



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

¹⁵ And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. ¹⁶ Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working. - James 5:15-16

Hello ILC!

"No one can believe how powerful prayer is and what it can effect, except those who have learned it by experience. Whenever I have prayed earnestly, I have been heard and have obtained more than I prayed for. God sometimes delays, but He always comes." ~ Martin Luther

Sometimes we forget just how effective prayer is. Even those of us who have experienced what prayer can do will often neglect it. Prayer works in the direst of circumstances, and it also works in the everyday. It is in the everyday that we often forget to pray. Then when problems start to surface, we try to handle things ourselves instead of handing things over to God.

The very first step in any situation, easy to handle or overwhelming, is prayer. Place everything in the hands of God, and you will find that everything works out for your good. And when God does answer and takes care of things for you, it might me nice to stop and say thank you every once in a while. God promised to save you when you ask Him to. God promised to forgive you when you ask Him to. So, ask Him. Ask Him and watch as He fulfills His promises and gives you far more than you asked for or imagined. God sometimes delays, but He always comes.

Peace be with you,

Pastor Caleb



**Congratulations to our
Taylor High School graduate,
Krista June Randig.**

Krista ranked #3
in her Senior class,
and also served as
Student Council
President.
Krista will be
attending the
University of Texas –
Austin in the fall.
Congratulations Krista!
HOOK 'EM!!!!



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Claris Randig.....1st
Morgan Wendland.....1st
Jacob Grissom.....5th
Diana Patschke.....7th
Dave Carson.....9th
Sharon Balusek.....10th
Eileen Storm.....12th
Lawton Wolfe.....16th
Priscilla Pipho.....16th
Riley Rinderknecht.....18th
Russell Grissom.....20th
Scott Brown.....21st
Ric Gordon.....21st
Lou Smyth.....25th
Bethany Grissom.....26th
Jimmie Sheppard.....27th
Phyllis Johnson.....28th
Paisley Patschke.....28th



REMINDER

ILC Small Group is meeting
on Tuesdays in June in the
Conference Room @ 10 a.m.
The series has video & bible
lessons. Come join us!!!

May Memorials Report

MEMORIAL FUND

For: Fred Bittner — By: Robert & Bonnie Kaderka
William & Frances Albert
Bobby & Sandra Krueger
Daniel & Lois Bittner
Yvonne Zimmer
Archie & Judy Schneider
LaVerne Engelmänn
Stan & Julie Simonik
Clarence & Carolyn Merkord
Jean Dowell
June Rogers Hammond
Evelyn Remmert
Sue Seggern (Thrall class of 1960)
Al & Jaboa Atkins
Robert & Donna Rinehart
Lorine David
Baker Bott L.L.P. - Attorneys At Law, Houston, TX
Betty Bittner
Michael & Cindy Schwettman
Robert & Rebecca Borgne



Rachel Trussell Named to President's List at Gonzaga University

SPOKANE, WA (5/19/2025)—Rachel Trussell, a resident of Spokane, Washington has earned placement on the Gonzaga University President's List for Spring semester 2025. Students must earn between 3.86 to 4.0 grade point average to be listed.

Congratulations Rachel!!!!

JUNE USHERS:

Kristi Hoestenbach (Council)
Joe Vogel, Jaboa Atkins

JUNE ALTAR GUILD:

Evelyn Remmert
Bonnie Kaderka
Rebecca Borgne

JUNE LECTORS:

6/1/25 Sandra Krueger
6/8/25 Donna Rinehart
6/15/25 Phyllis Johnson
6/22/25 Greg D'Amore
6/29/25 Jimmie Sheppard

JUNE ACOLYTES:

6/1/25 Krista
6/8/25 Makenzie & Analise
6/15/25 Bodie
6/22/25 Krista
6/29/25 In Fellowship Hall

JUNE FLOWERS:



6/1/25 Kevin & Claris Randig, in honor of Krista June's graduation
6/8/25 Norm & Sandy Bailey, in honor of their 62nd anniversary & all June anniversaries
6/15/25 Father's Day—by WOW
6/22/25 William & Frances Albert, in honor of their Grandchildren & Great Grandchildren
6/29/25 Phyllis & Harvey Johnson, in honor of family birthdays



Has Jesus Fallen Asleep? ~ by Bryce Formwalt

As we look forward to our Texas District Annual Gathering in Victoria at the end of July, we continue to look at the story of Jesus calming the seas in Mark 4:35-41. In this story, Jesus' disciples were crossing the Sea of Galilee when a great windstorm arose and began swamping the boat. Fear struck the disciples, but Jesus was sleeping through it all. The disciples woke Jesus up: "Teacher! Don't you care that we are going to die?" Jesus then got up, rebuked the wind and calmed the sea.

This year's theme is "All in the Same Boat." We all face challenging "storms" both as individual followers of Jesus as well as communities of disciples gathered into our local congregations. In this series of *Mission Moment* articles, we are unpacking this Bible story as we discover the hope we have in Jesus through every time of trouble. Last month we focused on our first lesson, that Jesus was in the boat with the disciples the entire time! At no point were they alone in their situation. But that raises an important second question: Has Jesus fallen asleep? Let this be our wake-up call (pun intended). Our second lesson to learn from this story: Keep Jesus awake!

