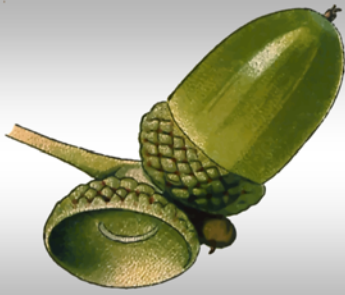


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“We are a Pentecost Church”

“April showers bring May flowers,” the old adage has always told us. The bulbs and seeds planted back in the late winter, watered by the rains of spring, now push forth from the ground in grand style with colors galore. As Jesus says in Matthew 6, “Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these.” (Matthew 6:28-29, NRSV) The flower beds in the front of our home will soon be ablaze with color as our Gladiolas, Lilies, and Irises are pushing up toward the sky. The same can be said for our church campus. The trees and flower beds are thriving and preparing for the summer time that is on the horizon and soon, even more colors will appear at the street corners and entrances. Truly, Solomon and all his glory couldn’t hold a match stick to creation!

Blessedly enough, we celebrate the same kinds of things within the church calendar as well. We have made our journey to and through Easter and now, as the Sunday draw ever closer, we celebrate the appearances of the risen Jesus Christ to the disciples while our hearts and minds prepare for the Day of Pentecost. It is in this season, these “Sundays after Easter,” that the seeds planted back in the late winter, those stories of Jesus’ impending death and resurrection and the purposes for his birth, have pushed through the ground of our hearts. These seeds were sown with great care by the Spirit who moved in and among us in worship, Bible study, community fellowship, and wherever God has called us to live and serve. These seeds have taken hold in the fertile soil of our souls, the places we need the healing love and grace of Christ to bear upon us, and they have begun their transformative process. They have gone from shells of potential futures to images of death and decay to now realities of new life. These flowers of possibilities are springing up all over the place we need only open our eyes.

Our church is alive with new possibilities and with conversations about what God is up to in our midst. Drawings and schematics adorn bulletin boards in our Narthex, seeking the ever-attentive eyes of our members and visitors to their details as well as their ardent prayers as we seek to be God’s people in this place. Two associate pastoral candidates have dined and worshipped with us now that this newsletter has been printed and sent to you. They, as well as the Call Committee and Church Council, continue to be in a place of discernment and prayer as we listen to each other, discuss the possibilities, and move forward together in faith. Conversations

are happening with neighboring congregations to build a better network of support and care for our community that involves those who are homeless, those who are in the midst of tragic transition, or those in need of support to make it over a “road bump” in life. These plans also include the revitalization of the “Meals on Wheels” program for our area of the county and a continued strengthening of our church relationships with not only our Lutheran sister churches but with the dozens of other in our city. Direction and plans are continuing to unfold as we, along with two other congregations, seek to support and provide a learning space for a seminary intern. Even our summer children and youth education rhythms are getting an overhaul and revitalization! Can you feel it? The Spirit is certainly at work in and among our congregation and we will all be blessed by the adventure.

We are a Pentecost church and we are a people born of the Spirit’s movement and guidance. As the disciples gathered in the Upper Room in Acts 2 and the Spirit interceded with and for them in a way that drove them to live lives of preaching and teaching in the name of Jesus, so too are we sent. The Spirit is at work in this place and we are the ones being called and sent in Christ’s name. The tongues of fire that dance on our heads may not be the ability to speak new languages, but rather the eye-opening desire to see and experience where new life is growing. The Spirit has continued, for over 148 years, to water and fertilize the field of Emanuel’s Lutheran Church; the seeds of our history making room for the growth of our future. The flowers of the Spirit’s labors, the fruits of the Spirit’s work, continue to grow and produce in bountiful ways among us. The possibilities are endless as to what can and will happen in our midst and it is up to us to seek out ways we can engage this divine work for the sake of the Gospel. Everything we are called to do is in response to this blessed and divine work in our midst. Our invitations to others to join us in worship are birthed out of Christ’s life-giving gift. Our prayers lifted-up on behalf of those who have no voice to pray are done so with the promise that Christ has given us a voice that can demand God’s attention. Our service, to and for our neighbor, is out of a loving response because we cherish the command to “Go, therefore, and baptize. Go, therefore, and live. Go, therefore, and preach of God’s kingdom come.”

In God’s grip,



Pastor Marcus

Prayer Garden

Emanuel’s outdoor Prayer Garden is under the Heritage Oak near the sanctuary entrance. It is available 24/7 for contemplative time with God.

