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Immanuel Newsletter **GOD'S WORK – OUR HANDS**

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Ladies Tea Party

Saturday, June 1st,

1:00 to 5:00 PM

in Immanuel's Fellowship Hall.

**SUNDAY,
JUNE 16TH**

5:00 to 6:30 PM



Indoor Community

Yard Sale

Saturday, June 22

from 9 AM - 1 PM

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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 rd Monday	7:00 PM	Barbara Hannon
Christian Event 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		Dr. James M. Clements
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	12:30 PM	Michele Cook
Sunday School	Sundays	9:30 AM	Eileen Szentjobi
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

From Pastor Hahn

My dear church family,

- Have you seen God at work in the world lately?
- Can you give an example of where God is active in the life of a friend, neighbor, colleague or family member?
- Have you experienced the presence of Christ in your life this past week?
- Can you point to an occasion - other than a gorgeous sunrise or a majestic sunset or a beautiful walk in the woods or the birth of a baby - where you saw evidence of God's presence?
- For how many things and people in your life do you give credit to God because he blessed you with them?



A colleague of mine calls this "God Sightings" and she asks worshippers to share their God Sightings during Sunday worship. When she gets three (3) sightings from her 60 worshippers, she considers it a good Sunday.

A lot of people are having difficulties describing the actions, the presence, or the fingerprints of God, Jesus, or the Holy Spirit in their lives and in the world.

Perhaps that is one reason why the books by Squire Rushnell ("When God Winks at You" series) are such best sellers. Rushnell draws interesting connections between coincidences and the presence of God. One of our members credits a personal spiritual rejuvenation to one of this author's books. I will be reading this book myself soon.

Meanwhile, it would be helpful to me to know if you, too, might be struggling with describing God's presence and actions in your life - or, conversely, if you are adept at seeing God, Christ, and the Holy Spirit at work!

God's Peace,

Pastor Hahn

Don't Miss!

Sunday Evening Worship

If you cannot worship in the morning, come in the evening! Every Sunday at 6:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall.

What Lutherans Believe. A Study of the Lord's Prayer.

Sundays at 7:10 PM in the classroom next to the back exit/entrance.

Pentecost/Graduation Sunday and the Congregational Picnic

Come and celebrate on Sunday, June 9th at 10:30 AM. The picnic follows the combined service.

The Yard Sale on Saturday, June 22

See page 10 for more information.

Alle Achtung! – Respekt tut gut

„Respekt“ verlangen Stars der Hip Hop Szene. „Hey, du, Respekt!“ fordern junge Männer auf der Straße. „Etwas mehr Respekt bitte!“ wünschen sich ältere Menschen von jüngeren. Respekt – das möchten alle. Wer Respekt erwartet, der muss ihn aber auch anderen entgegenbringen.



Auf einem Plakat steht das Wort „Respekt“ – Das brauchen wir: Respekt vor Eigenarten und vielfältigen Eigenschaften. Respekt vor Herkunft, Traditionen, Kulturen und Religionen – vor Gedanken und Ideen anderer, ihren Ängsten, Sorgen, Hoffnungen und Träumen.

Respekt bedeutet nicht, alles für gleich gültig zu halten. Respekt meint, Position zu beziehen und sie mit der anderer ins Gespräch zu bringen. Wer Respekt übt, muss wissen, was ihm oder ihr wichtig ist. Wofür es sich lohnt, persönlich ein-zustehen und andere dafür im Dialog zu gewinnen.

Das kleine Buch „Alle Achtung! Respekt tut gut,“ herausgegeben von der Vereinigten Evangelisch-Lutherischen Kirche Deutschlands, zeigt, dass Respekt das Leben anregender und schöner macht.

Es zeigt, dass Respekt tatsächlich vom Himmel fällt. Denn der größte Respekt ist der, den Gott seinen Menschen entgegenbringt – die er, wie die Bibel erzählt, nach seinem Bilde geschaffen und wenig niedriger gemacht hat als sich selbst. Denen er „Alle Achtung“ von ihren Mitgeschöpfen wünscht und die er segnet:

„Der HERR segne dich und behüte dich; der HERR lasse sein Angesicht leuchten über dir und sei dir gnädig; der HERR hebe sein Angesicht über dich und gebe dir Frieden.“ (4. Buch Mose, Kapitel 6, Verse 24–26)

Autor: Dr. Johannes Friedrich (Geleitwort zum Buch „Alle Achtung!“)

Hier ein Auszug aus dem Buch:

Hören

Jesus sagt: *„Wer Ohren hat zu hören, der höre!“* (Evangelium nach Lukas, Kapitel 4, Vers 23)

Motorenlärm, klingende Handys, berieselnde Musik, Werbung und Informationen überall. Wie soll man da noch wirklich hören?



