

Summer 2019

The Acorn

Quarterly Newsletter of Emanuel's Lutheran Church



You're Beloved

BY PASTOR MARCUS

In a world that has harnessed itself to the fast-paced machine that is achievement over self-care, an "If you're not first you're last," mentality, to use the words of "Talladega Nights" character Ricky Bobby, it is no wonder we are not all sick, all the time. It is almost commonplace, especially as I visit with folks out and about in the community, to hear them say, "I am busier now that I am retired than when I was working." Or, "I cannot wait for Memorial Day weekend so I can take a breather." Or, "I wonder if I will ever catch up on sleep." In some of these cases, the phrase was uttered with a mortified look of, "How did I get to this place?" while others carry it as a badge of honor. As a person that has a predisposition for working too much, too long, and without care for personal wellbeing, I connect with these phrases. I have and continue to walk the paths of always feeling that I can get one more thing done, that the to-do list could get one more check, or that I haven't made today "count enough" so I better finish this project. Have you ever uttered these things to yourself? As summer rolls on and our church staff and family looks to a dynamically, spiritually, and event-filled few months, I want us all to remember that the care of self begins with just that, the self. As the adage states, "We cannot pour from an empty cup."

One of my favorite spirituality books is *Life of the Beloved* by Henri Nouwen. In this small letter to a friend, Nouwen is asked to write about the spiritual life, what it is, and what it means. He begins, "Ever since you asked me to write for you and your friends about the spiritual life, I have been wondering if there might be one word I would most want you to remember when you finished reading all I wish to say...It is

the word 'Beloved,' and I am convinced that it has been given to me for sake of you and your friends." (Nouwen, 29) Nouwen goes on to remind us that the first time we hear this word in the context of scripture is when the voice descends like a dove from heaven at Jesus' baptism, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased." (Mark 1:10, NRSV) I define beloved as being "utterly and completely embraced, cared for, and treasured by someone who sees us for who God has created us to be." This person sees us amid all our flaws, all our joys, all our accomplishments, all our sins, and without question cares for us. There are many people in our lives who might see us in this way and for those relationships we must be beyond thankful. They help remind us that the value of our lives is not rooted in the world, but in the promises that washed over us in baptism. It is by their voices and their actions, of always seeing us and being with us, that we are indeed hear that Gospel promise, "You are loved so much, God acted." It is making the transition from hearing those words, seeing those actions, and being embraced by our friends and family to allowing it to become a part of the very fabric of who we are that is often a great struggle. But, if we can learn to hear those words and allow them to wash over us and fill us, we will begin the journey of learning to care for oneself and rejuvenation.

God sees us for who we are, individuals cut from the very fabric of God's own imagination, the holders of the breath of life. It is God who, and not just at the waters of baptism, sees us as beloved and reminds us, day in and day out, that we have been lifted-up for a unique purpose. And when we seemingly don't hear nor

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SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES



SUMMER
SINGERS

MUSIC MINISTRY PLANS FOR SUMMER 2019

Greetings to all you Emanuel's Community members, from your Music Ministry. As of June 1, the Jubilation Singers become the Summer Singers for the months of June, July, and August. We do not have regular Wednesday night rehearsal during these months, but we do sing for the worship services.

ALL, AND I DO MEAN ALL, ARE WELCOME TO SING IN OUR SUMMER SINGERS. We do not robe during the summer months. It is just too uncomfortably warm. Plus, we want to project a mood of informality and hospitality as well. ("Y'all just come!" as Lady Bird Johnson was fond of saying.) MY PLEDGE TO ALL WHO DECIDE TO COME AND SING is that the music will be singable, with a short rehearsal just before the service. Our rehearsals begin at 9:44 LDT (that's Lutheran Day-light Time!) in the Music Suite on the top floor of the education wing. The room is easily accessible by stairs or ELEVATOR.

