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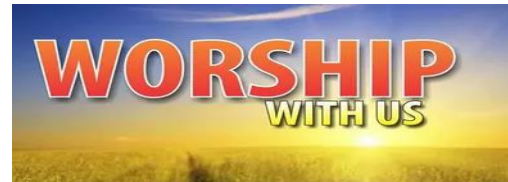
Immanuel Newsletter GOD'S WORK – OUR HANDS

SOUP-ER BOWL SUNDAY FEBRUARY 11

Bring cans of soup for donation
to the local food bank!

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Come worship with us
(in-person, online, or on the telephone).

Check out our worship schedule for
February, including Lent on page 3.

A new year brings new opportunities and new beginnings! We have been blessed to receive a part-time Interim Consultant to help us with worship and be available for any pastoral needs. Pastor Sandra Brown preached in January and will also preach in February. She is currently the Interim Pastor at Good Shepherd Church until the end of February. Upon completion of her time at Good Shepherd, Pastor Brown will become our Interim Minister and guide us as we work to assess the needs of the future pastoral profile as well as being our temporary pastor. More information to come in the next issue.

All three Christmas Eve services were well attended. We thank Pastor Kang Na for his service on Christmas Day.

Thank you to our Christmas Decorating Team. They did a great job setting up the Christmas Tree and decorations. Our sanctuary looked beautiful! It was nice to see the outdoor manger scene set up in the Narthex for all to enjoy. We also thank the team for undecorating and putting away those decorations for next year. Job well done!

Our Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, March 3rd, immediately following the worship service.

We are moving forward with awesome events in the next few months. Please check the websites and your Friday E-news emails for updated information. We ask for your continued support in our efforts. Volunteers are needed for various tasks. If you are interested or can offer your help, please contact the church office.

Come worship with us either in-person, online, or on the phone. Keep Immanuel in your prayers,

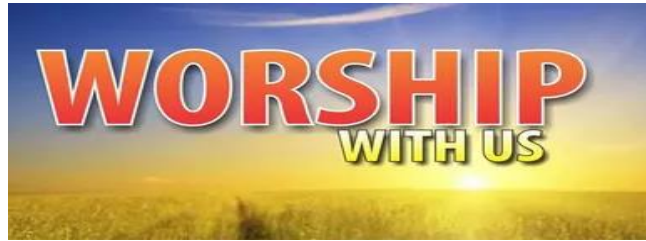
Christine Blankenhorn



Exciting news!!!! The Organist Search Committee has identified a candidate for our organist position. An offer was made and has been accepted.

Karen Karosas, our new organist, will make her debut at our service on Sunday, February 11, 2024.

We will have a special welcome for her during our fellowship hour after the service. Please make every effort to be there. She is blessed with a wonderful talent.



February 4 - 5th Sunday after Epiphany

The Healing of Peter's Mother-in-law

10:15 AM - Worship Service
with Holy Communion

February 11 - Last Sunday after Epiphany

Revelation of Christ as God's Beloved Son

10:15 AM- Worship Service

February 14 - Ash Wednesday

The Practice of Faith

11:15 AM - Worship Service
with Ashes and Holy Communion

12:00 Noon - Soup Lunch

Evening worship at a neighboring church

February 18 - First Sunday in Lent

The Temptation of Jesus in the Wilderness

10:15 AM - Worship Service

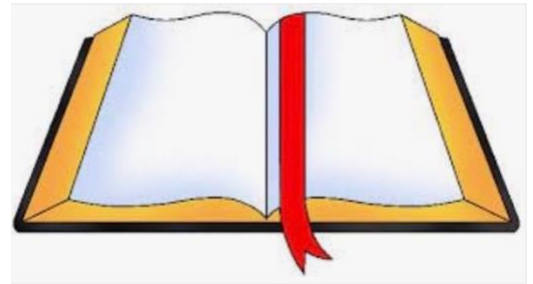
February 25 - Second Sunday in Lent

The Passion Prediction

10:15 AM- Worship Service

Bible Study
*(Beginning Thursday,
February 22)*

Thursdays at 10:15 AM
In the Conference Room



Mid-Week Lenten Services
*(Beginning Thursday,
February 22)*

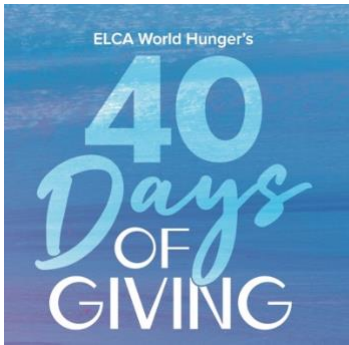
Thursdays at 11:30 AM
in the Parlor
12:00 Noon--Light Lunch

7:00 PM—Zoom Service
(Online/Telephone)



The good news: Punxsutawney Phil didn't see his shadow! That means he predicts an early spring.

The bad news: The groundhog only has a 39% accuracy rate.



Around the world, up to 783 million people are hungry, and each of them has a story to tell. **You can make a significant impact on someone's life with a gift of \$2 a day.** Consider setting aside that amount throughout the season to donate to ELCA World Hunger.

Fastnacht/Fat Tuesday

Tuesday, February 13
12:30 - 3:00 PM

The Member Care Team
Invites you
To celebrate FASTNACHT with us!
Enjoy a Soup Lunch followed by a film about
European Easter Celebrations and ending with



**“DONUTS and Coffee”
Come for the fellowship!**

Please let us know by Sunday 2/11/2024 if you can
join us

Contact: Judy Friedman

Soup-er Bowl Sunday

Sunday, February 11



Let's help tackle hunger together!

