



Lent 2024: Gethsemane to Golgotha

To observe the traditional season of Lent this year, we are introducing a church-wide teaching and activity series entitled Gethsemane to Golgotha. This series will take us through 14 specific Biblical interactions and incidents that Jesus went through on His way to the Cross. The Scriptures describing these 14 events and scenes will provide the content for each of the messages from Ash Wednesday through Good Friday, giving us the opportunity to walk alongside Jesus in a very detailed description of His experience during Passion Week.

To further dig into these important events, each week during Sunday School, Immanuel's youth and children will work to create a series of silhouette tableaux which will become the foundation for our worship service on Good Friday. The events and Scriptures of the series are:

- 1 Jesus in the Gethsemane garden – Matthew 26:36-46
- 2 Jesus is betrayed and arrested – Luke 22:47-53
- 3 Jesus is condemned by the Sanhedrin – Mark 14:53-65
- 4 Jesus is denied by Peter – Matthew 26:69-75
- 5 Jesus is judged by Pilate – John 18:28-38
- 6 Jesus is scourged and crowned with thorns – Mark 15:16-20
- 7 Jesus bears the cross – John 19:6, 15-17
- 8 Jesus is helped by Simon of Cyrene – Mark 15:21
- 9 Jesus meets the women of Jerusalem – Luke 23:27-31
- 10 Jesus is crucified – Matthew 27:33-34
- 11 Jesus promises His kingdom to the good thief – Luke 23:32-43
- 12 Jesus speaks to His mother and the disciple – John 19:25-27
- 13 Jesus dies on the cross – Mark 15:33-41
- 14 Jesus is placed in the tomb – Matthew 27:57-60



It is our hope and prayer that this Lenten study and activities will help all the members and friends of Immanuel Church to understand and observe the season of Lent and remember the love and sacrifice that Jesus made to bring us into God's eternal family. Join us for this meaningful event in the life of your church!

Immanuel, God IS with us! Rev. Phil Brown

MARCH MISSION PARTNER

For March mission partner, the Mission Team selected **GOD'S GARAGE** headed by Champion Aurea DeLeon. GG focuses on restoring lives with reliable rides as they strive to serve single mothers, widows, and wives of deployed military throughout Conroe and the greater Houston Area. Being a Non-Profit Garage, GG was born from the desire to help these women by making necessary repairs and/or obtain a dependable vehicle through donated cars, parts, and monetary gifts to assist in bridging troubled times for them. To get a firsthand view of this Mission Partner, there will be a tour on March 12 at 10. If interested see Aurea DeLeon.

In February, **CoreLuv** received \$705. Also, in an ongoing effort, there is a basket in the Narthex for **nonperishable food donations for NAM**.

Immanuel Mission Team explores faith-based organizations to support for our monthly missions and they invite you to help make that decision by either attending their meetings the third Tuesday of the month at 7pm.

Light up your life with Sunday Worship

CHRISTIAN ED meets for an opening at 9:15 followed by classes at 9:30. While all classes are growing, there is always room for one more so join in exploring The Word through Scriptures. NOTE: Youth meets on the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th Sundays after worship til 2pm and it would be muchly appreciated if parents would be prompt in picking up their child. **COFFEE FELLOWSHIP** begins at 10am prior to service. It would be great if you could host with some light refreshments and drinks cause after all, it is about the bonding time and checking on each other. **If you can help, see Sandy Summers – 713 419 2689.** Just remember to clean up and take out the garbage. Also **BE SURE** to label anything put in the frig with purpose & date!

SUNDAY WORSHIP begins at 10:45am with praise and messages which fill the soul with knowledge and insight into God's powerful works, so come join in the fellowship to grow along the path of Jesus Christ being led by our teaching shepherd Rev. Phil Brown - you'll come away with how God works in your life. Currently, Rev. Phil is pausing from the Book of Matthew Chapter 11 because as he has shared, his messages are open ended with series and/or seasonal breaks along the way like now with *Lent when he has a series of 14 specific interactions going from Ash Wednesday to Good Friday of Gethsemane to Golgotha which walks you alongside Jesus as He moves toward the Cross.*

PLEASE FIND A SEAT, SILENCE PHONES/YOURSELF PRIOR TO THE PRELUDE
IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP AND RESPECT FOR OTHERS.

