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# The Acorn

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## Son, Son, Son, here He Comes

BY PASTOR MARCUS

In 1969, The Beatles released an album “Abbey Road.” The album cover photo, of the band crossing the crosswalk at Abbey Road Studios, has become one of the most famous and imitated images in the history of popular music. The album, which got very mixed reviews upon its release but, was later described as one of the greatest albums of all time, as *USA Today* writer Jeremy Roberts comments in his lifetime biography, *The Beatles: Music Revolutionaries*. Of the many songs on this album, there one that has caught my attention, “Here Comes the Sun.” George Harrison wrote that song while having to deal with accounting issues following the death of their band accountant and it reflected the long harsh winters of England that seemed to never end. It was a cry for the Spring to spring and for new life to return to the barren lands of the winter landscape. We can empathize with George’s penned cry but, maybe it’s not with winter in mind?

As the song played, I found myself watching the ways in which the trees and plants outside my office window interacted with each other. Their sway and movement seemed to be in harmony with a song creation was singing. Instead of that song being one of desire for the sun to break the bonds and throes of winter, this scene seemed to be singing a song for a different kind of “Son” to come; one that would bring relief like rain and clouds. “From where will my help come,” (Psalm 121) asks the earth in the words of the Psalmist, as the cracked ground is seemingly without hope of life, desperate for relief from the passing cloud. Indeed, where does our help come from? Our lives are cacophonies all sorts of things happening at one time.

Our eyes, ears, hearts, and minds are filled with news headlines, breaking reports, Twitter blurbs that carry the weight of pink slips, hunger around the world in disgusting percentages, and gross scandals involving institutions supposedly representing safety, hope and love. It is easy to get overwhelmed and to get lost in the spiral of never ending ways we, humanity, have fallen short of the glory of God. We are indeed a sinful world in need of redeeming love. “From where will my help come?” The melody returns, slightly adapted, “Here comes the Son, here comes the Son, And I say it’s all right.”

In the heat of life, in the desperation of a world in need of guidance and hope, it is the Son who has come among us and given us guidance and support. Christ, by his own living example, showed us the ways in which our lives are to be lived. How we interact with each other, care for one another, and care the world God made, are all illuminated through Christ’s own living and dying. He never promised that this life would be easy nor that living by his example would lead to roses and rainbows. He did, however, promise that he would never forsake us, never leave us, and would always be just a prayer away, throughout this life’s ups and downs. Until that glorious day when we are all drawn together to God by the Spirit, we are baptized and sent out into this world learning to love each other, lean on each other, and find, in each other, the face of our Almighty God. It is when we are in concert with one another, working together for the betterment of every person, a primary focus of our “God’s Work. Our Hands” Sunday, that we find the song of creation is our song too. It’s that song that reminds us

of a Son who has given everything for the sake of those whom God loves. That song that teaches us to love our enemy and turn the other cheek. That song that reminds us of the Gospel commission to go and baptize, go and teach, go and proclaim a message of faith, hope, and love to all who will listen. So, could it be then, that the song is less of desperation and more about hope?

I certainly think it is. It is hope found in a God who sacrificed it all for the world out of love. It is hope found in the promise that wherever we go, Christ Jesus is there. It is hope found in our commission that we are not just bystanders but participants in life's journey. It is hope found in the song of creation that God is up to something new and we, just as the rocks of the field and the trees of the pastures are, we are voices that are called to proclaim the good news.

"Here comes the Son, here comes the Son, And I say it's all right. Son, Son, Son, here He comes..."

## Council Report

BY KAREN WEINSTEIN, PRESIDENT

***Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged. Go out to face them tomorrow, and the LORD will be with you.***

**2 Chronicles 20:17**

As summer came upon us at Emanuel's, there was a sense of energy and excitement with the expectation of bringing a new associate pastor on board and beginning the renovation of the Fellowship Hall. Great expectations which have not been fulfilled.

The Call Committee and Council have met with a 3<sup>rd</sup> associate pastoral candidate. At this point, obstacles in the call of this pastor have become apparent. We are at a point of re-evaluating the needs of Emanuel's and the necessary qualifications of an associate pastor. During the initial Mutual Ministry committee meeting with Pastor Marcus, time was spent discussing potential job duties of the senior pastor and the associate pastor. This breakdown of job duties will help in our ongoing call process.

