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Immanuel Newsletter GOD'S WORK – OUR HANDS

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Holy Week and Easter Services



Come Worship With Us!

March 28 – Maundy Thursday
12:00 Noon – Worship Service
with Holy Communion

March 29 – Good Friday
12:00 Noon – Solemn Worship
Service in English

3:00 PM – Karfreitag
Solemn Worship Service in
German

March 31 - Easter Sunday
The Resurrection of Our Lord
10:15 AM - Festival Service
with Holy Communion

From Pastor Brown...



And we're off and running!

As a pastor, when you begin your time at a new congregation during Lent, there is no time to acclimate or think before you are working on Holy Week and Easter worship. I stepped right into midweek worship and Bible Study on Thursdays. I have already attended three events and conducted one funeral. I actually know the names of a few people, since I have spent a lot of time with them already (don't forget to wear your nametags!).

After Easter, we will begin some of the transition work, in addition to the regular congregational stuff. I am grateful that the council members have already been interviewing folks because that gives us a head start on our visioning work. But I can say for sure that one of our ongoing tasks will be some cleaning and organizing some of the spaces in the building!

I hope to be in the office on most Tuesdays and Thursdays. I invite you to stop and say hello if I am in the building. Is there something you would like to do to assist in worship? Is there a group you would like to start? What other ideas do you have for Immanuel? Let me know!

I am looking forward as we continue our time together. I close with my favorite transition prayer:

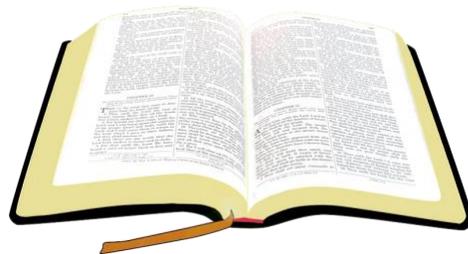
Lord God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessings as we journey together,
Pastor Brown

Join us for Bible Study with Pastor Brown

Thursday mornings
10:30 AM in the Parlor

Thursday nights
7:00 PM on Zoom
(Link on Calendar page)



Each week in April, we will read about and discuss a different Bad Girl of the Bible.

We always welcome new participants.
Bibles are available for use in-person.

Easter Proclamation

Rejoice, heavenly powers! Sing choirs of angels!
Exult, all creation around God's throne! Jesus
Christ, our King is risen!

Celebrate the divine mysteries with exultation,
and for so great a victory sound the trumpet of
salvation!

Rejoice, O earth, in shining splendor, radiant in
the brightness of your King! Christ has
conquered! Glory fills you! Darkness vanishes
forever!

Rejoice, O holy Church! Exult in glory! The risen
Savior shines upon you! Let this place resound
with joy, echoing the mighty song of all God's
people!

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that with
full hearts and minds and voices we should
praise the unseen God, the all-powerful Father,
and his only Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who by
his precious blood has redeemed us from
bondage to the ancient sin.

This is indeed our Easter feast, when Christ, the
true Lamb, is slain, by whose blood the
doorposts of the faithful are made holy.

This is the time, on which, in ancient times, you
delivered our ancestors, the people of Israel,
and led them dry-shod through the sea.

This is the time, when the pillar of fire destroyed
the darkness of sin.

This is the time, in which all who believe in
Christ are rescued from evil and the gloom of
sin, are renewed in grace, and are restored to
holiness.

This is the time, in which, breaking the chains of
death, Christ arises from hell in triumph!
Most blessed of all times, chosen by God to
know the time and the hour in which Christ
arose again from hell!

This is the time of which scripture says: "The
night is as clear as the day: it will become my
light, my joy."

The power of this holy time dispels all evil,
washes sin away, restores innocence to the
fallen, brings joy to those who mourn; casts out
hatred, brings us peace, and humbles earthly
pride.

This is the time, truly blessed, heaven and earth
are joined—things human and things divine, and
we are reconciled to God!

Therefore, oh Holy One, in this time of joy and
grace, receive our praise and thanksgiving, for
the light of the resurrection of our Lord Jesus
Christ, reflected in the burning of the candles.

We sing the glories of the pillar of fire, the
brightness of which is not diminished even when
its light is divided and borrowed. For it is fed by
the melting wax which the bees, your servants,
have made for the substance of our candles.

We therefore pray to you, oh God, that our
candles will continue to vanquish the darkness
of night and mingle with the lights of heaven.

May Christ, our Morning Star, that Morning Star
which never sets; that Morning Star, who, rising
from the grave, faithfully sheds light on the
whole human race; may Christ find our flame
still burning.

And we pray, oh God, rule, govern, and preserve
with your continual protection your whole
church, giving us peace in this time of our
paschal rejoicing; through the same Lord and
Savior Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and
reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God,
now and forever. Amen.



Spring blooms at Immanuel!



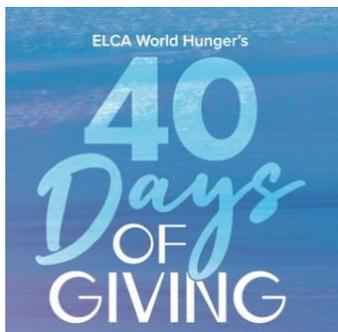
IN CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY



We extend our Christian Sympathy to the family and friends of **Robert Murset**, who joined The Church Triumphant on March 13. Thank you for keeping Bob's family and friends in your prayers.

We extend our Christian Sympathy to the family and friends of **Laura Krell** who joined The Church Triumphant on March 16. Thank you for keeping Laura's family and friends in your prayers.

