



March 10

Good News!

From the Welcome Place
Welcome Lutheran Church
Pastor John R. Sutton, Jr.

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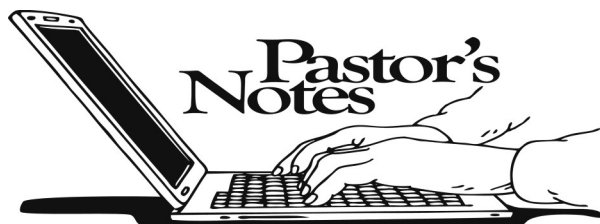
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The Apostle Paul writes: "And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us." Romans 5:3-5

Several months ago, as I was working on my Sermon Series for the Season of Lent, I came to realize that so many people in this world live in despair, because this world lacks, "hope". We are indeed living in troubling and dangerous times and for a lot of folks, life is upside down right now, and needs to be "right-side up." I am just being honest. As Christians we could throw in the towel with the rest of the world and live in despair as well. But there is no need for that. As followers of Jesus Christ, we know the message of Easter, we know that there is more to this life, than just living in despair, going from one crisis to another, struggling and then dying. Because of the Easter event, which is central to the Christian faith, we have the hope of life, eternal life when we depart this world. We have hope in the resurrection of Jesus Christ, that we too will be resurrected when He returns to this world one day, sometime in the future, in great power and in great glory. The deliverance that God provides for us, through His victory over the cross brings hope. Jesus Christ is our great hope. His resurrection is our great hope. His ascension into heaven is our great hope. And finally His return is our great hope, because He (Christ) lives, so will we. Hope is strength. Hope is power. Hope is healing. Hope is meaningful. Hope is necessary. Hope gives us the courage to face and to overcome

whatever may come our way in this life. May you and your family have a blessed Easter, filled the joy and the hope that Christ brings. Amen.

*May your month of March be blessed.
In His service, Pastor John.*

Thrivent + Welcome Lutheran Choice Dollars

Congratulations Welcome Lutheran Church, In 2023 you received \$5,329 in Thrivent Choice Dollars grant funding. We are proud to help support the important work you do and hope, together, we can do even more in 2024!

Encourage your supporters to direct remaining 2023 Choice Dollars by March 31.

Don't forget 2023 Choice Dollars must be directed by March 31.

Thank You for your continued partnership in 2024.

Scholarships due April 1st.

Welcome Lutheran will be awarding scholarships to students that will enroll in a college or technical school in the fall as well as to students working on graduate courses. For more details, applications are on the church website or a paper copy may be picked up from the table located in the back of the church as well as the table in the hall before entering the fellowship hall. Applications may be returned either online or in the envelope in the LYO box near the copy machine. If you have specific questions, contact either Alan Kuehn or Janae Wittner.

Highlights of Church Council Meeting

Sunday, January 14, 2024

In attendance: Shirley Beum, Dwayne Schulz, Tracy Meier, Cynthia Kuehn, Don Woltmann, Glenn Miles, Trent Dierking, Ada Eben and Pastor Sutton.

Called to order by Shirley Beum at 11:17a.m.

Opening prayer given by Pastor John Sutton.

Approval of December 13, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Dwayne moved and Cynthia seconded to approve the secretary's report; motion carried.

Treasurer's Report - Glenn moved and Dwayne seconded to approve the treasurer's report; motion carried.

There was discussion about changing financial reports that are given to council each month. These changes will be discussed with church bookkeeper, Doris Glenewinkel.

Pastor's Report for December

Attendance - early service - 125, late service - 186, Advent - 148, Christmas Eve - 159

2023 Total Attendance - Early - 2,036, Late - 2,641, Lent/Advent - 353

Pastoral Visits - office - 2, homebound - Industry (4), Brenham (4), nursing home - Industry (1), other - 6

2023 Total Pastoral Visits - Hospital - 16, Office 17, Homebound -

Industry (55), Brenham (42), Other (26), Nursing Home - Brenham (2), Other (8), Home Visits - 24, Baptisms -2, Confirmation -1, Funerals - 3

Meetings - committees - 1

2023 Total Meetings - Committee - 6, Local Clergy - 5, Mission District - 3, NALC Wide - 2, Classes Taught - 16

Cynthia moved and Don seconded to approve Pastor's Report; motion carried.

Committee Reports

Parish Education - report of activities completed in 2023

Worship -no report

Evangelism - meals during lent; ads for Lenten services

Stewardship - no report

Memorial - no report

Cemetery - Trent moved and Dwayne seconded for the cemetery committee to obtain a columbarium for the cemetery; motion carried.