Likewise, the necessary requirements for the renovation of the Fellowship Hall are being re-evaluated. How much could "sweat equity" (members doing the work) decrease costs? Are costs being estimated based on beauty or functionality (\$200 toilets versus \$2500 toilets)? Where is the moisture coming from which causes deterioration of the Fellowship Hall flooring—seepage from the ground, seepage through

the windows and/or walls or both? How do we best address the moisture issue? At this point, there are multiple active members of the congregation who cannot participate in functions held in the Fellowship Hall due to a loss of independence in entering and exiting the Fellowship Hall. How much are the members of Emanuel's willing to fund? In further discussions, the Finance Committee has recommended increasing the use of investment funds from \$150,000 to \$250,000 as seed money for the project. Renovations should result in stimulating outreach. Why keep all funds invested while we wait—for what? Mission Investment Fund is being contacted to gather information about obtaining a building loan. Pastor Don V. pointed out that he had divided the total renovation cost by the number of members for a possible guideline. We use 390 members to develop a quorum number. If \$750,000 (current estimated cost of the Fellowship Hall renovation) is divided by 390, the cost would be met if each member contributed approximately \$2,000. What are you willing to contribute either monetarily or in sweat equity?

In the midst of all that is happening, Guide One insurance company issued a notice stating that they would be cancelling the insurance coverage provided Emanuel's. Our agent has explained that Guide One is tightening their underwriting procedures. Not replacing the roof on Emanuel's sanctuary most likely was seen negatively. Brotherhood Mutual Insurance, a company which has been writing policies with churches for 100 years, will be providing coverage.

September begins the busiest time in the Church year. Even though we have met obstacles in our ability to move forward with the building and associate pastor endeavors, the work of the church goes on. How will you be reaching out and participating during God's Work Our Hands Sunday; participating in WELCA quilting and outreach projects; baking coffee cakes for the Ladies Aid Bazaar to fund outreach; helping with the Polka Service and sausage lunch to support the Christian Cupboard; decorate a float for the Seguin Christmas Parade; take holiday meals to the members' homes; help to plan the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary; assist with Sunday School and youth programs? The list goes on and continues to grow as Pastor Marcus works in the Seguin community to evaluate how we can better serve the community-at-large in addition to our own members. Through the times of frustration, God is at work at Emanuel's. With His guidance, Emanuel's will be **"the Church God is calling us to be by declaring God's love, serving others and embracing all"**.



# EMANUEL'S IN THE NEWS

## COMMUNITY GARDENS

Article by Kati Waxler (Emanuel's member), Photos by Hannah Ruiz (Emanuel's Day School parent) Reprinted with permission by the *Seguin Gazette* from April 2018



There are many aspects to living a healthy life-style — physical activity, a well-rounded social life, connection to nature and of course a healthy diet. For thousands of years now, gardening has been the inherent solution to these needs. In today's society, it is challenging to find the opportunity to garden and maintain sustainability. Gardens require time and space, which many of us tend to run short on. Between the demands of work, school and children's activities it is all too

easy to turn to processed foods, avoid meeting new people, stay indoors and not work up a sweat.

Community Gardens are an elegant way to break the cycle. Seguin is home to several of these projects, which help people to connect with nature, their community and themselves. From vegetable gardens to floral pollinator gardens, they have all gained momentum in recent seasons.

One of the gardens is maintained by the Seguin League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC). Garden manager Ricardo Guerra said the garden started as an answer to LULAC members who wanted to learn about diabetes prevention.

"We have a class on diabetes and one thing that we all came to understand is that we all need to have more vegetables in our diets," Guerra said. "So we thought a garden where we could all help maintain it and all reap the benefits would be a good start."

Guerra said he never expected the garden to gain as much support as it has.

"There were a lot of questions that we had starting off,







here to get their vegetables,” Guerra said. “They might not be able to plow their own gardens and do the heavy lifting, but they come here and talk about farms they grew up on and they contribute in their own ways.”

Emanuel’s Lutheran Church and Emanuel’s Day School also maintain a community garden in the heart of Seguin. Day school director Deb Haug said the project has been in the works for a long time.

“The Garden of Eatin’ has been in operation for about six years, but the idea goes back much farther,” Haug said. “A group of some congregation

you know,” Guerra said. “So members of the community gave us advice on things that they’ve grown for years. Where to plant, when to plant, how to prevent pests with natural alternatives ... all of these things are coming from people who figured it out before you could just google the answers.”

The LULAC community garden has a variety of vegetables, such as cabbage, lettuce, broccoli and radishes, and also features peach trees, Japanese persimmons and fig trees, donated by the Woodmen of the World Seguin Chapter.

