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April 24th

Immanuel United Church

April 2011

Tom's Tidbits



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Local Call

A young boy heard how Jesus loved him, died for him, and wanted to come into his heart. Thrilled, he prayed, "Dear Jesus, come in." About a week later, he said to a friend, "I'm so glad I don't have to talk to our Savior and Lord long distance." "Why not?" she asked. Pointing to his heart, he replied, "Because he's only a few inches away!"

Throw Away Time

New Year's celebrations in Italy are very similar to our own in many ways, but there are some important differences. They, too, begin their New Year with dancing, hugging and kissing in the streets, as well as fireworks and noisemaking.

However, believing that they literally should get rid of the old and take on the new, they sometimes throw old china, worn-out clothing, and even furniture out their windows and into the streets. At times, it can be dangerous for those passing by!

It may not be the New Year yet, but the Lenten season is still a good time to throw out of our lives old negative habits and hostilities, long-standing shortcomings and sins. As the Bible says, "Throw off your old nature...you must be a new and different person, holy and good."

The Three Tablets

Someone has said that there are three tablets in life: the school tablet, the aspirin tablet, and the stone tablet. The pessimist turns the tablets into stages: desiring, despairing, and dying. The cynic describes them as learning, lamenting, and losing.

But the Christian says, "Living means opportunities to serve and dying – well, that's even better! Because God has given me life in all its fullness, life is a blessing, not a curse, and death is gain, not loss."

Life can be learning eagerly, laboring earnestly, and living abundantly. What kind of life have you chosen for yourselves, sisters and brothers?

When you call upon God, my friends, you never have to worry about listening to a menu of options! God doesn't put you on hold, and there are no long distance charges. Anyone can come to God about anything – anytime and anywhere! God invites us: "Call to me, and I will answer you."

I Want You!

Alexander Graham Bell made his first telephone out of an old cigar box, two magnets, and two hundred feet of wire. His first message was, "Mr. Watson, come here! I want you."

And that is God's message to each of us, too. God wants us to come to God – not for what we can give God, but for what God can give us.

And my, what God can give us, sisters and brothers! God can give us a life that can't die, a hope that can't be disappointed, a light that can't be darkened, a joy that can't be diminished, a home that can't be destroyed, and a rest that can't be disturbed.

Hear what our Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ, has to say to you, to me, and to every human being: "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

See you church on Sunday...and wherever else our paths may cross. God loves you, and so do I!

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- | | |
|--|--|
| 1 Jenny Eversole
Makala Smith
Cain Todd | 15 Clarence Thielemann
David Dick III |
| 2 Chelsea Raska
Kirk Schmidt | 16 Angelina Kelly
Bruce Oberhoff |
| 3 Neil Yelderman | 17 Jill Otto |
| 4 Jason Fletcher
Jenna Crainer | 19 Gerald Miller
Jacob Gage |
| 5 Garren Schmidt | 20 Cole Gorka |
| 6 Kyle Altimore | 21 Brian Bacica
Joshua Yelderman
Logan Archer
Sandra Dorr |
| 7 Donald Lindemann
Lauren Schultz-Kappes
Raymond Schmidt | 22 John Matcek
Mason Todd
Sara Miller |
| 8 Randall Schmidt | 23 Agnes Bothe
Diane Sebesta
Donna Moody
Megan Pond |
| 9 Aaron Schnettler
Clinton Mikeska
Dana Schultz
Donnette Paige
Greg Schmidt
Hailey Volz
Joshua Finch
Joy Miller
Mitchell Tillman | 24 Grady Legendre
Katie Lovel |
| 10 Aline Lichnovsky
Evelyn Gorka
James Karnei
Justin Bosse
Kaylee Gorka | 25 Scott Midkiff
Wendy Bell |
| 11 Adam Pavlock
Amber Farrell
John Stern
Kristi Eversole | 26 Bill Tillman
Cindy Nulisch
Ruth-Ann Hendrick
Ryann Kolkmeier
Tamera Miller
Winston Loehr |
| 12 Cindy Tillman
Dylan Novak
Frank Pryor | 27 Colton Schmidt
Tom Bosse
Tucker Novosad |
| 13 Ginny Kramer
Kailee Zwahr | 28 Chase Winkelman
Lindsey McElrath
Stacey Schodek |
| 14 Jewel Lovel
Pat Hlavaty | 29 Mildred Novak
Robert Kramer |
| | 30 Shirley Richter |

