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Message From Your Pastor

By the time you receive this Easter Sunday will have come and gone. One of the highlights for me in the Easter season is to sing Easter hymns. After burying the use of Alleluias during Lent, it is such a welcome occurrence to be able to sing alleluia in celebration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. I have compiled a list of my favorite Easter hymns from our ELW and see if any of these are in your list of favorite easter hymns.

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus - ELW 392
Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing - ELW 389
Good Christians Friends Rejoice and Sing - ELW 385
Christ Is Risen! Alleluia! - ELW 382
Hallelujah! Jesus Lives! ELW 380
Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen! ELW 377
Thine Is the Glory - ELW 376
Christ The Lord Is Risen Today! ELW 373
Day Of Arising - ELW 374
Christ The Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia! ELW 369
Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds - ELW 367
The Strife Is O'er the Battle Done - ELW 366
Jesu Christ Is Risen Today - ELW 365
Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia - ELW 364
Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain - ELW 363
At The Lamb's High Feast, We Sing - ELW 362
The Day of Resurrection - ELW 361

Christ is risen. He is risen indeed. Alleluia!
Pastor Matthew Groenke



ALL ILC groups/members are encouraged to "read/practice" the German Lord's Prayer in preparation for the 150th Anniversary worship service.

Hope you can participate in the May 26th celebration

Vater unser im Himmel, geheiligt werde dein Name. Dein Reich komme. Dein Wille geschehe, wie im Himmel so auf Erden. Unser tägliches Brot gib uns heute. Und vergib uns unsere Schuld, wie auch wir vergeben unsern Schuldigern. Und führe uns nicht in Versuchung, sonder erlöse uns von dem Bösen. Amen.



Editor's note: In this article, Peter McLellan, ELCA program director for hunger education, reflects on the 2024 World Hunger Leadership Gathering, held Feb. 1-4 in Houston. The annual event gathers ELCA World Hunger's leaders for networking, sharing ideas, learning and planning for the church's shared ministry to address hunger and its root causes in local and global communities.

The 2024 World Hunger Leadership Gathering was my first as a churchwide staff member. From the outset, I was overwhelmed by the many gifts represented by the ministries and leaders who had gathered during ELCA World Hunger's 50th year. To be sure, our church body is blessed to have among us experts actively engaging their communities in the ministry of ending hunger at its roots. The depth of each participant's specific stories only magnified for me the power of ELCA World Hunger's global impact.



I would like to share the stories of three leaders who had some time to sit with me and discuss their ministries.

Grace Hoening, a student at the University of Evansville (Ind.), is the social media coordinator for FoodRecovery.org, which connects food pantries and nonprofits to restaurants, hotels and other organizations that have excess food. Through an online matchmaking platform and distribution partners, the organization fights hunger by making food accessible and reducing food waste. It is also an ELCA Domestic Hunger Grant partner.

We discussed her obvious gifts for creativity, passion and the courage to be disruptive. "I've always been OK being disruptive," she said. "I have definitely cornered bishops before."

Hoening's story and action also echoes much of what we heard from the large contingent of emerging, young adult leaders at the gathering: she is a person of faith, a Lutheran to be sure—and an active World Hunger leader since the age of 15—and her activism occurs outside the programming of a congregation.

Allison Kies is a member of Peace Lutheran Church in Tacoma, Wash., and a hunger leader in the Southwestern Washington Synod. This is a "doer church," Kies said. "We are a church that does stuff."

That doing starts with an intimate knowledge of and relationship with the community. Peace, which sees its justice work as part of its everyday global mission, has developed longstanding ministries by identifying challenges in its community: mainly education, the cost of housing and gang violence in the face of rapid gentrification. The congregation has supported a transitional housing program, a meal program and the Peace Community Center (also an ELCA World Hunger partner), which offers mentoring and educational assistance for young folks, kindergarten through 12th grade. The congregation supports their affordable housing ministry with volunteers and paid staff, who connect residents to social and medical services, and collaborates with other local congregations to staff their meal programs.

