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at 6:00 PM



Sunday, May 19, 2019
at 5:00 PM

"SOUP AND CINEMA"



Tuesday,
May 21st
12:15-3:00 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
Women's Book Club	TBA		Judy Friedman
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

Zeugen der Auferstehung: Was nach dem Osterfest geschah

Dass die Auferstehung Jesu angezweifelt wird, ist weder neu noch verwerflich. Die biblischen Zeugen der Auferstehung haben allerdings eine durch nichts weg zu diskutierende Erfahrung gemacht: Sie sind dem Auferstandenen Jesus Christus leibhaftig begegnet.

Maria von Magdala: Ausgerechnet einer ehemalige Prostituierten zeigt sich der auferstandene Jesus zuerst. Weinend steht sie am leeren Grab, neben



dem zwei Engel sitzen. Sie sieht einen Mann, mutmaßt, es sei ein Gärtner, und fragt ihn, wo er denn den Leichnam

hingebacht habe. „Frau, was weinst du?“ fragt der Mann— da erkennt sie seine Stimme und sagt: „Rabbuni“, das heißt: „Meister“. (Markus 16,9), Johannes 20,11-18

Die Emmaus-Jünger: Drei Tage nach der Kreuzigung wandern zwei seiner Jünger von Jerusalem zurück nach Galiläa und unterhalten sich über die Geschehnisse. Ein Dritter gesellt sich zu ihnen und lässt sich von den beiden die Situation erklären; als er deren Zweifel hört, legt er ihnen die Bibel aus, die auf Christus hindeute. Doch erst am Abend, als sie im Dorf Emmaus gemeinsam essen, „wurden ihre Augen geöffnet und sie erkannten ihn“: Der unbekannte dritte Wanderer ist der auferstandene Jesus! (Lukas 24,13-35)

Die elf Jünger: Zunächst berichtet Maria Magdalena den Jüngern, dass sie dem auferstandenen Jesus begegnet sei. Schließlich erscheint der Auferstandene in Jerusalem auch selbst seinen Jüngern (da Judas, der Verräter fehlt, sind es elf statt ursprünglich zwölf). „Friede sei mit euch!“ begrüßt er sie. Um Zweifel und Nachfragen im Keim zu ersticken, zeigt er ihnen seine Hände,

die noch die Wunden der Nägel tragen, und seine Seite, die von der Lanze eines Soldaten durchstoßen wurde. Daraufhin „blies er sie an“ als Zeichen dafür, dass nun der Heilige Geist bei ihnen sei. (Johannes 20,19-23)

Petrus und der Lieblingsjünger: Von einer denkwürdigen weiteren Begegnung berichtet der Evangelist Johannes. Am See Genesareth erscheint Jesus Petrus und einigen anderen Jüngern. Sie wollen fischen gehen. Jesus, zunächst unerkannt, rät ihnen, das Netz zur rechten Seite auszuwerfen - und prompt fangen sie viele Fische. Nachdem sie gemeinsam gegessen haben, beauftragt er Petrus: „Weide meine Schafe.“ (Johannes 21)

Der ungläubige Thomas: Kurz danach erzählen die Jünger ihrem Mitbruder Thomas von der Begegnung. Der reagiert skeptisch: „Wenn ich nicht in seinen Händen die Nägelmale sehe und meinen Finger in die Nägelmale lege und meine Hand in



seine Seite lege, kann ich's nicht glauben.“ Nach acht Tagen erscheint Jesus den versammelten Jüngern nochmals und fordert Thomas auf, seine Finger in seine Wunde zu legen. Das genügt Thomas, um seine

Zweifel zu verlieren und zu bekennen: „Mein Herr und mein Gott!“ (Johannes 20,24-29)

Mehr bei: ekd.de//die-zeugen-der-auferstehung-in-der-bibel-best-of-bible-33262.htm

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

From Pastor Hahn

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

My dear Immanuel church family,

During the month of April, you have surprised me in several wonderful ways:

- **Lyn and I were delighted** with how many members and friends responded to our invitation to celebrate with us our 3rd Anniversary at Immanuel. (The attendance and kind words of Bishop Davenport and the two gifts for our garden were wonderful bonuses.) Thanks be to God!
- **Your faithfulness and diligence** in worship during Holy Week and Easter brought growth and records in worship participation on Good Friday (80+) and Easter (220). Thanks be to God!
- **Our church family was blessed** by new members joining us officially in ministry and mission. Also, new faces could be seen helping out along with familiar ones in many ways. Thanks be to God!
- **Immanuel was blessed** with several unexpected financial gifts: people catching up on their missed Sunday offerings; a person leaving a legacy gift in her Last Will and Testament; and a special memorial gift designated for evangelism and outreach. Thanks be to God!
- **I received several very kind replies** to our “40 Days of Prayer” emphasis during Lent. Several of the public servants (senators, representatives, and public safety personnel) acknowledged receiving a copy of the prayer calendar and expressed their appreciation for being included in the prayer emphasis. Thanks be to God!
- **Incredible dedication, commitment, and diligence** marked the Wednesday Bible studies (out of room in the morning group), the Sunday

evening worship, and the Lutheran Beliefs class. I am encouraged by the hunger for spiritual nourishment in our church family. Thanks be to God!

