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

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Don't Miss

"A Season of Thanksgiving"

Sun., Nov. 3: "All Saints Sunday"

Thanking God for beloved people who have passed away.

Sun., Nov 10: "Good Church Sunday"

Thanking God for what the Immanuel church family and the ELCA do.

Sun., Nov. 17: "Living Saints Sunday"

Thanking God for special people who impact our lives positively.

Sun., Nov. 24: "Thanksgiving Sunday"

Thanking God for all that God has done and continues to do for us.

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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 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		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		
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,

“How are you?” This is a question that elicits the same answer from most people: “Fine.” Often it is just an automatic response; true or not.

Every now and then, though, someone responds differently: Radio host, Dave Ramsey, usually answers “better than I deserve.” And our own synodical bishop, Bishop Davenport, replies: “I am grateful.”



“I am grateful” is not only an excellent faith-based answer to the question “How are you?” but also a smart attitude towards life. Multiple research studies suggest that people who feel more gratitude are much more likely to have higher levels of happiness, and lower levels of depression and stress.

As people of faith we have much to be grateful for. We are grateful for what we have and thankful for what we have escaped. We are thankful to God for life itself, for God’s steady companionship (especially in tough times), and for our salvation won by the sacrifice of Christ.

We express our gratitude to God in our prayers, through our acts of kindness in our church and beyond, and through our generous financial gifts for God’s work through Immanuel’s ministry.

Throughout November, our church family will engage in a “Season of Thanksgiving.” Each Sunday will have a special focus, and you will have the opportunity to express gratitude in a unique and meaningful way.

Gratefully,

Pastor Hahn

Don’t Miss

“A Season of Thanksgiving”



Give thanks for **people** who were near and dear to you but who have **passed away** and rest in eternal glory on “All Saints Sunday,” November 3 during worship at 9:30 AM, 11:00 AM, or 6:30 PM.



Give thanks for the blessings you or others have received from the **ministry** of the Immanuel church family, from the work of our Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod, and the national and global work of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America during worship on Sunday, Nov. 10 at 9:30 AM, 11:00 AM, or 6:30 PM.



Give thanks for **people** who, as living saints, have **positively impacted your life** in the past—or who continue to impact your life positively in the present—people we often call “living saints” during worship on Sunday, November 17, at 9:30 AM, 11:00 AM & 6:30 PM.



Give thanks to God for all of **God’s blessings** by offering your prayers of thanksgiving and your estimate of giving on “Thanksgiving/Harvest Home Sunday,” November 24 at 10:00 AM and 6:30 PM. –

A free catered Thanksgiving Celebration Brunch will follow the service on November 24. Make your reservation now by calling (215) 464-1540 or sending an email to office@ImmanuelPhilly.org.

Eine Kirche unter dem Erdboden

(A church under the ground - Dachau)

Um 15 Uhr an jedem Tag läutet diese Glocke. Ihr Klang hallt über das Gelände des ehemaligen Konzentrationslagers in Dachau. Die Zeit erinnert an die Todesstunde Jesu am Kreuz. Ein dunkler Ort. In den Jahren 1933 bis 1945 litten hier etwa 200.000 Menschen, die meisten, weil ihre kritische Haltung dem national-sozialistischen Regime gefährlich wurde. 41.500 starben.

Heute ist auf dem Gelände eine bewegende Gedenkstätte errichtet. 1967 wurde die Evangelische Versöhnungskirche eröffnet – auf Initiative ehemaliger KZ-Häftlinge aus dem Ausland. Der Ökumenische Rat der Kirchen unterstützte das Projekt, auch die Evangelische Kirche in Deutschland.



Eine sehr besondere Kirche ist hier entstanden: Sie führt die Besucher und Besucherinnen unter die Oberfläche, in die Tiefe. Was für ein Symbol: Tiefe löst Ängste aus. Tiefe steht für Scham – „in Grund und Boden versinken“, heißt es in einer Redewendung – das passt angesichts der Tatsache, dass die evangelische Kirche reuig bekannte, sich dem nationalsozialistischen Unrecht nicht deutlich genug in den Weg gestellt zu haben. Tiefe kann aber auch Geborgenheit und Schutz bedeuten.

