

Immanuel Lutheran Church

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



Sunday Schedule Discipleship Classes 9:15 Worship 10:30
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Church Administrator / Treasurer: Claris Randig



Pastor Caleb Bahr

⁷ But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸ Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ - Philippians 3:7-8

Hello ILC!

"A religion that gives nothing, costs nothing, and suffers nothing, is worth nothing." Martin Luther

Does being a Christian change anything about your life? Really ponder that question for a moment. Does it change anything about what you do? Does it change how anyone treats you? Where would you be if you weren't a Christian? If you are honest with yourself, you might just be surprised by how much the love of Christ has shaped your life. And if you think that you would be in the exact same place doing the exact same things if you didn't believe in Jesus, you might not be a Christian at all.

Having Christ in your life changes your life. Sometimes this change is quick and sometimes slow. Sometimes in ways that you notice and some that you don't, but if Christ is your Lord, you will change. We won't be made perfect until Jesus returns again in glory, but one step at a time He will reshape you into His image. Take it from someone who had his whole plan and world interrupted by the call of Christ. Jesus is your Lord, and what He has in store for your life is far better than your plans.

And if this article has made you angry or caused you to despair, give me a call. Let's sit down together and apply God's Word to your life and see what we discover. Maybe an outside perspective can help you see what Christ has already done for you.

Peace be with you,

Pastor Caleb

Delivering the Goods ~~ by Bryce Formwalt

One of the gifts of our rich Lutheran theology is an emphasis on Word and Sacrament ministry: We believe that God's Word and Holy Sacraments are powerful and effective. Through proclaiming the Word, washing in the waters of baptism, and sharing the bread and wine of communion, we are delivering the Good News of God's grace and salvation. What a joy it is to be a vessel of God's grace and deliver the goods!

One of the challenges, however, is to do this not just for those inside our congregations, but to a lost, broken, and hurting world that is in desperate need of what we have to give. I want to highlight one example of a faithful congregation who found a creative way to deliver the goods to their community on Ash Wednesday.

Hebrews 10:24 Community Church (LCMC) gathers for worship every Sunday in a strip retail center in the Dellview neighborhood of San Antonio. From this small, rented facility, Pastor Chuck Knudson and the faithful people of the congregation follow the Spirit's lead to deliver the goods. They regularly seek to meaningfully connect disconnected people to the transformative power in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. This year for Ash Wednesday, they setup a pop-up tent in their parking lot and a sign by the street: "Ash Wednesday: Ashes – Prayer – Coffee; Curbside Today! 7 am – 5:30 pm."

Pastor Chuck was there throughout the day with various church members coming and going to assist as they could. Seminarian Blanca Betancourt provided ministry to Spanish speakers and all who came were blessed with the imposition of ashes and a reminder of God's abundant and unwavering grace. And people came!

It all began in the morning with a trickle of women, some coming with their children or grandchildren. After a while, the word got out about what this faithful congregation was up to, and cars began to line up. It turns out that all kinds of people were eager to receive the Word and blessing that Pastor Chuck and Hebrews 10:24 was freely and faithfully delivering. By the afternoon, men of every age were also coming, including several who pulled up in their work trucks. As the outreach came to a close in the evening, the congregation gathered for a worship service and was joined by one of the families they had just met that day.

This story out of San Antonio is a great reminder of the privilege we have of delivering the Good News of Jesus Christ to our communities. As your congregation approaches Holy Week and the celebration of the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus, I invite you to consider how God is calling you to deliver the goods... not just to the congregation gathered on Sunday mornings, but to the community where God has sent you with a mission: "Go make disciples!"

SHEPHERD'S HEART — In Need Of Help

Noisy Offering in April to help them. Coins, cash & checks accepted.

They've had the compressor go out on their walk-in freezer, and their walk-in cooler went out as well.

These issues are very expensive to fix (over \$8,500 on the compressor alone), along with all of their monthly essentials (utilities, paper goods/bags, insurance & gas for the truck, and payroll. They also help with funds for family emergencies.