Guerra said that people from all walks of life come to participate in the maintenance of the garden.



“We have volunteers from Texas Lutheran come help, members of different organizations. We also have a lot of little kids coming out to learn about it, and they’re learning that some of the food they didn’t even know were plants are actually very easy to grow.”

The group Guerra said benefits the most is the elderly.

“The older generation of people come out

members from Emanuel’s Lutheran Church wanted to have a community garden. One of our teachers, Lanette Janz, joined with my husband, Mike Haug, and they worked to make a plot of land that belonged to Emanuel’s into an educational garden.”

Since then, the garden has offered blessings in many forms, Haug said.

“People come together, especially in the summer, to work in the garden. We have the main garden which is open to the community, but we also have a smaller part sectioned off for the children at the Day School.”



Vegetables aren't necessarily the first subject that you'd expect children to be interested in, but Haug said that most people would be surprised to get a glimpse into "the Garden of Eatin'."

"If you want to see kids eat kale and spinach and broccoli, this is where they do that," Haug said. "If they grow it, they'll eat it. They've put in all of that hard work so they see the vegetables as a reward. And Ms. Janz is really good about incorporating it into the curriculum."

In the garden, the preschoolers learn basic math principles, measuring, vocabulary and even some science experiments. And the excess vegetables that the chil-

dren and other community members don't eat?

"Well the kids load up their wagons with everything that needs to be picked, and we take a walk to the Christian Cupboard. So they learn a lot more than composting and harvesting — they learn how to improve their community."

In fact, Haug said the children's hard work was recognized during last year's Earth Day celebrations.

"The kids in Ms. Janz's class won the prize for the group most likely to save the Earth. And that's because they are learning about sustainable lifestyles — not just once a year or as a block of instruction but every single day they are being more green."



## SPOTLIGHT ON PARTNERS IN MINISTRY

### Childhood Literacy Program

The RSVP America Reads Program pairs senior volunteers with kindergarten, first grade and second grade students in elementary schools in Seguin and throughout Guadalupe County. Volunteers meet individually with assigned students for 30 minutes once a week on school campuses to provide one-on-one tutoring during regular school hours. These tutoring sessions not only help children improve their reading skills but also provide them with greater confidence and instill a love of learning. To qualify, individuals must:

- Be age 55 or older
- Complete the volunteer application
- Commit at least 30 minutes of time per week during the school year
- Pass a school-administered background check
- Provide regular reporting to the RSVP Volunteer Coordinator

"Community involvement is vital to the success of Texas public school systems. As we work to build and strengthen partnerships between our community and Seguin ISD, I appreciate the efforts of our RSVPs for sharing their time and talents with our elementary school students. I encourage our seniors from Seguin and Guadalupe County to volunteer in support of RSVP and in turn help support the students of Seguin ISD," said Dr. Matthew Gutierrez, Seguin ISD superintendent.

If you are interested in volunteering, call the RSVP Program at 830-379-0300 for additional information. Or stop by and say "Hello!" RSVP offices on the second floor of Emanuel's across from the church office. Barbara and Stella would love to meet you.





# SPOTLIGHT ON EMANUEL'S MINISTRY

## Bereavement Ministry at Emanuel's Lutheran Church

We often tell people that grief is normal, natural, and necessary. While I believe that to be true, when someone is experiencing intense grief it is hard to comprehend that anything that hurts so much can be helpful.

In the book, *The Unwanted Gift of Grief*, the author Rev. Tim P. Vandervelde reminds us that God can help us find a path to healing, hope, and transformation.

Rather than talking people out of their grief and pain to feel better, Vandervelde invites us to acknowledge that grief is a time of adjusting, adapting, and healing.

Unfortunately, because our society places so much value on the ability to "carry on," "keep your chin up" and "keep busy", many mourners are abandoned shortly after the event of the death.



"It's over and done with" and "it's time to get on with your life" are the types of messages directed at denying our grief instead of expressing it.

In acknowledging these concerns and in a commitment to the mission of bearing witness to the struggle of others, the church council in 2011 encouraged Donna Simmons and myself to develop a congregational bereavement program.

The mission of this bereavement program supports and extends the ministry offered to members and their families at the time of death. In addition to this initial ministry, there is also a commitment to providing on going after care in the days and months ahead after the death and funeral of a loved one.

This includes follow up phone calls, bereavement letters, and invitations to attend Six Week Life after Loss Classes and "Grief and the Holiday" workshops. Grief is an individual journey; however, it is not one you have to do alone.

