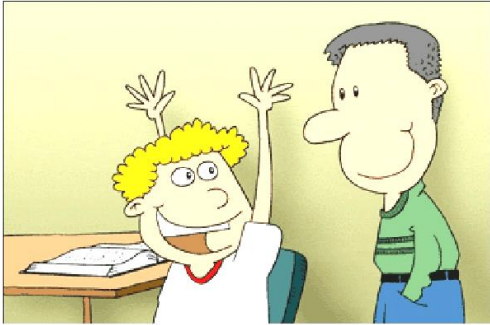


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Covered-dish Brunch
Pentecost Sunday, May 21
After Worship (around 10:15 AM)

MAY 2017



I LOOKED AT THE END AND WE WIN!!

The Promise of Easter

Easter and the resurrection is an event to celebrate because it proclaims the joyous truth that in the end we win, as individuals and as Christians. It is as simple as that. Even though there will be times of darkness in our life in this fallen world we live in, just as Jesus experienced the darkness of his arrest, trial and crucifixion, in the end God's power can never be defeated.

Grace and Peace,

Scott

Mother's Day Celebration

Mother's Day is right around the corner. During the worship service on this important occasion a slide show will be presented of mothers of our church family and we need your pictures! Just place your photographs on the pastor's desk, or email them to scottmartin9262@sbcglobal.net. If you previously sent in pictures, no need to send them again. We will also be handing out carnations and chocolates to all the women of the church.



Pray for Our Nation! National Day of Prayer – Thursday, May 4



The theme for this year's National Day of Prayer, **May 4, 2017**, is **For Your Great Name's Sake! Hear Us... Forgive Us... Heal Us!** Taken from Daniel 9:19, which says, "O Lord, Listen! O Lord, Forgive! O Lord, Hear and Act! For Your Sake, O My God..." As the 2017 **National Day of Prayer on May 4th** approaches, thousands of individuals, churches, and communities will be working to rally millions of Christian's to once again heed this call!

National Day of Prayer will be remembered in Lytle as people from all the churches gather at the City Hall parking lot at noon for a time of prayer. Please join us as we pray for our community and our country.

PENTECOST WORSHIP SERVICE AND COVERED-DISH SUNDAY, May 21

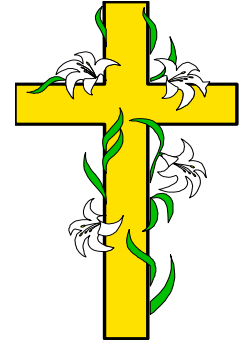


PENTECOST WORSHIP SERVICE - God's sanctuary will become a flame of red as we remember and re-experience the power of God's Holy Spirit, come upon His people. We will have lots of surprises and specials during this dynamic worship service on May 21. Come experience the joy of the Lord!



SPRING COVERED-DISH - Don't miss our fellowship brunch following worship on May 21 (starting around 10:15 AM). The meal will be a covered-dish, so you know it will be good. Come and get to know other church members a little better.

Church Schedule



May 1 - Food Pantry Day, 6 to 7 PM. Volunteers needed.

May 4, Thursday - **National Day of Prayer.**

May 4 through 7 – Men’s Walk to Emmaus #2 at Mt. Wesley.

May 6, Saturday - Christian Motorcyclists Associations’ “Run for the Son.”

May 8, Monday - The United Methodist Women will meet at 2:30 PM at the home of Catherine Carroll.

May 12, Friday - Koinonia Emmaus gathering at St. Paul’s Lutheran in Hondo. Music starts at 7:30 PM.

May 14 - Mother’s Day.

May 15 - Food Pantry Day, 6 to 7 PM. Volunteers needed.

May 21 - Pentecost Celebration and Covered-dish Brunch (around 10:15 AM).

May 29, Monday - **Memorial Day.**

June 12-16 - MAD Camp (Music, Art and Drama), 9 AM to noon.

July 17-21 - Vacation Bible School in the evening.

August 5 & 6 - Dinner Theater to raise funds for Military Ministry.

