

MARCH 2023

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IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

The "God is With Us" Church

March 2023

GOD'S CONNECTIONS:

Unity in the Spirit



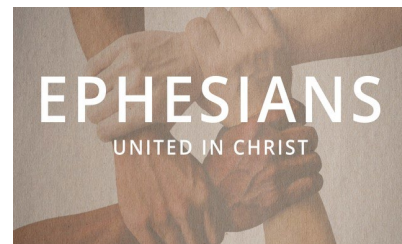
Let's dream together!

Lenten Series: *Unity in the Spirit*

During these mid-week Lenten services, please bring your Bibles or your phones to access the Word. Pastor Eric

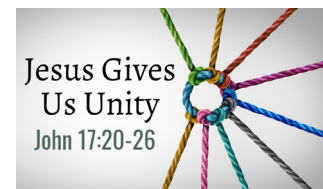
The Biblical foundation is in **Ephesians 4:1-6**: *“I urge you, then—I who am a prisoner because I serve the Lord: live a life that measures up to the standard God set when he called you. ²Be always humble, gentle, and patient. Show your love by being tolerant with one another. ³Do your best to preserve the unity which the Spirit gives by means of the peace that binds you together. ⁴There is one body and one Spirit, just as there is one hope to which God has called you. ⁵There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism; ⁶there is one God and Father of all people, who is Lord of all, works through all, and is in all.”*

and in **John 17:21-23**: *“²¹I pray that they may all be one. Father! May they be in us, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they be one, so that the world will believe that you sent me. ²²I gave them the same glory you gave me, so that they may be one, just as you and I are one: ²³I in them and you in me, so that they may be completely one, in order that the world may know that you sent me and that you love them as you love me.”*



Week 1. Unity in the Spirit – Introduction

2. What is the Spirit?
3. What is Unity?
4. Unity of Calling
5. Unity of Common Life
6. Unity of Purpose



women OF faith®
Celebrate what matters

On January 22, the Women of Faith met for a potluck luncheon. After enjoying our meal, Chrystal Coble delivered a “New Beginnings” program, encouraging us to think about both last year and this upcoming year.

An opportunity for us to host the community in support of the Ladies of La Vernia for Social and Concerns developed into an evening of wine and cheese with line and salsa dancing on February 3rd. Ask anyone in attendance how much fun they had!

New officers were elected for the upcoming year:

- President – Darla Buccigrossi
- Vice-President – Amy Wagner
- Secretary – Elise Koepf
- Treasurer – Shirley Stanush
- Chaplain – Wanda Mabry

Our next meeting will be held at The Den on **March 12th**, after the second service.

Keep watching for details in the weekly bulletin. *Darla*

MARCH WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
Mar 5		
Greeters	Dianell Recker	Kelli Thompson
Ushers	Mark & Darla Buccigrossi	Laura Baumann, Patrice Goodman
Readers	Harold Schott	Heather Bales
Acolytes	Ryan Maynard, Katelyn Tripp	Abigail Clarke, Maddie Schwake
Altar Guild	Darla Buccigrossi, Lucy Schott	Laura Baumann, Patrice Goodman
Multimedia	Ronnie Haug	Bill Roser
Facebook Live		Jana Clarke
Coffee Hosts	Congregational Council	
Tellers	Jana Clarke, Brenda Willeford	
Mar 12		
Greeters	Amy Wagner	Candy Stork
Ushers	Chrystal Coble, Ronnie Coleman	Charles Stork, Tim Ferguson
Readers	Colleen Piehl	Charles Stork
Acolytes	Bryson Coleman, Joshua Stanush	Henry Scull
Altar Guild	Chrystal Coble, Amy Wagner	Charles & Candy Stork
Multimedia	Brent Recker	Karen Campbell
Facebook Live		Suzan Ferguson
Coffee Hosts	Men of Immanuel	
Tellers	Chrystal Coble, Gloria Kipp	
Mar 19		
Greeters	Joyce Miller	Gloria Henkes
Ushers	Darla Buccigrossi, Randall Richter	David & Gayle Teel
Readers	Joyce Miller	Renee Scull
Acolytes	Kase Morrison, Katelyn Tripp	Lillie Faglie, Christopher Homeyer
Altar Guild	Paige Haass, Joyce Miller	Gloria Henkes, Brenda Willeford
Multimedia	David Haass	Patrice Goodman
Facebook Live		Shirley Stanush
Coffee Hosts	Women of Faith	
Tellers	Mark Buccigrossi, Patrice Goodman	
Mar 26		
Greeters	Harold Schott	Laura Baumann
Ushers	Kathy Volkmann, Amy Wagner	Lillian Kosub, Travis Mabry
Readers	Esther DeHaven	Gary Beran
Acolytes	Kimber Hild, Matthew Stanush	Jackson Faglie, Maddie Schwake
Altar Guild	Rebe Penshorn, Taylor Witherell	Jeanette Bailey, JoElla Heinsohn
Multimedia	Karen Campbell	Adriana Willeford
Facebook Live		Bill Roser
Coffee Hosts	Sunday School	
Tellers	Rebe Penshorn, Darla Buccigrossi	