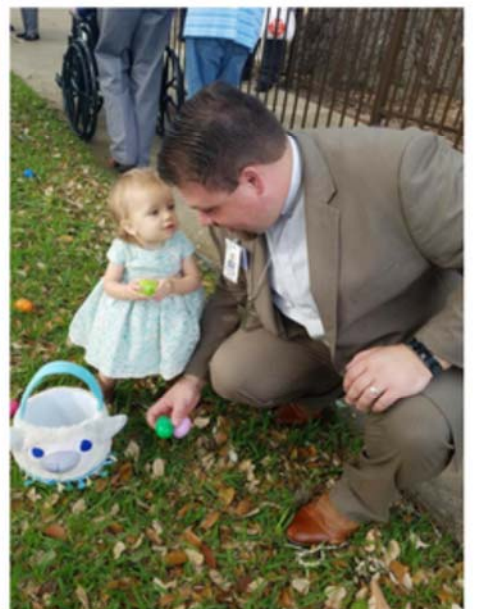
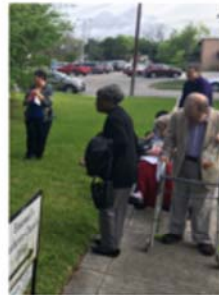
Special Services

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

May 2018 Lectionary Readings

DATE	SEASON	1st READING	PSALM	2nd READING	GOSPEL
May 6	6 Easter	Acts 10:44-48	Ps 98	1 John 5:1-6	John 15:9-17
May 13	7 Easter	Acts 1:15-17, 21-26	Ps 1	1 John 5: 9-13	John 17:6-19
May 20	Day of Pentecost	Acts 2:1-21	Ps 104:24-34: 35b	Rom 8:2-27	John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15
May 27	The Holy Trinity	Isa 6:1-8	Ps 29	Rom 8:12-17	John 3:1-17

Easter 2018 at Emanuel's



Council Report submitted by Karen Weinstein

“The Safest Place is in the Center of God’s Will.”

The above quote, taken from an iBelieve devotional, seemed very fitting as Emanuel’s works to fulfill its Mission Statement. As said in the recent past, the members of Emanuel’s have made headways or have actually accomplished many of the goals established in our Emanuel’s 2020 Strategic Plan. What has not been accomplished revolves around stewardship and outreach.

Emanuel’s has been blessed by calling a young, energetic, pastor who is grounded in the Word and Sacrament. Pastor Marcus has worked hard to minister to the needs of the existing membership along with working to re-establish Emanuel’s presence in the community and the Synod. He is also working to grow and diversify our membership plus be engaged in developing a facilities master plan. A lot for 1 person. The Church Council has acknowledged that our rostered staff needs an established support system. A Mutual Ministry committee will be re-instituted with a committee makeup of 2 members chosen by Pastor Marcus and 3 members chosen by the council. But the pastor and the associate pastor who we hope to call in the near future, cannot fully reach our goals without member involvement.

Council discussed at length the re-engagement of the committee structure. Most members appear to be reticent to join a committee. We do know that monthly committee nights is not going to happen, however, a focal group of engaged people are usually needed to organize a task. The funeral reception committee and the hospitality cart groups are 2 “committees” that work extremely well and neither group has ever had a committee meeting that I know of. Based on this type of outcome, committees will most likely be task oriented. Be open to the call when asked to join a committee as we move to be the church God is calling us to be.

The Finance Committee has met as issues arise. Most recently, they were asked to review proposals submitted by organizations which would assist with a capital campaign to raise funds for our building renovations. The thought is that we need a targeted funding goal before engaging in a capital campaign. To this end, the architects are being pushed to provide costs. For now, the focus is being placed on creating accessibility to the Fellowship Hall. The currently inoperable lift has been evaluated with the initial cost being approximately \$2400, but additional repairs could be needed. Based on design sketches, the cost to either replace the lift or build a ramp to provide access is estimated to be around \$36,000. With this in mind, the Council has voted to replace the lift with a ramp as quickly as possible without attempting to repair the current lift. In addition, the Finance Committee was provided with the results of the audit of the 2016 financials. The audit completed by Randy Walker and Associates revealed no major issues. Primarily, those members who have anything to do with financial actions from taking the weekly offering to the bank on Sunday morning to approving payments to opening mail, etc. must be more intentional in maintaining checks and balances. Based on the auditor’s recommendation that church finances be audited every 3 years with an annual review be completed in between audits, Council has approved a review of the 2017 financials.