We kicked off our Soup-er Bowl Soup Drive last month. We will keep collecting cans of soup through Soup-er Bowl Sunday on February 11. Please bring a few cans of soup with you to worship. All donations will be delivered to local food banks.

Let's see if we can run up the score and beat last year's total of 344 cans of soup!

ELCA World Hunger Lent Drive

During Lent (starting February 14), we are asking for donations of **powdered baby formula** and **diapers**. There will be a labeled box by the coat closet for your donations.

Our donations will be given to the Lutheran Settlement House on Frankford Avenue.

Established in 1902, Lutheran Settlement House (LSH) is a non-profit, community-based organization committed to serving children, adults, and families living in Philadelphia.



Wishing our church family and friends Christmas Greetings and a Happy and Healthy New Year!

From:

Ilse Abendroth
Christine & Stewart Blankenhorn
Helmut M. Boehm
Roswitha Carle
Carrie & Michele Cook
Paul & Alma Dallas
Donna Day
Judy Friedman
Barbara Hannon
Eric, Sylvia & Alexander Hansen
Dorothea & Marianne Haug
George Herrmann
Margot Purucker
Margret Rommel
Rosi & Theo Sawadski
Darlene Thurnau
Gale & Fred Zimmerman

(Revised 2023 Christmas Card List)



Invite your family, friends and neighbors to join us for an afternoon of **BINGO** games and gift card prizes.

There will be tickets for sale for our Gift Basket Raffle (baskets valued between \$20-\$25) as well as tickets for a 50/50 Raffle. All proceeds will benefit Immanuel.

Hot dogs, snacks, desserts and drinks will be available for purchase. We hope to see you there!

If you have any questions, please contact the church office at 215-464-1540 and leave a message for Chris.

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

Saturday, February 17

12:30 – 2:00 PM

Doors open at 12:00 Noon

Whom it May Concern:

On behalf of Die Alte Herren Cannstatters, we have enclosed a donation of \$1,500.00 to the Immanuel Lutheran Church. We hope that this donation will make a difference in the lives of those you help.

Sincerely,

Manfred Birkholz, Treasurer

Immanuel recently received two generous donations (see letters above and below).

We gratefully receive these contributions toward continuing our mission.



St. Patrick's Day Event

Sunday, March 10, 2024

Immanuel Easter Event

Saturday, March 30, 2024

Details to come!

Hello,

At the stated meeting in December of 2023, the members of Hermann-Humboldt Lodge #125 F&AM voted to support the work of your church by donating \$750.00. This money is to be used as your membership sees fit and best utilized in the continued good work that we have come to hear about your institution.

Thank you,

David Morris, Treasurer



From KenCrest School:

KenCrest was very thankful for our adopted family Christmas gifts. All the requested gifts and more were purchased and delivered. KenCrest is hoping we will join the program again next Christmas.

From 9 West Emergency:

Thank you all so much for the generous donation to assist in clothing our less fortunate population upon discharge, especially in these chillier months.

We really [appreciate] all of your thought, support and donations.

Best, Colleen James and the Orthopedic unit at TJUH CC



From Somerton Interfaith Food Bank:

Dear Friends,

As we look back at the past year, we are grateful for the many people and organizations who have helped the Somerton Interfaith Food Bank accomplish the mission of feeding the working poor and hungry of the Northeast Philadelphia region. Your donation is an important part of the success we had in accomplishing our goal and we are forever thankful for your help and support.

The year 2022 brought on rising food costs for our clients and an influx of people who have fled Ukraine looking for some peace from the terror that rips through their country. As a result, the traffic through our food bank has tripled in the past year. Your generous donation of \$1,037.00 will definitely ease the increasing demand.

With Gratitude,

Doreen Conway

Doreen Conway - Treasurer

Thank you so much

FEBRUARY 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Please note: Winter weather can cause last minute changes to the calendar.</p> <p>Be sure to check your e-mail and ImmanuelPhilly.org for the latest information on our events and services.</p>				1	2	3 9:30 AM Immanuel German School
4 Fifth Sunday after Epiphany 10:15 AM Worship Service with Holy Communion	5	6 1:30 PM Member Care Team 7:00 PM Evangelism Team	7	8	9	10 9:30 AM Immanuel German School
11 Last Sunday after Epiphany 10:15 AM Worship Service <i>Soup-er Bowl Sunday</i>	12	13 Fastnacht/ Fat Tuesday 12:30 PM Soup Lunch, Movie, Donuts and Coffee	14 Ash Wednesday 11:15 AM Worship Service with Ashes and Holy Communion 12:00 Noon Soup Lunch Valentine's Day	15	16	17 12:30 PM Community Bingo <i>No German School</i>
18 First Sunday in Lent 10:15 AM Worship Service <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 10px auto;">Girl Scouts Sleepover</div>	19	20	21 Newsletter Deadline	22 10:15 AM Bible Study 11:30 AM Lenten Service 7:00 PM Zoom Only Lenten Service	23	24 9:30 AM Immanuel German School
25 Second Sunday in Lent 10:15 AM Worship Service	26	27	28	29 10:15 AM Bible Study 11:30 AM Lenten Service 7:00 PM Zoom Only Lenten Service	<p style="color: red; font-weight: bold;">Coming Up:</p> <p style="color: red; font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.2em;">Annual Meeting</p> <p style="color: red; font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.2em;">March 3</p>	