Below is a schedule of our rehearsals and services for Summer Singers 2019:

Sundays, June 9, 16, and July 14:

Rehearsal in Music Suite at 9:44 LDT.

Sing at the service following.

Wednesday, July 21:

Rehearsal in the Nave at the Grand Piano.

7:30 LDT. Rehearsal for GospelFest.

Sunday, July 28:

Rehearsal in Nave at the Grand Piano.

Sing at the service following (GospelFest).

Sundays, August 11 and 18:

Rehearsal in Music Suite at 9:44 LDT.

Sing at the service following.

OK. There it is in a clear and concise form. I hope and pray that we have a space problem. It will be fun dealing with it!

God's richest blessings,
Tom Engler, Director of Music



CIBOLO CREEK CONFERENCE CORE LEADER TRAINING

August 17th, 2019
at 8:00 am

Lutheran theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer wrote, "The task of the church is to teach and to proclaim the Word of God." This is the heart of faith formation and the church's ministry. The problem many congregations have, however, involves the proceeding question, "how do we do this?" The purpose of the CORE Leader Training event is to equip leaders to teach and proclaim the Word of God in their congregations. This will be a one-day event for Cibolo Creek Conference churches to prepare their leaders for faith formation. The event will include large group presentations and workshop options so leaders can choose the workshops that best fit their needs. This event will be held on Saturday, August 17th at Triumphant Lutheran Church - Garden Ridge. We know the task of the church, the CORE Leader Training event will help you achieve it.

The cost of the event is \$25 per person which includes materials and lunch. Scholarships are available. Talk with Pastor Kelsie if you are interested.

Here is a tentative schedule:

8:30-9:00 – Check-in

9:00 – Welcome and introductions

9:15 – 9:55 – Large group 1: The goal of faith formation

10:00 – 10:45 – Workshop 1

1:00 – 11:45 – Workshop 2

1:50 – 12:00 – Application time 1

12:00 – 12:50 – Lunch and congregational
community building

1:00 – 1:25 – Flash Workshop 1

1:30 – 1:55 – Flash Workshop 2

2:00 – 2:30 – Large group 2: Hospitality in Faith
Formation

2:45 – 3:30 – Workshop 3 –or- Congregational Confab

3:45 – 4:00 – Application time 2

FREE

Sunset Cinema @EMANUEL'S

ON THE LAWN AT THE CORNER OF
TRAVIS AND MOUNTAIN STREETS
(in the Fellowship Hall if it rains)
6:30 PM

**JUNE
20**

THE
INCREDIBLES 2
(PG)



**JULY
18**

MARY DODDINS
RETURNS
(PG)



**AUG
15**

Disney's
MOANA
(PG)



BRING A COMFY BLANKET OR CHAIR, AND YOUR FAVORITE
SNACKS AND DRINKS. FREE ICE-POPS AND POPCORN PROVIDED!



GOSPELFEST IS A-COMIN' Get ready to tap your toes and clap your hands at this annual summer service. Special hymns that are not typically associated with traditional Lutheran worship will guide our hearts and voice as we lift them up to the Lord. **Sunday, July 28, 2019**

at 10:30 AM.

MOSAIC SUNDAY is also on **July 28** as well as our **RAMP DEDICATION!** After worship we will parade to the Fellowship Hall and celebrate easier accessibility for all at Emanuel's. Keep an eye open for details.



BACKPACK & VOCATIONAL SUNDAY is **August 18, 2019** at the 10:30 service. Bring your gear to church for a blessing: backpacks, briefcases, lunch boxes, dance bags, duffle bags, totes of all shapes and sizes.

RALLY SUNDAY is also on the 18th. We will kick off our year of Christian Education. There will be time to get glimpses of new and existing programs, meet teachers, ask questions, and get excited about a new year of learning the Bible and how God's word applies to the world today.