The Synod Assembly happening May 4-6, has provided the members of Emanuel’s with an opportunity to become re-engaged with Synod activity. Emanuel’s involvement has included participation on the planning committee; Deb Haug being named as chairman of the credentialing committee; Steve Anderson being involved in organizing candidates for the election of a new Bishop; Pastor Marcus’s involvement with Cross Trails; and, as of this writing, 6 of the 14 Cibolo Creek Conference members who have signed up to assist with hospitality are from Emanuel’s. There are still hospitality openings and opportunities to sing in the choir or play in the bell choir. In addition, Emanuel’s will provide an offering totaling \$4,927.60 to go toward the ELCA Fund for Leaders. This is almost 1/3 of the \$15,000 goal for the whole of the Cibolo Creek Conference. And, we don’t want to forget our LWR offerings of \$2510 toward the Heifer Project, \$1475 for the Feathered Friends project along with the quilts, backpacks and personal hygiene packs recently shipped. Thank you to all who have stepped up.

As we continue to move forward to strategically fulfill the goals of the Emanuel’s 2020 plan, let us pray for the courage to let go of what’s comfortable and continue to work to **“Be the Church God is calling us to be by declaring God’s love, serving others and embracing all”** as the safest place to be is in the Center of God’s Will.

Christian Education

Weekday Studies

Tuesday Morning Bible Study (Family Life Center): 7:30 a.m. each Tuesday led by Pastor Marcus.

Faith Circle (Women's Ministry Room): Third Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.

Joy Circle (Women's Ministry Room): Second Thursday at 9:30 a.m.

Ladies Aid (Women's Ministry Room): First Wednesday at 2 p.m.

First Communion 2018

Pictured left to right: Pastor Marcus, Elle Kallus, Katie Miller, and Hannah Bentley

Thank you for baking the communion bread shared on Maundy Thursday. Blessings to you all from your Emanuel's Family.



Sunday School for All Ages, 9:15 a.m.

Children, Youth & Family

JUMPSTART (1st Floor Big Classroom): Preschool to 6th Grade, "Kids Own Worship!"

JUMPDRIVE (Confirmation Room): 7th & 8th Confirmation Study with "CoLABorate." High School Students who have not completed Confirmation are encouraged to attend.

JUMLIVE (ELYO Room): High School, College, and Young Adult Ministries in a dynamic environment.

The Assembly Class (Archives Room): In-depth scripture study led by Dennis Sagebiel and John Schwartz.

The Covenant Class (Family Life Center): "The Greatest Story- Bible Introduction" led by Jeanne Palmer.

The Heritage Class (307): "Acknowledging God," an Augsburg Adult Bible Study led by Steve Richardson.

Day School Enrollment Now Open

The Day School is currently enrolling children for the summer session (June 11-Aug 22) and the new school year (August 23, 2018-May 30, 2019). Our best source of prospective families continues to be word-of-mouth from current and former families and our own congregation's positive reach into our community. We offer year-round care with certified teachers working with the Pre-K classes during the school year and offer education and childcare to our community's working families by being closed only twelve week days during the entire calendar year. Contact Deb Haug at 379-5046 and dayschool@emanuels-seguin.org. Thank you for your support



Emanuel's Day School News

All of us at the Day School welcome three new Teacher Assistants who have arrived over the last two months. Ms. Tracie Licerio assists Ms. Janz in Pre-K 4 and has twenty-two years of experience working in a variety of Early Childhood settings and her Child Development Associate's degree. Ms. Stephanie Oliva assists Ms. Mueller in Pre-K3 bringing a wealth of experience in childcare, particularly in Christian education settings as well as an Associate's degree in Liberal Arts. Ms. Melinda Neumann, serving part-time every afternoon in the Toddler classroom, is returning to her first career working with youngsters in Early Childhood settings. She most recently served as a caregiver to the homebound and at GRMC.

On May 11 Pre-K3 and Pre-K four will present their annual Mother's Day skits here at ELDS. Everyone is invited to visit with us to learn what we have learned this year and share in fellowship with parents, children, teachers and volunteers. Join us Friday, May 11, at 9:00am for the presentations.

Check out the [Garden of Eatin' Seguin Facebook](#) page for great pictures on beet crop harvest and our trip to The Christian Cupboard to donate the fruits of our labor. Stewardship is alive and well at Emanuel's Day School. The Day School has enjoyed a very good registration period which began in late February. Our current families are re-enrolling their children for the next class and several new families arrive for tours and enrollment every week. It appears now that we will have a strong enrollment for the 2018-2019 school year.

For "T" Week, Cason Ulrich's father drove a tractor to school for "show and tell" and the children enjoyed climbing all over it. We quizzed the children that afternoon to learn that the tractor was "green" and "yellow", the tires were "really, really big" and it was fun to climb into the cab. Hayden, who just turned three, looked at his teacher and said very matter-of-factly, "There sure is a lot of exhaust coming out of that exhaust manifold. Maybe he needs to work on it"! What?!? As Art Linkletter said, "Kids say the darnedest things"!

