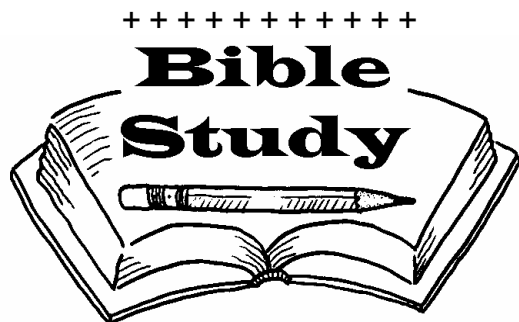


WORSHIP NEWS

March 2009

St Matthew Worship at 8:30 Immanuel Worship at 10:30

- March 1 – Worship Service w/ Holy Communion
Sunday Schools 9:30
- March 4 – Lenten Services @ St Matthew 7pm, meal prior
- March 8 – Worship Service of Word and Prayer
Sunday Schools 9:30
- March 11 – Lenten Services @ Immanuel 7pm, meal prior
- March 15 – Worship Service w/ Holy Communion
Sunday Schools 9:30
- March 18 - Lenten Services @ St Matthew 7pm, meal prior
- March 22 – Worship Service of Word and Prayer
Sunday Schools 9:30
- March 25 - Lenten Services @ Immanuel 7pm, meal prior
- March 29 – Worship Service of Word and Prayer
Blessing of the Quilts
Sunday Schools 9:30



Bible Study

Mondays- March 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30 - 1:00pm at 7:00 pm—
At the home of Clint and Winnie Boriack.
During Lent both Bible studies will meet on Mondays.

We will be studying the book of Acts, using the study guide
“*Acts for Everyone*” by N. T. Wright.

Members in Nursing Homes or shut in...

Lonie Addicks Margaret Heideman Lorena Randermann
Louise Bell Loesch Ella Buerger Ruth Koester
Harold Strang Carrie Mae Wellmann Mary Helen Cade
Bob Eccleston Louise Loesch

Those seeing doctors, continuing treatments and/or recovering from surgery...

Nina Ellermann Trenton Stewart Elwood Wehring
Becky Hardy Lee Roy Weiss Sylvia Dannhaus
Erlene Wellmann Bubba Brewton

In our extended family...

Evelyn Wodrich
Lily Vines & Ruby McLain— Aunts to Barbara Kramer & Dorothy Schulte
Ollie Newmann – Roxanne Buro's aunt
Henry Roese – Roxanne Buro's father
Connie Hetzel – Friend of Frances Scheffer
Jeannine Schwartz – Wife of Rev. John Schwartz
Fritzie Jaehne - friend of Sherry Mahlmann
Charles Steele – brother-in-law of Oscar Fuelberg,
Dolly Krause – step daughter of Erma Luetke
Wilbert Eickhoff – father of Judy Kieke
Malet Weatherby – friend of Scheffer & Mahlmann families
Brenda Meadows – friend of many
Robert Terrian – son-in-law of Ed & Sylvia Dannhaus
Lauren Davis – Friend of Sandra Duch
Elsie Bunker - related to Renee Lambert
David Ryan Fuller – friend of Pam Schroeder
Doris Jankowiak – friend of many
Johnny Jongebloed - friend of Alice Petty
Gilbert Weiss – Ed Weiss' brother
Shawn Presnell – Barbara Hollis' daughter
Truman Flynt – Edna Schroeder's brother-in-law
Keith Eickenhorst
Silas Rosenbaum - Son of Kim Hodde's friend
Ray Goehring – Barbara Hollis's brother
Daniel Niemeyer – brother of Corene Niemeyer
Larry Peters – father of Michelle Lampe
Carolyn Finley – mother of Dwayne Brown

Thanksgiving for Improvements

Bill Yawn Joe Ed Smith Ann Sommer
Glenda Bradley Cheryl Hetrick

In Christian Sympathy

To the family and friends of Willie Buerger, Jr. – brother of
Anita Oberhoff

To the friends and family of Charlie Machacek, Erma Luetge's
son-in-law's father.