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

- 3 VIRGIL & ELIZABETH LEUS
8 SHAY & LAURA LUEDEKE
14 CODY & ROBIN EVERSELE
DONALD & BRIDGETT BULLARD
19 JOSHUA & JESSICA DUNCAN
22 WADE & TERESA BOSSE
24 JOHN & LYNDA MATCEK
25 JOSEPH & LAURA CASASSA
26 CHARLES & SHARON McELRATH
28 JAMES & GAYLE HORAK
MICHAEL & SHIRLEY RICHTER



2010 GIVING STATEMENTS

The 2010 Giving Statements are be available. Please contact the church office @ 793-6125 if you would like to receive yours.



We apologize if we have inadvertently left off any names on our Birthday or Anniversary Listings. If you know someone that has been left off, or would like to add someone, please contact the church office at 793-6125 and let us know!!! Thank you very much!



EASTER LILY

The IUCC Women's Guild is offering you the opportunity to place an order for an Easter lily plant for the Easter Morning Worship Services. These may be placed in honor of and/or in memory of your loved one with a memorial gift to either the Building Fund, Memorial Fund, or Organ Fund.

(There will only be 25 plants available)
Please place your order early if you want a plant, and remember to pick up your plant after the 10:15 Easter Worship Service.

The cost per plant is **\$15.00**

Payable to: **IUCC Women's Guild** Deadline is: **April 17, 2011**

NAME _____

PHONE NUMBER _____

Wishes to make a gift:

In Honor of:

and / or In Memory of:

NO. OF PLANTS: _____ **AMOUNT ENCLOSED:** _____

Building Fund \$ _____
Organ Fund \$ _____
Memorial Fund \$ _____

Can be mailed to: *Immanuel United Church of Christ*
 PO Box 505
 Needville, TX 77461

2011 Sr. Citizen Benefit

Income

Lunch	\$9,248.00
Silent Auction	\$812.00
Auction	\$8,600.00
Quilt Raffle	\$2,602.00
Pastry	\$730.00
Kitchen	\$837.00
Donation	\$600.00
?	\$55.00
Plants	\$135.00
Baskets	\$2,098.00
	<u>\$25,717.00</u>

Expense

Shorty Yeaman	\$300.00
Ladd's Hall	\$6,495.63
Ticket Printing	\$600.00
	\$50.00?
	<u>\$7,445.63</u>

Profit

\$18,271.37
-\$5,000.00 St. Vincent DePaul (help with rent, gas, Utility bill)
-\$2,602.00 Sr. Citizen
-\$5,000.00 Immanuel UCC for use of facility ?

? On this amount \$5,669.37

A VERY SPECIAL THANKS TO...

Mark and Rita Evans for their generous donation of Christian Board Games and a Movie!

Cecil and Nancy Tielke for their generous donation of a Big Screen TV for the Youth Room!

Dave and Kim Stegman for their generous donation of MATCHING Steak Knives for the Kitchen!



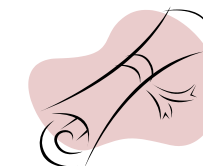
PRAYER LIST

Julius Balcerowiz
 Steve Beck
 Marilyn Dillard
 Lydell Duyka
 Bill Good
 Kelly High
 Sheldon Holder
 Jim Holt
 Lori Keaton
 Nancy Kuebler
 Frances Landers
 Frank Macik
 Grace Matula
 Walter Meyer
 Shorty Oberhoff
 Donette Paige
 Weston Phillips
 Agnes Polak

Ruby Poncik
 Michael Rafter
 Armand Salas Family
 Shortlick Family
 Scott Stadley
 Roy & Barbara Steffen
 Doug Swead
 Cayden Thomas
 Tim Timmons
 Rowell Thumann
 Valentine Family
 Maudie Walenta
 Sandy & Teresa Wall
 Glenwood "Woody" Wieghat
 Cheryl Zwahr
 Ruth Schroeder
 Florence Krecji



*Rejoice always, pray continually,
 give thanks in all circumstances;
 for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.
 Thessalonians 5: 16-17*



SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships are available for seniors from the
 "Needville High School Scholarship Fund"

Applications are simple and can be picked up from
 Mrs. Orsak, Counselor at Needville High School.

