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I want to give some much deserved credit where credit is due. When ILC members express concern that I am once again a solo pastor, I tell them that nothing could be farther from the truth. Solo pastors don't have two office Secretaries who, together with a volunteer Facilities Manager, coordinate and perform nearly all of the church office administrative responsibilities. Solo pastors often are not blessed with a Youth and Family

Minister and a Parish Education Director in whom they have complete confidence and trust. They, like our Day School Director and her Staff, are self-starters, motivated by their God-given passion for ministry. Each of them performs their respective responsibilities with very little necessary oversight. My job as Senior Pastor is almost always simply to offer support and advice when requested. Mine is a truly enviable position. I remember sharing similar thoughts during the last pastoral interim. I should do so more often than every four years. I hope ILC members will join me in thanking the Church and Day School Staff.

There will be considerable staff turnover in the next few years. Those of us who will be completing our service here want to leave with everything, as much as possible, in good order. Because I respect so much their knowledge of this congregation and the nuts and bolts, day to day work of ministry that happens here, Staff members were the first people with whom I met to brainstorm possible staffing options as we move forward. I have shared with the Church Council the thoughts and opinions discussed by Staff members Beverly, Sherri, Ralph, Claudia, Katie, Susan, and me.

Needless to say, the decision is not mine to make, but with the Staff's approval, I have presented to the Church Council the idea of pursuing an office/facilities manager before considering the call of another pastor. Neither Beverly nor Sherri have announced how many more years they intend to work. Ralph may very well still be volunteering his time and expertise when he is 100 years old. Nevertheless, all three of them realize the importance of training someone to assume the many tasks they perform before they leave their positions. There may also be wisdom in waiting to call a new Senior Pastor before considering another Associate Pastor. Two years may seem like a long time to wait, but it is not an unusual length of time for a pastoral interim, and the time could certainly be used for congregational needs assessment and discernment. In the Fall of 2018, Katie will be leaving ILC to complete her Master of Divinity one-year internship and then graduate from seminary. Might our congregation then consider calling someone like her to serve as an Associate Pastor with an emphasis on Youth and Family Ministry?

In addition to staff transitions, we are once again confronted with the question of what to do with the 6th Street parsonage. Should it be sold? Should it again be rented? How long might it be, if ever, that another pastor wishes to live there? We will schedule a town hall meeting in the near future so that opinions and ideas might be shared about both the 6th Street parsonage and our staffing needs.

In closing, I want to thank the Holy Smokers for preparing the wonderful pork loin for Pastor Rosy's farewell luncheon. These men are always ready to serve, and what they do is a blessing and ministry of this congregation. And, I want to again thank the Church Staff—in particular, Sherri, Beverly, and Susan. The planning, purchasing, and preparation of the rest of the menu was all by their initiative and labor. The James Avery cross presented to Pastor Rosy was also purchased by the Staff.

I am grateful, too, for all the members who were able to attend the luncheon. On the following Committee night, I attended the Day School Board, Worship and Music, and Long Range Planning Committee meetings. I went home with a sense of God's peace. The Spirit is alive and working at Immanuel Lutheran Church and Day School. We are blessed with talented and faithful lay leaders and staff who serve God by serving people in this place. *Soli Deo Gloria* in whom our future rests secure.

God's peace be with you.
Pastor Tom

Tired and Retired had thirty-three present in May. We were entertained by the Day School with the songs "Jesus Loves Me", "Kindergarten Here We Come" and a graduation song. They invited us to their graduation on May 18. In June the day school will be speaking to us. Thanks to Betty Wicklund for a great program sharing humorous readings and ending with a beautiful song for Mother's Day, Pastor Tom on the guitar. The birthday prize was won by H.L. Weiss and the others were won by Jim and Rose Reed, Eleanor Holmes and James Bohls.

We will get together again on Wednesday, June 14th, at 11:30 am for another delicious potluck. Please join us to celebrate the following June birthdays: Bob Biebas, Sharon Bridges, Brenda Brumbelow, Delores Brydson, Willie Mae Burns, June Eickbusch, Janice Fuchs, Judy Gilbert, Carol Griffin, Sharon Hahn, Lucinda Harris, Willard Hebbe, Michael Hodgson, Sergei Kabantschuk, David Kasper, Max Kuempel, Grace Lin, Dale Miller, Steve Mitchell, Cyndi Motloch, Kathy Nimitz, Randa Nowotny, Harvey Sladek, Ernest Smith.