We are still collecting items for the Feeding Taylor Homeless bags. Pop-top can items, granola bars, crackers, etc.

Any way that you can help, is much appreciated & helps our community. THANK YOU!!!!

Council President's Report

Greetings Immanuel Family!

The Council met Wednesday, March 26 at 6:30 and had a productive meeting. We have such a great, hardworking group and I want to thank each of you for your service: Harvey Johnson, Bob Tieman, Pam Leschber, Diane Stromberg (Secretary), Kristi Hoestenbach (Vice President). And of course our great staff: Church Administrator/Treasurer Claris Randig and Pastor Caleb Bahr. How blessed we are!

Here are some highlights of the meeting:

Pre-Easter workday is scheduled for April 12 – 8am start date. Look for a sign-up sheet and talk to Kristi Hoestenbach if you have questions. We need ambassadors to greet members and visitors, and to assist Pastor in worship services – and that could be you by volunteering to be an usher. See Harvey Johnson or sign up on clipboard. It's fun, you work on a team, and you get to ring the bell!

Council has been concerned about building security so we voted to engage ADT as our provider for the sanctuary and fellowship hall. New keys will be issued and security system training will be provided when the system is in place.

Council will provide information prior to Congregational meetings on committee reports in advance to anyone who wants to receive them via email.

The Long Range Planning Committee met March 29 to get the current Council members up-to-date on what has been done so far. There will be information coming your way in the next few months ahead of the July semi-annual congregational meeting.

Thanks to all of you who are the hands and feet of Christ in our community as we are called to preach and teach God's unchanging word to a changing world.

In Christ,
Priscilla Piphio

APRIL USHERS:

Pam Leschber: Council
Kathleen Stanko
Harvey Johnson

APRIL LECTORS:

4/6/25 Sandra Krueger
4/13/25 Pam Leschber
4/17/25 Jaboa Atkins
4/20/25 Krista Randig (Sunrise)
4/20/25 Jaboa Atkins (10:30am)
4/27/25 Pam Leschber

APRIL ACOLYTES:

4/6/25 Makenzie & Analise
4/13/25 Bodie
4/20/25 Krista
4/27/25 Bodie

APRIL ALTAR GUILD:

Kristi Hoestenbach
Phyllis Johnson
Rebecca Borgne
Bonnie Kaderka

APRIL FLOWERS:

4/6/25 Robert & Rebecca Borgne, to the Glory of God
4/13/25 Palm Branches by WOW
4/20/25 Easter Lilies
4/27/25 Kathleen Stanko, to the Glory of God

APRIL Birthdays

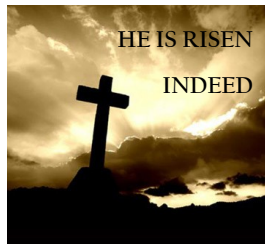


Jerry Storm.....1st
Claire Seigmund.....2nd
Shelly Engelke.....4th
Wayne Engelke.....6th
Coupland Glass.....13th
Irene Schmidt.....20th
Archie Schneider.....21st
Pam Leschber.....27th

March Memorials Report

MEMORIAL FUND

For: Sharon Cosson - by Bobby & Sandra Krueger
For: Virginia Cervenka - by Clarence & Carolyn Merkord
For: Ava Marie Krueger - Ric & Bonnie Gordon
For: LaVerne Townsend Frase - by Al & Jaboa Atkins



FLOWERS

REMINDER:

IF YOU CAN, PLEASE BRING
FLOWERS FOR THE EASTER
CROSS, WHICH WILL BE
DECORATED ON
EASTER MORNING

SAVE THE DATE - Tuesday, April 15th @ 11:30 a.m. — Lunch Get-Together @ Lucky Duck

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 Party Room (not the Ice Cream Parlor)**. Hope to see you there!!