If you are interested, applications are due soon!!!!

MARCH ATTENDANCE

February 27	161
March 6	224
March 9 (Ash Wed)	184
March 13	137
March 20	173
March 27	177

ACOLYTE SCHEDULE

April 3 Landon Schultz-Zwahr, Tucker Novosad
April 10 Ainsley Otto, Ryann Kolkmeier
April 17 Craig Todd, Chance Legendre
April 24 Keaton Ley, Dalton Novak

2011 Sunday School Teacher Schedule

	<u>April</u>
Nursery	Casey Todd
Nursery	Kari Weidemann
K-1	Julie Halbert
2-3	Carol Gerken
4-5	Stacey Schodek
6-7	Kelly Dunk
Confirmation	Debby Wendt
High School	Shay Meyer/Coleman Todd
Adult 1	JoAnn Morton/Becky Oberhoff

MOMENT FOR THE YOUNG

April 3 Debby Wendt
April 10 Darrel Kramer
April 17 Karen Wagner
April 24 Carol Gerken

LARGE PLASTIC EASTER EGGS NEEDED!!

The Christian Education Committee is in need of donations of "LARGE" plastic Easter eggs and bags of wrapped candy. Donations are needed by the April 14th meeting...(egg stuffin' meeting)

LAY READERS NEEDED!!!

If you are interested in being a Lay Reader and assisting in the morning worship services, There is a sign-up sheet posted in the back of the sanctuary. Your help is greatly appreciated!

CHICKENS and BRISKETS ON SALE for EASTER!!

The Brotherhood is selling BBQ'd Briskets and Chickens again this year! The price for the chickens is \$7.00/ea and the price for the briskets w/BBQ sauce is \$45.00/ea. They will be cooked and ready for pick up by 5:00pm on Saturday, April 23rd. If you are unable to pick up your briskets or chickens on Saturday, they will be in a hot cooler and ready to pick up on Easter Sunday.

Contact either Mark Evans, A.J. Dorr, Tom Dunk, Cris Meyer or the church office at 793-6125 if you would like to make an order.



When working in your garden just remember...
 The potatoes have "eyes" and the corn have "ears"!

BROTHERHOOD

The Brotherhood would like to thank W. Lee Hedt, Clarence Thielemann, Mark & Rita Evans, Wayne & Keaton Ley, Cris, Shay & Lita Meyer, Gerrit Gadway, and Cullen Raska for helping with the church work day on Saturday, March 26th to help get the church looking its best for Easter. A Special Thanks to David Thielemann and Mark Evans for the trailers and W Lee Hedt for the tractor.

We will be once again selling BBQ'd briskets and chickens! The cost is \$45/brisket and BBQ sauce and \$7/chicken. They will be available for pickup on Saturday, April 23rd at 5:00pm or they will be kept in a hot cooler and available on Sunday morning.

Our Steak Dinner was a great success! About 40 people attended and enjoyed Steak with all the fixings! Thanks to everyone who helped!!

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, April 14th @ 6:30pm at Immanuel.



New Business:

A discussion on the need for more handicapped parking was held. Wade Bosse made a motion to designate two spaces on either side of the bridge as handicapped parking. Debbie Altimore seconded the motion. Motion carried. Carol Gerken will check with Tracy Gerken on the availability of getting the same man to paint the spots.

David Thielemann made a motion to move the money remaining from the Search Fund to be put in the Contingency Fund. Mark Wendt seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The marquee at the side of the church needs new letters to replace the broken ones. Carol Gerken will look into finding replacements.

In April, the Food Pantry will start new hours. It will be open on Mondays and Wednesdays from 10 am to 2 pm. Carolyn Conrad and Mildred Novak will continue to assist with the upkeep of supplies in the Food Pantry.

