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TIME-SENSITIVE MATERIAL

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Worship = Worth-ship

Attending to what is worthy.

Thank You

For mailing your offering to the church
before you go on vacation and
for “catching up” when you miss a Sunday.

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CONNECTING WITH GOD

From Pastor Hahn

When I was a young man, I had always dreamed of an American-made electric guitar like a Fender or a Gibson. All I could afford at the time were cheap copies made in Asia.

As new “Made in U.S.A.” guitars were out of the question, a friend suggested trying to find a used one at a flea market that was known for having several instrument sellers.

We found a booth with the Fender guitar of my dreams, but I was still shocked by the price tag even for this used guitar. I didn’t even dare to pick it up. A salesman, sensing my reluctance, tried this tactic: **“What is it worth to you?”**

Beauty, it is said, is in the eye of the beholder. The same seems to be true in many instances when it comes to “worth.” You may affix certain worth, a certain value, to something that somebody else thinks has no value to them.

What is God worth to you? Christians answer those questions most clearly each Sunday morning or evening when they give an hour of their time to God in “worth-ship.”

It is not a misspelling. Our word “worship” comes from the Old English word “worthship” which, at its simplest, “to give worth to something.”

By setting aside one hour for worshipping God (plus travel time) in the company of our Immanuel church family, we are declaring publicly that we value God, that time with God has worth, that God is worth our time. (Is the opposite true as well?)

Participation in Sunday morning or evening worship is one of the clearest differences between Christians and non-Christians who give no worth to God.

I look forward to seeing you at Sunday worship!

God’s Peace,
Pastor Hahn

News from the Member Care Team

We are so excited to have added 24 new members to our church family during the last 12 months. We are honoring them with a “New Member Social” dinner (a.k.a. “Meet and Eat”) on July 28th!

If you care to assist with the event or would enjoy getting to know our newest members better, please contact Judy Friedman at jferster@securityabstracts.com or at 267-343-3606.

Thank You

Dear members of the Immanuel Lutheran Church Family: “Thank you very much!” for your warmhearted welcome and mutual support during my stay in your church congregation. I felt invited and accepted from the very beginning.



You received me with great openness and showed an extensive willingness to answer all my questions. I shall also thank you very much in the name of my colleague Leonard Primiano who greets you from Cabrini College in Radnor.... I will let you know about future developments of my studies and eventual outcomes. Thank you very much again!

Thorsten Wettich,
Post-Doctoral researcher at the University of Bremen, Germany, wettich@uni-bremen.de

Tränen sind Fürbitten ohne Worte

„Weinen müssen wir nicht lernen. Das ist angeboren. Was wir lernen, ein Leben lang, ist das Unterdrücken der Tränen. Mal gelingt es besser, mal schlechter.

Aber jeder Mensch weint. Meist tun wir das im Verborgenen, denn es gibt nur ein paar Gelegenheiten, in denen das Weinen in der Öffentlichkeit erlaubt ist: Bei einem traurigen Abschied, am Grab, einem großen Schmerz.

Ansonsten gilt: Tränen sind Zeichen von Schwäche – „Jungs weinen nicht!“ Gott sei Dank stimmt das nicht, und es wird wohl viel, viel mehr geweint, als wir denken. In Kinos und Theatern, aber vor allem dort, wo es niemand sieht: zuhause, im Stillen, manchmal unter der Bettdecke.

Wir müssen unsere Tränen nicht verstecken. Auch die Bibel ermutigt uns zum Weinen. Wir erinnern uns am Karfreitag an das Leiden und den Tod Jesu. An das stumme, stille Ertragen des Schmerzes, aber auch seine gebrüllte Klage. Als Jesus am Karfreitag sah, dass Frauen um ihn weinten, sagte er: „Weint nicht über mich, sondern weint über euch selbst und über eure Kinder.“ (Lukas 23,28) Über was weinen wir?

Ich denke, es gibt Vieles, über das wir keine einzige Träne vergießen, obwohl es doch zum Heulen ist:

Wer weint darüber, dass ein ungerechtes Wirtschaftssystem und unsere Gleichgültigkeit tagaus, tagein abertausende von Menschen verhungern lassen?

Wer weint darüber, dass Gerechtigkeit auf diesem Planeten für die Mehrheit der Menschen nur ein Wort ist und eine ferne Hoffnung bleibt?

Um was weinen wir?

Welche Trauerfälle, welche Abschiede ließen im vergangenen Jahr unsere Tränen fließen?

Mit wem haben wir eng umschlungen geweint?



Welche Nachrichten rührten uns zu Tränen, so dass wir uns öffneten, ob wir wollten oder nicht, und unser Innerstes zeigten?

