






Immanuel Evangelical Church March, 2024



EVANGELICAL ASSOCIATION



2024 Holy Week & Easter Schedule

			
Palm Sunday March 24	Maundy Thursday March 28	Good Friday March 29	Easter Sunday March 31
10:15 am Worship Get your family picture taken with our Palm Sunday Donkey after worship! 	6:00 pm Passover Feast in Fellowship Hall 7:30 pm Last Supper Drama with Holy Communion in the Sanctuary	8:00 pm Good Friday Drama sponsored by Jr. & Sr. High Youth	6:45 am Community Easter Sunrise Service at Harvest Park 8:00 am Easter Breakfast 9:00 am Easter Egg Hunt 10:15 am Easter Worship with Holy Communion

Souper Bowl Soup Donations for Needville Food Pantry



Thank you Church Family for donating over 75 cans of soup for the Needville Food Pantry and over \$300 dollars for the Lion of Judah Academy today during the Super Bowl Soup Dinner. The soup dinner was delicious. Thanks to the Missions Committee for providing a delightful meal, a great time of fellowship and a way to donate to both local and global missions.

You're invited!!

*Birthday Celebration for
Olle Eixmann's 100th
Birthday*

IEC Fellowship Hall

Saturday, March 9

2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

*Please no gifts. Your
presence is gift enough.*




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Ron's Ramblings



Are you ready for a Holy Week marathon?

At the end of the 40 day Lenten season is Holy Week, which commemorates the final week of Jesus' life spent in and near Jerusalem. Holy Week features a number of special worship services on Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday/Passover, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday. As a pastor (and congregation) to go through all of these special services together feels like a marathon. It is tiring. Some joke that after Easter morning worship we all deserve to go home and take a good nap!

Many churches across the country choose not to host services on all of these days. Some only observe Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday. Others commemorate Palm Sunday, and either Maundy Thursday or Good Friday (but rarely both), along with Easter Sunday. Still others only celebrate Easter Sunday, and do so with five or six worship times.

Here at Immanuel Evangelical Church we observe Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday (with Passover), Good Friday and Easter Sunday. While it may feel like a marathon, it is important.

The Apostle Paul writing to the church in Corinth, reminds the early Christians, "For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Peter and then to the Twelve." (1 Corinthians 15:3-5)

When Paul shares that these events are "of first importance," it is because they are the core events of the Gospel message. Jesus was crucified, died and buried, and risen from the dead. All four Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke and John) slow down their narratives of Jesus' life story starting with what we now call Palm Sunday to recount, not only these core events, but also the events surrounding them that led to Jesus' trial and crucifixion. The Early Church considered these core events (and the teachings that Jesus gave during them) to be treasured memories. So should we.

Like the Apostle Paul, every Holy Week, I want to share with you, the church family, the events that are "of first importance." Palm Sunday is important because it recalls

Jesus' entry into Jerusalem and fulfills the prophecy of Zechariah. Maundy Thursday is important because it recounts the Last Supper in the Upper Room, his prayer and betrayal in the Garden of Gethsemane along with Peter's denial of Jesus outside the High Priest's house. Good Friday is important because it recounts Jesus' trial before Pontius Pilate and crucifixion on Calvary, ending with his burial. Easter Sunday culminates the story with Christ's resurrection.

While you can begin to tell the story at any point, you need to experience the events of the rest of the story to fully grasp why and how Jesus died and what the empty grave of Easter morning really means. For many years, I felt that celebrating the Last Supper on Maundy Thursday was enough for that night. Yet, as I've grown in faith and biblical maturity through the years, I kept seeing that there was a missing backdrop that was being overlooked: Passover. It was the celebration of this biblical feast, which recounts the story of Moses and the Exodus, that brought Jesus and his followers into the Upper Room. It was during the eating of the Passover feast that Jesus gave new meaning for the broken bread and shared cup. Passover also looms over the events of Palm Sunday since that was the reason so many pilgrims were on their way to Jerusalem the day Jesus rode into town. Because of the Passover holiday they were more conscious of the need for a Messiah, a new Moses, to liberate the people from Roman bondage and oppression. It was also this messianic overtone during Passover that sped up Jesus' arrest by the Sanhedrin and trial by Pilate so that the idea that Jesus might be the new Moses would be squashed once and for all.

The events of Holy Week are so interconnected. Woven together they present a fuller picture of why the events "of first importance" are so important. I pray that you and your family will take the time during Holy Week 2024 to attend as many of the special services as you can. Join us for Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday/Passover, Good Friday and Easter Sunday to experience the "rest of the story" and celebrate the miracles of Jesus. You'll be blessed if you do!