Building and Grounds - Don gave updates on several projects. He will update council as progress is made.

~ **Sports Ministry** - the women's self- defense and training classes were well attended.

Unfinished Business

Checks written in January 2024 for Mission Funds approved for 2023.

New Business

Shirley and Tracy will meet with Nate Compton to complete bank account transfers. Two signatures are required to make any transfers. Signers will be same as listed in December minutes.

Church Mutual has cancelled the church insurance effective 3/1/24. Shirley will be contacting various insurance companies to find a replacement.

Council will provide the meal prior to the February 28th Lenten services.

Welcome 4-H has asked to use our fellowship hall for meetings - this was tabled for next meeting as there is a conflict with their meeting day.

Can minutes be placed in newsletter sooner? Shirley will check by-laws to see if minutes can be approved by email instead of waiting for next meeting.

Moving of baptismal font for second tree in sanctuary.

Baptism on February 11, Emilia Romero, who also wants to join the church.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned (Trent moved, Glenn seconded) at 12:40 p.m. and was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Next council meeting - Sunday, February 11th after 10:00 a.m. service.

Memorials

Church Fund

In Memory of Gareth (Gary) Vierus

By— Don and Kerri Woltmann
Leroy and Denise Brending

February Attendance

Date	7:45	10:00	Total
04	54	50	104
11	49	87	136
14 Ash Wednesday			116
18—	51	36	87
21—Mid Week Lenten Service			78
25	47	29	76
28—Mid Week Lenten Service			94
Total	201	202	691



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Sunday, February 11, 2024

In attendance: Shirley Beum, Dwayne Schulz, Tracy Meier, Cynthia Kuehn, Don Woltmann, Glenn Miles, Trent Dierking, Gary Shupak, Ada Eben and Pastor Sutton.

Called to order by Shirley Beum at 11:30 a.m.
Opening prayer given by Pastor John Sutton.

Approval of January 14, 2024 Meeting Minutes

Cynthia moved and Dwayne seconded to approve the secretary's report; motion carried.

Treasurer's Report – Dwayne moved and Glenn seconded to approve the treasurer's report; motion carried.

Pastor's Report for January

Attendance – early service – 186, late service – 206
Pastoral Visits – office – 2, homebound – Industry (4), Brenham (4), Other (3), **nursing home** – Brenham (1), Other (1), **home visits** – 1—**Meetings** – **committees** -1, **local clergy** – 1, **classes taught** – 4
Trent moved and Dwayne seconded to approve pastor's report; motion carried.

There was discussion regarding pastor taking vacation rather than letting it build up because of concerns over obtaining a supply pastor. Pastor stated that there are a couple of events coming later in the year where he would be taking vacation.

Committee Reports

Parish Education – budget line for confirmation robes, ABC curriculum started in Sunday School, VBS scheduled for June 17-20 in evenings at Industry Methodist Church.

Worship -no report

Evangelism – lent and Easter service schedule to be put in paper

Stewardship – no report

Memorial – no report

Cemetery – obtaining prices for columbarium approved by council last month

Building and Grounds – window replacement in breezeway has been completed, smoke detector and alarm system will hopefully be completed in March, still trying to get an electrician to complete line to sign and nativity scene, Don has contacted Otis Styers regarding parking lot, after much discussion it was decided that Don will get several different options (using concrete vs asphalt and keeping parking present size or enlarging) for council to discuss at March meeting and then present to congregation at the next congregational meeting.

Sports Ministry – Tai Chi classes have resumed.

Unfinished Business

All accounts and CDs have been moved and required signatures have been obtained.

Shirley and Don met with Tim Tanner with Church Plus regarding church insurance. An application has been completed. Once application is approved there will be a walk through with suggestions. Council will address these suggestions once they are received.

Security issues were discussed, members were asked to bring ideas to March meeting, Don was asked to move forward in securing a 4th camera on the church building, law enforcement church members will be contacted about watching security cameras on Sunday morning and baptismal font changes were tabled for next meeting.

Council meetings will be approved electronically so that they may be placed in the newsletter a month late rather than two months. The January and February minutes will be placed in the March newsletter once council members have approved them via email.

New Business

Motion made by Glenn and seconded by Dwayne to allow Welcome 4H to meet in the fellowship hall the second Monday of each month starting in March; motion carried. There will be a written agreement between church and 4H to avoid any confusion.