If you are unable to attend worship, there is a live feed streaming on Facebook which can also be viewed at your convenience thanks to several talented IT folks and we would love for you to post your presence.
Also, if you missed any services, or would like to review any, a recap is available online and through You Tube.



BIBLE STUDY normally meets twice a month on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month so in March that will be on the 13th and 27th with study focusing on the last week of Jesus's life from the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. Each session is a complete lesson so if you can't make a meeting, you don't miss a carried over part. Everyone is invited to join in a relaxed, yet spiritual environment that offers a great way of connecting with others to better understand the words of our Lord by sharing interpretations and contrasting translations.



Prayer has the power to change lives and heal those who are hurting in body, mind, or spirit. We ask you include the following persons in your daily prayers:

UPDATES

- **Family of Pat Davison**, mourning her passing February 8, 2024*
In memory of Pat Davison, love offerings can be made to help the Youth Mission Trip.
- **Antonio DeLeon**, loss of his father
- **Maggie Eich**, working toward graduating from nursing school in May
- **Ralph Eickenroht**, moved to Cypress – 14407 Cypress Valley Dr. Cypress, Tx 77429-8312
- **Carol Fox**, grieving over passing of her mother
- **David Graham**, recouping from hip surgery
- **Cary Herndon**, father's surgery
- **Haley Herndon**, congrats on numerous recognitions for volleyball skills
- **Stanley Lemm**, moved from Kingwood care home, address unavailable at this time
- **Bernice McEuen**, broken hand and fingers as result of fall
- **Janice Myers**, sudden loss of brother
- **Sarah Norman**, dealing with shoulder discomfort, friend having difficult pregnancy & death of friend
- **Jeff Pitts**, cousin Nathan Brewer experiencing reoccurrence of leukemia
- **Jean Rutherford**, friend with cancer
- **Ellie Smith**, injured from fall with followup tests discovering other issues receiving treatment
- **Jake Wheeler**, injured hip

CONTINUED PRAYERS FOR:

Ginny Davison - son; **Robin Engebretson**, husband; **Becky Gutierrez**, health issues; **Earl Haggard**, cancer treatment; **Nancy Lewis**, Misty Willow Healthcare and Rehab Center @ 12921 Misty Willow Dr Houston, TX 77070; **Arrow Ministries**, better life paths care; **Debbie Motley**, son-in-law cancer; **Becky Murphy**, battling autoimmune disease; **Northgate Elementary**, Immanuel's SISD Partner; **Jeff Pitts Sister**, heart procedure; **Becky Short**, grandson; **Bob & Kathy Spangler**, numerous family health concerns; **Rev. Phil**, ask God to give him guidance for direction as Immanuel's teaching shepherd

**Words of Gratitude – My thanks go out to all of my friends at Immanuel Church for the love and support they have given me and my family during this difficult time. It is a comfort to know that in the past two years, Pat had come back to church and received Christ back in her life. If anyone would like to help celebrate Pat's life, please consider a gift to Immanuel's Youth Group upcoming Mission Trip. Thanks again and may God bless us all. "Mr." Mike*

HAPPY MARCH BIRTHDAY

- 2 JANET FOLSOM
- 3 RUDY GOEDECKE
- 4 BETTY MOORING
- 7 JANICE MYERS
- 8 KRISTIN JAMES
DIXI HINES
- 11 RALPH EICKENROHT
- 12 RANDY BOYER
- 14 ROGER HENRY
- 19 VYVYAN GOLDEN
- 27 CADEN CLARK
NATHAN HUSKY



Immanuel would like to extend Birthday Wishes to you so please make sure we have your Big Day Date by calling the office, mailing it in, putting it on an attendance card, sending it by carrier pigeon, ... just so we have it.