In einer Stadt sagt ein Indianer zu seinem Begleiter: „Ich höre eine Grille zirpen.“ Der andere hört nur den Lärm der Stadt.

Da lässt der Indianer eine Münze fallen, und alle Passanten drehen sich danach um. „Siehst du“, sagt er, „es kommt darauf an, worauf du zu hören gewohnt bist.“



Hören beginnt mit Schweigen. Zuhören auch.

If you are interested in an English translation of this article, please contact Pastor Hahn.

CONNECTING WITH OTHERS

RESEARCH VISITORS AT IMMANUEL CHURCH

From May 28th to June 11th, a scholar from the United States and a scholar from Germany will visit Immanuel Lutheran Church. Their aim is to observe the ways Lutheranism is practiced in this particular Lutheran congregation as well as investigate the connection of this Church family to their German roots. Leonard Norman Primiano is a Professor for Religious Studies at Cabrini University (Radnor, PA). Thorsten Wettich is a Research Assistant at University Bremen (Germany). They have made an international bond for a research endeavor that is dedicated to contemporary processes of identification between Lutheranism and “Germanness” in the face of the pluralistic American environment. Dr. Primiano’s and Dr. Wettich’s interests lie in the everyday dimension of religion in Philadelphia, which is why they would like to visit church services and some community events. They kindly ask you to help as they are looking for church members who are willing to talk with them about their relationship to both Lutheranism and the “German dimension” of their lives and the Immanuel Church family. If you would like to know more about this research visit or are already interested in joining the two for an upcoming interview in May/June, you are politely invited to contact them via email, as noted below. Many thanks to Pastor Hahn and to you for your consideration and assistance.



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WOMEN'S EVENT

On Friday, May 3rd there was a Women's Event held in the Fellowship Hall at Immanuel. The event was attended by 35 women. The group was a blend of Congregation members and their friends and family. The theme for the evening was "Gems of the Bible." The evening started with appetizers that were made by members of our Congregation. This was followed by a Bingo game of gems with two prizes of beautiful hydrangeas. At the conclusion of the game, we moved on to a delicious catered meal. Judy and Lori provided the program about how God puts pressure on us like the earth does with coal to make us his diamonds. After the presentation, we had desserts which were also provided by members of the congregation. Our craft for the evening was a handmade bracelet. Everyone was able to select the colored beads of their choice. A beautiful plant was donated for our door prize along with several Thrivent tee shirts. The evening was enjoyed by everyone. This event was sponsored by Thrivent Financial.



2019 Spring Conference Gathering Lower Bucks Conference, SEPA Synod, ELCA

The 2019 Spring Lower Bucks Conference Gathering was held on Thursday, May 9th at Twining Village in Holland, PA and run by Pastor Hahn. The "Together We Can Do So Much More" event featured a free dinner



(courtesy of Twining Village!). There were almost 100 attendees with Immanuel being represented by 13 congregational members! Bishop Patricia Davenport was also in attendance at the Gathering. Time was spent getting to know neighboring congregations by sharing conversations of strength, challenges, dreams and successes via small group clusters. Two workshops were offered with take home value. Pastor Eric led a workshop on how to develop a PR strategy for your congregation with special emphasis on social media. Pastor Hahn led another workshop on breaking and removing the ceilings that hold back your church vitality and church growth (They are not what you might think!). Worship and music ended the Gathering. Good stuff happens when people meet!





SUNDAY, JUNE 16TH

**You Are Cordially Invited to the Next
Immanuel's Kids Connection**

What is Kids Connection? It is a gathering of kids ages 3 to 12 to enjoy stories, videos, crafts, singing and a light dinner. It meets once a month on a Sunday evening.

Kids Connection is a condensed version of Vacation Bible School. The kids who attend have a great time! It starts at 5:00 PM sharp and wraps up approximately 6:30 PM, after a light dinner.

We hope you will be joining us. We do ask that one adult remain with each family.

