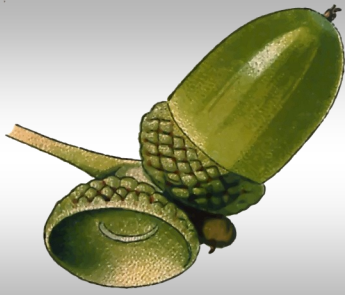


# Emanuel's Lutheran Church



## The Acorn

February 2018

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## “From Passivity to Activity”

“Do. Or do not. There is no try.” This famous phrase was uttered by the *Star Wars* character Yoda in the saga’s film, *The Empire Strikes Back*. It references Yoda’s continued teaching of the young learner Luke Skywalker and his assumed inability to use the “force.” Disgusted with himself and beyond frustrated with his training, Luke turns to the ancient teacher and exclaims, “Okay. I will give it a try.” The simplicity of these words ushers in a serious truth to a life lived in our fast-paced world. We can easily succumb to antics of brushing aside those things in life that might be hard or might rub us the wrong way by saying, “I will try (fill in the blank).” Instead of being authentic and real with our audience, and with ourselves, we use this off-handed gesture of minimized hope that a different outcome might be possible other than the one that truly rests on our hearts. Now rest assured, I am not suggesting that “trying” is not a good thing. Had I not been highly encouraged to “try” new foods, I would have never found a love for broccoli, sushi, or the wonderful and delectable Yellow Curry. But, the “trying” I am referencing here is linked to our life of faith. How do we move beyond simply trying when it comes to our faith to doing? How do we move from passivity to activity in our faith life?

Finding our passion or passions in life is key to this measure. Our passions bring focus to the gifts and talents we have, and when we have an outlet for those energies, wondrous things happen. Imagine the artist who has never been given the canvas to spread her work. Imagine the visionary who is constantly hushed with regards to her dreams and plans for the church or her community. What detriment does that place on her drive to seek out her passions? It stifles them beyond measure! But the challenge is two-fold. Not only must we embrace the passions within us, we must be open to the passions of others. Those passions may not jive or mix in the slightest, but without their collective energies, we would never move forward. We would have never embraced the digital age if someone didn’t say to us, “I think the internet is marvelous.” We would have never sought out the diverse social media world if someone didn’t say, “I am connecting with my friends and family in amazing ways here.” And isn’t this what the Apostle Paul teaches about our gifts as well? In his letter to the church at

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Corinth, Paul enthalls the congregation to see themselves as the Body of Christ, many members yet intricately connected. “For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ.” (1 Cor. 12:12, NRSV) Each member brings with them their own passions and God-given gifts so that the body is not only complete but may thrive and grow.

To be a place, especially a church, that continuously embraces and seeks out the passions, the gifts and talents of others, is an exciting call. This is the place of both personal and institutional stewardship. Being stewards of time, talents, and treasures, and those of others, turns places like the church into gardens of possibilities. In and among the members are persons ready to help equip the saints for any number of possibilities, we simply need to ask and give the space for them to serve and grow. This month will be the time we recapture those passions as a church, both from a Council standpoint and congregational standpoint, as we seek to reestablish our committees, redefine our goals and visions as a Council, and head off into the great expanse that is 2018. Our stewardship as Christ’s church in this place will encompass not only the financial side of our faith walk, but the ways in which we are called to serve and support the ongoing ministries of our church. With Easter being abruptly early this year, we will quickly be bowing our heads in the prayers of Lent as Ash Wednesday is February 14<sup>th</sup>. This time of year allows us to slough off those things that do not give us life, those things that hold us in a world passivity, and make way for a life of faithful activity. As we think about our stewardship, the ways in which we can give and serve and encourage others to give and serve through their gifts and talents it time to not just try these things. It is time to do them.

In God’s grip,

*Pastor Marcus*  
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.