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Youth Schedule

| May 2017 | | | | | | |
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| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 7 U.M.Y.F. At The Church 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 |
| 14 Mother’s Day No U.M.Y.F. | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 |
| 21 “Bring a Buddy Bowling” Bowling Trip 1:30pm – 7:00pm | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 |
| 28 Memorial Day Weekend No U.M.Y.F. | 29 | 30 | 31 | Notes: | | |

Other Important Dates

June 10 – 17, 2017:
Mission Trip to San
Augustine County, TX.

**Luke 12:35: “Be
dressed, ready for
service and keep your
lamps burning.”**

**Congratulations to Jordan Alexander Isaac on his baptism on April 30,
and to his parents Jordan And Alexandra Isaac.**

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New Children's Sunday School Material

Our children's Sunday school program has started an exciting new curriculum called "Dig-in." Our lesson series for this first year is the Life of Jesus and below are the lesson topics for May:



- May 7 – Wise Men Worship King Jesus (Bible Point: Jesus is the King)
- May 14 – Jesus Speaks with the Religious Teachers (Bible Point: Jesus is wise)
- May 21 – John Baptizes Jesus (Bible Point: Jesus Is God's Son)
- May 28 – Satan Tempts Jesus (Bible Point: Jesus Shows Us the Right Way)

"Dig In" is designed for great flexibility as the kids experience different activity blocks including: Core Bible Discovery, Deeper Bible, Talk-about Video and crafts. Be sure to bring your children to Sunday school, from 10:15 to 11:15 AM each Sunday.

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Youth Summer Mission Trip to San Augustine County, Texas

Our annual youth mission trip will take place June 10 through 17. The youth will be working with the same mission ministry as last year, Next Step Ministries, but this time they will be doing home repairs to homes in a poverty stricken area of our state: San Augustine County. To raise money for this trip, the youth have already participated in several fund raising efforts including a yard sale, chicken plate sales, and Breakfast Taco sales. To help raise the rest of the money needed for this mission project, the youth have set up a "Wall of stock."

"Wall of Stock" Youth Mission Trip Fund-raiser

Through the month of May we will be having a new fund-raiser for the Youth Summer Mission Trip. There will be a cork board with stock envelopes pinned to the board. Each envelope will have a stock (donation) amount printed on it. Amounts will range from \$1.00 to \$150.00. Stock holders can simply take an envelope or envelopes and put that dollar amount into the envelope. Place the envelope into the collection plate or give to the youth selling tacos. If cash is used, please write your name on the back of the envelope so that your contribution can be credited to you. Be a "stockholder" in our youth.

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Free M.A.D. Camp, June 12-16

Our M.A.D. summer children's program (Music, Art and Drama) will take place June 12-16, Monday through Friday, from 9 AM until noon. The focus will be the preparation of a wonderful musical called "The Star Factor," which will be performed Friday night at 7 PM. The setting is Camp Heart & Soul, a summer arts camp that features a talent showcase with an exciting twist: the showcase winner earns the opportunity to compete on a national TV show. As everyone excitedly prepares for the performance, their initial group cooperation begins to crumble as their celebrity coach tells them that "looking out for yourself is the only way to become a star!" A series of zany complications climax at the broadcast of the show when all the would-be "stars" finally learn that being part of the Body of Christ is what is important, and every person has a special and unique role to play. Call (830) 772-3345 today to sign up your children.

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| <p align="center"><u>Church Food Pantry</u></p> <p>The Food Pantry is open on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month, from 6 to 7 PM, and volunteers are always needed. Thank you for your Sunday offering, part of which funds this ministry. Please keep our food pantry, and the people it serves, in your prayers.</p> | <p align="center"><u>United Methodist Women May Meeting</u></p> <p>The UMW, whose purpose is to serve the Lord through missions, service, study and worship, is headed by Linda Bahlmann. All the women of the church are invited to the May 8th meeting, which will take place at 2:30 PM at the home of Catherine Carroll. Come join this wonderful fellowship of committed Christian women. Call Linda Bahlmann at (210) 837-0650 for more details.</p> | <p align="center"><u>Monday Night Guy's Group</u></p> <p>The men meet regularly on Monday nights from 7 to 9 PM at the church for a time of fellowship, mentoring, and study. The group also participates in mission work and fellowship activities. Come and be part of this great group.</p> |
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Prayer Concerns

