

The Vine

The monthly newsletter of Greenvine Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Greenvine, Texas
March, 2024

Our Mission Statement

Greenvine Emmanuel Lutheran Church shows our loyalty to Jesus Christ through:

- devotion in **WORSHIP**
- excellence in **EDUCATION**
- and **SERVICE** that is faithful to the needs of our members, families, neighbors, and community.

Dear Friends,

I wanted to begin by sharing a paragraph from the series we are using for Lent from Sanctified Art. I love using these Seasonal liturgies and themes to help us grow in our faith and try something new. It stretches our imagination and gives us a new perspective on our faith and the scripture readings we are mostly familiar with. "Like many of us, Peter has a wandering heart. His journey is not polished, or linear, or perfect, but he is always tethered to the love of God. When you look closely at Peter's story, you find Jesus at each step along the way—offering him abundance, catching him when he begins to sink, challenging him when he stands in the way, washing his feet, predicting his betrayal, and offering him agapē love. This Lent, we're joining Peter in figuring out faith. We're not idolizing or vilifying him; instead, we're hoping to wander alongside him, open to what we might learn about Jesus (and ourselves) by stepping in his shoes."

I hope you will take the time during this Lenten season to really think and pray about your own faith, remember your own faith story and begin to think about what how our spiritual life together can strengthen one another. The new ministry teams have been hard at work discerning how we will meet God in participating in what God is already doing in our midst. We continue to explore new ways of reaching the most vulnerable in our community and serving God in worship and fellowship with one another. We have assembled a team of people to take a look at the current state of our buildings and look at any upgrades that we need to support our current and future ministries. Together we are building a strong foundation for future generations who will serve in this place. The point is not to think about how we go back to our old ways, but to dream of new and exciting ways to spread the love of Christ with one another and with our neighbors. The spirit is alive and well in this place and I am excited to see how you all are moved to honor the generations that have come before you and the generations who will come after you. It is a pivotal time in this church and in this world. Thank you for being open to the spirit as it moves in this place.

As we get excited about what is happening here at Greenvine, I hope you are inviting others you meet to join us in worship and in serving in this community. We are working on having other churches join us in youth ministry and outreach and that can only strengthen our work together for God's mission in this place. We have received two grants for some of our work that God has called us to in this place. We have received a \$1,500 grant from the Live On Fund at the Synod for work with Youth in our conference together and we have received a \$5,000 grant from the Synod Mission fund to explore new opportunities for Outreach Mission in the community. Stay tuned for what our ministry teams and conference will be planning for the use of these funds. It's an exciting time in the life of this church and I am glad that I am called to serve in this place as a partner in ministry with all of you.

Blessings,
Pastor Cindy

Please keep in prayers.....

MARCH BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS

March 05-Kylie Antkowiak
07-Samuel Sikes
10-Courtney Rusk
11-Carol Schmidt
 Camdyn Kaminski
17-Kristina Newton

March 21-R. H. Muegge
22-Karlie Weidemann
 Jacob Brode
26-Pearlie Hanath
29-Thelma Doppellhammer
30-Brayten Rollin

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

March 06-Preston Sequiera
 Nikki Boehnemann
 Ava Chapman
07-Brooke Kaminiski
11-Jensen Lewis

March 23-Marilyn Dreyer
24-Gracyn Kaminiski
25-Carolyn Thiemer
 Jeff Witte
27-Bonny Harrison
28-Donna Putnam

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

March 15-Gautier Pierre & Micha van Marcke



PRAYER LIST

SHUT-INS: Vernell Mertz, Lois Jurries, Rosalie Moehring, Jeanette Schwartz, Daulene Hopmann, Billie Eckert, & Richard Hanath.

MEMBERS of our CONGREGATION: Cathy Ganske, Carrie Busch, Diane Boehnemann, Glenn Linke, Ralf Thiemer, James Chapman, Lee Sikes, & Linda Gaskamp.

FRIENDS and FAMILY MEMBERS of OUR CONFREGATION: Dusty Morgan, Pat Joswiak, Lynnlee Kocurek, Albert & Caroline Linke, Bill Holland, Jeffrey Pittman, Otto Kemper & Randy Lewis.

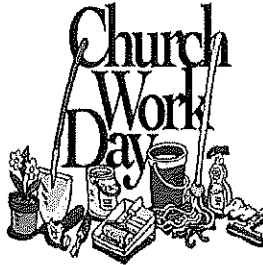
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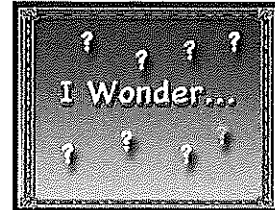
THANKS GENE & GARY

A big THANK YOU TO Gene Lake and Gary Rothermal for their generous donation of \$400.00 To be used for the purchase of a new coffee maker in the Parish Hall. Gene and Gary are regular attendees of the GELC Wednesday community coffee gathering.



