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IMMANUEL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
*Connecting people with God and with other people
to make a difference!*
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Ash Wednesday Worship March 2, 2022

11:00 AM	German REMOTE
12:30 PM	German INDOOR with Imposition of Ashes
6:00 PM	English REMOTE
7:30 PM	English INDOOR with Imposition of Ashes

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Immanuel Newsletter GOD'S WORK – OUR HANDS

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Congregational Meeting

The Congregational Meeting will be held via Zoom and telephone on **Sunday, March 6, 2022**, at **10:00 AM**, immediately following the online English service.

If you wish to participate, please stay logged in after the English service ends. You may also join the meeting by using the log-in information.

There will be **NO indoor morning service** on March 6.

CONNECTING WITH GOD

From Pastor Hahn

My dear Immanuel church family,

Recently, the Olympic Winter Games and the Super Bowl were broadcast on our televisions. Both events are the pinnacle of a lifetime of practice and training in the lives of their athletes.

Most of the competitors are primarily young people. A few continue competing in their thirties (and maybe early 40s). But those are the exceptions. In general, it is assumed that athletes stop training, stop competing, and move on to other things as they get to a certain age.

I am wondering: does the same principle apply to people of faith, to Christians, to the followers of Christ—to you and me? Do we stop growing in our faith? Do we stop learning? Do we stop getting closer to God? Do we stop investing a portion of our time in spiritual growth?

A wise man, Lao Tse, once said: “Learning is like rowing against the current. If you stop rowing, you go backwards.” And who wants to go backwards?

If recent studies and surveys are on the mark, a lot of people of faith are biblically illiterate and poorly equipped for living a full and rewarding spiritual life. That does not have to be so!

Take on the challenge of six weeks of “spiritual spring training.” It begins on Ash Wednesday (March 2) and continues through the season of Lent, the 40 Days before Easter (not counting Sundays).



During this time, we can train, learn, practice, and grow in the classical “spiritual disciplines” of Lent: You can:

- (1) **enrich your worship life** with mid-week services
- (2) **deepen your prayer life** by using the special prayer calendar
- (3) **grow in your devotional habits** by using the daily devotional booklet
- (4) **widen your exposure** to the wisdom of the **Holy Bible** by joining the “Christ in Our Home” online conversation group
- (5) **grow in your love** of neighbor and in your generosity by either supporting the World Hunger relief emphasis or the LWR health kit emphasis
- (6) **practice a spiritual fast** by cutting back on non-spiritual time and expenses (e.g., entertainment and fun-related ones) and donate the time and money saved to one of the other five disciplines.

I know there is that saying, “You can’t teach an old dog new tricks,” but you and I are neither old, nor are we dogs. We are the redeemed, loved, and empowered children of God, called to be God’s hands and voices on earth.

As the proverb puts it: “We never stop learning.” “Even on our deathbed,” says researcher Petra Ritter, “are we able to learn the name of the nurse attending to us.”

Welcome, then, to “Team Immanuel,” to **Spiritual Spring Training 2022**. We have saved a spot on the team for you!

God’s Peace, *Pastor Hahn*

I would like to express my heartfelt appreciation for the cards, emails, texts, phone calls, and surprise gifts members and friends of Immanuel sent to help me celebrate the 35th anniversary of my ordination. I am very grateful. PH

Wöchentliche Andachten in der Passionszeit

Dienstags, 19:30 – 20:00 Uhr
Per Zoom oder Telefon

In diesem Jahr laden wir dienstagsabends zu gemeinsamen Online-Passionsandachten mit den Deutschen Evangelischen Auslandsgemeinden in Toronto und Ottawa sowie der deutschen Gemeinde in Washington, DC ein. Die Leitung liegt abwechselnd bei Pastor Dr. Martin Eberle, Pastorin Annika Klappert (Toronto), Pastorin Judith Kierschke (Ottawa) und Pastor Hahn.

Die Termine: dienstags, den 8.3.—15.3.—22.3.—
29.3.—5.4.—12.4. Beginn ist jeweils um 19:30 Uhr. Die Andachten dauern etwa 30 Minuten.

Zum Thema der Passionszeitandachten: „7 Wochen Ohne“

Seit mehr als 30 Jahren lädt „7 Wochen Ohne“ als Fastenaktion der evangelischen Kirche dazu ein, die Zeit zwischen Aschermittwoch und Ostern bewusst zu erleben und zu gestalten. Millionen Menschen lassen sich darauf ein: für sich allein, in Familien oder als Fastengruppe in Gemeinden. Sie verzichten nicht nur auf das eine oder andere Genussmittel, sondern folgen der Einladung zum Fasten im Kopf unter einem jährlich wechselnden Motto. Das **Aktionsmotto 2022** vom 2. März bis 18. April heißt „**Üben! 7 Wochen ohne Stillstand**“.

7 WOCHEN
OHNE

Die Fastenaktion
der evangelischen
Kirche 2022

8. März bis 12. April 2022



Thank You for 2nd Mile Gifts

To *Sylvia and Eric Hansen* for their donation in honor of their 25th Wedding Anniversary.

To *Michael and Angela Ast* for their donation in memory of Grete Ast.

