

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

1400 North Texas Blvd, Alice, Texas 78332

9:00 A.M. Traditional Worship - Broadcast live on radio station KOPY 1070 AM

10:10 A.M. Sunday School for all ages - 11:10 A.M. Contemporary Worship

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The Rev. Kathleen G. Kasper, Pastor

Glad Tidings - March 2010

Know Christ

Live Christ

Share Christ

Our Lenten Journey Has Begun...

Lent is a sober and reflective time of the year. It is a time to remember the costliness of our sins. Our sins cost God the life of His Son Jesus. Out of God's GREAT LOVE for us He was willing to give up His Son for us. This is the Gospel...the Good News...we proclaim as followers of Jesus. Unfortunately, the "track record" of how Christians live their lives isn't all that different than non-Christians.

Dear people of God in Christ Jesus, this has got to change. Sin is SERIOUS. God takes it seriously and so should we. Our argument...our comeback...might be, "But we're just human and human beings sin." It is true, we are human beings BUT as believers we've been bought with the highest price possible - the BLOOD of God's own Son. Shouldn't this fact alone make a difference in the way we live our lives? Not only should the price redemption cost us lead us to curb sin in our lives, but God's Word tells us that **"In Christ we are a NEW CREATION. The OLD HAS GONE the NEW HAS COME."** This is a statement of FACT. We are new creations. We can't fall back on the old worn out line "We're just sinners" OR as Flip Wilson used to say, "The devil made me do it."

With the Holy Spirit dwelling in each of us WE HAVE all the necessary power available to us to refuse sin. The trouble is that we aren't relying on the Holy Spirit as we should. So long as we rely on our flesh, the devil will win his battles over us all the time. Aren't we tired of being the devil's pawns? He knows that he will lose the war and that he will be cast into the "lake of fire" for eternity. The trouble is, that until that day dawns, he is out to destroy as many people as he can possibly destroy and he particularly targets Christians - after all, he doesn't have to target everyone else in the world because everyone else is already on his side.

This Lenten Season, let's consider how we are living our lives. Do our lives reflect the fact that we are blood-bought redeemed children of God who with the help of God avoid sin, or do our lives reflect the world and the many ways the world opposes God? If we need help in determining what our lives reflect, let's ask God. **God is not out to condemn us. He put the condemnation we deserved upon His Son.** God is not out to condemn us, but He does want to correct us. He is our wonderful and perfectly GOOD Heavenly Father. Let's let Him correct us. He has both our good and the good of the world in mind when He corrects us.

Pastor Kathleen

2 Chronicles 7:14

'if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land.'

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

LENTEN WORSHIP

Worship services will be held Wednesdays at 6:45 p.m. beginning February 24 through March 24. **Wednesday Lenten Worship is required for confirmation students!**

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Place: **First Presbyterian Church**

Date: **Monday through Friday, March 29 - April 2, 2010**

Time: **12:05 Noon Worship Service -- 12:30 p.m. Lunch by participating churches.**

Schedule:

<u>Day</u>	<u>Preacher</u>	<u>Lunch</u>
Monday	Rev. Wendy Nave - 1st Presbyterian	First Baptist
Tuesday	Rev. Larry McRorey - 1st United Methodist	Immanuel Lutheran
Wednesday	Msgr. Leonard Pivonka	St. Elizabeth's St. Joseph's, Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Churches
Thursday	Rev. Kathleen Kasper	Cornerstone Baptist or Templo de Liberacion
Friday	Rev. Ross Dudney	Cornerstone Baptist or Templo de Liberacion

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vince and Lori Titzman announce the birth of their 8th grandchild, **Parker James**. Parker was born February 18, 2010. He weighed 7 lbs. 11 ozs.

Parker has a sister, Evelyn, and brother, Nathan, welcoming him and his parents, Bradley and Lauren Titzman.

Parker's maternal grandparents are Lawrence and Pat Mikulencak.

Sean Wiley Fox and Kandace Kaiser Fox of Alice, Texas, are proud to announce the birth of their son, **Samuel Wiley Fox**. He was born on February 19, 2010 at CHRISTUS Spohn Hospital South in Corpus Christi, Texas. He weighed 7 lbs. 11 ozs. and was 20 1/2 inches in length.

He was welcomed home by his sister, Kloe Khea Fox.

Maternal grandparents are Bob and Celia Kaiser of Alice, Texas. Paternal grandparents are Rev. John Wiley Fox and Ann Jackson Fox of Alice, Texas, and Suzanne Dress Fox of Alice, Texas.

Great-grandparents are Clinton "Mac" and Elmira McNeil of George West, Texas, and Roseann Mullen McComish of Dubuque, Iowa.