If you have a bereavement question, concern, or suggestions please don't hesitate to let us know how we can help and support. Emanuel's Director of Congregational Care, Donna Simmons, welcomes your calls at 830-379-5046.

BY REV. DARWIN HUARTSON, Emanuel's San Antonio Visitation Pastor and Community Coordinator at Porter Loring Mortuaries in San Antonio.

## "Hope in the Holidays" concert with David Kauffman

**Sunday, November 11, 2018**  
**3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.**  
**at St. James Catholic Church**

Co-Hosted by Emanuel's Lutheran Church and St. James Catholic Church



*"My songs come from real life, and reflect our shared journey. I help people find the presence they knew, the balance they seek, and the joy they long for through concerts, workshops and with the Companion on the Journey Community."*

David Kauffman is a songwriter, recording artist, and filmmaker. He performs concerts and facilitates workshops with a crystal clear mission: Song and Story for Healing and Hope.



David Kauffman



# EMANUEL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

October 28, 2018

*It is* **Polka** *time!*

Reformation Sunday  
Worship Service *and* Sausage Lunch  
10:30 AM on the Lawn  
Noon

Free-will offering for  
The Christian Cupboard

This fine, fun, festive tradition at Emanuel's is a family affair. Stay tuned for sign up sheets to volunteer and/or bring side dishes, desserts, etc. Come early, stay late, and enjoy the toe-tapping, finger licking, friend hugging, "all that is right with the world" day for a good cause- The Christian Cupboard!

## FOURTH QUARTER YEAR B 2018 CHURCH YEAR CALENDAR

| DATE     | SEASON             | 1st READING              | PSALM       | 2nd READING          | GOSPEL                   |
|----------|--------------------|--------------------------|-------------|----------------------|--------------------------|
| Sept. 2  | Pent 15            | Deut. 4:1-2, 6-9         | Ps 15       | James 1:7-27         | Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23 |
| Sept. 9  | Pent 16            | Isa 35:4-7a              | Ps 146      | James 2:1-10, 14-17  | Mark 7:24-37             |
| Sept. 16 | Pent 17            | Isa 50:4-9a              | Ps 116:1-9  | James 3:1-12         | Mark 8:27-38             |
| Sept. 23 | Pent 18            | Jer 11:18-20             | Ps 54       | James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a | Mark 9:30-37             |
| Sept. 30 | Pent 19            | Num 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29 | Ps 19:7-14  | James 5:13-20        | Mark 9:38-50             |
| Oct. 7   | Pent 20            | Gen 2:18-24              | Ps 8        | Heb 1:1-4, 2:5-12    | Mark 10:2-16             |
| Oct. 14  | Pent 21            | Amos 5:6-7, 10-15        | Ps 90:12-17 | Heb 4:12-16          | Mark 10:17-31            |
| Oct. 21  | Pent 22            | Isa 53:4-12              | Ps 91:9-16  | Heb 5:1-10           | Mark 10:35-45            |
| Oct. 28  | Reformation Sunday | Jer 31:31-34             | Ps 46       | Rom 3:19-28          | John 8:31-36             |
| Nov. 4   | All Saints Day     | Isa 25:6-9               | Ps 24       | Rev 21:1-6a          | John 11:32-44            |
| Nov. 11  | Pent 25            | 1 Kings 17:8-16          | Ps 146      | Heb 9:24-28          | Mark 12:38-44            |
| Nov. 18  | Pent 26            | Dan 12:1-3               | Ps 16       | Heb 10:11-14, 19-25  | Mark 13:1-8              |
| Nov. 25  | Christ the King    | Dan 7:9-11, 13-14        | Ps 93       | Rev 1:4b-8           | John 18:33-37            |

# SPOTLIGHT ON YESTERDAY

## LANDMARK CHURCHES OF OUR FAITH

by Charles B. Foelsch

Original printed in the *Lutheran Brotherhood/BOND*, September 1971.

Outside, at Emanuel's, it is the huge oak at the door that fascinates me; inside, it is the windows.

No, I'm not discounting the edifice; it cost nearly a half million 1956 dollars to build; to erect its 1971 equal would take hardly less than a million. And that's not peanut money, even in Texas. Emanuel's property takes in this whole block plus another half-block across the street, for parking.

