

# 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 - December 2018

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*Know Christ Live Christ Share Christ*

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## Mission Moment

by Pastor Bryce Formwalt  
Director of Mission Growth

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## What Does a Church Look Like?

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?

# ILC YOUTH CHRISTMAS PARTY

Friday, December 21, 2018

6:00-8:30 pm

Dinner will be provided.

RSVP required by Sunday December 16th

to Melissa @ 512-558-1742

Any child age 10 and under must have a parent or adult to attend with each child.



Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

## **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:

Cinco Woods; Brenda Timmons; Ty Lindquist; Georgia Donald; Shirley Dennis; Gracie Gruber; Katherine Botard; Clift Gadney; Ruth Lindquist; Chris Crawford; and the families of Bud Smith; Casey Kestter; Gene McClendon and John Timmons.

### **We Pray for those Serving in our Armed Forces**

Bradley Markgraf; Clint Barrett; Robbie Farmer; Dalton Elsik; Kurt Koenig; 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.

## **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)**

“So they went out and ran from the grave, because fear and terror were upon them. And they said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid.” (Mark 16:8)

**DECEMBER BIBLE STUDY: “THE EMPTY TOMB” - - - MARK 16 - - -**

“We now come to the end of Mark’s record about Jesus. But the end of that story is only a beginning for those who turn from their sin and put their trust in Jesus as Lord and Savior. Mark’s Gospel is not a biography. It is good news that calls for every person to decide what he or she will do personally with Jesus Christ.” ‘Afraid’ does not appear to be a good word to end an account of good news, and though the oldest and best manuscripts do end with Mark 16:8, verses 9-20 add another ending, and agreed by scholars that the last verses were not written by Mark.” An interesting study and takes more study before completing! Dorcas/Priscilla Circle will continue this into the months ahead—into 2019!!

**THE LYDIA CIRCLE** had lots of crafted items for the bazaar and also worked thru the day at the event. Reports are that there was a great turn out and much visiting! The Lydia Circle will hold their Christmas meeting/party on **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2 at 5:30PM** at the home of Gracie Barrett. Contact Amy Koenning for information.

**THANKOFFERING INGATHERING UPDATE** ••• The results of this offering were given by Ruth Lindquist, treasurer of the ILCW. Total amount was \$965, with distribution to the Good Samaritan Rescue Mission--\$583, and to Alice Volunteer Services—\$382. Thanks to all who shared their blessings with so many others! THANK YOU!!!

**CHRISTMASY QUILTING TIME ...** The quilting group will gather on **THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13—for** a fun, fellowship time to complete more quilts!! Always a great time ... and guests are welcome! An update ... A quilt was presented to Pastor Waak before his final time with us. We wish him the very Best in his new journey, and have appreciated his time with us. Best Wishes to you and family! !

Two quilts were given to the two soldiers that Immanuel is supporting, and were blessed by Pastor Waak on his last Sunday here.

The quilts will be sent to them in the next boxes to be mailed.

Included will be cards with greetings from the quilting group, and Our prayers for their safety in service to our country!

Our November day resulted in about seven quilts, either complete or ready to be .... Thanks to our group, including Leona, Irene, Jean, Linda, Nettie, and a new friend, Elmira McNeil, and Nelda. A great time was had by all. See you December 13!!!

**DECEMBER 25 — CHRISTMAS DAY**  
**JANUARY 1 — HAPPY 2019**

## **ALTAR GUILD - Given to the glory of God -**

### **ALTAR & ETERNAL CANDLES:**

Given by Wolle Huff in honor of Tori and Mason's birthdays.

### **WINDOW CANDLES - CHRISTMAS:**

Given by Linda Benson in memory of her mom, Dorthy Tschoerner.

### **COMMUNION ELEMENTS:**

Dec. 2 - Given by Sylvia Work in memory of Herchel Palmer and Werner H. Gohmert, Sr .

Dec. 16 - Given by Amy Koenning in honor of Logan Blanchard.

### **ALTAR & STANDING VASE FLOWERS:**

Dec. 2 - Given by Jack and Renee McMonagle in honor of Leona Owen's birthday and Guy McMonagle's birthday.

Dec. 9 - Given by Bruce and Virginia Menking in honor of Bruce's birthday.

Dec. 16 - Given by Bruce and Virginia Menking in honor of our 9th wedding anniversary.

Dec. 23 - Given by Grace Slaughter

Dec. 23-24 Given by Mardella Laskowski in honor of the birth of the Christ Child.

