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Immanuel Newsletter GOD'S WORK – OUR HANDS

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September 13,
7:00 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 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	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 tithes (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,

Your hands: What do you do with them throughout the day? How do you put them to use in the morning? At night? What is the one

thing your hands do every day? What is the hardest thing you have ever done with your hands? Have you ever hurt one of your hands? Or both? How?

I am pretty sure someone has written either a dissertation or a book about the many different ways people use their hands throughout an average day, although I have not yet seen it.

We can use our hands in a variety of ways, both for good and for ill. Hands can help, but hands can also hurt someone. The hand that is placed on someone's shoulder as a comforting gesture can be the very hand that slaps someone else's cheek. A hand can be open in a giving and gentle gesture or closed in a stingy or violent gesture.

Hands. They will be in the spotlight at worship during the month of September: At both worship services on **Labor Day Sunday (September 1)**, there will be a special blessing of the hands of all who are present in worship.



On Sunday, September 8, our church family will participate in the ELCA-wide "God's Work. Our Hands." emphasis. Worshipers will be given opportunities to engage in small but significant acts of sharing God's love with members, friends, and neighbors of our church family.

Throughout the month of September, every member and friend of Immanuel will be given the opportunity to use a hand-held pen or pencil to indicate on a simple form how they wish to be involved in the ministry and mission of the Immanuel church family. (This will include opportunities ranging from a few minutes to an hour or so; from once a month to occasionally; or whenever needed.)

Finally, there is the promise of God's protective and caring hands: *"Do not fear, for I am with you. Do not anxiously look about you, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, surely, I will help you. Surely I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."* (Isaiah 41:10)

In Christ,

Pastor Hahn

Feed Your Spirit with Bible Study Wednesdays, 10 AM and 7 PM Starts September 18

No prior knowledge required. You will not be called on. Participate at your own pace. Feed your soul with the Word of God. You know it's good for you!

Find Out What Lutherans Believe Sundays, 7:15 PM. Starts September 15

Martin Luther left an amazing legacy of insights for the spiritual and everyday life of Christians. Come and listen, learn, and participate at your own pace. You will not be called on.

Worship on Sunday Evenings Giving God His due has never been easier Sundays at 6:30 PM Fellowship hall chapel.

Please enter through the back door. Worship will be celebrated in the chapel area of the fellowship hall. Invite a friend, neighbor, or co-worker.

Glaube ohne festen Wohnsitz

(Faith without permanent residence)



Die Bibel entstand im Exil. Und mit ihr das Judentum. "Vielleicht ist dies ein gemeinsames Kennzeichen der drei monotheistischen Weltreligionen, dass sie von Flüchtlingen und Heimatlosen ausgingen", schreibt Johann Hinrich Claussen in seinem "Buch über die Flucht.... Der Glaube an nur einen Gott, der auf der ganzen Welt zu Hause ist und zugleich nirgends, ist ein Glaube von Menschen, die keine sichere Heimat mehr haben."

Im Herbst 2015, als Hunderttausende Flüchtlinge nach Deutschland strömten, begann Claussen die Bibel neu zu lesen, als ein Flüchtlingsbuch.

Ihr zufolge wird das erste Menschenpaar aus dem Paradies vertrieben. Der Mörder Kain muss fort aus dem Angesicht des Herrn, er zieht in ein Land jenseits von Eden. Abraham ist schon Migrant und muss dann noch vor einer Hungersnot fliehen. Jakob weicht vor seinem Bruder aus.

Das Volk Israel wächst in der Fremde zu einem Volk heran, in Ägypten. Es flieht und streift 40 Jahre heimatlos durch die Wüste, erobert sich ein Land und wird aufs Neue vertrieben. – So erzählt es zumindest die Bibel....

Wer die Bibel heute mit seinen eigenen Fragen und Erfahrungen liest, schreibt sie auf seine Weise fort", notiert Claussen. "Die Flüchtlingskrise ist nicht nur ein aktuelles Problem, sondern eine epochale Herausforderung, denn sie stellt die grundsätzliche Frage nach dem Eigenen und dem Fremden. Deshalb lohnt sich ein frischer Blick in das Grundbuch europäischer Kultur, [die Bibel]."