The next get together is **Sunday, June 16, 2019** at 5:00 PM in Immanuel's Fellowship Hall (please enter from the rear parking lot).

To register, please email your child's name and age to office@Immanuelphilly.org Please include a return email or phone number.

REMINDER

June 9 is Pentecost Sunday.
Remember to wear something

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We will also be celebrating our Graduates, and it's Picnic Day, so dress casual.

INDOOR CHURCH PICNIC

Please save the date! We are having our Annual Indoor Church Picnic and would like to invite you to bring your family and friends! Won't you join us at Immanuel for some good old-fashioned fellowship and nostalgic fun without the heat and sun?

Music ~ Games ~ Prizes

We hope to see you on
Sunday, June 9th following the
combined **10:30 AM** church service.
Casual attire is preferred.



This is a potluck picnic!
Please bring a potluck dish to share...a tasty main dish, your special side dish, fabulous salad or delicious dessert!

Cold drinks and hot dogs will be provided.

EASTER EGG HUNT

We had our annual Easter Egg Hunt the day before Easter. The event was only possible because of all the help received from our congregation. Many members donated cash and candy and on Palm Sunday a large group of our congregation helped to fill the eggs. Everyone filling the eggs, approximately 1,000, had a good time and it highlighted the great team work our congregation has.

We had several helpers the day of the event which was very much appreciated. Because of the wet weather, we had to move the Easter Egg Hunt inside for the first time. However, the wet weather did not dampen anyone's spirits, we had 60 children attend the event.'

Again, a big thank you to all!

Immanuel German School



Our annual Abschlussfeier—but this year not the last day of school—was on Saturday, May 4. The celebration featured an overview of the students’ successes, the presentation of awards such as those given by the Consulate General in New York, the Wiswe Awards, awards donated by Immanuel’s German Circle and a full year’s tuition donated by the International German American Police Association. Students in Herr Dailey’s level 5 class were awarded the Internationale schulische Vergleicharbeit A1 certificate and students in Frau Olumi’s level 7/8 class this certificate on the higher A2 level. Honorary Consul Ralf Wiedemann assisted in the presentation of the German Consulate Awards.

Once again, Prof. Dr. Gerhard Kalmus and his wife Karin traveled from their home in North Carolina to present the Gerhard Kalmus Award, this year to Felipe Forero Schwanhäuser. The musical highlights of the celebration were provided by the combined classes of Karen Eppinger, Saskia Kelter, and Julia Meyer Gross who sang “Die Räder vom Bus” and the classes of Frau Klein, Frau Dunn, and Frau Smith who sang “Ich liebe den Frühling.” Additionally, entertainment was provided by the beginner class of Marianne Haug and Felipe Forero Schwanhäuser.

An additional highlight of this year’s celebration was centered on the student writing competition sponsored by the German Language School Conference within the framework of the Deutschlandjahr: Wunderbar together. With the topic “Meine Tür nach Deutschland” (My Door to Germany) five students entered the competition and were awarded certificates and other realia by the GLSC.

We thank all who contributed to the success of this program. Look forward to information on the James Seifert Memorial Scholarship and the Lieselotte Lenz Shuster German Studies Scholarships in an upcoming newsletter. As noted in a previous newsletter, 16 of our students—more than from any other school—were invited to the annual Awards Program of the American Association of Teachers of German that was held on Saturday, May 11, at the Cannstatter Volksfest-Verein.

Remember:

It’s never too late to learn German. Classes resume on Saturday, September 7, 2019. Please visit our website, www.theimmanuelgermanschool.org for more information.





Saturday, June 22 - Indoor Community Yard Sale



Community Yard Sale

This event will be held on Saturday, June 22nd, **RAIN OR SHINE**, from 9 AM - 1 PM. Why not stop by to check out our treasures? Something for everyone! Enjoy a *FREE* cup of coffee while you browse for bargains! Plenty of parking! **Doors open at 9 AM, so please, no early birds!**

We are looking for sellers! Have things that you want to sell? Reservations and payment are required **PRIOR** to the event. Save your spot! We are asking for a \$10.00 donation which will be donated to a worthwhile organization. A table and 2 chairs will be supplied to you per space.

Please contact Chris Blankenhorn at 215-740-2226 or the church office for further information.

Check out our websites for additional information: www.hillhappenings.org or www.immanuelphilly.org

MAKING A DIFFERENE

PHILADELPHIA PROTESTANT HOME

During the month of June, please donate items listed below for the residents of the Protestant Home.

