

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,

As we continue through the Easter Season we are making our way through Paul's letters along with the book of Acts in worship. In case you don't make it on a Sunday, remember that you can find the sermon on our Youtube channel. We also record the services on Facebook online, however they are only available for 30 days after they are recorded .

As I mentioned last month, our ministry teams have been very busy. This month we are planning for our first free community meal on May 4th from 5:00-7:00p.m. at the Roadhouse in Burton. We are hoping that we can begin to meet more people in the community and build relationships while serving people who may be in need. This is a great opportunity for us to work together with other churches and the Burton Bridge Ministry in getting to know our neighbors. I hope this is the first of many new opportunities to gather in community together. We will also be supporting the Backpack program for children in need of food in the schools. We will be collecting some of these items for the next few months. There is a list of items included in the newsletter in case you would like to donate items.

One of the things that helps us grow in our faith is to be engaged in meaningful conversations and to learn more about scripture. We are going to offer three different locations for Bible Study throughout the Summer. I am still looking at a couple of options for this study. It will be six weeks in length during June and July. We will have a sign-up list in the narthex for you to join one of the three bible study groups. Please consider being a part of one of these studies.

I am excited to let you know that we are making progress on collaborating with other Brenham and Burton Churches to share a Youth Ministry program. We will begin with shared ministry gatherings together and then see how it develops. As a part of this program, we will each designate youth council person to work together with a youth leader and plan activities. Currently the churches who have said they would like to do more exploring are Emmanuel Lutheran, Greenvine; St. Paul's Rehburg; Zion Lutheran, Zionsville; Christ Lutheran, Brenham; St. Paul's Lutheran, Brenham; St. John, Bellville; and St. John's UCC, Burton. We believe that we can build a stronger program better together and offer more opportunities for the youth to engage with one another and in service to our communities. This will include opportunities for ages 5 th Grade through High School. Stay tuned for more exciting information regarding this amazing opportunity for our youth.

Finally, please take a look at the activities planned for the month of May during worship services and join in on the fun with the themed worship, fellowship activities and celebrating our graduates on Pentecost.

Blessings,
Pastor Cindy

Please keep in prayers.....

MAY BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS

May 03-Charli Majewski
23-Jeanette Shepherd
Mark Shepherd
25-Glenn Linke

May 26-Julie Weidemann
Michelle Cloud
31-Jensen Lewis

MAY BIRTHDAYS

May 02-Leslie Boehnemann, Jr.
Travis Kmiec
03-Colt Kmiec
04-Joyce Gouldson
05-Emily Schulte

May 17-Sharon Chapman
22-Karl Tiedt
23-E. J. Muehlbrad
30-Charles Gaskamp
31-Cory Sikes

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

May 01-Ricky & Debbie Kieke
Craig & Teresa Gouldson
19-Ashley & Denise Brode

May 28-David & Wendy Warner
31-Mark & Jeanette Shepherd



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.

FRIENDS and FAMILY MEMBERS of OUR CONFREGATION: Dusty Morgan, Pat Joswiak, Lynnlee Kocurek, Albert & Caroline Linke, Bill Holland, Jeffrey Pittman, Otto Kemper, Michelle Dees, Stan Knuepper, Randy Lewis, Sheree Pence, the Jason Merriman family and the Turner family.

MARCH ATTENDANCE

03-47 06-25 10-40 13-15 17-82 20-20 24-72 28-26 29-45 31-150

*Thank
you*

THRIVENT CHOICE \$\$\$

Special thanks to the following who have designated their Choice Dollars to our church: Ryan & Angie Fritsch, William Luikens, Russell & Morgan Shay. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

HEAD USHERS NEEDED

We are looking for a couple of head ushers for Sunday morning duties. Donna Putnam is no longer going to be a head usher. **Please give it some serious consideration.**

UPCOMING EVENTS:

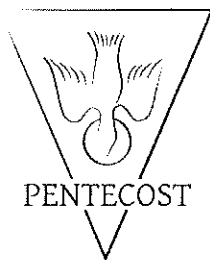


Community Meal

Saturday, May 4, 2024: Free Community Meal at the Burton Roadhouse from 5:00-7:00 p.m. Join us in welcoming our neighbors and gathering in fellowship to get to know one another around a meal of Spaghetti, salad, bread, and Dessert. Please sign up if you will attend and if you can bring a dessert to share.



Sunday, May 5, 2024: Derby Style Worship. Wear your favorite Derby hat or clothing. Followed by an Ice Cream Social Fun Day with yard games like croquet, horseshoes, water balloons and others.



Sunday, May 19, 2024: Pentecost Sunday, please wear your red. Graduate Sunday. Help us celebrate this year's graduates. High School: John Brode and Phillip Diehl and Kindergarten: Camdyn Kaminski.



Backpack Program:

List of items to donate...

3 Proteins (meat, peanut butter yogurt, cheese, beans) 1 Vegetable (i.e. green beans, corn, peas, carrots etc.)

3 Fruits (i.e. fruit cups, i.e. peaches, pears, mixed fruit)

2 Drinks (i.e. juice boxes, water, Gatorade)

2 Breakfast items (i.e. pop tarts, cereal boxes, granola bars)

1 Salty Snack (i.e. crackers and cheese, crackers and peanut butter, pretzels, chips)

1 Sweet snack or dessert (i.e. pudding cups, cookie packs etc.)

1 cutlery pack



THE CHURCH THAT FEEDS, LEADS, AND LOVES

Church Council Meeting

Date: March 18, 2014

Attendees: Troy, Alexis, Marlyn, Betty, Carolyn, Pastor Cindy, Donna, and Tonja

The meeting started with a prayer from Donna and was called to order at 6:03 PM.

