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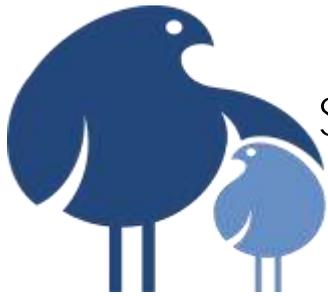
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Happy Easter

He has Risen; Christ is Risen; He is Risen indeed! Alleluia!

On this coming Easter Sunday, Christians throughout the world will celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ. It is said this event is the most celebrated and attended Sunday service of the year.

Scripture teaches us that after Jesus suffering, crucifixion and death on the cross, He was buried and on the third day, He rose again. **Luke 24: 1-12** reports that on the first day of the week, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men (**Angels**) in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them and said to the women; why do you look for the living among the dead? **He is not here; he has risen!** Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: ***“The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, be crucified and on the third day be raised again”***

Through his death, burial and resurrection, Jesus paid the penalty for our sins (Sin separates us from God). Jesus completed sacrifice on the cross now reconciles us to God. So for us, Easter is Jesus Victory over death. His resurrection symbolizes eternal life that is granted to all who believe in Him. By Jesus resurrection, he gave victory over eternal separation from God to all who put their faith and trust in Him.

This year, we celebrate Easter on April 1, 2018. This day is known as April Fools' Day, where people pull pranks on their friends and family members.

As the Rev. Ken Hennings President, LCMS Texas district has pointed out; “having Easter fall on April Fools’ Day affords the Christian Church a good day to declare that Satan was the real fool on Easter morning when Jesus rose from the dead never to die again”. You see, Satan thought that he could thwart God’s mission by having the religious authorities kill Jesus, thereby get rid of Him for good as well as ruining God’s plan of salvation. Unfortunately for Satan, (Fortunate for Us) Jesus death was exactly the sacrifice needed for the forgiveness of our sins and the sins of the whole world. So Jesus death and resurrection not only defeated Satan but also assured our salvation. In short, “Easter is the worst April Fools’ Day for Satan”.

I invite you to join us at St Andrew Lutheran Church for Easter Services, Sunday, April 1; Feel free to invite your family members and friends. Invite other friends and old associates who have not been to church recently as well.

**Our Easter Celebration will consist of: Classic Service at 9:30 a.m.
Contemporary Service at 10:40 a.m.
Free Breakfast from 8-9 a.m.**

Wishing you God’s rich Blessings this Easter: HAPPY EASTER!

Angelo Okuma
President of the Congregation



Children's Ministry

- Teachers needed! Adult's **who can teach our children to** grow in Jesus!
- When: Sundays from 11a.m. -12 p.m.
- How often: Once a month or more- if one desires to do more.
- Needed: **6 teachers**
- Interested:
 - ✦ Let us know by;
 - Write "Want to help with CM" on attendance card and place in offering plate
 - Call the Church office at 713-468-9565
 - Tell one of the ushers and give them your contact information.
 - Tell Pastor David OR Pastor's wife Eunah OR Georgia Koepke
- A **Background check**: will be done on all those who volunteer with children to ensure their safety.



saYoga

SaYoga Session
Every Monday 10:30 a.m.
& Every Wednesday 4:30 p.m.
SALC Gym
FREE! *ohh*
Bring a yoga mat & water bottle.

Women of the Church Spring Luncheon Saturday, April 21, 2018



Start Time: 10:00 a.m.

Presentation: 10:30 a.m.

Lunch: Following Presentation

Guest Speaker: Donna Pyle, Author, Speaker

Place: Gethsemane Lutheran Church, 4040 Watonga Blvd.

Forgiveness: Received From God, Extended to Others

“Put on then, as God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you must also forgive.” *Colossians 3:13-14*

Tickets: \$10.00*

*supporting LWML Mission Projects

Make reservations by E-mail -
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By phone—713-688-5227 [church]



The Lutheran High North choir will present a concert, "Holy is He" on Sunday, April 8th at 3:00pm in the courtyard at LHN. The choir is already working hard to put this concert together. The concert center's on the life and victory of our Lord, Jesus Christ. A wonderful post celebration for just celebrating Easter.



