

JUNE 2023

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4 8:00 Worship / HC 9:15 Coffee Fellowship Bible Study 10:30 Worship / HC	5	6	7	8	9	10 8:30 Men's Breakfast
11 8:00 Worship / HC 9:15 Coffee Fellowship Bible Study 10:30 Worship / HC 12:00 Fish Fry for the Men of ulmanuel	12	13	14	15 7:00 Lay Ministers Meeting	16	17
18 Father's Day 8:00 Worship / HC 9:15 Coffee Fellowship Bible Study 10:30 Worship / HC	19	20 Sewing Circle 9:00 – 12:00 6:00 Council Mtg.	21	22	23	24
25 8:00 Worship / HC 9:15 Coffee Fellowship Bible Study 10:30 Worship / HC	26	27	28	29	30	NOTE: Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting will take place on Sunday, July 30 th after the worship service.

Immanuel Lutheran Church

June 2023



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The Importance of Christian Education in Summer for Children

But Jesus said, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of heaven." And He laid *His* hands on them and departed from there.
Matthew 19:14-15

There is nothing more significant in the Bible than when the text quotes Jesus. The reason is that Jesus of Nazareth, for Christians, is "*the author and finisher of our faith*" (Hebrew 12:2), "*in Him, we have redemption through His blood, the (and) forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace*" (Ephesians 1:7), and He is God incarnate in our world (John1:1-3). Therefore, everything that Jesus says is imperative, not an option. The Bible should only be seen, read, and understood from Jesus' and His teachings’ perspectives. According to Dr. Martin Luther, the Bible is Christ's cradle and swaddling clothes, as he writes in the third paragraph of his "Preface to the Old Testament," which appeared in 1523 and then again in 1545. So, for us as Christians and Lutherans, the Bible's whole reason is Jesus Christ.

This reasoning lies behind our efforts to reach and teach children about Jesus. Every summer at Immanuel Lutheran Church, we hold various events to fulfill Jesus' words in our church. If the Kingdom of Heaven belongs to everything that childhood represents, we must, without hesitation, try to match our preaching and living as we serve the children of La Vernia, a beautiful and unique part of the realm of God among us.

Today I want to invite the whole church: the traditional members, the new members, parents, youth, elderly, leaders, and even frequent visitors to unite under our determination to follow Jesus, as we will not depart from our summer plans without personally blessing the children with God's Word. Think seriously about how you can get involved, especially if you have never been part of our summer programs. Plan ahead of time to be there, to support with talents, time, and treasure. It is not just our responsibility but our calling from Jesus himself to proclaim and live the kingdom right here and right now.

God Bless You All!
The Rev. Eric M. Milette

Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for your donation of quilts and health supplies to the Rosenberg Warehouse! We are in the process of restocking, and your generosity helps with that! Your donation will touch the lives of many families in need. Thanks again.

God bless you!

Michael & Pat Dittrich
NALC Disaster Response

JUNE WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

June 4	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
Ushers Readers Acolytes Altar Guild Multimedia Facebook Live Coffee Hosts Tellers	Randall Richter, Amy Wagner Douglas Piehl Kaden Morrison Chrystal Coble, Amy Wagner Karen Campbell Congregational Council Jana Clarke, Shirley O'Neal	Gary & Yvonne Beran Heather Bales Abigail Clarke Gloria Henkes, Brenda Willeford Jackson Faglie Jana Clarke
June 11	Mark Buccigrossi, Kathy Volkmann Rebe Penshorn Joshua Stanush Darla Buccigrossi, Lucy Schott Billy Bunton Men of Immanuel Wendie Roser, Shirley Stanush	Tim Ferguson, Lillian Kosub Renee Scull Henry Scull Laura B., Patrice Goodman Bill Roser Suzan Ferguson
June 18	Father's Day Darla Buccigrossi, Joyce Miller David Haass Kimber Hild Paige Haass, Joyce Miller Ronnie Haug Women of Faith Gloria Kipp, Darla Buccigrossi	Gloria Henkes, Gloria Kipp Charles Stork Maddie Schwake Jeanette Bailey, JoElla Heinsohn Adriana Willeford Shirley Stanush
June 25	Chrystal Coble, Amy Wagner Harold Schott Katelyn Tripp Chrystal Coble, Amy Wagner Brent Recker Sunday School Rebecca Reeves, Brenda Willeford	Wayne Mabry, Laura Baumann Lilia Milette Jackson Faglie Charles & Candy Stork Karen Campbell Abigail Clarke

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

1	Jacque Miller	June 3 rd	Garland & Chrystal Coble
2	Larry Wyatt		Harold & Lucy Schott
3	Elizabeth Scull	June 10 th	Will & Karen Rose
4	Shirley Haseloff	June 11 th	Trevor & Lindsey Davis
6	Wesley Collins	June 12 th	Ronnie & Brenda Moore
7	Cash Howton	June 18 th	James & Any Wagner
	Dianell Recker	June 19 th	Pat & Linde Meyer
	Troy Stork	June 20 th	Tony & Shasta Franklin
8	Cathy Winston	June 22 nd	Charles & Candy Stork
10	Kimber Hild	June 23 rd	Robbie & Tricia Ferry
12	Lura Walker Jones		Jesse & Donna Jefferson
13	Heather Bales	June 26 th	Hershel & Patrice Goodman
16	Gayle Teel		
18	Colleen Fanning		
	Bethany Rolf		
	Jeanie Walpole		