Get your family (or kids and grandkids) photo taken with our Palm Sunday Donkey on Sunday, March 24 following the 10:15 worship service. You'll treasure these Palm Sunday photos as a keepsake forever!



**Fellowship
Committee**
 will begin
 sponsoring a
 monthly
MOVIE DAY.

The first one will be on
Tuesday, March 5th at 2:00 pm.

Please join us for an afternoon of relaxa-
 tion as we snack on popcorn, drink lem-
 onade, and enjoy the movie
"Son of God"



Let the Brotherhood cook your Easter BBQ meat. Again this year, we are cooking whole beef shoulder and selling it by the pound. There will be less fat-waste than with a brisket, AND you can buy any amount from 1 pound to 100 pounds! We will also be selling the sausage made by Cernoch's.

Pickup time will be Saturday, March 30 from 11 am 'til 1:30 pm.

Prices:

Bar BQ Beef Shoulder -	\$18 per pound
Link of Cernoch's Sausage -	\$ 9 per link

Use the order form and **turn in by March 23rd** to the church office or to a Brotherhood member.

ORDER FORM

Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Order Info:

____ pounds BBQ Beef Shoulder (\$18 per pound)
 ____ links of Sausage (\$9 per link)

Total \$ _____

Turn orders into the Church Office or to a Brotherhood member.

Pick Up Time: March 30th 11 am - 1:30 pm

Make checks payable to Immanuel Brotherhood or IEC Brotherhood

Easter sunrise service

Sunday, March 31 at 6:45 am
Harvest Park

Praise music | communion
 [Bring your own lawn chairs]

EASTER SUNDAY,
MARCH 31
JOIN US!!!

8:00 am
Breakfast
Biscuits/gravy
Fruit/Kolaches



9:00 am



10:15 am
Easter Worship
with
Holy
Communion



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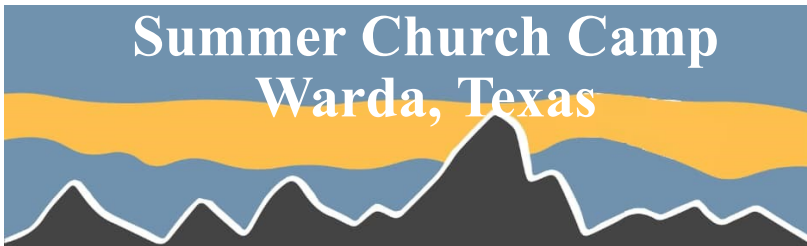
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Summer Church Camp
Warda, Texas



prodigal

2024 EA YOUTH CAMP

2ND-5TH GRADE - JULY 18-19 - \$50
6TH-12TH GRADE - JULY 21-24 - \$120



Special thanks goes out to Dena Dick, Nathan Gaskamp and Dale Oberhoff who served as chaperones for the Junior/Senior High Youth Lock-in on February 23. We had 14 kids who spent the night after Catacombs. A big thank you also goes out to all of the ladies who donated the ton of food that the teens devoured overnight and to Shirley Richter and Nancy Urbanek who set it out.

Jr./Sr. High Youth Fellowship Sponsoring Global Mission Project



Our Jr. & Sr. High Youth Fellowship is taking on Hope Now Ministries & the Shpola Orphanage in Shpola, Ukraine as a global mission project. Through weekly offering our teens will help provide these orphaned kids and teens in Ukraine with clothing, medical assistance, mentoring, a Christian education, transitional housing and fellowship as they work to just grow up amidst the scars of war. Please pray for the orphaned kids in Ukraine and the ministry that is sharing the love of Jesus with them. Learn more about this global mission on the Digital Missions Display in

The 
Catacombs

Friday nights

8 pm

For teens

grades 6-12

**Come enjoy the fun
and fellowship .**

**Invite friends!
Show them that you
can be a Christian
and still have fun!**

**Catacombs will be
closed March 15 & 29**

Save the Dates!!!!

Good Friday Drama



Our junior and senior high youth have begun rehearsals for this year's Good Friday Drama to be presented on Friday, March 29 at 8:00 pm in the sanctuary.

We invite your family to come out and watch our teens as they re-enact the trial and crucifixion of Jesus. The drama will feature Scripture readings, live action drama and multi-media video to help bring the passion of Jesus to life.



Good Friday Drama Rehearsals

Jr. & Sr. High Youth will present a Good Friday Drama at 8:00 pm on Friday, March 29.