Women
Of The
ELCA



At a workshop previously attended the LWR speaker told us about how one of the LWR representatives, who was hospitalized, watched as a nurse unlocked a cabinet to get a bar of soap. The nurse said that soap is so precious to the hospital that they have to keep it locked up. In June WELCA is collecting what we take for granted....precious soap...to help cleanse and heal bodies around the world. Each Baby Care Kit and Personal Care Kit requires 8 to 9 oz. of soap (usually 2 or 3 bars of soap per kit). Please consider donating several bars of soap (in original packaging) to keep a person or child clean and healthy. Soap can be dropped off in the basket in the Lower Narthex, the WELCA Room, or outside Sherri's office.

"Are you ready for Renewal?" This is the title of our Women of the ELCA three session Bible Study this summer. Please join us as we explore the topic of renewal - a process which can be beautiful and essential for life but which can also be rather messy. Our circles meet the first Tuesday of the month, one in the afternoon and two in the evening. Contact Sharion Tanner at 512-990-9645 for details.

To All Altar Guild Members: Beginning with May 28, 2017, please use the Silver Chalice for Communion at both services in the Sanctuary. If you have any questions please call Mary Jo Beene at 512.801.6965.

The Austin Handbell Ensemble presents *Waves* on Friday, June 2nd @ 7:30pm—Westlake United Methodist; Saturday, June 3rd @ 4:00pm—Grace Community Baptist, Elgin; Monday, June 5th @ 7:30pm—Faith Lutheran, Georgetown. Adults are \$10 & \$5 for students. Online or at the door.

Fellow brothers and sisters in Christ,

I can't begin to express my deepest gratitude, love and appreciation for last Sunday's farewell. I was deeply humbled and felt very appreciated and loved which means more than I can ever say in words. Please know that you will all continue to be in my prayers. Look me up, if any of you ever venture north! I heard a lot of people say they didn't receive the letter which contained my new home address and contact info. It is below. May our Risen Christ continue to dwell in you all. I will love and miss you all!

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**Outdoor Polka Worship & Congregation Picnic
June 25th @ 11:00am - Pfluger Park (gazebo side)**

We will gather for a special outdoor worship and fellowship in Pfluger Park, **however, we will have the 8:45am 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.

Thank you everyone who made my 90th Birthday so special and happy. Thanks for the beautiful cards with special messages, the honorariums and most of all your presence. God Bless us and keep us all in His Love and Care.

**Thank you,
Gladys Pfluger**

Thanks to all the Kerlin-Lyerly American Legion Post 154 members and their families and Boys Scout Troop 157 that participated in placing and replace grave marker US Flags in ILC Cemetery. This is the 3rd year with the following volunteers this year. **Phillip Zendejas, Charley Judd and grandkids, Gene Ignatowski, Ben Rios, Miles (Dusty) Bullard, Brian Allen, Summer, & John Wesley, Dennis Isenberg, David & Diane Edgerly, Edmond Croix, James Sullivan and grandkids, Richard Moline, Michael Boothby, Juan Marroquin, Kenneth Kidd, Michael Martin, Sherry Holst & Kevin, Lowell Dahl, Glenn Kruger, Vic Johnson, Norma Jean Wise, Manuel Reyes, Edward O Garden, and Bobby Wilcox**

Congratulations Graduates!!

High School

Lucas Adix - Hendrickson High School
Madison Barczy - Hendrickson High School
Holly Buchannan - Hendrickson High School
Wiley Fletcher - Pflugerville High School
Shelby Hoffman - Thrall High School
Devon Jakubowsky - Hendrickson High School
Brysen Clark Kilpatrick - Old Mill High School - Millersville, Maryland
Kaci Landes - Thrall High School
Matthew Schwartz - Hendrickson High School
Madysen Zamora - Hendrickson High School

College

Blaine Koester - West Texas A&M University
Blake Kuempel - Sam Houston State
Courtney Weiss - Trinity University
Taylor Zavala - Texas State University