Gary will contact Jerald Schovajsa about providing chicken spaghetti, salad and bread for council's meal on February 28. Members will provide tea and desserts.

Thank you notes were received from several organizations that received donations from the church. These will be posted where congregation can view.

A notice will be placed in the weekly bulletin and announcements will be made in church regarding committee reports getting to the Audit Committee by the end of February for review.

A box has been filled with worship books requiring repair.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned (Dwayne moved, Tracy seconded) at 12:53 p.m. and was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Next council meeting – Sunday, March 10th after 10:00 a.m. service.

Finance Report As of February 8, 2024

Current Assets

Bank Accounts

Savings CD FB	\$103,437.64
Savings CD2 FB	\$103,437.64
Savings CD FNB	\$143,068.04
Building Fund FNB	\$140,906.62
Welcome Church	\$144,504.55
Total Bank Accounts	\$599,354.49
Total Current Assets	\$599,354.49
TOTAL ASSETS	\$599,354.49

God Bless Your Service March

Flowers

03—Susan Siegworth
10—Dolores Meier
17—Kenneth and Wendy Klump
24—Marian Balke
31—Easter Sunday Easter Lilies

Altar Guild

03—Gina Miles and Kerry Schulz
10—Sandra Dunn
13—Sandra Dunn (Lenten Service)
17—Crystal Hohlt
20—Crystal Hohlt (Lenten Service)
24—Lori Krchnak (Palm Sunday)
28—Ruth Poncik (Maundy Thursday)
29—Bare Altar (Good Friday)
31—Tracy Meier (Easter Sunday)

Acolytes

7:45

03—Konnor Klump
10—Korbin Kolajajak
17—Lorelei Hitchcock
24—Leann Brending (Palm Sunday)
28— (Maundy Thursday)
31— (Easter Sunday)

10:00

Madelyn Poncik
Jolee Meiers
Jake Righetti
Michael Hegemeyer
Kaleb Jacobs
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Communion Assistants

7:45

03—Lori Krchnak
17—Alan Kuehn
24—Ada Eben (Palm Sunday)
31—Marian Balke (Easter Sunday)

10:00

Sharon Meiers
Allison Abel
Glenn Miles
Diana Lampe

Financial Committee

03—Wayne and Shirley Beum
10—Diana Lampe and Lois Schubert
17—Ruth Poncik and Melissa Glenewinkel
24—Tracy Meier and Linsey Meier (Palm Sunday)
28—Kenneth and Juli Kaase (Maundy Thursday)
29—Kenneth and Juli Kaase (Good Friday)
31—Gina Miles and Glenn Miles (Easter Sunday)

Readers

7:45

03—Dwayne Schulz
10—Crystal Hohlt
17—Linsey Meier
24—Charles Holtkamp (Palm Sunday)
31—Lori Krchnak (Easter)

10:00

03—April Poncik
06—Marian Balke (Lenten Service)
10—Sharon Meiers
13—Judy Schulz (Lenten Service)
17—Sherry Kutch
20—Angela Sutton (Lenten Service)
24—Brian Schumann (Palm Sunday)
28—Lori Krchnak (Maundy Thursday)
29—Marian Balke (Good Friday)
31—Laurie Bettis (Easter)

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God Bless Your Service April

Flowers

07—Gina Miles
14—Karen Grebe
21—Michelle Huebner
28—Lynn "Red" Spiecer and Dorothy Beard

Altar Guild

07—Doris Glenewinkel and Melissa Hegemeyer
14—Cynthia Kuehn
21—Heather Rinn
28—Judy Schulz and Caroline Schulz

Acolytes

7:45

07—Konnor Klump
14—Korbin Kolajajak
21—Leann Brending
28—Cooper Janosky

10:00

Madelyn Poncik
Kade Jacobs
Jake Righetti
Michael Hegemeyer

Communion Assistants

7:45

07—Denise Brending
21—Dwayne Schulz

10:00

Shirley Beum
Melissa Glenewinkel

Financial Committee

07—Kevin and Wendy Klump
14—Erich and Doris Glenewinkel
21—Don and Kerri Woltmann
28—Alan Kuehn and Cynthia Kuehn

Readers

7:45

07—Wendy Klump
14—Delta Kolajajak
21—Marian Balke
28—Mary Holtkamp

10:00

Garrett Poncik
James Schumann
Ruth Poncik
Angela Sutton

7:45 Ushers

07—Ada Eben and Vernell Eben
14—Delta, Kayree, and Korbin Kolajajak
21—Ken and Tracy Meier
28—Don and Kerri Woltmann

10:00 Ushers

07—Garrett and April Poncik
14—Shirley Beum and Judy Schulz
21—John Rinn and Heather Rinn
28—Diana Lampe and Gina Miles

Change Outside Sign

Sandra Dunn

Card of Thanks

Dear Welcome Lutheran Church,

On behalf of the Tunnel to Towers Foundation, please accept our heartfelt gratitude for your generous contribution of \$1,000.