To *Helmut Boehm* for his donation in memory of Elfriede Boehm.

To *Alma and Paul Dallas* and *Barbara Hannon* in memory of Dorothy Strange.

Lenten Worship

Ash Wednesday Services

11:00 AM	German REMOTE
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Tuesdays

7:30 PM	German REMOTE Meditation
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Wednesdays

12:00 Noon	English INDOOR Meditation
7:00 PM	REMOTE English Meditation

CREATED FOR COMMUNITY

A mid-week Lenten Meditation Series

Wednesday, March 9, 16, 23, 30, and April 6
12:00 Noon—Indoor
7:00 PM—Remote

LENT IS A TIME FOR DEEPENING OF COMMUNITY

This meditation series invites us to reflect on what it means to be in community with one another, with the world, with creation, and with God.



Congratulations

To the Bracero-Gidelson family on the baptism of their youngest members, Devenigh (held by her dad, Ricardo) and Celine (held by her mom, Shyanne), at the evening service on February 20. (The masks were taken off only for the three seconds it took to shoot the picture.)



Fun Days to Celebrate in March

March 1—World Compliment Day

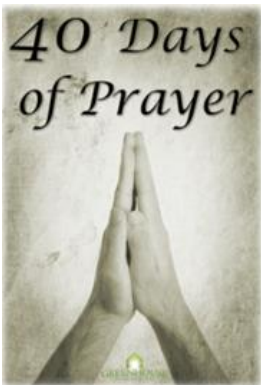
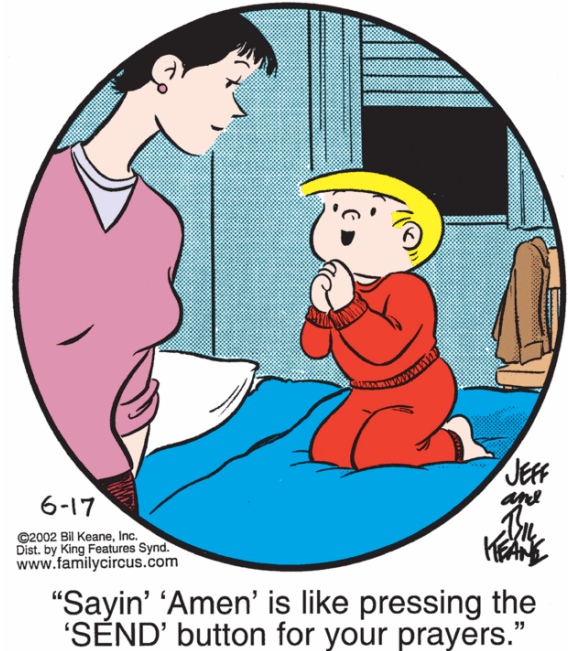
March 2—Read Across America

March 8—International Women's Day

March 26—Wear a Hat Day

March 30—Take a Walk in the Park Day

CONNECTING WITH OTHERS



40 Days of Prayer

You will soon receive the special Lenten prayer calendar to use during the 40 Days of Lent. Set aside a few minutes each day to pray by name for the individuals and households indicated for that day on the special "40 Days of Prayer" calendar.

With this emphasis and prayer tool, we hope to assist all friends and members of Immanuel to follow the exhortation of Ephesians 6:18: *Pray in the Spirit ... and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.* (NIV)

IN CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

Condolences to the family and friends of **Katharina Stielow**, who joined The Church Triumphant on February 1. Funeral services were held February 11. Please keep the family and friends of Katharina in your prayers.

Condolences to the family and friends of **Erich Ehland**, who joined The Church Triumphant on February 11. Funeral services were private. Please keep Erich's family and friends in your prayers.



MAKING A DIFFERENCE



For more information,
visit lwr.org/lent

Lent may be a time of reflection, but it need not be one of inaction. You are invited to share your love with our neighbors around the world by getting your hands busy making Personal Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief (LWR).

LWR Kits are specifically designed to help people coping with poverty, disaster, conflict and more. LWR Kits provide dignity and hope in the direst situations.

Kits may be dropped off at the Immanuel campus during Holy Week (Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Saturday, and Easter Sunday).

If you would prefer to make a financial donation of \$15.00 per kit, please make a check payable to Immanuel Lutheran Church, with Lutheran World Relief on the memo line.

INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING IN EACH PERSONAL CARE KIT:

- ✓ ONE light-weight bath-size towel (between 20" x 40" and 52" x 27"), dark color recommended
- ✓ TWO or three bath-size bars of soap equaling 8 to 9 oz., any brand, in original wrapping
- ✓ ONE adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging
- ✓ ONE sturdy comb, remove packaging
- ✓ ONE metal nail clippers (attached file optional), remove packaging



HOW TO PACK YOUR PERSONAL CARE KIT:

- Fold the towel in half. Place the rest of the items in the towel, fold and roll so nothing falls out, and secure with yarn, ribbon, string or rubber bands.