THIRD QUARTER YEAR C 2019 CHURCH YEAR CALENDAR

DATE	SEASON	1st READING	PSALM	2nd READING	GOSPEL
Jun 30	Pent 3	1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21	Ps 16	Gal 5:1, 13-25	Luke 9:51-62
Jul 7	Pent 4	Isa 66:10-14	Ps 66:1-9	Gal 6:7-16	Luke 10:1-11, 16-20
Jul 14	Pent 5	Deut 30:9-14	Ps 25:1-10	Col 1:1-14	Luke 10:25-37
Jul 21	Pent 6	Gen 18:1-10a	Ps 15	Col 1:15-28	Luke 10:38-42
Jul 28	Pent 7	Gen 18:20-32	Ps 138	Col 2:6-15	Luke 11:1-13
Aug 4	Pent 8	Eccles 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23	Ps 49:1-12	Col 3:1-11	Luke 12:13-21
Aug 11	Pent 9	Gen 15:1-6	Ps 33:12-22	Heb 11:1-3, 8-16	Luke 12:32-40
Aug 18	Pent 10	Jer 23:23-29	Ps 82	Heb 11:29-12:2	Luke 12:49-56
Aug 25	Pent 11	Isa 58:9b-14	Ps 103:1-8	Heb 12:18-29	Luke 13:10-17

SPOTLIGHT ON PARTNERS IN MINISTRY



MOSAIC

A life of possibilities for people with intellectual disabilities.

Emanuel's Lutheran Church has a longstanding relationship with Mosaic in South Central Texas. Many residents of the Mosaic Adult Residential Homes in Seguin attend worship at Emanuel's and are members of the Joy Choir. The Joy Choir, led by Tom Engler, rehearses on Tuesday's at 11:00 a.m. from Sept.- May in the Joy Classroom. Photos below are of the Joy Choir at the Bishop's Installation last September. Residents also routinely attend other festive events at the church like the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper and Ladies Aid Bazaar.

It is exciting that our ramp into the Fellowship Hall will be completed soon. Please join us for **Mosaic Sunday, July 28, 2019 during worship** (GospelFest!) and a meal to follow. We will celebrate our partnership in ministry and dedicate the new ramp that will enable everyone to access our facility with dignity and ease.



A word from MOSAIC:

Our mission is Embracing God's call to serve in the world. Mosaic advocates for people with intellectual disabilities and provides opportunities for them to enjoy a full life. We operate in 10 states serving over 5,000 individuals nationwide. We believe that every individual is a person of worth. Together Mosaic staff members, volunteers and the people we support work as partners to help people in service build those relationships through social activities, church and

work. In South Central Texas including San Antonio and the Seguin area, Mosaic supports 109 people on a daily basis in residential facilities and in our host home program with about 30 employees.

Services are tailored to meet individual needs and goals, and range from residential and medical services through job coaching and teaching independent living skills. Mosaic is an affiliated social ministry or-



ganization of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and a member of Lutheran Services in America.

As an ambassador, you can help share our mission by making connections with family and friends, co-workers, church members, business owners and members of professional groups. We invite people to learn about the lives of individuals we support and what they contribute to our community. Mosaic hosts free Discover the Possibilities events at our residential homes where members of the community are invited to attend the one-hour event.

Our work would not be possible without the volunteers of the Emanuel's church. Ambassadors from the church have already served as wonderful support systems in helping people in service participate in church services and extracurricular activities. We hope that more volunteers want to work in partnership to maximize the impacts of Mosaic's mission.

For more information or to register for an upcoming Discover the Possibilities event, please contact Linda Canizales at linda.canizales@mosaicinfo.org or call 210-776-2520.

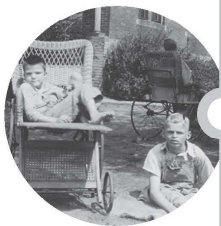
Mosaic at a Glance

Our History



1913

In Axtell, Nebraska, the **Bethphage Inner Mission Association** is founded by the Rev. K.G. William Dahl and more than 50 charter members who each gave \$1 to create a home for people who were on the fringe of society.



