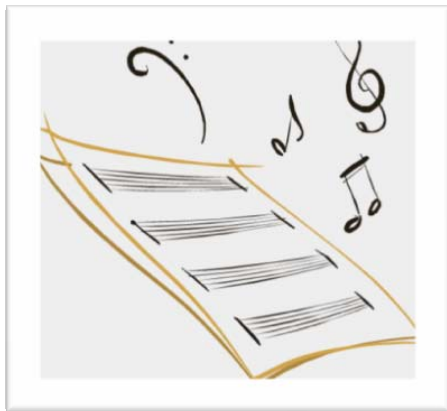


WORSHIP NEWS

February 2010

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

- February 7 – Worship Service w/ Holy Communion
Sunday Schools @ 9:30 am
St Matthew General Meeting following service
- February 14 – Worship Service of Word and Prayer
Sunday Schools @ 9:30 am
- February 17 – Ash Wednesday service w/ Holy Communion
@ St Matthew 7pm
Meal 6:00-6:50 pm
- February 21 - Worship Service w/ Holy Communion
Sunday Schools @ 9:30 am
- February 24 - Wednesday night Lenten service @ Immanuel
7pm
Meal 6:00-6:50 pm
- February 28 - Worship Service of Word and Prayer
Sunday Schools @ 9:30 am
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Choir Notes-Immanuel February 2010

The choir will meet at 8 AM each Sunday in February, beginning February 7. We will sing each Sunday and start to learn songs for Easter and to lead congregational singing. We welcome all new singers to join in the fun

Immanuel Lutheran Church Council Highlights

Old Business

- Constitution Committee. Will continue working on this after Lent.
- Nominating committee. Still need someone for Elder.
- Moving Sound System. Still working on this.
- Every member visitation in Feb 2010. Will have a meeting and catered meal for those doing the visitations on Feb. 14. Pauline is taking care of this. Pastor Kerry Nelson will be here to talk to those doing the visitations and give us an outline to go by when we visit.

New Business:

- Talked about the fact that the Financial Secretary and Treasurer need to be bonded.
- Property maintenance. Eugene is working on unplugging the culverts. Air filters need to be changed.
- Motion made to bring to Congregational Meeting that this year Christmas will fall on a Saturday and is to be held at Immanuel. Maybe on Sunday, December 26 we could have a joint service at Sandy Hill.
- Changed dates of Council Meetings in February and March due to Lent. The Council will meet on February 13 and March 13.
- Jerry Kieke said that he will still continue to do the flower beds, bring donuts, take care of tree trimming, and the usher list.
- Eugene Bothe will take care of driveway.



Members in Nursing Homes or shut in...

Margaret Heideman Lorena Randermann
Louise Bell Loesch Mary Helen Cade Bob Eccleston
Alfred Gaskamp Nelda Gaskamp Martha Clough

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

Barbara Hollis Don Bolenbarr Tim Wellmann
Mike Hodges Betty Watson Don Goodwin
Bob Eccleston Carrie Scheffer

In our extended family...

Evelyn Wodrich
Lily Vines– Aunt to Barbara Kramer & Dorothy Schulte
Ollie Newmann – Roxanne Buro's aunt
Henry Roese – Roxanne Buro's father
Robert Terrian – son-in-law of Ed & Sylvia Dannhaus
Lauren Davis – friend of many
David Ryan Fuller – friend of Pam Schroeder
Doris Jankowiak – friend of many
Shawn Presnell – Barbara Hollis' daughter
Ray Goehring – Barbara Hollis's brother
Leroy Boenker – cousin of Renee Lambert
Gregory Rybarski – brother of Christie Schroeder
Michael Danford – nephew of Doris and Bob Burk
Levi Luvaas – father of Marlene Randermann
Donald Carter – son of Barbara Hollis
Ruby McLain - Aunt of Barbara Kramer & Dorothy Schulte
Jenny Sebastian – Amanda (Wellmann) Sebastian's sister in law
Katherine Kenjura - Edna Schroeder's niece
Bonnie Benkowski – friend of many
Louese Teer – Aunt of Trochelle Ray
Jocyne Hanath – Friend of Stanley Sommer
Wayman Bradley – brother of Don Bradley
Jimbo Hardin – nephew of Pauline Hodges
Frank Dickschat – uncle of Renee Lambert
Butch Kevorkian - Philip Kelling's biological father
Bobbie Oberhoff – son of Anita Oberhoff
Doris Meyer – mother of Bobby Meyer
Imogene Macat – grandmother of Deanna Scheffer

Thanksgiving for Improvements or Good News...