Stewardship Corner - Edie Bourland

Our Father in heaven sent His Son, Jesus, to be our Savior. His atoning sacrifice is the firstfruits of all the dead, a pleasing aroma to His Father – and ours – so that His perfect life and death count for all who believe in Him.

He claimed us as His own children in Holy Baptism. He sustains and strengthens our faith with His Holy Word and His Body and Blood. As new creatures, who have put on Christ, we bear good fruit. We do the good works prepared for us, which He makes known to us in His Word.

By faith then, trusting in the Word of God, we do what He says because He does not lie and always keeps His promises. For “without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to Him must believe that He exists and that He rewards those who earnestly seek him” (Heb. 11:6).

And so the Lord promises: “Honor the Lord with your wealth and with the firstfruits of all your produce; then your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will be bursting with wine” (Prov. 3:9-10).

How do we honor the Lord with the wealth that God has given us in His generosity? By giving it generously to those whom the Lord has called us to love and support: your family, your society, and your church. And His promise is that in so doing, you will never lack.

I can almost hear it now: “But that’s from the Old Testament!” But our Lord Jesus Himself gives us similar promises in the New Testament. He says, at the conclusion of the parable of the talents, “For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance” (Matt. 25:29).

And then at the end of the parable of the dishonest manager, He says: “One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much. If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful in that which is another’s, who will give you that which is your own? No servant can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money” (Luke 16:10–13).

Stewardship Corner - continued

And in His sermon on the mount, He says: “Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moths nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also” (Matt. 6:19–21).

But our Father in heaven still loves to bless those who bless others. He loves to give to those who give freely and generously. In fact, He challenges us to challenge Him: “Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. And thereby put me to the test, says the Lord of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need” (Mal. 3:10).

And so, while we don't give so that we would get, we do receive from the Lord in order to give, and He will bless your giving with more receiving. For “He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things” (Rom. 8:32)?





Pray For Us Calendar

These prayer requests were submitted by coworkers in the Lord's mission.

Congregations and individuals are invited to copy these pages for newsletters or other distribution. Download at lcms.org/prayforus or call 888-843-5267 to request a copy.

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TEACHING THE FAITH — APRIL 1-31 This month, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod celebrates the many ways that God's children are instructed, encouraged and strengthened in the faith. By teaching the faith, we nurture the faithful and reach the lost.

Remember how God works to strengthen the faith of His people as you pray:

1. with thanksgiving for the gift of faith received at Baptism. Ask the Lord to continue to strengthen that faith — and the budding faith of our children — until we depart this life and are united with the Lord.
2. with thanksgiving to God for the gift of His holy and inspired Word, the Sacred Scriptures; and for the Book of Concord and the many teaching aids that help us understand that Word aright and rejoice in its consolation.
3. for the Lord would provide the assistance and tools necessary to overcome every challenge — big or small — that might drive them apart.
4. for strong Christian marriages, that husbands and wives would cling to each other in the Lord, despite life's challenges, and raise their children to walk in the way of the Lord.
5. for Christian parents, that they would make teaching the faith to their children a priority. Pray that they set aside time to worship together, talk about faith issues, study the Bible and have family devotions.
7. for our children and young people, who face daily assaults on their Christian beliefs, that God would strengthen and encourage them to stand firm while sharing the Gospel.
8. for our churches, that they would provide useful education and programs to help equip people at every stage of life — teens, husbands and wives, parents, caretakers of aging parents and more.
9. that God would continue to provide faithful church workers to serve as role models and teach people about their identity as a baptized child of God.
10. that church members would eagerly volunteer their time and talents to support the congregation's educational programs, such as vacation Bible school, Sunday school and groups for young families.
11. that LCMS members would eagerly participate in Bible studies, small-group discussions and private study.
12. with thanksgiving for faithful parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, teachers and other role models who help to "train up a child in the way he should go" (Prov. 22:6).
13. for the Concordia University System and the Synod's two seminaries, that the Lord would bless their work in training new generations of workers to serve the Church.
14. for the Synod's directors of Family Life Ministry, that God would bless their efforts to support healthy relationships in the families of our congregations.
15. that we might have hearts that are willing and eager to serve the Lord in every way.

MINISTRY TO THE ARMED FORCES — APRIL 16-30 Since the Civil War, LCMS pastors have served as military chaplains. Today, the Synod's Ministry to the Armed Forces (MAF) supports active duty, reserves, National Guard and Civil Air Patrol chaplains. MAF recruits, interviews and endorses all military chaplains and supports them throughout their careers. MAF also provides a network of care for our nation's military members, families and veterans through Operation Barnabas.

