

Eben-Ezer Lutheran Church April 2019 Newsletter

Ministry Message: Luke 24:1-12

¹On the first day of the week, at early dawn, [the women] came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. ²They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³but when they went in, they did not find the body. ⁴While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. ⁵The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. ⁶Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, ⁷that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." ⁸Then they remembered his words, ⁹and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. ¹⁰Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. ¹¹But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. ¹²But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened. (NRSV)

"Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen." (Luke 24:5) Those are tremendously life-changing words! They speak to the work of God in sending Jesus Christ into the world, to die upon the cross, and then to rise to new life again. Those words bring life and hope to all of us. As the women went to the tomb on that first Easter morning, expecting to find a dead body, instead they found an empty tomb. And the world has never been the same since. Jesus Christ is alive and he brings life to all who believe in him as their Lord and Savior!

As astounding as this seems, it is absolutely true! Jesus Christ has indeed risen from the dead. And in his resurrection, he brings the forgiveness of sins and life! Peter had to run to the tomb, to see for himself, but the words of the women were true. Jesus had risen from the dead! And we have this truth told to us, over and over again, as we come to worship, to hear the story of Christ's resurrection from the dead. We believe, because we have been told. And we retell this truth throughout the ages as each new generation comes to worship to hear this great good news.

And so, I invite you to be a part of this hearing and retelling as we gather each week in worship. Be a part of the work of God in spreading this Gospel message in your homes and schools and places of work. Share this story with your friends and neighbors and new acquaintances. Share this good news with all people, so that all people come to know Jesus Christ as their Lord and as their Savior.

This is the work of the church as we continue to retell the story, just as those women did, on the first Easter morning!

Peace, Pastor Ken

LENT WORSHIP SCHEDULE

- 12:10 Noon Worship at Eben-Ezer on each Wednesday and on Maundy Thursday
- 7:00 pm Worship at Eben-Ezer on Wednesday, April 3rd
- 7:00 pm Worship at Immanuel, Wiedeville on Wednesday, April 10

LENTEN MEALS

Each Wednesday in Lent we will have a Luncheon following the 12:10 Noon service here at Eben-Ezer Lutheran. We will have an Evening Meal **HERE** at Eben-Ezer Lutheran on Wednesday, April 3, served at 6:00 pm. Volunteers are needed to provide these meals. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex or contact the church office. We will have a Noon and Evening Meal on Maundy Thursday, April 18, here at Eben-Ezer. Thank You!

WEDNESDAY LENT SERMON SERIES FOR 2019

“Giving something up for Lent” is an old tradition in the church. During this time of reflection and repentance, we often “give something up” as a way of fasting from those things which may distract us from truly understanding and appreciating all that Jesus Christ has given up for us in his death on the cross. This year, we will use a reflection written by Pastor Matthew L. Kelley titled, “Giving It Up”, as the basis for our Wednesday sermon series. We will look at how Christ gave up his rightful place in heaven, popularity, expectations, enemies and his very life. And we will look at how we, too, are called to “give up” things in a similar manner as we are called to follow Christ. I hope that you will join us on Wednesdays in Lent as you consider giving something meaningful up for Lent, and all throughout the year, as you answer God’s call to follow him.

FIRST COMMUNION CLASS - SUNDAY, APRIL 7 AT 3:30 PM

A First Communion Class will be held on Sunday, April 7 at 3:30 pm in the Annex for all children in the 3rd Grade or older whose parents would like for them to begin taking Holy Communion. This class will be for the children and their parents. Contact Pastor Ken for more details.

CAMPUS MINISTRY SUNDAY, APRIL 7

On Sunday, April 7, we will have students from either Blinn or A&M here to share about their faith experiences through Treehouse Ministry – the Lutheran Student Ministry at Blinn and A&M. Please come out to hear these students and welcome them into our midst. We will collect a special offering that day to help Treehouse Ministry. Envelopes for the offering will be available.

SECOND SATURDAY BREAKFAST AT IMMANUEL LUTHERAN, WIEDEVILLE SATURDAY, APRIL 13TH AT 8:00 AM

Everyone is invited to come out for a delicious breakfast and great fellowship at Immanuel Lutheran as they host their Second Saturday Breakfast on April 13th starting at 8:00 am. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex so that they will have enough food prepared. But if your plans change at the last minute and you can come but haven’t signed up – please come out anyway.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SCHEDULE 2019