## February 2018 Lectionary Readings

| DATE          | SEASON                      | 1st READING        | PSALM             | 2nd READING             | GOSPEL                   |
|---------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| Feb 4         | 5 Epiphany                  | Isa 40:21-31       | Ps 147:1-11, 20c  | 1 Cor 9:16-23           | Mark 1:29-39             |
| Feb 11        | Transfiguration of Our Lord | 2 Kings 2:1-12     | Ps 50:1-6         | 2 Cor 4:3-6             | Mark 9:2-9               |
| <i>Feb 14</i> | <i>Ash Wednesday</i>        | <i>Isa 58:1-12</i> | <i>Ps 51:1-17</i> | <i>2 Cor 5:20b-6:10</i> | <i>Matt 6:1-6, 16-21</i> |
| Feb 18        | 1 Lent                      | Gen 9:8-17         | Ps 25:1-10        | 1 Peter 3:18-22         | Mark 1:9-15              |
| Feb 25        | 2 Lent                      | Gen 17:1-7, 15-16  | Ps 22:23-31       | Rom 4:13-25             | Mark 8:31-38             |

# Ash Wednesday | February 14, 2018



Ashes To Go - Noon to 1:00 PM  
Habitat for Humanity Parking Lot

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Worship Service - 6:00 PM  
Emanuel's Lutheran Church Sanctuary

**Wednesday  
Lenten Services  
6:00 PM  
Feb. 21-Mar.21**

LIGHT MEAL FOLLOWING  
WOMEN'S MINISTRY ROOM





**In Memory of  
Rev. Daniel Schorlemer  
1924-2018**

**Senior Pastor of Emanuel's  
Lutheran Church  
1963-1977**

Funeral services for the Rev. Daniel F. Schorlemer will be held at Trinity Lutheran Church, Fort Worth, Texas on Saturday, February 3, at 2 pm. Interment of ashes will be in the family plots at St. Paul Lutheran Cemetery, Yorktown, Texas.

Daniel Frank Schorlemer was born October 31, 1924 to William and Marie (Wendel) Schorlemer. He was baptized at St. John's Lutheran Church in Meyersville, Texas on December 7, 1924. Ninety years later, on that same date, Daniel had the joy of baptizing his own great-grandson.

When they were both 13, Daniel met Caroline Wischkaemper at the driver's license office in Cuero, Texas. The sweethearts married in 1943 and enjoyed 65 years of marriage before Caroline's death in 2009.

Daniel graduated from Texas Lutheran College in 1943 and completed his studies and seminary at Capital University and Trinity Seminary in Columbus, Ohio. He was ordained in 1947 and was called to become the founding pastor of Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, Amarillo, Texas. He also served Emanuel's Lutheran Church, Seguin (1963 – 1977); Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Beaumont (1977 – 1981); and Hope Lutheran Church, San Antonio (1981 – 1990).

He died very peacefully in the wee hours of January 18, 2018 with daughter Mary at his side. Mourning Daniel's death are his daughters Jane (Jay) Bergstrahl of Williamsburg, Virginia, and Mary (David) Brown of Fort Worth, Texas; six grandchildren and several great-grandchildren; sister Berta Baschnagel, and brothers Robert Schorlemer and Roger Schorlemer. Daniel was joyously welcomed to heaven by his beloved Caroline, his parents, four siblings, as well as myriad cousins, aunts and uncles.

Interment of ashes will be in the family's plot at St. Paul Lutheran Cemetery in Yorktown, Texas on Sunday, February 4, at 2 p.m.

Memorials may be directed to Lutheran World Relief (<https://lwr.org>), ELCA World Hunger program (<http://www.elca.org/hunger>), Trinity Seminary in Columbus, OH (<http://www.tlsohio.edu>), the Schorlemer Scholarship Fund at Texas Lutheran University (<http://www.tlu.edu/giving/>), or a charity of your choosing.

[http://virtual-memorials.com/main.php?action=view&mem\\_id=27786&logoff=true](http://virtual-memorials.com/main.php?action=view&mem_id=27786&logoff=true)



# 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.



## 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, innovative space.

**The Assembly Class** (Archives Room): In-depth scripture study and exploration of Martin Luther's teachings. 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): Bible study curriculum with lessons from the Old and New Testaments. Currently studying “Covenants with God,” written by Phil Ruge-Jones.



Look at our bounty from the Garden of Eatin'. We planted, maintained and harvested these cool veggies!



We had an "L" week in January. Lake tastes a "L"emon slice while Ky squeezes juice from a lemon to make a cup of "lemonade" for Ms. Haug. The "L" sound is a challenging sound for pre-schoolers to master.