- **Martha Calk**—home from hospital
- **Marty Bennett**—fell while walking, painful bumps and bruises
- **Jay Bateman** (Jack’s son)—diagnosed with cancer of the mouth
- **John Olhausen** (Danny’s brother)—having foot amputation secondary to diabetes
- **Gwen Dominguez** (Jim and Karla Dominguez’ niece)—stage 4 brain cancer, not tolerating chemo
- **Betty Risberg**—congestive heart failure, in Medina Valley Health and Rehab, visitors welcome, Rm 201
- **Billy Stewart**—knee replacement, doing well
- **Rose Lynn**—health, and for David
- **Naomi Escalante**—thyroid cancer
- **Teresa Gomez** (Felix Escalante’s sister)—illness
- **Cozel Foster** (Shelle McMillan’s father)—getting tired
- **Anne Woods** (LB Scantlin’s friend)—serious brain bleed
- **Jason Bennett**—recurring lung problems
- **Rocky Smith** (Jim Pruet’s cousin)—stage 3 cancer
- **Robert Alexander** (Jim’s brother)—liver cancer, doing well
- **Penny** (Suzie Sollock’s aunt)—stage 4 cancer in her bones
- **Laurie Valek**—endometrial cancer
- **Ronnie Coleman** (Meagan Pringle’s father)—stage 4 lung cancer
- **Debra Williams**—recovering from back surgery
- **John Macaron** (Lisa Meyer’s son)—for an end to seizures
- **Jean Rouse**—breast cancer
- **Pastor Scott Martin, other church staff, and their families**
- **For our nation and for the spread of the gospel of Jesus Christ**
- **For our missionaries around the world**
- **For persecuted Christians around the world**
- **For victims of human trafficking and for an end to human trafficking**



Our Church Family Soldiers and Civilians Working with the Military

- **Zachary Williamson** (Bill Bennett’s great-nephew)--Army
- **Ross Moffitt** (Chris and Fred Brauchle grandson)—Air Force
- **William Reichel**—Army, in Germany • **William Meyer**—Marines
- **Chris Saindon**—friend of John Martin, Navy • **Forrest Keith**—Kevin Keith’s son, Navy
- **Kyle Pringle**—Army • **Josh Orbinati**—Michele Brown’s nephew, Coast Guard
- **Craig Wolf**—Air Force • **Jonathan Heiman**—Navy
- **Jon and Brianna Hartwig**—Army, Jill Daggs’ daughter and son-in-law
- **Joyce Biggs** (George Bahlmann’s great-niece)

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Miscellaneous News!

Run for the Son – On April 24 a special offering was taken up to support four global evangelistic ministries through “Run for the Son,” and \$915 was collected. This offering will help reach people with the Good News through Missionary Ventures, Open Doors, the Jesus Film Project and the Christian Motorcyclist Association. Robert Hunt is our representative to CMA and Run for the Son.

Church 125th Anniversary - We will be celebrating our church’s 125 anniversary on Sunday, September 24th. We will also be putting out a new church picture directory to commemorate this event.

Father’s Day: June 18 – We will be celebrating Father’s Day with “Good Dad” chocolate bars and a slide show of fathers of our church family. We need your pictures! Place your pictures on the pastor’s desk, or send them to scottmartin9262@sbcglobal.net.

Annual Conference – Annual Conference, a meeting of representatives from every church in our conference area (the Rio Texas Conference) will take place in Corpus Christi, June 7-10. Please keep our delegates in your prayers: Michelle and Kevin Keith and Rev. Scott Martin.

