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WEEKNIGHT LENTEN SERVICES continue with the Christ in the Country Co-op (Schroeder, Arneckeville, Coletoville). There will be no in person worship at any of the congregations. For the safety of all, Pastor Paul, Vicar Kara and Pastor Anne will record the services and post them online on Wednesdays during Lent so they can be watched anytime). The theme this year is *Words of Life from the Cross*.

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| March 3 | <i>Compassionate Words</i> |
| March 10 | <i>Faithful Words</i> |
| March 17 | <i>Suffering Words</i> |
| March 24 | <i>Dying Words</i> |



HOLY WEEK SERVICES with Christ in the Country Co-Op will also be recorded and posted online.

- Maundy Thursday*, April 1 – with communion
- Good Friday*, April 2 – Tenebrae Service of increasing darkness

Coming Events

- March 7**
Commitment Sunday
- March 14**
Youth Movie Night
- March 28**
Palm Sunday
- April 4**
EASTER Sunday



COMMITMENT SUNDAY March 7, 2021

Traditional Commitment Cards will be included with mail-outs to those not receiving emails and will be available at church on Commitment Sunday. In addition, we will be sending an email with a link to an online Commitment form, for those who prefer that to paper, or can't join us that Sunday. But we hope everyone can be together on March 7 to celebrate our commitments to God for all the blessings he has given us to share."

A pre-packaged **STEWARDSHIP STEW** along with cornbread and cookies, will be available after Sunday School that day, to be served at the Gathering Place (take with you or stay and eat.) Please furnish your own beverage, if you plan on staying to eat. If you'd like to donate cornbread or cookies to share, please call Jackie at 281-787-5266.

From the Feb. 21 church council meeting highlights:

- * Beginning February 28, there will be printed bulletins available for all who are present to worship in person. For now we will continue to send them out via Facebook and emails for those who still prefer to continue electronically.
- Permission has been given to resume letting people reserve the parish hall for non-church related events.
- Commitment cards will be sent out electronically this year two weeks before commitment Sunday. Members will be able to fill it in and submit it online. They will be mailed to those who we do not have email addresses submitted. Those who don't return one, will be contacted again.
- It was voted to use \$200 out of local benevolence to help purchase items needed to give to residents at LaBahia Nursing Home. This is our way of doing something for them since we are unable to provide worship services.



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QUILTING for LWR Continues on March 10 and 24. It's been a small group throughout the pandemic, and we set up more tables to stay socially distanced while we're masked. It is, as usual, a good time doing something for others, and we invite anyone who feels comfortable to come and help!



40 CANS/ CASH FOR 40 DAYS. As usual, we will be collecting donations for the food pantry as part of our Lenten discipline. Each member of the congregation is encouraged to bring either a non-perishable food item or at least \$1 per day for each of the 40 days of Lent, that began on February 17 (the pantry can buy in bulk from the food bank, so the monetary donations go further). Place monetary donations in the offering plate. It's only a little for each person, but together we can really make a difference in the life of people in need.

OUR WOMEN OF THE ELCA meets on March 9, 2021. Bible study is at 2:00 pm, and will be the March Bible Study in the Gather magazine (copies will be available) as we continue our study of angels. The general meeting to discuss WELCA projects will begin at 2:30 pm.

EASTER SUNDAY is April 4. This year there will be just one service, at 9:00 at the Gathering Place where you can either stay in your vehicle or sit on the slab. There will be communion.

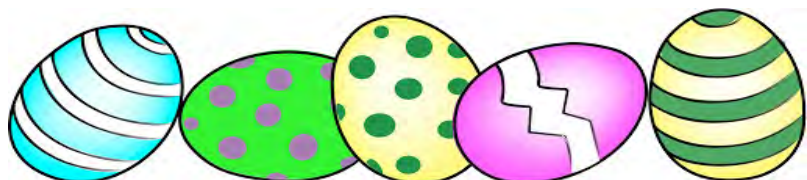
EASTER BREAKFAST will be rolls and muffins served "To Go" as you leave worship.

SUNDAY SCHOOL will be in the fellowship hall after worship. After an Easter lesson we will have our Easter Egg Hunt. We have plenty of eggs, but need filler for the goodie bags (candy, toys, coins, etc.). There will be a box out in mid-March to collect the goodies.



MARCH BIRTHDAYS:

- 3-01 Sheldon May
- 3-01 Hunner Parma
- 3-02 Gayle Albrecht
- 3-02 Mac Odem
- 3-04 Maely Brandes
- 3-11 Jackie Gardiner
- 3-12 Terrell Wiggins
- 3-13 Karen Klinkerman
- 3-19 Kirk Klinkerman
- 3-22 Landon Burke
- 3-25 Allison Gerhardt
- 3-26 Jonathan Ideus
- 3-29 Gunner Brandes
- 3-29 Allen Jank
- 3-30 Regina Calhoun
- 3-31 Annie Schwin
- 3-31 Shelby Taylor



MARCH 14, 2021



LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF donations are *always* accepted with appreciation, so that we can get kits made and ready to ship. In addition to sheets, blankets, mattress pads and fabric and thread, we are in special need of **baby jackets and blankets, bath towels and bar soap**. Just leave your donations on the desk in the fellowship hall to be put away.

