

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

1400 North Texas Blvd, Alice, Texas 78332 - 361-664-6691

9:00 A.M. Children / Adult Sunday School - 10:00 A.M. Worship

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Glad Tidings - May 2018

Know Christ Live Christ Share Christ



Mission Moment

by Pastor Bryce Formwalt
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Ordinary People... Extraordinary God

There's a story about a Sunday School student who couldn't wait to tell his parents their lesson one Sunday after class: "So the Israelites were slaves in Egypt and then Moses used some really cool special effects to scare Pharaoh into letting them go: he made it look like there were swarms of bugs and frogs, and used food coloring to change the water this blood red color! So Pharaoh lets them go and the Israelites formed a convoy out of Egypt! And then Pharaoh changes his mind and sends the Egyptian army after them! And then the Egyptians chased the Israelite convoy in tanks! So Moses scrambled the Israeli Air Force to delay the tanks! And Moses also ordered the engineers to deploy a pontoon bridge across the Red Sea! And just as the Israelites made it safely across the bridge, the Egyptians started across the bridge in their tanks, but Moses gave the order and the Israeli Air Force bombed the bridge and sank the Egyptian Army!"

The boy's mom asked her son, "Is that the way your Sunday School Teacher really taught it?!" The boy responded, "Nah - but if I had told you her version of the story, you'd have never believed it!"

Sometimes as we reflect on these Bible stories and the characters we meet in them it can be really hard for us to make connections to our lives today. The stories often seem larger than life as we read of the mighty heroes of both the Old and New Testaments. These heroes of the Bible to us might as well be superheroes as most often we believe that we are nothing like them. We think that while God can use great men and women of faith Noah, or Abraham and Sarah, or Moses, or David, or Mary for great things, we somehow feel disqualified to be used similarly by God because our faith seems so small by comparison.

But what we fail to recognize is that each of these Bible heroes, in some big ways and many small, were just as human and vulnerable and sinful as you and I. God does not call the equipped so much as he equips those whom he calls. He chooses ordinary people like you and me to work through and deliver his grace, glory, and power here on earth. Paul makes this clear in 2 Corinthians 4:7: But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us.

Let's not forget that we are all simple, ordinary, frail vessels within which God entrusts the treasure of his Gospel, so that it may be clear as we go about our daily lives as disciples of Jesus and ambassadors of the Kingdom of God, that the extraordinary power that comes through the Gospel is truly from God, and not us!

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PASTORAL CARE

If you or a family member is ill, hospitalized, or in need of pastoral care, please notify - the church office (361-664-6691), or Bill Botard at (830-460-1595).

POLICY FOR PRAYER CONCERN LIST:

➔ The prayer concern list has been an important addition to our ministry and worship here at Immanuel Lutheran. The length of the list should not bother us, but what does become a problem is after someone is on the list, just how long should they be kept on the list, and who decides. We are setting up a new policy concerning that issue.

When someone is placed on the prayer concern list that is printed in the bulletin, they will be on for ONE MONTH unless the person putting them on the list designates a shorter time. If you want someone to stay on the list longer than that, you will need to call in each month and place them on the list again.

Everyone needs prayers. It is true. We could use the membership list as a prayer concern list, or even the telephone book, and be praying for people who need our prayers. For the purposes of this printed list, we are asking that people who put names on the list remain responsible for keeping them on the list. As it is, the secretary is notified to put someone on the prayer concern list, and then she has to guess when to take them off.

From now on, the secretary will ask you how long the person is to remain on the list, the longest time will be for one month, which can be renewed each month for as long as needed. You, the person who was concerned enough to put them on the list in the first place, will be the one responsible for renewing them on the list, not the secretary.

We Pray for the Sick and Grieving. . .