Mildred Moehlmann Raleigh Wellmann Trenton Stewart
In Christian Sympathy to the family and friends of...
Esther Bradley – Don Bradley's sister-in-law
Jerry Watson Nora Watts Ruth Koester
Carson Leslie -- friend of Bill & Dot Yawn

Volunteers Serving in the Community

Lay Visitors – Immanuel – Delivering bulletins
Please support these disciples and our shut-ins with your prayers. No one signed up for February.

Senior Meals - Those delivering meals for Washington County Healthy Living Association from both Immanuel and St Matthew are Pastor Abbott and Louise, Virginia Tappe and Patty Addicks, Edna Schroeder and Alice Petty, and Ruth Kelling and Laura Fischer.



Immanuel Spring Clean-up Day

will be Saturday, February 13th after the Second Saturday Breakfast and Fellowship. Please come for breakfast @ 8am and stay to help clean-up the inside of our church.

Immanuel Quilting

The Women of Immanuel Lutheran will be quilting for Lutheran World Relief on February 9 from 9-12 am at Church. Please join us.

Nursing Home Service

Join Pastor on Thursday, February 18 at 10:30 am for the service at Brenham Rest Home.

Immanuel - Second Saturday -

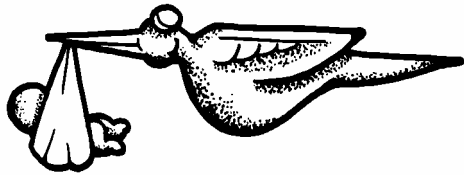
The Immanuel church council invites everyone to "Second Saturday" at 8:00 am Saturday, February 13. Breakfast provided.

We will have time for fellowship. Jim and Louise Abbott, Ruth Gaskamp, and Didier Soler are hosting on the 13th. Thank you.

A signup sheet is in the parish house for anyone interested in making/bringing breakfast in 2010.

Join us for food and fellowship.

We hope to make Second Saturday a time for fellowship every month.



Congratulations to Parents

Daisy Faye, daughter born to Nathan & Mindy Wellmann on Jan. 15

Garrett Lynn, son born to Jason & Tanya Hupe on Jan. 17

Jeanie and Ronson Muegge on birth of son Ronson Henry Muegge II

Shelley and Brian Scheffer on the birth of their son, Brayden James Quinly on Jan 11. He weighed 4 pounds, 4 ounces and was 17-1/2 inches long. Grandmother is Bonnie Scheffer and great-grandparents are Edward & Carrie Scheffer.

Immanuel Sarah Circle

will meet at the home of Doris Kramer on February 10 at 6:30pm.

President Andre Golike of the Lutheran Church in the Central African Republic will be in Texas Jan. 26 - Feb. 2. He will speak at St. Peter's at Gay Hill on Feb. 1 at 7 p.m. Jana Ahlers will translate as needed. Come and learn first hand about our work there: the Village Education Program, the new Women's Center, and the Gallo Health Clinic. Meet at 6:15 at Sandy Hill Feb 1 to leave for Gay Hill at 6:30.

St Matthew WELCA

Please check your bulletin on January 31 or Feb. 7 to read the announcement about WELCA Bible Study and Quilting for February.

St Matthew Ladies

You are invited to a party on Sunday, February 14, 2010 at St Matthew's Church from 2:00 pm till 4:00 pm. It will be fun to get together.

Hostess
Barbara Kramer
Dorothy Schulte

We look forward to seeing **all** of you.

URGENT NEED FOR LWR HEALTH KITS

Eight countries are currently on a waiting list to receive health kits. These are sent by LWR to areas where disaster relief is being provided.

