



2026

Immanuel Lutheran Church

*"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

²⁰ For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin. ²¹ But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— ²² the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: ²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴ and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵ whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. ²⁶ It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus. **Romans 3:20-26**

Hello ILC!

Self-righteousness is one of the most dangerous things a Christian experiences. It is so easy to start to think that when we are doing well, following the commandments, and fulfilling our responsibilities that we have done it. It is so easy to start to believe that we are responsible for our righteousness. The Pharisees fell for this temptation, the medieval Roman church fell for the temptation, and we often fall for the same lie of the devil. The lie that tells us that we are good. The lie that lets us look out at other sinners, not with compassion, but with contempt. "I can follow the commandments as I should, what's your problem?"

"The most damnable and pernicious heresy that has ever plagued the mind of man was the idea that somehow he could make himself good enough to deserve to live with an all-holy God." ~ Martin Luther

The only good in us comes from Christ Jesus and His work in us. No matter how hard we work, we are not good enough. We are still sinners. You are still a sinner. To say anything else is to call God a liar, and I'm pretty sure that is a sin. So, the next time you feel like you are doing well, remember that Jesus did that for you. Christ died to give you that goodness and righteousness. Don't be stealing the glory that is His alone. Goodness didn't come from you. Goodness was given to you. As that old hymn declares, "Chief of sinners though I be, Jesus shed his blood for me... Strengthen me, O gracious Lord, by your Spirit and your Word. When my wayward heart would stray, keep me in the narrow way; grace in time of need supply while I live and when I die."

Peace be with you,

Pastor Caleb

HELPING OTHERS...WHAT A BLESSING WE CAN BE!!!

NOISY OFFERING -

You may have noticed the little metal offering buckets near the entrances of the church. These cute little buckets were created about 10 years ago by our Sunday School children who had outreach projects which required extra donations. The kids used to pass the buckets during offering time every Sunday so those who wanted to could drop in extra coins. During the years, things have changed but the buckets are still available for your donations.



The noisy offerings are used to sponsor "Food For the Hungry" (Odette—our sponsored child in Africa), along with Shepherd's Heart Food Pantry in Taylor, Samaritans Purse shoe box project, and other project that may come.

Please donate as the Holy Spirit leads you and if you want more information please contact the church office.

BASKET OPPORTUNITIES: (Laundry Baskets in the Narthex)

Feeding the Homeless of Taylor/Shepherd's Heart - Drop off snack items, pull-top can items, etc.

AND

Laundry Love - Drop off detergent, fabric softener, dryer sheets, etc. WOWhelps support this as well.



BALANCE CLASS OPPORTUNITY

Balance class completed their first session. This was definitely a service to members and non-members who participated. Another class may be offered in the Fall. Let us know if you are interested, and watch for details to come.



DIRECTORY UPDATE

Please let Bonnie Gordon know if you have any changes to your directory info. 512-365-8683 or Bonnie-g@austin.rr.com

Also, Phyllis will be taking pictures for the directory, if you are wanting to get a newer one, or if you are a new member.

RECYCLING—Portals of Prayer & Hope-Full Living Devotion Books

We are blessing others with these when we serve at Shepherd's Heart. There is a box on the table of opportunities for drop-off.

***Next Shepherd's Heart workday is July 25th. ***

EMERGENCY CONTACTS

Over the next few months, we will be checking to see if you would like to fill out an emergency contact card for us to have here in the office. This way, in case there was an emergency to arise while you were at church, we would know who to contact.

May Memorials Report

GENERAL FUND

For: Sandra Krueger — By: Emory & Joy Dell Leschber

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 Piphoo.....16th
Riley Rinderknecht.....18th
Russell Grissom.....20th
Ric Gordon.....21st
Lou Smyth.....25th
Bethany Grissom.....26th
Karen Polasek.....26th
Jimmie Sheppard.....27th
Phyllis Johnson.....28th
Paisley Patschke.....28th



JUNE USHERS:

Russ Grissom (Council)
Bethany Grissom

JUNE ALTAR GUILD:

Becky Wardwell
Phyllis Johnson

JUNE LECTORS:

6/7/26 Shelly Engelke
6/14/26 Eileen Storm
6/21/26 Donna Rinehart
6/28/26 Phyllis Johnson

JUNE ACOLYTES:

6/7/26 Makenzie & Analise
6/14/26 Sarah
6/21/26 Bodie
6/28/26 In Fellowship Hall

JUNE FLOWERS:

6/7/26 Archie & Judy Schneider, in honor of their 66th anniversary
6/14/26 Rebecca & Robert Borgne, in memory of Tim Teichelman
6/21/26 Father's Day—by WOW
6/28/26 Phyllis & Harvey Johnson, in honor of birthdays



A Holy Calling -- by Bryce Formwalt

Ever think about what a calling is? Both Christians and non-Christians alike sometimes refer to their career, volunteer work, role, or purpose in their family or social group as a calling. One worldly formula is GIFTS + PASSION + VALUES = CALLING. But as followers of Jesus, how do we understand what it means to be called?

Our theme for the 2026 Texas District Gathering is CALLED, drawn from a single verse penned by the Apostle Paul in his final letter to Timothy, a young pastor whom he has mentored. In 2 Timothy 1:9, Paul writes: *"He has saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given to us in Christ Jesus before time began."* In this single verse, Paul both proclaims the gospel while grounding for us what it means to be called.