Weekly rehearsals will be held Wednesdays, during youth group 6:00-8:00 pm (Rehearsals will take the place of confirmation class.)

All Jr. & Sr. High Youth



Knights! Castles! Princesses! Dragons! Join Princess Pride, Sir Brags-a-lot, and their curious band on an amazing trek in a very faraway land. Powerful gospel message - amazingly cool songs - the hippest tracks.

Wednesday Nights!!

*Children's Fellowship
4:00-5:30pm*

*Bell Choir Rehearsal
5:30 - 6:00 pm*

*Jr. & Sr. High Youth
6:00 - 8:00 pm*

Confirmation Class

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS FOR MARCH

"BUILT UPON THE ROCK"



News from the Lily Pad

March 2024

Thank you to everyone for your participation in our football pot and tamale sales and your continued participation in our receipts fundraiser.
We appreciate all the support!

We will be starting March off with Dr. Seuss Day! Everyone will enjoy eating green eggs and ham, and reading lots of Dr. Seuss books.

Registration will begin soon for the upcoming school year. If you are interested or know someone who is interested in enrolling please have them contact Samantha @ 281-202-9567 ASAP!

Spring Break is here, March 11-15.
We all need a week of fun with our friends and families.

The month will end with an Easter egg hunt.

As always, we are so blessed to be able to have such a full calendar of wonderful events! Thank You to our Board Members for always lending a helping and guiding hand as well as our Leap Frog Parents, we would not be here without you all!

Our March Memory Verse is:
He is not here. He is risen. Matthew 28:6

Leaping for Education—Bound by Christ

Valentine's Day Party... fresh cookies and blowing kisses!



**Ramirez
Tamale Fundraiser**

**\$13/DOZEN OR/
JAR OF SALSA**

TAMALE FLAVORS:
BEAN
PORK
CHICKEN
*ALL FLAVORS COME IN
REGULAR OR SPICY*

SALSA:
SALSA VERDE
(MILD, SPICY OR HOT)
SALSA ROJO
(SPICY OR HOT)

***ORDERS DUE BY MARCH 7TH FOR MARCH 26TH DELIVERY
CASH, CHECK OR VENMO ACCEPTED***

**WE ARE COLLABORATING WITH RAMIREZ
TAMALES FOR A FUNDRAISER TO
SUPPORT THE LEAPS AND BOUNDS
PROGRAM. YOUR CONTRIBUTION TO THE
PROGRAM IS GREATLY APPRECIATED!**

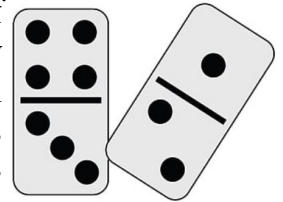
**Sign up sheet is outside of the church office.
Orders due by March 7.**

Missions/Outreach

MARCH MISSION FOCUS

Two local missions are our focus for the month of March. Both the Food Pantry and the Senior Citizens' Program are housed in our facility and supported through the Needville Ministerial Alliance. Our goal is to be able to donate \$500 to each mission.

The Senior Citizens' Program is for people ages 55 and over. The site is open Monday-Friday, 8:00 am-1:00 pm. Activities include: Bingo-Mondays/Wednesdays at 9:30 am, Bunco-first Tuesday of each month at 9:00 am, and dominoes are enjoyed every day. A lunch meal is also available daily for a nominal cost. On Fridays, the meal is prepared by local churches on a rotating basis. Approximately 50 people currently enjoy this program. For more information, please contact the site director, Amy Murphy (281-750-2526).



The Needville NMA Food Pantry serves approximately 40-45 Needville ISD families once a month on either the second or fourth Wednesday, 9:30 am.-12:00 pm. It is a 'choice' pantry for needy families, meaning that the clients are allowed to choose the items they prefer, based on the number of family members. Current volunteers are from Immanuel and St. Michael's Catholic Church. For more information, please contact Sandra Zacek (281-785-4297).



How has the church in Iraq been impacted 10 years after ISIS?



Mark your calendars! You won't want to miss this virtual event sponsored by The Voice of the Martyrs. It's been 10 years since the Christians in Iraq (and Syria and Egypt) came under intense persecution by ISIS. What impact did that persecution leave on the Church in the Middle East? Hear the testimony of Christians who have faced persecution. Refreshments will be provided. Location: Church Library classroom.