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A Big Work Day Thank You

Thank you to everyone who participated in the church workday on April 22. We got a lot of work done. Thank you also to those who did work on other days as well. Special thanks to Kevin Warren for all the painting he has done around the church, including the exterior trim all around the sanctuary and the Sunday school building.



2 hour Debt Free Seminar led by Kevin Keith

Kevin Keith helps people become debt free as part of his job, and is offering a free 2 hour debt free seminar. Talk to Kevin Keith or call the church for more information.

Emmaus News

Men's walk to Emmaus #2 will take place May 4 – 7 and will be the best walk ever. The welcome home for all the pilgrims will take place at our next community gathering, May 12, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Hondo. Singing starts at 7:30 PM.

Preparations for the fall Women's Walk to Emmaus are underway. Many of our folks will be on the team for this walk, which takes place October 19-22 at Mt. Wesley. This is going to be a great experience for all, and we hope to have many pilgrims from our church on the walk. Perhaps God is calling you to be a pilgrim! Applications and more information on the Walk to Emmaus, a once-in-a-lifetime spiritual renewal weekend, can be found in the information rack in the church entrance hallway.

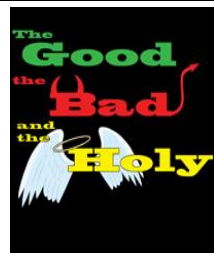


VBS 2017, July 17-21

It's time to gear up for Vacation Bible School 2017. VBS had been set for July 17-21, Monday through Friday. This year it will again be in the evenings, from 5:30 to 8:30 PM. It will include a snack meal, so food preparers are needed as well as the usual small crew leaders and station leaders. The reason we are meeting in the evenings is because we did not have nearly enough volunteers, so please mark these dates now that you might be able to help. Keep this ministry in your prayers.

Interactive Dinner Theater

To raise funds for Military
Ministry, Saturday &
Sunday, August 5 & 6



As a follow up to last years "Uncle Phil's Diner" the church will again be putting together a dinner theater to help our returning troops through Cru Military Ministry. Rehearsals on the play, called "The Good, the Bad and the Holy" will take place Sundays at 2 PM in June and July.

If you are interested in being part of the cast or backstage crew, sign-up on the sheet on the church bulletin board. We would love to see lots of new faces for this new interactive dinner theater.

Easter Lily Dedications



From Kitty and Jim Alexander
in memory of
Ann and Larry Jackson

From Linda Bahlmann
in memory of George Bahlmann

From Linda Bahlmann
in memory of Iva Craig

From Linda Bahlmann
in memory of Ken Foster

From Linda Bahlmann in honor of Lee Craig

From Irma Bayne in honor of Annette Nixon

From Irma Bayne in honor of the Chancel Choir

From Brad, Nan and Kasen Boyd in honor of
Leon and Rose Thumann and Bryan and Francine Boyd

From Catherine Carroll in memory of Alfred Carroll
and in honor of her children, grandchildren
and great grandchildren

From Ricardo Castillo in memory of
Encarnacion and Francisca Castillo and Nikki Holly

From Felix and Becky Escalante in memory of
Marcelina, Fortunata, and Reyes Escalante
and Dale, JoAnn and Ricky Honn

From Mary Nell Gray Hall
in memory of her parents Bill and Velma Gray

From Mary Nell Gray Hall
in memory of her husband Zane Bruce Hall

From Deb Herman in memory of Donald Risberg
and in honor of Betty Risberg

From Scott and Linda Martin in honor of their church family

From Scott and Linda Martin in honor of John and Rachel

From Betty McGinnis in memory of John McGinnis
and in honor of their children, grands and great grands

From George and Sherry McMillan in memory of
Mary and V.W. Martin, Chad Foster,
and Bob McMillan, and in honor of Cozel and Martha
Foster and Laura Mae McMillan

From Annette Nixon in honor of Irma Bayne

From Glenn and Connie Norton in memory of
Bill and Jean Norton and Obie and Rose O'brien

From Glenn and Connie Norton
in honor of Rose Marie and Charlie Smith

From the Ralph family in memory of Dr. and Mrs. S.S.
Peters and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wagner Sr.