OPPORUNITY for SERVICE at IMMANUEL – IT TAKES ALL and ALL IT TAKES!

- KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS benefit Immanuel simply by you shopping. Every time you shop with the Kroger share card through their Community Rewards program, Kroger donates to Immanuel based on your regular shopping if you link your card to Immanuel and this is how to make that happen:
 1. Create a digital account which you probably already have if you have a Kroger card.
 2. Link your card to Immanuel by:
 - sign into your account
 - search for Immanuel (may still have previous name, but OK if listed on Border Street)
 - select Immanuel and click SAVE (Immanuel will be displayed on your account)
 3. Questions can be addressed to Kroger Customer Service Center.
- Northwest Assistance Ministries (NAM) invites you to join them in helping meet the needs of others. Champion Diana Haude knows additional information about lots of regular ongoing opportunities posted in the Parish Hall. Also, a basket is in the Narthex for ongoing monthly food donations to help deprived families with basic nutritional needs.
- Product coupons are collected regularly at Immanuel by Molly and distributed in various areas overseas to benefit the military and their families for use in the commissary.
- It takes a village to keep God's house of worship thriving so thank you, thank you, thank you, to all those service elves: in the office, on Consistory doing all the behind-the-scenes jobs, during Worship, shedding blood, sweat, and tears to refresh the flower beds, and doing acts of love not specifically mentioned here. HOWEVER, more is always needed so find your Talent and give of your Time.

OUTREACH TEAM: Regular meetings for the Outreach Team are on the third Monday of the month at 2, so for March that is the 18th. During that time, ideas are generated as to how to best serve neighbors experiencing difficult times through cards, phone calls, shut-in visits, food, meet/greet, visitor connection, and lots of other ideas to live up to their name of OUTREACH. Ongoing endeavors are:

1. Coordinating **membership classes** – Any questions regarding this can be directed to Rev. Phil or any Team Member.
2. Participating in Spring ISD's Partnering with a School Program – The staff of Northgate Elementary has the opportunity for individual prayer requests that can be dropped off in a **PRAYER REQUEST BOX** Immanuel Angels have set up for them to receive general prayers for their well-being as well as specific ones. Outreach is also brightening teachers' day with toiletry baskets for their restrooms. More help is always welcomed for their various activities and mentors through SISD Vine Program. If your heart directs you to participate in any of these areas, see Janice Yetter for details. In addition, Outreach is making more medical equipment available in case of an emergency.



There are lots of opportunities to help OUTREACH in these areas and more so please contact a Team Member to see where your talents can be highlighted. Input is always welcomed so share your suggestions or questions with any team member: Janice Myers, Diana Haude, Linda McAdams, Carol Fox, Janice Yetter, Nelwyn Hardy, and/or Norma Herndon. Better yet, join the Team!

Grub & Games combines food with fun

JOIN IN THE FUN - Grub & Games normally gathers the third Saturday of the month at a restaurant so that will be Adriatic Café at Cypresswood on March 16 at 5pm. Since G & G activity nights have been so successful, there has been a consensus to have more things of the nature so stay alert as those plans develop. It is a LOT of fun fellowship so plan on being a part of it all.