NEEDS FOR MONTH OF MARCH: BREAKFAST ITEMS



Cereal
Pancake Mix
Syrup
Juice

Missions' Offerings

Missions' Envelope for February's Missions:

Goal	\$1,000.00
Received (YTD)	\$1,027.23
Souper Bowl	\$ 393.00
Receipts / Rebates received YTD	\$2,462.91



March Focus:
NMA Senior Citizens &
Food Pantry

Women's Guild



THANK YOU TO KROGER SUPPORTERS!

Each time you shop at Kroger using your Kroger Plus card you can support our Women's Guild. In 2023 Kroger shoppers an average of 61 households have supported us. These funds are used for the Guild's Mission projects throughout the year. More Kroger participants equals more rewards which equals more mission projects.

If you haven't yet signed up, it is as simple as going to their website, www.kroger.com and creating an account by entering your Kroger Plus card number and click on community rewards section, where you will find the Guild Account: **Immanuel Evangelical Church Women's Guild, Account HH137**. To participate you will need an email address. If you do not have one, we will be happy to help you set up an account. Direct you questions to Erna Thielemann, 281-232-6321 or email cht-et@sbcglobal.net. Once you have enrolled it will not be necessary to reenroll the following year. Each time you make a purchase at Kroger using your Kroger Plus card you will automatically benefit Immanuel Women's Guild's charitable endeavors. After a few weeks, each receipt you get will indicate at the bottom you are supporting the Guild. You may also share this information with any of your friends or relatives and ask them to sign up (using our Guild #HH137) provided they are not currently in the program.

THANK YOU to all who continue to support the Women's Guild by shopping at Kroger.

The Women's Guild met on February 16th with 15 members present. Sandra Zacek reported on the "Spring Get-Away Brunch". Rita Hedt reported on the delivery of the Valentine cookies to the assisted living facilities in the area. Rita Hedt reported on the birthday celebration for Olie Eixmann's 100th birthday to be held March 9th from 2:00 until 3:30 at the church. Barbara James reported the Easter Lillies were ordered and there would be 42 lillies. The Easter breakfast was discussed and planned. The Guild will again support the Lunches of Love "Walk Of Love". The March meeting date was changed from the 15th to the 22nd due to the City Wide Garage Sale. Members volunteered to usher in church for the third Sunday in both February and March. Prayer concerns were addressed and prayed for. Birthdays and anniversaries were celebrated. Evelyn Schmidt won the door prize. The meeting was adjourned and refreshments were enjoyed by all.

Boy Scout Troop 129 Needville, TX

2024 Annual Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

To Go Plates or Dine-In All You Can Eat

\$12.00 per Ticket

Auction Items & Bake Sale

Saturday, March 9, 2024

5:00 pm - 8:00 pm

St. Michael Catholic Church Family Life Center

Keegan, Corbin March and Hank Chapman
are selling tickets.



SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
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					Sr. Citizens 11:00 am Catacombs 8:00-11:00 pm	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Sunday School 9:00 am Worship/Communion 10:15 am	Cub Scouts 6:00 pm	Leaps & Bounds 8:30 - 2:30 pm Movie Matinee "Son of God" 2:00 pm	Children's Fellowship 4:00-5:30pm Bells Choir Rehearsal 5:30 - 6:00 pm Jr. & Sr. High Youth 6:00 - 8:00 pm Drama Rehearsal	Leaps & Bounds 8:30 - 2:30 pm Christian Education Committee 6:30 pm	Sr. Citizens 11:00 am Catacombs 8:00-11:00 pm	Women's Guild hosting a Celebration for Olie Eixmann's 100th Birthday 2-4:00 pm ALL INVITED
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Sunday School 9:00 am Worship/Perfect Attendance 10:15 am Congregational Meeting After worship		Fellowship Committee 2:00 pm Leaps & Bounds Board 7:00 pm	Food Pantry 9:30- 12:00 pm Evangelism Committee 6:30 pm	Worship Committee 7:00 pm	Sr. Citizens 11:00 am	
Spring Break!!!!						
17 St. Patrick's Day	18	19	20	21	22	23 Purim
Sunday School 9:00 am Worship 10:15 am		Leaps & Bounds 8:30 - 2:30 pm Brotherhood 6:30 pm	Children's Fellowship 4:00-5:30 pm Bells Choir Rehearsal 5:30 - 6:00 pm Jr. & Sr. High Youth 6:00 - 8:00 pm	Leaps & Bounds 8:30 - 2:30 pm Consistory 7:00 pm	Sr. Citizens 11:00 am Women's Guild 2:00 pm Catacombs 8:00-11:00 pm Wedding Rehearsal	Wedding 2:00-5:30 pm
24 Palm Sunday	25	26	27	28 Maundy Thursday	29 Good Friday	30
Sunday School 9:00 am Worship/ABC 10:15 am Boy Scout Church Yard Clean Up 1:30 pm		Leaps & Bounds 8:30 - 2:30 pm Missions Committee 7:00 pm	Food Pantry 9:30- 12:00 pm Children's Fellowship 4:00-5:30pm Bells Choir Rehearsal 5:30 - 6:00 pm Jr. & Sr. High Youth 6:00 - 8:00 pm	Leaps & Bounds 8:30 - 2:30 pm NMA Clergy 10:00 am Feast 6:00 pm Last Supper Drama with Holy Communion / Worship 7:30 pm Rehearsal 8:30 pm	Good Friday Drama Sponsored by Jr. & Sr. High Youth 8:00 pm	Fellowship Hall Rental 11-3:00 pm
31 Easter						
Sunrise Service 6:465 am Easter Breakfast 8:00 am Easter Egg Hunt 9:00 am Easter Worship with Holy Communion/ 10:15 am						

