

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 - November 2018

Know Christ Live Christ Share Christ



Texas District

Mission Moment

by Pastor Bryce Formwalt
Director of Mission Growth

Have you ever asked yourself the question, “What does a church look like?” It might seem like a silly question at first, but how we answer reveals a lot about our view of the church. For some the church looks like a building with a steeple or bell tower that is dedicated to the worship of God. For others the church looks like fully developed community organization with programs that meet specific needs. Still for others the church looks like a modern theater with a coffee shop, an awesome worship band, an excellent communicator on stage and great programs for their kids. What all these responses have in common is that they primarily are concerned with the form of a church.

But what if church wasn't defined by its form but rather its function? This is the fourth article in a five-part series on increasing effectiveness in developing disciples by making small shifts in our behavior, based on Daniel Im's book *No Silver Bullets: Five Small Shifts That Will Transform Your Ministry*.

The fourth shift Im highlights in his book is to move from form to function. Im reminds us to hold the forms of church loosely while clinging to the functions of church. Our pre-conceived ideas of what a church should look like (form) often surpass the more important question of what a church should do: the function of the church. The form (what church looks like) should always follow its function (what church does).

The author references the late missiologist Lesslie Newbigin who famously suggested that the church should be a sign, a foretaste, and an instrument of the Kingdom of God. A sign doesn't point to itself. Therefore, a healthy and effective church shouldn't be about attracting people to itself, but to Jesus and His Kingdom. Similarly, the church isn't the feast, but the foretaste. Healthy churches should help prepare people for the feast that is to come. And finally, Newbigin suggests the church should function as an instrument of the Kingdom of God here on earth as it is in heaven. Healthy churches should understand their function of being Christ's hands and feet and an instrument of God's blessing in the world.

So, what does this church look like? What should its form be? The truth is that different churches can take on various different forms so long as the form of church serves the function of being a sign, a foretaste, and an instrument of the Kingdom of God. The question we need to ask is how do we need to reform our congregation in order to execute the functions of a healthy, Christ-centered, mission-minded church?

Thanksgiving Dinner, Sunday, Nov. 11, 2018

9a Sunday School for all

10a Worship Service

11:30a Thanksgiving Dinner

Invite family and friends!!!

A sign-up sheet is on the back table for side dishes and desserts.

Veterans Day - Monday, November 12, 2018

Flags out at 7:00 a.m. - Down and stored at 5:00 p.m.

All help is needed.

Welcome New Members

Alan Charles Gerland received the Sacrament of Holy Baptism and full membership at Immanuel Lutheran Church on October 7, 2018. Alan's sponsors are Ray Zulauf, and Linda Jackson (Alan's sister).

Travis Ferrell Hayzlett received the Sacrament of Holy Baptism and full membership at Immanuel Lutheran Church on October 14, 2018. Travis' sponsors are John Baird and Jana Bickham.

*** Arts and Crafts Bazaar - November 17, 2018**

9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Fellowship Hall

Vendors set up time: 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

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.

ILCW NOTES

(Immanuel Lutheran Church Women)

“When they (the soldiers) had finished making fun of him, they took off the purple robe and put his own clothes back on him. Then they led him out to nail him to the cross.” [Mark 15:20]

NOVEMBER BIBLE STUDY: “A REDEEMING DEATH”—MARK 15—

“This chapter gives a detailed account of Jesus’ trial, crucifixion, and death. After enduring cruel and brutal mockery, Jesus was crucified Crucifixion was a cruel death on a cross. It involved the pain of a body torn by nails, exposure to the weather, and—if the person lasted long enough—hunger and thirst. Unexplainable darkness came at noon and lasted until 3:00P.M. Jesus cried out the words of Psalm 22:1. Jesus then cried out and breathed His last.” [Quotes: from Shepherd’s Notes, Mark]

Dorcas/Priscilla Circle meets on the third Thursday, November 15; 9:A.M.