Der Gottesdienstraum der Versöhnungskirche liegt unter dem Erdboden, auf dem Menschen Menschen Ungeheuerliches angetan haben. Eine beklemmende Atmosphäre – ein Kreuz in der Altarwand wirkt wie ein ersehntes kleines Hoffnungszeichen inmitten des Betons.

Wer die Kirche verlässt, liest den Trost, aus dem schon Menschen in biblischen Zeiten lebten, er steht in Psalm 130: „Aus der Tiefe rufe ich, Herr, zu dir. Herr, höre meine Stimme! Lass deine Ohren merken auf die Stimme meines Flehens! So du willst, Herr, Sünden zurechnen, Herr, wer wird bestehen? Denn bei dir ist die Vergebung, dass man dich fürchte. Ich harre des Herrn, meine Seele harret, und ich hoffe auf sein Wort.“

Stufen führen wieder ins Licht. Wer zurück an die Luft kommt, fühlt sich befreit – möchte aber die Tiefe dieses Friedensortes nicht missen. -- *Uwe Birnstein, ekd.de*

For an English translation please contact Pastor Hahn

Reserve your spot now!

Catered Thanksgiving Celebration Brunch

Sunday, November 24, 11:00 AM

The Thanksgiving Celebration Worship Service begins at 10:00 AM.

Reserve your spot now by calling (215) 464-1540 (leaving a message is o.k.) or email office@ImmanuelPhilly.org

Make your reservation now!



BAPTISM

Our newest member, **Luke Mikhail Kosty**, was baptized on September 29, 2019.

Parents: Laura and Ivan Kosty.

Grandparents: Stephen and Marion Morris.

CONNECTING WITH OTHERS

STEUBEN DAY PARADE



2nd ANNUAL BEER TASTING EVENT

Motto (on screen):

“Beer is a sign that God loves us and wants us to be happy.”

(Ben Franklin)

TRUNK OR TREAT: ENJOY OR HELP!



Sunday, October 27,
4:00 -5:30 PM

Decorate a car, donate candy,
help set-up or clean-up, welcome
guests or bring the kids and
enjoy!

*This event is a community outreach project
sponsored by Thrivent Financial*

Contact: Marion at 215-394-5620.

SOUP AND CINEMA

Tuesday, October 29,
12 Noon



Enjoy a delicious lunch, a good flick, and the
company of nice people.



Kids Connection

Sunday, November 17
5:00 PM

Creative, fun, and learning-oriented activities for
your children, your grand children, your friends'
and neighbors' children.

German Circle

We will meet November 3rd at 7:00 PM. By now
you know that the Sauerkraut Supper and
Christmas Bazaar will be held on November 16th.

We have to discuss many things that will make the
supper a great success. **Don't forget, we are asking
for donations of baked goods and items for the
Bazaar.**

See you on the 3rd of November.
Ruth Muggler

SAUERKRAUT SUPPER AND CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Saturday, November 16, 2019
2:00 – 7:00 PM

There are changes this year. The supper will be
held on **ONE day, Saturday, November 16**. Due to
the high number of anticipated guests, we ask that
you reserve your meal (sit down or take out) in
advance.

We will try to serve guests who walk-in without
reservations, but we can only provide seating if
reservations do not fill us to capacity. If you want
to be sure that you can enjoy your meal, please
make a reservation.

You can make your reservations in the following
way:

Online reservation at immanuelphilly.org/ham-and-sauerkraut-suppers.html

or

Mail your request to the church office.
Please include your name, number of tickets and a
check payable to Immanuel Lutheran Church.
Adult tickets at \$15.00
Children (6-12) at \$5.00
Take out at \$15.00

Reservations must be made by November 1, 2019.
Your tickets will be available at the front desk
under your name.