Thank you letters were received from Settegast Heights-the support of their Christmas party, Eden Theological Seminary-\$600 donation, SPJST-\$1,000 gift toward their walking trail, and Eden Hill Communities-\$500 donation. Six building use requests were approved.

A discussion on the upkeep of the fellowship hall floor and the state of the Senior Citizen's floor was held. The kitchen tile also needs a cleaning. David Thielemann would check with Hausler's Painting & Decorating Center for a bid on the cleaning of these floor areas.

In Wider Missions, Wade Bosse made a motion to give \$500 to OCWM, \$500 to Slumber Falls, \$500 to the Houston Association, and \$400 to Back Bay Mission. Mark Wendt seconded the motion and motion carried.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

 Carol Gerken, Secretary

 Cris Meyer, President

Please Note: Any changes or corrections will be reflected after the minutes have been approved.

President Cris Meyer called the meeting to order with Debbie Altimore, Wade Bosse, Carol Gerken, Perry McConnell, Cris Meyer, Audrey Schmidt, David Thielemann, and Mark Wendt present. Youth representatives Chase Miller and Shae Blazier were also present. President Meyer opened the meeting with a prayer. Absent were: A. J. Dorr, Kelly Dunk, Mark Evans, Kim Fredrickson, Leslie Kolkmeier, Patsy Roesler, and Rev. Schwartz. Guests present were Shay Meyer, Marla Sebesta, Erna Thielemann, and Bruce Oberhoff.

Marla Sebesta, chairman of Leaps and Bounds, updated the consistory on the program. Diane Sebesta and Wendy Todd were added to the board of directors for the program. Dena Dick has taken over the open teaching job with Sharon Hedt as an assistant. The classes are almost filled for next year. A concern of the program is the lack of smoke detectors and occasional sewage smell in the classroom areas.

Erna Thielemann addressed the consistory to clarify the way the money was spent on the new door installation in the front of the church. The money was originally taken from the Memorial Fund but was reimbursed by the Bosse donation which was specified for the door purchase. The extra money needed for the hardware came from the Memorial Fund. The Ministerial Alliance gave Immanuel \$5,000 from the Senior Citizen Funday Account as a gift towards the new parking lot. The money was put in the Building Fund.

Bruce Oberhoff addressed the consistory on the direction that the UCC is being promoted to the youth of our church when they attend Slumber Falls. He discussed the history of the UCC presentation that was given at the Confirmation Camp and its blunt promotion of open and affirming. Bruce suggested a committee be formed to look at the beliefs promoted by the UCC national office.

Shay Meyer, Director of Christian Education, gave a report of the monthly activities. About 157 people attended the Pancake Supper which raised \$506.50.

Minutes: The minutes of the February 14, 2011 meeting were approved as clarified. The \$10 a month advertisement voted on in February was for the listing of the church in internet search engines such as Google. Debbie Altimore made a motion to edit the February minutes to clarify that the \$10 a month ad was for Google search engines. Mark Wendt seconded the motion and motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: The checking balance as of 2-28-11 was \$13,085.95. Wade Bosse reviewed the report. The two endowment CDs are up for renewal. David Thielemann made a motion to renew the IUCC and Wendt Endowments in CDs. Mark Wendt seconded the motion and the motion passed. The treasurer's report was filed for audit.

Cris Meyer suggested that the Search Committee meet with Rev. Schwartz at the end of March to do a 90 day update.

Committee Reports:

Building and Grounds: A church grounds clean-up workday needs to be scheduled before Easter. There are lights and faucets to fix in the church and fellowship hall. Irvin Meyer fixed the door problem at the Barbecue area and he, along with David Thielemann, fixed the recess cans on the carport. Bruce Oberhoff put in more doorstops and David Thielemann adjusted the front doors. Mark Evans donated a new tree to replace the one that died when it was moved to make room for the parking lot.

Worship/Evangelism: The committee discussed a need for a work day before Easter to clean-up the exterior of the church and grounds. A suggestion was made to put up a nursery sign in the fellowship hall each Sunday to direct parents to the room and to have greeters to meet people at the door. There is a need for two chairs in the minister's office. Tommy Gerken has been working to improve the sound system in the church.