DAY CAMP - June 7-10

Because of the high demand for this program in our community, **we will offer enrollment to 70 children this year**. The camp is open to children who are currently in kindergarten through sixth grade. **Registration is now open to children and grandchildren of Immanuel members.** A registration fee of \$5 per child is due at the time of registration. Call or come the church office for a registration form. Registration open to public: April 1.

YOUTH GROUP!

1st United Methodist Church, every WEDNESDAY from 6 to 8 p.m. -- ages 6 mos.-18 yrs. All youth from all churches are invited. Come join the fun and bring a friend.

PRAYER

PRAYER CHOIR (Intercessory Prayer)

The group meets every Wednesday at 12:45 p.m. in the Conference Room. You are invited to come be part of this wonderful ministry.

PASTORAL CARE

If you or a family member is ill, hospitalized, or in need of pastoral care, please notify the church office (361-664-6691), or Pastor Kathleen Kasper (361-664-3905).

PRAYER CONCERNS:

We pray for those who are in need of help and healing especially Carolyn; Camren; Ryan; Greg; Art; Gail; Lorene; George; Doyle; Orville; Karen; Allissa; Vivian; Ramiro; Leandra; Elizabeth; Bill; Pavel; Yvette & Patricia; Bernadette; Heather; LaJuan; Clarence; Isabel; Virginia; Imelda; Lawrence; Ysabel; Sammy; Linda; Lilly Ann; Tootsie; Diane; Leroy; Mary; Ricardo; Crystal; Emma; Cathy; Debbie; Mary; Nelva; Laforie; Alvin; Russell; Marie; Tom; Duane; Caylee; Colin; Paul; Barbara; Jaxon; Florence; Manuel; Mae; Beatrice; Eric; Allen; Mauro; Glenn; Delma; Heather; Billy; Mario; Carey; Amy; Adam; Addison; Ciara, Dawn, Mark, Michelle; Mark; Ramon; Lydia; Clarence; Ottalie; Les/Bea; Marissa; Bianca; George; Frank; Jennie; the families of John Shriver, Anita Beck and Frankye Tuttle;. Lord, in your mercy, **C: Hear our prayer.**

MILITARY PRAYER LIST:

We pray for our nation, its leaders, and all the men and women serving in our armed forces and their families. We pray especially for Clint Barrett; Heather Carter; William Fullington; Steve Snyder; Domingo Benavides; Clinton Hammock; Caton Hammock; Sherry Sutherland Brown; Kurt O. Koenig; Michelle Richardson; Scott Dougherty; Robert Fox; Jonathan McGowan; Ryder Yocum; Charles D. Nesloney; Nicholas Westbrook; Justin Hunter; Kevin Harrington; Clint Alanis; Toney McDowell; Jimmy Hebert; Adam Owens; Noel Cantu; Britt Buegeler; Jennifer Barrett Farmer; Robbie Farmer; J.C. Tiller; Gary Weber, Jr.; Brett Williams; Evan Elliot; Jonathan Birnbaum; Kevin Brown; Brent Webster and Tony Perez. Lord, in your mercy, **C: Hear our prayer.**

Abba God, we thank you for how you continue to protect our soldiers in Iraq and Afghanistan. We continue to pray for their protection. Today we thank you for all of the men and women who have returned home safely. For all those who have come with injuries, especially Scott, we ask that you restore their bodies and their emotions. Lord, in your mercy, **C: Hear our prayer.**

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY TO:

Marie Shriver of Alice; Joanne (Randal) Tomblin of Germantown, TN; Karen Gates of Austin; John David (Donna) Shriver, Jr., of Pasadena; Sonny (Sheri) Hoelscher of Alice, and their extended families at the death of John David Shriver on February 17, 2010. The funeral service was held at Immanuel on Saturday, February 20, 2010, with Pastor Kathleen Kasper officiating. Burial at Roselawn Memorial Park with Masonic Graveside services.

The family of Anita Dora Beck at her death on February 23, 2010, in Houston, Texas. Survivors include one daughter, Lana (Jon) Strickland of Houston; one sister, Margaret Frazier of Nordheim; four grandchildren and eight great grandchildren. A funeral service was held, Friday, February 26, 2010, at Holmgreen Mortuary Chapel with Pastor Kathleen Kasper officiating. Burial at Alice Cemetery.

DEATH in HAITI - Ben Larson, son of the Rev. April Ulring Larson, senior pastor of First Lutheran Church, Duluth, and former bishop of the ELCA LaCrosse (Wis.) Area Synod, and the Rev. Judd W. Larson, retired and serving as an interim at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Duluth, died in the earthquake that occurred in Haiti on January 12, 2010. Ben, his wife Renee, and his cousin Jonathan were on the island to teach Lutheran theology to members and pastors of the Lutheran church during the seminary's January term. Please keep Ben's family in your prayers as well as all those in Haiti who have lost loved ones! If you would like to learn more about this terrible tragedy, you should visit <http://www.flcduluth.org/> on the web.