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An ELCA World Hunger Big Dream Grant recipient and a partner social ministry organization, Peace's mission is integral to the success story of World Hunger. Much of this work has simply been part of their community's story "from the very beginning," Kies said. But now, she added, the congregation is also looking to an "antiracist" future, the lens through which "we view everything."

Finally, I caught up with **Jessica McClard**, a member of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Fayetteville, Ark., and the founder of the Little Free Pantry movement. We spent most of our time discussing her work with the pantry, but that doesn't mean community isn't infused into all she does. In fact, it was the Little Free Libraries along her local running route that prompted McClard to begin thinking about access—especially access to food.

McClard set up her first Little Free Pantry in May 2016, and by that autumn the movement had gone global. It's the privacy and dignity combined with the community ethos the pantries afford that McClard appreciates the most. "It feels so collaborative on both sides," she said, noting that people who use the pantries give as much as they use.

Her ability to witness to the needs in her community and to the success of this ministry's growth are an uncommon gift to our church and communities. She concluded her story in a most fitting way: "I continue to be astounded by what goes on in an empty box."

These hunger leaders' stories showcase just three of the many extraordinary gifts represented at the leadership gathering. We were blessed to gather with disrupters like Hoening, doers like Kies and witnesses like McClard. We are blessed still further by planners, organizers, advocates and preachers.

In short, the hunger leader network isn't just generous—it is generous with gifts of prophetic, gospel justice. Fifty years on, ELCA World Hunger is not just more diverse in the array of blessings offered by its network, it is stronger for it.

Giving Opportunities

- ⇒ General Fund
- ⇒ Building Fund Cemetery
- ⇒ Operating Fund
- ⇒ Cemetery Endowment Fund
- ⇒ Technology Fund
- ⇒ Food Pantry Fund
- ⇒ Backpack Ministry
- ⇒ Prayer Garden
- ⇒ Benevolence/Angel Fund
- ⇒ Pipe Organ Fund
- ⇒ Sotaria Fund
- ⇒ Pre-Theological Fund
- ⇒ Youth Special Fund
- ⇒ Children's Restricted Fund
- ⇒ Collin Lovett Scholarship Fund
- ⇒ 150th Anniversary Fund

Tired and Retired

Tired and Retired had a great time with eighteen people present. We sang a “new” birthday song to our birthday girl, Marilyn Lorfing, who received a door prize, the others were won by Marie Davis and Marion Farmer.

We sang St Patrick’s Day and Easter/Spring songs led by Pastor Matthew. Announcements were made by Vernagene regarding the 150th-anniversary celebration to be held on May 26. Pastor gave us an update on incoming events along with those who are ill and the sad news of Carol Estes passing. Two new members were welcomed, Ed and Colleen Mustoe, and Marilyn’s granddaughter, Kimberly O’Bannan, was visiting.

Won’t you join us on Wednesday, April 10, at 11:30 am for another brown lunch. As it will be springtime you may wish to wear your bluebonnets.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The Prayer Shawl Ministry will hold its next meeting at 9:00 am on Saturday, April 13th, in the Gather room. Please join us as we knit and crochet shawls, scarves, and other projects of service. No experience required - just a willing heart! Contact Bonnie Sassman at bsassy55@aim.com or Elizabeth Arndt at earndt0@gmail.com for more information.

JUSTICE MINISTRY

The Justice Ministry will hold its next meeting at 7:00 pm on Monday, April 29th, via Zoom using the link Justice Ministry Meeting via Zoom. Please join as we determine new ways to serve in response to God’s love to meet human needs, advocating dignity and justice for all people, working for peace and reconciliation among the nations, and standing with the poor and powerless, and committing itself to their needs. Contact Elizabeth Arndt at earndt0@gmail.com for more information.