Remember God's work through LCMS Ministry to the Armed Forces (MAF) as you pray:

- 16.** that God would bless and guide the work of the MAF director and assistant director.
- 17.** for the President of the United States. Ask God to guide our commander in chief to lead with wisdom for the protection of the innocent against evil.
- 18.** for LCMS military chaplains serving on active duty for the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines and Coast Guard.
- 19.** for our LCMS Reserve and National Guard chaplains, especially those who have been mobilized stateside or overseas and taken from their parishes to extended active duty assignments, for those deployed, their families and their home parishes.
- 20.** for Operation Barnabas, which is designed to meet the needs of congregations in the event their pastor/chaplain is mobilized. Operation Barnabas also seeks to assist veterans and military families during and after deployment.
- 21.** for all congregations that reach out to members of our military through Operation Barnabas, that they would uphold them in prayer as they help to meet their physical, psychological and spiritual needs through the training they have received and the Lord's provision.
- 22.** for increasing opportunities for LCMS chaplains to spread Christ's message of salvation, hope and restoration to those they serve.
- 23.** for all chaplains returning home, that they would receive a hero's welcome for their sacrifice to this country so that in freedom we can continue to openly worship the one true God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
- 24.** for those who suffer from battle stress and Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder. Pray that God would bring healing and renewal to those who have served or who are currently serving.
- 25.** for all chaplains who are sick or have sick family members, that the Father of all mercies and the God of all comfort would look with favor upon them, and as it pleases Him, restore them to health or give them the grace to accept this tribulation with courage and hope.
- 26.** for all chaplains in harm's way, that God would not let their hearts despair nor their faith fail them, but sustain, guide and comfort them.
- 27.** for all members of the military who were disabled during their duty, that our heavenly Father would mercifully guide, aid and strengthen all those with physical disabilities, enabling them to find fulfillment in their lives and encouragement for all their endeavors.
- 28.** with thanksgiving to God for providing LCMS chaplains to serve members of the armed forces. Please pray that military chaplains would have every opportunity to share the saving Gospel of Jesus Christ with members of the military and anyone with whom they work and live.
- 29.** for all military chaplains upon their return, that they would be reunited with their families, find gainful employment and receive all the care they need to heal their minds, bodies and souls. Grant that they would always look to Christ as their rock and their redeemer.
- 30.** for those who minister to the armed forces, that by God's gracious working, they may honor Christ and advance the good of those committed to their care, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

DEA NATIONAL PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKE-BACK DAY!

Saturday April 28, 2018 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.



AVOID BECOMING A DRUG DEALER!

The majority of prescription drugs are easily obtained from family and friends, including from the home medicine cabinet

On April 28, 2018, **CoSAP** (Coalition of Substance Abuse Prevention) will sponsor a collection site for any expired, unused, and unwanted prescription medications for safe, legal, and environmentally friendly disposal. The take-back day offers everyone an easy way to dispose of old and unused prescription drugs while at the same time helps in reducing their illegal non-medical use and abuse.

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April

April Coffee donations will go to Nora's Home, which provides affordable lodging, care & support for pre- and post-transplant patients and their families who travel to any of the Texas Medical Center transplant centers.



April 20 , 2018



Heidi Thornton.....	April 1
Tanner Emery.....	April 3
Barbara Hansen.....	April 4
Dan Leitko.....	April 28
William Meinecke.....	April 29
Katie Brinkmann Paben....	April 30

J.T. & Heidi Thornton.....	April 7
Joe & Kathleen Gaytan.....	April 15
Charles & Carolyn Hansen...	April 20
Tom & Reya McQuillin.....	April 24
Sun Moon & Grace Lee.....	April 28

Please Notify the Church Office When...

- You or a member of your family is hospitalized.
- You have a change of address
- Your phone number has changed.
- Your email address has changed.
- Your board or committee changes a meeting date or time.
- Members of your family are students attending school away from home or are living at a different address

Your help with all of the above is very much appreciated!