Christian Education: The Pancake Supper was a success and plans are underway for the Easter Egg Hunt.

Mission & Outreach: Some ideas have been put in the suggestion box for possible activities.

Brotherhood: The Brotherhood will host their Steak Dinner on March 26th.

Old Business:

The consistory looked into a means of putting in a fire alarm system in the Fellowship Hall. Debbie Altimore made a motion to set aside \$600 for the fire alarm system. Mark Wendt seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The new food pantry coordinator for the Ministerial Alliance is Leanne Bourgeois. Due to the high level of stored food, David Thielemann made a motion that the food should be dispersed from the food pantry as needed so no food passes its expiration date. Wade Bosse seconded the motion. Motion carried. With the extra money donated from the Ministerial Alliance Funday, Mark Wendt made a motion to build additional shelves for the stored food. Audrey Schmidt seconded the motion. Motion carried. Carol Gerken will write a thank-you letter to the Ministerial Alliance for the \$5,000 donation.

The question of using Open Market funds to re-do electrical wiring in the church was brought up. Perry McConnell will look into possible inspectors who can give us an update of what our electrical needs are specifically.

Estimates for the removal and installation of new carpet on the outdoor steps were compared. Wade Bosse made a motion to use Hausler's for removal and installation of new carpet of the front steps. Mark Wendt seconded the motion. Motion carried. (continued on next page)

Youth Postings!
(Kindergarten - 12th)
April 2011

Kindergarten – 3rd Grade:

On Wednesday, March 23rd, our choir along with Ms. Dena, Ms. Kim and Ms. Suzanne all made the trek down the street to the SPJST home where we put on an American flag waving, singing good time for the residents there. We started with the Pledge Of Allegiance, then sang two patriotic songs and ended with "Sanctuary". I'm so proud of all of our K-3rd graders. They may not realize how much they affected the people we sang to, but the rest of us know how meaningful this was. Please give them a pat on the back and let them know how much they are appreciated. **Tannor and Trevor Baker, Deanna and Deven Dick, Reese and Ryan Fredrickson, Tayah Legendre and Mikayla Mikeska.** Much thanks and God bless each and every one of you!

Confirmation and Mid-Winter Camps:

CYF Mid-Winter Rally (high school) and **Confirmation Camp (8th grade only)**, were great! Well, Confirmation was more informational than actual "fun", but I believe the kids walked away with a deeper understanding of our shared faith even if I did have to wake one or two up during the films. *wink-wink*. Be looking for photos on the website and FaceBook. CYF had Mountasia and lots of learning about the "Time Is Now". It's not about when you finally graduate, move out, or go to college or get married or any of that! We all can make a difference now, everyday in our regular lives. We are the body, hands and feet of Christ...so don't just sit there...get moving!

Chi Rho Mid-Winter Rally is this coming weekend, April 1st – 3rd. We will be hitting up the bowling ally and the zoo!! All the while we will be learning that the road to Damascus was a major turning point for Saul (later to be known as Paul 13:9). Read up on it in Acts 9. I'm ready to remove my scales...are you???

Summer Camps:

Slumber Falls: Yes it is already upon us, and no, I can't believe it either! But with that said there are posters in the sanctuary and on my door that give the detailed dates, amounts and what is available. The church is splitting 1/2 of early bird specials with any members who want to go so get signed up and let me know so you can be paid in full by April 15th to take advantage of that. \$50 will register you online and hold your spot, but don't wait for the savings to pass you by.

Eighters: Heads up Confirmation. Here is your second required camp for the year. Yep! All the stories you've heard are true. It's a wild good time and I've never heard anyone say anything other than how awesome a time they had when they get back. Mark your calendars now for June 26th – July 2nd to be able to attend that. Can't wait to see you there!

Youth Schedule for April: We will meet the first two weeks, but not the last two. The 20th is Holy Week and the 27th is smack dab in the middle of TAKS testing. Do yourself proud! I'm praying for all of you.

Notes:

~Don't forget to friend Immanuel United Church of Christ~Needville on FaceBook and me too!