## Garden of Eatin' WORKDAY



**Saturday,  
March 3  
8:00 a.m. -  
Noon**

**Saturday, March 3 is the Garden of Eatin'** workday to prepare the Garden for the spring planting. Volunteers will help prepare soil, erect cages and trellises, till, sweep, lay down cardboard, weed, start seedlings and plant our early plants. This past summer and fall we had numerous community members stop by the Garden not only for produce, but for instruction on harvesting and cooking; some volunteered to help us in the Garden. Our garden is finally getting noticed and taking off! We need your assistance to keep our community garden growing and our congregation and community involved. Join us anytime between 8am-noon....no experience necessary!



# Emanuel's Day School News

January has been a very “interesting” month....imagine being shut inside all day with 40 two-, three- and four-year olds due to the weather! The interruptions caused by cancelled school and holidays (different for every school district this year) have also created disruptions to our learning and care schedules. We have very creative and dedicated caregivers who taxed the limits of their knowledge and skills to provide the one-hour per day Child Licensing mandate of stringent physical activity and continue with the curriculum despite absences, closings and illnesses. We are blessed to have this special team work with our youngsters each day.

The Day School enrolled four students from the waiting list and added five new students to classroom rolls across the age groups. On February 1 another toddler will join our ranks as he turns eighteen months old. As of January 15, we are now working with a youngster who was diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes the day after his November birthday. Emanuel's Day School was recommended to the parents by TLU after his daycare asked him to withdraw following his diagnosis. The Diabetes Educator from GRMC provided a substantial training for all of our staff and the parents have been wonderful about providing pre-measured snack and lunch amounts each day. He has fit in very well, made new friends and our schedules are meshing perfectly with those at home. Our staff has accepted this as a learning experience about physical health, good nutrition, balanced lifestyle and caring for a youngster with a condition that can often marginalize children and adults.

On Ash Wednesday, February 14, two of our Pre-K4 students will assist Pastor Marcus with “Ashes to Go” in the Habitat for Humanity parking lot at noon. Emanuel's provides passers-by the opportunity to receive ashes and a blessing. If you are unable to attend our evening Ash Wednesday service, please find us on Court Street at lunchtime for your blessing. This is our fourth year to participate in this ministry and our children are always excited to learn about the Lenten season and the significance of the ashes.

The second floor hallway at the church has been updated with recent activities from all three classes. Please take a moment the next time you are there to discover what we are learning. We are excited and know you will be, also.

As always, thank you for your support.

-submitted by Deb Haug, Director



# Council Report submitted by Karen Weinstein

**Teach me to do Your will, For You are my God; Let Your good Spirit lead me on level ground."**

*Psalm 143:10*

As the 2018 Annual Congregational Meeting unfolded today, January 28, 2018, there seemed to be an air of quiet anticipation. Thank you to the Hospitality Committee which quickly and efficiently set up snacks. And, thank you to the 96 voting members who so quickly took their seats to begin what seemed to be a Spirit led meeting.

With the necessary quorum of 45 voting members having been met, we were able to move forward on all agenda items as Elizabeth Jandt very ably oversaw the due process as Parliamentarian. Thank you, Elizabeth.