Duties Schedule for the Month of April

Date	April 1	April 8	April 15	April 22	April 29
Duty	Name(s)	Name(s)	Name(s)	Name(s)	Name(s)
Acolyte	Tarik Dandy	Ava Cantu	Kirby Garcia	Caleb White	Kelton Thomas Journey Thomas
Altar Guild	Dottie Bonura	Dottie Bonura	Dottie Bonura	Dottie Bonura	Dottie Bonura
Elder	Kevin Murray	Kevin Murray	Kevin Murray	Kevin Murray	Kevin Murray
Counting	Charles Hansen, J.T. Thornton, Herta Strobel	Charles Hansen, J.T. Thornton, Herta Strobel	Charles Han- sen, J.T. Thornton, Herta Strobel	Charles Hansen, J.T. Thornton, Herta Strobel	Charles Hansen, J.T. Thornton, Herta Strobel
Trustee	Charles Hansen	Charles Hansen	Charles Hansen	Charles Hansen	Charles Hansen
Greeters	William & Allen Meinecke	Hal & Betty Marquardt	Ruby & Riley Lewellyn	Dan & Joyce Leitko	Alex & Chris Von Sehrwald
Usher Team	Rearick	Marquardt	Steinsiek	Leitko	Rearick
		Midweek Cooking Schedule			
Date	April 4	April 11	April 18	April 25	
	ECC Board	Trustees	Morning Guild	Outreach	

St. Andrew Early Childhood Center - ECC– Shatha Razzook

March was a great month. We celebrated Lutheran Education week and had a special event each day of the week. We learned a lot about Jesus on the cross and many other Easter symbols, He is Risen!

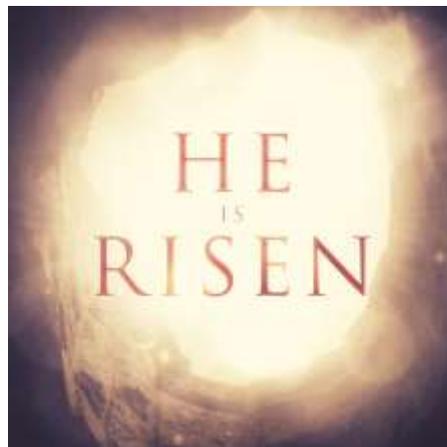
Indeed! We especially celebrate God's wonderful creation-that include all of us! We belong to the body of Christ. Read scripture and reflect on what God tells us about His love for us and all people in His World. What would God have us share with others?

It is always the right time to tell your child that our creator promises to care for His creation. He keeps His promises!

God cares for you! Cast all your anxiety on Him because He cares for you.
1 Peter 5:7

Our children learned...Easter is the celebration of Christ's victory over death. They have learned about Jesus death and resurrection. Teach your child to turn Defeats into Victories. There is no way you can protect your child from the bumps along life's road. As a parent, you can give your child the skills that can help him/her turn these defeats into victories. Praise his effort...let your child know that you are proud of him for giving its his best. Focus on areas where he is successful.

Even the brightest child cannot be equally good at everything. Remind your child that he/she is a great and terrific brother/sister. Remind him that God and you love him for who he is, not for what he does.



ECC continued...

Thank you

The staff and I want to take this opportunity to thank all the Grandparents who attended one of our celebration days during National Lutheran School's Week.

Tax Form Available

Please be aware your expenses at St. Andrew Early Childhood Center are allowed as income tax deduction based on your individual tax rate. We are tax exempt and a record of monies paid in 2017, according to our records are available in the office.

Closing Program, Ballet Recital, and Graduation

Thursday, May 24th. The program is scheduled for 6:00 p.m. with reception following.



2 nd	Colton Krehel	4yrs
6 th	Mason Avila	3yrs
20 th	Jackson Stone	5yrs
30 th	Rosalina Correa	4yrs

Summer Enrollment

Forms are available at the office. Please note that there is a deadline to guarantee a place for your child. Registration fee is \$50.00

Vacation Bible School

"Splash Canyon"

July 9th-July 13th from 9:00a.m. -12:30p.m.

Our health Policy states that children must be fever free for 24 hours before returning to the center. This policy protects others from becoming ill, but also protects the child who is ill.

Important Reminder:

We ask you to take all pillows and blankets home every Friday to launder. For all children, regardless of the child's age, please send an extra change of labeled clothing in your child's bag daily

But Jesus said, let the children alone, and do not hinder them from coming to me: for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." Matthew 19:14

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