Health Kits

6 band-aids

1 toothbrush

1 hand towel

1 wash cloth

1 comb

1 bar soap (new bath size)

1 nail file or small clipper with file

IMMANUEL

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS FOR FEBRUARY

Captain: Eugene Bothe

- 7th - Mark Eickenhorst, Bill Yawn, Colleen Bentke
- 14th – Mark Eickenhorst, Brianna Hupe, Tyler Eickenhorst
- 21st – Bill Yawn, Mark Eickenhorst, Cheyenne Ridings
- 24th - Bill Yawn, Jerry Kieke
- 28th - Jerry Kieke, Bill Yawn, Brianna Hupe

SCRIPTURE READERS FOR FEBRUARY

- 7th – Tatum Westerfeld
- 14th – Cheyenne Ridings
- 21st – Waylon Maxwell
- 24th - Jana Ahlers
- 28th - Colleen Bentke

FLOWERS FOR FEBRUARY

- 7th – Bill & Dot Yawn
- 14th – Amy & Michael Flynn
- 21st – Pam Bothe
- 28th - Rodney & Jerri Maurer

ACOLYTES FOR FEBRUARY

- 7th – Gracie Westerfeld
- 14th – Colleen Bentke
- 21st – Colleen Bentke
- 24th -
- 28th - Cheyenne Ridings

ST MATTHEW

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS FOR FEBRUARY

Kim Mueller, Captain (830-1912)

- Bradley Mueller
- Billy Scheffer
- Justin Dana – Feb 7 & 14
- Feb 17th – John Dana and Mark Niebuhr

- Clint Boriack – Communion Assistant
- Stanley Sommer – Communion Assistant on Feb 17th

SCRIPTURE READERS FOR FEBRUARY

- 7th – Zeb Heckmann
- 14th – Dwayne Brown
- 17th - Michelle Lampe
- 21st - Justin Dana
- 28th - Winnie Boriack

FLOWERS FOR FEBRUARY

- 7th – Gladys Schwarze
- 14th – Matt, Michelle, Megan and Mason Lampe in honor of their 10th wedding anniversary
- 21st - Elwood and Eloise Wehring
- 28th - Dwayne & Debbie Brown in memory of her aunt Helen Walker

ACOLYTES FOR FEBRUARY

- 17th – Justin Dana
- 24th – Justin Dana

Fill cups for Communion: Barbara Kramer and Dorothy Schulte

Wash Communion ware: Susan Busby and Peggy Ward

St. Matthew Lutheran Church
February Baptisms



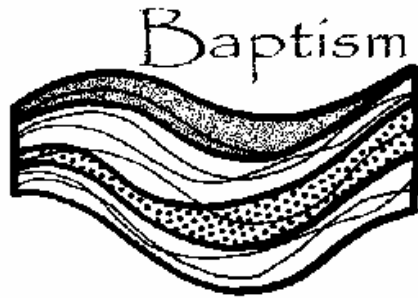
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| Edward Scheffer | 1 |
| Carol Koch | 4 |
| Corene Niemeyer | 4 |
| Shirley Gajeske | 8 |
| Mark Schulte | 11 |
| Katlyn Kliebert | 13 |
| Erich Oberhoff | 13 |
| Dustin Buro | 14 |
| Ruth Kelling | 14 |
| Eloise Wehring | 14 |
| Kim Mueller | 15 |
| Freddie Moehlmann | 16 |
| Trevor Eckert | 19 |
| Mark Niebuhr | 20 |
| Addie Schwartz | 20 |
| Mason Lampe | 22 |
| Matthew Kelm | 24 |
| Billy Scheffer | 25 |
| Joel Muegge | 26 |
| Jerry Lauter | 27 |
| Keith Mahlmann | 27 |
| Melissa Guttenberger | 28 |

St. Matthew Lutheran Church
February Birthdays



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|------------------|----|
| Brett Muegge | 2 |
| Ron Pohlmeier | 2 |
| Betty Watson | 5 |
| Barbara Kramer | 11 |
| Mattie Niebuhr | 12 |
| Peggy Ward | 14 |
| Stephen Scheffer | 17 |
| Casey Finke | 23 |
| Lavonne Reue | 23 |
| Rachel Niebuhr | 24 |
| Bonnie Scheffer | 24 |
| Clinton Duch | 27 |
| Jerry Lauter | 27 |
| Charles Gajeske | 28 |

Immanuel Lutheran Church
February Baptisms



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| Amber Westerfeld | 2 |
| Chase Coghlan | 4 |
| Colton Coghlan | 4 |
| Sue Hohlt | 9 |
| Dee Allen | 11 |
| Janice McClendon | 11 |
| Ruth Kelling | 14 |
| Neil Maurer | 16 |
| Leon Wellmann | 22 |
| Elois Eickenhorst | 23 |