~Get geared up for end of youth party...May 4th. Rumor has it there will be BIG fun. Hope to see you there!

~Parents please check the newsletter for your meal assignments. Thanks for being willing to pitch in and feed our youth

~April 24th is Easter Sunday and the Easter egg hunt. Bring your best basket and let's hear the good news that Christ is risen!

Happy Easter – He is Alive! Shay-Shay. Questions, comments concerns? shay@meyerranch.net (832) 595-4028 cell. Feedback always welcome. Thanks!

We would like to thank the following people for their help with the Pancake Supper!

<u>Adult Helpers</u>		<u>Youth Helpers</u>	
Joan Wendt	Charlotte Hendrick	Ryann Kolkmeier	Mikayla Mikeska
Kim Fredrickson	Suzanne Mikeska	Linzee Yelderman	Colton Mikeska
Carol Gerken	Debby Wendt	Madeline Gadway	Rockie Thielemann
Teresa Bosse		Anna Gadway	Landon Schultz-Zwahr
Mark Evans		David Dick	William Schodek
Cyndi Teykl		Deven Dick	Shae Blazier
Leslie Kolkmeier		Reese Fredrickson	Makenzie Raesner
Kelly Dunk		Ryan Fredrickson	Justin Winkelman
			Blake Winkelman
			Keaton Ley

April 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Jr. Hi Leave for Chi Rho Camp	2
3 Sunday School 9am Worship/Communion 10:15am Return from Chi Rho Camp	4 Worship/ Evang 7pm	5 Leaps & Bounds 8:30-2:30pm Scouts—6:30pm MDO Board Mtg 7pm	6 YOUTH GROUP K-3rd Choir 4-5:30 4th-5th 4-5:30 6th, 7th, Conf. 5:30-6:45 High School 6:30-8:30 Lenten Service @ IUCC 7p	7 Leaps & Bounds 8:30-2:30pm	8	9
10 Sunday School 9am Worship/Perf Attend. 10:15am	11 Consistory 7p	12 Leaps & Bounds 8:30-2:30pm	13 YOUTH GROUP K-3rd Choir 4-5:30 4th-5th 4-5:30 6th, 7th, Conf. 5:30-6:45 High School 6:30-8:30 Lenten Service @ St. Paul's 7p	14 Leaps & Bounds 8:30-2:30pm CEC Mtg. 7p Brotherhood 6:30p Woodmen 6:30p	15 Women's Guild 2pm	16 Youth Fair Parade Crop Walk Gathering Palms
17 PALM SUNDAY Sunday School 9am Worship/ABCeleb 10:15am	18	19 Leaps & Bounds 8:30-2:30pm	20 Sr. Social @ St. Michaels 1:30pm NO YOUTH GROUP DUE TO HOLY WEEK	21 MAUNDY THURS Leaps & Bounds 8:30-2:30pm Service @ 7pm w/ communion	22 GOOD FRIDAY Office Closed	23
24 EASTER SUNDAY Sunday School 9am Worship/Communion 10:15am	25 Mission/ Outreach 7pm	26 Leaps & Bounds 8:30-2:30pm	27 NO YOUTH GROUP DUE TO TAKS TESTING	28 Leaps & Bounds 8:30-2:30pm	29	30

CROP WALK

The Crop Walk is being held on Saturday, April 16, 2011 at George Ranch Historical Park. If you would like to participate please see Debby Wendt or contact her at 281-239-5809.

Perfect Attendance for February

Cain Todd
Claire Todd
Makayla Smith
Lita Meyer
Casey Todd
Suzanne Mikeska
Cole Todd
Keaton Ley
William Schodek
Coleman Todd
Chase Miller
JoAnn Morton
Becky Oberhoff
Delbert Wendt

Students average attendance 35
Teachers average attendance 11

Perfect Attendance for March

Cain Todd
Claire Todd
Hayden Meyer
Faith Farrell
Makayla Smith
Lita Meyer
Casey Todd
Kim Fredrickson
Suzanne Mikeska
Cole Todd
Keeli Teykl
Ryan Fredrickson
Kyler Teykl
Reese Fredrickson
Mikayla Mikeska
Colton Mikeska
Karen Gadway
Madeline Gadway
Robin Eversole
Keaton Ley
Cris Meyer
Coleman Todd
Casey Chapman
Chase Miller
Becky Oberhoff
Delbert Wendt

Students average attendance 32
Teachers average attendance 11



There is a class for YOUR child...See you next Sunday!

