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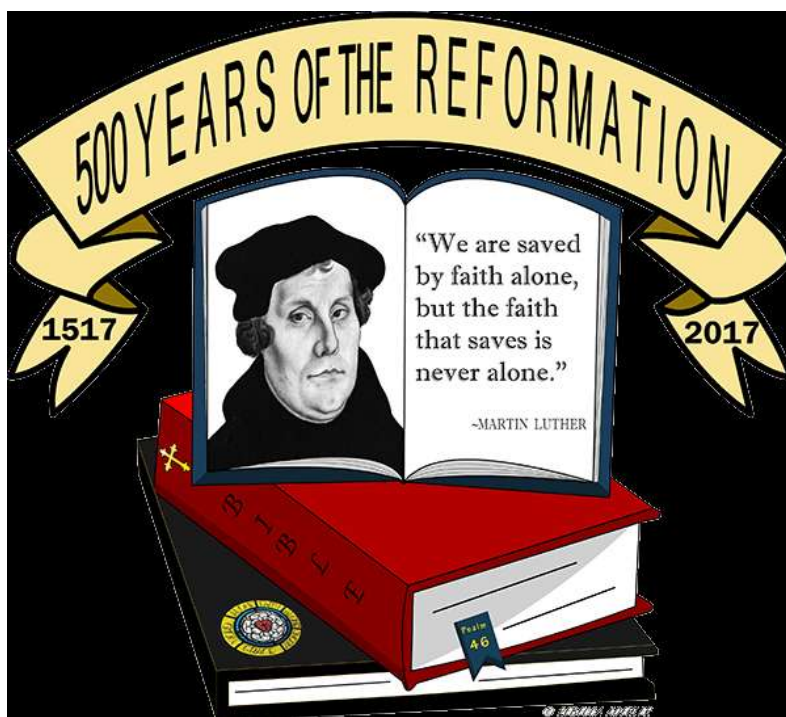
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CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS, MEETING TIMES, LEADERS

Bible Study	Wednesdays	10:00 AM, 7:00 PM	Pastor Hahn
Choir	As needed		Dr. James M. Clements
Church Council	2 nd Monday	7:00 PM	Stewart Blankenhorn
Christian Event Team	1 ST Tuesday	7:00 PM	Eileen Szentjobi
Finance Team	As needed		David W. Cook
Frauenverein	3 rd Wednesday	11:30 AM	Marianne Haug
German Circle/Deutscher Kreis	1 st Sunday	7:00 PM	Ruth Muggler
Girl Scouts	Wednesdays	7:00 PM	Nancy Smith
Handbell Choir	As needed		Dr. James M. Clements
Immanuel German School	Saturdays	9:30 AM	Dr. Del Hausman
Ladies' Guild	2 nd Tuesday	7:00 PM	Barbara Hannon
Member Care Team	1 ST Tuesday	10:00 AM	Judy Friedman
Mutual Ministry Team	tba		John Sacoltz
Social Ministry Team	2 nd Wednesday	12:30 PM	Michele Cook
Sunday School	Sundays	9:30 AM	Eileen Szentjobi
Women's Book Club	3 rd Tuesday	6:30 PM	Judy Friedman
Worship Planning Team	2nd Tuesday	10:00 AM	Pastor Hahn
Youth Group	1 st Sunday	11:00 AM	Chris Blankenhorn and Eileen Szentjobi

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CONNECTING WITH GOD

Immanuel's History in 225 Seconds



Our church family's 225 year history is rich, moving, marked by many ups and a few downs, and, above all, a testimony to the steadfastness of God and the tenacity of God's people. A longer version of our history can be found on our website, www.ImmanuelPhilly.org, under the tab "about us." A print-version can be obtained from the church office.

It is tough to summarize the different chapters in Immanuel's long history. There is always the danger of omitting something important or someone special. There is also the danger of giving undue attention to someone or something.

However, for those who cannot wait to get a window into Immanuel's history or those who will not be able to read the whole thing, here is my attempt to take a brief look from, as they say, "10,000 feet." In other words, as I give thanks for 225 years of ministry and mission at Immanuel, I am painting with a very broad brush.

4 – We give thanks for ministry and mission that span four centuries: the 18th, the 19th, the 20th and the 21st. Thanks be to God!

3 – We give thanks for ministry and mission on and beyond three church campuses: the first one on what

is today Church Street (previously known as Pine Street) and Adams Avenue in Frankford, Philadelphia; the second one on Tackawanna Street; and the third one (the current one) on Worthington Road. Thanks be to God!

2 – We give thanks for ministry and mission in two languages: German and English. (At present, Immanuel is one of the five largest bilingual German/English congregations in the United States and Canada.) Thanks be to God!