This month's letter is really 2 letters, both brief.

First - A word about Lent. By the time you receive this newsletter, you may have been to the Ash Wednesday service and discovered that our theme for Lent this year is to look at the last week of Jesus, through the Gospel of Mark. From a triumphant procession into Jerusalem, to the darkness of a borrowed tomb, Jesus' last week invites us to look at how the Kingdom of God that Jesus proclaimed confronts the kingdoms of his time, and of ours. Which kingdom will you choose to give your allegiance to?

Second - The challenge before us. I spent three days at a national meeting hosted by Baylor University. Throughout the meeting we were challenged by the presentations to ask how we can turn our faith from just an idea, into actions that will transform the world. Since I returned we heard Evan Molian, Executive Director of Lutherhill challenge us to reach out with the intention of winning. I received e-mail messages from Bishop Mike Rinehart and Presiding Bishop Mark Hanson calling us to remember the words of Ephesians 2: 8-10 8 For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God— 9 not the result of works, so that no one may boast. 10 For we are what he has made us, **created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.** We can only be the true church of Christ, his very body, when we, like him, are out in the world bringing hope and healing by doing the good work that has been prepared for us to do.

Peace,

Jim

Confirmation update

Youth Retreat

The confirmation students will be in San Marcos, Texas on March 6, 7 and 8. They will attend a Junior High youth gathering called "YouthQuake." It brings together Jr High students from Texas for a week-end of bible study, speakers, christian music, and fellowship. Our students have attended YouthQuake for several years and it is always high on their list of things they want to do again. Please keep our confirmation students - Kailey, Tatum, Anna, Waylon, Colleen, Correne, Briana, and our adult sponsors - -- in your prayers.

Co-Op Confirmation will be held at Immanuel on March 22, at 3:00 pm.

This is a change in the date that was on parent's original schedule back in August.

We are the host church this month and the topic is RESURRECTION. What does the Bible have to say? What do we, as Lutheran Christians, have to say.

ST. MATTHEW WELCA

- March 8, 9:30 a.m. WELCA Bible Study on Esther, chapters 1-3, Corene Niemeyer, leader
- March 24, 9 - 11:30 Quilting, tacking, packing
- March 29, 8:30 a.m. Blessing of the quilts for Lutheran World Relief during service

Immanuel - Second Saturday -

The Immanuel church council invites everyone to "Second Saturday" at 8:00 am Saturday, March 14. Breakfast provided. We will have time for fellowship.

A signup sheet is in the parish hall for anyone interested in making/bringing breakfast

Join us for food and fellowship.
We hope to make Second Saturday a time for fellowship every month.

St Matthew Annual Congregational Meeting

1. The congregation agreed to keep having communion on the first Sunday of the month and later select a second Sunday (the third?) during the month for communion.
2. Roger Ellermann, Ruth Kelling and Ed Dannhaus have agreed to be part of the 2009 Nominating Committee.
3. A suggestion was made to bring doughnuts during the early service months on communion days only.
4. A suggestion was made to dismiss service in the church itself during cold weather, so people can visit for a while out of the cold weather.
5. Outgoing Council Members were thanked for a job well done: Paul Buro, Billy Scheffer, Nelda Schroeder (and the late Elroy Schroeder).
6. Congregation agreed to accept the Schedule of Services for 2009 as printed.

The following reports were received and approved:
Pastor's, youth, treasurers, financial secretary, Sunday school, WELCA, and audit committee.

Thank You from Texas-Louisiana Gulf Coast Synod

It is with great appreciation that I acknowledge Immanuel Lutheran Church of Wiedeville's special gift of \$366.50 to the Synod's Gustav/Ike Hurricane Relief Fund. These and other resources will be used to relieve the suffering of Lutherans and others within the boundaries of the Texas-Louisiana Gulf Coast Synod.