Immanuel Lutheran Church
February Birthdays



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| Jordan Benn | 2 |
| Betty Watson | 5 |
| Jerry Kieke | 6 |
| Larry Kieke | 6 |
| Colton Coghlan | 8 |
| Nadine Rau | 8 |
| Mark Bentke | 11 |
| Alton Sommerfield | 13 |
| Donna Ridings | 15 |
| Rodney Maurer | 16 |
| Lucas Flynn | 18 |
| Raleigh Wellmann | 19 |
| Don Bolenbarr | 23 |
| Jerry Bothe | 24 |
| Hannah Stockton | 29 |

St Matthew General Meeting

Sunday, February 7 after service

Meal to follow Tex's Bar-B-Que was called and a Smothered Steak Meal with two sides, bread, and tea will be served for \$6.50 a plate. A sign-up sheet will be placed in the narthex to assist with a count.

Everyone is encouraged to come.



Immanuel Lutheran Church – Wiedeville Members

Our family would like to say “thank you” for all the sympathy and kindness that the members of the Church extended to us. Ruth was always thrilled with the visits from you while at Brenham Rest Home and at her home. We are blessed to have such good friends. God Bless You.

Don and Ann Koester and Family

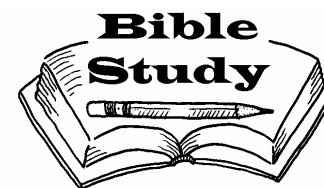
Pastor Abbott on Continuing Education

Pastor Abbott will be away on continuing education at Baylor from February 11 until February 12. If there are any emergencies please call 251-4992.

Guest Minister

On Feb 14 Rev. Kerry Nelson, will be our guest minister.

On February 28 John Hunsicker will be our guest minister at Immanuel.



Bible Study

Monday, February 1 the evening group is invited to join the 1pm study at Immanuel. Monday, February 8, 15 and 22 –1:00 pm at Immanuel and at the home of Clint and Winnie Boriack at 6:00 pm.

St. Matthew Sunday School News

We have added a new classroom for our toddlers. Please join us in the new "Lighthouse" room for music starting at 9:30 a.m. Miss Emily Dana and/or Miss Katie Kleibert will then have a 15-20 minute lesson for the Pre-K and toddler age children in the new classroom. If you know of any toddlers or can invite a school-aged friend please come join us on Sunday mornings. The school-aged children will have lesson time with Mrs. Frances Dana, Mrs. Sherry Mahlmann, and/or Mrs. Rachel Niebuhr following music time. Hope to see you there! We are looking forward to sharing a very blessed 2010 with you!

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



Life Together & Worship

At the center of our life together is the cross. The place of promise and hope, that must first pass through pain and death. We are people who are baptized into Christ's death, and also in the promise of life with him, now and for eternity.

As we look forward into February we look to the season of Lent. A time of reflection and renewal. We will practice reflection and renewal in two ways during Lent.

First, at Immanuel, there will be a time of reflection as council members, teamed with another person, will be calling on members. They will visit to listen, to reflect, to bring the members joys and cares back to the pastor and the rest of the leaders. This is not about asking for money, it is about asking how the church can better serve you, and how you can serve God's Kingdom.

At St Matthew our February meeting will give us a time to reflect on the past year and plan for the year to come.

During Lent our congregations will participate in a pulpit exchange. New faces and new voices can be a way to renew and strengthen our worship and our fellowship.

Pastor Abbott, Pastor David Hansen (St John, Prairie Hill), Pastor Charles Parnell (Salem), Pastor Alan Kethan (St Peter, Gay Hill), and Pastor Steve Cox (St Paul Rehburg) will all speak on some type of prayer. I will be at St Matthew, for Ash Wednesday, and all the other pastors will be in their home congregations as well. Over the next five weeks each of us will go to the other churches in the group, returning to our own congregation on Wednesday March 24.

I hope that this time, as we hear and experience the power of prayer, will renew our zeal and help us prepare to carry the resurrection message out into our community.

Peace,

Jim

Easter Lilies Sale

To enhance the beauty of our sanctuary during
The Holy Season of Easter.

Your Name _____

Phone Number _____

Number of Plants @ \$10.00 each _____ x \$10.00 = _____

In honor of: _____

In memory of: _____

Make Check Payable to church and put in the offering plate.
Put form and check in the offering plate.

Form & money need to be turned in no later than
February 28, 2010.

The Lilies are being purchased from the Brookwood Community.
They will have 4 or more blooms and be between 18 and 20 inches
in height.