Father of mercy, because You have chosen to love your people, we now pray for people that we know and love. We ask for Your hand of healing and mercy upon those we name before You now: we pray for Cinco Woods; Kasey Wallace; Mike Fields; Lynn Schultz; Welma Grimes; Jimmy Hillmer; Berta Chapa; Evelyn Hutchinson; Mary R. Landis; Joyce Scott; Sarita Garcia; Claudio Soliz; Maricela Anguiano; Don Pickney; Nora Lopez; James Appleby; Amy Andersen Soulas; Leroy O'Neil; Maggie Dominguez; Leah Schulze; Benito Yanez; Octavio Figueroa; Nancy Awalt Rodriguez; Inez Zulauf; Diana Shields; Stephanie Cox; Skip Dunn; Mabel Harville; Kye Markgraf; Nicole Bowen Garza; Barbara Guerrero; John Timmons; Brenda Timmons; Jessie Richardson; Hilaria Garza; Mary Jackson; Carlee Wallgren; Dr. William Payne; Judith Gohmert; Darrell Fischer; Dora Flores; Nicole Hayzlett; Eduardo Garza; Bruce Menking; Frances Hans; and the families of Sterling Maresch; Buddy Wilson and Leroy Richter.

Lord, in Your mercy, **C: Hear our Prayer!**

We Pray for those Serving in our Armed Forces

Bradley Markgraf; Clint Barrett; Robbie Farmer; Dalton Elsik; Kurt Koenig; Gary Weber, Jr.; Wade Powell; Caton Hammock; Clinton Hammock; Anthony Perez; Clint Alanis; Lucas Yocum; Dylan M. Herschap; Christopher Munoz; Brett Williams and Michelle Williams. Lord, in Your mercy, **C: Hear our Prayer!**

Our Christian sympathy to the children, grandchildren and extended family of Leroy Richter.

Leroy passed away peacefully at his home in Alice, Texas on Thursday, April 12, 2018.

He was born in George West, Texas on June 10, 1926 to Josephine and Edward Richter. He served in the United States Army Air Corps and later worked in the oilfield industry until his retirement.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Lillian Richter; his son, John Henry Richter; one brother, Charles Richter and one sister, Louise Goonan. Leroy is survived by his children, Linda Havel of Dallas, Texas, Edward Richter of Alice, Texas, Leroy (Cathy) Richter of Alice, Texas, and Fred (Cecilia) Richter of Austin, Texas; two sisters, Lucille Stremmel and Joan St. Lawrence both of San Antonio, Texas; five grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, and three great-great grandchildren.

Funeral Service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 14, 2018 at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Alice, Texas with Pastor John Waak officiating. Interment followed at Alice Cemetery in Alice, Texas.

ILCW NOTES **(Immanuel Lutheran Church Women)**

“A cloud appeared and covered them with its shadow, and a voice came from the cloud:
‘This is my own dear Son—listen to him!’ They took a quick look around but did not see anybody else;
only Jesus was with them.” [Mark 9:7-8]

MAY BIBLE STUDY: “TOTAL COMMITMENT” — MARK 9

“As a preparation for the difficult road ahead, Jesus took Peter, James, and John up on a high mountain. There for a brief time, God allowed them to see the glory of Jesus. He was transfigured before their eyes. Moses and Elijah appeared and talked with Jesus. Moses represents the Law and Elijah the Prophets. Jesus is the fulfillment of all that is written in the Law and the Prophets.” (Shepherd’s Notes)
The Dorcas/Priscilla Circle meets the third Thursday, 9: 15AM.
Visitors are always WELCOME!!

THE LYDIA CIRCLE began their new Bible study, “GOD LOVES US”, a thirteen-month study which includes the many types of God’s love. “God’s Love Manifested” is the study on May 28, 7:PM. This circle meets on the fourth Monday of each month. This circle recently donated \$200 to the Community Action Corporation of South Texas SK Walk which supports the elderly in the Alice community.
Visitors are always welcome to their meetings!!
Thanks to ALL for sharing their time during the Holy Week worship services! .

HOLY WEEK SERVICES UPDATE:

Pastor Waak gave the message on Monday, welcoming all to this event for the week—Participants during the week: Episcopal Church, Living Word Fellowship, West Main Baptist, 1st Presbyterian, the Catholic Churches (St. Elizabeth, Our Lady of Guadalupe, St. Joseph), 1st Methodist, 1st Baptist, and True Light Baptist Church, with their Pastors leading the services. Thanks to our Katherine Botard for greeting each day.
All churches took part in providing lunch for their day. A wonderful and prayerful event!

2018-2019 ILCW YEARBOOK . . .Time to gather information to print the new yearbook! Please turn info to Mardella or leave at the office.