Paul begins this verse by articulating that calling cannot be separated from the gospel. Paul writes, *"He has saved us and called us..."* Our call flows from God's grace that we have received and not the other way around. No one is called because they have earned it, proved themselves, or have the right credentials. As Paul writes, *"not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace."* How often do we look at our past mistakes, our lack of training or experience, or our fear of failure and conclude that God must be calling someone else? But God's Word is clear: the call has nothing to do with our works, but rests solely on God's own purpose and grace. God delights in calling ordinary, unfinished people and equipping them as he sends them.

While God starts by calling ordinary people, Paul points out that the call itself is a *"holy calling."* The word "holy" is often translated as "set apart; consecrated or dedicated to the Lord." When God calls an ordinary person to Kingdom service, the call is not merely a career path or volunteer activity that matches their personality or brings them a sense of self-fulfillment. Understood biblically, God's call is a sacred setting apart for Kingdom purposes. God calls people to all different kinds of mission and ministry, both in our ordinary, day-to-day life as well as out into new mission fields that will stretch our faith.

So, what does this mean for us? I believe that this is a reminder to pay close attention to what God is up to. Ask, "God, what are you up to in my life? How are you calling me to be set apart for particular Kingdom service?" And, this is also a call to pray for God to stir up in others as well. The church can and should be a place where we pray for, encourage, and equip one another to take the steps needed to faithfully respond to how God is calling us.

Friends, God is still calling people of faith into Kingdom service, just as he always has. May we help one another recognize and respond in faith to his holy calling according to his purpose and grace.

LCMC TX District Annual Gathering is July 24-25 in New Braunfels, Texas. Register online: www.lcmctexas.org/annual-gathering

June 2026 Prayer Calendar

- 6/1 For the youth in LCMC congregations going through graduation activities
- 6/2 For Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Roy, UT seeking a pastor
- 6/3 For Bethel Lutheran Church in Colorado Springs, CO
- 6/4 For monthly fellowship meetings
- 6/5 For Bethel Lutheran Church in Springfield, GA
- 6/6 For Bethel Lutheran Church in Holdrege, NE
- 6/7 Heavenly Father, please help us to be generous and faithful in our giving, for You have given us so much. We pray that You will multiply whatever we give out of our hearts. Amen.
- 6/8 For Bethel Lutheran Church in Cloquet, MN
- 6/9 For St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Stacy, MN seeking a pastor
- 6/10 For birthdays being celebrated in the month of June
- 6/11 For monthly district meetings
- 6/12 For Bethel Lutheran Church in Parkersburg, IA
- 6/13 For Bethel Lutheran Church in Santa Maria, CA
- 6/14 Loving God, thank You for sending Jesus to bring light and life to this world of darkness. Amen.
- 6/15 For Bethel Lutheran Church in Scarville, IA
- 6/16 For Faith Lutheran Church in Albuquerque, NM seeking an Associate Pastor of Community Life
- 6/17 For Northwest District
- 6/18 For Bethel Lutheran Church in Lyford, TX
- 6/19 For Bethel Lutheran Church in Superior, WI
- 6/20 For Bethel Lutheran Church in Laredo, TX
- 6/21 Dear God, thank You for this day and for the many good reasons we have to say "thanks". Amen.
- 6/22 For LCMC congregations in Australia
- 6/23 For those traveling on summer vacations
- 6/24 For monthly district meetings
- 6/25 For LCMC congregations in Belarus
- 6/26 For St. Timothy Lutheran Church in San Diego, CA seeking a pastor
- 6/27 For our families
- 6/28 Lord, help us to take the time we need to process whatever situation comes into our lives. Amen.
- 6/29 For LCMC congregations in Brazil
- 6/30 For Amazing Grace Lutheran Church in Paducah, KY seeking an itinerant pastor for pastoral care



Camp Eagle

Krista is being a camp counselor this summer at Camp Eagle.

She got to meet up with Makenzie & Analise before they got dropped off for their camp days there.

Krista will be there through July 19th.

If you would like to send her a card, send it to:

**ATTN: Group Camp
Krista Randig
6424 Hackberry Rd.
Rocksprings, TX 78880**



JUNE 2026



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 SS 9:15 WORSHIP 10:30 Communion WOW BAKE SALE & WOW Meeting	8	9	10	11 FAITH CIRCLE MEETS 1:30 PM	12	13
14 SS 9:15 WORSHIP 10:30	15	16 LUNCH @ Lucky Duck 11:30 COUNCIL MTG 6:00 PM	17	18	19	20
21 SS 9:15 WORSHIP 10:30 Communion FATHER'S DAY	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 SS 9:15 WORSHIP 10:30 HILLTOP STRINGS in Fellowship Hall POTLUCK & BINGO	29	30	LCMC TX District Annual Gathering is July 24-25 in New Braunfels, Texas. Register online: www.lcmctexas.org/annual-gathering			

HILLTOP STRINGS

*Come & Enjoy!
Fellowship, Music, Good Food &*



~~ June 28~~

HILLTOP STRINGS in Fellowship Hall

POTLUCK after Service

BINGO after Potluck

— Invite Family & Friends —

WOW will sponsor Bingo
following the Pot Luck
on June 28.

Players are asked to bring
at least one Bingo prize.

B-I-N-G-O prizes
\$5 - \$10, please.

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