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

The Stewardship Committee will hold its next meeting at 5:00 pm on Tuesday, April 9th, via Zoom using the link Stewardship Committee Meeting via Zoom. Please join us as we determine new ways to grow our understanding of Christian stewardship and energize the use of time, talent, and treasure of this congregation! Contact Elizabeth Arndt at earndt0@gmail.com for more information.

WELCA at Wells Point Lodge March 19, 2024

Devotion by Sharion and singing by all
Janelle Hebbe, Lonna Duncan, Sharion Tanner, Sandra Chavez and Kathy McKee



WELCA ROAD TRIP

WEDNESDAY APRIL 3RD

LUNCH & LEARN

LUNCH: Meyers Smoke House 188 US-290, Elgin, TX 78621

LEARN: Down Home Ranch Tour 1:00-3:00

Carpool: Signup sheet on WELCA Bulletin Board

Leaving at 11:30 AM from the church parking lot. Please sign up by Monday, March 25.



For more info contact Sherry Wukasch
512 - 680 - 6876

EDUCATION MINISTRY

April 2024

Thank you to all the volunteers who have helped and continue to aid with Sunday School this past year! You are a true blessing to Immanuel Lutheran Church! Please help me in thanking all the volunteers who have helped with Sunday School over the past year! Sunday School Volunteer Appreciation Sunday is April 28, 2024.

Josh Baker	Janelle Hebbe	Rex Kuempel	Melissa Parry
Mary Jo Beene	Autumn Hendrickson	Bob Lovett	Joy Pfluger
Barbara Bohls	Mary Hemenes	Vicki Lovett	Jackie Porter
Claudia Cardwell	Sherri Hoefling	Melissa Malinowski	Emily Saathoff
Deanna Davis	David Hufstedler	Kara Mendoza	Mark Sassman
Kate Diamond	Susan Hufstedler	Elizabeth Miller	Jennifer Scott
Laura Diamond	Carolina King	Diane Moellenberg	Amy Singer
Jane Dunnigan	Dorothy Kraemer	Jay Morris	Sharion Tanner
Steve Dunnigan	James Kuempel	Stacy Mueller	Merle Weiss
Pastor Matthew Groenke		Samantha Mullin	

I look forward as we continue to *GATHER* together, *GROW* in God's word together, and *SERVE* God by serving others!

Melissa Weiss Parry, Director of Education

Congratulations 1st Communion Students 2024!

Please congratulate the students receiving 1st Communion on Maundy Thursday, March 28, 2024.

Foster Bohls
Everly Cardwell
Ryland Klepac

Karsen Mendoza
Natalie Rae Seeman

Brooklyn Randig
Hutton Weirich



Children's Hand Bell Choir on the 150th Anniversary Celebration

Children aged 2 - 5th grade will play the hand bells on the Anniversary Sunday at the lunch reception in the Parish Hall, May 26, 2024.

To participate, please attend Sunday School at 9:15am on Sunday mornings in April and May to learn the song and how to play the handbells!

High School / College Graduating Seniors

Send your graduation photo and information to Melissa Parry!
melissap@ilcpville.org

Plans are being made to let our congregation know you are graduating and celebrate you!



Service Times / Sunday School

8:00am, Sanctuary Service 9:15am, Sunday School 10:30am, Parish Hall Service

Sunday School locations for **9:15am**:

PreK - 5th grade: Meet in the Basement under the Sanctuary

6th - 8th grade: Confirmation Class in the Youth Room and classroom by gym / bistro

High School: Meet in Youth Room by gym / bistro

Adult Classes: "**Pathfinders**" in person in the Parlor, discussing "The Wired Word" weekly, which is a Bible Study based on relevant, current, weekly news articles.

"**Searchers**" Class Conference Room, Exploring the Gospel, led by Dorothy Kraemer.

"**Growers**" meet in the Grow Room. Barbara Bohls is leading "Help Is Here" by

Melissa Weiss Parry, melissap@ilcpville.org

YOUTHERANS



APRIL 14, 2024

Fiesta Dinner

\$5 Raffle Tickets

Silent Action!