ILCW NOTES (Immanuel Lutheran Church Women)

“I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God— what is good and acceptable and perfect.” (Romans 12:1-2)

MARCH BIBLE STUDY: “THE RENEWING OF OUR MINDS”—Romans 12,13—

“In this session, we will see how Paul draws together two theological threads of earlier chapters in Romans in order to help believers in Rome understand and experience new life in Christ’s body. Paul reminds believers that not all persons have the same gifts, but that all gifts are given by God for the well-being of all God’s people.” [LWT Guide] (Study in Dorcas/Priscilla Circle)

“**Do You Trust Me?**” is the topic for the Lydia Circle, from the Women of Faith Series. Please check the calendar for schedules of these meetings. . . AND all ladies/visitors are Welcome to either!!

LUTHERAN WOMAN TODAY—RENEWAL, the theme for March issue of our magazine. “Sometimes our faith feels stale and we get tired. What can we do when we need to be refreshed and renewed?” There are very informative and inspirational articles in this magazine. The focus on Health concerns the aches and exhaustion that women have often could be any of several autoimmune diseases. Read about this concern and many other interesting subjects.

QUILTING DAY—THURSDAY, MARCH 4—ALL HELP is needed and wanted in order to complete as many quilts as possible! And, all other kits and soap need to be packed. . . . it all takes time. In February, nine quilts were made, so that was great! Thanks to Noel and his sister-in-law, Cari Schuette, who came in to help the other four sew-ers. Another day will be needed to have all the projects ready for the shipping. The gathering point for the Coastal Bend Conference is Galilean Lutheran Church in Corpus on April 7, by 10:00 a.m. The shipment will then be taken to TLU, Seguin by 5:00 P.M. From there, the quilts, health kits, layettes will be sent to Haiti directly, and rest of shipment will go to LWR warehouse. LWR has also given \$1 Million to Haiti! NOTE: In 2008, Lutheran World Relief sent 1455 tons worth more than \$13 million, to 27 different countries. That includes all of the ‘gifts’ that YOU have given to help with our efforts for LWR. [Your gifts of health kits should be brought by March 14 or sooner.] **THANKS FOR SHARING & CARING!!!**

HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE offers thanks and appreciation to all who provided foods for the family of Bryan Yocum. Our Christian sympathy to Susie, Tara, and Ryder Yocum and their extended family. —Thanks to all who provided food and helped serve lunch for the family of John Shriver. Our sincerest sympathy to Mrs. Marie Shriver, his children and extended family. The families always truly appreciate the lunch and place to visit with family and friends.

UPDATE: The LOVE Offering was received on February 14, and supports the ILCW ministry in many ways. In case you missed, please leave your contribution in the offering plate or with Ruth Lindquist.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER - FRIDAY, MARCH 5 - The theme, “Let everything that has breath praise God”, will focus on Cameroon. **No service is planned in Alice this year due to various conflicts.**

The LWT article on the 2009 World of Prayer celebrated the women of Papua New Guinea. This was written by former missionaries (1965-1991) who returned last year to volunteer teach and were privileged to participate in the service which lasted more than five hours. With thousands in attendance, and included hundreds of men and children, they sat patiently on a soccer field in 90-degree weather, without food or drink (or restrooms) while speeches, prayers and skits were offered in different languages and denominations, lifting up the suffering of women here and throughout the world. (What an experience!)

HOLY WEEK SERVICES—MARCH 29—APRIL 2

Immanuel will provide the lunch on Tuesday, March 30. (Details in this newsletter, page 2)

ALTAR GUILD

Given to the Glory of God

ALTAR & ETERNAL CANDLES:

Open

COMMUNION ELEMENTS:

March 7 - Open

March 21 - Paul and Susie Hinojosa - In memory of Magdalena Randall.

ALTAR FLOWERS:

March 7 - Bert and Laurie Buegeler - In honor of Braden Buegeler's birthday.

March 14 - Stormy - In honor of Grandma.

March 21 - Open

March 28 - Sheryl Wallgren - In honor of John and Jennifer's anniversary.