SPRING WORK DAY (MARCH 23rd)

Please join us Saturday, March 23rd at 9:00 am to spruce up the flower beds and do some cleaning around the church and parish hall. ** Please bring garden tools!



SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS.....

Godly Play at Greenvine Emmanuel !

Throughout Lent, we will have special Sunday School lessons featuring the Godly Play curriculum. What is Godly Play?

Godly Play is a creative, imaginative approach to Christian formation and spiritual guidance.

Godly Play has a Montessori foundation with 40+ years of research and practice.

Godly Play values process, openness, discovery, community and relationships.

Godly Play models the worship life, stories, symbols and rituals of Christian congregations.

Godly Play allows practitioners to make relevant and personal theological meaning.

Godly Play nurtures participants to larger dimensions of belief and faith through wondering and play.

Join us every Sunday at 9 am during Lent for Godly Play lessons about the "Faces of Jesus".

**SPREAD
THE
WORD**

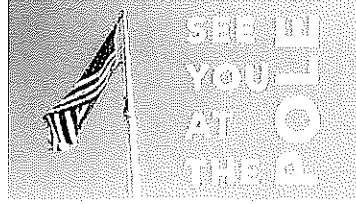
Youth and Family Ministry Team News

Our next meeting will be Sunday, March 3 after church. We will be discussing several events for the Spring. Please join us then! Mark your calendar for the Lutherhill Spring Family Retreat April 12th – 14 th . Be watching for information in the church bulletin, on Facebook, and the church website. Additional information can be found at <https://lutherhill.org/retreats/spring-family-retreat/>



EASTER LILIES

If you would like to bring an Easter Lily for the Easter Service on March 31st, please let Donna know by Tuesday, March 26th. You can give it in honor or in memory of someone.



PRAYER at the POLE

Friday, March 8th
7:30 am

Burton Elementary flagpole
All are Welcome.

We invite all students, families, and the community
to join in prayer together and receive a
short devotional from Rev. Cynthis Robles.

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LENTEN SERVICES

Wednesday's March 6 and 13 @ 6:30 p.m. Evening Prayer

Wednesday, March 20, 2024 @ 6:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross in the Sanctuary



Holy Week

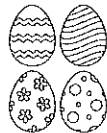
HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday: March 24, 2024 Processional and Passion Reading 10:00 am

Maundy Thursday: March 28, 2024 Dinner Church followed by Stripping of the Altar
6:30 pm

Good Friday: March 29, 2024 Tenebrae Service of Darkness led by Youth 6:30 pm

Easter Sunday: March 31, 2024 7:00 a.m. Worship followed by Breakfast and Easter
Egg Hunt



EASTER EGG CANDY

If you would like to donate candy and other goodies for the Easter Egg Hunt please
bring to the Parish Hall by Sunday, May 24th. We will also accept cash donations to
purchase candy.



THE CHURCH THAT FEEDS, LEADS, AND LOVES

Church Council Meeting

Date: January 17, 2024

Attendees: Troy, Alexis, Carolyn, Marlyn, Betty, Lacy, Sharon, Cindy, Donna

Rev. Cindy led with a prayer and the meeting was called to order by Troy at 6:04.

The Minutes from the November and December council meetings were read by Troy to the group. Betty made a motion to accept the minutes as read. Lacy seconded. Minutes were approved as read. Troy will email minutes to Lacy to type up.

The Treasurer's Report was given by Marlyn. Carolyn motioned to accept the report as given. Betty seconded the motion. The Treasurer's Report was approved as given.

The Pastor's Report was passed out from Pastor Cindy along with a calendar for 2024 of seasons, dates, and services to help with planning. Rev. Cindy has been working on Lent preparations and stated the conference meeting she hosted in December went really well and she is excited about working with Jose Escalera from the synod on more outreach and mission projects this coming year.

Sharon gave a Turkey Stew Fundraiser update. Thanks was given to Roger Schulte for donating the vegetables for the stew. Turkey stew preparations will take place Saturday, January 20 @ 1:00 -- Meet Mark at the church garage. Carolyn and Ralf will be setting up Parish Hall with tables and chairs.

Any help with set-up and clean-up will be greatly appreciated.

Mark will be working to restore water to the Parish Hall from the busted pipe outside from the freezing weather this week.

Annual meeting will be held Sunday, January 21, 2024 after worship. Donna stated all reports are being printed and packets will be made. During the meeting we will install council members, select Synod Assembly delegates, hear from the Audit Team, and hear Ministry Team updates. Cindy would like to pray over all Ministry Team members and bless the work they will do this coming year. Synod Assembly will be held in the Woodlands May 17 - 19, 2024 -- Pastor Cindy needs 2 voting members to attend with her.