I think it is great that scriptures record moments like this. It reminds us that Jesus was fully human: Jesus would get hungry and so he ate. He would get tired and so he slept. But I also love it as a metaphor for the state of our relationship with Jesus. Have we left Jesus alone and disengaged with him? Has our faith become sleepy and are we taking Jesus' presence for granted? Have we forgotten about him? Do we have an attitude perhaps like the first disciples: "We got this... after all we are fishermen and are the experts!" And as the storm raged around them, Jesus was right there. But because the disciples left Jesus to drift off to sleep, it was almost as if he wasn't.

One of our common mistakes in the life of faith is to not activate Jesus. While Jesus is right there, so often we drift off to do our own things in life and leave Jesus be. We neglect reading the Bible or spending time in prayer or listening for him to speak. We approach our lives as if we are the experts and are in control and only call on Jesus in a panic when all seems to go wrong. We cry out "Don't you care!" Of course, Jesus cares. But the Lord also wants our faith to be active and engaged, not sleepy and withdrawn.

Living as a disciple is seldom easy. And ministry as a congregation is full of new challenges. And we remember that we are All in the Same Boat! And Jesus is with us... but have we left him to fall asleep? As we seek to weather all the storms of life, I pray that we remember to keep Jesus awake. And as we live more deeply into an intimate walk with Jesus, we will not ever doubt the Lord's care for us in perilous situations.

Our Annual Gathering is July 25-26 in Victoria, Texas. Register online: www.lcmctexas.org/annual-gathering

Winners of Corn Hole Tournament



1st place — Lawton Wolfe and David Wolfe

2nd place — Robin Haddox and William Albert

12 teams participated & approximately 75 attended the meal.

A BIG THANK YOU — to Bonnie Gordon for coordinating the 4th Corn Hole Tournament, along with David & Vonna Wolfe helping for set up.
— to Robert Rinehart, Bobby Krueger & Carl Krueger for cooking & chopping up the briskets, and Donna D'Amore for shopping.
— to all who brought sides or yummy desserts, helped set up, decorated, or cleaned up, or however you supported the event.

Everyone enjoyed good food and good fellowship, whether they were throwing or just watching. Another SUCCESS!!



Pictured: Son-in-law Zachary, Shelly & Wayne Engelke & grandson Robert Russell. The Engelke family in matching team outfits.

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Robert Russell & everyone enjoyed the brisket on a bun and all the sides, along with the delicious desserts.

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Corn Hole is a game enjoyed by ALL ages. Robert Russell was the youngest, and 2nd place winner William Albert was the oldest.

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Council Report

Council met May 7 and the agenda included the issue of property development on the adjacent property. The City of Taylor met with Council President Priscilla Pipho via phone and gave her guidance on how to approach development of the neighboring property. As a result, we made recommendations for development requirements, with input from our neighbors, which in turn was shared with the developer. Much to our surprise, at the May 12 Planning and Zoning Commission of Taylor, the developer withdrew their request for approval of their original design. City staff told us it was withdrawn in order to review our requests and submit new design proposals. We assume the property will be developed at some point in the future, but for now there is a reprieve. We expect the city to inform us when new plans are submitted.

Update on Security System – the new system has been installed. Caleb and Claris are the first line of contact from ADT; they have apps on their phones and a code. Caleb and Claris will make a list of everyone who has a key and be sure they get the codes needed. At that point the system will be armed and training provided. At some future point we hope to add cameras to the system.

Council requested help from the congregation with FaceBook and managing the church page, and we got not one but two volunteers – Jaboa Atkins and Krista Randig! We look forward to having their expertise and appreciate their willingness to help us make our little church more visible to the community. Thanks, ladies!

Next council meeting was set for June 11th at 6:45 p.m.

JUNE 2025



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
SS 9:15 1 WORSHIP 10:30 Communion WOW BAKE SALE & WOW Meeting	2	3 Phyllis' Small Group 10AM	4	5	6	7
8 SS 9:15 WORSHIP 10:30 Communion	9	10 Phyllis' Small Group 10AM	11 COUNCIL MTG 6:45 PM	12	13	14
15 SS 9:15 WORSHIP 10:30 Communion FATHER'S DAY	16	17 Phyllis' Small Group 10AM LUNCH @ Lucky Duck 12:00	18	19	20 FAITH CIRCLE MEETS 10-NOON	21
22 SS 9:15 WORSHIP 10:30	23	24 Phyllis' Small Group 10AM	25	26	27	28
29 SS 9:15 WORSHIP 10:30 HILLTOP STRINGS in Fellowship Hall POTLUCK & BINGO	30	<div> <u>ILC Early Reminders:</u> Please bring B-I-N-G-O prizes \$5 - \$10 <u>NO WOW Bake Sale or Meeting in July</u> </div>				

HILLTOP STRINGS

Come & Enjoy!
Fellowship, Music, Good Food &



~~ June 29~~

HILLTOP STRINGS in Fellowship Hall

POTLUCK after Service

BINGO after Potluck

— Invite Family & Friends —

ALTAR GUILD SIGN-UP

PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE
considering signing up for
September and possibly for
any other months that you
could help as well.

***Altar Guild sign-up sheet
for September is BLANK.***

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