Deb Haug, Director



THANK YOU to the wonderful folks at church who volunteered to donate old towels, t-shirts and other "discards" to replenish our rag stock! The children use these rags to wipe down the play equipment when it's wet and clean up many of their own messes with food, paint, glitter and all of the other stuff that collects on the floor during meals and projects. We also have a wonderful volunteer who washes those rags as needed and returns them to us in a large bag. The Pre-K4 class loves to fold and sort the rags by size and color and put them away in storage. Thank you for helping our children learn the concept of responsibility!

The VISTA^{lite}

DWELLING IN... JEREMIAH 29:11

For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope.

Brothers and sisters in Christ,

As you are reading this in your congregational newsletter, your voting members and those of other synod congregations are preparing for the Synod Assembly on May 4-6. I am convinced that they covet your prayers this year.

Along with electing many leaders in the synod, approving a budget, and celebrating the offering which supports Fund for Leaders (scholarships for seminarians), this assembly will be electing a new bishop. I trust that they have read about each of the potential nominees for the Bishop's election on the assembly website and that you have as well.

Having served in the Office of Bishop almost eighteen years, I can testify to both the weight and the joy of this calling. It is an honor to serve in this

position, a testimony of peers and partners in ministry recognizing one's gifts for this Office. As I have been humbled to serve in this capacity, I trust that the Holy Spirit will lead this assembly to choose the right person for its next bishop.

So, what can you do while your voting members are at the assembly? First, remember them in prayer, so that in all things they will have wisdom. Second, invoke the presence of the Holy Spirit for all assembly decisions, particularly that of electing a new bishop. Third, let your Sunday worship be a local celebration of all those gathered at assembly. It is a symbol of our unity in Christ.

As always, I remember you in prayer.

Peace,

Bishop Ray Tiemann

MORE CONGREGATIONS IN THE MISSIONAL RIVER

In March and April, the Missional River was flowing! Ten congregations assembled at Ebenezer in Maxwell; three of them have been in this process for a year; seven were just beginning. Then, in April, we headed to the Valley for our second learning seminar with three congregations who are in the middle of listening in their congregation and who will soon foray into their neighborhoods to investigate where God might be at work. These congregations are learning new skills and behaviors to equip them to be the church in the 21st century. Want to learn more? Contact Pastor Sue Briner in the synod office, or Pastor Greg Gaskamp, current chair of our Mission Team.



NEW CONGREGATION!



The people of Iglesia Luterana San Pablo in San Antonio voted to become a congregation of the ELCA. A Dios sea la Gloria! They will be accepted as a new congregation at the 2018 Synod Assembly.



INSTALLATION

Welcome Pastor Andrew Dietzel to St. Martin's and the Capital South Conference!



Music Ministry News

Members of the Emanuel's Music Ministry are all rested up after Easter Sunday and are beginning the next phase of the liturgical year, that is, Sundays after Easter to Holy Trinity Sunday on May 27th. This group of devoted folks sang, rang, blew, fingered, and bowed their way through a wonderful Lenten/Easter cycle, and provided some very lovely music for the enjoyment and edification of worshippers. I want to publicly thank them for their constancy, and for the quality of their service.

Our musical forces have experienced growth recently, and it is appropriate to lift up their names so that you may know who they are. In the JUBILATION SINGERS, our choir of voices, we welcome sopranos Cheryl Sikich, friend of Donna Dodgen Greiner and Sally Schwartz, and Hannah Jones, daughter of Donna Rossnagel. In the alto section, Evelyn Doege, longtime member of Emanuel's, Karen Koepp from New Braunfels, but who has longtime ties to Emanuels, and Donna Rossnagel, mother of Hannah Jones, have added their talents to our group. In the tenor section, Chris Teague has added his beautiful voice to the mix. Chris is a talented guitarist as well, and is on board weekly in his capacity both as an accompanist and as a soloist. In the bass section we welcome the participation of Ethan Koepp and Levi Stalsworth. Ethan and his mom and siblings have been my students for a number of years, and now both he and mom are singing with us. Levi has been involved in the music ministry as a bell ringer since he was very young, but has now added his voice to the group. Our handbell choir, the HEAVENLY RINGERS, welcomes Susan Gerth, longtime member of Emanuel's, to its ranks, as well as Rissa and Jacquelyn Springs, who have actually been members of the group for several years. INSTRUMENTAL PRAISE, our ensemble of wind and string players, welcomes Eddie Arrisola, violinist, of Stockdale, and Richard Kortz, clarinetist, one of very own Eagle Scouts. Richard is member of First United Methodist Church, Seguin.

