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There are two ways to describe a one-pint glass containing a half-pint of water. You can see the glass as half empty, or you can view it as half full. It's a familiar analogy, and really does reflect a choice of attitudes. At home with family, at work or school, with friends and neighbors, and here at church, too, often times we can choose to see the glass as half empty or half full.

The ancient Psalmist had a different vision: *"You prepare a feast before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows."* God's cup of blessing isn't just half full. It's full to overflowing!

As I watch and listen to the people of Immanuel, I have a growing vision of how blessed to overflowing we are as a congregation. Sure, in this world, our mission will never be fully accomplished. To thank, praise, honor and serve our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ as we gather and worship, grow in the Word, and serve God by serving people is a life-long endeavor. But where improvements are needed, we are overflowing with opportunities and potential. There are aging congregations across the land struggling to keep their doors open in economically depressed communities with declining populations, while we struggle with how to best use our ministry resources and serve the many young families and new people moving to our area.

How blessed we are with problems! What is even more exciting is to see God's Spirit alive and at work among us. Several infants will be baptized here at Immanuel in the coming weeks. Thirteen of our young people recently affirmed their baptism in the rite of confirmation. Some of our youth are traveling on mission trips this summer. Many more will attend one of our church camps. Recent graduates are preparing for college or beginning new careers. Our "Yellow Brick House" Food Pantry and Backpack Ministry continue to bless people in our community. The historical committee formed last year will soon share some of their work, honoring 142 years of ministry in this place. Our historic church sanctuary continues to undergo needed maintenance work. The Parish Education Committee is planning an exciting Vacation Bible School the last week in June. Our Day School is thriving and expanding. A second Pre-K class will be added in the Fall. The Evangelism Committee is exploring a new online directory. Once again, the Luther Priem Bible Fund and Collin Lovett Memorial Golf Tourney was a big success. At its recent Assembly, the Southwestern Texas Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America received an offering of over \$106,400 for the ELCA World Hunger campaign. Our Capital North Conference exceeded its goal and contributed over \$22,000 to outfit family farms. There are many reasons to celebrate and to be excited!

Catch the vision and join in the excitement! How might you be a part of our mission and ministry? What gifts of vision and time and energy and resources might you contribute? For certain, you'll want to keep our congregation in your prayers. For certain, you'll want to be in God's word and present, as you are able, when we gather this summer. Truly, Immanuel's cup of blessing isn't just half full. It's full to overflowing!

Pastor Tom

Tired and Retired got together with thirty-five present to have their picture taken. Thanks for coming and you can see the picture posted in the Communications Corner in the narthex. Another thanks to the Day School Penguin class for sharing with us the Pledge of Allegiance, God Bless America, Jesus Loves Me, the Kindergarten song and the Penguin song. Have a great year as you enter Kindergarten. Stories and trivia were shared by Pastor Rosy, Lois Luedtke and Becky Boyer. The birthday prize went to Victor Pfennig and the others to Annyce Bohls and Barbara Bohls.

Come join us on Wednesday, June 8th, at 11:30 a.m. for potluck. We will be honoring the following birthdays: Bob Biebas, Sharon Bridges, Brenda Brumbelow, Delores Brydson, Willie Mae Burns, Janice Fuchs, Carol Griffin, Sharon Hahn, Lucinda Harris, Willard Hebbe, Michael Hodgson, Sergei Kabantschuk, David Kasper, Max Kuempel, Grace Lin, Dale Miller, Steve Mitchell, Cyndi Motloch, Randa Nowotny, Harvey Sladek, Ernest Smith.

Women
of the
ELCA 

For the month of June WELCA is asking you to donate new bars of soap. Think of it...no one likes to look dirty; a brand new bar of soap lets individuals present themselves with dignity, keeps their hands clean and helps them stay healthy. Any brand of soap is welcome and bath size bars (4 - 5 oz.) are highly preferred. Please drop your donation in the baskets found around the church or deliver them to the WELCA room. THANK YOU AGAIN!

The ILC Historical Committee needs ILC Confirmation *Group Class* photos. The following years listed are *IN* the file so all OTHER years are still needed. 1910, '13, '25, '38, '39, '41, '42, '45, '52, '57, '58, '63, '64, '65, '75, '76, '79, '85, 2001, '02. Your assistance is greatly appreciated. Help us search by reaching out to relatives if necessary. Photos can be scanned and electronically sent to janelle@sbcglobal.net.