Visitors are WELCOME!!

THE LYDIA CIRCLE has been busy gathering items to send to the two soldiers who are in the Adopt a Soldier program, and adopted by Immanuel. Information is on the table in the back (overflow) of the church. The group is also readying for the November bazaar, and continue the “GOD LOVES US” study.

Lydia Circle meets on the fourth Monday of the month. WELCOME !!

THANKOFFERING INGATHERING for the ILCW will be held on SUNDAY, **NOVEMBER 11**, during worship service. Your offerings support the group to donate to local needs and others away. This is a tradition in Lutheran women’s organizations for many years, as all gather to give thanks and praise for their blessings from God, and to then share in helping others. Envelopes will be available at the guest register desk.

THANK YOU! This is a cause that everyone can participate in, if you wish !!

THANKSGIVING DINNER ... NOVEMBER 11 ... Invite family and friends to share in this dinner after worship services. Plan to bring your favorite dishes ... everyone likes them too!!

QUILTING TIME ... THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8 ... Always great fellowship opportunity while making quilts for Lutheran World Relief, and other occasions that are available. Your helping hands and hearts are so very welcome ... just come on in! In October, five quilts were completed and one ready to tack. What a great day ... to see Leona, Irene, Ernestina, Anita, Nettie, Linda, Holly, Nelda, and even little Kyler gave a smile before his nap! What a great crew!! And, Thanks to Anita who brought several large pieces of material ready to complete quilts. And, Thanks for the tasty treat ... ‘Lunch by Linda’ Missed several reg’lers...hope all’s well now...(Prayers and Best Wishes continue for Katherine Botard!)

NOVEMBER 11 ---- VETERANS DAY
NOVEMBER 22 ---- THANKSGIVING DAY

ALTAR GUILD - Given to the glory of God -

ALTAR & ETERNAL CANDLES:

November - Given by Judith Mae Gohmert to celebrate the birthdays of my children - Skipper Gohmert, Sheila Harris, Sylvia Work and my granddaughter, Robin Henning - and everyone else celebrating a birthday in November!

COMMUNION ELEMENTS:

Nov. - 4 Given by Amy Koenning in memory of Doc Koenning.

Nov. - 18 Given by Amy Koenning in honor of Pastor Waak.

ALTAR & STANDING VASE FLOWERS:

Nov. - 4 Given by Ruben & Cristina Rosales Soliz in honor of Sandra Exline's birthday.

Nov. -11 Given by Mardella Laskowski in memory of her parents, Victor & Nina Halleman.

Oct. -18 Given by Brian & Ann Menking in honor of Ian, Auggie, and Rylan's birthdays.

Oct. - 25 Given by Linda Benson in honor of my family. Thank you God for your blessings.

BIRTHDAYS

11/1 Robin Henning	11/7 Hillary Cornelius Martin	11/20 Auggie Braucksieker
11/2 Werner Gohmert, Jr.	11/9 Sheila Harris	11/21 Sally Gebert
11/2 Colin Richter	11/9 Alicia Renken	11/21 Michelle Varwig
11/4 Matthew Brown	11/11 Carlos Garcia, Jr.	11/22 Noah Buegeler
11/4 Joshua Crahen	11/12 Lori Brauchle	11/23 Kevin Harris
11/4 Justin Maresch	11/12 Sterling Brown	11/24 Camille Jeane
11/4 James M. Shipp	11/14 Christopher Bowen	11/24 Bradley Markgraf
11/4 Justin Shipp	11/18 Peggy Williams	11/24 Sylvia Work
11/5 Ann Menking	11/19 Jamie Colle	11/26 Donna Cornelius
11/7 Laurie Buegeler	11/19 Nicole Bowen Garza	11/29 Callie Andersen

BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS

11/5 Garet Green	11/14 Kasey Correa	11/24 Kloe Fox
11/5 Irene Grisham	11/14 Evelyn Titzman	11/25 Araceli Salais
11/11 Sherill Perez	11/16 Nettie Cornelius	11/27 David Bartlett
11/12 Lori Brauchle	11/20 Kyler Wallgren	11/27 Dylan Laraway
11/12 Vera DeReese	11/21 Skipper Gohmert	11/27 Roel Saenz, III
11/12 Melissa Slaughter	11/23 Chuck Crawford	11/28 Sheila Harris
11/13 Danilyn Sramek	11/24 William Cornelius	11/29 Melanie Buegeler

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

11/9 Darrell/Brandy Kennemer 11/26 Manuel/Sherill Perez

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE HYMN/SONG?

The Praise Team is asking to please give any Praise Team member the title of your favorite hymn/song, whether it is from the hymnal, a gospel song or a CD song. We will work toward inserting the songs into our Sunday schedule for the upcoming months. Let us raise our voices together in music to pray and to praise God! Thank you.

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).

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 be upon those we name before You now: Allyne Chapman; Buster Pawelek; Katherine Botard; Clift Gadney; Ruth Lindquist; Chris Crawford; Cinco Woods; Brenda Timmons; D.C. Hershup; Jessie Richardson; Alan Gerland; Leah Schultz; Gracie Fields; Stephanie Ruiz; Noel Schutte; Carolyn Kelley and the families of Mike Fields; Bud Smith and Casey Kestter.

Katherine Botard may receive cards at the following:

Kingsville Nursing and Rehabilitation Center
3130 Brahma Blvd, Kingsville, Texas 78363

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; Michelle Williams; Kimberly Gotelli; Anica Rangel; Rashad Calloway and Levi Robinson.

www.ADOPTaUSSoldier.org --- We have 2 soldiers that we will be supporting, Rashad Calloway and Levi Robinson. There is a donations box in the back of the sanctuary along with printouts for suggested items to send. Letters, cards, and notes are always welcome - as well as donated items to put into the packages for shipping.

September 21, 2018

Alice Volunteer Services

P.O. Box 1966

Alice, Texas 78333



Dear Friends of Alice Volunteer Services,

This is our **FOURTH** year of participation in the Coastal Bend Foundation "One Day of Giving"! AMAZING! According to the Coastal Bend Foundation, each year surpasses their expectations. On behalf of the Board of Directors of **Alice Volunteer Services/Food Pantry**, we thank you for your continued generosity. Your donation last year on One Day of Giving enabled us to receive matching funds and reach our goal. Every year we are humbled by the support we receive from the community and committed donors, such as you. **We CANNOT** do it without you! So I repeat, **THANK YOU!**

Our continued partnership with HEB and Walmart has been a huge benefit for our Pantry. Our dedicated crews continue to bring in produce, frozen meat and pastries daily to be shared with clients.

The Coastal Bend One Day of Giving is Tues., November 13, 2018. We ask that you continue supporting our Food Pantry during these difficult times. You can also "pre-schedule" your donation November 4-12, to be paid on November 13.

Sincerely,

Board of Directors

Alice Volunteer Services

Bonnie Whitley-President

CHURCH COUNCIL

<p style="text-align: center;">Congregational Meeting December 2, 2018 11:15 a.m. Parish Hall after Worship</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Council Reports/Agenda <u>Always Due</u> 2nd Monday of each month by 5:00P</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Church Council Mtg November 19, 2018 7:00 p.m. Conference Rm</p>
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Council Offices

President: Bill Botard
Vice Pres: Amy Koenning
Secretary: Brandy Kennemer
Treasurer: Bert Buegeler

Standing Committees

Christian Life: Lori Brauchle
Communications: Laurie Buegeler
Education: Sandra Bowen
Property/Grds: Renee Brown

Stewardship: Melba Andersen
Worship: Mary Jan Jenkins
Youth: Melissa Slaughter

COUNCIL MEETING - Minutes from the September 17, 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 – Amy Koenning
2. Roll Call