When we confront a natural disaster such as a hurricane we realize more than ever how important it is that, as individuals and congregations, we are part of a larger faith-community which has both the will and the resources to alleviate some of the suffering. Thank you for your participation in this important part of our walk together as disciples of Jesus Christ.

Yours in Christ,

Mike Rinehart, Bishop

P.S. Remember that Bishop Rinehart will be with us at both services on May 3.



Just a reminder that time change is the second Sunday in March (the 8th, Lent II) now. The good news is it'll never clash with Easter as long as they keep it at this time. *Don't forget to set your clocks **forward** Saturday night, March 7 for Daylight Savings Time. If you go to bed at 10 p.m., set your clock for 11 p.m.*

IMMANUEL

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS FOR MARCH

Captain: Kim Hodde

1st – Wade Wellmann, Pauline Hodges, Waylon Maxwell
8th – Colleen Bentke, Corey Bentke
11th – Jerry Kieke, Waylon Maxwell
15th – Wade Wellmann, Waylon Maxwell
22nd – Anna Rogers, Pauline Hodges
25th – Jerry Kieke, Colleen Bentke
29th - Ben Eickenhorst, Tyler Eickenhorst

SCRIPTURE READERS FOR MARCH

1st – Tatum Westerfeld
8th – Anna Rogers
11th – Anna Rogers
15th – Anna Rogers
22nd – Colleen Bentke
25th – Anna Rogers
29th – Waylon Maxwell

FLOWERS FOR MARCH

1st – Lenora Wellmann
8th – Rodney & Jerri Maurer, Stephen & MacKenzie
15th – Sherri & Mark Bentke
22nd - Mark & Jackie Eickenhorst (in honor of Elois)
29TH - Dot & Bill Yawn

ACOLYTES FOR MARCH

1st – Anna Rogers
8th – Alexis Chaudron
11th – Tatum Westerfeld
15th – Colleen Bentke
22nd – Waylon Maxwell
25th – Tatum Westerfeld
29th – Colleen Bentke

ST MATTHEW

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS FOR MARCH

David Kelm, Captain (836-4611)

John Dana
Matthew Kelm

March 4th – Mark Niebuhr, Stanley Sommer
March 18th – John Dana, Rudy Dana

Mark Niebuhr – Communion Assistant

SCRIPTURE READERS FOR MARCH

1st – Corene Niemeyer
4th - Nelda Schroeder
8th - Edna Schroeder
15th - Nelda Schroeder
18th – Winnie Boriack
22nd – Kailey Studhalter
29TH – Kailey Studhalter

FLOWERS FOR MARCH

1st – Ron & Barbara Pohlmeier
8th – Renee Lambert
15th – Elwood & Eloise Wehring
22nd – Matt & Michelle Lampe, Megan & Mason in honor of
Megan's birthday
29TH – Stanley, Ann & Maria Sommer

Fill cups for Communion: Eloise Wehring & Betty Watson
Wash Communion ware: Carol Koch & Annie Mae Studhalter

St. Matthew Lutheran Church
March Baptisms



Michael Muegge	1
Carrie Scheffer	9
Weldon Finke	10
Frances Dana	13
Florence Schwartz	14
Ron Pohlmeyer	21
Frances Scheffer	22
Justin Dana	23
Rachel Buro	24
Jennifer Long	25
Brett Muegge	25
Franklin Schroeder	27
Peggy Ward	31

St. Matthew Lutheran Church
March Birthdays



Franklin Schroeder	3
Renee Lambert	5
Jim Abbott	6
Danny Muegge	6
Tyler Wayne Gajeske	11
Kaylyn Lehmann	17
Megan Lampe	20
Lyann Gajeske	21
Marjorie Heckmann	23
Kelli Collier	26
Leon Schwartz	29
Amanda Lauter	29
Johanna Holtkamp	31

Immanuel Lutheran Church
March Baptisms



Nelda Gaskamp	3
Edna Weiss	13
Cheryl Joswiak	13
Betty Wellmann	21
Annie Loomis	23
Kimberly Schramme	26
Bryan Bothe	26
Jerry Kieke	27
Larry Kieke	27
Lucas Flynn	27
Mark Bentke	30