All diese Tränen waren Traurigkeit und Entlastung für uns selbst, aber auch eine ganz persönliche Botschaft an andere – auch an Gott....

Und sie halten die große Hoffnung fest, dass das Weinen einmal ein Ende haben wird, so wie es ganz am Ende der Bibel steht: „Gott wird abwischen alle Tränen von ihren Augen, und der Tod wird nicht mehr sein, noch Leid, noch Geschrei, noch Schmerz wird mehr sein; denn das Erste ist vergangen.“ (Offenbarung 21,4) –
Verfasser: Landesbischof Ralf Meister, Leitender Bischof der VELKD. (Mehr auf VELKD.de)

Hirnforscher haben herausgefunden, dass das Vertrauen zunimmt, wenn die Angst in bestimmten Regionen des Denkorgans sinkt. Wir vertrauen also mehr, wenn wir weniger Angst haben. Zu viel Angst lähmt die Handlungsfähigkeit und trübt den Blick auf notwendige Veränderungen in Staat und Gesellschaft.

Allerdings, darauf weisen die Hirnforscher auch hin, braucht es schon ein bisschen Angst, damit Menschen überhaupt Vertrauen suchen. Wer gar keine Angst mehr vor nichts hat, kann auch nicht vertrauen.



Bei dem Kirchentag 2019 in Dortmund (19. – 23. Juni) ging es um das Thema „Vertrauen“ in allen Bereichen des Lebens.

Mehr unter: www.Kirchentag.de

Worship SCHEDULE



Summer Worship Schedule

- All worship services, this summer, will be held in the Nave.
- Holy Communion will be celebrated at both services on the first Sunday of the month.
- One bilingual service will be held at 10:00 AM on the remaining Sundays.
- A sermon follow-up will be held at 11:15 AM in the lower classroom for anyone wishing to explore the implications of the morning's message for our lives and our life together.

July 7 - 9:30 AM English Service with Holy Communion
11:00 AM German Service with Holy Communion

July 14, 21 & 28 - 10:00 AM Bilingual Service
11:15 AM Sermon Follow-up conversation

August 4 - 9:30 AM English Service with Holy Communion
11:00 AM German Service with Holy Communion

August 11, 18 & 25 - 10:00 AM Bilingual Service
11:15 AM Sermon Follow-up conversation

September 1 - 9:30 AM English Service with Holy Communion
11:00 AM German Service with Holy Communion

September 8 - *God's Work Our Hands Sunday* -
10:30 AM Bilingual Service

Normal worship schedule resumes on September 15.

PENTECOST WORSHIP SERVICE - JUNE 9, 2019



"Choir of the Day"



Graduate Recognition Sunday
Pastor recognized, and the
congregation blessed, Juliane.

First Reading - Acts 1:

³And there appeared to them tongues as of fire distributing themselves, and they rested on each one of them. *(Flame passed from member to member)* ⁴And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit was giving them utterance.



"Kudus" to Dona who was willing to try on the "Pentecost flame hat" during Worship.

SUNDAY EVENING SERVICE - JUNE 9, 2019



Sally and Diana were welcomed as new members into the Immanuel church family by the worshippers at the evening service on June 9, 2019. (Not pictured: Pastor Hahn). We welcome them into our church family!

God bless our native land

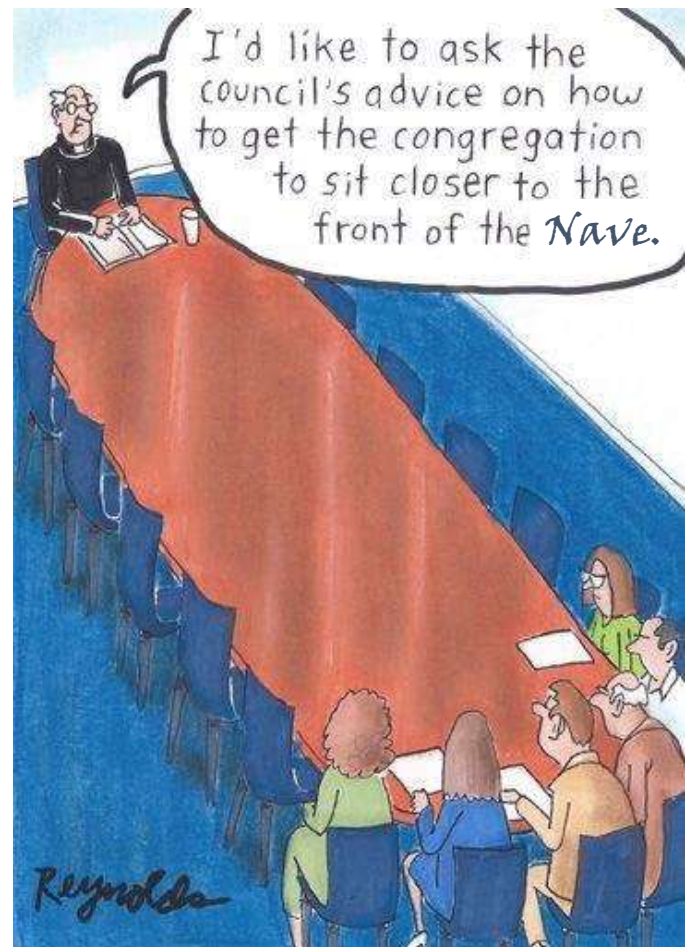
God bless our native land,
Land of the newly free,
Oh may she ever stand
For truth and liberty.