GIFT CARD

KENDRA SCOTT

The Youtherans will be serving Fajitas for lunch after the 10:30 service!

\$10 per Lunch Ticket
\$5 for kids (12 and under)

CREATED TO BE ALL DONATIONS WILL GO TOWARD THE YOUTH GATHERING THIS SUMMER!!! **CREATED TO BE**

April 7th

Meet & Greet Prayer Partners

Youth Gathering Participates & Prayer Partners Come meet one another over Punch, Cookies & a Puzzle Prayer Activity!


After 10:30am Service.




Day School


Have you ever thought about enrolling your child(ren) in Immanuel's very own full-time childcare/after-school or Summer Camp programs. Well now is the time! Our Day School Board has voted to increase the discount for children of active members of Immanuel Lutheran Church. This Member discount will take effect September 1, 2024, and is \$100 off the Non-Member Monthly tuition rate for Infants through Pre-K and \$50 off the Non-Member Monthly tuition rate for the After School Shark Class. Summer 2024 Camp Registration will open on April 1, 2024. Please go to our website ilcpville.org and fill out the waitlist application or email us at info@ildsdayschool.org or call us to schedule a tour on 512-251-4929.

150TH IS COMING


DID YOU KNOW?
The 1st wedding date in the wood church was on Oct 31, 1875, of John Pfluger and Wilhelmine Sakewitz


DID YOU KNOW?
Master carpenter and craftsman Otto Werchan shared his worthy talents, time, and treasures with ILC constructing the current Parish Hall altar, baptismal font, lectern, cross, Luther emblem, oak tables for offering plates, and numerous enhancing items in the sanctuary.


DID YOU KNOW?
Jesse Bohls Jr. served in the mission field in New Guinea. He developed carpenter skills on his journey. His volunteer work included many ILC projects as well as supporting Habitat for Humanity.


DID YOU KNOW?
Pastor D. Lee Muehlbrad served ILC for approximately 14 years. His dad, Pastor A.H. Muehlbrad, a retired pastor, served as ILC supply pastor in 1973. His 2 sons, Tim & Paul are ordained pastors serving Texas congregations.

Don't Forget to get your luncheon tickets by May 5th, so you don't miss out on the yummy food!!!

Deadline to Buy May 5th

YOU AND YOUR FAMILY ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND

150th Anniversary of
1874 - 2024

Immanuel Lutheran Church

MAY

SUNDAY | **26** | 10:30 AM
2024 SERVICE

Catered luncheon prepared by *THRALL COUNTRY DINER*
\$15 luncheon tickets available March 1, 2024 - May 5, 2024

Questions: immanuel@ilcpville.org/512-251-4494



"Mas alla de mis fronteras"

Spanish Language Immersion Week

A week long immersion for pastors and/or staff who would like to learn Spanish and Latine culture, worship, liturgy, etc.

Spanish Courses at Universidad Nacional Autonoma de Mexico (UNAM) - in San Antonio, TX.

Register at: <https://shorturl.at/bFHN6>



Rev. Violeta Siguenza
Director, Centro Teológico Luterano Multicultural
Wartburg Theological Seminary
vsiguenza@wartburgseminary.edu

June 1 -7, 2024 in San Antonio, Texas
Arrival on Saturday after 3pm. Departure Friday after lunch.

Hotel Valencia on River Walk
Single room \$1,700 per person or double room \$1,400 per person. Transportation from and to airport will be provided.

Worship in Spanish on Sunday June 2, 2024
at a local Latine congregation.

Meals
includes dinner on Saturday, 6 breakfast, 5 lunches. Dinner on Sunday -Thursday: (we will take you to various Latine restaurants, payment is on your own).

When there is a need for prayer please call Merle Weiss at 512-417-0054. If Merle is not available you will now call Donna Winkley at 817-688-7122. We thank Mary Jo Beene for her time calling on the prayer chain. And, we thank Donna who will now take her position as Mary Jo will be moving soon.