Hilltop Corn Hole Tournament - Sunday, April 27, 2025 – following church service and meal

Entry Form due to Bonnie Gordon by April 13, 2025

Any age...Registration Fee \$10.00 per team

Cash Prizes – 1st place \$50.00 per team, 2nd place \$40.00 per team

Player 1

Name: _____ Email: _____ Phone: _____

Adult: _____

Youth: _____ Age: _____

Player 2

Name: _____ Email: _____ Phone: _____

Adult: _____

Youth: _____ Age: _____

Team Name: _____ Check here if you need a team mate: _____

Meal provided by WOW to follow worship service.

Please fill out the information below so we can get a count for the meal. Guests are welcome.

Bring lawn chairs. Thanks, Bonnie G

Name: _____ Number Adults: _____

Adult Guests: _____

Number of children and ages: _____

HOLY WEEK at IMMANUEL

PALM SUNDAY April 13
10:30 a.m. (Holy Communion)

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**MAUNDY THURSDAY April 17**  
6:30 p.m. (Holy Communion)

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GOOD FRIDAY April 18 @ 6:30 p.m.

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**EASTER SUNRISE April 20**  
7:00 a.m. (Holy Communion)  
(Service at ILC pavilion, please bring jackets, blankets)

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EASTER BRUNCH 8:30 - 9:30 a.m.

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**EASTER SERVICE April 20**  
10:30 a.m. (Holy Communion)  
(If possible please bring flowers for the Easter Cross)

**CHRIST IS RISEN...ALLELUIA!!!**



# APRIL 2025



| SUNDAY                                                                                                    | MONDAY | TUESDAY                                      | WEDNESDAY                                | THURSDAY                                                                                                                                                            | FRIDAY                                              | SATURDAY                       |
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|                                                                                                           |        | 1                                            | 2                                        | 3                                                                                                                                                                   | 4                                                   | 5                              |
| SS 9:15 6<br>WORSHIP 10:30<br>HOLY COMM.<br><br>WOW BAKE SALE/<br>WOW Meeting                             | 7      | 8                                            | 9<br><br>Council<br>Meeting<br>6:30 p.m. | 10                                                                                                                                                                  | 11                                                  | 12<br><br>WORK DAY<br><br>8 AM |
| SS 9:15 13<br>WORSHIP 10:30AM<br>HOLY COMM.<br><br>Community<br>Palm Sunday Service<br>(See info below)   | 14     | 15<br><br>LUNCH @<br>Lucky Duck<br><br>11:30 | 16                                       | 17<br><br>MAUNDY<br>THURSDAY<br><br>SERVICE<br><br>6:30 PM                                                                                                          | 18<br><br>GOOD FRIDAY<br><br>SERVICE<br><br>6:30 PM | 19                             |
| SUNRISE 7AM 20<br>HOLY COMM.<br><br>BREAKFAST<br>8:30-9:30<br><br>EASTER SERVICE<br>10:30AM<br>HOLY COMM. | 21     | 22                                           | 23                                       | 24                                                                                                                                                                  | 25<br><br>FAITH CIRCLE<br><br>MEETS<br><br>10-12    | 26                             |
| SS 9:15 27<br>WORSHIP<br>10:30 in Sanctuary<br><br>Corn Hole<br>Tournament<br>& Meal                      | 28     | 29<br><br>Small Group<br><br>10 a.m.         | 30                                       | ILC Small Group will resume on<br>Tuesday, April 29th at 10 a.m.<br>in the conference room. The<br>study will be "Son of God".<br><br>CHRIST IS RISEN...ALLELUIA!!! |                                                     |                                |



## ILC WORKDAY

**Saturday, April 12 @ 8:00 a.m.**

Come help spruce up the church & grounds  
for Easter & upcoming events.

Look for sign-up sheet of list of things to do, or  
just see what needs done. *Thank YOU!*

## COMMUNITY Palm Sunday Service

Sunday, April 13 @ 6:00 p.m.

Christ Fellowship Church

1517 McLain St. in Taylor

## REMINDER-DEADLINE

**4th Corn Hole  
Tournament & Meal  
Forms need to be  
turned in by  
Sunday, April 13th**

*They need to have a count for the  
meal & get teams set up.*

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