PRAYER LIST

Sandra Muegge
Mark Paweleck
Jeanette Balcerowicz
Karen Zurek
Olie Eixmann
Vida Arlitt
Corlis Delling
Deanna Shifley
Tommy Lovel

Harvey Mager
Kirk Schmidt
Waymond Schulze
Randy Ognoskie
Kenneth Raska
Erna Thielemann
Caroline Kost
Joy Kramer
Erwin Lingnau

Brodie Bushman
Delbert Wendt
Lucille "Ceil" Blunck
Randal Schmidt
Donna Britt
Kenneth Warncke
Carolyn Kaluza
Cecil Tielke



PRAYER LIST GUIDELINES

It is an **honor and privilege to pray** for the needs of those on our prayer list. Prayer requests will be listed for six weeks unless the church office is notified. Thank you for your assistance in this matter. We look forward to sharing in both your concerns and your joys!

****Please update the office if still needing prayer.**



- 7 QUENTIN & MARLA SEBESTA
- 10 CHRIS & MARISSA BIENEK
- 15 RAY & CHERI OBERHOFF
- 16 DAVID & DANA HAWKINS
- 23 ADAM & CRYSTAL SMITH
- 24 GARREN & SHELLY SCHMIDT
- 27 THOMAS & RHONDA JUREK
- 28 DON & KELLY ARRINGTON
JARROD & AMY STASNEY



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| 1 Olie Eixmann
Whitney Anderson
Brian Sebesta | 18 Garrett Arrington
Abigail Fletcher |
| 2 Rita Hedt | 19 Cord Mills |
| 3 Craig Zwahr
Michelle McClellan
Keegan March | 22 Kaleb Smith |
| 5 Carrie Altreche
Kate Salazar | 23 Helen Altimore
Kyler Teykl
Cash Raska |
| 6 Rick Weidemann | 24 Cole McClellan |
| 9 Alexander Schmidt | 25 Cody Eversole
Jeremy Simmons |
| 10 Margaret Kunz
Sandra Zacek | 26 Grant Arrington
Julie Arrington
Mark Bosse
Shelley Fletcher |
| 13 Briann Holik | 27 Faith Finley |
| 15 Hallie Bienek | 28 Karen Gadway |
| 17 Amy Bosse | 29 Rodney Elster |

Love and sympathy



Glenn Schroeder, Sr. went to be with the Lord on February 7, 2024. The funeral was held at the church on February 10, 2024.

Please keep his family in your prayers.

Offering by Credit or Debit

To give by debit or credit card, you can scan this QR code.



It will take you directly to an app to make your donation.

Thank you for your support!



EASTER LILY ORDER

The IEC Women's Guild is offering you the opportunity to help us beautify our sanctuary by placing an order for an Easter lily plant for our Easter morning worship services. These plants may be placed in honor or in memory of your loved one. Recognition will be printed as part of the Easter Sunday worship bulletin.

There are 42 Easter Lilies available for purchase. Please place your order early if you would like a plant and remember to pick up your plant after the 10:15 a.m. Easter worship service.

The cost per plant is \$15.00 (cash or check). The vendor for our plants this year is Brookwood Community.

Please make checks to: IEC Women's Guild Deadline: March 24, 2024

YOUR NAME: _____

In Honor Of:

In Memory Of:

NUMBER OF PLANTS: _____ AMOUNT: _____

Please give your order with payment to the church secretary or mail it to Immanuel Women's Guild, P.O. Box 505; Needville, TX 77461.

Contact: Barbara James (979) 533-2590

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