We Lift These Names Up In Prayer

Sandra Noton, Virginia Weiss, Wilbert & Billie Becker, Judy Tawater, Betty Wolf, Gail Hammett, LaVerne Scott, Betty Wicklund, Hal Kuempel, Gloria Allmon, Marie Davis, Nathzele Pfluger, Robert Boehm, Mary Hufstedler, Linda Lane, Catharine Klein, John Estes, Brenda Hagn, Karen Livingston, Brian Kleen, Robin Rankin, Derek James, Merle Weiss, Daniel Terrell, Elizabeth Miller, Parker McCollough, The Family of Randa Nowotny, Richard Arndt, Jake Dillon Bally, The family of Frances Raesz, The Family of Vera Lee Hamann

Volunteers for the Month

Worship Assistants

7th Steve Barczy
14th Bob Lovett
21st Jean Gifford
28th Charla Dubes

Altar Guild

8:00am
The Hansen Family
10:30am
Sherry Wukasch & Peggy Parker

Greeters

8:00am

Sanctuary: Steve & Jane Dunnigan

Chapel: Roselind Wieland
Dorothy Warren

10:30am

Parish Hall: Joy & Atlan Pfluger
Chapel: Laura Thomas

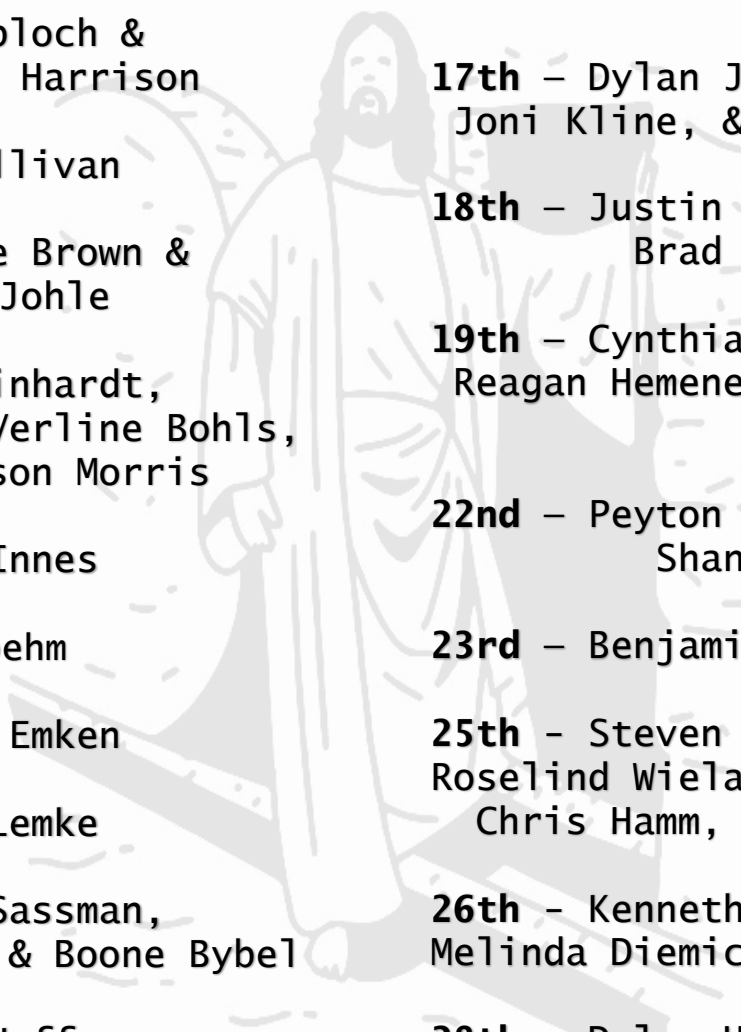
April ILC EVENTS

2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 Church Offices Closed Youtherans Lunch	2 Elizabeth Circle 2pm, Gather Room Mary Circle 10:00 a, Parlor WELCA General Meeting 11a, Gather Room Rebecca Circle 10:00a, Grow Room Boy Scouts Leader Meeting 7pm, Conference Room	3 WELCA Road Trip Boy Scouts-Parent Planning Meeting 6:30 PM, Conference Room	4 Pastoral Bible Study 11am, Gather Room Pastoral Bible Study 4:45pm, Zoom	5	6 Prayer Shawl Ministry 9am, Gather Room
7 Traditional Service 8am, Sanctuary Sunday School 9:15 am Contemporary Service 10:30am, Parish Hall Parish Ed Committee Meeting 11:30 AM, Conference Room Youth Gathering: Prayer Sponsor Meet After late service, Parish Hall	8 Heritage Lakes Prayer Service 2pm Youtherans 6:30-8PM, Youth Room	9 Stewardship Comm. 5p,Zoom ILDS Board Meeting 6 pm Worship & Music Comm. 7pm, Gather Room	10 Tired & Retired Lunch 11:30 AM, Parish Hall.	11 Pastoral Bible Study 11am, Gather Room Pastoral Bible Study 4:45pm, Zoom	12	13 Prayer Shawl Ministry 9am, Gather Room