THANK YOU to all who contributed to January's noisy offering. **\$38.86** was collected, and this month was designated to the Goliad Fair Association Building Fund. We do noisy offerings the last Sunday of every month.

Your generous gift in support of the Lutheran Advantage Scholarship is greatly appreciated. Gifts like your provide much needed financial aid providing opportunities and a great impact on TLU students, allowing them to pursue their dreams. Your continued support of the Lutheran Advantage Scholarship, allows for Texas Lutheran University to remain strong and continue to encourage our students to reach their goals. Thank you for making this a possibility.

\$300
Sincerely,
Taylor C. Carleton
Executive Director Annual
Giving & Alumni Engagement

On behalf of Lutherhill Ministries and our community, thank you for your generosity and support. With your financial support of **\$200**, Lutherhill Ministries will be ready to transform even more lives in the future among holy spaces at Lutherhill Camp & Retreat Center in La Grange and Zion Retreat Center in Galveston. *And We Will* join voices at sing-a-long, gather around the campfire and see God revealed in each other. Thank you again for your gift to Lutherhill Ministries and for your willingness to partner with us in our mission.

Peace, Anne Liddle, Campaign Mgr.

Strong and stable homes and families leads to strong and stable communities. We are grateful for your gift of **\$9,964** in January for Goliad County ReBuilding Efforts. You are not just changing the life of one family, but truly making a positive difference in our community as a whole. In Gratitude, *Holly Marshall, Advance-*

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

YOUTH MOVIE NIGHT will be March 14, 2021. We will gather at the Gathering Place at 7:30 pm for a family movie—stay in your vehicle or sit on the slab! Popcorn will be provided, and each family is asked to bring their own beverages and any other snacks they want. Join us for an evening of fun with your church family!

SPECIAL EASTER CRAFT

on Sunday, March 28th

GROUP SUNDAY SCHOOL gathers on Sunday, March 7 after the worship service. We will learn about Lent and Jesus giving for us so that we can give to others. Then, as our service project, we will be putting together dry ingredients for soup to deliver to shut in members and friends. Congregation members can help by donating the ingredients - just let Jill know what and how much you are bringing. We need:

- * 64 oz. barley
- * 32 oz. dried green lentils
- * 32 oz. dried navy beans
- * 1 jar dried parsley
- * 64 oz. green split peas
- * 32 oz. dried black beans
- * 1 jar dried onions

Moving forward... as you may know, there is much discussion regarding renovations at Das Versamein Platz. A committee is being formed with Terrell Wiggins and Debbie Foster acting as co-chairs. Preliminary drawings have been made for getting the bathrooms ADA compliant, just as a beginning. We welcome all ideas (great and small) and any input, as we come up with plans moving forward. We are happy to visit with you and share the vision and excitement of a new project. As ideas turn into plans, we will be sharing them with you. It is possible that we may proceed in phases, as we receive the funds. Any special offerings may be made at any time, please mark them "picnic area fund".

LENT: Giving Up

Self-denial is about making a sacrifice that makes a difference, focusing on the Cross and reminding ourselves what Christ gave up for us. Rev. Craig Gates of Jackson Mississippi has a great list of suggestions. He says we should:

GIVE UP grumbling! Instead, "In everything give thanks." Constructive criticism is OK, but "moaning, groaning, and complaining" are not Christian disciplines.

GIVE UP 10 to 15 minutes in bed! Instead, use that time in prayer, Bible study and personal devotion. A few minutes in prayer WILL keep you focused.

GIVE UP looking at other people's worst attributes. Instead concentrate on their best points. We all have faults. It is a lot easier to have people overlook our shortcomings when we overlook theirs first.

GIVE UP speaking unkindly. Instead, let your speech be generous and understanding. It costs so little to say something kind and uplifting or to offer a smile. Why not check that sharp tongue at the door?

GIVE UP your hatred of anyone or anything! Instead, learn the discipline of love. "Love covers a multitude of sins."

GIVE UP your worries and anxieties! They're too heavy for you to carry anyway. Instead, trust God with them. Anxiety is spending emotional energy on something we can do nothing about: like tomorrow! Live today and let God's grace be sufficient.

GIVE UP TV one evening a week! Instead, visit someone who's lonely or sick. There are those who are isolated by illness or age. Why isolate yourself in front of the "tube?" Give someone a precious gift: your time!

GIVE UP buying anything but essentials for yourself! Instead, give the money to God. The money you would spend on the luxuries could help someone meet basic needs. We're called to be stewards of God's riches, not consumers.

GIVE UP judging others by appearances and by the standard of the world! Instead, learn to give up yourself to God. There is only one who has the right to judge, Jesus Christ.

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(term ends 12/31/23)

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Worship Schedule

Sunday Worship: 9:00am

Holy Communion: every Sunday service that is not lay-led. (provide your own communion elements during COVID-19.)