Men's Group Keeps Cranking

Immanuel Men gather for breakfast on the fourth Saturday of the month at 8:30 which will be March 23rd. Word has it breakfast is a hearth one, but it is also a time for insight into God's word with emphasis on fellowship, guy talk, and planning – so grab a friend to join in. in you ne more info, contact Glen Smith, Thomas Folsom, or Immanuel office. **NOTE: Men's Group will be coordinating food for Immanuel's Annual Bake Auction on April 14 after service.**

WOMEN'S GUILD MARCH 2024:

Women's Guild continues their year-long celebration of their **100 Years of Serving God at Immanuel in 2024.**

Women's Guild plans a year-long Celebration of their 100 Years of Serving God at Immanuel



Busy Bees

The highlight this month which is quilting was one of the numerous projects assumed by the Women's Guild in spite of their busy rural lifestyles. This fine art of stitching various pieces of fabric together in a pattern that often told a story or created a picture kept them busy for years to come as they would gather regularly for the bonding and camaraderie found in these QUILTING BEES. Made with loving hands, many of these quilts served as fund raisers by being sold to area residences and as valued prizes for raffles. In turn, these proceeds enabled Women's Guild to contribute to Immanuel needs as well as the community. Evidence of some of their beautiful creations still adorn areas of Immanuel today.



To learn more of this time of bonding and camaraderie which continues to exist today, you are invited to their meeting on March 14. Even better, plan to join them for a Bus Trip to see Painted Churches in April. Remember, there is no such thing as a stranger – just a friend yet to meet so join in for great food and Christian love. Have a blessed month!

MARY GO ROUND SISTERS: Mary Go Round started as an evening women's group for ALL women to join in the camaraderie of sisterhood that normally gathered the first Thursday-of-the-Month. During that time they honored Christ, uphold each other's joys/concerns, and planned various service projects, **but currently their meeting time is being suspended.** For details and any questions and/or changes see Kathy Howerton – 713 805 8917.



YOUTH MISSION TRIP

Immanuel Youth will be embarking on their Mission Trip in July to W. Virginia where they will be helping to improve living conditions in an area in need of assistance, but this endeavor does not happen without expense. Any help you can provide would be greatly appreciated and Kristin James can provide details.

In memory of Pat Davison, love offerings can be made to help the Youth Mission Trip.

APRIL NEWSLETTER ITEMS NEED TO BE IN OFFICE BY MARCH 25

Consistory Highlights

1. During the Annual Congregational Meeting January, a request was made to **KEEP IMMANUEL TIDY** and avoid bringing your unwanted/clean out items to church without prior approval.
2. **PLEASE NOTE: To assist in keeping accurate church records, please complete the attendance cards in the racks on the back of the pews - be sure to include ALL bodies regardless of age.**
3. A Mission/Purpose Statement resulting from Global Focus workshops emphasizing Immanuel's theme of **GO FURTHER** has been approved which is: **Immanuel Church of Spring seeks to glorify God, preach the gospel of Jesus across the street and across the globe and welcome all into biblical Christian community.**
4. Work continues on a new photo directory so if any of your information changes, please let Sandy Summers know.
5. Coffee Fellowship continues at 10am before Church Service at 10:45, but there is still an option for after church for special occasions. Hosts are strongly urged to practice the KISS Method (KEEP IT SIMPLE) and please make sure to **CLEAN UP and TAKE OUT THE TRASH and CLEAN/UNPLUG COFFEE POT!!! In addition, when leaving food items in the frig, BE SURE TO LABEL WITH NAME, DATE, AND PURPOSE!!!** If you can help, see Sandy Summers – 713 419 2689.
6. **NEW:** Consideration is being given to having a Once-A-Month Fellowship after service with the first one being March 17.
7. Safety precautions continue as a priority during church services. While the front and back entry/exit doors of the sanctuary will be unlocked during service for emergency exit, ALL other entry/exit doors on campus will be locked except the one leading to the restrooms.
8. **CHURCH OFFICE BY COMMITTEE** – Volunteers get out newsletters (**NOTE: LAST DAY TO GET INFO INTO APRIL'S NEWSLETTER IS MARCH 25th**), bulletins, phone trees, bill paying, etc. so we ask your patience and understanding if something is not done as timely or perfectly as expected. As a result, attendance in the office may vary some, but hours are generally Monday through Friday 10am to 2pm. If someone is not present to receive your call, please leave a phone message at 281-288-3199 and someone will get back with you as soon as possible or if it is an emergency, notify Rev. Phil on his cell at 830-832-3689. Any information you desire to have published in the Newsletter can be called or emailed to the office. In addition, if you do not get the Newsletter by email or a copy from the Narthex and would like a hard copy sent to you, notify the office for that to happen. **NOTE: PLEASE make sure to coordinate ANY church related event through the church office so it can be put on the main calendar to avoid conflicting scheduling.**