BIRTHDAYS

3/1 Alyssa Gonzales

3/1 Mary Jackson

3/1 Penny Long

3/2 Sandra Laskowski

3/2 Kenneth Richter

3/3 Erin Suarez

3/3 Greg Titzman

3/4 Sharie Brandt

3/4 Judy Dawson

3/4 Mary Sue Lassmann

3/5 Dylan Laraway

3/6 Alicia Carlisle

3/6 Darren Richter

3/6 Virginia Menking

3/7 Deborah Brauchle

3/7 Annie Diebel

3/8 Tim Brown

3/8 Hollie Buendel

3/8 Gisela Jordan

3/8 Lloyd Koerth

3/9 John Cornelius

3/9 Curline Stanley

3/13 Scott Cornelius

3/13 Leroy Richter

3/15 Heather Hodges

3/15 Ozelle Myrick

3/16 Aaron Burris

3/17 Bill Meyer

3/17 Robert Miller

3/18 David Barrett, II

3/18 Catherine Grossman

3/18 Carrie Sain

3/19 Terry Kneten

3/19 Linda Weisenberger

3/20 Nico Mendoza

3/21 Glenda Schneider

3/22 Betty Miller

3/23 Holly Benson

3/23 Blaine Henry

3/23 Karen Zepeda

3/24 Mollie Couch

3/29 Alyssa Delgado

3/29 Dennis Huff

3/29 Ty Titzman

3/29 Cody White

BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS

3/1 John Bartlett

3/1 Deyanira Garcia Palacios

3/1 Aaron Richter

3/3 Kristi Philbrick

3/5 Wolle Huff

3/6 Renee McMonagle

3/8 Tim Brown

3/9 James Shipp

3/9 Thelma Shipp

3/9 Susan Yocum

3/10 Kristi Currie

3/10 Stefanie Martinez

3/12 Kenneth Richter

3/16 Kristi Pyle

3/18 Carsyn Woods

3/19 John Wallgren

3/20 Edwin Goldapp

3/20 Laura Gwodz

3/20 David Heldt

3/20 Lori Titzman

3/24 Alice Cornelius

3/24 Sandra Laskowski

3/26 Darren Richter

3/27 Deborah Brauchle

3/28 Tori Hodges

3/28 John Martin

3/28 Robert Miller

3/29 Carrie Partlow

3/30 Elice Hayslip

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

3/2 Alenora Striedel

3/5 Chip/Pamela Woods

3/15 Gary & Cathy Glover

3/19 Alice Cornelius

3/21 John/Catherine Grossman

3/24 Jan/Wayne Erwin

3/28 John/Jennifer Wallgren

CHURCH COUNCIL

<p><u>Executive Board Mtg</u> Monday, March 1, 2010 7:00 p.m. Conference Rm</p>	<p>Council Reports/Agenda All Newsletter Information <u>Always Due</u> 2nd Monday of each month</p>	<p><u>Church Council Mtg</u> Monday, March 15, 2010 7:00 p.m. Conference Rm</p>
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Council Officers

President Sheryl Wallgren
Vice President
Secretary Sylvia Work
Treasurer Melba Andersen

Standing Committees

Youth Crystal Moscot
Education Gale Keen
Worship Mardella Laskowski
Stewardship
Fellowship Gaynell Franki
Evangelism Glenda Schneider
Prop/Grds Allan Schulte
Social Ministry Deborah Dohoney

Immanuel Lutheran Church
Council Minutes
January 18, 2010

Meeting called to order by: Kenneth Richter, VP. Pastor Kathleen led the opening prayer.
Motion made by Melba Andersen to install Sylvia Work as council secretary. Second by Gale Keen; motion carried.
Glenda Schneider made motion to accept minutes of Dec. 21, 2009 council meeting. Second by Allan Schulte; motion carried.
Treasurer's Report filed for audit.
Pastor's report
Standing Committee Reports - No reports filed.
Brian Menking presented ILC financial analysis which is to be handed out on Sunday, January 24, 2010 for review by congregation prior to congregational meeting on January 31, 2010.
Pastor's 2010 Housing Allowance presented to be accepted and included in the council package. Motion by Melba Andersen; second by Glenda Schneider, motion carried.
Lenten Worship Services: motion by Melba Andersen; second by Glenda Schneider. Motion carried to have services.
Lenten Offering: Offering to be split 50/50 between the Good Samaritan Rescue Mission and Bokenkamp Children's Center in Corpus Christi. Motion made by Deborah Dohoney; second by Melba Andersen, motion carried.
Money Counter: Glenda Schneider will assist Shirley Menzel. Motion made by Sheryl Wallgren; second by Melba Andersen, motion carried.
Adjournment with the Lord's prayer.

Attending: Kenneth Richter; Pastor Kathleen Kasper;
Deborah Dohoney; Glenda Schneider; Melba Andersen;
Gale Keen; Allan Schulte; Sheryl Wallgren;
Sylvia Work; and guest Brian Menking.

Respectfully submitted,
Sylvia Work
Council Secretary

Ending Deficit from 2009	<u>-29,723.44</u>
Current Deficit as of 1/31/10 (includes 2009 deficit figure)	<u>-28,107.39</u>
<u>Jan. 31, 2010</u>	
YTD Budget:	No Budget
YTD Exp:	\$15,336.64
YTD Giving	\$16,952.69