DONATIONS

It's that time again to see if you have any treasures
to contribute to the Bazaar Room. Popular items
are: Christmas decorations, jewelry, stationary,
scarves, angels, and ladies clothing in current
styles. All items should be in very good to excellent
condition. Donated items that have "issues" such
as stains, will be taken directly to a donation bin.

Donations may be dropped off until the last Sunday
before the Sauerkraut Supper, or November 10th.
Please do not drop off donations after that date as
we will not be able to process them after the 10th.

Thank you,
Karin Hazzard



Annual Global Taste of Christmas From Around the World Saturday, December 7, 2019 2:30 - 4:00 PM

You are invited to join us on Saturday, December 7th at our Fourth Annual Global Taste of Christmas program. All are welcome to this free community event! Feel free to invite family, friends and neighbors. The doors will open at **2:00 PM**.

Enjoy small tastes of Christmas treats and beverages from a variety of countries. Learn unique and interesting Christmas customs and traditions!

Reservations are required. Please visit <http://www.hillhappenings.org> to register online, contact Christine Blankenhorn at 215-947-5079 or the church office at 215-464-1540 to register. This event is geared for persons age 12 and older.

*Admission and participation to this event is **FREE**, however, it would be appreciated if you bring a canned food item(s) as a donation for our local Somerton Food Bank.*



This event is a community outreach project sponsored by Thrivent Financial.

CAUGHT DOING MINISTRY



Stuffing envelopes for the Sauerkraut Supper and Christmas Bazaar.



Lyn Hahn arranges the flowers for a Sunday worship service. (Thanks to Marianne Haug for providing guidance.)



Congregational Christmas Celebration

Please remember to mark your calendar and save the date for the annual Congregational Christmas Luncheon Celebration on Sunday, December 15, 2019, from 10:00 AM – 2:30 PM.

There will be a combined worship service beginning at 10:00 AM which will include Holy Communion. Following the service, join us in the Fellowship Hall for our potluck luncheon, along with a short program, as we enjoy sharing an afternoon of fellowship with friends at Christmas. Please feel free to invite your family and friends, as all are welcome!

To make the potluck luncheon successful, we ask if you would consider making a food donation, perhaps a main dish, side dish or a dessert. If you would rather not prepare any food, you might offer to bring a beverage or make a financial contribution. We need volunteers to help make this afternoon run smoothly.

Please feel free to contact either the church office at 215-464-1540 or Chris Blankenhorn at 215-947-5079, if you have any questions, would like to offer to volunteer or to let us know what food item you would like to donate.



JUST A REMINDER

The beauty of flowers play an important part for our worship at Immanuel. We adorn the sanctuary with flowers as an opportunity to celebrate the beauty of God's creation. Flowers are always given to the glory of God first and foremost, and then in memory of, in honor of, or in thanksgiving for a person or special occasion.

If you would like to order flowers for a particular date, please fill out a form found on the information table behind the church sanctuary. The cost is \$32.00.



IGS NINTH ANNUAL BOOK FAIR



The annual USED BOOK FAIR of the Immanuel German School is right around the corner. We have 1000's of books in literally every conceivable genre: literature (serious as well as trivial), Krimis, history, biographies, travel books, cookbooks, dictionaries and other reference books, children's books, CDs and DVDs (as well as audio and video cassettes). Nearly all in German, all very reasonably priced.

Free coffee and hot chocolate!
Please join us on Saturday, November 23, from 9:00 – 1:00 at Lower Moreland High School, 555 Red Lion Road, Huntingdon

Valley, PA 19006. Please invite your friends and colleagues. The book fair comes but once a year. We hope you can join us!