1925

In the library of the vacant Martin Luther Academy in Sterling, Nebraska, **Martin Luther Home** is founded as a school for children with developmental disabilities.



2003

Bethphage and Martin Luther Home become **Mosaic**, the largest faith-based provider of services to people with disabilities in the U.S.

100
a century of
service
a legacy of
love
1913 2013

2013

Mosaic celebrates 100 years of providing a life of possibilities for people with intellectual disabilities.



Today

Mosaic continues to embrace transformation—integrating people served more fully into the community where they are embraced, welcomed, and able to build reciprocal relationships.

Mission

Embracing God's call to serve in the world, Mosaic advocates for people with intellectual disabilities and provides opportunities for them to enjoy a full life.

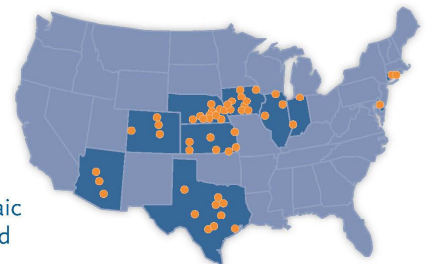
Vision

Mosaic is the recognized leader in making a positive difference in people's lives. We are passionate about services and partnerships that create meaningful lives in caring communities. Inspired by faith, we give voice to issues that affect people's lives.

Mosaic is an affiliated social ministry organization of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.



Mosaic's nearly **3,300 employees** provide a **life of possibilities** to nearly **3,700 people** with intellectual disabilities in **36 agencies** across **10 states**.



International

Since 1994, Mosaic's international work has included programs in Latvia, Romania and Tanzania. Mosaic provides financial support and expertise to help local organizations build their own programs.



High-Quality Services

Mosaic was the first organization to receive a Basic Assurances® Network Certification from The Council on Quality and Leadership—recognizing our commitment to health, safety and human security.

Miracle on the Prairie

Bethphage Mission in Axtell, Nebraska is listed in the National Register of Historic Places for its historical importance and architectural distinction.



Values: Safety • Respect • Connection • Integrity



Learn more about Mosaic at:
www.mosaicinfo.org

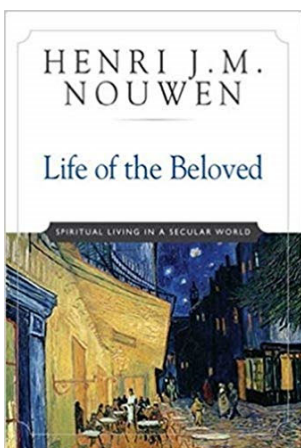
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listen to God, it is God who lifts voices and places up around us that remind us of our unyielding worth in the Kingdom of God come about in this world. Nouwen writes, "...although I have a tendency to say many things to God, the real 'work' of prayer is to become silent and listen to the voice that says good things about me." (Nouwen, 75-76) Finding a place of silent prayer, a place to reflect and hear God's loving and gracious voice, amid the machine of achievement, is a part of that struggle. It is when we find these moments that we are filled the most, that our cups replenish, and we are truly prepared for another day. Hearing the Word of God, the Voice of Creation, echoing in our souls and minds, is what brings life back to our empty cups.

So, as we set our sunglass covered eyes and hat dawning heads to the summer months of 2019, my question for us is this, "Where are you hearing the Word of God replenishing you?" If you cannot answer that question fully, maybe you have yet to find the quietness of heart and mind to fully hear. Or, if you are hearing the symphony of God's voice, how might you be a window through which others see God at work in their own lives? As the Apostle Paul reminds us, we are the Body of Christ with every person being a vital member of our collective health, vitality, and communion. Looking out for each other, taking care of each other, and reminding one another of the importance of taking care of ourselves is what will lead us in being a healthy, happy, and vibrant community of faith.

