



*“Grace Happens
at the Church on
the Hill”*



Sunday Schedule Discipleship Classes 9:15 Worship 10:30
Prayer Chain: Sharon Fritz (512) 560-0908 Financial Secretary: Teresa Wendland
Church Administrator / Treasurer: Claris Randig

³ Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴ We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. Romans 6:3-4

Hello ILC!

The week between Palm Sunday and Easter is called Holy Week. A few years ago, at a Lutheran school in Nebraska, a first-grade teacher took great pains to explain the events of Jesus life during that week. She taught them about His triumphal entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, His last supper which we remember on Maundy Thursday, His Crucifixion on Good Friday, and the resurrection on Easter Sunday.

When she thought she had explained everything there was to know about this special week, the teacher asked if the students had any questions. One curious little boy asked, [“What happens if you don’t want to be holy all week?”](#)

Leave it to a child to get straight to the heart of the matter. What happens if you don’t want to be holy all week? He understood that Holy Week is more than just a historical event. He understood that we are given the life, death, and resurrection of Christ so that we can be holy, so that we too might walk in newness of life. He understood and was willing to admit what we all think about this. We don’t want to be holy. We don’t want to live the life God gives us, because we want to live the life we chose.

To be holy is to be set aside for special purpose. Holy things are only used for that purpose. One does not take the good Christmas table cloth and use it to blow your nose, or cover the floor while you paint, or wipe the mud off your car. It has a special purpose and to use it for something else could ruin it so that it is no longer fit to be the Christmas tablecloth. Choosing to live our lives as we see fit could ruin us so that we are no longer fit to claim the name of God.

So, what happens if you don’t want to be holy all week? You could ruin yourself. But thanks be to God, Jesus gives us his whole life, and His blood is the best stain remover in the universe. It can even get sin stains out of a special tablecloth like you. But, let’s try to not get ourselves so stained in the first place.

Peace be with you,

Pastor Caleb

MARCH USHERS:

Brian Wardwell (Council)
Morgan Wendland

MARCH ALTAR GUILD:

Teresa Wendland, Rebecca Borgne
Donna Rinehart

MARCH LECTORS:

3/3 Donna Rinehart
3/10 Pam Leschber
3/17 Sandra Krueger
3/24 Greg D'Amore
3/28 Pam Leschber
3/31 Claris Randig (Sunrise)
3/31 Kristi Hoestenbach (10:30 a.m.)

MARCH ACOLYTES:

3/3 In Fellowship Hall
3/10 Makenzie & Analise
3/17 Krista
3/24 Makenzie & Analise
3/31 Melaina

MARCH FLOWERS:

3/3 Phyllis & Harvey Johnson, to God's Glory
3/10 Evelyn Remmert, to God's Glory
3/17 Robert & Bonnie Kaderka, to God's Glory
3/24 Palm Branches by WOW
3/31 Easter Lilies

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

Council Report

Church council met at 6:30 p.m. on February 7th. The first order of the meeting of the new council was to select officers for the new year. **Joe Vogel was elected president, Brian Wardwell, vice-president, and Priscilla Pipho as secretary.**

Council approved hosting the Community Palm Sunday Service to be held at 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 24th.

Committee chairs were appointed as follows:

- Education - Priscilla Pipho/Joe Vogel
- Mission/Focus Giving - Diane Stromberg
- Outreach - Pam Leschber
- Property - Gary Klaus
- Tech Support - Brian Wardwell
- Worship - Priscilla Pipho/Pam Leschber

Next meeting date was set for March 6th at 6:30 p.m.

SAVE THE DATE

Tuesday, March 19th @ 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!!

FAITH CARDS — \$1 ~ ~ NEW PRICE ~ ~



Stop and check them out— they are beautiful!!

Taylor Soap Bar is now selling our cards. Members are encouraged to support this small Taylor business that sells locally made goods and gift items.



28 ILC members enjoyed sharing a meal at Lucky Duck on February 13th.

HOLY WEEK

at IMMANUEL

PALM SUNDAY March 24
10:30 a.m. (Holy Communion)

COMMUNITY PALM SUNDAY
March 24 - 6:00 p.m.

MAUNDY THURSDAY March 28
6:30 p.m. (Holy Communion)

GOOD FRIDAY March 29
6:30 p.m.

EASTER SUNRISE March 31
7:00 a.m. (Holy Communion)
(Service at ILC cemetery, please bring lawn chairs, jackets, blankets)

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

EASTER SERVICE March 31
10:30 a.m. (Holy Communion)
(If possible please bring flowers for the Easter Cross)

CHRIST IS RISEN
ALLELUIA!!!



SERMON HighLIGHT

Don't Dim Your Light

Let JESUS shine brightly from inside of you to others. Share your love of JESUS by your actions and confess to others that love.

Invite others to join us for a Sunday service.

Invite others to watch @ www.ilctaylor.org

Thank you!

Thank you to all the ILC members that helped serve at Shepherd's Heart on February 24th. Your service to this ministry helps out so many in need.