1 – We give thanks for the establishment and continuing operation of one school: Immanuel's German Language School, founded in 1975 and one of the top schools in the region. Thanks be to God!

0 – We give thanks that nothing is needed for the future of Immanuel that cannot be found in its history--such as an innovative spirit, tenacity, a prayerful spirit--or is already present in the current congregation--such as all the time, talent and treasure needed. As has been said: "we are the people we have been waiting for" or "we are the future of our church." Thanks be to God!

A big "thank you" to all who helped make our anniversary celebration on September 17 such a memorable experience!

Pastor Hahn

What Lutherans Really Believe! (And Why It Matters)

An Introduction for Beginners
and a Review for "Forgetters"

Started Thursday, September 28, at 7:00 PM

Bible Study

Just a reminder, Bible Study resumed on Wednesday, September 27th. Class times are 10:00 AM and 7:00 PM on the Immanuel Campus.

40 Days of Anniversary Prayer

Between the two celebrations of our 225th Anniversary (September 17 and October 29), there are exactly 41 days. Every member and friend of the congregation is asked to pray for 40 days for our members and friends, for our blessings, for God's leading, for our future, and more. (The extra day will be a make-up day.)

Prayer changes things!

Prayer cards are available on campus or on our website – under the IMMANUEL CELEBRATES 225 YEARS tab.

LABOR DAY WEEKEND – BLESSING OF OUR HANDS

On Labor Day Sunday, quite a number of people brought items that represent what they do with their hands:

- at work
- at home
- at places of volunteering.

Items were displayed on a table in the front of the worship space. There was a wide variety of items.



During the service, worshipers held out their hands during the Blessing of Hands prayer and then all present were invited to come forward and have their hands blessed.

Support Hurricane Relief

Thank you for the generous gifts you have already made to Lutheran Disaster Response to help hurricane victims. If you have not had a chance to make your gift, please make your check payable to Immanuel Lutheran Church (memo line: "Hurricane") and place them in the offering plate or mail them to the church office.

You can also donate through our website. Just click on the donate button.

One hundred percent (100%) of all donations will be used for direct response.

Immanuel's 225th Anniversary Service with Bishop Claire Burkat – September 17, 2017

Photos provided by: Otto Leaker, Sieglinde Jakymiw and Christine Blankenhorn.



Bishop Burkat accepting \$2,250.00 check (\$10/year for 225 years) on behalf of Synod's "Forward Together in Faith" campaign,



Bishop Burkat was presented with a gift basket of "German Goodies".

Pastors Norbert F. Hahn, William Shafer and Sönke Schmidt-Lange with Bishop Claire S. Burkat at the Champagne Reception held after the worship service.



Our 225th Anniversary Choir, directed by Dr. James Clements.



CELEBRATING OUR 225TH ANNIVERSARY!



CELEBRATION LUNCH

You are invited to a sit down meal on Reformation Sunday, October 29, following the festival worship, which begins at 10:00 AM, held on the Immanuel church campus. The sit down meal will be served at the Cannstatter Volksfest Verein, 9130 Academy Road, Philadelphia, PA, as soon as all guests have arrived, around noon. A program will follow.



This event will also celebrate the 500th Anniversary of the beginning of the **Protestant Reformation** on October 31, 1517, when Martin Luther posted his 95 Theses and initiated what we now know as the Protestant Reformation.

REFORMATION SUNDAY – REMEMBER TO WEAR SOMETHING RED.

Here some additional details:

- Reservations are necessary for this event. Reservation forms are available on the information table and must be returned, with payment, by October 16. A printable form is also available on-line at www.immanuelphilly.org – Immanuel Celebrates 225 Years.
- The cost for the meal and the program is \$20 per person. (Assistance is available.)
- Carpooling and the church van will be available for rides to and from the Cannstatter.

CONNECTING WITH OTHER PEOPLE

October is Lutheran Charities Month

With ONE generous gift to Lutheran Charities, you can improve the lives of MANY children, youth, adults, seniors and families in challenging places.

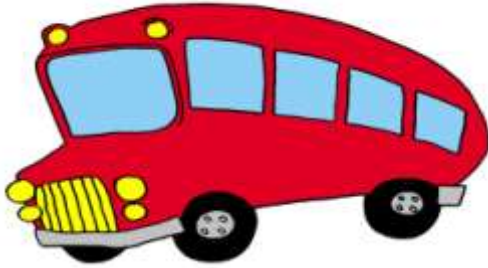
Lives you can touch with your gift:

- Survivors of domestic violence
- Children who have been traumatized
- People recovering from natural disasters
- Children and adults with intellectual disabilities
- Seniors who want to stay in their own homes
- People with counseling needs
- People in need of education and training
- Seniors in need of socialization and housing



We know the body of Christ is stronger when it works together as Martin Luther once envisioned in his support of a community chest initiative in Wittenberg, Germany, to serve his neighbors in need...and working together is what we do!