In God's grip,
Pastor Marcus

Nouwen, Henri J. M. 1992. *Life of the Beloved: Spiritual Living in a Secular World*. New York, NY: Crossroad Pub. Co.



Initially written for a Jewish friend, *Life of the Beloved* has become Henri Nouwen's greatest legacy to Christians around the world. This sincere testimony of the power and invitation of Christ is indeed a great guide to a truly uplifting spiritual life in today's world.

Lessons in a Tree

BY PASTOR KELSIE



Grace and peace to you from God our creator, and our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen. It is with great joy and excitement that Pastor Marcus and I announce a pilot program for our Christian Education or Faith Formation hour. We will be doing some 'taste tests' during the summer on June 16th, July 21st, and August 18th.

You might be wondering: why do we need to try something new? I for one think it's fun to experiment. It's also good to mix things up to keep people engaged and interested, but this model of faith formation engages people across families and generations, creating stronger connections across the congregation.

What we're trying isn't at all new, in fact, it has been done here before, but not quite like this. Cross-generational education is as old as education itself; older learning from younger, younger teaching older. We're taking an older idea, cross-generational faith formation, and giving it some fun twists. There will be something for everyone! We will sing, we will discuss, we will laugh, we will create something together, and we might even dance, though dancing is not required!

If you're looking for an option for the whole family, check out our Lessons in a Tree taste tests! I look forward to forging a new path and creating and learning with you!

Peace,
Pastor Kelsie

SPOTLIGHT ON YESTERDAY

“Dedication of Emanuel’s Lutheran Parish House”

SEGUIN, TEXAS

APRIL 7th A. D. 1929



CONGREGATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

With Rev. Franz Weisskopffs pastorate a period of steady development was ushered in for Emanuel's Lutheran congregation. In 1886 the congregation joined the Texas synod. Rev. Weisskopff continued to serve Elm Creek and in 1887 organized the congregation at Kingsbury. In 1888 the congregation voted to withdraw from the Texas synod and remained without synodical connections until 1924. During the year of 1889 the church building was renovated and a tower added, at an expense of \$1416.00. On account of ill health Rev. Weisskopff asked for his dismissal in a congregational meeting held December 20, 1895 to take effect March the first, 1896. The congregation prevailed upon him to stay one more year which he finally agreed to do.

Rev. Weisskopff served the congregation for twelve years and six months. During his stay the congregation experienced an unusual growth and expansion.

On June the first 1897 Dr. Wm. Steinmann of Fredericksburg, came to Seguin. Two years later the Ladies Aid was organized. He was a musician and a lover of good music and through his efforts our church choir was organized in the same year. This organization has enhanced our church services during all these years. During the synodical convention at Fredericksburg in 1911 Dr. Steinmann was instrumental in inducing the Texas synod to move its college from Brenham to Seguin. With the coming of the college to this city a new church edifice became a necessity. The present beautiful building was erected and dedicated July 6, 1913. The Ladies Aid assisted in beauti-

fying the new church home. The Senior Luther League was organized in 1916.

After nearly 23 years Dr. Steinmann resigned and November 1,



Top Photo: Congregation present at service held March 24th, 1929.

Bottom Photo: Emanuel's Lutheran Church 1912



BUILDING COMMITTEE

GENERAL: A. P. Stautzenberger, P. E. Serger, John Vivroux, Andy Wolter, H. A. Bading, R.L. Wuppermann, W. Steinmeyer; GROUND: R.L. Wuppermann, F.E. Knetsch, Otto Jandt, A.P. Stautzenberger; HARDWARE: P.E. Serger, H.A. Bading, A.P. Mueller; ELECTRIC: A.P. Stautzenberger, R.L. Wuppermann, J.F. Saegert; PLUMBING AND HEATING: Andy Wolter, John Vivroux, Wm. Nau-
mann, Jr.; EQUIPMENTS: J. F. Saegert, F. E. Knetsch, John Vivroux; KITCHEN
EQUIPMENT: Mrs. M. Haag, Mrs. P. E. Serger, Mrs. Arthur Weinert, Mrs. W.
Heideke, Mrs. Geo. Hagn

1919 moved to Westhoff. He now resides with his daughter Clara in San Antonio and he as well as his wife put in an occasional call with their old friends here. Rev. Rueter served the congregation in the interim until Rev. Theo. M. Janssen was elected.