QUILTING FOR MAY. . .As of this report, no day has been scheduled, but probably will be soon! It’s great fellowship and provides many needed covers that we love to share!! PLEASE NOTE: If you or anyone you know, dear Reader, can repair sewing machines-please let it be known . . . there are a couple of machines that need some TLC!!! Last month, with five ladies here, four quilts were completed. Step by step it all adds to the stack! Come when you can!

SINCEREST SYMPATHY to family and friends of Mr. Leroy Richter, a long-time member of Immanuel Lutheran Church, who passed away on April 12 at his home. Funeral services were held at Immanuel on April 14, with burial at Alice Cemetery. A lunch was served at the parish hall following. This time always offers the family special moments together before departing to their homes. Mr. Richter often shared an abundant supply of vegetables from his garden, bringing to church on Sunday mornings, and always with a happy smile. The ILCW thanks all who brought foods. Those serving were Nettie, Leona, Nelda, also Buzzy and Clint helping to set out foods / drinks.
May God’s healing love bring comfort to each of you.

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MAY 3 — NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER
MAY 27 — PENTECOST SUNDAY

ALTAR GUILD - Given to the glory of God -

ALTAR & ETERNAL CANDLES:

May - To celebrate the birthdays of Judith Mae Gohmert, Davis Baca and for everyone else celebrating a May birthday.

COMMUNION ELEMENTS:

May 6 - Karen & Rey Zepeda - In honor of her parents' (Clifton and Nelda Boerm) 61st wedding anniversary.

May 20 - Day of Pentecost - Open

ALTAR & STANDING VASE FLOWERS:

May 6 - Linda Benson - To the Glory of God.

May 13 - Dennis & Wolle Huff - In memory of our mothers, Mildred Fertsch and Bertha Huff.

May 20 - Bert & Laurie Buegeler - In memory of Elbert's birthday.

May 27 - Linda Benson - Thankful for God's blessings.

BIRTHDAYS

5/3 Amy Calvez

5/4 Tammy Andersen

5/4 Hannah Cornelius

5/4 Hillary Richter

5/5 Richard Schumann

5/6 Kaylea Erwin

5/6 Catherine Glover

5/6 Haiden Wilson

5/10 Randy Buegeler

5/10 Mallori Calvez

5/10 Kameron Currie

5/10 Mae Elsik

5/10 Trey Jackson

5/11 Chelsea Andersen

5/11 Stephanie Brandt

5/12 Samuel Berggren

5/13 Waldyne Nesloney

5/14 Gale Keen

5/14 Cinco Woods

5/14 Elaine B. Young

5/15 Nettie Cornelius

5/15 Dana Maresch

5/17 Judith Mae Gohmert

5/17 Richard Myers

5/18 Gaynell Franki

5/19 Sarah Couch

5/20 Sabrina Hinojosa

5/21 Cameron Crahen

5/21 James Jochen

5/22 Davis Baca

5/23 Garet Green

5/29 Sydney Fling

5/29 Bonnie Richter

5/30 Ann Fox

5/30 Ryan Piper

5/31 Jason Calvez

5/31 Cathy Richter

BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS

5/5 Aaron Baca

5/6 Dylan Emanuel

5/6 Kristin Emanuel

5/8 John Cornelius

5/8 Heath Huff

5/8 Mary Jackson

5/8 Karen Zepeda

5/9 Samuel Berggren

5/12 Spencer Erwin

5/12 Wayne Erwin

5/12 George Fischer

5/14 Bill Botard

5/21 Marshall Crahen

5/21 Inez Zulauf

5/24 Hillary Richter

5/30 Kurt Brandt

5/30 Sheila Brandt

5/30 Stephanie Brandt

5/30 Annlyn Chiles

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

5/5 Clifton/Nelda Boerm

5/27 Charlie/DeNae Garcia

Day Camp – Monday, June 11 through Friday 15, 2018.

Online Registration for Day Camp is now open.

Go to our website at ilcfamily.org to register your children or grandchildren online.

Fill in each box including the electronic signature box. You will not be able to pay by PayPal or credit card if the signature box is left empty.

Kinder - 5th grade Must complete Kinder by June 10, 2018.