Save the date!!



**ENJOY A DAY OF FUN
AND FELLOWSHIP**

Tuesday, November 14th
Leaving Church 10am
Lunch Buffet at 'Shady Maple'
Free time to relax or shop
Returning to Church 5pm
Cost \$45.00

We need to fill the bus - please reserve by October 21st
Organized by the Member Care Committee
Contact - Judy Friedman, 267-343-3606



Please come out and support our German - American community, on Sunday, October 1, as organizations march down Huntingdon Pike beginning at 1:00 PM. Immanuel German School and Immanuel Church will be participating.

German Circle

Our next meeting will be Sunday, October 1st at 7:00 PM.

Our Sauerkraut Supper will take place November 8th and 9th from 3:00 to 7:00 PM.

We would like members of Immanuel and friends of Immanuel to start thinking about baking cakes and goodies for our Sweet Shop. We could also use any hand-made crafts, jewelry and nice used articles to sell at our Bazaar.

Thank you for your help in making the Supper a success again this year.

Ruth Muggler

Trunk or Treat

As everyone is aware, the new, safer way for children to trick or treat for Halloween is to attend a **Trunk or Treat.**

Immanuel, along with sponsorship from Thrivent Action Team, will again be hosting Trunk or Treat for the community as well as our friends and family.

Last year's event was a success, and a good time was had by all who participated, in spite of the rain. We are looking for volunteers to participate in several ways, including decorating their car, providing treats, helping with refreshments, etc. Our event will be held on Saturday, October 28, 2017, 5:30 - 7:00 PM, rain or shine (we will move into the Fellowship Hall in the event of rain). We will be holding the event in our campus parking lot.

The Halls are Once Again Alive with the Sound of German

It is back to school time for the students of the Immanuel German School. One hundred-fifteen students in grades pre-K to 12, their parents and, in some cases, grandparents, and an additional thirty-eight adult learners gathered in Lower Moreland's cafeteria to hear Dr. Del Hausman's brief opening remarks. Following his remarks, Ralf Wiedemann, Honorary Consul of the Federal Republic of Germany (and father of one of our students) assisted in the presentation of the Deutsches Sprachdiplom Level II to four of our students. Level II of the German Language Diploma certifies that the student's knowledge of German is sufficient to study at a German University and at least one of last year's recipients, Katie Weiser, is currently studying in Potsdam.



Of course, an institution as large as our German School is not something that just automatically restarts itself each fall. Del, John, and Jeanette have been busy all summer registering students, hiring four new teachers, dealing with the *Zentralstelle für das Auslandsschulwesen*, and getting things ready for the upcoming school year. By tradition, the first faculty meeting of the year is held at the Hausmans and features *Bier und Bratwürste*.



Upcoming Dates:

- October 1: German-American Parade
(formerly Steubenparade)
- October 28: Luther Celebration
- November 11: St. Martinstag
- November 18: Used Book Fair and Christmas Shop



Please remember, it is never too late to begin learning German.
Also, there is an adult conversation class if you would just like a few hours a week of conversation.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE



LINUS DAY – EVERYONE WELCOME

Saturday, October 21 – 9:30 AM – 1:00 PM

Please join us to help bring joy to some by participating in the Linus Project. Your help is needed in various ways. You may help by crocheting/knitting or tying a blanket. If you cannot do so and would like to learn, we can teach you. Materials will be furnished. Come and be with us. Light refreshments will be served.

Fisher's Pot Pies

We **will not** be selling Pot Pies this year. We received the following letter from Mr. Fisher:

“It is after much thought I have made the decision to retire. I have enjoyed the association with my loyal customers for the last 26 years and was pleased that they liked our entrees and appreciated the portions and quality. This was of primary importance to me and I shall miss all of you.”

We have been selling the dishes and enjoying them for the last 19 years. We also thank you for support.

The Ladies Guild

“GOD’S WORK – OUR HANDS” SUNDAY



Items for Breakfast Bags



Snacks and Cookies for the Police and Fireman



Items for Personal Care Kits



One of the Visiting Teams

We are Ambassadors for Christ

2 Corinthians 5:20

From June through September, Immanuel Church has been generous in its work as ambassadors for Christ.

Thank You

Our **Garden** has produced:

- 103 tomatoes
- 8 cucumbers
- 14 zucchini
- 182 peppers
- 24 quart bags green beans
- 20 beets

We made an effort to share the produce equally between the Somerton Food Bank and Aid for Friends.

