



*"Grace Happens
at the Church on
the Hill"*

Sunday Schedule Discipleship Classes 9:15 Worship 10:30
Prayer Chain: Claris (512) 627-4132 Financial Secretary: Cindy Barringer
Church Administrator / Treasurer: Claris Randig



Pastor Caleb Bahr

*¹³ All your children shall be taught by the LORD, and great shall be the peace of your children.
Isaiah 54:13*

Hello ILC!

You don't have to have an advanced degree in theology to understand the Bible. In fact, sometimes scholarly training can prevent us from hearing what God is saying to us through His Word. Don't get me wrong, the more you study the Bible, the better, and the deeper into the Word you go the more God will speak to you. But you have a much better teacher than any human pastor or professor working with you, God the Holy Spirit.

"We cannot attain to the understanding of Scripture either by study or by the intellect. Your first duty is to begin by prayer. Entreat the Lord to grant you, of His great mercy, the true understanding of His Word. There is no other interpreter of the Word of God than the Author of this Word, as He Himself has said, "They shall be all taught of God" (John 6:45). Hope for nothing from your own labors, from your own understanding: trust solely in God, and in the influence of His Spirit. Believe this on the word of a man who has experience." ~ Martin Luther

God speaks to you when you read your Bible, so why not make it a conversation? Pray, talk with your God and king. Ask Him to reveal Himself to you and He will. He, Himself will teach you what He wants you to know. We have this promise: Ask and you will receive, seek and you will find, knock, and God will open His door to you. Do this, and great shall be your peace.

Peace be with you,

Pastor Caleb

MARCH USHERS:

Kristi Hoestenbach (Council)
Jimmie Sheppard
Harvey Johnson

MARCH ALTAR GUILD:

Becky Wardwell
Bonnie Kaderka
Rebecca Borgne

MARCH LECTORS:

3/2 Sandra Krueger
3/9 Brian Wardwell
3/16 Pam Leschber
3/23 Megan Kruger
3/30 Bonnie Kaderka

MARCH ACOLYTES:

3/2 Analise
3/9 Krista
3/16 Bodie
3/23 Makenzie & Analise
3/30 In Fellowship Hall

MARCH FLOWERS:

3/2 Larry & Pam Leschber, to God's Glory
3/9 Kristi Hoestenbach, to God's Glory
3/16 Harvey & Phyllis Johnson, to God's Glory
3/23 Bobby & Sandra Krueger, in honor of
the wedding of Clarissa & RJ Hickox
3/30 Evelyn Remmert, in memory of Cecil Remmert

**MARCH
BIRTHDAYS**



Sharon Fritz.....4th
Frances Albert.....6th
Alan Matthews.....7th
Carolyn Merkord.....10th
Nathan Balusek.....15th
Nancy Werchan.....17th
Bodie Randig.....21st
Connie Seigmund.....21st

FEBRUARY MEMORIAL REPORT

MEMORIAL FUND

For: Lena Lantzsch – by Ric & Bonnie Gordon
For: Lena Lantzsch – by Doug & Beth Park
For: Lenard Wenzel – by Bobby & Sandra Krueger

SAVE THE DATE

Tuesday, March 18th @ 11:30 a.m.

Lunch Get-Together @ Lucky Duck

(See more details below)



Come join us on Tuesday, March 19th, at 11:30 for lunch at the Lucky Duck in Taylor. This invitation is open to anyone who would like to share good food and fellowship. Go ahead and place your order upon arrival and then gather in the Ice Cream Parlor. Hope to see you there!!

President's Report

Dear Congregation,

The Council met February 26 due to a weather delay from the prior week. We had a successful meeting as we thanked outgoing members President Joe Vogel, Vice President Brian Wardwell, and Gary Klaus. We expressed thanks for their service and particularly for Joe's outstanding leadership.

This coming year the Council members are:

President: Priscilla Pipho who will also lead the Long Range Planning Committee, Praise and Worship Committee and Education Committee;

Vice President: Kristi Hoestenbach who will also be our WOW Liaison and lead the Tech Committee;

Secretary: Diane Stromberg will help Kristi with WOW liaising.

Members: Pam Leschber will lead Outreach and Praise and Worship, Robert Tieman will lead Property, and Harvey Johnson will be Head Usher and lead the Usher teams.

As the new term begins and we think about long-range or strategic planning, the Council will be communicating with the congregation regarding actions and agendas including continuing the practice of this monthly report. If you wish any item to be brought before the Council, please reach out to any one of us. We welcome suggestions and look forward to your input in the year to come.