LENTEN SERVICES

April 6 @ Immanuel
"I Am...The Way, The Truth & The Life"

April 13 @ St. Paul's
"I Am...The True Vine"

April 21 @ Immanuel
Maundy Thursday Service



NEWS FROM THE LILY PAD

Leaps and Bounds - IUCC

April 2011

FINANCIAL REPORT - MONTHLY

March 1 thru March 28, 2011

April Showers Bring May Flowers

This month, we will be helping the children to understand what takes place in our world during spring. We also want to encourage them to help care for plants and animals.

This month's memory verse.....

He is not here; He has risen!
Matthew 28:6b

Remember Pizza Day.....

Our pizza day this month is
April 28th !!!

Dress Western / Rodeo Day

April 14th

Howdy Partner! We will be dressing up in our finest rodeo clothes and having a rip roaring good time! Be watching for a memo to go home regarding our activities and a release form. We need parent volunteers to bring animals & western day activities. If you can help, please call Ellen!!!!
***Please remember this is also an early release day!!!!!!

Leaps and Bounds is now on Facebook... come "like" us!!! We'll be posting updates, pictures, and reminders!

April Schedule

14th - Western Day/ Early Release 12:00

16th - Needville Youth Fair Parade

17th - Palm Sunday

21st - Easter Egg Hunt / Early Release

28th - Pizza Day

Easter Egg Hunt

April 21st

Leaps and Bounds will have an Easter egg hunt on Thursday, April 21st. We will begin with the Polliwogs at 10:00. We will do each class individually to ensure that all children have a great time! Please send your sealed / taped eggs Thursday along with a basket. The more eggs to hunt the better... Please label your basket!! Thanks!
***Please remember this is an early release day. All children must be picked up by 12:00!!!!!!

Leaps and Bounds will once again be participating in the NYF parade. Please mark the 16th on the calendar and make plans to join us!! Details and release forms will be sent in the folders.

RECEIPTS:

Weekly Offering	\$ 16,669.00
Loose Offering	277.00
Church School Offering	82.17
Building Use	250.00
Bulletin Sponsor	50.00
MDO/Payroll Tax	339.50
Alliance/Payroll Tax	95.76
Initial Offering	9.00
Food Pantry	20.00
OGHS	774.00
Senior Citizen's (reimburse - supplies)	45.54
Ash Wednesday (loose \$131.50)	1,198.50
Lenten Offering	355.00
Upper Room	20.00
Camp registration (1)	35.00
Children's Pennies	46.90

TOTAL RECEIPTS: \$ 20,267.37

INCOME - OTHER ACCOUNTS

Building Fund	\$ 725.00
Organ Fund	490.00
Cemetery Fund	270.00
Memorial	2,015.00

TOTAL OTHER ACCOUNTS \$ 3,500.00

IMMANUEL WOMEN'S GUILD

The Immanuel Women's Guild met on Friday, March 18, 2011, with 12 members and one guest present. Hester Bain gave the program, opening with the hymn "There Shall Be Showers of Blessings". She then told of the many blessings we receive in our lifetime. She read several scriptures telling of God's blessing we receive if we only believe.

President Richter called the meeting to order. Minutes were read and approved. Correspondence was read, a Thank You and Love Gift of \$100.00 from Tammy and Jason Miller, a Thank You from Perry and Sherrie McConnell, and a request from Church World Service. Erna Thielemann gave the treasurer's report.

OLD BUSINESS: Hester Bain reported she delivered the love offering to the Joline Gay Family.

NEW BUSINESS: Erna Thielemann reported she called about the Easter Lilies and will order 25. They will sell for \$15.00/each. She also reported that the list of supplies for the health kits and school supply list would be in the newsletter in case the congregation would want to help. It was decided we would use the bags left over from 2004 to fill with school supplies. Ruby Poncik made and took 30 bibs to the SPJST Nursing Home for the Immanuel Women's Guild. She received a big hand of applause.