Immanuel Lutheran Church
March Birthdays



Bryan Bothe	2
DeLois Moehlmann	3
Kay Weiss	4
Wade Rau	4
Kim Hodde	5
Doris Burk	6
Molli Rau	8
Wendy Ashorn	9
Trinity Hart	10
Wilburn Addicks	13
Brad Sommerfield	16
Maggi Rau	18
Samantha Wellmann	18
Alison Dreyer	20
Jamie Wiesepape	22
Sherri Bentke	23
Michael Dudich	24
Bobby Meyer	25
Tyler Eickenhorst	25
Hayden Hupe	25
Jacob McCord	26
Ruth Koester	29
Gracie Westerfeld	29
Bill Yawn	31

LENT 2009

The Last Week

The theme for this year is “The LAST WEEK.” We will take a look at some event on each day of the last week of Jesus’ life, as recorded in the Gospel of Mark. Services start at 7:00 pm. Ash Wednesday thru April 1 meal from 6:00 to 6:50 pm. No meal Maundy Thursday, April 9th. Good Friday services at 2:00 pm.

Feb 25 Immanuel - “Palm” Sunday **2 Kingdoms**
Meal served 6:00 to 6:50 pm
Sponsor: Immanuel Women of the ELCA (Soup)
Service at 7:00 pm

March 4 St Matthew - Monday **Challenge & House Cleaning**
The Kingdom of God and the Kingdom of Commerce
Meal served 6:00 to 6:50 pm
Sponsor: St Matthew Women of the ELCA (Chili)
Service at 7:00 pm

March 11 Immanuel - Tuesday **Kingdom of Law or Kingdom of Love?**
Meal served 6:00 to 6:50 pm
Sponsor: Immanuel Council (Chicken Spaghetti)
Service at 7:00 pm

March 18 St Matthew - Wednesday **Public Kingdom of Kindness**
Secret Kingdom of Fear
Meal served 6:00 to 6:50 pm
Service at 7:00 pm

March 25 Immanuel - Thursday **The Final Fellowship**
The Final Betrayal
Meal served 6:00 to 6:50 pm
Sponsor: Confirmation Youth (Baked Potato Plus)
Service at 7:00 pm

April 1 St Matthew - Friday **The False Trial**
The Injustice of Man’s Kingdoms & The Justice of God
Meal served 6:00 to 6:50 pm (Spaghetti)
Service at 7:00 pm

April 9 Immanuel - Friday **The True Son of God**
Maundy Thursday part 2 **The True King of All**
Holy Communion 7:00 pm
No meal served.

April 10 Immanuel- Saturday **Buried not Abandoned**
Good Friday **The Kingdom of Death**
Friday **Cannot Hold Him**
2:00 pm, refreshments following

-- Immanuel council notes.

- At the congregational meeting in January we voted to begin to observe Holy Communion twice a month. There was a discussion at the meeting, and in the council as well, about exactly what our schedule should be. Beginning in March, we will observe Holy Communion on the first and third Sundays of each month, as well as on a few special days such as Palm Sunday, Easter, and Christmas. Pastor Abbott will work with the families of confirmation students who are not able to attend on the first and third Sundays.

- Meeting dates - to accommodate council members who work out of town the council voted to meet on Saturday, March 14th and then, starting in April, to meet regularly on the third Wednesday of each month. The council also decided to change the meeting time to 7:00 pm starting in April.

Kim Hodde was elected as vice-chairperson.

The constitution committee will resume work on evaluating the current constitution during February.

Lutheran Social Services

Krause Children's Center in Katy has been approved for a \$26,000 grant by Valero Refineries. The grant, made possible through the annual Valero Golf Benefit, will benefit boys and girls served by the 62-bed facility, which cares for children ages 12-18, many of whom are victims of abuse and neglect. "We are honored by the faith that Valero and its employees have in our care for children in the Houston area," said Alex Hamilton, vice president of children's residential treatment centers for LSS, which owns and operates Krause. For more information about Krause Children's Center, visit www.KrauseChildrensCenter.org.