- The following Council members were re-elected to fulfill a 2<sup>nd</sup> two year term: Aaron Jenke; Doug Parker; Debbie Richardson; Marsha Schroeder and Levi Stalsworth. In addition, Susan Yeatts was elected to fill the 1 remaining position. We now have a 12 member Council plus Pastor Marcus. This is the maximum number as mandated by the church Constitution.
- All reports provided in the Annual Meeting Packet of information were accepted without question. At this time, the Audit of the 2016 financials is ongoing. A final report has been delayed as the audit firm has had to deal with their own staffing issues. However, Randy Walker, CPA, had been questioned as to how to deal with monetary gifts which are not reported through the church, but are received by Emanuel's groups who fall under the Emanuel's tax ID number. Randy stated that, in the event of an IRS audit, having an annual report from each entity would suffice for audit purposes. With the existence now of a fulltime Director of Finance, these groups such as Sunday School classes, WELCA, Ladies Aid, etc are being encouraged to evaluate the ability to create a Dedicated Account within the church's Temporary Restricted Accounts.
- Resolution 2018: Continuation of Emanuel's Lutheran Day School Ministry was presented. The Church Council proposed this resolution in order to obtain a final decision as to whether or not the Day School would remain open. A decision was necessary as the Day School could not continue without significant financial backing. Per Task Force findings in 2014, the ability to provide infant care would need to be added to provide a "feeder system" to the student population. This required space added to the existing Day School facility along with the need for significant renovations to the existing building. During an extensive discussion period, it was noted that the Seguin ISD will most likely be seeking a bond election in the near future to pull all pre-school into the Seguin school system. Given this very recent turn of events, a recommendation was made to table the vote. However, it was recommended to go forward with the vote as a significant period of time and resources had already been spent. Per secret ballot, the decision was made to continue to support the Emanuel's Day School with a vote of 75 for, 20 against and 1 undecided. A Day School Budget of \$163,837 to cover income and expenses between January and August 2018 was approved. This 1 time 8 month budget was initiate in an effort to change the budget period to reflect an actual school fiscal year of September through August. A 2<sup>nd</sup> Budget that covers a full school year will need to be approved in August 2018 during a called Congregational Meeting.
- In architectural updates, on Thursday, January 25, a group met with the architect, Jim Heck, and Steve Koehler and Drew Williams with Koehler Construction. This meeting was just an effort to obtain an estimate of cost to put an elevator in the church bell tower area which would provide access to the organ/choir loft, sanctuary and the fellowship hall area. In addition, the narthex would be extended into the sanctuary to provide a larger meeting area; a new stairwell would be built to replace the current stairwell; larger bathrooms would be built adjoining the fellowship hall and ramping into the fellowship hall would be provided. The estimated cost for this project is \$1.2 to \$1.5 million. A schematic provided for the Day School facility was deemed to be excessive. Now



that the decision has been made to keep the Day School open, further research will be done to help develop plans for a modest facility that meets all requirements. During our discussion on Thursday, both Jim and Steve reiterated that both the Emanuel's church and education facilities and the existing Day School facility are structurally sound.

- Approval was obtained to call a full time Associate Pastor. Given that there are few seminary graduates expected this May, the Call Process needs to be initiated immediately. Elizabeth Jandt, Ethan Koepp, Karen Koepp, Hazel Dalton, Beth Zies, and Earlene Jarzombek have volunteered to be on the Call Committee. In addition, Karen Weinstein and Pastor Marcus will also be committee members. We are fortunate in that there will only need to be modifications made to the Ministry Site Profile required to officially start the Call Process through the Synod thanks to the previous work done by the Transitional Planning Team and the Call Committee who worked the call process which resulted in the call of Pastor Marcus.
- The Budget for 2018 was approved with the addition of \$6,000 to cover expenses for the Call Process. Therefore, the approved 2018 Budget totals \$577,918.
- By the end of the meeting, 114 members had responded to the survey regarding the possibility of changing church service times. Three options were given—Maintain current times; 10:30 a.m. service with 9:15 a.m. Sunday School hour; or 8:00 a.m. prayer service with 9:15 a.m. Sunday School and 10:30 a.m. church service. Interestingly, the vote was fairly equal for all 3 options. With 2 of the options supporting a 10:30 a.m. service, the decision was made to continue with a 10:30 a.m. service at this time. During its February 9-10 Council Retreat, the Council will develop a further recommendation in respect to offering options as requested by the members.
- The SWT Synod Assembly will convene May 4-6, 2018. During this time, a new Bishop will be elected to replace the retiring Bishop Tiemann. Deb Haug, Kristen Bigott and Carroll Dalton have volunteered to represent Emanuel's as voting representatives at the Assembly. The representatives are encouraged to attend the Cibolo Creek Conference annual meeting on February 11 to gain knowledge concerning the involved election process.

The full Council met following the adjournment of the Annual Meeting to elect officers for 2018. The 2018 Council Executive Committee will consist of Karen Weinstein, President; Dennis Sagebiel, Vice-President; Marsha Schroeder, Secretary and Susan Yeatts, Treasurer. In addition to the Executive Committee, the Council members for 2018 are as follows: Steve Anderson, Hazel Dalton, Aaron Jenke, Sarah Kent, Doug Parker, Cindy Pique, Deborah Richardson, and Levi Stalsworth. Pastor Marcus noted that we should celebrate the diversity of the Council makeup as women outnumber the men which is unusual given most councils are male driven. The Council Retreat to be held February 9-10 at Ebert Ranch outside Harper, TX will replace the regularly scheduled February Council Meeting. Pastor Marcus is making his list of subjects—trying to cover approximately 6 days of work in 8 hours. Among the subjects to be discussed—Committee structure; Stewardship; Capital Campaign; Gift, Memorial and Endowment Policies; Church service options to include time and types of services; Church Constitution updates. Thank you to Walter Seidenschwarz for working so diligently to compare the Emanuel's Constitution(s) to the 2016 ELCA Model Constitution.