19	Leah Thompson
20	Tanner Maxwell
	Shirley Myers O'Neal
21	AJ Coldewey
23	Barbara Cunningham
24	Mason Cone
25	Kate Witherell
26	Paige Haass
	Kullen Reeves
27	Mattison Koepp
	Anna Waltisperger
28	Suzan Ferguson
30	JoElla Heinsohn
	Eric Miletta
	Donald Schroeder

SPECIAL DATES IN JUNE

June 11 Fish Fry for Men

June 18 Father's Day

YARD WORK SCHEDULE

June 12 -17 Brad Bales, Betty Maultsby

June 26 – Mark Buccigrossi,
July 1 Ronnie Haug

FLOWERS FOR JUNE

June 4	Altar Piano	Charles & Candy Stork
June 11	Altar Piano	Joyce Miller
June 18	Altar Piano	Charles & Candy Stork
June 25	Altar Piano	Marvin & Laura Baumann Darryl & Rebe Penshorn

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

July 16-20 Vacation Bible School, 5:30-8:30

July 30 Semi-Annual Congregational Mtg.

Aug 6 Annual Community Festival

Sept 10 Polka Spirit Band & Agape Gathering

Nov 22 Thanksgiving Eve Service

Dec 2 Christmas Market
Dec 9 Senior Saints' Luncheon
Cantata

Dec 24 Christmas Eve Candlelight
Services

April 17, 2023

Parishioner to be Heard: Tina Homeyer regarding Confirmation

Executive Session

Correspondence and Reports were presented.

Old Business: Loan application – still pending
Discussion about other church-related accounts

New Business: Church Picnic assignments
Logo mats for Parish Hall – the Recker family will donate
Scholarships for LVISD Seniors – Criteria set; committee to make selections
Office Secretary New Hire – will interview and bring to Council for approval
Confirmation – decided on keeping two services for 5/21/23
Ushers and seating

Executive Session
Adjournment



We are currently in Phase 2 of the parish hall construction. As of 30 April, the balances in the dedicated funds for the parish hall building project are:

Building Fund	\$ 187,531.79
Building Furnishings	\$ 10,000.00
Building Kitchen	\$ 9,973.01
Total	\$ 207,504.80

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

Cemetery Warning – When visiting the Immanuel Cemetery, please watch for snakes!
There have been several rattle snake sightings lately.

COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS FOR APRIL 2023



Vacation Bible School 2023 – July 16 to July 20, 2023

Plans are underway now for our summer Vacation Bible School, **July 16, 2023 to July 20, 2023 from 5:30pm to 8:30 pm. This year's theme is Keepers of the Kingdom: Standing Strong in Today's Battle for Truth.** Sign up to volunteer at [ImmanuelLutheranVBS2023.myanswers.com/keepers-of-the-kingdom](https://www.immanuelvbs2023.myanswers.com/keepers-of-the-kingdom), then click on **volunteers at the top**. A volunteer meeting will be scheduled once there is a list of volunteers.

Registration for the kids is now open. For more information, check out our Facebook group page at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/297408141284>

If you have any questions or would like to help, contact Chelsey Thayer or Shasta Franklin.



FILL THE CRIB

The Women of Faith will be conducting a service project during the second quarter of this year. You are asked to donate baby items that will be given to the South Texas Pregnancy Crisis Center in Seguin. We will be collecting items from **May through June**. All items can be placed in this crib, with the goal of trying to fill it to overflowing! Examples of items are gender neutral onesies, bibs, socks, hats, diapers, pacifiers, small stuffed animals and toys, receiving blankets, teething rings, baby wash, shampoo, and so on. If you have any questions, please contact

Darla Buccigrossi @ 830-688-1810.



The Women of Faith were honored at the Sisters in Christ banquet held on Friday evening, May 5. A total of eighty-six guests, including sisters ranging in age from 3 years to 88 years young, enjoyed a delicious pork rib dinner prepared and served by the Men of Immanuel. Twelve sisters who have gone on to be with their Savior since May 2019 were remembered and all in attendance were reminded that no matter what trials and tribulations we face, there is Joy in our Journey because Christ lives in us! Thank you to Sharon Tanneberger, Suzan Ferguson, Elise Koepp, Wanda Kramer, Trisha Ferry, Lindsey Davis, Dianell Recker and Jacy Reeves for decorating tables in memory of their loved ones. And finally, a BIG thank you goes out to all of the men who donated their time and talents to cook for and serve us.

On May 21, the Women of Faith hosted the Confirmation brunch to honor the 2023 confirmands. Congratulations to those who reaffirmed their Baptism. We appreciate everyone who prepared a dish and/or helped with set-up and clean up.

The Women of Faith will be preparing and serving a fish fry on June 11 for the men in our congregation. We will be needing salads and desserts, so anyone who would like to help is asked to contact Darla at 830-688-1810.

Our second quarter service project continues through the end of June. We have received so many donations for the Pregnancy and Crisis Center in Seguin and hope to have the crib overflowing before the project is over! Thanks to all who have contributed so far.

Ladies, if you signed up to go to Fredericksburg for our fall retreat, please get your deposit into Patrice, Shirley or myself by June 1st.

Wishing you joy as you continue your journey,

Darla Buccigrossi

**LV Christian Food Pantry Volunteers -
our next workday is Saturday, June 3rd from 8:30 – 11:00 AM!**