Next meeting of the Consistory normally meets the second Sunday of the month after church which will be March 10. Current members serving in 2024: Jeff Pitts, Herb Hess, Sandy Summers, Chuck Hines, Lester Lemm, David Graham, and Barbara Castille.

KEEP IMMANUEL TIDY! Recent efforts of blood, sweat, and tears have been made to unclutter various areas on campus including attics and meeting rooms because Immanuel Church has become somewhat of a dumping ground of various furniture, kitchen supplies, project supplies, etc by folks with good intentions, **BUT** it is creating a problem with storage and creature control so at the Annual Congregational Meeting in January the Consistory let it be known that any "donations" should first be approved by them before being left at Immanuel. THANK YOU!

IMMANUEL ITEMS OF INTEREST

***SENIOR LUNCHEON** - Senior Luncheon meets on the third Thursday of the month except July and December which makes the next one March 21 for a celebration of the NEW YEAR. **Senior Luncheon hosts/coordinators would like it to be known how appreciative they are to HEB who has regularly been providing support toward this lunch.**

***IMMANUEL TEAMS** – Altar Guild – as needed; Bible Study – 2nd & 4th Wednesday; Building & Grounds – as needed; Choir – every Wednesday; Christian Education – 1st Sunday monthly; Cub Pack – **Currently not meeting**; IT – quarterly 3rd Monday or as needed; Mary Go Round – **Currently not meeting**; Men's Group – 4th Saturday monthly; Mission – 3rd Tuesday monthly; Outreach – 3rd Monday monthly; Parish Family Life – 4th Thursday of October; Senior Lunch – 3rd Thursday monthly except July & Dec.; Youth – every 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th Sunday; Women's Guild – 2nd Thursday monthly; Worship – Wednesday before last Wednesday monthly

***LOST & FOUND** – If you or your child or other family member are missing a jacket, umbrella, book, etc. be sure to check with one of the Church Office Volunteers who may can help you retrieve it.

***NOTE** – Due to weather, conflicting schedules, illness, and who knows what else, the time and day of scheduled activities may sometime change so be alert to phone trees, emails, the bulletin, and/or online. You are welcomed to call the office between 10 and 2 for help as well.



Immanuel is all about fun, food, and fellowship with some fund raising on the side and April 14 after service is a time for ALL those things to happen with the Annual Bake Auction with Lunch. Be a part of the Planning Team to make this a super fun afternoon, while at the same time a profitable event, by letting one of the office ladies or Diana Haude know you can be counted on to help plan.

CHURCH GIVING

Your presence in worship is most desired and an offering plate is there to receive your monetary gifts to help support the finances of Immanuel Church, but this can be done in a couple of simple ways as well. 1. Check with your bank because most will set up an automatic payment for you to donate to Immanuel. 2. Give your offering through Tithe.ly by clicking on the green circle to the right which takes you to the website. Next, click "sign up for free", then "give online", then "give to church". There it will ask you to set up an account with your information. When you go to select a church just type in Immanuel Church which you should see listed. Make sure you verify the address of 26501 Border Street in Spring because several Immanuel churches are listed. It would be greatly appreciated if you would indicate that you will cover the fees for Tithe.ly. Christy Wheeler will be glad to assist you with the setup.



February 2024	2/4	2/11	2/18	2/25	Ash Wed.	Kroger	Tithe.ly	TOTALS
Attendance	50	54	66	61	40			271
Giving	2385	1810	3495	2851	213		1690	12,444

Please remember giving can be in person, by mail, or through Tithe.ly.