Laurie Buegeler	Melissa Slaughter	Bert Buegeler	Renee A. Brown
Lori Brauchle	Mary Jan Jenkins	Amy Koenning	Brandy Kennemer
John Waak	Helen Grant, Employee		
3. Prayer – Amy Koenning
4. Devotional – Pr. Waak
5. Approval of Agenda
 - Laurie Buegeler made the motion to accept the agenda. Melissa Slaughter seconded. Motion carried.
6. Reading of the Minutes
 - Melissa Slaughter made the motion to accept the minutes from August 20, 2018. Mary Jan Jenkins seconded. Motion carried.
7. Treasurer’s Report

1st community bank-operating:	8/31/2018	\$ 1,919.33
1st community bank-debit card:	8/31/2018	\$ 2,205.41
Mission Investment Account (Chicago):	8/31/2018	\$200,754.97

 - Melissa Slaughter made the motion to accept the Treasurer’s Report as received. Laurie Buegeler seconded. Motion carried.
8. Reports – Call Committee Report (Brian Menking; unable to make appt.)- brief update provided by Laurie Buegeler regarding current interviews. One interview complete, one scheduled to interview in October.
 - a. Pastor’s Report – report filed
 - b. Christian Life—report filed
 - c. Communications
 - d. Education

- e. Property & Grounds:
 - o Motion was made by Renee A. Brown to make an announcement to congregation in an effort to start collecting donations for a new Safety Upgrade Fund. This fund to be used for new bars on doors as first priority, then other safety items as discussed with Church insurance representative for safety measures. Laurie Buegeler seconded. Motion carried.
 - f. Stewardship—report filed
 - g. Worship
 - h. Youth
 - i. Conferences, Regular Council & Congregational Meetings
 - j. Council Chairs Coordinators and Committee Members
 - k. Money Counters

Receive Reports: Mary Jan Jenkins made the motion to accept the committee reports. Melissa Slaughter seconded. Motion carried.

- 9. Unfinished Business
 - a. Safety Update:
 - safety bars discussed in Property & Grounds committee report.
 - Waiting on response from Insurance representative to schedule another walk through inspection.
 - Discussed cleaning off stage; Amy suggested scheduling a clean up day.
 - b. Christmas Program – 12-09-2018 / Thanksgiving Meal 11-11-2018
 - c. FYI Nativity Scene (Property & Grounds committee) – December 14th & 15th
 - Live nativity to be set up by Mr. Schulte the weekend after Thanksgiving November 25th. To be verified by Renee – she will speak to Mr. Schulte and confirm.
 - d. Consecration Sunday / October 28, 2018
- 10. New Business
 - a. The minutes need to reflect that Melba Andersen agreed to serve as Stewardship Committee chairman for a term of 1 year.
 - Laurie Buegeler made the motion to accept Melba Andersen to the Stewardship Committee chairman for the remainder of the 1 year term. Melissa Slaughter seconded. Motion carried.
 - b. Congregational Meeting on December 2, 2018
 - c. Flags: Veterans' Day, Nov. 11;
 - d. Events calendar – Oct.; Nov.; Dec.
 - Family Caroling night: December 16, 2018 – time to be announced later
 - e. Pastor Formwalt - Discussion on book
 - Amy Koenning will reach out to Pastor Formwalt to discuss scheduling next meeting.
 - f. Pastor John Waak – August & September mileage
 - Melissa Slaughter made the motion to accept Pastor Waak's request for mileage. Mary Jan Jenkins seconded. Motion carried.
 - g. New Committee – Vision Committee
 - Amy will be leading new vision committee. She asked for suggestions/recommendations for people who we would recommend or like to see for the vision committee.
 - o Melissa Slaughter will think about joining. Darrell Kennemer was recommended. Sandra Bowen was recommended. Bert Buegeler was recommended.