If you cannot fulfill your assignment, please try to find a substitute, and / or notify Wendie Roser at 210-416-0822 or call the church office.



Building Campaign Update

Phase 2 of the parish hall construction has begun with the storage area. There are three dedicated funds for the parish hall building project. As of 31 January, the balances are:

Building Fund	\$ 177,520.71
Building Furnishings	\$ 10,000.00
Building Kitchen	\$ 9,898.01
Total	\$ 197,418.72

If you wish to contribute to the general construction expenses for the parish hall, annotate the amount under the building fund designation on your offering envelope. If you want to give to the furnishings or kitchen fund; earmark "Bldg Furnishings" or "Bldg Kitchen" under the Other category on your offering envelope. Please contact Treasurer, Chrystal Coble (210-865-8205), if you have any questions or need additional information.

"For we are God's fellow workers; You are God's field, God's building"
1 Corinthians 3:9



Treasurer Report

A Note from our Treasurer

Dedicated funds are offerings designated for the purpose of covering expenses associated with a specific purpose. These funds cannot be used for any other purpose without the expressed consent and approval from the church congregation. Dedicated funds are deposited in the savings account and kept there until needed.

Current Expenses offerings are used to pay the day-to-day operating expenses of the church; i.e., utilities, worship supplies, office equipment, salaries, etc.

Offerings may be made by check, cash, electronic fund transfer, Square or Venmo processing. Efforts are currently underway to explore kiosk and web offering options.

We appreciate your sacrificial gifts towards our church ministries. I invite you to prayerfully reflect on some financial issues that present ongoing challenges for us; but most importantly, Trust God, Immanuel Lutheran Church, and let's band together and do the ministry which God has entrusted to us. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me, Chrystal Coble, Treasurer, at 210-865-8205.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

1	Cindy Braddy
2	Kevin Faglie
3	Denise Ferry
4	Kellie Montoya
5	Candy Stork
7	Kurt Smith
8	Kaylyn Stork
9	Tyler Walker
10	Jeanette Bailey
13	Kolby Louis
14	Allen Gibson
	Wendie Roser
15	Marlie Gray
19	Abby Clarke
	Madison Montoya
	Kaden Morrison
20	Patrice Goodman
21	Melannie Gawlik
	Karson Kosub
23	Grover Burris
	Raymond Jenkins
	Alicia Koepp
25	Lindsey Davis
27	Larry Bailey
28	Tony Franklin
30	Bennie Campbell
31	Chrystal Coble
	Kieran Reeves

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

1 st	Ernie & Barbara Clauss
18 th	Ralph & Phyllis Coldewey
22 nd	Gerald & Cathy Winston

SPECIAL DATES IN MARCH

Mar 1-5	La Vernia Stock Show
Mar 10-19	LVISD Spring Break
Mar 18	Surviving An Active Shooter Presentation
Mar 25	LV Food Pantry Workday

YARD WORK SCHEDULE

Mar 6 – 11	Mark Buccigrossi, Ronnie Haug
Mar 27 –	
April 1	Billy Bunton, Kenneth Mills

FLOWERS FOR MARCH

Mar 5	Altar	Flowers Needed
	Piano	
Mar 12	Altar	Flowers Needed
	Piano	
Mar 19	Altar	Marvin & Laura Baumann
	Piano	
Mar 26	Altar	Brad & Heather Bales
	Piano	