From Linda and Billy Stewart in memory of
J. D. and Frenchy Grant, and in honor of
all their grandchildren and great grandchildren

From Ann Vanwinkle in memory of
Howard VanWinkle and in honor of their children,
grandkids and great grandkids

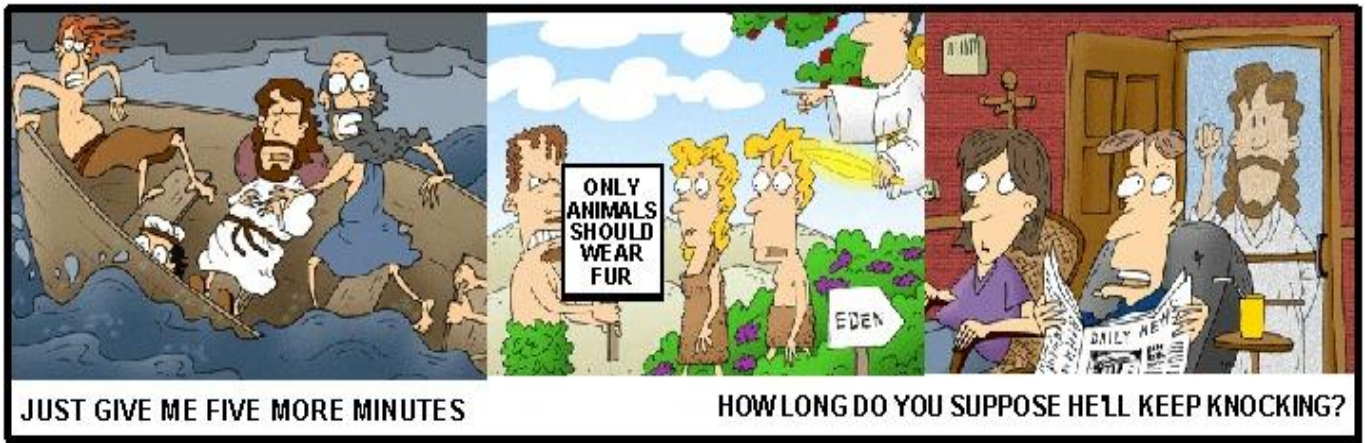
From Frank & Pam Wanjura
in memory of Franklin Wanjura, Sr.

From Frank & Pam Wanjura in honor of Lois Wanjura

From Frank & Pam Wanjura in honor of Mary McCall

From Lisa and Mike Wells
in memory of Don and Barbara Smith

From Lisa and Mike Wells in memory of Pat Wells



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Prayer: A Gift of Love (from the Upper Room, April 29)

During our weekly Bible study at church, one of the members, Edie, asked if anyone would be interested in coming to the prayer group next week. I never gave much thought to joining the group because I don't consider myself a "prayer warrior." As I began to think about prayer, I wondered if I could be sincere in praying for others, especially people I don't know. I do know that when I need God's help in my life, I stop and pray, knowing God will guide me through any situation. So I thought, *If I pray for God's blessings on my life, why not pray for others too?*



As I asked God for guidance about joining the prayer group, a passage of scripture came to mind: "Love your neighbor as yourself" (Matt. 22:39). I realized that prayer fits with this commandment: I can show love for others through praying for them. As I continued to recall scripture verses, I remembered that James 5:16 tells us to pray for each other; and Matthew 18:20 tells us that when we gather together in Jesus' name, he will be there with us. Through scripture, God gave me the encouragement I sought to attend our church's prayer group.

By praying for others, either alone or with a group, we show them love. Prayer is indeed a way to "love your neighbor as yourself."

Please come and be part of our Tuesday morning prayer group, and love your neighbor as yourself. We're not looking for prayer warriors but for simple praying Christians. In Thom S. Rainer's book "Autopsy of a Deceased Church," he listed as one of the signs of a dead church: "The church rarely prayed together." Tuesday mornings, at the church, 9 to 10 AM.