Stewardship Committee: The committee viewed the video of "Stewardship is Hope" and capitalizing on part of the message from it, considered ways to inform the congregation of what has been accomplished with the funds made available through the original loan by providing tours of the Day School and Youth facilities conducted between the summer services in the Parish Hall. Other ideas discussed included a fish fry and related activities as a possible way of informing the congregation of what they received for the original loan.

Thank You ILC for the cards, phone calls, prayers, loving concern and encouragement during my cancer treatment. Also, thank you to the Prayer Shawl Ministry for the lovely shawl reminding me of being wrapped in God's Love. ILC is a blessing in my life!

Sincerely,
Helen Boehm

Bring Me a Morsel of Bread

Synod Assembly receives generous offerings, celebrates variety of ministries carried out through the ELCA By John Dellis

"We aren't pulled up to heaven. We're drawn down to this world, embedded in this earth to do God's work." - the Rev. Dan Rift, director for ELCA World Hunger and Disaster Appeal, speaking to the 2016 synod assembly April 30. Three hundred sixty-eight members of Southwestern Texas Synod congregations dwelt in the Word, responded to the needs of God's people with financial and in-kind offerings, worshipped around Word and Sacrament, and considered resolutions and other business matters at the 2016 synod assembly. Theme of the assembly was from 1 Kings 17, "Bring Me a Morsel of Bread," from the story of the widow of Zarephath. The assembly was held April 29-May 1 at the Embassy Suites San Marcos Hotel and Conference Center. The jar of meal will not be emptied (verse 14):

Financial offerings totaling \$106,410.97 (as of May 1) will be shared through ELCA Good Gifts, helping to feed refugees, strengthen family farms, provide micro loans, stock medical clinics, and provide farm animals such as goats. Hundreds of pounds of food were brought to the assembly as in-kind donations for the Hays County Food Bank, part of its Spring Harvest: Healthy Food Drive Challenge. The bags of food were transported from the assembly site to the food bank by the youth group from First United Methodist Church in San Marcos. Coins totaling \$463 were provided to fund long-drop latrines. A carefully installed household latrine, along with training in hygiene and maintenance, leads to a healthier, safer community for all. The jug of oil will not fail (verse 14):

Christina Jackson-Skelton, executive director for ELCA Mission Advancement, shared the many positive and faithful ministries carried out through the ELCA. She expressed appreciation for the partnership between the ELCA Foundation and Lutheran Foundation of the Southwest, gave thanks for the \$80 million in gifts and commitments already shared through the Campaign for the ELCA, lifted up the 65 new congregations begun in 2015, celebrated the 224 ELCA missionaries who serve in more than 40 countries, and shared results of the successful ELCA Malaria Campaign that is reducing the impact of malaria in 14 African countries.

The Rev. Dan Rift, director for ELCA World Hunger and Disaster Appeal, also participated in the assembly, emphasizing the partnership with the synod assembly offering for ELCA World Hunger. ELCA World Hunger currently works on solutions to hunger and poverty in 60 countries throughout the world, including 347 programs in the United States.

Bishop's Report The Rev. Ray Tiemann, bishop of the Southwestern Texas Synod, noted in his written report to the synod assembly that Aug. 31, 2018 will mark the completion of his third term as bishop. "I will turn 66 in October that year, so I have discerned that I will not be open for election to another term," he said in the report. Tiemann was elected bishop of the synod in 2000 and was reelected in 2006 and 2012.

The **Synod Council**, at its April 29 meeting, approved a process to lead to a new mission plan for the synod to be presented at the 2017 synod assembly. "From that point until the 2018 assembly, the synod will have opportunity to discern who has the gifts necessary to lead this mission plan as the next bishop of the Southwestern Texas Synod," Tiemann said in the report.

Resolutions Five resolutions were considered by the assembly: Resolution 1, in gratitude and support of military personnel, veterans and their families: approved, 98 percent; Resolution 2, in support for peacemaking with justice in Israel and Palestine: approved, 85 percent; Resolution 3, in support of those struggling with hunger and poverty: approved, 94 percent; Resolution 4, in support of handgun-free places of peace: approved, 128 Yes, 127 No; and Resolution 5, in support of deepening relationships between historic Black churches and the ELCA: approved, 95 percent. The full text of the adopted resolutions is available at www.swtsynod.org/assembly2016 Constitutional Amendment

The assembly approved an **amendment to S11.11.06 of the Synod Constitution**, changing the name of the Asset Team to the Ministry Resource Team.