Unfortunately, I cannot give an update on the giving of our church family--specifically the growth in giving towards meeting unmet needs of \$269 per week. I will try to share that information as soon as I have access to it. It is my hope, however, that with all the other good news we have, there will be financial good news as well.

Blessings to you as you journey through the 50 Days of Easter towards the celebration of the Pentecost holiday.

Pastor Hahn

Sunday Evening Worship—Is it for You?

Every Sunday in May at 6:30 PM

You don't have to miss Sunday worship! If you cannot worship on Sunday morning due to travel, work, leisure, or personal preference, worship God on Sunday night at 6:30 PM.

If you want to honor God with at least one hour a week dedicated to God, and if Sunday morning does not work, maybe Sunday evening will. “Give it a try!”

A New Six-Week Bible Study:

“I didn't expect THAT!”

Wednesday, 10 AM and 7 PM -- Starts May 22

This is your last chance for some solid spiritual nourishment straight from God's Word before the summer break!

This six-week course requires no previous knowledge, requires no one to speak unless they want to, promises plenty of inspiring surprises, as well as prayers, laughter, and friendly fellowship.

Please contact the church office (215-464-1540) to sign up. Space may be limited!!!

SUNDAY, APRIL 14, 2019



Confirmation Reunion



New Members



Installation of 2019 Council



Before sunset on Easter Saturday and in preparation for the Easter Vigil, worshippers gathered around the Easter fire from which the Paschal Candle would be lighted and in which the sins of the people would be burned. (These were the sins written on paper slips at the Good Friday services and at the event itself by those who could not worship on Good Friday.)



Nearly 40 worshippers participated in the Easter Eve worship experience ("Easter Vigil") on Easter Saturday. A significant number of them appreciated this opportunity as they were unable to worship on Easter Sunday.



Although sunrise was an hour earlier than last year, more worshippers participated in this year's Easter Sunrise Service. (Either they are all really early risers or there is something special about that worship experience.)



April 19, Good Friday Tenebrae Service



April 21 – Easter Sunday 9:30 AM Communion Service

CONNECTING WITH OTHERS

THIRD ANNIVERSARY

Pastor Norbert F. Hahn started his ministry at Immanuel on April 1, 2016. He and Lyn celebrated their Third Anniversary at Immanuel by hosting a Brunch on Sunday, March 31, 2019.



A gift from the congregation members was presented by Council President Barbara Hannon (behind the mic) and Council Vice-President Christine Blankenhorn.



Bishop Patricia Davenport was also present and spoke a few words.

SATURDAY, APRIL 6 - HAM SUPPER



SATURDAY, APRIL 20 - EASTER EGG HUNT



A REMINDER FROM ONE OF OUR MEMBERS

Please remember to direct your Thrivent Choice Dollars to Immanuel Church or to another charity of your choice. You can do this by calling 800-847-4836 and ask for Choice Dollars. You may also go online at www.thrivent.com/making-a-difference/living-generously/thrivent-choice.

LOWER BUCKS LAY LEADERS CONFERENCE

The Lower Bucks Lay Leaders Conference will be held at Twining Village on Thursday, May 9 at 6:30 PM.

This event is open to all of Immanuel's Lay Leaders. Two workshops will be offered:

1. Developing a PR strategy for your congregation.
2. Removing ceilings for church growth.

Please contact Barbara Hannon if you plan to attend.

MEMBER CARE TEAM

We had a group of 17 people that attended the 'Sight and Sound' movie of NOAH on April 11th. We had a great time! Looking forward to the next event!

THANK YOU

"Thank you" to the Christian Events Team for doing such a great job with the April Kids Connection and, despite inclement weather, the Community Easter Egg Hunt.



The poster features a central logo for Silver Springs Martin Luther School. The logo includes a green arch with three purple figures holding hands, above the text "SILVER SPRINGS MARTIN LUTHER SCHOOL". Below this is a banner with "EDUCATING SINCE 1859 NURTURING HEALING". The main text of the poster is in purple and black, announcing a 160th Anniversary Celebration on June 6, 2019, from 5:30 pm to 8 pm. The location is Silver Springs - Martin Luther School, 512 W. Township Line Road, Plymouth Meeting, PA 19462. The poster is framed by green decorative borders with circular patterns.