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Youth and Family Ministry Calendar:

June 4: Pentecost Sunday - Affirmation of Baptism for our 10 8th graders
June 5-9: Middle School Mission Trip to Arlington, TX
June 10-18: Katie Out of the Office @ Luther Seminary for coursework
June 19-22: VBS/Tougher Than Nails
June 25-July 1: High School Mission Trip to Colorado Springs, CO

Movie Night Mondays - Summer 2017

June 12, July 10, August 14
Dinner served at 5:00pm, Movie starts at 5:30pm
Freewill offering for dinner, bring a pillow and blanket
Invite your friends and neighbors!!

Official Acts:

Baptism: 5/21—Brayden Allen Frazier-Cottrell

Deaths: 5/12—Robert Thomas Barron

5/12—Elton Roy Sakewitz

Affirmations: 6/4

Cody Dubes

Nikolas Hamilton

Julie Hodges

Veronica King

Katie Krause

MaKayla Leatherman

Addison Loerwald

Joshua Priem

Elena Swenson

Allison Thompson

Mini-Treasurer's Report:

General Fund

Balance 04/22/2017	\$ 21,294.87
Income 04/22-05/19	49,569.84
Expenses 04/22/-05/19	- 52,707.86
Balance 05/19/2017	<u>\$ 18,156.85</u>

Loan Balance - Comerica	\$ 103,307.16
Loan Balance - First Texas	200,000.00
Building Loan Account Balance	\$ 47,020.02

Day School:

Balance 04/22/2017	\$ 48,234.54
Income 04/22-05/19	109,422.89
Expenses 04/22-05/19	- 79,988.55
Balance 05/19/2017	<u>\$ 77,668.88</u>

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

Stewardship Committee: A general discussion was had of the ELCA Stewardship video viewed during the April meeting. In near term (2017) it was agreed we should use pledge cards this fall knowing response might be low. Pledge cards would be totaled as to the number responding and the total pledged. No attempt will be made for individual accounting. It was noted that pledge cards had been tried here at ILC several times but not on a continuing year after year program which was the key to success with the congregations in the presentation. Our need to instill Stewardship at an early age - it was agreed to implement a program for children starting with Rally Day. This will require identifying specific projects which children of ILC may fund through children's offering each Sunday. For example, as was the case with one of the congregations their school needed new playground item. A small slide was built and used during offering with the child placing their offering at the top and collecting it at the bottom of the slide. Ralph will work with Susan and Katie on possible needs that might be configured in some form of an action item as was the slide. Looking forward to the remaining months of the 2017 year, the committee is considering opening up the giving process to the use of debit and credit cards in addition to the present process of electronic giving.

Food Pantry News for April

Number of clients assisted—95
 Number of Family Members—280
 New clients included—5
 Pastors Fund assists—7

"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.

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
Johnathan Edwards US Army Beverly Wolff's Grandson	Kelsey Westman, 2nd Lt. US Army Reserves Betty Wicklund's Granddaughter	Austin W. Fox, 1st Lt. US Army Wilfred & Jennave Fuchs' Grandson

**EDUCATION
MINISTRY**



**JUNE
2017**

Abundant blessings are what the Sunday School students receive every Sunday by so many wonderful and faithful volunteers. Our teachers, song leaders, puppeteers, and office help, Parish Ed committee and church staff really make our Sunday Bible studies enriching. On May 21st we celebrated their gifts to our students and our church. Please join me in prayer as we give praise and thanks to our risen King for all of these servants.

Every Sunday we take up offering in all of our classes. The offering is used to help pay for our Sunday School program (curriculum, supplies). We are so grateful for those of you who contribute and encourage those of you who didn't realize we took up offering at all age groups, Pre-K through Adult, to start. Your offering is a HUGE blessing to our ministry. Praise be to God for you!

VBS & Tougher Than Nails

Please register to volunteer at VBS and/or Tougher Than Nails by going to:
<https://vbspro.events/p/ilcpville2017>

We are looking for donations of the following. If you can help please let Susan know as soon as you can (susan@ilcpville.org) and drop by the church office by June 9th.