11. Adjournment - Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted,

Brandy Kennemer
Council Secretary

November 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				5:30pm Yoga 1	2	3 11am Youth Event - Rocking K Maze
4 9am Adult/Children's Sunday School 10am Worship-HC	5 5pm Bulletin Info Due 6:30p-8p Boy Scouts	6 5:30pm Yoga 7pm Praise Team	7 5:30pm - 7p Adult Bible Study 5:30pm -7p gr. K-5 Little Lutherans	8 9am Quilting Day 5:30pm Yoga 6pm Bunco	9	10
11 9am Adult/Children's Sunday School 10am Worship Service 11:30am Thanksgiving Dinner	12 Veterans Day – 7a Flags out-5p Flags in 5pm Bulletin Info Due 5pm Council Meeting Info Due 6:30p-8p Boy Scouts	13 5:30pm Yoga 6:30pm Girl Scouts 7pm Praise Team	14 5:30pm - 7p Adult Bible Study 5:30pm -7p gr. K-5 Little Lutherans	15 9:15am Dorcas/Priscilla Circle 5:30pm Yoga	16 6pm -8p Set-up for Fall Bazaar	17 9am -3 Fall Bazaar 6:30pm Youth Movie Night 5th-12th gr.
18 9am Adult/Children's Sunday School 10am Worship-HC	19 5pm Bulletin Info Due 5pm Newsletter Info Due 6:30p-8p Boy Scouts 7pm Council Meeting	20 5:30pm Yoga 7pm Praise Team	21 5:30pm - 7p Adult Bible Study 5:30pm -7p gr. K-5 Little Lutherans	22 Thanksgiving Day	23	24
25 9am Adult/Children's Sunday School 10am Worship Service Set-up Nativity Scene TBA	26 5pm Bulletin Info Due 6:30p-8p Boy Scouts 7pm Lydia Circle	27 5:30pm Yoga 6:30pm Girl Scouts 7pm Praise Team	28 5:30pm - 7p Adult Bible Study 5:30pm -7p gr. K-5 Little Lutherans	29 5:30pm Yoga	30	

**Daylight Saving Time
November 4, 2018**

**Congregational Meeting
November 11, 2018**

November 18, 2018

November 25, 2018

Assisting Minister	Amy Koenning	Tessie Colle	Megan Calvez	Mary Jackson
Communion Assistants	Ann Menking Mary Jackson		Bert/Laurie Buegeler Amy Calvez Wolle Huff	
Ushers	Jamie Colle Melba Andersen	Darrell Kennemer David Heldt	Darrell Kennemer David Heldt	Laurie Buegeler Brandy Kennemer
Acolyte	Cooper Kennemer	Ethan Hayslip	Mallori Calvez	Austin Kennemer
Lector	Mary Jan Jenkins	Jamie Colle	Megan Calvez	Wolle Huff
Greeters	Waldyne Nesloney	Karen/Chuck Crawford	Bert/Laurie Buegeler	Susie Spaniel
Coffee Makers	Ann Menking	Waldyne Nesloney	Melba Andersen	Allan/Jerri Schulte
Sound Tech	Bruce Bowen	Bruce Bowen	Bruce Bowen	Bruce Bowen
Deacons	Clint Colle 460-0577	Clint Colle 460-0577	Steve Maresch 668-6445	Steve Maresch 668-6445

ALTAR GUILD:

	<u>COMMUNION</u>	<u>CANDLES</u>	<u>FLOWERS</u>	<u>PARAMENTS</u>
November	Renee Brown	Wolle Huff	Laurie Buegeler	Lori Brauchle
December	Sandra Bowen	Melba Andersen	Laurie Buegeler	Sally Soliz

Emergency Contact Numbers:

Pastor:
John Waak

President:
Bill Botard
830-460-1595

Reminder: Daylight Saving Time changes at 2 a.m. on Sunday November 4, 2018. Set your clock back one (1) hour on Saturday night.