**SILVER SPRINGS
MARTIN LUTHER SCHOOL**
EDUCATING SINCE 1859 NURTURING
HEALING

Save the Date & Join Us for Our
*160th Anniversary
Celebration*

June 6, 2019 | 5:30 pm – 8 pm

On the campus of:
Silver Springs - Martin Luther School
512 W. Township Line Road, Plymouth Meeting, PA 19462



SUNDAY, MAY 19TH

**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, May 19, 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.



AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF TEACHERS OF GERMAN

On Saturday, May 11, at 11 AM the AATG (American Association of Teachers of German) award ceremony will be held at [Cannstatter Volksfest-Verein](#). (Immanuel German School provides two awards to outstanding students. This is part of our outreach.)

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.

Any questions? Please feel free to contact either Chris Blankenhorn at 215-947-5079 or Barbara Hannon at 215-637-8478.

WOMEN'S NIGHT **Friday, May 3, 2019 at 6:00 PM**



We are the precious treasured possession of our Heavenly Father, who sought us and claimed us as His own in Christ! From coals to

diamonds, we are continually being transformed in Christ, reflecting His glory and light to a dark world.

Join us for a "bedazzling" Women's Night for a small donation of \$10.00. We will enjoy a nice dinner as we share

fellowship, reflect on God's Word and make and take home a treasure! Reserve your spot by calling the church office or email office@immanuelphilly.org by **April 30th!**



"The Lord has chosen you to be a people for His treasured possession." Deuteronomy 14:2

We ask that you please bring a canned food item(s) as a donation for our local food bank.

"SOUP AND CINEMA" **Tuesday, May 21st**

12:15-3:00pm



Please join us for an afternoon of fellowship.

All are welcome!

Feature – "Pay it Forward"

Contact – Church Office – 215-545-1540 or
Judy Friedman, 267-343-3606

PLEASE RESERVE by May 19th

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Thank you to Mr. Ronald Shuster, a friend of the congregation, for blessing the ministry of Immanuel with a four-figure gift in memory of his mother.

This gift is designated for evangelism and community outreach.

Thank you to the late Ingrid Virok for remembering Immanuel in the planning of her estate and leaving a significant legacy gift to support the work of her church family after she joined the Church Triumphant.

SOCIAL MINISTRY - Thank You

ELCA World Hunger - 40 Days of Giving

Between Ash Wednesday and Easter Sunday the congregation has donated \$1,768.00 toward the ELCA's goal - **A Just World Where All Are Fed.**

Donations may be made anytime throughout the year.

Aid for Friends

During 2019, members have made 45 dinners, 62 soups, cookies, bread and cakes for **Aid for Friends**, an organization which serves free meals to the isolated, frail, elderly and disabled homebound.

Somerton Food Bank

Thank you for bringing non-perishable food for the **Somerton Food Bank** when you come to worship.

In 2019, we have donated over 900 items. An additional 216 items were donated by the people who came to the St. Patrick's Day celebration.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 No Bible Study 7:00 PM Girl Scouts	2 9:30 AM Lower Bucks Conference Meeting	3 10:00 AM Member Care Team 6:00 PM Women's Night	4 9:30 AM Immanuel German School Abschlussfeier at LMHS
5 Third Sunday of Easter 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 REALLY Believe	6	7 1:00 PM Staff Meeting 7:00 PM Christian Events Team	8 No Bible Study 7:00 PM Girl Scouts	9 9:30 AM Dean's Meeting 6:30 PM Lower Bucks Lay Leaders Conference (Page 9)	10	11 9:30 AM Immanuel German School at LMHS 11:00 AM AATG award ceremony (Page 10)
12 Fourth Sunday of Easter MOTHERS' DAY 9:30 AM English Service 10:30 AM Fellowship 11:00 AM German Service 6:30 PM Evening Service Newsletter Deadline	13	14	15 No Bible Study 12:00 Noon Frauenverein 7:00 PM Girl Scouts	16	17 9:30 AM Newsletter Mailing	18
19 Fifth Sunday of Easter 9:30 AM English Service 10:30 AM Fellowship 11:00 AM German Service 5:00 PM Kids Connection 6:30 PM Evening Service	20 7:00 PM Council	21 12:15 PM "Soup and Cinema"	22 New Bible Study 10:00 AM and 7:00 PM	23	24	25
26 Sixth Sunday of Easter 9:30 AM English Service 10:30 AM Fellowship 11:00 AM German Service 6:30 PM Evening Service	27 Memorial Day	28 1:00 PM Staff Meeting 2:00 PM Worship Team meeting 7:00 PM Finance Team	29 10:00 AM Bible Study 7:00 PM Bible Study	30	31	<u>Save the Date</u> Sunday, June 9 Annual Congregational Picnic