

# COME & CONNECT

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## “WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE HOLIDAY?”

People often ask, “What is your favorite holiday?”. For youngsters and adults alike, the answer is often Christmas. The joy of giving and receiving presents, time spent with family, the beautiful decorations, the joyful worship, and the break from school all combine to make Christmas special. For those new to America, it may be Independence Day when they experience the freedom we have in our nation. For others, it is Labor Day when they have a break from their labor. For me, it is always Easter. Why Easter? Let me share why Easter is so special.

Christmas represents Immanuel, God with us. It is beyond our imagination to think that God would leave His home in heaven and become one of us in the form of a baby named Jesus. As unbelievable as this is, when Christmas is over the gifts and decorations get put away and the memories and warm feelings fade. If we are honest with ourselves, when we look in the mirror we are still sinful human beings. This brings us to the difference regarding Easter.

The joy of Easter follows the horror of Good Friday. The darkness of that Friday is followed by the brilliance of Easter morning. God’s justice has not fallen on us because Jesus took our place. That is great news but more incredible is the fact that Jesus did not stay dead. His resurrection assures us that we too shall rise. We can rejoice in the promise of scripture that just as Jesus rose from the dead, we too shall rise since He is the first fruits. In 1 Corinthians 15:14 Paul says, “*If Christ has not been raised, our faith is worthless.*” Easter proclaims Christ is risen. In John 11:25 Jesus tells us that He is the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in Him shall not die. In this sin-stained world Easter shouts there is something more. There is no greater joy than knowing that you will spend eternity with Jesus. That is why Easter is such an incredibly powerful holiday. He is risen. He is risen indeed Alleluia.

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## LENTEN SCHEDULE

### 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

## HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

### APRIL 14 - PALM SUNDAY

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

### 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  
8:00 AM Breakfast  
9:00 AM Egg Hunt  
9:30 AM Worship Service

## GOOD FRIDAY BAKE SALE - FLHS

Faith Lutheran High School will have its annual Good Friday bake sale this year at Classic Bank from 8:00 AM until sold out. Come out and support Christian Education.

## FILL THE EGGS

The amount of eggs that were filled and returned for the Easter egg hunt was a huge success last year! Now we will again pass out plastic eggs to be filled, taped shut and then returned to the Church for the egg hunt this year!

You may also donate bags of candy such as:

- ◆ Hershey's Chocolate Eggs
- ◆ Hershey's Chocolate Kisses
  - ◆ Tootsie Rolls
  - ◆ Mini Kit Kat Bars
  - ◆ Mini Reese Cups
  - ◆ Jelly Beans

Eggs or donations of candy are to be turned in by Monday, April 15. A drop box will be available in the Narthex of the Church, or you may bring them to the Church Office.



## ROAR: Life is Wild, God is Good!

Registration opens APRIL 1st, for both participants and volunteers. Come join us this year, June 24-28 for another awesome Vacation Bible School experience!

You will able to find the link to register on our website: [immanuelgiddings.net](http://immanuelgiddings.net)

- or -

on our Facebook page: Immanuel Lutheran Giddings

## APRIL EVENTS:

**07** **SPRING POST OAK ZONE RALLY**  
MANHEIM, TEXAS

The Texas District Post Oak Zone Spring Rally theme is **"Openly Confess the Gospel"** - 1 Corinthians 16:13 and will be held at Ebenezer Lutheran of Manheim. Registration is at 1:30 PM and the Rally begins at 2:00 PM, so come join our Dorcas Circle ladies as they attend and please bring a friend!

**16** **LWR QUILT-A-THON**  
9 AM - FELLOWSHIP HALL

Please join us to tack quilts for Lutheran World Relief for shipping this month. 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.

**09** **PERSONAL CARE KIT ASSEMBLY**  
6:00 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 you can donate \$10 for a kit to be made.

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

**21** **EASTER BREAKFAST & EGG HUNT**  
8 AM - BREAKFAST (GYM)  
9 AM - EGG HUNT (LAWN)

Easter is almost here and what a joyous day it will be! After the sunrise service, a breakfast will be provided by our Youth in the School Gym, and then all kids are invited for an egg hunt on the front lawn at 9 AM.

**\*\* Donations for eggs (real) for the breakfast are being accepted. \*\***

**14** **SENIOR SINGLES FOR JESUS**  
5:00 PM - DINNER

All senior singles are invited to enjoy a meal together at Sante Fe Steakhouse in Giddings. Carpool will meet at the Church at 4:45 PM, or meet at the restaurant at 5 PM. Please call Virginia McKamie at (979) 716-1090 for questions, or if a ride is needed.

**30** **PRE-CONFIRMATION MEETING**  
6 PM - FELLOWSHIP HALL

All current 6th grade age children who are interested in Confirmation at Immanuel, and their parents are asked to attend a Pre-Confirmation Meeting and Acolyte Training on Tuesday, April 30 at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall.

**For more information please call the Church Office at (979) 542-2918.**

## WEEKLY MEETS:

**MONDAY:**  
**10:00 AM** – LifeLight Bible Study (Sm. Mtg. Rm)  
**6:00 PM** – Moms of Prayer 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