Sunday School in Motion



Super Bowl Sunday—God's Team

STEWARDSHIP NEWS

We're doing things differently this year with our stewardship emphasis. Instead of the usual temple talk series in February culminating with commitment Sunday you will be seeing a year round stewardship emphasis with weekly messages that are included with the emailed service bulletin or printed service bulletin available at church. Please take time to read and think about the message each week.

Also this year our commitment will be done differently with a commitment card emailed out the last week of February and the first week of March to all giving units. You will be able to fill out the commitment for a weekly, monthly, or annual dollar amount along with your name. There is a submit tab on the form and once you have completed your commitment and hit the submit tab the card contents go to Jackie Gardiner, financial secretary. The results go to an excel spreadsheet for tabulation. Hopefully when we have our stewardship commitment Sunday and stew on March 7 we will have received a response from most of our giving units. Those that have not responded by March 7 will have one final opportunity to make a commitment with a third email going out the following week. Filling out the commitment card and submitting will only take a couple of minutes. **Three! Three! Three! opportunities to make a commitment!! What a deal!**

Another activity being done this year is the "noisy offering" on the last Sunday of each month. Bring all your coins to service to put in the buckets. The youth serve as ushers to collect this offering and they have made decisions on the recipients of this offering. Let's have fun, make a lot of noise and help the youth with this worthwhile activity.



Homebound: Barry Geary, 1403 Gohmert Rd., Cuero, TX 77954,

MEMBERS —

- June Bethke**
- Barry Geary**
- Tom and Marilyn Morris**
- Sandy Sanders**
- Fritz Sturm**
- Mike Wilburn**

FRIENDS —

- Troy Allen** – friend of Pat McDonald
- Mia Balko** – friend of Karie Wimberly
- Vergie Bitterly** – sister of Deanna Wacker
- Paula Calhoun** – mother of Mike Calhoun
- Kim Curlee** – friend of Karen Klinkerman
- David Dohmann** – friend of Allison and Wesley Ball
- Denise Engle** – friend of Amy Wilburn
- Joyce Foster** – grandmother of Shelby Foster
- Ainsley Garza** – cousin of Arlene DeForest and Eva Nell Griffith
- Harold Gleinser** – friend of the community and brother-in-law of the Bowmans
- Rebecca Graves** – infant great-niece of Joyce Franklin, friend of Alvin and Arlene DeForest
- Healthcare workers**
- Dale Henderson** – father of Margaret Luker
- Gwen Honor** – mother of Linnea Griffith
- Betty Jacob** – friend of June Bethke
- Kenneth Jacob** – friend of Glenn Karnei
- Donna Justice** – friend of community
- Melita Keith** – friend of Margaret Luker
- Joe Ladeairus** – father of Regina Calhoun
- Melvin Luker** – grand father of Ryan Luker
- Jo Nell Martin** – friend of Debbie Foster

- Michael McLead** – uncle of Nathan Irwin
- Doris Moore** – cousin of Fritz Sturm
- Charles Nixon** – brother of Fritz & Geraldine Sturm’s daughter-in-law
- Carolyn Nunley** – cousin of Alvin DeForest and Sis DeForest
- Mary Poppert** – sister of Ina DeForest and Alvin DeForest
- Marcus Rezendez** – friend of Amy Wilburn
- George Robin** – cousin of Linda Koehler
- James Rung** – five year old son of Greta Henke’s friend
- Marsha Schneider** - friend of Gerald and Eva Nell Griffith
- Stefani Soper** – friend of Karen Klinkerman
- Liz Swetish** – mother-in-law of Garrett Friedrichs
- Jim Teltschik** – uncle of Karie Wimberly
- Jay Thigpen** – friend of Carl and Sarah Brandes
- Pat and Joe Trapp**—friend of Allison Ball and Clayton Franke
- Victor Vargas** – four year old nephew of Alyssa, Luke Abrameit’s wife
- Rob Wall** – son of Brenda Foil’s friend, Roxy

Email Prayer Chain information

An email prayer chain is available at St. Peter’s. When there is a prayer need/request, simply contact the church office by phone or email and ask to have it included on the prayer chain. Make sure you have the person’s permission to put them on the prayer chain before adding them.

How do you start receiving these prayer requests? Simply contact Pastor Anne or the church office and ask to be signed up on the list.



REMEMBER TO CONTACT

Pastor Anne by email at revsplca@gmail.com, or by texting or calling her at 361-676-4799, with St. Peter’s prayer list updates, the person’s current needs, **or when they can be removed from the list.**



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Usher & Greeter Ministry

Please sign up to be an usher or greeter on the list posted on the parish hall bulletin board.
Ushers for March are:

March 7 Geraldine Sturm, Glenn Karnei and Pat McDonald

March 14 Griffith

March 21 Post

March 28 Foster



FLOWERS FOR ALTAR

MARCH 7 Koehler

MARCH 14 Open

MARCH 21 Open

MARCH 28 Open

Sign-up list to provide altar flowers is on the bulletin board in the parish hall.