14 Temple Talk: UpBring Traditional Service 8:00am, Sanct. Sunday School 9:15 am Contemporary Service 10:30am, Parish Hall Fiesta Dinner After Late Service	15 Youtherans 6:30-8PM, Youth Room	16	17 Men's Breakfast 6:30am Quilters 8:30am, WELCA Rm.	18 Pastoral Bible Study 11am, Gather Room Pastoral Bible Study 4:45pm, Zoom	19 IMAGE ARTICLES DUE	20
21 Temple Talk: LuMin Traditional Service 8:00am, Sanct. Sunday School 9:15 am Contemporary Service 10:30am, Parish Hall Food Pantry Distribution 12– 2pm,	22 Youtherans 6:30-8PM, Youth Room	23 Church Council Meeting 7p	24	25 Pastoral Bible Study 11am, Gather Room Pastoral Bible Study 4:45pm, Zoom Boy Scouts 6:00pm, Parish Hall	26	27 150th Anniversary Work/Clean Up Day 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
28 Traditional Service 8:00am, Sanct. Sunday School 9:15 am Contemporary Service 10:30am, Parish Hall	29 Justice Ministry 8pm, Zoom Youtherans 6:30-8PM, Youth Room	30				

Happy Birthday

APRIL FOOLS!

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- 1st** – Ella Knobloch & Elliot Harrison
- 3rd** – Jerry Sullivan
- 4th** – Christine Brown & Sarah Johle
- 6th** – Betty Reinhardt, Jimmy Reed, Verline Bohls, & Allison Morris
- 7th** – John MacInnes
- 8th** – Lauryn Boehm
- 9th** – Courtney Emken
- 10th** – Carrie Lemke
- 11th** – Bonnie Sassman, Steven Dubes, & Boone Bybel
- 12th** – Shelby Hoffman
- 14th** – Dennis Slocum
- 15th** – BlakeLee Rhodes, Katie Hudson, Cody Dubes, Debra Wiederhold, & Arlene Tanaka
- 16th** – Vicki Lovett
- 17th** – Dylan Jo Markert, Joni Kline, & Mary Freudenberg
- 18th** – Justin Montandon & Brad Van Houten
- 19th** – Cynthia Barczi, Reagan Hemenes, & Debra Kasper
- 22nd** – Peyton Navarro & Shannon Kruse
- 23rd** – Benjamin Weiss
- 25th** – Steven Gripp, Roselind Wieland, Billie Becker, Chris Hamm, & Callum Schultz
- 26th** – Kenneth Singer, Melinda Diemicke, & Edward Volek
- 28th** – Dylan Hebbe, Bernice Zreet, & Janet Glenn
- 29th** – Amy Singer & Kelby Kuempel
- 30th** – Mark Moellenberg & Irene King

ILC wants to wish a happy
birthday to all April Birthdays!!!!