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Elections The following persons were elected to positions of leadership in the synod. Vice President of the Synod: Carl Teinert, Triumphant Love, Austin Secretary of the Synod: **Kara Hairell**, associate in ministry, Trinity, Victoria Chair, Ministry Resource Team (formerly Asset Team): Randa Gonzales, Amazing Grace, San Antonio Synod Council: Gene Conklin, Faith, Beeville; James Ehler, Good Shepherd, San Antonio; Lorie Garcia, Galilean, Corpus Christi; Marsha McConaughy, Gethsemane, Austin; the Rev. Linda Mosley, member, Bethany, Fredericksburg; Carl Schoessow, Bethany, Fredericksburg; and the Rev. Becky Sogge, Resurrection, Wimberley; Consultation Committee: James Johnson, Peace, New Braunfels; the Rev. Robert Karli, member, First English, Austin; and Ronald Riske, Salem, Port Lavaca; Discipline Committee: William Krejci, associate in ministry, member, Lord of Life, Austin; the Rev. Nancy Lund, member, Zion, San Antonio; the Rev. Stephen Schur, Bethlehem, Quihi; and **Amy Singer**, Immanuel, Pflugerville.

Cross Trails Ministry Meeting as the corporation of Cross Trails Ministry, voting members elected the Rev. Marcus Bigott, Hutto, as an at-large member of the Cross Trails board of directors. Materials related to the corporation meeting are available at www.swtsynod.org/assembly2016_2017

Synod Assembly The 2017 synod assembly will be hosted by the Bluebonnet Conference. A location and dates for the assembly have not yet been determined. John Dellis, an associate in ministry, is editor of The Vista for the Southwestern Texas Synod.

Editor's Note: Congregations and ministry partners are invited to share this report through electronic and printed publications, and it may be used when giving verbal reports regarding the synod assembly. This report does not contain minutes of the assembly

Outdoor Worship & Congregation Picnic June 26th @ 10:30am - Pflugger Park (gazebo side)

We will gather for a special outdoor worship and fellowship in Pflugger Park, **however, we will have the 8:15am worship service in the Sanctuary.** After worship, we will share a picnic lunch. Hamburgers, hot dogs and the fixings will be provided as well as chips and tea. Please bring a dessert to share, lawn chairs, your family, friends and neighbors. A free will offering will go to help with meal expenses.

Youth and Family Ministry June Calendar:

June 6 - Movie Night Monday!!

5:00pm - pizza dinner (free will offering)

5:30pm - Movie, "Shaun the Sheep" begins in the parish hall

Invite friends and neighbors - all are welcome!!

June 20-23 - VBS and Tougher Than Nails

Please watch the bulletin or contact Susan Cox to volunteer

June 24 - July 4 - High School Boundary Waters Canoe Trip

Please pray for our 13 young people and adult leaders as they explore and dwell in God's Great Northwoods!!

June 26 - Church Picnic at Pflugger Park with lunch to follow

Save these dates:

July 18, August 1 - Movie Night Mondays!!

5:00pm dinner, 5:30pm movie begins - Parish Hall

All are welcome. Free will offering for dinner.

Invite friends and neighbors.

"Blue Star Prayers"

Our United States is defending Freedom in many parts of our world today. Please keep these individuals and their families in your prayers.

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| Daylon Hethcock US Navy Cyndi Motloch's Grandson | Justin Steffek, Msgt. US Air Force Marie Randig's Grandson | Chase Bowden Serving in Iraq Paula Bowden's Son |
| Dan Dye Tx. National Guard Pat & Jan Dye's Son | SSG Larry Jameson US Army Bradley Jameson 's Father | Cole Elliott US Navy Yvonne Zimmer's Grandson |
| Elliott Bo Burns, Maj. US Army Willie Mae Burns' Grandson | Justin Hoffman, Lt. Col. US Air Force Bob & Patti Hoffman's Son | Patrick Roberts, St/Sgt US Air Force Peggy Roberts' Grandson |
| Michael Wayne Green, Capt. US Marine Corp. Wayne & Aileene Saegert's Grandson | Michael Bradshaw US Air Force Glenn & Britta Herzog's Grandson | Matthew R. Tiemann, Capt. US Marine Corps Rob & Carrie Tiemann's Son |