In the life of Emanuel's we continue to march forward. Experiencing the positive re-vitalization of Emanuel's as actions supported by you, the members of Emanuel's, build on one another to complete our Strategic Plan is extremely rewarding. God is at work. There have been too many God Moments to think otherwise. As we are led by the spirit, Emanuel's will—

**“Be the Church God is calling us to be by declaring God's love, serving others and embracing all.”**



## Southwestern Texas Synod Evangelical Lutheran Church in America God's work. Our hands.

### Cibolo Creek Conference Notes: The Lead-Up to Synod Assembly

Greetings from your Cibolo Creek Conference partners: 17 neighboring congregations, together with several other ministries. We have several exciting months of shared ministry ahead of us in this new year and opportunities for you to be involved.

This year our Conference is hosting the **Southwestern Texas Synod Assembly, May 4-6 in San Marcos**. The Assembly theme is “Seeds of Hope: Beyond All Imagination,” drawn from Ephesians 3:16-21. It will be a full and exciting assembly, including celebrations of Bishop Ray Tiemann’s years of service and the election of a new bishop.

**Hosting the Assembly** creates many possibilities for involvement. Some members of the Conference are already at work in planning stages, and there is still more to plan. As the event approaches, there will be need for many volunteers in decorating and hospitality, and roles in worship and music. Talk to your pastor or a member of the planning team if you are interested.

**The election of a new bishop** is an interesting and Spirit-filled event. The process is called an Ecclesiastical Ballot, and it is meant to guide the church in discernment through a call process. You might begin to pray for our voting members who will participate in it, and for those persons God may be preparing for this important role in our Synod.

In addition to calling a new bishop, there will be several other important **elections**. We are seeking candidates for the Synod Mission Chair and Leadership Chair, for Synod Council and other committees, and for those from our Synod who will be part of the 2019 ELCA Churchwide Assembly in Milwaukee. Consider if you would be able to serve, or who in your congregation you might encourage to be available to fill these roles.

And, as part of a wonderful tradition in this Synod, there will be an **Assembly Offering**. This year that offering will go to the ELCA Fund for Leaders, with the goal of creating a full seminary scholarship for a ministry candidate from our Synod.

The first step in all of this will be our **Conference Assembly, to be held at First Lutheran in San Marcos on Sunday, February 11 at 3 p.m.** There we will do the business of the Conference and several tasks that will inform us and prepare us for the Assembly. One activity will be a process for lifting up potential nominees for the office of bishop. Any ordained pastor of the ELCA can be named, and through this process of pre-identification a list of potential nominees will be asked to provide biographical information that can be posted on the Synod website. The process will begin afresh at the Synod Assembly, but this pre-identification will be helpful for those who may not know a lot of pastors to familiarize themselves ahead of time with some likely candidates. It would be helpful for those from each congregation who have been elected to attend the Synod Assembly to attend the Conference Assembly first, but several more can come as well and take part in this smaller meeting of the Conference.

Perhaps you can be part of these events – or perhaps you can just follow along with interest, and pray for God’s guidance for those who will make the decisions that lay before us. I think that having the Synod Assembly in San Marcos provides a great opportunity for members of our conference churches to simply attend one of these festive worship services, together with the hundreds already gathered for the Assembly. However you are able to participate, I hope you can take this time to remember one another and give thanks for the ministry we share.

Together in Christ’s service,  
Rev. Paul Miller, Dean

# Church Activities & Announcements



*Dear Emanuel's,*

*Thank you so much for your continuous support of the Christian Cupboard. Without the food your church donates to us, we would not be able to continue to feed the many hungry people in Seguin and Guadalupe County.*

*You are such a vital part of our existence and success.*

*Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!*

*In His Service,*

*Regina Lee*

## **“MAKE SURE YOUR VOICE IS HEARD”**

**LIFE Care planning is for ALL adults.**

**“It's all about the conversation.”**

Emanuel's Lutheran Church is having a pot luck luncheon on **Sunday, April 29, 2018** right after the 10:30 church service. 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

**The Day School** teachers and caregivers express their most heartfelt **“Thank you”** to the Emanuel's Lutheran Church congregation, Pastor, and Council. Your overwhelming support for the continued investment in and encouragement toward this vital ministry means so much to all of us. We feel blessed to be a part of the Emanuel's family.