Our newest group, the JOY CHOIR, which meets as a class each Sunday morning, loves to sing happily and joyfully all the good old songs like "I've Got the Joy, Joy, Joy, Joy Down In My Heart" and "He's Got the Whole World In His Hand."

They want to share their gifts with others here in Seguin who are residents in nursing homes and retirement centers. We are planning our first outing to Nesbit Nursing Home very soon.

Well, there it is and there they are. I hope that you will support them all by telling them personally that you appreciate their work.

Tunefully yours,
Tom Engler, Director of Music



Mother's Day

SUNDAY, MAY 13



Graduation Sunday

SUNDAY, MAY 13



Confirmation Sunday

SUNDAY, MAY 20



Mission and Outreach

CWU MAY FRIENDSHIP DAY
FELLOWSHIP OF THE LEAST COIN
FRIDAY, MAY 4, AT NOON



Church Women United

A racially, culturally, theologically inclusive ecumenical women's movement

Join us for the May Friendship Day Celebration of Church Women United at Emanuel's Lutheran Church.



Bring a dish of your favorite recipe to share and enjoy the fellowship with other Christian women from area churches. The theme for the event is "Reaching for Wholeness in Gratitude for God's Presence" based on Colossians 1:17. This year's May Friendship Day centers on the role of Christian women in addressing the social needs of hunger and poverty, in particular childhood hunger. Following the covered dish lunch, we will have a worship service during which we will collect the Fellowship of the Least Coin, an annual project of CWU. Women of Emanuel's will serve as hostesses in the Women's Ministry Room. Contacts: Barbara Effenberger (379-5290) and Elaine Giesber (557-6658).

Community Outreach Appreciation

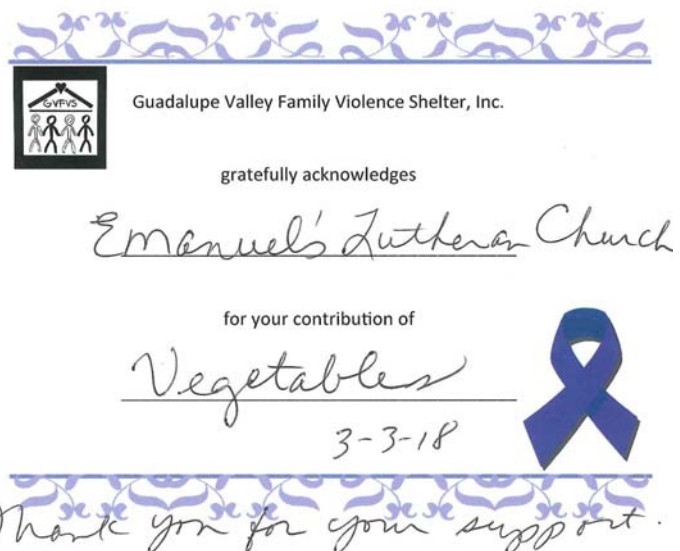
Special acknowledgements to Emanuel's volunteers and donors. Your time, energy, and love for others is felt far and wide. Doing "God's Work, Our Hands" all year long.

Heartfelt Thanks
from the
Christian Cupboard



Covenant S.S. Class
Thank you for your donation

It is through support such as yours
that we are able to continue
our fight against hunger



Church Activities & Announcements

LIVING A RESURRECTED LIFE – THE CYCLE OF LOSS, DEATH AND REBIRTH How well do you handle losses? How well do you handle grief? Processing losses and our grief invites us to practice living a resurrected life. On **Sunday, May 27th** Pastor Darwin Huartson will present a class during Sunday School from 9:15-10:15 on living the cycle of loss, death, and rebirth. Everyone is invited to come.



Food, Fun & Fellowship

We are 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!

Sunday, May 20th at Noon

Women's Ministry Room

Hamburgers and Hotdogs provided. Bring a dish to share!

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

Dear Members of Emanuel's, Pastor Marcus, Tom Engler, and Ladies Aid.....

Thank you all for the generous memorials given in memory of my mother, Laura Merz. We also want to thank the Ladies Aid for your assistance and preparation with the reception following mom's service. Also, to Pastor Marcus for such a beautiful service celebrating mom's life and Tom for providing such beautiful music as always during the service.

We are so blessed to part of such a wonderful and loving church family. God Bless.....

The Family of Laura Merz

Notes on Proposed Building Plan

Please share your thoughts, comments, questions, and concerns regarding these plans. The Facilities Task Force and Council continue to work on and modify these plans to best fit the growing needs of our congregation and mission to which we are called. Sheets of paper and an envelope are available in the Narthex for your responses.