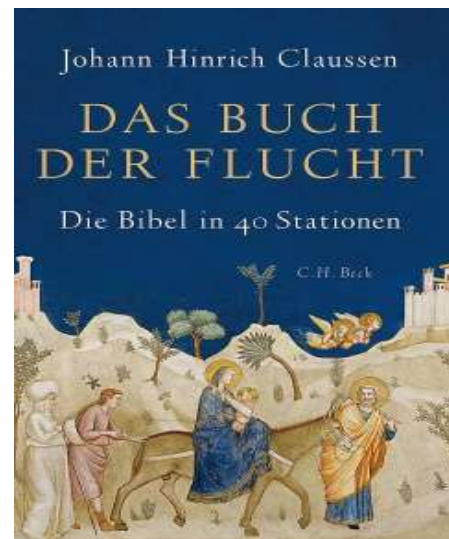
Auch Jesus lebte heimatlos in Armut und Unsicherheit. Seine griechisch-jüdischen Anhänger wurden nach Jesu Tod und Auferstehung aus Jerusalem vertrieben. Paulus war ein Verfolger und wurde Christ – und damit ein Verfolgter. Auch wegen dieser Erfahrungen war christlichen Gemeinschaften von Anfang an eine Tugend sehr wichtig: Gastfreundschaft.

Claussen paraphrasiert biblische Erzählungen, Prophetensprüche, Psalmen, Gleichnisse. Er stellt ihnen auch altorientalische Lieder gegenüber.

"Das Buch der Flucht. Die Bibel in 40 Stationen" bietet einen guten Einstieg in eine umfassende, historisch fundierte Bibellektüre.

Das Ganze wird angereichert durch historische Fotografien aus dem späten 19. und frühen 20. Jahrhundert: von fliehenden Sklaven während des amerikanischen Bürgerkriegs, von vertriebenen Armeniern in der Türkei, von Immigranten auf Ellis Island, New York, von Holocaustüberlebenden während ihrer Ankunft im Gelobten Land, Palästina.

Ein eindrucksvolles und lesenswertes Buch.

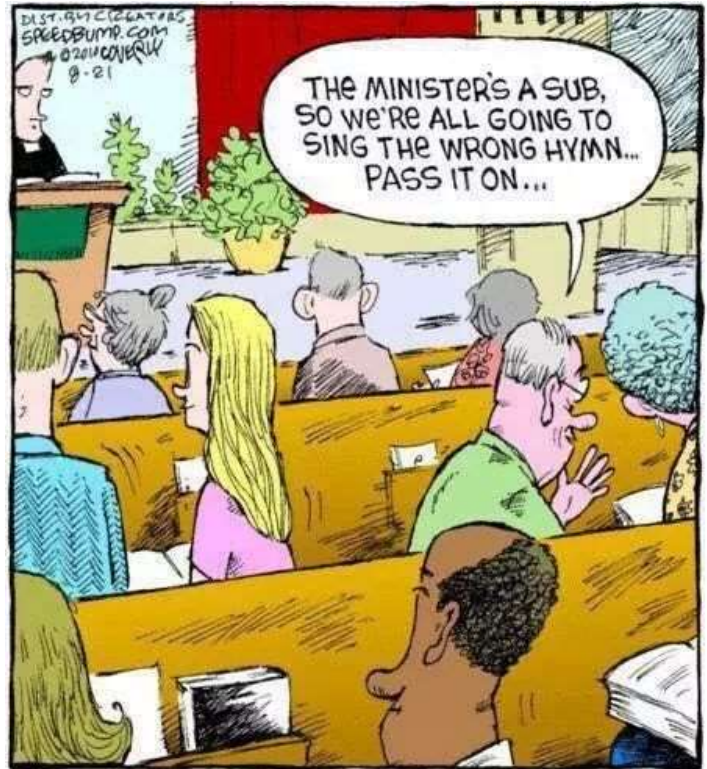


(Quelle: chrismon.evangelisch.de)

Contact Pastor Hahn for an English version.

HUMOR

The following cartoons were submitted by members of our church family.