# Mission and Outreach

## 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!



## Food, Fun & Fellowship (FFF)

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. Join us!

**Sunday, February 18th at Noon**

Women's Ministry Room

Bring a dish to share!

Contact Donna Simmons for more information:  
830-379-5046 or 830-556-3542

## Ladies Aid Report

By Jeannie Hall

Nineteen members and Pastor Marcus attended the January 3rd, meeting of the Ladies Aid.

President, Jeannie Hall, welcomed everyone and opened with a prayer. After the opening hymn, "Joy To The World", Pastor Marcus presented an interesting study on the reading and interpretations of the different Bibles in use today.

Vice President, Diane Tyo, read the December and January birthdays and anniversaries, "Go Tell It On The Mountain" was sung in their honor.

Secretary, Doris Jefferies, read the November and December minutes.

Treasurer, Judy Campbell, gave the treasurer's report. The 2017 Bazaar was a great success and we want to thank everyone for their support.

The Ladies Aid members have donated money to purchase blue and green altar paraments, a commercial paper shredder and a portable Communion set.

Hostesses were Sandy Clopton and Estelle Illhardt.

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, February 7th, at 2:00 pm in the Women's Ministry Room. Hostesses will be Frances Vinyard and Velma Huebner. All ladies are invited for an afternoon of fellowship.

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

## WELCA ALAMO AREA-CIBOLO CREEK CONFERENCE 2018

Emanuel's is hosting this annual event on  
**March 17 at**

**Seguin Outdoor Learning Center**

Registration forms will be available in January.

Many volunteers will be needed.  
Please mark your calendar and make plans to attend.  
Details coming soon!

## 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 handmade treasures for fundraisers.

# Mission and Outreach

## The Christian Cupboard

Monday thru Thursday and First and Third Saturdays

9:00 - 11:30

516 N. Camp St.

Seguin, TX 78155

(830) 379-4857

[www.christiancupboardofseguin.org](http://www.christiancupboardofseguin.org)

The Christian Cupboard is an all volunteer organization, logging over 10,000 volunteer hours annually. Clients are served staples based on family size, and product availability, once a month. The Cupboard provides canned fruits and vegetables, beans, soups, meats, peanut butter, rice, dry beans, pastas, cereal, bread, ground meat, eggs, margarine, and other items. Grocery stores, business partners, churches, and individuals help stock the shelves everyday.

Emanuel's collects non-perishable foods for The Cupboard on the first Sunday of every month., "Hunger Sunday." Receptacles are in the Narthex and at the Mountain St. door.



## Did you know?

Emanuel's has a **Worship Ministry** that serves seven area care facilities. Once a month services are held that include reading and reflection on the Word, music, and/or communion. Visitation Minister Willie Spreen (pictured above) and Director of Music Tom Engler are joined by volunteers Karen Weinstein, Helen Martinson, Johnana Clark, Beverly Seidenschwarz, Frances Vinyard, Walter Seidenschwarz, Connie Meyer, Debbie Almquist, Beulah Reiley, Mae Markgraf, and Hughlene Micheli. Would you like to participate in this valuable ministry only once a month? Call the office and we will put you in touch with someone on our Care Team.



**March 3rd, 2018 5:00-10:00 pm**

**Courtyard Marriott River Village**

**750 IH 35 North New Braunfels, TX 78132**

**Come enjoy an evening of great food, entertainment, live and silent auctions, music, dancing and fellowship while raising funds for financial aid "Camperships" and keeping camp affordable for all!**

Tickets are \$100 each.

Event Sponsorships and donations are needed.

Your donation is greatly appreciated even if you are unable to attend.

To purchase tickets, get more information or support this event visit [www.crosstrails.org](http://www.crosstrails.org), email [info@crosstrails.org](mailto:info@crosstrails.org) or call 830-257-6340.

Cocktail Attire Requested.

Hotel accommodations are available!

Visit our website for more information.