- Additional **handicap and wheelchair accessible seating** planned throughout the sanctuary.
- First two pews on either side of the Sanctuary are removed and in their place are movable chairs for additional flexibility in seating.
- The **choir and bell choirs return to the balcony** as the floor is expanded out into the sanctuary. Five pews are removed from either side to make this happen.
- The **expanded Narthex** provides additional space for funeral greeting and gathering by both families and visitors. Additionally, after worship fellowship is not as congested with the additional space to mingle.
- Note the direction of the elevator has changed. This will accommodate a casket being brought into the Narthex from the outside sidewalk.
- With the addition of a covered walkway and drive-up parking, the ramp outside the building isn't necessary and is therefore removed.
- On the Fellowship Hall floor, **showers** have replaced what is currently LWR storage space. This provides an outreach to youth groups traveling through, as well as disaster response ministries.
- The space the youth room currently occupies in the Fellowship Hall is removed for additional storage and to facilitate a **ramp down into the Fellowship Hall**.
- The current lift area is modified to include only a ramp that is proposed to go through the large storage closet. This provides independent movement between floors at all times. Subsequently, the current elevator and access point in the chapel (currently inoperable) are removed.

Church Activities & Announcements

Fifth Sunday

Time with the Emanuel's Family

AN AFTER WORSHIP GATHERING

Potluck Lunch

- Following worship
- Fellowship Hall
- Bring a dish to share!
Main dishes, desserts,
sides are all needed..

Fun and Games

- Catch up with neighbors
- Table games available
- Seasonal activities

Learning Opportunities

"MAKE SURE YOUR VOICE IS HEARD"
LIFE Care planning is for ALL adults.
"It's all about the conversation."

Chaplain Liliana De La Torre and Chaplain Tom Jones from Guadalupe Regional Medical Center will give a short informational presentation on LIFE Care and how to be in "conversation" with your family members and plan for future healthcare decisions.



April 29, 2018

Ladies Aid Report By Jeannie Hall

Twenty members, one guest and Pastor Marcus attended the April 4th meeting of the Ladies Aid. Twenty-six visits were made to home-bound and shut-ins.

President, Jeannie Hall, welcomed everyone and opened with a prayer. After the opening hymn, "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing", Pastor Marcus gave a very interesting Bible study of his trip to the Holy Land. He showed slides of the Church of the Nativity and Bethlehem. He will continue the study at the May 2nd meeting. Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy this very interesting Bible study.

Vice President, Debbie Almquist, read the April birthdays and anniversaries, "A Glad and Happy Birthday" and "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today" was sung in their honor.

Secretary, Doris Jefferies, read the March minutes. Minutes were approved as read. Treasurer, Judy Campbell, gave the treasurer's report. The report was filed for audit.

Judy Campbell contacted Gensis (Guadalupe Valley Nursing Center) for us to help with a bingo party on April 10 at 2:00 pm. Thank you to Judy Campbell, Sandy Clopton, Judy Stollewerk, Estelle Illhardt, Sylvia Schneider, Barbara Lampman, Karen Weinstein and Jeannie Hall. All of these ladies helped the residents play bingo and served refreshments of cookies and punch.

Diane Tyo resigned from the office of Vice President due to the fact her and her husband are moving out of state. We wish them the best.

Hostesses were Barbara Haas and Karen Weinstein. The tables were decorated with the Easter theme. Refreshments were served.

We closed with the Lord's Prayer and sung "God Be With You Till We Meet Again."

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, May 3, at 2:00 pm in the Women's Ministry Room. Hostesses will be the Ladies Aid officers. All ladies are invited for an afternoon of fellowship and the Bible study given by Pastor Marcus.

Church Activities & Announcements

Synod Assembly 2018

The 2018 Synod Assembly will be at the Embassy Suites Conference Center in San Marcos on May 4-6.

The theme for our assembly is Seeds of Hope: Beyond All Imagination.

We are looking for volunteers to help facilitate this special assembly and bishop's election.

- **Lobby Greeters:** Greet attendees in lobby and direct them where to go.
- **Hospitality Registration:** Hand out welcome items and direct people to check in.
- **Observer Check in:** Sign in non-registered guests before and during plenary.
- **Worship Greeters:** Greet attendees prior to and during worship.
- **Plenary Greeters:** Greet attendees and assist with nametag or wristband.
- **Hospitality-Floating Help:** Be available to help as needs arise.

You can sign up on the synod website online at www.swtsynod.org/support or contact Karen Weinstein, srweinst@hotmail.com or 830-401-4131.