### **BIRTHDAYS**

12/1 Logan Blanchard

12/1 Susan Park Green

12/1 Ruth Lindquist

12/3 Ruth Bartlett

12/3 Amanda Garza

12/5 Karen Crawford

12/7 Bruce Menking

12/7 Jessica Richter

12/8 Inez Zulauf

12/9 Justin Steindorf

12/10 Chance Cornelius

12/11 Dylan Emanuel

12/11 Kristi Kelley

12/11 Jalyynn Salinas

12/11 Vincent Titzman

12/12 Ryan Dohoney

12/12 Paul Hinojosa

12/13 Sheila Brandt

12/14 Hunter McDowell

12/17 Delores Titzman

12/18 David Heldt

12/18 Diane Cornelius

12/21 Mary Jan Jenkins

12/22 Carsyn Woods

12/23 Nelda Boerm

12/24 Austin Kennemer

12/26 Bert Buegeler, III

12/26 Beau Green

12/27 Tori Hodges

12/28 Will Swisher

12/29 Brooks Barton

12/30 Jan Erwin

12/30 Kylee Keen

12/31 Kristi Philbrick

12/31 Mason Markham

12/31 Mathew Salinas

12/31 Tara Yocum Thomas

### **BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS**

12/1 Jamie Colle

12/4 Sandra Rose

12/6 Carrie Young

12/7 Lucas Revilla

12/9 Joshua Crahen

12/10 Diana Craver

12/11 Jackelyn Ermis

12/11 Michelle McDowell

12/11 Cinco Woods

12/11 Pamela Woods

12/14 Benjamin Martin

12/15 Sally Gebert

12/16 Karen Crawford

12/16 Vincent Titzman

12/19 Jennifer Z. Gonzalez

12/19 Trey Lindquist

12/19 Bryan Lindquist

12/23 Scarlet Fling

12/24 Kyra Buegeler

12/24 Bailey Garza

12/26 Garrett Philbrick

12/26 Robin Henning

12/28 Bruce Menking

12/29 Sterling Brown

12/31 Dustin Brasher

12/31 Dylan Brasher

### **WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES**

12/2 Irene Grisham

12/4 James/Mary Jochen

12/19 Bruce/Virginia Menking

12/21 Dennis/Wolle Huff

12/25 George Fischer

12/25 Gene/Susie Spaniel

12/26 Ruben/Cristina Soliz

12/28 Mark/Susan Peeples

12/28 James/Donna Shipp

# CHURCH COUNCIL

<b>Congregational Meeting</b> <b>December 2, 2018</b> <b>11:15 a.m.</b> <b>Parish Hall after Worship</b>	<b>Council Reports/Agenda</b> <u>Always Due</u> 2nd Monday of each month by 5:00P	<b><u>Church Council Mtg</u></b> <b>December 17, 2018</b> <b>7:00 p.m. Conference Rm</b>
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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 October 15, 2018**

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

**Mission Statement** - Know Christ - Live Christ - Share Christ

Call to order: Bill Botard

Roll Call: Lori Brauchle, Melissa Slaughter, Renee Brown, Mary Jan Jenkins, Amy Koenning, Sandra Bowen, Bill Botard, Melba Andersen, John Waak

Special Concerns: Mike Fields – passed away; Noel Schuette – pneumonia and in hospital

Devotional: Pastor Waak

Payer: Bill Botard

Approval Agenda: Amy made the motion, Melissa seconded. Motion carried. Approval Reading of Minutes: Amy made the motion, Melissa seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Information on the Cash Flow Sheet was discussed. At present we have an accumulated deficit of 18,691.09. This year's deficit is 12,387.35. The report was filed for review.

Reports:

Pastor's Report:

- A. Pastor Waak: Pastor's last weekend to be at Immanuel is Nov. 18, 2018.
- B. Expense: Amy moved, and Melba seconded the motion to pay Pastor's travel mileage.
- C. Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> First Communion: Myla Bowen, Colleen Harrison, Sophie Harrison and Kyler Benson

Property & Grounds: Report Filed; Stewardship: Report Filed; Worship: Report Filed;

Education: Report Filed

Youth:

- D. Parade Date Discussed (Sandra to find out)
- E. Halloween Downtown Event (Not going to do)
- F. Christmas Youth Party 21<sup>st</sup>.

Amy made the motion to accept the committee reports, Melba seconded. The motion passed

Unfinished Business:

Veteran's Day Nov. 12 flags will be put out, Thanksgiving meal Nov. 11, Nativity scene will be set up (need 10 to 12 bales; Bill is responsible for the hay) will check with Allan as to when to set the Nativity scene up

Consecration Sunday is set to go.

New Business:

Fall Bazaar set for Nov. 17<sup>th</sup>. Funds raised will go to Christian Life Committee.

Reviewed the events calendar for Nov and Dec.

Parish Hall is rented for Thanksgiving Day by the Bert Buegeler family.

This motion was made by Amy Koenning and seconded by Melba Andersen; Motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned with the Lord Prayer.