Seguin - clean, enterprising city of 16,000 people - lies far down in deep Texas, a mere score of miles northeast of San Antonio and the Alamo, unforgettable

cradle of Lone Star liberty. Standing tall and handsome "downtown," Emanuel's is in design related to old Gothic, though the kinship is not close. The church is big and all of tan brick, stone trimmed. Its massive tower carries a cross-topped coppered steeple that at its tip looks down from a height more than a hundred feet above Travis Street. The tower's sonorous old bell calls the faithful to worship at all appointed hours, jubilates for weddings and tolls in muted triumph for funerals, as it has, faithfully, these 100 Emanuel's years.

The whole pile is commandingly attractive. Its dignity pays tribute to the skillful devotion of the builders. Nevertheless, that live oak at its portal charms me even more than the edifice. For long before humans built all

this, this evergreen was here, a patriarch already, when in 1850 under the spell of a divine impulse, a pastor sent by his South Carolina brethren came to Texas and at Galveston planted the Lutherans first mission on Texas soil. His SOS quickly brought fellow missionaries from faraway Switzerland. One of them preached Seguin's first Lutheran sermon late in 1851. In 1870, after years of now-and-again preaching, 19 families organized Emanuel's.

Like the oak, Emanuel's grew but slowly. Though beaten and battered often, it outlasted every storm and modestly, year by year, added beauty and life to the Seguin community. The oak saw it all happening, saw the quaint 1870 frame church built in the founding year; the second church too, in 1912, larger and a little more stylish; saw people going in and out here, in quarrelsome and then penitent years, in prosperous, then penury-ridden years, in eager-to-witness, then selfish years. It saw pastors come and go, some staying briefly and precariously, some long and fruitfully; saw the razing of long outmoded and outgrown church number two and the building, in 1956, toward the close of the dynamic 12 years' ministry of Pastor E.J. Braulick, of this shining new Emanuel's. Outside, it's the oak!

Inside, it's the windows!

That Window of the Passion, high up in the midst of the chancel's climbing brown brick wall, is an arresting example of our day's rich-hued pictorial





glass. Its symbolism is hold exotic. Its colors-grey, red, gold, white and blue- speak, in turn, of sin and grace and hope and royalty and cheer me, as if saying, together, "though crowned with thorns, the Christ is ever King and Savior!" A first rate window this, in every dimension.

There is, of course, much else that is noteworthy here: the shining marble table altar; the retahle's lights; the severely plain mahogany pulpit, lectern and communion rail; the marble font, below, at the left; the sea of golden oak pews, "cushioned" (I'm told sotto voce) "for acoustical reasons"; the bold heavy laminated arches and trusses; the unadorned wood ceiling, high up; the graceful hanging lamps that cheer and brighten the nave.

The side windows? Eloquent, too. They celebrate eight representative trailblazers of grace: on this side, Abraham, David, Isaiah, the Baptist; on the other, Peter, Paul, Augustine, Luther. Each window tells the story of its man, hut only in the language of the symbols. Happily, if the visitor's acquaintance with biblical and ecclesiastical history is only a bowing one, a pleasant usher puts in his hand a nine-sheet aid that sketches the windows and interprets the symbolism of each.

The David window, especially, stirs my interest. At the bottom of its left panel it pictures a sling and five smooth stones. Imagination conjures up that ancient Elah Valley scene ... hulking Goliath in clanking armor, spoiling for a fight, with fierce sword in hand; wee David-just a boy he is, but Israel's champion and God's-challenging him with pebbles

and sling. One lusty swing of the lad's sling and instantly it's a new scene: the braggart giant felled by David's pebble supine in the mud, and David God's victor.

Now, by a whim of fancy I recapture Halford Luccick's sardonic but sage comment one summery long ago after- noon at Union Seminary. David, he pointed out, had the right idea, he let fly with his sling and struck the giant right between the eyes and lodged something in his mind. Literally taken, that spells nonsense, but imaginatively interpreted it has a point, not least right here at Emanuel's. For it reminds me that "lodging something in people's minds" is a top-priority Emanuel's imperative.

Pastor Daniel F. Schloremer, this congregation's shepherd since 1963, is not only an able minister, but a teacher of stature. He has nearly 2000 souls in his parish, more than 500 in his church school and, in the parish house (1929) and still new (1956) education building, class room space for at least 60 groups at a time. The school, as much as the pulpit, is his parish love. He has the town's youth in his heart, youth of every age, college youth not least. His relationship to strong, growing Texas Lutheran College, here in town since 1911, is intimate. Soon after coming to Seguin, he triggered the organization of a student congregation at the College. He has scads of friends on campus. Locally, his primary goal and Emanuel's, he declares, "is to strengthen the educational ministry of the church." He reminds me that in early Emanuel's days of storm and sometimes strife among the



members, "the strongest bond to hold them together was their appreciation of the value of parish education."