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| Palm Sunday, April 14 | Worship at 8:30 at Eben-Ezer Procession of Palms and Holy Communion |
| Maundy Thursday, April 18 | Worship at 12:10 Noon and 7:00 pm at Eben-Ezer Worship with Holy Communion, First Communion, Stripping of the Altar |
| Good Friday, April 19 | Worship at 6:00 pm at Eben-Ezer |
| Easter Sunday, April 21 | Worship at 6:30 am and 8:30 am at Eben-Ezer Holy Communion at both services |
| Easter Breakfast, April 21 | Breakfast served at 7:30 am at Eben-Ezer |

*****PLEASE NOTE THAT THE GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP TIME
HAS BEEN CHANGED TO 6:00 PM*****

CHURCH COUNCIL POSITIONS FOR 2019

We have the following positions open on the church council for the coming year: Evangelism and Stewardship. We are seeking volunteers to serve. Please contact a member of the Church Council if you would like to volunteer or need more information. Thank You!

The Holy Helper
EBEN-EZER LUTHERAN CHURCH

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April 2019

March Church Council Meeting highlights/unapproved minutes:

FEBRUARY 2019 MINISTRY REPORT

- Eben-Ezer Mileage: 261 miles
- Eben-Ezer Visitation: Home Communion: 2, 6 people Hospital Visits: 2
- Immanuel Mileage: 0 miles
- Immanuel Visitation: Home Communion: 0 visits Hospital Visits: 0

Eben-Ezer Worship Attendance for February

- Average Sunday Worship Attendance in February: 53
 - Sunday Worship – Year-to-Date Average through February: 58
- Lent 2019
- Ash Wednesday, March 6 – 101 total (33 - Noon, 68 - 7:00 pm)
 - Wednesday Lent One, March 13 – Noon 26

WORSHIP

- Joyce Dittert Funeral: February 3, Graveside Service: February 5
- Campus Ministry Sunday: April 7
- Holy Week/Easter
 - Palm Sunday, April 14 Worship at 8:30
 - Maundy Thursday, April 18 Worship at 12:10 Noon and 7:00 pm
 - Good Friday, April 19 Worship at 6:00 pm
 - Easter Sunday, April 21 Worship at 6:30 am and 8:30 am

OTHER

- Synod Assembly, May 17-18, Kinsmen Lutheran Church, Houston
- Vacation: July 8-14. Out of worship on Sunday, July 14. Communion Sunday.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE: Betty will not be here March 31; Larry will be covering for her.

CHRISTIAN ED: Pastor Ken reported that Kailyn is considering doing Stations of the Cross, possibly on Palm Sunday in the evening.

PROPERTY: Kyle reported that lights have been repaired and will be fixing the bricks soon.

WORSHIP: Ella reported that she will be purchasing the palms for Palm Sunday.

YOUTH: Pastor Ken reported the Youth Groups from both congregations will start alternating having youth church services.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Shared ministry contract is in process.
2. SMART planning with Lizbeth Johnson will be March 31 following worship.
3. Council members need to review and update job description.
4. Evangelism and Stewardship positions remain open on Council.
5. Council members were asked to encourage their family and congregation members to complete and return time & talent sheets and membership information updates.
6. Accepted the donation of a live oak tree.
7. Michael Brister and Bryan Ruemke will be taking care of the cemetery.
8. Church workday April 6.
9. Repair of stain glass window in balcony will proceed.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Travis and confirmation parents working on getting everything together for Easter Breakfast.
2. Mary will be working on destroying old documents based on recommendations of the ELCA.

(end of report)

Workday At Church
April 6

Coffee and donuts at 8:00 a.m.

A chicken spaghetti lunch will be served.

For more information, please contact
Lisa Grebe at 979-203-0082.

Thank You!

April 7, 2019

Campus Ministry Sunday at Eben-Ezer

Treehouse Ministry,

a ministry of the Lutheran Church (ELCA) at
Texas A&M and Blinn College, will be here.

Lent



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| Wednesday Lent Services | begin on March 13 |
| Palm Sunday | April 14 |
| Maundy Thursday | April 18 |
| Good Friday | April 19 |
| Holy Saturday | April 20 |
| Easter Sunday | April 21 |

New this Lent Season: services will alternate being held at Eben-Ezer and Immanuel; please see the enclosed schedule.

If you would like to provide a meal and/or dessert for the services here at Eben-Ezer, there is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex or you may call the church office. Thank you.



EASTER LILY ORDER FORM

COST PER PLANT: \$10.00

DEADLINE: Sunday, April 14

Name _____

In Honor of _____

In Memory of _____

Number of Plants: _____

Amount: \$ _____

Place order form in offering plate OR mail or bring to church office OR call church office @ 836-6706.