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER



Mar 12	Daylight Savings begins
Apr 2	Palm Sunday
Apr 6	Maundy Thursday
Apr 7	Good Friday
Apr 9	Easter Sunday
May 7	Church Picnic
May 21	Confirmation
June 5- 9	Tentative trip to Puerto Rico
July 16-20	Vacation Bible School, 6-8
Aug 6	Community Festival
Oct 29	Reformation Day
Nov 22	Thanksgiving Eve Service
Dec 2	Christmas Market
Dec 9	Cantata
Dec 24	Christmas Eve Candlelight Services

Greetings, Brothers and Sisters,

This month I want to talk about our second area of Christian Stewardship: Talent.

God has entrusted us with aptitudes and abilities, and as good stewards, we must use them for His Glory and not our own. This statement is true not only of musical, artistic, athletic, academic, business, and persuasive talents but also of the spiritual gifts we have received.

Faithful stewardship of human-born talents and spiritual gifts requires that we intentionally use them to glorify God and edify others. Our purpose in Christ is not to please ourselves but to serve others. Our abilities come from God, who has equipped us to fulfill the purpose He has called us to recognize and embrace with joyful commitment.

Each of us has an arena of influence, whether large or small, and a specific ministry that the Lord has placed in our care. Regardless of what we have been given, every stewardship is assessed by the same standard: Faithfulness. It is not the size of our ministry that counts but what we do with what we have been entrusted.

So, my invitation is for all of us to take a moment to think about our talents and abilities and consider how to use them better (as the Holy Spirit increases our faith) to bless our families, church, and community. Please consider using it to be part of what God is doing here at Immanuel. There are always plenty of opportunities granted by God's grace within our church where your talents can bless us all.

Thanks be to God that we are all entrusted with valuable talents to be significant servants in the hands of our Lord through faith and grace.

Bill Roser
Director of Lay Ministry

Assistants for Lent 2023

Date	Theme	Dinner	Ushers	Acolyte
March 1st	What is The Spirit?	Women of Faith	Jacy Reeves Charles Stork	Ryan Maynard
March 8th	What is Unity?	Children of God	Jana Clarke Gayle Teel	Lillie Faglie
March 15th	Unity of Calling	Church Council	Rebe Penshorn Rene Scull	Katelyn Tripp
March 22nd	Unity of Community	Lay Ministry	Mark Buccigrossi Linde Meyer	Joshua Stanush
March 29th	Unity of Purpose	Men of Immanuel	Gloria Kipp Bridgett Faglie	Bryson Coleman

The Future of Day Camp

Our Annual Summer Day Camp has been an important ministry to the community of La Vernia and surrounding areas. The response has always been positive from the attendees and their families; yet it has been increasingly difficult from Immanuel's side to gather volunteers to assist in this effort.

It is time once again to begin planning for this event, so we are asking you to be proactive and let us know if you or your family are willing to help us out this year by leading a group, doing music or games, or helping in the kitchen. We are looking at a possible week in June. The hours are approximately 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM.

If you are at all interested, please see Candy Stork or call the church office.



La Vernia Christian Food Pantry

The winter holidays are especially difficult for some people, but the Food Pantry faithfully provided necessary items on a regular basis to families. There are ten plus churches in the Ministerial Alliance that rotate Saturdays. Each brings about ten volunteers to help in many capacities.. ***We are asked to provide canned meats, pasta, rice, and tomato products.***

Our next workday is on Saturday, March 25th from 8:30 – 11:00 AM

NALC Disaster Response

In their 2022 Annual Report, Michael and Pat Dittrich write, "The Rosenberg Warehouse would not be able to function without the support of individuals and churches throughout Texas and beyond... You are true examples of loving & helping your neighbors in need. The Texas Region now has 3 warehouses: Rosenberg, Tyler, and the newest one in Edmond, OK... We are hosting a national youth event in July that will take place in Boerne."



2023 marks our 20th Annual Community Festival Anniversary!

We are accepting raffle donations and items through May 1st. If you are interested in contributing to the raffle, please see **Lillian Kosub**. Let's make this our best year yet as we celebrate this milestone!