

COME & CONNECT

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LENT AND THE EXODUS

This March brings with it the beginning of Lent. Lent is, of course, the 40-day long season preceding our Christian celebration of Easter. Marked by penitential reflection on our sinful condition, Lent serves as a reminder for us of our need for a savior, for THE Savior. This year, as we experience, and I do mean experience, Lent together at Immanuel, Pastor Tiner and Pastor Chris will lead us through the first part of the book of Exodus.

In Exodus, we read about Israel's oppression in Egypt and the story that unfolds, including events with close ties to Baptism and Holy Communion, which ultimately leads to the Israelites' freedom. Through this moment in the history of God's people, we see one of the clearest instances of Old Testament foreshadowing of the ministry of Jesus, and the way in which God intends to free ALL people from the oppression of sin.

To encourage you in your personal reflections this Lenten season, the church staff has developed a devotional resource for you to use throughout the week, as the pastors walk us through the events of the exodus in both our Sunday morning and Wednesday evening services. In the booklet, you'll find each week's assigned scripture readings, along with some thought provoking questions and devotional thoughts. We invite you to join with us as we spend the next six weeks digging into what God's saving work in Exodus teaches us about our own salvation, as we prepare to celebrate Christ's death and resurrection next month!

Blessings in Christ,

Ratie Otto, DCE

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LENTEN SCHEDULE

MARCH 6 - ASH WEDNESDAY

12:10 PM Worship w/Comm.
7:00 PM Worship w/Comm.

MARCH 10

8:00 AM Worship Service
10:30 AM Contemporary

MARCH 13

12:10 PM Noon Service
5:30 PM Family Meal
7:00 PM Midweek Service

MARCH 17

8:00 AM Worship w/ Comm.
10:30 AM Worship w/ Comm.

MARCH 20

12:10 PM Noon Service
5:30 PM Family Meal
7:00 PM Midweek Service

MARCH 24

8:00 AM Worship Service
10:30 AM Contemporary

MARCH 27

12:10 PM Noon Service
5:30 PM Family Meal
7:00 PM Midweek Service

MARCH 31

8:00 AM Worship Service
10:30 AM Worship Service

APRIL 3

12:10 PM Noon Service
5:30 PM Family Meal
7:00 PM Midweek Service

APRIL 7

8:00 AM Worship w/ Comm.
10:30 AM Worship w/ Comm.

APRIL 10

12:10 PM Noon Service
5:30 PM Family Meal
7:00 PM Midweek Service

APRIL 14 - PALM SUNDAY

8:00 AM Worship Service
10:30 AM Contemporary

APRIL 18 - MAUNDY THURSDAY

7:00 PM Worship w/Comm.

APRIL 19 - GOOD FRIDAY

9:00 AM Worship w/Comm.
7:00 PM Tenebrae Service

APRIL 21 - EASTER SUNDAY

7:00 AM Sunrise Service
9:30 AM Worship Service

WALK ACROSS TEXAS!

The Dorcas Circle LWML Ministry Group is sponsoring "Walk Across Texas!" teams during the months of March and April. We will have a kickoff gathering and short walk at 5:15 PM, on February 27 at the Fellowship Hall. If you would like to join, please contact one of the following team leaders:

Suzy Zoch - (979) 540-0230

Pat Mendoza - (979) 540-0901

Annette Menzel - (512) 587-0113

Kathy Walther - (832) 722-9436

Walking is one of the least expensive and easiest ways to get fit. Start now and reduce your risk of cancer, diabetes, heart disease, and stroke. Join us as we "Walk Across Texas!" toward a healthier lifestyle.



The Quest

Join us starting Monday, March 4th at **6 PM** for this **NEW** 6-week Bible Study for moms of all ages and stages, hosted by Moms of Prayer. During the same time, teen girls are invited to work with DCE, Katie Otto, working through the teen version of this study.

The Quest, written by author and Bible teacher, Beth Moore, uses questions from Scripture to lead you into a closer relationship with the One who knows you best. Learn to dig into the Word, and into a closer relationship with the Father.

Study guides can be purchased for \$15 each.

MARCH EVENTS:

10 SENIOR SINGLES FOR JESUS

2 PM - FELLOWSHIP HALL

All single seniors are invited to games and fellowship, followed by a potluck meal at about 4:30 PM. There will also be a short devotional and meeting. We invite anyone interested to please join us. Please call Virginia McKamie at (979) 716-1090 if you have any questions or need a ride to the event.

19 LWR QUILT-A-THON

9 AM - FELLOWSHIP HALL

Please join us to tack quilts for Lutheran World Relief for shipping in April. No sewing experience is necessary. Knitting and crocheting help will also be available in the morning. Bring a lunch if you'd like to stay and enjoy good fellowship and conversation.

11 ILS SPRING BREAK

MARCH 11 - 16

There will be no school this week. The School Office will remain open during the week. The ECC and Sunshine Program will be available Monday through Wednesday, normal hours. They will both be CLOSED on Thursday and Friday.

19 KINDERGARTEN OPEN HOUSE

7 PM - KINDERGARTEN ROOM

Parents of children who will be entering Kindergarten this next year, and are interested in Immanuel, should attend an open house with our Kindergarten teacher, Mrs. Appel and our Principal, Mr. Wolfram. We look forward to having you here!

12 THRIVENT ACTION TEAM EVENT

5:30 PM - FELLOWSHIP HALL

Come join in helping to assemble Personal Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief. Please pick-up a list and purchase items for kits and place in the box in the Fellowship Hall or bring directly to the assembly event. These kits will be shipped in April.

*** Lists available in the Narthex and the Fellowship Hall. ***

23 KNIGHTS OF THE ROUND TABLE GALA

6 PM - SOCIAL HOUR

7 PM - DINNER
THE SILOS ON 77

Join us for an evening of dancing and good food to help benefit our school! A steak dinner will be provided and live music by TUB. Individual tickets are available as well as tables. Please visit the School Office for tickets.

WEEKLY MEETS:

MONDAY:

10:30 AM – LifeLight Bible Study (Sm. Mtg. Rm)

6:00 PM – Moms of Prayer Bible Study and teen girls Bible Study (Sm. Mtg. Rm)

6:30 PM – Men's Bible & Basketball (ILS Gym)

WEDNESDAY:

4:15 PM – Jr. High Youth

6:00 PM – Sr. High Youth

THURSDAY:

6:30 PM – GriefShare

6:45 PM – Adult Handbells

8:00 PM – Chorale