Because of you, our Foundation is able to continue our mission to "Do Good". Through your generosity, the Tunnel to Towers Foundation has been helping America's heroes by providing mortgage-free home to Gold Star and fallen first responder families with young children and by building specially-adapted *smart home* for catastrophically injured veterans and first responders. We are also committed to eradicating veteran homelessness and **helping America to NEVER FORGET 9/11.**

Warmest Regards,
The Siller Family and Tunnel To Towers Foundation



Easter Egg Hunt

The Community Easter Egg Hunt will be held on March 30 at the Industry City Park at 10:00 a.m.

The Welcome church's Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Easter Sunday at 9:15 A.M.

If you would like to bring candy for either hunt please leave in the kitchen by Thursday, March 28th. (No Chocolate please for Community Egg Hunt) Mark the packages as to Community Easter Egg Hunt or Welcome Lutheran Church Easter Egg Hunt. Thank you for your donation.

Meals on Wheels H.O.A. of Austin County... Helping One Another, Inc. (HOA) is a non-profit organization committed to supporting our senior neighbors by providing programs that enhance independent living. The Meals on Wheels program provides hot meals five days a week to over 100 clients throughout Austin County.

Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed to deliver Meals on Wheels in the West End of Austin County. Contact Sandra Merz at 832-928-4139 to learn more.

God Bless Your Service March

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7:45 Ushers

- 03—Don and Kerri Woltmann
- 10—Gary Shupak and Gregg Schubert
- 17—Marian Balke and Melissa Glenewinkel
- 24—Charles and Mary Holtkamp (Palm Sunday)
- 31—Alan Kuehn and Dwayne Schulz (Easter)

10:00 Ushers

- 03—Garrett and April Poncik
- 06—Judy Schulz (Lenten Service)
- 10—John Rinn and Heather Rinn
- 13—Shirley Beum (Lenten Service)
- 17—Lois Schubert and Glenn Miles
- 20—Emily Rankin (Lenten Service)
- 24—Diana Lampe and Gina Miles (Palm Sunday)
- 28—Erich Glenewinkel (Maundy Thursday)
- 29—Doris Glenewinkel (Good Friday)
- 31—Darrell Kolwes and Mark Hegemeyer (Easter)

Out Side Sign Changer

Marian Balke

Wednesday Lenten Services

February 28—7:00 p.m.

March 6—7:00 p.m.

March 13—7:00 p.m.

March 20—7:00 p.m.

A meal will be served each Wednesday from 6:00 until 6:40 p.m.



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Sunday, March 24—Palm Sunday, services 7:45 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

Thursday, March 28—Maundy Thursday Service 7:00 p.m.

Friday, March 29—Good Friday Service, 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 30—Community Easter Egg Hunt at Industry City Park—10:00 a.m.

Sunday, March 31—Easter Sunday Services 7:00 a.m. Sunrise Service at

Cemetery Pavilion

Breakfast and Egg Hunt between Services
Easter Worship Service 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary



01—Heather Margist
 02—Jason Schulze
 03—Dwayne Schulz
 03—Megan Nitsch
 04—Dustin Howard
 05—Amber Leonard
 05—Hayden Strack
 05—Kade Jacobs
 07—Gregg Schubert
 08—Leah Kutch
 09—Shirley Beum
 10—Christopher Strack
 10—Brylee Margist
 11—Sophie Hurtig
 12—Kaiden Schobel
 13—Marshall Kohring
 13—Wayne Rinn
 13—Samantha Winfield
 17—Sadie Vierus

19—Megan Craig
 20—Kirby Klump
 20—Erika Moldt
 20—Nicole Bettis
 20—Jack Herbrig
 21—Austin Hulsey
 22—John Craig Jr.
 22—Parker Ryan
 23—Marian Balke
 23—Trent Dierking
 23—Sean Schulz
 24—Edward Hulsey
 28—Erline Ferguson
 28—Leonard Koester Jr.
 28—Melissa Glenewinkel
 28—Riley Hanley
 31—Alan Kuehn
 31—Malorie Hegemeyer