CHURCH COUNCIL

Congregational Meeting May 6, 2018 11:15 a.m. Parish Hall after Worship	Council Reports/Agenda <u>Always Due</u> 2nd Monday of each month by 5:00P	Church Council Mtg May 21, 2018 7:00 p.m. Conference Rm
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Council Offices

President: Bill Botard
Vice Pres: Wolle Huff
Secretary: Sandra Bowen
Treasurer: Mary Jan Jenkins

Standing Committees

Christian Life: Karen Zepeda
Education/Youth: Anna Jenkins
Property/Grds: Renee Brown

Stewardship: Amy Koenning
Worship: Laurie Buegeler

COUNCIL MEETING - Minutes from the March 19, 2018

Vision Statement - To be the most Christ-centered influence in Alice and beyond.

Mission Statement - Know Christ - Live Christ - Share Christ

1. Call the to Order - Bill Botard
2. Roll Call

Bill Botard	Wolle Huff	Brandy Kennemer	Bert Buegeler
Lori Brauchle	Mary Jan Jenkins	Sandra Bowen	Renee Brown
Amy Koenning	Helen Grant (employee)	Laurie Buegeler	Pastor John Waak
3. Prayer – Lori Brauchle
4. Devotional – Pr. Waak
5. Approval of Agenda:
 - Amy Koenning made the motion to accept the agenda. Sandra Bowen seconded. Motion carried.
6. Reading of the Minutes
 - Sandra Bowen made the motion to accept the minutes from February 19,2018, Mary Jan Jenkins seconded. Motion carried.
7. Treasurer's Report

1 st Community Bank – Operating:	2/28/2018	\$9,505.54
Wells Fargo Bank	2/28/2018	\$483.25
Mission Investment Account (Chicago)	2/28/2018	\$195,130.95
8. Reports
 - a. Pastor's Report
 - Alpha update: will be starting April 8th @ 6:30 p.m.
 - Church Unlimited contact: Pastor Waak reached out to the ministers of Church Unlimited with no response.
 - Mileage Reimbursement:
 - o Total Distance Driven: 346mi. @ .545cents per mile = \$188.57
 - § Amy Koenning made the motion that we accept the mileage as provided by Pastor Waak. Mary Jan Jenkins seconded. Motion carried.
 - b. Christian Life
 - Report filed
 - c. Communications
 - No report filed
 - d. Education
 - No Report filed
 - e. Property & Grounds
 - New heating unit installed today 3/19/2018
 - Lawn mower repair is needed and will be priced. Chuck Crawford has agreed to pay for this maintenance as part of his Church offering.

Brief review and discussion of Active Shooter Training:

- o Have Plan
- o Form Safety Committee – one already formed as of this meeting
- o Fire Marshall / Police Recommendations
- o Lock Doors 10 minutes after service starts
 - § Recommendation from property and grounds committee that we notify congregation starting next Sunday, March 25th during Church announcements that all doors EXCEPT the front red Church doors will be locked at 10:10a.m. every Sunday. For safety precautions. Council approved unanimously.
- o Security Cameras – no discussion
- o Recommendation was presented to upgrade the Cry Room restroom. Property & Grounds request is for \$460 total. The cost for two ADA approved toilets is \$260 plus labor of \$200. Council approved unanimously.
- f. Stewardship
 - Recommendation from Stewardship committee for Benevolence of \$2,000 be allocated to the Community Action Corporation of South Texas to be used for clients associated with Meals on Wheels and the Veterans Programs. Council approved unanimously.
 - Recommendation from Stewardship committee for \$500 to be allocated towards the Adopt A Soldier program. Funds would be used at the discretion of the Stewardship committee, for use of shipping costs. Council approved unanimously.
- g. Worship
 - Report filed
- h. Youth
 - No report filed; Melissa not in attendance
- i. Conferences, Regular Council & Congregational Meetings
- j. Council Chairs Coordinators and Committee Members
- k. Money Counters

Receive Reports

- Amy Koenning made the motion to accept the committee reports. Laurie Buegeler seconded. Motion carried.