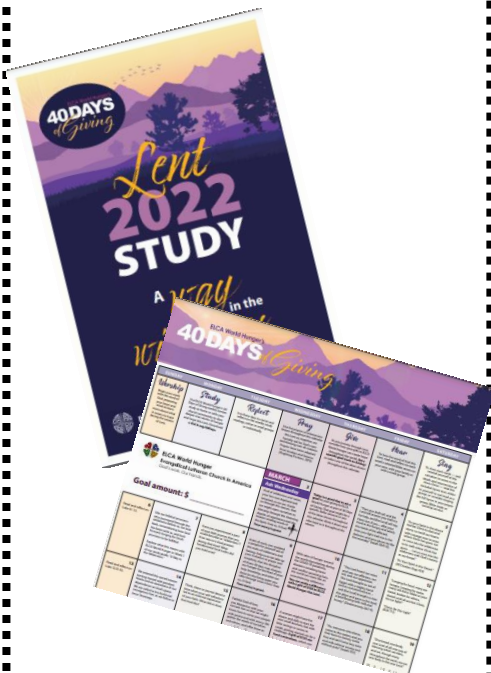
SOME IMPORTANT GUIDELINES TO REMEMBER:

- Be sure to shop for light- or medium-weight towels, which are easier for Kit recipients to hand wash and air dry, take up less storage space and are considerably less expensive than the fluffier towels we may prefer to use.
- Please do not donate items with any religious symbols, messages or your group's name.
- Please do not donate any items decorated with a U.S. flag, patriotic or military symbols, or references to the armed forces, including camouflage.
- Do not add other items or leave out any of the items listed.
- All items should be new and in good condition.
- Do not enclose the Kit or any of its contents in plastic bags.



Coming soon to your mailbox:

ELCA World Hunger's
40 Days of Giving
Lent 2022 Study Guide and
Lent Calendar



ELCA World Hunger's

40 DAYS of Giving

The season of Lent grounds us in a time in the wilderness. In Lent, we wander with our ancestors, longing for new life in a land of promise and opportunity.

Yet we are reminded that, even as we journey toward that promised ending, we are not alone. We cling to God's promise: **"I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert"** (Isaiah 43:19).

This promise is the Lenten theme for ELCA World Hunger's 40 Days of Giving. We invite you to journey with us and to reflect on how far we have come and how far we still have to go.

Information courtesy of elca.org

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Contributions can be made to 40 Days of Giving by writing a check to Immanuel Lutheran Church, with ELCA World Hunger on the memo line.

Lutheran Immigration
and Refugee Service



Dear Pastor Hahn and Friends,

2021 was another challenging year, but thankfully, you stayed faithful to your calling to help refugee and immigrant families find safety and a better life. And I'm so grateful for your support.

Your generosity helped to resettle thousands of refugees — like our Afghan Allies — and reunified separated families, provided cash assistance to people in need, supported migrants released from detention, protected unaccompanied children, advocated for fair immigration policy and laws and much more!

For your convenience, I've included your 2021 gift summary below. As you look over your contributions, please know that your gift has made a meaningful difference in the lives of so many refugees and immigrants.

We know that 2022 will also have its own share of challenges. But together, we can continue welcoming newcomers by providing the essential resources to build a new life here in America.

Last year, your charitable gift of \$1,209.65 helped welcome newcomers, provided basic needs and community connections, and supported welcome centers that offered vital resources like education and workforce programs.

With your renewed support in 2022, I know we'll continue to welcome newcomers with open arms. Thank you so much for your generosity and loyal support.

Sincerely,

Andrew G. Steele

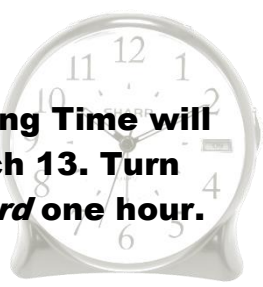
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PLEASE NOTE:

MOST Worship Services and Meetings are remote and will be held/broadcast LIVE through Zoom (online and telephone)

Exceptions are in RED or BLUE

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Reminder: Daylight Saving Time will start on March 13. Turn clocks forward one hour. 		1 1:30 PM Member Care Team 7:00 PM Christian Events Team	2 Ash Wednesday 11:00 AM German Service 12:30 PM INDOOR German 6:00 PM English Service 7:30 PM INDOOR English	3 9:30 AM Lower Bucks Conference	4 2:00 PM "Christ in Our Home"	5 9:30 AM Immanuel German School
6 First Sunday of Lent 9:19 AM English Service 10:00 AM Congregational Meeting 11:11 AM German Service 6:30 PM INDOOR English	7	8 7:30 PM German Meditation	9 12:00 Noon INDOOR English Meditation 7:00 PM English Meditation	10	11 2:00 PM "Christ in Our Home"	12 9:30 AM Immanuel German School
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20 Third Sunday of Lent 9:19 AM English Service 10:15 AM INDOOR German Service 11:11 AM German Service 6:30 PM INDOOR English	21 7:00 PM Congregation Council	22 7:00 PM Finance Team 7:30 PM German Meditation	23 12:00 Noon INDOOR English Meditation 7:00 PM English Meditation	24 9:30 AM Deans Meeting	25 2:00 PM "Christ in Our Home"	26 9:30 AM Immanuel German School
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