God bless our native land,
Where sleep our kindred dead,
Let peace at thy command
Above their graves be shed.

God help our native land,
Bring surcease to her strife,
And shower from thy hand
A more abundant life.

God bless our native land,
Her homes and children bless,
Oh may she ever stand
For truth and righteousness.

Frances E. W. Harper



CONNECTING WITH OTHERS

Indoor Church Picnic – June 9, 2019



Plenty of food, lively conversation, a sing along and games were enjoyed by the 60 people who attended the picnic! A few prizes were given to those wearing an unusual t-shirt.



Indoor Church Picnic – June 9, 2019



This Pentecost Cake was enjoyed at the congregation picnic on Pentecost Sunday.

Stew was a good sport and tried out the Pentecost flame hat.



MAKING A DIFFERENCE

SOCIAL MINISTRY

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.

Hunger in the Summer

Millions of American kids live in food-insecure households. In the summers, many go hungry.

Roughly 54 percent of America's school kids receive free or reduced price lunches. Many of the same students participate in free or reduced price breakfast programs.

Families that rely on Supplemental Assistance Programs (SNAP) don't get extra money because school is out.

The Social Ministry Committee asks that during the month of July you make a special effort to bring non-perishable items for the Somerton Food Bank. Our goal is 300 items.

Matthew 25:35
"For I was hungry and you gave me food..."

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT OVER THE SUMMER

(By David W. Cook, Senior Editor)

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. Sign up online through our website (www.ImmanuelPhilly.org), or use the QR code reader on your phone.

MISSION

The mission of Immanuel Lutheran Church is "to connect people with God and with other people to make a difference!" What is your mission? How will you help Immanuel with our mission?



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June 10, 2019

Dear Friends at Immanuel Lutheran Church,

On behalf of the clients and staff of Lutheran Settlement House (LSH), I am writing to express my deepest gratitude for your generous donation. We all truly appreciate your support and the many ways your gift will impact our agency. It is through the support of people like you that LSH continues to serve Philadelphia's most vulnerable families.

Your donation helps make it possible for LSH to provide enriching programming for teens, homeless moms and kids, domestic violence survivors, and older adults alike. Thank you so much for giving.

You've made a true difference. This letter serves as proof that your donation is valued at \$400, is tax-deductible, and you received no goods or services in exchange for that amount.

Sincerely,

Erica Zaveloff
Director of Development

P.S. Want to know more about what's happening at Lutheran Settlement House? Visit www.lutheransettlement.org, and click on "Contact Us" to subscribe to our e-newsletter!

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Pastor at DELKINA Conference	2 Pastor at DELKINA Conference	3 Pastor at DELKINA Conference	4 Independence Day Office Closed	5	6
7 Fourth Sunday after Pentecost 9:30 AM English Service with Holy Communion 10:30 AM Fellowship 11:00 AM German Service with Holy Communion 4:00 PM Lower Bucks Conference 6:30 PM Evening Service	8	9 1:00 PM Staff Meeting 7:00 PM Christian Events Team	10	11	12 10:00 AM Member Care Team Meeting	13
14 Fifth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 AM Bilingual Service 11:15 AM Sermon follow-up conversation 6:30 PM Evening Service Newsletter Deadline	15	16 1:00 PM Staff Meeting	17 12:00 Noon Frauenverein	18 9:00 Dean's Meeting	19 9:30 AM Newsletter Mailing	20
21 Sixth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 AM Bilingual service 11:15 AM Sermon follow-up conversation 6:30 PM Evening Service	22 7:00 PM Council	23 1:00 PM Staff Meeting 7:00 PM Finance Team	24	25	26	27
28 Seventh Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 AM Bilingual Service 11:15 AM Sermon follow-up conversation 5:30 PM "Meet and Eat" for New Members 6:30 PM Evening Service	29	30 1:00 PM Staff Meeting	31			