We also gave the **Somerton Food Bank** during July and August:

- 91 cereal boxes
- 166 canned meats
- 33 cans of soup
- 47 miscellaneous items

Immanuel members gave to the **Seafarers**:

- 25 pairs of gloves
- 123 pairs of socks
- 27 shave cream cans
- 12 sewing kits
- 8 nail clippers
- 68 pens
- 10 pencils
- 7 stationery
- 21 deodorants
- 24 combs
- 19 tubes of toothpaste
- 105 toothbrushes
- 60 razors

Barbara Hannon delivered gifts from you to the **Philadelphia Protestant Home**:

- 9 deodorants
- 2 tubes of toothpaste
- 3 toothbrushes
- 1 body wash
- 2 bottles of shampoo
- 2 bottles of conditioner
- 64 bars of soap
- 15 boxes of tissues

On **“God’s Work - Our Hands Sunday”** members made 60 Breakfast Bags consisting of cereal, crackers or raisins, juice box, and a tea bag for the shut-ins of Aid for Friends. (See photos on page 10.)

Other members made 18 Personal Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief. Each kit included a towel, 3 bars of soap, toothbrush, comb, and nail clippers. They will be distributed by LWR to people who have lost everything from a natural disaster.

A few members took treats to the Veterans’ Home. The veterans enjoyed the snacks while watching the first Eagles’ game of the season.

Several groups/individuals delivered snacks to:

- Philadelphia Fire Department Engine 46
- Philadelphia Fire Department Engine 58
- Philadelphia Fire Department Engine 22, Ladder 31 and Medic 20
- Philadelphia Police Department Districts 7 and 8
- Hendrix Street Post Office

“Lord Jesus you taught us
May we learn anew
That when we serve others,
we also serve you”
Carolyn Winfrey Gillette 2008

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1</p> <p>Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost</p> <p>9:30 AM English Service with Holy Communion</p> <p>9:30 AM Sunday School</p> <p>10:30 AM Fellowship</p> <p>11:00 AM German Service with Holy Communion</p> <p>1:00 PM German -American Parade</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p> <p>10:00 AM Member Care Team</p> <p>11:30 AM Staff Meeting</p> <p>7:00 PM Christian Event Team</p>	<p>4</p> <p>10:00 AM Bible Study</p> <p>7:00 PM Bible Study</p> <p>7:00 PM Girl Scouts</p>	<p>5</p> <p>7:00 PM What Lutherans Really Believe</p> <p>7:00 PM Confirmation Class</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <p>9:30 AM Immanuel German School at LMHS</p> <p>7:00 PM Fall Bingo</p>
<p>8</p> <p>Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost</p> <p>9:30 AM English Service</p> <p>9:30 AM Sunday School</p> <p>10:30 AM Fellowship</p> <p>11:00 AM German Service</p>	<p>9</p> <p>7:00 PM Congregation Council</p>	<p>10</p> <p>10:00 AM Worship Planning Team</p> <p>11:30 AM Staff Meeting</p> <p>7:00 PM Ladies' Guild</p>	<p>11</p> <p>10:00 AM Bible Study</p> <p>7:00 PM Bible Study</p> <p>7:00 PM Girl Scouts</p>	<p>12</p> <p>9:30 AM Lower Bucks Conference Meeting</p> <p>7:00 PM Confirmation Class</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p> <p>9:30 AM Immanuel German School at LMHS</p>
<p>15</p> <p>Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost</p> <p>9:30 AM English Service</p> <p>9:30 AM Sunday School</p> <p>10:30 AM Fellowship</p> <p>11:00 AM German Service</p> <p>DEADLINE FOR NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p> <p>11:30 AM Staff Meeting</p>	<p>18</p> <p>10:00 AM Bible Study</p> <p>11:30 AM Frauenverein</p> <p>12:30 PM Social Ministry Team</p> <p>7:00 PM Bible Study</p> <p>7:00 PM Girl Scouts</p>	<p>19</p> <p>7:00 PM What Lutherans Really Believe</p> <p>7:00 PM Confirmation Class</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p> <p>9:30 AM Immanuel German School at LMHS</p> <p>9:30 AM Linus Workshop</p> <p>7:00 PM Comedy Open Mic Nite</p>
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<p>29</p> <p>Reformation Sunday</p> <p>10:00 AM Combined Anniversary Service with Holy Communion followed by Lunch at Cannstatter's</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p> <p>11:30 AM Staff Meeting</p>	<p>Coming in November</p> <p>Sauerkraut Supper Wednesday and Thursday, November 8 and 9</p> <p>Immanuel German School Book Fair November 18 from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM at LMHS</p>			