9. Unfinished Business

- a. Men in Mission Spaghetti Dinner – April 22nd
 - Bake Sale this day will benefit day camp funds.
- b. Day Camp June 11-15
- c. Palm Sunday, 3/25; Holy Week, 3/26-30; Easter Service, 10a
- d. Nominating committee report

10. New Business

- a. Close account at Wells Fargo Bank
 - Wolle Huff made the motion that we accept the closure of the Wells Fargo Bank account. Laurie Buegeler seconded. Motion carried.
- b. Special Call Congregation April 8, 2018
 - Sole purpose of meeting: Council recommendation for a part-time pastor
- c. Review upcoming events calendar – April 2018

11. Adjournment - Lord's Prayer

Respectfully Submitted,
Brandy Kennemer
Council Secretary

**“I will thank the Lord because he is just;
I will sing praise to the name of the Lord Most High.”**

Psalm 7:17

May 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 5:30pm Yoga 7pm Praise Team	2	3 5:30pm Yoga	4	5
6 9am Confirmation 9am Sunday School 10am Worship Service- Communion 11:30am Congregational Mtg 6:30pm ALPHA	7 5pm Bulletin Info Due 6:30pm - 8p Boy Scouts	8 5:30pm Yoga 6:30pm Girl Scouts 7pm Praise Team	9	10 9am Quilting Day 5:30pm Yoga 6pm Bunco	11	12 7pm Youth Event - Movie Night
13 9am Confirmation 9am Sunday School 10am Worship Service 11am Mother's Day 6:30pm ALPHA	14 5pm Bulletin Info Due 5pm Council Meeting Info Due 6:30pm - 8p Boy Scouts	15 5:30pm Yoga 7pm Praise Team	16	17 9:15am Dorcas/Priscilla Circle 5:30pm Yoga	18	19 8:30am Council Mini Retreat
20 9am Confirmation 9am Sunday School 10am Worship Service- Communion 1:30pm Family Bowling 6:30pm ALPHA	21 5pm Bulletin Info Due 5pm Newsletter Info Due 6:30pm - 8p Boy Scouts 7pm Council Meeting	22 5:30pm Yoga 6:30pm Girl Scouts 7pm Praise Team	23	24 5:30pm Yoga	25	26 7pm Youth Event - Movie Night
27 9am Confirmation 9am Sunday School 10am Worship Service 11:30am Graduate Sunday 6:30pm ALPHA	28 7:30am Memorial Day- Fly Flags 5pm Bulletin Info Due 6:30pm - 8p Boy Scouts 7pm Lydia Circle	29 5:30pm Yoga 7pm Praise Team	30	31 5:30pm Yoga		

	Congregational Meeting May 6, 2017	Mother's Day May 13, 2017	Pentecost May 20, 2017	Memorial Day Holy Trinity May 27, 2017
Assisting Ministers	Ann Menking	Tessie Colle	Megan Calvez	Amy Koenning
Communion Assistants	Megan Calvez Amy Calvez		Bert/Laurie Buegeler Jamie Colle Tessie Colle	
Ushers	David Heldt Kenneth Brauchle	Buzzy Botard Darrell Kennemer	Melba Andersen Anna Jenkins	Austin Kennemer Bert Buegeler
Acolytes	Vera De Reese	Cooper Kennemer	Logan Blanchard	Kloe Fox
Lector	Karen Zepeda	Wolle Huff	Mary Jan Jenkins	Kandace Fox
Greeters	Mallori Calvez	Brandy Kennemer	Bert/Laurie Buegeler	Kandace/Kloe Fox
Coffee Makers	Bert/Laurie Buegeler	Christian Life Committee	Amy Koenning	Dylan/Lisa De Reese
Sound Tech	Brian Slaughter	Bruce Bowen	Brian Slaughter	Bruce Bowen
Deacons	Steve Maresch 668-6445	Steve Maresch 668-6445	Allan Schulte 389-3680	Allan Schulte 389-3680

Altar Guild:

	<u>Communion</u>	<u>Candles</u>	<u>Flowers</u>	<u>Paraments</u>
May	Tessie Colle	Wolle Huff	Laurie Buegeler	Lori Brauchle
June	Renee Brown	Melba Andersen	Laurie Buegeler	Sally Soliz

Emergency Contact Numbers:

Pastor: John Waak	President: Bill Botard 830-460-1595
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