Minutes from the February council meeting were passed out and read amongst council members. Sharon motioned to approve the minutes as written. Tonja seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as written.

The Treasurer's Report was given by Alexis. Alexis stated that February's congregational giving was up from last month due to two members giving their yearly donation. She also mentioned that even though we had a profit for the month, we still need to reach out to keep our giving on track. Marlyn motioned to approve the treasurer's report and Betty seconded the motion. The treasurer's report was approved as given.

Rev. Cindy passed out the Pastor's report and was read amongst council members. Rev. Cindy mentioned that she would be helping surrounding churches with confirmation classes as well as starting to contact those within our church who will be participating in our confirmation class in the fall. Rev. Cindy would like to have a mentor for each student in confirmation as well. Rev. Cindy also mentioned how we received our Live On grant for \$1,500 for youth ministry within our conference.

Troy and Tonja are going to set a date to meet and work on the Bylaws.

Troy asked Marlyn if there was any update on the capital campaign fund for the building project. Marlyn mentioned that the roof was inspected and it does not have to be redone, but instead cleaned. Marlyn said the building project team will start meeting again to get more ideas and plans together. Troy mentioned that he will present a presentation to the congregation on April 21st for Phase 1 of our Capital Campaign fund with a goal of \$50,000.00.

The refixing of the front door was mentioned by Sharon and Donna. Council approved that it needed fixing. Marlyn mentioned he would contact Richard to see what he charges and if he could fix it.

Alexis stated that Tithely was set up and that we would be rolling it out to the church on Easter Sunday.

Troy mentioned that the Church Workday will be Saturday, March 23rd at 9:00 AM.

Pastor Cindy mentioned giving Kandi Elliot compensation in the amount of \$450.00 for her help with Godly Play with the youth and taking it from the LYO Account. Marlyn motioned to approve and Carolyn seconded.

Ministry Teams Updates:

- **Youth and Family-Alexis:** Alexis discussed that Lutherhill's Family Camp will be April 12-14th and that so far we have 3 families signed up. Scholarships will be given through the church in a total amount of (\$750.00). She also mentioned that the Good Friday Service will be Youth Lead. Their next meeting will be May 5th for Sunday Funday/Derby Day with Fellowship.
- **Fellowship-Carolyn:** The fellowship team will be meeting the Saturday before Easter to set up for Easter Sunday. Two \$250 gift cards were given by Thrivent through a grant which would cover all the cost for Easter breakfast. Therefore, with the free will donation, any funds would then go to the fellowship committee.
- **Worship/Music-Lacy:** Rev. Cindy mentioned that Debra contacted all who would be reading for Palm Sunday. It was also mentioned and discussed in the last worship/music meeting that there would be a Derby Day on May 5th as well as having a Christmas in July.

- **Outreach-Betty:** Betty mentioned the backpacks they are collecting for kids to take home full of food at the end of the school year. She also stated that the Prayer at the Pole went very well and they plan on doing another one. It was also mentioned that the community meal will be May 4th and that they would possibly be cooking at the UCC church in Burton.
- **Memorial-Tonja:** Tonja had nothing to report, but mentioned that a needs list needs to be created for memorials.
- **Stewardship, Endowemnt, and Cemetery-Troy:** Troy mentioned he would help Alexis with the stewardship committee. Marlyn mentioned that he would create a "Stewardship Corner" for the newsletter.

The next council meeting will be Wednesday, April 17th at 6:00 PM

The Lord's Prayer was said in unison and the meeting was adjourned at 7:14 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lacy Eckert

Secretary -- Greenvine Emmanuel Lutheran Church Council

Worship Ministry Schedule-MAY

Date	Altar Flowers	Communion Committee	Assisting Minister	Acolytes	Head Usher – Jeff Witte	Tellers
May 05	Ricky & Debbie Kieke	Jonna Klump Karla Antkowiak	Sherry Krinke	Claire Schulte	Ashley Brode John Brode	Alexis Antkowiak Carolyn Thiemer
May 12	Russell & Jonna Klump Joe & Karla Antkowiak	Peggy Schmidt Linda Makowsky	Donna Putnam	Addie Diehl	Leslie Boehnemann Luke Eckert	Melissa Diehl Sharon Chapman
May 19	Kylie Antkowiak Alexis Antkowiak	Thelma Doppelhammer Pearlie Hanath	Barbara Donnelly	Callen Schulte	Dale Kroll Marlyn Doppelhammer	Marlyn Doppelhammer Betty Clark
May 26	Kay Matthies	Kathy Carroll Sharon Chapman	Bonnie Schulte	Cody Kroll	Donna Putnam Connie Higgs	Tonja Scheer Lacy Eckert

Memorials –

Gifts received this past month were given in memory of **Janice Graham & Al Veselka**. Thank you for honoring our loved ones with a gift to our church's Memorial Fund.