OUR PARISH HOUSE

In March 1920, Rev. Janssen came to Seguin and on Palm Sunday preached his first sermon. On May 30, 1920 the congregation celebrated its fiftieth anniversary. During that year four additional lots were purchased for \$4,000.00 in order to secure room for further development. The ladies purchased the furnaces in the following year. They then set a new goal for themselves and started a fund

for a pipe organ. In 1923 our beautiful Kilgen organ equipped with complete chimes was dedicated. Suitable liturgical Altar and Pulpit hangings were provided and the church and altar room received new runners and carpets. At this time a step was taken which proved extremely beneficial to our entire work. The envelope system was introduced and this system has put an end to all financial worries.

The constant growth of the congregation made necessary another improvement. The Sunday School had grown to such an extent that new quarters became imperative. Besides, the various societies of the church had no suitable meeting place. For several years the congregation had

thought of constructing a parish House and in the meeting held January, 1928 the Ladies Aid offered two thousand dollars as a nucleus. Committees were appointed to report at a meeting to be held on March 4, 1928 and at this time it was unanimously decided to carry out the project at once. Eickenroht and Cocke, architects were engaged to prepare suitable plans and the contract was let in September to Goodrum and Nolte. The cornerstone was laid on November 25, 1928. The Revs. Weeber, Goerner, and Haag had part in the services and Rev. Jansen assisted by Mr. Geo. Hagn, president of the congregation, laid the cornerstone.

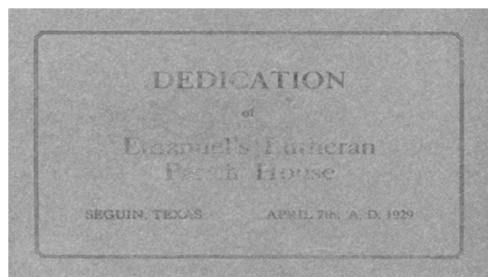
Hon. A. P. Mueller, Hon. F. E. Knetsch, and Prof. J. F. Saegert, Superintendent of city schools and superintendent of Sunday School, delivered suitable addresses.

In 1926 an English Missionary Society had been organized and in the beginning of this year a Junior League was called into existence. Both societies are filling a long felt need. They too will greatly benefit by our new Parish House.

The New Parish House is a spacious and modern brick structure, 98x70. The main auditorium has a seating capacity of 900 and will easily accomodate 1000. The stage, 20x50 is so magnificently furnished that we can point to it with pride. In addition a pastor's study and three additional committee rooms are located on the main floor. The basement is 35x68 with modern kitchen equipment designed to meet every need; it also contains the nursery. In order

to encourage good music the Luther League has provided the building with a concert grand piano, 7 ft. 7 inches in length. An additional upright has also been secured,

The congregation thru its whole hearted cooperation and generous response has made possible the erection of our new Parish House at a cost of slightly more than \$28,000.00. Ebenezer- "Hitherto the Lord has helped us." May He continue to bless our work and recreation in our new quarters.



My church! my church ! my dear old church, My fathers' and my own,

On prophets and apostles built,

And Christ the corner-stone;

All else beside, by storm or tide,

May yet be overthrown,

But not my church, my dear old church.

My fathers' and my own.

