>7</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>8</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">1:00 – 3:00 PM <b>Water Adventure Fun Fest</b></p>
<p><b>9</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Fifth Sunday after Pentecost</b></p> <p>9:30 AM English Service 10:15 AM I-SEE 11:30 AM German Service</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>DEADLINE FOR AUGUST NEWSLETTER</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>10</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>11</b></p> <p>10:00 AM Member Care Team</p> <p>12 Noon Worship Planning Team</p> <p>12:30 PM Office Staff Meeting</p> <p>6:00 PM Girl Scouts</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>12</b></p> <p>1:30 PM Social Ministry Team</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>13</b></p> <p>10:00 AM Bible Study</p> <p>7:00 PM Bible Study</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>14</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>15</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Rain Date 1:00 – 3:00 PM <b>Water Adventure Fun Fest</b></p>
<p><b>16</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sixth Sunday after Pentecost</b></p> <p>9:30 AM English Service 10:15 AM I-SEE 11:30 AM German Service</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>17</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>18</b></p> <p>12:30 PM Office Staff Meeting</p> <p>6:00 PM Girl Scouts</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>19</b></p> <p>11:30 AM Frauenverein</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>20</b></p> <p>10:00 AM Bible Study</p> <p>7:00 PM Bible Study</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>21</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>22</b></p>
<p><b>23</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Seventh Sunday after Pentecost</b></p> <p>9:30 AM English Service 10:15 AM I-SEE 11:30 AM German Service</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>24</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>25</b></p> <p>12:30 PM Office Staff Meeting</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>26</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>27</b></p> <p>10:00 AM Bible Study</p> <p>7:00 PM Bible Study</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>28</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>29</b></p>
<p><b>30</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Eighth Sunday after Pentecost</b></p> <p>9:30 AM English Service 10:15 AM I-SEE 11:30 AM German Service</p> <p>12:30 PM Mutual Ministry Team Meeting</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>31</b></p>					