- 1) 12 each 2 x 4 x 8's
- 2) A clean piece of wood about 1/4" thick 35 x 3' (we need to cut 6 pie sized shapes)3)3)3)3)
- Purple, red, green, yellow, orange & red spray paint (3 cans each)
- 4) (6) Water guns (not tiny, but not the mega sized)
- 5) Shaving cream (20 cans)
- 6) Swim goggles (6)
- 7) Building Blocks (LARGE like Kleenex box size) - we will return
- 8) Muslin or white material to paint flags on—4 yards
- 9) (6) hard plastic wading pools
- 10) (3) boxes Fruit Loops
- 11) (3) Large canisters of Gatorade mix (any flavor)
- 12) (6) 40# bags of "cheap" dog food
- 13) \$'s to purchase supplies needed (if check write VBS/TTN in memo)
- 14) (6) Poncho's (very inexpensive kind)
- 15) 40 white standard sized pillow cases (new)
- 16) 40 white standard sized pillows (new)

Parish Ed Committee meets on the 1st Monday of the month at 6:30p in the Parlor. If you have any interest in what we are planning please join us at one of our meetings. Next meeting is Mon, June 5th, we suspend for July, and return on Aug 7th.

Upcoming Dates:

June 19-22nd	Family Style VBS and Tougher than Nails
September 10th	Rally Day
October 25th	Trunk or Treat (and Spooktacular)
November 16th	Merry, Martha & Me
December 10th	Sunday School Christmas Program

Sunday School: Adult classes will continue to meet. Pre-K through 5th will meet in the basement. Middle & High School are suspended until Fall.

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

Serving in June 2017

Acolytes

June 4: Haiden Damstrom & Hudson Mueller (8:45) Landen Self & Sam Robar (11:00)
June 11: Dominic Weber & Rex Kuempel (8:45) Hudson Mueller & Joshua Priem (11:00)
June 18: Taryn Bittick & Katie Krause (8:45) Sam & Madison Puryear (11:00)
June 25: Ethan Visness & Dominic Weber (8:45)

Elders for June: Larry Bradley (Early) Melissa Malinowski (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 4: Mark Sassman (8:45) **1 needed** (11:00)
June 11: Candy Hansen (8:45) **1 needed** (11:00)
June 18: Annyce Bohls (8:45) **1 needed** (11:00)
June 25: **1 needed** (8:45) **1 needed** (11:00)

Communion Assistants

June 4: **3 needed** (8:45) Grace Lin, **2 needed** (11:00)
June 11: Candy Hansen, **2 needed** (8:45) **3 needed** (11:00)
June 18: Annyce Bohls, **2 needed** (8:45) Grace Lin, **2 needed** (11:00)
June 25: **3 needed** (8:45) **3 needed** (11:00)

June Chapel Assistants

Early Service: Carlton & Marilyn Lorfing, Ralph Kirkley
Late Service: Lon Duke (4), Bruce Freudenberg (11), J.B. Marshall (18)

Altar Guild

June 4 & 11	June 18 & 25
Diane Moellenberg & Marta Gregory	Britta Herzog & Janelle Hebbe

Ushers

June 4: **4 needed** (8:45) **4 needed** (11:00)
June 11: **4 needed** (8:45) **4 needed** (11:00)
June 18: **4 needed** (8:45) **4 needed** (11:00)
June 25: **4 needed** (8:45) **4 needed** (11:00)

Children's Message:

June 4: Katie Wegner (8:45 & 11:00)
June 11: Melissa Malinowski (8:45) Megan Freudenberg (11:00)
June 18: Jennifer Hoffman (8:45) Debbie Wiederhold (11:00)
June 25: Pastor Tom (8:45 & 11:00)

Console Operators/Parish Hall Projectionist

June 4: Charles Mott (8:45) Willard Hebbe (11:00)
June 11: Brent Reeder (8:45) Charles Kleen (11:00)
June 18: Matthew Krieg (8:45) David Gifford (11:00)
June 25: Vera Gebert (8:45)

Coffee Makers

June 4: Hal Kuempel
June 11: Mark Mueller
June 18: Kristin Adix
June 25: Church Picnic

Flower Calendar

June 4:
June 11:
June 18: Altar—Kirkley
June 25: Altar—Weiss/Schuessler