Body lotion
Moisturizers
Powder
Dove soap
Dial soap
Toothpaste
Toothbrushes
Shampoo
Conditioner
Deodorant
Box of tissues

Regular size bottles please

A container for donations will be near the entrance to the worship space.

SCARVES FOR THE SEAFARERS

We are looking forward to expanding our help for the Seafarers by providing knitted or crochet scarves.

Many Seafarers come from tropical climates, have no warm clothing and may suffer in our North Atlantic winters.

Any pattern will do, but the simpler the better. There are a few patters on the table in back of the church if you would care to have one, or use one of your own. Seafarers do ask that the scarves be machine washable, in dark colors, and avoid tassels, fringe, pom-poms or anything of that sort, as they can get in the way and even create a safety hazard.

Scarves will be collected the beginning of August and again at the beginning of December.

We sincerely hope you will find time to knit/crochet to help these needy Seafarers.

BENEFIT TEA PARTY



Please join us for a Ladies Tea Party on **Saturday, June 1st**, from **1:00 to 5:00 PM** in Immanuel's Fellowship Hall.

Ryan Montalvo, age 25, sustained serious injuries on July 18, 2018 when he was hit by a car while riding his bicycle in Del Ray Beach, Florida. Traumatic Brain Injury is the most devastating of the injuries he sustained. A donation of \$25 per person will help Ryan with his mounting medical bills.

There will also be door prizes, raffle prize baskets, music & fellowship. For further information, call Karin Hazzard at 267-315-1345.



BLANKET/QUILT PROJECT

Saturday, April 27, 2019

A very heartfelt "thank you" to: Ilse Abendroth, Kathy Baldwin, Christel Birgel, Michele Cook, Judy Friedman, Gerlinde Kraft, Connie Mascino, Anneliese Mueller, Janice Murset, Elaine Pflieger, Margret Rommel, Darlene Thurnau and Gale Zimmerman for their donation of a blanket/quilt, and help in the sewing on of Linus labels, or the tying of a fleece blanket.

Though we all worked, we also enjoyed the social time we spent together whether learning a new pattern, stitches, or getting to know each other. If you have not joined us in the past, please plan to join us in the Fall. Also, if you do not knit or crochet, come to our Fall Linus Day and we will teach you. Supplies will be furnished. Always something to do - we would be very happy to have you join us.

BIG NOTE: At this workshop, 40 blankets/quilts were donated to the Linus Project.

Again, many thanks from Barbara and I. We wish everyone an enjoyable, safe Summer and look forward to seeing you in the Fall

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

JUNE 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 1:00 – 5:00 PM Benefit Tea Party (See page 11)
2 Seventh Sunday of Easter 9:30 AM English Service 10:30 AM Fellowship 11:00 AM German Service 6:30 PM Evening Service 7:10 PM What Lutherans Believe (Pg. 3)	3 Dean's Planning Retreat	4 Dean's Planning Retreat 7:00 PM Christian Events Team	5 10:00 AM Bible Study 7:00 PM Bible Study 7:00 PM' Girl Scouts	6 9:30 AM Lower Bucks Conference, St. Paul's, Doylestown	7 10:00 AM Member Care Team Lutheran Night at the Phillies	8
9 Day of Pentecost 10:30 AM Combined Service with Holy Communion and Graduate Recognition followed by Congregational Picnic 6:30 PM Evening Service 7:10 PM What Lutherans Believe	10 Newsletter Deadline	11 1:00 PM Staff Meeting	12 10:00 AM Bible Study 7:00 PM Bible Study 7:00 PM' Girl Scouts	13	14 9:30 AM Newsletter Mailing	15
16 First Sunday After Pentecost 9:30 AM English Service 10:30 AM Fellowship 11:00 AM German Service 5:00 PM Kids Connection 6:30 PM Evening Service 7:10 PM What Lutherans Believe	17 7:00 PM Council	18 7:00 PM Christian Events Team	19 10:00 AM Bible Study 12:00 Noon Frauenverein 7:00 PM Bible Study	20	21	22 9 AM – 1 PM Neighborhood Indoor Yard Sale
23 Second Sunday After Pentecost 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 7:10 PM What Lutherans Believe	24	25 1:00 PM Staff Meeting	26 10:00 AM Bible Study 7:00 PM Bible Study	27	28	29
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