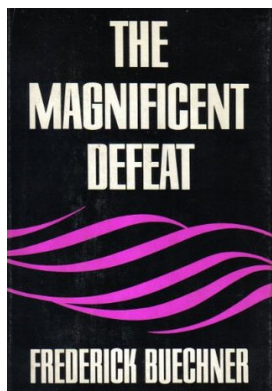
"Dedication of Emanuel's Lutheran Parish House: Seguin, Texas, April 7th A.D. 1929" is one of many copies of historical ephemera archived at Emanuel's Lutheran Church. If you are interested in learning more about this collection, please contact the church office.

BOOK REVIEW

THE MAGNIFICENT DEFEAT

By Frederick Buechner

Review by Doug Thorpe



As a novelist and memoirist, Frederick Buechner brings to these meditations on biblical passages a keen eye for narrative and detail. He brings as well an artist's love for language. As he says of James Weldon Johnson's poetic rendering of the creation story, this "is the language that man always uses when he tries to talk about the real mysteries of existence."

So too is it the language Buechner brings to these reflections, which similarly explore the real mysteries. Written simply and directly (their original audience was a group of students at the private school where the author was a minister), Buechner delves into topics ranging from Jacob's wrestling with the angel (this is the "magnificent defeat" of the title) to the annunciation and birth of Jesus and beyond. Whatever the topic, Buechner writes with clarity and honesty. He does not present himself as among the saints so much

as among the seekers. He doubts and questions but always comes back to the central place of beauty and of joy: here, he suggests, is where we must place our faith. Here is the true miracle of life, inviting us to "open our arms, our lives, to the deepest miracle of reality itself and call it by its proper name, which is King of kings and Lord of lords, or call it by any name we want, or call it nothing, but live our lives open to the fierce and transforming joy of it."

Short Bio:

An American writer, novelist, poet, autobiographer, essayist, preacher, and theologian. Buechner is an ordained Presbyterian minister and the author of more than thirty published books. His work encompasses different genres, including fiction, autobiography, essays and sermons, and his career has spanned more than six decades. Buechner's books have been translated into many languages for publication around the world. He is best known for his novels, including *A Long Day's Dying*, *The Book of Bebb*, *Godric* (a finalist for the 1981 Pulitzer Prize), and *Brendan*, his memoirs, including *Telling Secrets* and *The Sacred Journey*, and his more theological works, including *Secrets in the Dark*, *The Magnificent Defeat*, and *Telling the Truth*.

SPOTLIGHT ON TODAY & TOMORROW

Pastors' Summer Office Hours



The Summer Calendar is crazy full. Need time to talk with a pastor? We are here for you! No need to make an appointment. Come on in and let's chat!

Pastor Marcus

9:30 - 11:30 a.m.
(unless noted)

Tues. June 11 (2-5)
Tues. June 25
Wed. July 10
Wed. July 24
Wed. July 31
Tues. Aug 6 (2-5)
Thurs. Aug 15

Pastor Kelsie

9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Thurs. June 13
Mon. July 1
Mon. July 8
Mon. July 15

**Both Pastors are in-and-out at other times.
Please feel free to call the office at anytime to schedule a visit as needed.*



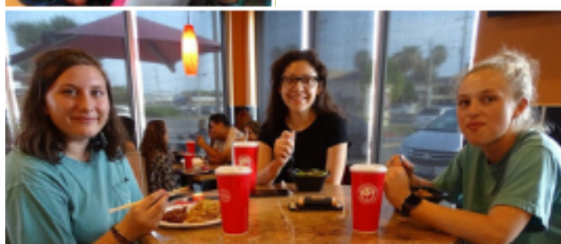
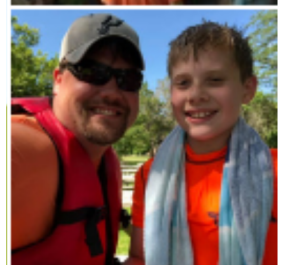
CONFIRMATION CELEBRATION was a great way to kick off Summer 2019. We gathered for worship at Nolte Island on May 26 with Spirit of Joy Lutheran Church.