A celebration of Laura's life will be held during the worship service on Sunday, April 14.



At the beginning of the Lenten season, we invited you to set a goal for your giving to ELCA World Hunger as part of 40 Days of Giving.

Now is the time to make your contribution. Drop your donation in the offering plate or mail it to the church office. Remember to note that your gift is for ELCA World Hunger.



Join us for a spaghetti dinner and classic movie night!

Doors open at 4:30 PM, dinner begins at 5:00 PM.
This is an event geared for people 16 years and above.

To RSVP, visit www.HillHappenings.org
or use the link below:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904044FA9AD28A7FC1-48025075-dinner>



Saturday, April 27

2:00 – 4:00 PM

Doors open at 1:30 PM

Come and enjoy tea, sandwiches, sweets, a movie, and craft!

Dress and hat are optional, but dressing up might win a prize! (Early arrivers can make their own hat.)

No admission charge—but please bring a gently used handbag or briefcase as a donation.

We look forward to seeing you!

Seating is limited. Please let us know if you are attending by April 21st.

Contact:
Marion Morris
Judy Friedman

This is a Thrivent Action Team sponsored event.



Gedicht Ostern

von Annegret Kronenberg

Wer bin ich winzig kleiner Mensch,
dass DU für mich gestorben,
den Weg für mich geebnet hast,
das Heil mir hast erworben?

Wie groß muss Deine Liebe sein,
daß DU das Kreuz getragen,
das Dir die Menschheit auferlegt',
mit Sünden schwer beladen?

Die Menschen zu erlösen,
gingst DU nach Golgotha
und ließest neu erstehen,
was längst am Ende war.

DU hast den neuen Anfang
bereitet auch für mich,
hast Ostern mir gewonnen,
drum glaub ich fest an DICH.



Lesen Sie Deutsch?

Please join Immanuel German School for their 11th Annual Used Book Fair on April 20 from 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM.

They have 1000s of books—nearly all in German—all genres and nearly every conceivable topic: Children's books and games, literature, fiction, reference works, history, biography, travel, religion, textbooks. Also, CD's, vinyl records, and DVDs!

No book over \$2.00, most only \$1.00!
Also baked goods available for purchase.

The book fair will be held in the cafeteria of the *old* Lower Moreland High School, 555 Red Lion Road, Huntingdon Valley, PA 19006.



St. Stephen's Lutheran Church



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Dear Chris and Members of Immanuel

Thank you for your wonderful donation to our Food Bank. Collections and food donations such as yours have helped us to meet the needs of many families in our shared communities. God answers our prayers. Your donation came at the perfect time when our supplies were getting low. You have helped us to continue to give out food to all our food insecure families.

We are very blessed to have you as one of our neighbors helping us fight hunger.

If anyone in your congregation ever need help, please have them contact our Food Bank at 267-261-8672.

In Christ Jesus,

Lynn Rhodes
Parish Secretary
Maria Taylor and Lucy Keiper
Food Bank Coordinators
St. Stephen's Lutheran Church



In addition to Immanuel's schedule of Holy Week services, here are some offerings at our neighboring churches—

Maunder Thursday:

Good Shepherd, 877 Street Road, Southampton—4:00 and 7:00 PM
St. Stephen's, 65 E. Street Road, Feasterville—7:00 PM

Good Friday:

Good Shepherd—7:00 PM
St. Stephen's—7:00 PM (A Tenebrae Service presented by the choir.)

Easter Saturday Vigil:

St. John's, 3101 Tyson, Philadelphia—5:00 PM

Easter Sunrise Service on the Delaware:

Glen Foerd Estate, 5001 Grant Ave., Philadelphia—6:30 AM

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 Easter Sunday 10:15 AM Festival Service with Holy Communion	1	2 1:30 PM Supportive Service Ministry 7:00 PM Socialization Ministry	3 7:00 PM Girl Scouts	4 10:30 AM Bible Study (Parlor) 7:00 PM Bible Study (Zoom)	5	6 9:30 AM Immanuel German School
7 Second Sunday of Easter 10:15 AM Worship Service With Holy Communion	8	9	10 7:00 PM Girl Scouts	11 10:30 AM Bible Study (Parlor) 7:00 PM Bible Study (Zoom)	12	13 9:30 AM Immanuel German School 5:00 PM Dinner and Movie
14 Third Sunday of Easter 10:15 AM Worship Service	15	16	17 7:00 PM Congregation Council (Zoom) 7:00 PM Girl Scouts	18 10:30 AM Bible Study (Parlor) 7:00 PM Bible Study (Zoom)	19	20 9:00 AM German School Book Sale @LMHS 9:30 AM Immanuel German School
21 Fourth Sunday of Easter 10:15 AM Worship Service	22	23 7:00 PM Finance Ministry	24 7:00 PM Girl Scouts	25 10:30 AM Bible Study (Parlor) 7:00 PM Bible Study (Zoom)	26	27 9:30 AM Immanuel German School 2:00 PM Ladies' Tea
28 Fifth Sunday of Easter 10:15 AM Worship Service	29	30	If you're unable to join us in-person, you can participate using Zoom. Zoom is available for Sunday worship service and Thursday night Bible Study. Use the link or phone number below to join us!			

Zoom link to join from your computer:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88901607206>

To listen in by phone, dial the phone number below and you will be asked to enter a meeting ID. Enter the code below and make sure you enter the # at the end of the meeting ID

Phone number to call-in: 1-646-558-8656

Meeting ID for call-in: 889 0160 7206 #