The pioneer pastors here, with primitive equipment, picayune pay, and no creature comforts, were as faithful in schoolroom as in church. Tirelessly, they taught Seguin's boys and girls the "4 R's"-readin', ritin' rithmetic and religion. They lent their building to the state to be used as a free school and so fathered the Texas public school system. They were ever lodging truth in the mind of youth!

The lone earth-rooted witness here that saw all of Emanuel's harried yesterdays and sees its busy prospering todays and may confidently expect to outlast the marching decades, is the live oak at its door-whether the new century's breezes blow gently or its wild winds rage.

Mighty oak of God, symbol of the ever living Church, my heart salutes you, as I say farewell. You've seen many things happen in Seguin. And more you'll see and richer things, as you and Emanuel's grow older together and also stronger, here in vast Texas, under heaven's sunny Southland smile.

# SPOTLIGHT ON TODAY & TOMORROW



**God's work.  
Our hands.  
2018**



## God's work. Our Hands.

Emanuel's Lutheran Church, Greater Refuge Church, and Spirit of Joy Lutheran Church joined nearly 9,300 congregations nation-wide participating in a day of service on Sunday, September 9, 2018. 68+ folk joined together with friendship and commitment to

- Write 160 thank you notes to public servants and military
- Tack 20 Lutheran World Relief quilts with global destinations
- Assemble and pack 83 Lutheran World Relief Personal Care Kit
- Assemble and pack 107 Lutheran World Relief School Kit backpacks
- Pick up 6 large garbage bags of trash from Seguin parking lots
- Clean up a neighborhood yard, a project postponed because of rain, rescheduled for Oct. 7

AND, with gladness of heart, we worshiped and lunched together. It was a great day!

## Stewardship Corner

*"As the Father has loved me,  
so I have loved you; abide in my love."*

In many of Martin Luther's writings he comments on the centrality of love within the greater sphere of virtues. He writes, "Patience, chasteness, moderation, etc., are fine virtues, too; but they are trivial when compared with love, which includes all other virtues and brings them in its train." (*Weimar Edition, Luther's Works*) The Apostle Paul, too, is quick to note the importance of love within the grand scope of a life lived in Christ. This love isn't trivial but is sacrificial. God gave everything in the Son, Jesus Christ, so that world would be saved from sin and death and all who believe would be given the gift of eternal life. When we abide in, meaning when we follow, observe, hold to, or conform to that kind of love, we will never be the same. As stewards (caretakers) of Christ's love given to the world, we are commissioned to share it and expose its radical, grace-filled joy to all those we meet.



## Food, Fun & Fellowship

Food, Fun & Fellowship is a support group of people who are widowed, divorced or single meeting once a month for lunch and fellowship. Our faith is strengthened as we gather, pray for each other, and have a good time. Please join us in the Women's Ministry Room at noon.

**Sunday, September 16th**

**Sunday, October 21st**

**Sunday, November 25th**

Contact Donna Simmons 830-379-5046 or 830-556-3542



### Special Services

|                        |                             |          |
|------------------------|-----------------------------|----------|
| Seguin Assisted Living | <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Wed</b>   | 2:00 pm  |
| GVNC                   | <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Thurs</b> | 10:30 am |
| Remarkable Health Care | <b>4<sup>th</sup> Tues</b>  | 10:30 am |
| Argent Court           | <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Wed</b>   | 2:00 pm  |
| Nesbit Nursing Home    | <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Thurs</b> | 10:30 am |
| Windsor Nursing Home   | <b>4<sup>th</sup> Wed</b>   | 2:30 pm  |
| Hacienda Oaks          | <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Wed</b>   | 10:00 am |





## EMANUEL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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**[www.emanuelslutheranchurch.com](http://www.emanuelslutheranchurch.com)** is our website. Current events are featured on the home page- just click on the graphics for details. The Worship Leader Schedule, Church Calendar, Christian Education Offerings, and Staff Contacts are updated on this site.

**Bulletin Boards and Narthex Screen** also share information about events happening at Emanuel's. If you would like to post a flyer or have one created, check with the church office.

**Facebook** is another helpful communication platform. Look for our several small groups and posted events that are easy to share with friends.

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