I want to thank our wonderful pastor Caleb and church administrator Claris for their tireless service in keeping everything working so well, along with the many volunteers behind the scenes and the many hands that make Immanuel such a welcoming community. May God continue to richly bless our church and congregation with a heart for serving one another and our community.

In Christ,
Priscilla

In the Potter's Hands -- by Bryce Formwalt

This past month I had the privilege of hosting our fifth Harvest Workers Retreat. Ranging in age from 20-something to 70-something, a total of 24 ministry students, faculty, staff, and spouses came together from across Texas and around the country for three days of rest, instruction, worship, prayer, fellowship, and encouragement. While each retreat has been a delight in its own way, this year's retreat was extra special for me personally. I came away from this retreat overwhelmed with gratitude to God for the immense blessing it was—not only for me, but for so many of our students as well.

As I reflected on this fantastic weekend, I wondered what made this retreat so special. What was it that caused my heart to rejoice and feel so full of joy and thanksgiving? As I reflected, the lyrics of the song "Change My Heart, O God" by Eddie Espinosa flooded my mind: *Change my heart, O God; Make it ever true; Change my heart, O God; May I be like you; You are the potter; I am the clay; Mold me and make me; This is what I pray; Change my heart, O God; Make it ever true; Change my heart, O God; May I be like you.*

This beautiful song of repentance is born out of the words of Isaiah 64:8, *Yet Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we all are the work of your hands.* In this verse, we are reminded of the truth about our formation: that God desires to continue to mold, shape, and refine us throughout our lives. As long as we have breath in our lungs, God is not done with us!

What made this year's retreat remarkable was how the participants seemed to be so incredibly humble, moldable, malleable, and teachable. God prepared the hearts and minds of those who gathered in his Spirit to receive all that he intended to give. It reminded me of the importance of our posture before the Lord: What kind of clay are we? Are we dry, hardened, and set in our ways? Or are we moist, malleable, and eager to be shaped in the hands of the master potter?

So, I give thanks to God anew for the blessings of Harvest Workers students across our association of churches: women and men of every age and stage who are eager to learn and grow, to continue to be molded and shaped by our Lord in order to serve him in different and new ways as he leads and calls. And through these students, the Lord reminds me personally that he also continues to call me (and you, too) to learn, grow, and be formed by him.

This year as we enter the season of Lent, I pray that each of us can offer ourselves in a spirit of humility before our Lord. I invite you to adopt the prayer of the song "Change My Heart, O God", repenting with an eagerness to be formed in the Potter's hands.

The Easter Lily - Beautiful trumpet-shaped white flowers that symbolize the spiritual essence of Easter: purity, virtue, innocence, hope and life.

*If you would like to purchase an **Easter Lily** to be placed in the church Sanctuary, please complete this form and return to Bonnie Kaderka or Phyllis Johnson along with your check or cash.*

The deadline for ordering Easter Lilies is Sunday, March 30, 2025 . You may take your Easter Lily home following the service on Easter Sunday.

Thank you for your purchase and for supporting WOW!

Name _____

of Easter Lilies ordered _____

\$10.00 donation, check or cash _____ **Please make checks payable to WOW!**

Watch for Sign-Up & Entry Form Sheets Coming Soon

Hilltop Corn Hole Tournament - Sunday, April 27, 2025

— following church service and meal —



Great Fellowship - Great Food - Lots of Fun

Plan to Attend



MARCH 2025



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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SS 9:15 WOSHUP/COMM. 10:30 WOW BAKE SALE/ WOW Meeting	2	3	4 5 ASH WEDNESDAY 9 Service 6:30PM	6	7	8
SS 9:15 WORSHIP 10:30 (TIME CHANGE)	9	10	11	12	13	14
SS 9:15 WOSHUP/ COMM. 10:30	16	17	18 LUNCH @ Lucky Duck 11:30	19	20	21
SS 9:15 WOSHUP/ COMM. 10:30	23	24	25	26 COUNCIL MTG. 6:30 PM	27	28 FAITH CIRCLE 10-12
SS 9:15 WORSHIP 10:30 Potluck	30	31	** DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ** BEGINS MARCH 9 (SET YOUR CLOCK FORWARD)			

Hilltop Strings & POTLUCK
March 30

SAVE THE DATE
 4th Annual Corn Hole
 Tournament
Sunday, April 27th

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