DID YOU KNOW that Emanuel's Lutheran Church is a proud member of the **Seguin Chamber of Commerce?** We are! Had a fun visit from the "Surprise Patrol" in April. Being a good neighbor can be a blast!



Opportunities to Serve

Radio Broadcast Sponsorship

Consider sponsoring a KWED 1580AM radio broadcast of our Sunday service in honor of a family member, birthday, holiday or other special event. Contact the church office and sign the poster board in the hall across from the office. Our radio broadcaster of the week will announce your sponsorship on air during the service. This ministry allows you to remember special occasions for family, friends and others during our worship services while, at the same time, defraying Emanuel's budget costs to sponsor a weekly Sunday broadcast. Thank you!

Box Tops for Education

Thank you, Emanuel's, for contributing BOX TOPS to the Day School. We earn \$5.00 for each bundle of 50 labels we mail in. We encourage you to continue funneling those labels our way. If you are not familiar with BOX TOPS, you will find these labels on the packaging of many brand name products you purchase at the store – from foods to paper towels and cleaning products. Please look for this label when you shop, cut it out and place in the Day School mailbox in the office workroom. This has been a steady source of fundraising income for the Day School. Every label helps!

Quilters Meet on Mondays

Quick Quilters meet on the 3rd floor from 9:00 - Noon crafting blankets from every textile imaginable to ship worldwide through Lutheran World Relief. Donations of fabric are welcome!

Ladies Aid Quilters hone their skills in the Women's Ministry Room also from 9:00 - Noon. They tackle special projects upon request and often donate their hand-made treasures for fundraisers.



Are you a shutterbug? Please send your photos of activities and people at Emanuel's to sherry.hardwick@emanuels-seguin.org for publication in *The Acorn*, [Facebook](#), and our website, www.emanuelslutheranchurch.com.

Relay For Life Team

Emanuel's has a long history sponsoring a Guadalupe County Relay For Life Team. Relay For Life is a the signature fundraiser for the American Cancer society. It is staffed and coordinated by volunteers in thousands of communities and 27 countries. Volunteers give of their time and effort because they believe it's time to take action against cancer. Would you like to be a Team Captain, kicking off Emanuel's 2019 fundraising efforts? Participation in Relay For Life is rewarding for survivors, caregivers, and anyone who has been touched by cancer. Let the church office know if you feel called to share your time and talents in this way.

Meals on Wheels

Meals on wheels volunteers are urgently needed. Comal County Senior Citizens Foundation and St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Seguin have partnered to continue services in Guadalupe County. Contact Kathy at 830-629-5447 or kvillarreal@nbsenior.org if you are available to deliver meals one day a week, or even once a month.

Hunger Sunday

Emanuel's collects food on the first Sunday of every month. Donations are distributed to people in need by The Christian Cupboard. Please bring two-or three items: sugar or flour (5-10lb bags), canned beans of all kinds, dry beans, canned fruit, peanut butter, oatmeal, cereal, spaghetti sauce and pasta, vermicelli, canned soups, canned/pkg. tuna or chicken, Hamburger/Tuna Helper. Egg cartons and travel-size personal items are also welcome. Receptacles are in the Narthex and at the Mountain St door.

May Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 7:30 AM Bible Study 8:00 AM Bulletin Info Due 8:30 AM Property Stewards 9:00 AM Day School Chapel 11:00 AM Joy Choir Rehearsal 1:00 PM Staff Meeting 5:30 PM Council Executive Meeting	2 2:00 PM Ladies Aid 6:30 PM Heavenly Ringers 7:30 PM Jubilation Singers	3 9:00 AM Day School Chapel	4 Southwestern Texas Synod Assembly 10:30 AM Church Women United Luncheon	5 Southwestern Texas Synod Assembly
6 Southwestern Texas Synod Assembly 9:15 AM Christian Education for All Ages 10:30 AM 6th Sunday of Easter/Holy Communion	7 9:00 AM Ladies Aid Quilters 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM LWR Quick Quilters 6:30 PM Congregation Council 6:30 PM Cub Scouts	8 7:30 AM Bible Study 8:00 AM Bulletin Info Due 8:30 AM Property Stewards 9:00 AM Day School Chapel 11:00 AM Joy Choir Rehearsal 1:00 PM Staff Meeting	9 10:00 AM Hacienda Oaks Nursing Home Service 2:00 PM Seguin Assisted Living/Devotion & Communion 6:30 PM Heavenly Ringers 7:30 PM Jubilation Singers	10 Ascension of Our Lord 9:00 AM Day School Chapel 9:30 AM Joy Circle 10:30 AM Genesis (GVNC) Service 6:30 PM Day School Advisory Panel	11 9:00 AM Day School Mother's Day Performance	12
13 GRADUATION SUNDAY MOTHER'S DAY VBS Day Camp Registration Ends 9:15 AM Christian Education for All Ages 10:30 AM 7th Sunday of Easter/Holy Communion	14 9:00 AM Ladies Aid Quilters 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM LWR Quick Quilters	15 7:30 AM Bible Study 8:00 AM Bulletin Info Due 8:30 AM Property Stewards 9:00 AM Day School Chapel 11:00 AM Joy Choir Rehearsal 1:00 PM Staff Meeting 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	16 NEWSLETTER INFO DUE 2:00 PM Argent Court Devotion and Communion 6:30 PM Heavenly Ringers 7:30 PM Jubilation Singers	17 9:00 AM Day School Chapel 10:30 AM Nesbit Living & Rehabilitation Center	18 7:00 PM Pub Theology	19
20 CONFIRMATION SUNDAY 9:15 AM Christian Education for All Ages 10:30 AM Pentecost/Holy Communion 12:00 PM Food, Fun & Fellowship, WMR	21 9:00 AM Ladies Aid Quilters 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM LWR Quick Quilters 6:30 PM Cub Scouts	22 7:30 AM Bible Study 8:00 AM Bulletin Info Due 8:30 AM Property Stewards 9:00 AM Day School Chapel 10:30 AM Remarkable Healthcare Service 11:00 AM Joy Choir Rehearsal 1:00 PM Staff Meeting	23 2:30 PM Windsor Nursing Home Service 6:30 PM Heavenly Ringers 7:30 PM Jubilation Singers	24 9:00 AM Day School Chapel 11:15 AM - 1:15 PM MOSAIC (WMR)	25	26
27 9:15 AM Christian Education for All Ages 10:30 AM Holy Trinity/Holy Communion	28 Memorial Day, Office Closed	29 7:30 AM Bible Study 8:00 AM Bulletin Info Due 8:30 AM Property Stewards 9:00 AM Day School Chapel 11:00 AM Joy Choir Rehearsal 1:00 PM Staff Meeting 5:30 PM Council Executive Meeting	30 6:30 PM Heavenly Ringers 7:30 PM Jubilation Singers	31 9:00 AM Day School Chapel	1	2

May Worship Leaders

	May 6, 2018	May 13, 2018 Graduation Sunday	May 20, 2018 Confirmation Sunday	May 27, 2018
	10:30 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
Assisting Ministers	Ethan Koepp	Carolyn Blumberg	Elizabeth Jandt	Marsha Schroeder
Communion Assistants	Keith Vinyard	Joyce Benton	Jeannie Hall	Beverly Jobe
	Jeanne Palmer	Bev Seidenschwarz	Earlene Jarzombek	Charles Jobe
	Elizabeth Jandt	Evelyn Dittmar	Carrie Moseley	Liz Witten
	Elaine Giesber	Barbara Haas	Barbara McCall	Marsha Schroeder
	Bill Elley	Melissa Barbre	Ron Naumann	Deborah Almquist
Ushers	Wayne Brawner	Thomas Hall	Franklin Huebner	Tim Troell
	Donna Dodgen	Thomas Hill	Bill Elley	Joe Kane
	Keith Vinyard	Leia Hill	Greg Ander	Deborah Almquist
	Bill Meier	Gary Strey	Ruth Ander	Ronald Naumann
	Ronald Schneider	Beth Jahns	Ilene Cherry	Gary Strey
	Levi Stalsworth	Lee Jahns	Raymond Willmann	Beverly Seidenschwarz
	Gary Strey	Doug Parker	Darlene Zies	
Acolytes	Ryanne Hepp	Cade Ploetz	Lane Seidenberger	Hannah Bentley
Reader	Steve Anderson	Elaine Giesber	Carolyn Blumberg	Donna Rossnagel
Council Greeter	Debby Richardson	Karen Weinstein	Levi Stalsworth	Marsha Schroeder
Altar Guild	Beulah Reiley	Cathy Anderson	TBD	Maxine Hollub
	Cindy Pique	Joyce Benton	TBD	Beverly Jobe
Radio Announcer	Mike Haug	Steve Anderson	Deb Haug	Walter Seidenschwarz
Hospitality Cart	Fran & Keith Vinyard	Cathy Anderson	Jeannie Vinyard	Deborah Almquist
	Bill & Nancy Meier	Carolyn Ehler Blumberg	Mae Markgraf	Hughlene Micheli
		Cindy Pique	Margie Dietert	Natalie & Dan Alexander



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