“Getting Your Ducks in a Row”

On Sunday, February 28, during the Sunday School hour at Immanuel, we welcome John Hunsicker from the Lutheran Foundation of the Southwest.

Pastor John will be presenting a special seminar entitled “Getting Your Ducks in a Row”.

This fun workshop is designed to give you a lot of helpful information about estate planning, how to avoid probate and taxes, how to provide for yourself during retirement, and how to leave something for your loved ones, while still leaving a LEGACY GIFT to our church and other Lutheran ministries!

Come one come all.... Everyone is invited!

Pastor John will be at St Matthew on March 14 to present this workshop.

LENT 2010

Prayer

The theme for this year is "Prayer." We will take a look at some some type of prayer each Wednesday night during Lent. Services start at 7:00 pm. Ash Wednesday thru March 24 meal from 6:00 to 6:50 pm. No meal Maundy Thursday, April 1st. Good Friday services at 2:00 pm.

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| Feb 17 | St Matthew - | Pastor Jim Abbott | Confession
Meal served 6:00 to 6:50 pm
Sponsor: St Matthew
Service at 7:00 pm |
| Feb 24 | Immanuel - | Pastor David Hansen
Prairie Hill | Meal served 6:00 to 6:50 pm
Sponsor: Immanuel Women of the ELCA
Service at 7:00 pm |
| March 3 | St Matthew - | Pastor Alan Kethan
Gay Hill | Listening
Meal served 6:00 to 6:50 pm
Sponsor: St Matthew
Service at 7:00 pm |
| March 10 | Immanuel - | Pastor Charles Parnell
Salem | Meal served 6:00 to 6:50 pm
Sponsor: Immanuel Church Council
Service at 7:00 pm |

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| March 17 | St Matthew - | Pastor Steve Cox
Rehburg | Supplication
Meal served 6:00 to 6:50 pm
Sponsor: St Matthew
Service at 7:00 pm |
| March 24 | Immanuel - | Jim Abbott | Blessing
Meal served 6:00 to 6:50 pm (Spaghetti)
Sponsor: Confirmation Youth (Baked Potato Plus)
Service at 7:00 pm |
| April 1
Thursday | St Matthew - | Pastor Jim Abbott | Maundy
Holy Communion 7:00 pm
No meal served. |
| April 2
Good
Friday | Immanuel- | Pastor Jim Abbott | Home Communion
2:00 pm, refreshments following |

St Matthew Council Notes January 2010

Education Chair's Report: Sherry Mahlmann gave a tentative schedule of dates for the Sunday School

Property Chair's Report: Mark Niebuhr discussed several needed improvements:

change candlewicks for Advent wreath

Move the church bench in the overflow room from against the wall to the front right behind the bi-fold doors. David Ray and Mark to repair the bench before they move it.

Try 130 watt fluorescent light bulbs to last longer for the outside church lights.

Update the Sound system for the church with Memorial money. Need a new lapel microphone, new handheld microphone, clean/ repair speakers and wires and make able to hook up DVD, VCR, and TV for projector, music, and slide shows. New speakers for Nursery room.

Add new rails in the parish hall to continue confirmation photo display on opposite wall.

Replace carpet in front of entry way to church.

Get more lighting for inside the church.

Send Thank you note to Leon Schwartz for the money to repair the entry way to the church.

Worship Chair's Report- Michelle Lampe discussed concerns about being able to get readers and ushers for Lenten Services. Clint Boriak will help with communion during the month of February and Stanley Sommer will be the communion assistant during evening Lent service. Michelle discussed coordinating readers with the Flower Chart sign-up chart in the Narthex.

A date was set for the Fall Festival in 2010 – November 14th following the 8:30 service.

A date was set for the Semi-Annual meeting in 2010 – November 28th following the 8:30 service.

St. Matthew Sunday School Schedule for 2010

March 14th and March 21st – No Sunday School
SPRING BREAK WEEK

April 4th – Easter Sunday – Easter Egg Hunt and
Party at 9:30 a.m.

April 25th – Horseshoe Junction- car pool following
10:30 service for pizza & games

June - VBS at Friedens in Old Washington

Mid July – Camp Lutherhill

September 19th – no Sunday School – FAIR WEEK

October – Saturday trip to Dewberry Farms

November 14th – Fall Festival – Youth Fundraiser Games, Cake
Walk, Silent Auction, and Meal to follow 8:30 church service



The new church picture directory is here!
They are available to be picked up at church.