CONNECTING WITH OTHERS



This *free* community event will be held on Friday, September 13th from **7:00 PM – 8:30 PM**. Please invite your family, friends and neighbors to join us for an evening of BINGO fun! Light refreshments will be provided.

Doors open at **6:30 PM**. Hope to see you there!

If you have any questions, please contact the church office at 215-464-1540.

Admission is free; however, we ask that you please bring a non-perishable food item (or items) as a donation for our local food bank.

GERMAN CIRCLE

Dear Members of the German Circle,

It is time again for our September meeting, which will be on the 8th at 7:00 PM. I hope you all had a very nice summer. We will discuss a date for the Sauerkraut Supper. I hope you all will come out to this meeting.

GERMAN-AMERICAN PARADE

The German American Steuben Parade will be held on Sunday, September 29th.

Anyone interested in participating could call the church office or Barbara Hannon.

MOVIE NIGHT UNDER THE STARS



Movie goers donated food items for the Food Bank.

Friday, August 2, 2019

The movie was **“Wonder Park”** - an animated adventure about a girl who learns the amusement park of her dreams exists and when the park runs into trouble, she and her animal friends are able to save the park.



Judy, Marion, and Bob shared free treats, and the love of God, with movie goers. Gale, Sylvia, Eileen, and Pastor also helped.

Upcoming Movie Night Under the Stars

Friday, September 27, 2019 at 7:30 PM (rain or shine)

“The Secret Life of Pets 2”

Showing on the big, outdoor movie screen will be “The Secret Life of Pets 2”. Bring your lawn chair or blanket. Invite your friends and neighbors. Refreshments will be provided! Admission is free. We ask that you please bring a non-perishable food item(s) as a donation for our local Somerton Food Bank. (Alcoholic beverages **are not permitted.**)

MAKING A DIFFERENCE



LINUS IS BACK

Saturday, October 19, 2019

9:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Please save this date for
our Linus Workshop.

Immanuel German School

The Immanuel German School's classes resume on Saturday, September 7, 9:30 – 12:00 in the Lower Moreland High School, 555 Red Lion Road, Huntingdon Valley, PA 19006 (fewer than 5 miles from the church). We offer classes for children as young as 4 and run through grade school, middle school and high school. Additionally, there are four levels for adult learners.

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 new teachers, dealing with the Zentralstelle für das Auslandsschulwesen, ordering books, and getting things ready for the upcoming school year.

On Monday, August 19, the faculty met at the Hausman home to kick off the new school year, our 45th!, while enjoying *Bier und Bratwürste*.

Upcoming Dates:

August 31-September 2: Cannstatter Volksfest (representatives of the school will be present on Sunday, September 1)

Saturday, September 7: First day of German School

September 29: German-American Parade (formerly Steuben Parade)

November 9: St. Martinstag and 30th anniversary of the Fall of the Berlin Wall

November 23: Used Book Fair and Christmas Shop

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

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1</p> <p>Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost</p> <p>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</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Labor Day</p>	<p>3</p> <p>1:00 PM Staff Meeting</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p> <p>9:30 AM Lower Bucks Conference Meeting 7:00 PM Christian Events Team</p>	<p>6</p> <p>10:00 AM Member Care Team Meeting</p>	<p>7</p> <p>9:30 AM First Day of Immanuel German School at LMHS (page 7)</p>
<p>8</p> <p>GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS. SUNDAY</p> <p>10:30 AM Bilingual Service 6:30 PM Evening Service 7:00 PM German Circle</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p> <p>1:00 PM Staff Meeting</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p> <p>9:30 AM Dean's Meeting</p>	<p>13</p> <p>7:00 PM Bingo (page 7)</p>	<p>14</p> <p>9:30 AM Immanuel German School at LMHS</p>
<p>15</p> <p>Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost</p> <p>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 7:15 PM What Lutherans REALLY Believe</p> <p>Newsletter Deadline</p>	<p>16</p> <p>7:00 PM Council</p>	<p>17</p> <p>1:00 PM Staff Meeting</p>	<p>18</p> <p>10:00 AM Bible Study 12:00 Noon Frauenverein 7:00 PM Bible Study</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p> <p>9:30 AM Newsletter Mailing</p>	<p>21</p> <p>9:30 AM Immanuel German School at LMHS</p>
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