Lenten Offerings

Offerings received at the Lenten Services on Wednesday evenings have been designated for local charities.

Offerings from Immanuel members will be split between Camp Chrysalis, Senior Meals and Habitat for Humanity.

Offerings from St Matthew members will be split between Faith Mission and Goodfellows.

Spring Devotional Guides

The Spring Devotion guides for April, May and June will be available to be picked up on Sunday, March 22 and Sunday, March 29 at church.

Large print Christ in Our Home

Available at both churches.

Volunteers Serving in the Community

Lay Visitors – Immanuel – Delivering bulletins

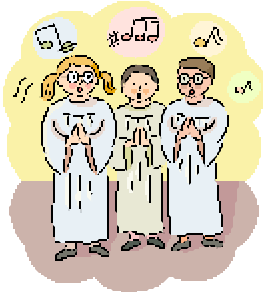
Please support these disciples and our shut-ins with your prayers. Erma Luetge and Edna Weiss are serving in March. Confirmation youth: Brianna Hupe and Colleen Bentke will also be assisting.

Senior Meals - Those delivering meals for Washington County Healthy Living Association from both Immanuel and St Matthew are Pastor Abbott and Louise, Larry & Florine Allen, Edna Schroeder, Alice Petty, Ruth Kelling, and Elaine Thielemann.

To All Interested Musicians and Singers...

You are invited to be part of the BRENHAM SACRED CHORUS

WHERE: Festival Hill, Round Top
WHEN: Sunday, April 26, 2009, 4:00 pm
WHO: Sing with the orchestra and the
Brenham Children's Chorus
HOW: Rehearsal on Thursday, April 23
6:00 PM, Community Ed Building,
1301 S. Market, Brenham
Music will be provided.
CONTACT: The Brenham Children's Chorus
Office, 979-277-6540 or e-mail
info@brenhamchildrenschorus.org



Choir Notes-Immanuel-March 2009

Immanuel Choir will meet March 11th and March 25th at 6:40 after the Lenten meal and before church to practice the songs for Easter. We will sing on Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday. Please join us!

Choir Notes-St Matthew-March 2009

St Matthew Choir will meet March 8, 15, 22, and 29 at 8:00 am to practice songs for Lent. Everyone is welcome. Please join us!



Thanks to Larry & Jerry Kieke for cleaning flower beds & pruning.

St Matthew Lutheran Book of Worship

There are a number of green *Lutheran Book of Worship* hymnals available for members of the congregation. Those that were given in memory of or in honor of an individual or family are arranged alphabetically and are displayed on the benches in the hall outside the Sunday school rooms.

Please find a new home for these retired hymnals. Those not claimed in a reasonable period of time will be grouped with the remaining *Lutheran Book of Worship* hymnals and disposed of.

If you have questions about this see Stanley or Marilyn Sommer or Pastor Abbott.



Immanuel Spring Clean-up Day

will be Saturday, March 14th after the Second Saturday Breakfast and Fellowship. Please come for breakfast @ 8am and stay to help clean-up our church and grounds.

Keeping in Touch

Pastor Abbott:

Call - 251-4992 - Pastor Abbott's cell phone -
E-Mail pastorabbott@earthlink.net - for Pastor Abbott

St Matthew: Call - 836-8894 - the office @ St Matthew

E-mail - Smichurch@hotmail.com

Website - stmatthewbrenham.org

Immanuel: call - 836-6780 - the office @ Immanuel.

E-mail - Smichurch@hotmail.com

St Matthew New Evangelical Lutheran Worship Hymnals

given since the last newsletter at St Matthew:

Given by:

In Memory of:

Zeb & Karen Heckmann

Edwin & Alberta Heckmann

Michael & Shirley Gajeske

James Scheffer

If anybody still wants to give a hymnal(s) in memory of or in honor of someone, you may do so by just filling out a pink slip located in the back of the church where the bulletins are, put a check (for \$22.50 per hymnal made out to St. Matthew Lutheran) with the form and place in the offering plate or contact Frances Scheffer at 836-9675.