**Camp Chrysalis Ebert Ranch Camp  
Off-Site Adventures**

## Special Services

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

# February Calendar

| Sunday   | Monday  | Tuesday  | Wednesday   | Thursday   | Friday  | Saturday              |
|--|---|--|---|--|---|-----------------------|
| 28   | 29  | 30   | 31  | 1<br>9:00 AM Day School Chapel   | 2   | 3                     |
| 4<br>Council Installation<br>Hunger Sunday<br>Scout Sunday<br>9:15 AM Christian Education for All Ages<br>10:30 AM 5th Sunday after Epiphany/Holy Communion<br>10:30 AM Adult Bible Class Sings<br>3:00 PM - 5:00 PM Life After Loss | 5<br>9:00 AM Ladies Aid Quilters<br>9:00 AM - 12:00 PM LWR Quick Quilters<br>6:30 PM Cub Scouts | 6<br>7:30 AM Bible Study<br>8:00 AM Bulletin Info Due<br>8:30 AM Property Stewards<br>9:00 AM Day School Chapel<br>1:00 PM Staff Meeting<br>6:30 PM Congregation Council<br>7:00 PM Boy Scouts   | 7<br>2:00 PM Ladies Aid<br>6:30 PM Heavenly Ringers<br>7:30 PM Jubilation Singers   | 8<br>9:00 AM Day School Chapel<br>9:30 AM Joy Circle<br>10:30 AM Genesis (GVNC) Service<br>6:30 PM Day School Advisory Panel | 9<br>Council Retreat                                    | 10<br>Council Retreat |
| 11<br>9:15 AM Christian Education for All Ages<br>9:15 AM Altar Guild<br>10:30 AM Transfiguration of our Lord Service/Holy Communion<br>3:00 PM Cibolo Creek Pre-Assembly Conference Meeting<br>3:00 PM - 5:00 PM Life After Loss    | 12<br>9:00 AM Ladies Aid Quilters<br>9:00 AM - 12:00 PM LWR Quick Quilters                      | 13<br>Shrove Tuesday<br>7:30 AM Bible Study<br>8:00 AM Bulletin Info Due<br>8:30 AM Property Stewards<br>9:00 AM Day School Chapel<br>1:00 PM Staff Meeting<br>6:30 PM Pancake Supper<br>7:00 PM Boy Scouts                                    | 14<br>Ash Wednesday<br>10:00 AM Hacienda Oaks Nursing Home Service<br>12:00 PM Ashes-To-Go Habitat for Humanity<br>2:00 PM Seguin Assisted Living/Devotion & Communion<br>6:00 PM Ash Wednesday Worship Service<br>7:30 PM Jubilation Singers | 15<br>10:30 AM Nesbit Living & Rehabilitation Center<br>1:30 PM - 3:30 PM PM- out Synod Clergy<br>6:30 PM Heavenly Ringers   | 16<br>March Newsletter Deadline<br>7:00 PM Pub Theology | 17                    |
| 18<br>9:15 AM Christian Education for All Ages<br>9:15 AM 1st Communion Class, student and parents<br>10:30 AM 1st Sunday of Lent/Holy Communion<br>12:00 PM Food, Fun & Fellowship (WMR)  | 19<br>President's Day, Office Closed<br>6:30 PM Cub Scouts                                      | 20<br>7:30 AM Bible Study<br>8:00 AM Bulletin Info Due<br>8:30 AM Property Stewards<br>9:00 AM Day School Chapel<br>1:00 PM Staff Meeting<br>7:00 PM Boy Scouts<br>7:00 PM Faith Circle  | 21<br>2:00 PM Argent Court Devotion and Communion<br>6:00 PM Lenten Service<br>7:30 PM Jubilation Singers   | 22<br>9:00 AM Day School Chapel<br>11:15 AM - 1:15 PM MOSAIC (WMR)<br>6:30 PM Heavenly Ringers                               | 23  | 24                    |
| 25<br>9:15 AM Christian Education for All Ages<br>9:15 AM 1st Communion Class<br>10:30 AM 2nd Sunday of Lent/Holy Communion  | 26<br>9:00 AM Ladies Aid Quilters<br>9:00 AM - 12:00 PM LWR Quick Quilters                      | 27<br>7:30 AM Bible Study<br>8:00 AM Bulletin Info Due<br>8:30 AM Property Stewards<br>9:00 AM Day School Chapel<br>10:30 AM Remarkable Healthcare Service<br>1:00 PM Staff Meeting<br>6:30 PM Council Executive Meeting<br>7:00 PM Boy Scouts | 28<br>2:30 PM Windsor Nursing Home Service<br>6:00 PM Lenten Service<br>7:30 PM Jubilation Singers  | 1<br>9:00 AM Day School Chapel   | 2   | 3                     |