Next Shepherd's Heart workday for ILC: June 29th



A BIG THANK YOU

**to Bonnie Gordon
for her 10 years of service
as the WOW President.**

WOW Officers

President – Phyllis Johnson

Vice President – Kristi Hoestenbach

Secretary/Reporter – Kathleen Stanko

Treasurer – Bonnie Kaderka

Devotion Leader – Pam Leschber



February Memorials Report

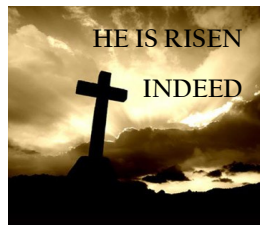
MEMORIAL FUND

For: Irene Bucanek – by William & Frances Albert
– by Robert & Donna Rinehart
– by Al & Jaboa Atkins



FLOWERS

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



SIRLOIN STOCKADE RECEIPTS

If you go eat at Sirloin Stockade, you can bring your receipt and place it in the offering plate, and we'll receive 5% back from them.

Remembering What We Were Made For ~ by Bryce Formwalt

Just like many of you, I recently attended an Ash Wednesday service to mark the beginning of another Lenten season. The message of Ash Wednesday is an important reminder of our identity: that we are mortal beings created out of dust who will return to dust at the end of our natural lives. Even though we realize that God will resurrect the dead in faith to eternal life with him and dust we will not remain, we cannot escape the present reality of the fleeting nature of our lives lived here on earth.

The Lenten season draws us into deep reflection as to who we are, whose we are, and what we were made for. As followers of Jesus Christ, we acknowledge that our identity is shaped not by our accomplishments, wealth, social status, talents, or even our personality. Our identity is shaped by God: our creator, redeemer, and sanctifier. We belong to He who made us, redeemed us, and guides us in our daily living. But what exactly were we made for?

As Lutheran Christians we are fond of what Paul writes in Ephesians 2:8-9: *“For you are saved by grace through faith, and this is not from yourselves; it is God’s gift—not from works, so that no one can boast.”* These verses shaped the Reformation and emphasize that good works can never save us. It is God’s grace that rescues us from sin, death, and the power of the devil. It cannot be earned; this ever will only be a free gift of God!

Yet we often miss the very next verse. Paul in Ephesians 2:10 continues: *“For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared ahead of time for us to do.”* During these 40 days, I pray that we can remember again what we were created to do in this life we’ve been given to live on this earth. From the time that God breathed life into you until the time that your body returns to the earth, God has created and saved you for a purpose: to do good works!

So how is God calling you to steward your time, your gifts and abilities, your relationships, and your finances for the Kingdom? How is God calling you to return to the very basic life orientation of loving God and neighbor? A church member recently suggested that sometimes we forget that God is in charge; that He is Lord, and we are not. As we reflect this Lent on Jesus’ journey to Jerusalem, the cross, and His sacrifice that saves us, may we also remember what we were made, and saved, for.

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 17, 2024 . 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!



GIFT ARK \$5,000

Your gift provides two water buffalo, two cows, two sheep, and two goats, along with bees, chicks, rabbits, and more.

You can go to their website (provided in the center) & set up a monthly or one time donation any time that you want to give. This doesn't have to be just a church giving opportunity.

Noisy Offering Project

January – March our noisy offering will be going to **HEIFER INTERNATIONAL**
www.heifer.org

Our goal is to buy a “GIFT ARK” which costs \$5,000.

But we’ll buy more than one Gift Ark, or however many we raise money for. You can buy a “WHOLE” Gift Ark for the total amount yourself, or any amount you want to give will help.

So far we’ve raised a little over \$2,900.

Come on ILC, let’s see how many arks we can get.



MARCH 2024



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<div style="border: 2px solid red; padding: 5px; color: red; text-align: center;"> NO WOW BAKE SALE in MARCH </div>					1	2 DROP-IN CHOIR Practice 10:15 AM
SS 9:15 3 WOSHIP/COMM. 10:30 <i>HILLTOP STRINGS in Fellowship Hall</i> <i>POTLUCK</i>	4	5	6 COUNCIL MTG. 6:30 PM	7	8	9
SS 9:15 10 WORSHIP 10:30	11	12	13	14	15	16
SS 9:15 17 WOSHIP/ COMM. 10:30 <i>WOW Mtg - after Service</i>	18	19 LUNCH @ Lucky Duck 11:30	20	21	22 FAITH CIRCLE 10-12	23
SS 9:15 24 WOSHIP/ COMM. 10:30 <i>Community Palm Sunday Service 6:00 p.m.</i>	25	26	27	28 MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE 6:30 PM	29 GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE 6:30 PM	30

31
 SUNRISE 7AM
 HOLY COMM.
*BREAKFAST
8:30-9:30*
 EASTER SERVICE
 10:30AM
 HOLY COMM.



**** DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ****
BEGINS MARCH 10
(SET YOUR CLOCK FORWARD)

SAVE THE DATE
 3rd Annual Corn Hole
 Tournament
Sunday, April 28th

Immanuel Lutheran Church
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 Taylor, TX 76574
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www.ilctaylor.net

EMERGENCY NUMBER:
 Claris Randig (512)627-4132

HILLTOP STRINGS *(ILC Guitar Group)*
& POTLUCK - March 3