Anyone who wishes to make a contribution to the church in memory or honor of a loved one, may choose from the following funds:

- New Building Loan Debt
- Garden of Prayer/Labyrinth Fund
- Cemetery Endowment Fund
- Pre-Theological Fund
- Technology Fund
- Cemetery Fund
- Food Pantry

Food Pantry News for April
 Number of clients assisted—112
 Number of Family Members—359
 New clients included—8
 Pastors Fund assists—8

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| Mini-Treasurer's Report: | |
| General Fund | |
| General Fund: | |
| Balance 05/17/2016 | \$ 37,773.14 |
| Income 04/26-05/17 | 54,862.17 |
| Expenses 04/26-05/17 | <u>- 61,489.79</u> |
| Balance 05/17/2016 | \$ 31,145.52 |
| | |
| Building Loan Balance 05/17/2016: | \$258,116.26 |
| Building Loan Checking Account Balance: | 22,168.41 |
| | |
| Day School: | |
| Balance 05/17/2016 | \$ 44,966.20 |
| Income 04/26-05/17 | 96,744.60 |
| Expenses 04/26-05/17 | <u>- 42,645.88</u> |
| Balance 05/17/2016 | \$ 99,064.92 |

Congratulations Graduates!!

High School

Danny Bloemker, Cedar Ridge
Kelly Borgfeld, Round Rock
Kevin Borgfeld, Round Rock
Zackary Casper, Connally
Rebecca Duke, Hendrickson
Taylor Gibich, Hendrickson
Brooke Kuempel, Hendrickson
Hannah Malinowski, Hendrickson
Madison Zavala, Cedar Ridge

College

Natalie Casper, University of Texas
Jonathan Duke, Texas State University
Grant Kuempel, Texas Lutheran University
Troy Robinson, University of Mary Hardin Baylor

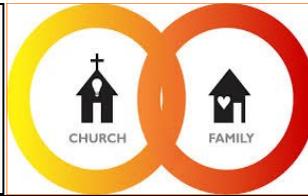
Official Acts:

Baptisms: 5/15—Kaiden Porter Kline
5/22—Nadja Renee Kunze
Keaton Myla Bohls

Online Church Directory: Have you ever wanted to get in touch with another member but your church directory was inconveniently somewhere else? The Evangelism Committee is excited to announce the development of an online pictorial directory, accessible only to ILC members with a secure login and password. The online directory will allow members to update their contact information anytime it changes and also provide their own family photo. Members will be able to include individual photos as well, if they would like. General contact information such as address, phone number and email addresses for the family and individual family members will be able to be included and the online directory will allow members to search for other members by name and also by activity, such as council, WELCA, prayer shawl ministry, choir, etc. There is also an app that will allow members to access this information from their phone, and allow them to get in touch with each other quickly. Members who do not want their contact information available to ILC members online will have the opportunity to opt out before the online directory is launched. Anticipated launch at the end of summer. Printed directories will still be made upon request.

One of the cool things about the directory is that any family/individual photo may be used. If you do not have a photo, we will be set up to take photos for you the 2nd and 4th Sunday's in June, July and August. Contact Pastor Rosy or Devorah Jakubowsky at mdjak@att.net or 512-496-2052 with any questions.

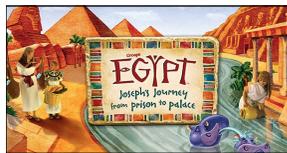
**EDUCATION
MINISTRY**



**JUNE
2016**

Last weekend my youngest son graduated from University of Mary Hardin Baylor, Cum Laude, with his degree in Business Management. He was an intern at McLane last summer and was offered a job as soon as he graduated. He started today. Inside of two weeks he will be moving to Ohio as major account rep for one of McLane's larger customers. Wow. Not only did Troy grow up so fast but now he's moving out of Texas. His momma weeps, my heart is broken for the loss of him being so near. This morning as he left the house I began thinking of how God feels and how His heart breaks when we move away from Him. How many times, in just my lifetime alone, have I made him weep because I've lost my contact with Him?