Celebrating Birthdays were Olie Eixmann, Willie Mae Tielke, and Verna Dell McGuire. Celebrating an Anniversary were Shay and Cris Meyer.

Prayer Concerns were for the families of Joline Gay, Albin Oberhoff, Elverna Graeber and Mary Ann Kramer; Frances Landers, Roy and Barbara Steffen, Evelyn Schmidt, Ruby Poncik, Clarence Fuchs, Frank and Caroline Macik, Hester Bain, Julius and Jeanette Balcerowicz, the people of Japan, the World's situation, and for our nation.

The meeting was closed by singing, "Blessed Be the Tie That Binds", and praying "The Lord's Prayer".

Refreshments were served by Alice Bergen and Olie Eixmann.

Jeanette Balcerowicz, Secretary

MISSION PROJECT

The Women's Guild is sponsoring two projects and would encourage your participation and support. These are projects initiated by South Central Conference and completion phase is at the conference meeting in June 2011. Please bring your bags **marked for Mission Projects**, so as not to confuse them with the food pantry.

Church World Service School Kits—Basic tools for learning: to be given to children in impoverished schools, refugee camps or difficult settings.

Back Bay Mission—Personal Hygeine Kit for Homeless Ministry

To Assemble a School Kit you will need:

- One pair of blunt scissors (rounded tip)
- (3) 70 count spiral notebooks or tape-bound 8"x10-1/2" ruled paper, for a total of 200-210 papers (No loose-leaf please)
- One 30 centimeter ruler (12")
- One hand-held pencil sharpener
- One large eraser
- (6) NEW pencils with erasers
- (1) Box 24 crayons (24 only)
- 12"x14" to 14"x16" (finished size) cotton cloth bag with cloth handles

To Assemble a Hygeine Kit you will need:

- One Hand towel (approx. 16x28")
 - One Wash Cloth
 - One Wide Tooth Comb
 - One Toothbrush
 - One Toothpaste
 - One Bar of Soap (bath size in wrapper)
 - One Plastic Soap Container
 - One Deoderant (solid or roll on)
- Place all items in ONE GALLON ZIPLOCK PLASTIC BAG W/ ZIPPER ENCLOSURE (Do NOT add or substitute kit items)

Your donations for any of the items, or, a complete kit will be appreciated. If there are questions, please either a Guild Member, Erna Thielemann @ 281-232-6321, or Lillie Richter @ 979-793-4717. Thank You!

DEADLINE FOR DONATIONS is MAY 13, 2011
(In order to complete kits for delivery to conference meeting)

ANGEL FOOD MINISTRY

The Angel Food Ministry hosted by St. Paul's Presbyterian Church is a great way to buy food at discounted prices. All meals consist of fresh, frozen and packaged foods. The great thing is that ANYONE can take advantage of these deals! These are great deals for Families, Senior Citizens, and After Schoolers. Just place your order by the deadline and the food will be delivered to St. Paul's and ready for you to pick up.

The Angel Food Ministry, unfortunately, may be suspended at St. Paul's if orders are not increased. April Menus will be available in both entrances to the Sanctuary, and, in the church office.

Coded Easter Phrase

Write the words from the clues in the blanks. Take the first letter from each word and unscramble them. Rewrite them in the empty spaces to find the coded phrase.

- _ _ _ _ What a bunny does
- _ _ _ _ _ Not outside
- _ _ _ _ Where most birds lay their eggs
- _ _ _ _ A hop, skip, and _____
- _ _ _ _ _ The opposite of over
- _ _ _ _ Kids hunt these on Easter
- _ _ _ _ Those April showers are really this
- _ _ _ _ _ Sow these in spring for flowers in summer
- _ _ _ _ _ The season after spring
- _ _ _ _ A rabbit has big ones
- _ _ _ Plants need this and water to grow
- _ _ _ _ _ We celebrate Easter at the beginning of this season
- _ _ _ _ Not dead

Answer can be found on YOUTH POSTINGS page

Phrase: _____