During the Council Retreat council will set the Church Anniversary celebration date.

Ministry Teams Updates:

- **Youth & Family - Troy:** meeting was held on January 7th -- lots of ideas and suggestions given. Planning a "Sunday Funday" on February 18th after worship. All are welcome. Family friendly fun and games. Lacy will design a Facebook post and a blank "invite" for youth to invite friends and family.
- **Fellowship - Carolyn:** group planned Advent Meals and was well attended. Next meeting date will be announced soon to plan the next fellowship activity and/or meal.
- **Worship / Music - Lacy:** Advent services, Blue Christmas, and Christmas services went well. The team met with all ushers, assistant ministers, and altar guild members on Sunday, January 7th with a pot luck meal. Troy (ushers), Lacy (altar guild), Cindy (assistant ministers) are working on instruction manuals for new and existing members to help with streamlining and transition. The Worship Team will meet with Pastor Cindy prior to Lent if she needs assistance with worship details.

- **Outreach - Betty:** Prayer at the Pole (for students, families, and community) will take place March 8th @ 7:30 AM at the Burton Elementary Flagpole. Lacy has made fliers and Donna is having them printed to distribute to students and community as well as promote on Facebook. Bonnie Schulte is working on a CPR class depending on member and community interest -- Donna will put a sign-up sheet in the Narthex for anyone who is interested. A free Community Meal is tentatively scheduled for May 4th -- location in the works at TBA ASAP.
The next Outreach Team meeting will be on Wednesday, February 7th 6:00 PM in the Parish Hall.
- **Memorial - Tonja:** Donna gave an update on the Grace Boehnemann and Evelyn Fuchs memorials -- She got a bid from Max Brown for landscaping the two flowerbeds in front of the sanctuary. Both family sets of members are in agreement with the expenditures and council approved them moving forward with the bid and beautifying our sanctuary space. Lacy and Donna will be discussing purchasing new altar candles to replace the broken ones with Marilyn and Tonja. Rev. Cindy will be looking into prices of new candles.
- **Stewardship, Endowment, Cemetery - Marlyn:** Marlyn said he is looking to add more members to join the Cemetery Committee/Team.
We are thankful for the donation made for Wreaths Across America to cover the costs of wreaths.

The church council executive team will be meeting on Wednesday, January 24th @ 6:00 - location TBD.

The church council retreat will be Saturday, January 27th from 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM -- location TBA

The next council meeting will be Tuesday, February 19th at 6:00 PM in the Parish Hall.

The Lord's Prayer was said in unison and the meeting was adjourned at 7:38 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lacy Eckert

Secretary -- Greenvine Emmanuel Lutheran Church Council

Worship Ministry Schedule-March

Date	Altar Flowers	Communion Committee	Assisting Minister	Acolytes	Head Usher – Ralf Thiemer	Tellers
Mar 03	Troy Weidemann family	Brooke Kaminski Melissa Diehl	Sherry Krinke	Claire Schulte	James & Sharon Chapman	Alexis Antkowiak Sharon Chapman
Mar 10	Peggy Felder	Alexis Antkowiak Kylie Antkowiak	Alexis Antkowiak	Addie Diehl	Karla Antkowiak Alexis Antkowiak	Troy Weidemann Carolyn Thiemer
Mar 17	Marilyn Dreyer	Marilyn Dreyer Janie Dreyer	Barbara Donnelly	Paige Fritsch	Luke Eckert Dale Kroll	Tonja Scheer Melissa Diehl
Mar 24	Palms	Lacy Eckert Debra Eckert	Bonnie Schulte	Callen Schulte	Troy & Julie Weidemann	Lacy Eckert Betty Clark
Mar 31	Easter Lilies	Abby Majewski Debbie Kieke	Judy Witte	Cody Kroll	Donna Putnam Connie Higgs	Alexis Antkowiak Marilyn Doppelhammer

Memorials –

Gifts received this past month were given in memory of **Grace Boehnemann** and **Bill Perkinson**. Thank you for honoring our loved ones with a gift to our church's Memorial Fund.

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In Office Tuesday/Thursday a.m.

Sunday Schedule

9:00 am Sunday School &
Bible Study

10:00 am Worship
WITH COMMUNION

Church Council

President
VP
Treasurer
Secretary

Troy Weidemann	979.530.8357
Sharon Chapman	979.203.4413
Alexis Antkowiak	979.203.1905
Lacy Eckert	979.251.2313
Tonja Scheer	940.782.8339
Carolyn Thiemer	979.551.5358
Kylie Antkowiak	979.203.7065
Melissa Diehl	979.530.3108
Marlyn Doppellhammer	979.551.6500
Betty Clark	981.636.0249