Pictured here is intern Lewis Eggleston, Pastor Kelsie, Pastor Megan, Kaden Legore, Rynne Hepp, Kaden Legore, Klein Vickers, Alexis Moltz, and Pastor Marcus.



Summer isn't half way done... and we are having a BLAST!

- Day Camp and Vacation Bible School with Cross Trails Ministry was a huge success. So many smiles and COOKIES! Thanks again you beautiful volunteers!
- Camp Chrysalis is still a magical place. Lives changed and faces sun-kissed as they have been for ages.
- High School Mission Trip to the Rio Grande Valley to love our neighbor was a powerful learning experience.
- Day Schoolers loved decorating their hand crafted tote bags donated by Jeanne Palmer.
- Sunset Cinema indoors or outside is a treat for all ages!

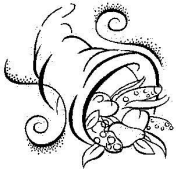


LOCAL & GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT

THANKS KEEP ROLLING IN!



The Salvation Army serving Guadalupe County extends appreciation to Emanuel's Lutheran Church for their continued support. The church office routinely redirects callers seeking assistance to the Salvation Army and other area agencies.



Referrals are also made to the Christian Cupboard. This food pantry is grateful for Emanuel's donations. "It is through support such as yours that we are able to continue our fight against hunger."



The Seguin Gazette honored Emanuel's Lutheran Church and Day School with as a 2018-2019 News In Education Silver Sponsor. This program promotes literacy in our community by providing resources to students and teachers.



Emanuel's supports Guadalupe County Melas on Wheels, as well. Donations provide nutritious meals to seniors and homebound residents. Volunteer drivers always appreciated.



LIFE AFTER LOSS, an established program of the Congregational Care Ministry, is presented this summer in two sessions in the Family Life Center from 3-5 p.m. :

Session 1: **Sunday, June 9**,
"Understanding and Processing Grief"

Session 2: **Sunday, Aug. 11**,
"Allowing Memories to Help Us Heal"

During the June Session we will discuss how we can help with our healing by better understanding the physical, behavioral, spiritual, and emotional reactions to grief. In August the conversation will continue as we explore how memories can be healing.

Life After Loss is facilitated by Rev. Darwin Huartson and Donna Simmons, Emanuel's Director of Congregational Care. If you are interested in attending please call the church at 830-379-5046.

SAVE THE DATE!



Day of Service - Sunday, September 8th

Congregations of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) will come together for "God's work. Our hands." **Sunday, September 8, 2019**. As church, we are guided by our life in Christ to share the love of Jesus and serve our neighbors. On "God's work. Our hands." Sunday we join together as one church to help restore and reconcile communities in Jesus' name. T-shirts will once again be available this year. The bright-yellow theme provides a wonderful visual impact across the ELCA. The deadline for ordering Emanuel's personalized T-shirts is early August, so stay tuned. Sharing the love of Christ through service to our neighbors is work you do every day. We look forward to "God's work. Our hands." Sunday and doing this work together again this year.

ALSO ... Take a closer look at the ELCA NATIONAL "God's work. Our hands." 2019 Campaign picture. See some familiar faces? TWO of the photos were taken at our very own GWOH day of service in 2018 and submitted by Elin Olke. The images feature members of our partner churches, further emphasizing the work of community and coming together in the name of Christ.

Special Services

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



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The Acorn is the Quarterly Newsletter of Emanuel's Lutheran Church. Each edition highlights who we are as a congregation yesterday, today, and tomorrow. Articles feature partners in ministry, stories from the archives, current events, and other news in a deeper, richer context to help continually define mission and ministry at Emanuel's. Please share your submissions/suggestions for *The Acorn* at info@emanuels-seguin.org.

Weekly News is an electronic e-blast of announcements taken from the weekly Sunday bulletin with enhanced graphics and hyperlinks for even more information. Not on the mailing list? Share your current email address at info@emanuels-seguin.org.

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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