Submitted by, Sandra Bowen and Bill Botard

# December 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<b>1</b> 7pm Family / Youth Christmas Event
<b>2</b> 9am Adult/Children's Sunday School 10am Worship-HC 11:30am 3rd Qtr Congregational Mtg	<b>3</b> 5pm Bulletin Info Due 6:30pm - 8p Boy Scouts	<b>4</b> 5:30pm Yoga 7pm Praise Team	<b>5</b> 5:30pm - 7p Adult Bible Study 5:30pm -7p gr. K-5 Little Lutherans	<b>6</b> 5:30pm Yoga	<b>7</b> Fellowship Hall Reserved	<b>8</b> Barn Party
<b>9</b> 9am Adult/Children's Sunday School 10am Children's Christmas Program 10am Worship Service	<b>10</b> 5pm Bulletin Info Due 5pm Council Meeting Info Due 6:30pm - 8p Boy Scouts	<b>11</b> 5:30pm Yoga 6:30pm Girl Scouts 7pm Praise Team	<b>12</b> 5:30pm - 7p Adult Bible Study 5:30pm -7p gr. K-5 Little Lutherans	<b>13</b> Dorcas/Priscilla Circle Quilting & Christmas Party 5:30pm Yoga	<b>14</b> 6pm Live Nativity	<b>15</b> 6pm Live Nativity
<b>16</b> 9am Adult/Children's Sunday School 10am Worship-HC	<b>17</b> 5pm Bulletin Info Due 5pm Newsletter Info Due 6:30pm - 8p Boy Scouts 7pm Council Meeting	<b>18</b> 5:30pm Yoga 7pm Praise Team	<b>19</b> 5:30pm - 7p Adult Bible Study 5:30pm -7p gr. K-5 Little Lutherans	<b>20</b> 9:15am	<b>21</b> 6:00 - 8:30pm ILC Youth Christmas Party RSVP Required by Sunday December 16 <sup>th</sup> . See page 2 this newsletter.	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b> 9am Adult/Children's Sunday School 10am Worship Service	<b>24</b> 6:30pm Worship/Christmas Eve	<b>25</b> 8pm Christmas Day	<b>26</b> 5:30pm - 7p Adult Bible Study 5:30pm -7p gr. K-5 Little Lutherans	<b>27</b> 5:30pm Yoga	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b> 9am Adult/Children's Sunday School 10am Worship Service-HC @ Altar Rail	<b>31</b> 5pm Bulletin Info Due 6:30pm - 8p Boy Scouts New Year's Eve					

	<b>Dec. 2, 2018</b>	<b>Dec. 9, 2018</b>	<b>Dec. 16, 2018</b>	<b>Dec 23, 2018</b>	<b>Dec. 24, 2018</b>	<b>Dec 30, 2018</b>
<b>Assisting Ministers</b>	Mary Jackson	Amy Koenning	Megan Calvez	Tessie Colle	Amy Koenning	Mary Jackson
<b>Communion Assistants</b>	Renee Brown Sandra Bowen		Amy Calvez Mallori Calvez Wolle Huff Jamie Colle			Renee Brown Ann Menking
<b>Ushers</b>	Brandy Kennemer Laurie Buegeler	Vera DeReese Cooper Kennemer	Melba Andersen Amy Koenning	Bert Buegeler Darrell Kennemer	Austin Kennemer David Heldt	Ruben Lassmann, Jr. Allan Schulte
<b>Acolytes</b>	Mallori Calvez	Logan Blanchard	Vera DeReese	Jamie Colle	Cooper Kennemer	Kloe Fox
<b>Lector</b>	Ann Menking	Karen Zepeda	Wolle Huff	Clint Colle	Sandra Laskowski	Kandace Fox
<b>Greeters</b>	Allan/Jerri Schulte	Jamie Colle	Chuck /Karen Crawford	Waldyne Nesloney	Nettie Cornelius	Karen Zepeda
<b>Coffee Makers</b>	Amy Koenning	Darrell/Brandy Kennemer	Wolle Huff	Melba Andersen		Ann Menking
<b>Sound Tech</b>	Bruce Bowen	Bruce Bowen	Bruce Bowen	Bruce Bowen	Bruce Bowen	Bruce Bowen
<b>Deacons</b>	Allan Schulte 389-3860	Kenneth Brauchle 701-1072	Kenneth Brauchle 701-1072	Bill Botard 830-460-1595	Bill Botard 830-460-1595	Steve Maresch 668-6445

**ALTAR GUILD:**

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

Emergency Contact Number:

**President:**  
Bill Botard  
(830-460-1595)



**POINSETTIA ORDER FORM**

**We are limited to a total of 30 poinsettias. \$12.00 each**

**DEADLINE to ORDER is Sunday, December 16, 2018.**

**Please use this form for ordering. Payment is due with order form.**

Form and payment may be placed in the offering plate (please use a pew envelope and write your name on it.)

Form and payment may be mailed to the church office at 1400 N. Texas Blvd., Alice, Texas 78332.

***\*When paying for poinsettias with a check, please write a check separate from your General Fund offering.\****

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Number of poinsettias ordered** \_\_\_\_\_

**In Honor of:**

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**In Memory of:**

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