For 2024, a **total** budget of \$253,054 has been set with the giving goal of \$147,906 (\$12,326 monthly average).

Through February, offering totals are \$20,221 which is 13.6% of yearly giving goal.

*Correction total for January

Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
7777*	12,444										

December 2023	12/3	12/10	12/17	Christmas Eve AM & PM	12/31	Kroger	Tithe.ly	TOTALS
Attendance	63	80	51	53 & 94	62			403
Giving	4479	4720	1494	4862.01 & 1018.13	2840	28.49	1180	20,621.63

For 2023, there was a **total** budget of \$241,323 with the giving goal of \$139,675 (\$11,640 monthly average).

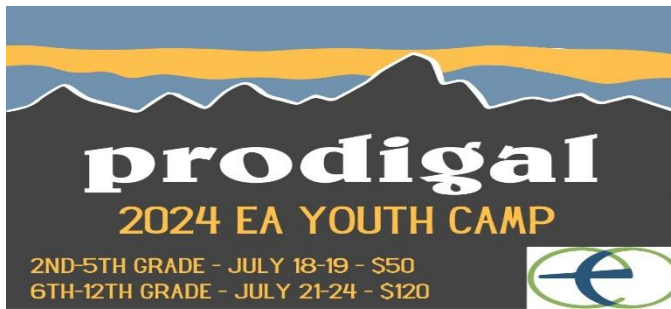
Offering totals for 2023 were \$141,960 which exceeded the giving goal by \$2,285.

Jan 2023	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
10272	11237	10663	12327	10577	13442	10466	9305	12,035	10844	10171	20621

Immanuel flavors Mardi Gras with Chili, Food, Fellowship, Games



Photos courtesy of Aurea DeLeon



BE ALERT TO UPDATES

Daylight Savings Time Beginnings (spring forward) – March 10

After church St. Patrick's Day Fellowship

Bake Auction / Spaghetti – April 14 – help needed with organizing/decision making

Bus Trip – April 29 – three more painted churches

Family Promise host help – April 28 – May 4

MARCH 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Believe There is Good in the World!					1	2
3 Classes 9:15 Coffee Fellowship 10 Worship 10:45 CEC Mtg	4	5	6 Choir 7	7	8	9
10 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS Classes 9:15 Coffee Fellowship 10 Worship 10:45 Youth after Worship Consistory Meets	11 Spring ISD Spring Break Week	12 Hall in use Tour of God's Garage @ 10	13 Bible Study Choir 7	14 Guild	15	16 G & G
17 Classes 9:15 Coffee Fellowship 10 Worship 10:45 Youth after Worship  ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION AFTER CHURCH	18 Outreach Meets @ 2 IT Meets	19 Mission Meets	20 Choir 7	21 Senior Lunch	22	23 Men's Group @8:30
24 Classes 9:15 Coffee Fellowship 10 Worship 10:45 PALM SUNDAY SERVICE / PARADE Youth after Worship	25 LAST DAY for info in APRIL Newsletter	26	27 Bible Study Choir 7	28 Maundy Thursday Family Parish Life	29 GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE 7	30 Egg Hunt
31 EASTER BREAKFAST Classes 9:15 Coffee Fellowship 10 Worship 10:45 Youth after Worship		<p>*Alexandra is the nursery attendant for 3 and under.</p> <p>Have you had GOD-TIME today?</p> <p>Immanuel – God is with us!</p> <p>Immanuel Church * 281 288 3199 * 26501 Border Street Spring Tx 77373 www.immanuelspring.org * office@ImmanuelSpring.org * pastor@ImmanuelSpring.org</p> <p>If you are unable to attend our Services in person, Rev. Phil's messages can be viewed on YouTube at Immanuel Spring we stream a live feed on Facebook at www.facebook.com/Immanuelchurch/ Services are also available on our website at https://immanuelspring.org/sermons We would love for you to join us so we invite you to leave a message so we know your presence.</p>				