Photos from the German Consulate's **"Feier der deutschen Einheit"** (Celebration of the Day of German Unity)

On Wednesday, October 2, Immanuel German School Principal, Dr. Del Hausman, and Ralf Wiedemann, Honorary Consul of the Federal Republic of Germany, attended a reception hosted by the Permanent Mission of Germany to the United Nations and the Consulate General of Germany. We were pleased to have been greeted so warmly by Dr. Ruth Westheimer, who had just been awarded the Bundesverdienstkreuz.



MAKING A DIFFERENCE



THANK YOU

A Sincere "Thank You" to the awesome unnamed ladies (you know who you are) that donated a quilt/blanket or sewed on Linus labels and/or tied the fleece blankets on Saturday, October 19.

Your contribution of time, material and commitment is greatly appreciated by the children receiving the blankets in various hospitals and homes.

Please keep Project Linus in mind over the winter by working on a blanket for the next Linus Day in the Spring 2020. Everyone is welcome to join us, to either learn how to knit or crochet, or help by sewing on labels or tying fleece blankets.

Any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Barbara Hannon or Alma Dallas.

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Safe, Healthy, New Year.

Barbara & Alma

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Aid for Friends is now known as
Caring for Friends

Aid for Friends marked its 45th anniversary by changing its name to Caring for Friends. Their mission is still the same - to help the isolated, home bound or disabled with food and friendship.

The organization began in 1974 with an act of kindness. A woman from the Frankford area of Philadelphia, having met a woman in need of food, filled a tray with extra servings of food from her family's dinner.

"No one should be hungry or alone in a world with so many caring people," she told her family.

Aid for Friends went on to serve 15 million meals to more than 14,000 people in its 45 years. Currently, they serve nearly 2,000 individuals.

See their new website to learn all that the organization is doing now.

caringforfriends.org

Please remember to bring canned goods and dry cereal for the Somerton Food Bank for **Harvest Home/Thanksgiving Sunday, November 24.**

If you can bring the items on November 17th
we can use them to decorate the Nave on the 24th.

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

NOVEMBER 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 10:00 AM Member Care Team Meeting	2 9:30 AM Immanuel German School at LMHS
3 All Saints Sunday 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 T:00 PM German Circle 7:15 PM What Lutherans REALLY Believe	4	5 1:00 PM Staff Meeting 7:00 PM Christian Events Team	6 7:00 PM Girl Scouts	7	8	9 9:30 AM Immanuel German School at LMHS' St. Martin's Day and the 30 th Anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall
10 Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost 9:30 AM English Service 10:30 AM Fellowship 11:00 AM German Service 6:30 PM Evening Service with Holy Communion 7:15 PM What Lutherans REALLY Believe	11 10:30 AM Worship Committee meeting	12 Bishop's Convocation	13 Bishop's Convocation 7:00 PM Girl Scouts	14 9:30 AM Lower Bucks Conference Meeting	15	16 9:30 AM Immanuel German School at LMHS 2 – 7 PM Sauerkraut Supper (See page 5)
17 Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost 9:30 AM English Service with Holy Communion 10:30 AM Fellowship 11:00 AM German Service with Holy Communion 5:00 PM Kids Connection 6:30 PM Evening Service with Holy Communion 7:15 PM What Lutherans REALLY Believe Newsletter Deadline	18 7:00 PM Council	19 1:00 PM Staff Meeting	20 10:00 AM Bible Study 12:00 Noon Frauenverein 7:00 PM Bible Study 7:00 PM Girl Scouts	21 9:30 AM Dean's Meeting	22 9:30 AM Newsletter Mailing	23 9:00 AM IGS Book Fair (See page 6) 9:30 AM Immanuel German School at LMHS Morris/Apistar Wedding
24 Thanksgiving Sunday 10:00 AM Bilingual Service 6:30 PM Evening Service 7:15 PM What Lutherans REALLY Believe	25	26 1:00 PM Staff Meeting 7:00 PM Finance Team	27 10:00 AM Bible Study 7:00 PM Bible Study	28 Thanksgiving Day Office closed	29 Office closed	30