Sale sponsored by Women of the Church



Remember In Prayer

OUR MEMBERS

Cindy Beckendorf
Jimmie Borchgardt
Sheila Bradshaw
Millie Rose Cole
Tracy Draehn
Denise Ebert
Woodville Felscher

Holden Gollihare
Lisa Grebe
Albert Green
Marta Green
Troy Grimm
Bernice Hanath
David Hohlt

Wanda Meier
Valeria Oevermann
Judy Smith
Cathie Steinfeld
Clarence Steinfeld
Debora Talamantez
Dorothy Vogler

FRIENDS OF THE CONGREGATION

Nelson Aschenbeck
Cookie Barnett
DeAnna Barnett
Eric Baranowski
Pastor Sue Beall
Jeri Bentke
Marchel Brennan
Susan Broesche
Nichole Carr
Debbie Chambers
Judi Cole
Sheila Grimm Cordray
Sterling Crabtree
A'vahlynn Cuellar
Pastor Bill Derrick
Elaine Duron
Sam Engman
Carol Fenton
Laura Fiesler
Archie Gandy
Pat Gaskamp
Beryl Glessing
Pedro Gonzales

Arvin Gresham
Carol Haarmeyer
John Haarmeyer
Patrick Harper
Mattie Haynes
Gene Hermann
Jeremy Higgs
Betty Hohlt
Dorothy Jean Hohlt
Weldon Hohlt
Lena Jacks
Billy Jo Jasinski
Leslie Kelm
Harris Kubos
Ora Nell Kuretsch
Harold Lanford
McKenzie Lasagna
Marcie Loesch
Sarah Salazar Lopez
Cindy Lyles
Grant Milton
Shirley Moehlmann

Jennifer Moore
Arlin Naegeli
Helen Nienstedt
Kaitlyn Nienstedt
Eric Ortiz
Sue Perry
Mike Pope
Lana Powell
Macee Prause
Joyce Schaefer
Annie Schulze
Amanda Sebastian
Kyree Koehne Shaver
Pastor Roger Semmler
Bobby Smith
Hannah Smith
Carol Sorelle
Connie Talamantez
Gene Urban
Krystal Weatherly
Mary Winkelmann
Glenda Wise

SERVING IN THE MILITARY

Stacey Burgoon - niece of Scott & Sara Gresham
Steven Burgoon - nephew of Scott & Sara Gresham
Justin Hawkins - husband of Kristin Hawkins and son-in-law of Linda Koonce
Lindsey Theile - daughter of Larry Grebe

April Celebrations and Special Occasions



4th Kayegan Meyer
 6th Josh Ruemke
 7th Walter Korth
 7th Brianna Swor
 9th Ora Lee Gregor
 11th Ayden Huston
 11th Ricky Kapchinski
 15th Ray Steinfeld
 19th Grace Campbell
 19th Ryan Swor
 19th Joe Turner
 20th Linda Preuss
 23rd Tammy Schwartz
 25th Allie Vasquez
 28th Olivia Borgstedte
 28th Alvin Hanath
 29th Carlee Ruemke
 30th Leroy Baron



1st Catherine Ruemke
 3rd David Hohlt
 8th Avery Gessner
 10th Jennifer Schwartz
 12th Memphis Gappa
 12th Korbin Scott
 14th Emily Gold
 17th Kenny Farmer
 17th Payton Farmer
 17th Gary Koerth
 18th Autumn Green
 20th Pauline Bradshaw
 20th Tim Hohlt
 24th Emma Neutzler
 25th Mitchell Danesi
 26th Jack Shell
 28th Mary Barkema

Happy Anniversary



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| 5th | Roy & Lavonne Hegefeld | 49 years |
| 9th | Steve & Olivia Borgstedte | 14 years |
| 16th | Michael & Carolyn Brister | 3 years |
| 16th | Jared & Ashley Campbell | 8 years |
| 19th | Leroy & Jean Baron | 22 years |
| 25th | Bruce & Joyce Hohlt | 32 years |

You're invited to the
Brazos Cluster Women of the ELCA

SPRING HAPPENING

Saturday, April 27, 2019

at

**Martin Luther Lutheran Church
202 Luther LN, Carmine**

Theme: New Beginnings

Bible Verse: Lamentations 3:22-23 The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,
his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

8:30am registration & snacks; 9 am program; lunch provided

Guest Speaker: Melinda VanOstrand

of New Beginnings,

a non-profit pregnancy center in Brenham,
that offers services to women and couples for unplanned
pregnancies, loss and healing, and parenting skills

Monetary offerings to New Beginnings

Physical offerings being accepted are: diapers,
wipes, baby soap, baby shampoo, baby lotion,
pacifiers, & baby clothes (sizes 6 mo. or less)