Join Pastor for Coffee and a Chat

Pastor Abbott would like to have time to meet with members. So during March he will be available after church services on the 22nd and 29th at Immanuel if anyone would like to meet with him.

In April he will be available after church services on the 19th and 26th at St Matthew if anyone would like to meet with him.



Fellowship 101 - The Lutheran student group at Blinn College will meet Tuesday March 10 at Noon in Room 1 of the Blinn Student Center.

Contact Pastor Abbott for more info.

Immanuel Council Highlights

Minutes: of the January meeting and financial reports for January were approved.

Old business:

- Colton Coghlan is waiting for the go-ahead on the Playground Equipment
- Constitution Committee is working on the Constitution.
- We are trying to think of ways to let people know about our Church. Maybe sell tickets to a chicken spaghetti meal to bring people to the church.

New Business:

- Council meetings will be changed to the third Wednesday of every month, except for March when the meeting will be on March 14 after the Second Saturday Breakfast and fellowship and following the clean-up day.
- The Lutherhill Campaign group will visit with our Church Council on April 15 instead of March 10.
- Council members need to mark their calendars for Sat. April 18 event for all church council members in the area at St. Paul.
- Kim Hodde was elected Vice-Chair of the Council.
- We are going to ask Olan Mills come and make a presentation on when we can take pictures for a new Church Directory.
- A motion was passed to have a Fund Raiser for Keith Eickenhorst. Doug will fix a Roast Beef Dinner after services on March 29. A free will offering will be taken.
- We will celebrate Communion on the First and Third Sunday of every month.
- Meals for Lenten services are as follows:
 - WELCA – soup – February 25
 - Council – Chicken Spaghetti – March 11
 - Youth – Baked Potatoes – March 25

Save for Retirement ~ Support Mission

It's never too late to support mission and save for retirement. The Mission Investment Fund is now offering investors a special incentive to purchase term investments held as Individual Retirement Accounts (IRA).

Through the Mission Investment Fund, you can grow your savings and your church at once. With your investments, Mission Investment Fund makes loans to ELCA congregations and related ministries for land purchases and building projects.

Through April 30, purchase an IRA and earn a .20% higher rate than for a comparable MissionTermSelect term investment. Visit www.elca.org/mif and click on "Current Rates" to check out the rates for MissionTermSelect investments. The IRA rate for the same investment is .20% higher. Then, right there at www.elca.org/mif, visit the IRA Service Center or call 1.877.886.3522 (toll free) to **get started today.**

Fundraiser for Keith Eickenhorst

Immanuel Lutheran Church / Wiedeville will have a fund raising event on Sunday March 29, 2009 for former church member Keith Eickenhorst.

Keith is the 42 year old son of Immanuel members Johnnie and Elois Eickenhorst. Keith is living in Laveen, Arizona where he and his wife Jana have lived since they were married. They have three children, Aston and husband Bryce Adams, Keith Jr., and Destiny.

Keith has been diagnosed with melanoma cancer. He is currently receiving radiation treatments for brain cancer and this will be followed by chemotherapy. Keith has been self-employed and does not have any medical insurance. We are asking for community support for Keith, not only with financial aid but also with your prayers for God's healing in Keith's battle with cancer. There will be a roast beef noon meal beginning at twelve o'clock with a free will donation for the meal. We invite you to join us at our 10:30 A.M. service before the meal. If you cannot attend service you are welcome to join us for lunch in Immanuel's parish hall at noon. A silent auction will be conducted during the lunch hour. Proceeds from the meal and auction will be given to Keith. Immanuel will also be accepting donations for Keith.

Please send your donations to:
Immanuel Lutheran Church/ Wiedeville
Keith Fund
4529 Wiedeville Church Rd.
Brenham, Tx. 77833