The good news is Troy, through texting, phone calls, Face time, Skype and holiday visits will retain his ties with me. We retain our ties with our Lord through prayer and petition, Bible study, serving His people and attending church. Realizing how very sad it makes me feel on one hand that Troy is leaving, but so very proud on the other of his academic achievements, his job out of college and what a remarkable young man he has grown to be...I have to wonder what kind of emotional rollercoaster our Lord goes through with us all of our lives. Troy is the last of my 4 children to earn their degree. I believe it's time for me to accelerate my walk with Jesus so that His times of weeping are lessened on my account. If you are wanting to accelerate your walk, let me know if I can help. There are lots of options at ILC of good places to start! Glory be to God for Troy!



Monday, June 20th—Thursday, June 23rd

5:15p—dinner 6:00p—program starts

It's time to register for VBS. Pre-K through 4th grade, 5th—8th (Tougher than Nails), Adult students AND all VOLUNTEERS.

Please go online to register as a student and/or volunteer.

<https://www.groupvbspro.com/vbs/hl/ILCpville>

Here's what's happening in Education Ministries: If you would like to volunteer for any of the following please email me as soon as you can (susan@ilcpville.org) or register online.

- 1) Tribe leader (helps Pre-K through 4th go station to station)
- 2) Rec Helpers
- 3) Tougher than Nails leaders & helpers
- 4) Kitchen help (prepares & serves meals, helps clean up)
- 5) Service Project Leader/s

Upcoming Dates to Remember...

June 20th thru 23rd — Family Style VBS and Tougher than Nails

September 11th - Rally Day

October 26th — Trunk or Treat

November 17th — Merry, Martha & Me

Sunday School: Summer classes for Pre-K through 4th grade. Meet in the Basement "The Well" at 9:15a. Stay tuned to the bulletin for details on special presentations during the Sunday School hour. (Mayflower Travel, Tom Winn, author, Haiti trip recap, etc.)

REACH, TEACH, EQUIP while we GATHER, GROW, & SERVE
For more information about this ministry please email susan@ilcpville.org

Serving in June 2016

Acolytes

June 12: Zachary Lenz & Benjamin Weiss (8:15) Julie Hodges & Kailey Tovar (10:30)

June 26: Caleb & Cody Dubes (8:15)

Elders for June: Larry Bradley (Early) Lon Duke (Late) (Please contact them if you would like to assist with worship in June or go to <http://bit.ly/ILCsignup> to sign up yourself.)

Readers

June 5: 1 needed (8:15) 1 needed (10:30)

June 12: 1 needed (8:15) 1 needed (10:30)

June 19: 1 needed (8:15) 1 needed (10:30)

June 26: 1 needed (8:15)

Communion Assistants

June 5: 4 needed (8:15) 4 needed (10:30)

June 12: 2 needed (8:15) 2 needed (10:30)

June 19: 4 needed (8:15) 4 needed (10:30)

June 26: 2 needed (8:15) 2 needed (10:30—Church Picnic)

June Chapel Assistants

Early Service: Carlton & Marilyn Lorfing, Ralph Kirkley (12 & 26)

Late Service: Bruce Freudenberg (12)

Altar Guild

June 12

Diane Moellenberg & Sherry Sullivan

June 26

Britta Herzog, Janelle Hebbe, Sharon Searcy

Ushers

June 5: 4 needed (8:15) 4 needed (10:30)

June 12: 4 needed (8:15) 4 needed (10:30)

June 19: 4 needed (8:15) 4 needed (10:30)

June 26: 4 needed (8:15) 4 needed (10:30—Church Picnic)

Children's Message:

June 5: Mike Maluschka (8:15) Debbie Wiederhold (10:30)

June 12: Jennifer Hoffman (8:15) Megan Freudenberg (10:30)

June 19: Pastor Rosy (8:15 & 10:30)

June 26: Pastor Tom & Pelly (8:15 & 10:30)

Console Operators/Parish Hall Projectionist

June 5: Rick Cox (8:15)

June 12: Brent Reeder (8:15) Charles Kleen (10:30)

June 19: Rick Cox (8:15)

June 26: Matthew Krieg (8:15)

Coffee Makers

June 5: Mark Mueller

June 12: Kristin Adix

June 19: Lon Duke

Flower Calendar

June 5: Parish Hall -Malinowski

June 12:

June 19: Parish Hall—J. Hebbe

June 26: Altar—Kirkley