As of January 26, 2018



# February Worship Leaders

| Worship Leader Schedule - February 2018 |                      |                   |                                    |                   |                         |
|---|----------------------|-------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|
|   | February 4, 2018     | February 11, 2018 | Ash Wednesday<br>February 14, 2018 | February 18, 2018 | February 25, 2018       |
|   | 10:30 a.m.           | 10:30 a.m.        | 6:00 p.m.                          | 10:30 a.m.        | 10:30 a.m.              |
| <b>Assisting Ministers</b>              | Jordana Gutierrez    | Evelyn Dittmar    | Elizabeth Jandt                    | Lory Alves        | Kai Seidenberger        |
| <b>Communion Assistants</b>             | Liz Witten           | Natalie Alexander | Steve Anderson                     | Jeanne Palmer     | Jeannie Hall            |
|   | Lory Alves           | Elizabeth Jandt   | Deb Haug                           | Ron Naumann       | Earlene Jarzombek       |
|   | Beulah Reiley        | Emily Prochnow    | Bill Elley                         | Denise Hufnagel   | Carrie Moseley          |
|   | Cindy Pique          | Fran Vinyard      | Beverly Seidenschwarz              | Cherryl Baethge   | Barbara McCall          |
|   | Doug Parker          | Joyce Benton      | Elaine Giesber                     | Barbara Haas      | Arlene Hill             |
| <b>Ushers</b>                           | Wayne Brawner        | Thomas Hall       | Thomas Hall                        | Franklin Huebner  | Tim Troell              |
|   | Keith Vinyard        | Thomas Hill       | Thomas Hill                        | Bill Elley        | Joe Kane                |
|   | Gary Strey           | Leia Hill         | Leia Hill                          | Greg Ander        | Deborah Almquist        |
|   | Bill Meier           | Gary Strey        | Gary Strey                         | Ruth Ander        | Ronald Naumann          |
|   | Ronald Schneider     | Beth Jahns        | Beth Jahns                         | Ilene Cherry      | Gary Strey              |
|   | Levi Stalsworth      | Lee Jahns         | Lee Jahns                          | Raymond Willmann  | Beverly Seidenschwarz   |
|   |                      | Doug Parker       | Doug Parker                        | Darlene Zies      |                         |
| <b>Acolytes</b>                         |                      | Kai Seidenberger  |                                    | Ryanne Hepp       | Lane Seidenberger       |
| <b>Reader</b>                           | Keith Vinyard        | Carolyn Blumberg  | Dennis Martin                      | Marsha Schroeder  | Cherryl Baethge         |
| <b>Altar Guild</b>                      | Beulah Reiley        | Cathy Anderson    | TBD                                | Denise Hufnagel   | Maxine Hollub           |
|   | Cindy Pique          | Joyce Benton      | TBD                                | Cherryl Baethge   | Arlene Hill             |
|   |                      |                   |                                    |                   |                         |
| <b>Radio Announcer</b>                  | Mike Haug            | Steve Anderson    | X                                  | Deb Haug          | Walter Seidenschwarz    |
| <b>Hospitality Cart</b>                 | Fran & Keith Vinyard | Cathy Anderson    | X                                  | Jeannie Vinyard   | Deborah Almquist        |
|   | Bill & Nancy Meier   | Carolyn Blumberg  | X                                  | Mae Markgraf      | Hughlene Michele        |
|   |                      | Cindy Pique       | X                                  | Margie Dietert    | Natalie & Dan Alexander |

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It is a joy to invite and welcome all visitors to Emanuel's. Visitor Bags are available on Sunday mornings at the Visitor Center located in the Narthex.

Members are encouraged to warmly greet people carrying these bags. Introduce yourself! Let them know what a special place Emanuel's is and how happy we are that they are with us. Answer any questions they may have, or find someone who can.



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### Office Hours

Monday - Thursday  
8:00 a.m. - Noon and 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
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