Those Celebrating



01—Courtney Nuckols
 01—Rachel Bond
 01—Allison Righetti
 03—Mark Engeling
 04—Kathleen Koester
 04—Walker Schulz
 05—Joyce Norwood
 08—Ayla Schubert
 09—Landon Wolf
 10—Dennis Ashorn
 11—Henry Schmidt III
 12—Lela Kohring
 14—Marilyn Lange
 14—Bo Wied
 16—Mia Janosky

17—Verlin Ashorn
 18—Lori Krchnak
 20—Stephanie Bean
 21—Todd Dierking
 22—Brendon Maynor
 22—Linda Huebner
 23—Reece Mahlmann
 23—Kenneth Kaase
 23—Robert Hurtig
 28—Nicholas Herr
 28—Laura Herr
 30—Wayne Rinn

Happy Anniversary

March 1, 2003—Rachel & Scottie Schubert
March 8, 2002—DeAndra & Luke Brandt
March 17, 1956—Ora Nell & Clarence Mahlmann
March 21, 2009—Mary & Charles Holtkamp
March 22, 1984—Melba & Gerhard Koegele
March 27, 2004—Wendy & Kevin Klump

We remember in our prayers:

Ora Nell Mahlmann	Idell Mertz	Janae Wittner
Eddie Marx	Ronnie Hurtig	Lana Meier
Wayne Beum	Delphine Merkel	Francis Merkel
Melissa Hegemeyer	Kerri and Michael Schovajsa	
Michael Schobel	Charles Mahlmann	Verlin Ashorn

Prayers for Friends of the Congregation

Paul Sorensen	Verna Coufal	Sandi Mertz
Jason Wehring	Joe Chovanec	Robert Simonds
Joyce Krause	Lloyd Galle	Dillion Schuette
Elizabeth Davis	Dorothy Poncik	Jacob Kristen
Hermann Aschenbeck	Ron Wright	John Lange
Bobby Schubert		

A Prayer to begin the work day

May the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon us; prosper the work of our hands. (Ps. 90:17)

Generous God, You call us to lives of services. In my words and actions this day, move me to serve in Christ's name. When I lack energy, inspire me. When I lack courage, strengthen me. When I lack compassion, be merciful to me.

In all things, O God, You are our way, our truth, and our life. Reveal through me Your life-giving work, that I love my neighbors as myself. I ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

March 2024 Community Events

Saturday, March 2—Women of Industry Methodist Church
 Brazos Valley Hospice Luncheon and Style Show

Sunday, March 3—Industry Lioness Club Drive—Thru Only
 Fundraiser—Chicken Spaghetti Dinner—\$12.00 per plate
 Serving 11:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 10—Industry Vol. Fire and Rescue will be holding their Drive-Thru only BBQ Chicken and Sausage Dinner. \$15.00 per plate Pickup 11:00—1:00. Tickets are on sale from any VF&R firefighter and at local business. Or call 979-357-2390.

Saturday, March 30—Community Easter Egg Hunt at the Industry City Park 10:00 a.m.

Card of Thanks

Welcome Lutheran Church Members,

Do you ever wonder if your donation to a non-profit makes a difference? We can assure you that it does! As the only non-profit hospice provider in our 17-county service area, we use those funds to provide the best care possible to our patients and their families with no financial limitations. We consider the needs of our patients and families as our top priority in delivering care.

So, Thank You for your generous gift to Hospice Brazos Valley. You are helping us make a difference in the lives of our patients and families as they navigate the end-of-life journey. Not only do we provide care to our patients, but we also provide bereavement care to families long after their loved ones have passed. We care for as many people as possible through this journey.

Your Donation of \$94.03 is making a difference at Hospice Brazos Valley.

May you find peace and comfort knowing that your donation will help us to provide peace and comfort to those we serve.

With Sincere Gratitude

Lisa McNair, President and CEO

Card of Thanks

Welcome Lutheran Church Members

"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; His mercies never come to an end. They are new every morning; great is your Faithfulness." Lamentations 3:22-23

Just as God's love for us never ceases, so is our love for the children of Boys and Girls Country. But we know, always, that we can only do what we do because of the selflessness of friends like you who take from your own blessings and give to our kids. We are more grateful than you know, and our kids are thriving because of you. Your gift of \$1,000.00 changes lives.

As we begin our 53rd year of serving children and families in crisis, we know that heroic things happen when people get involved. Thank you for all you do for the children of Boys and Girls Country.

With Many thanks,

Vincent Duran, Chief Executive Officer

Card of Thanks

Dear Welcome Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your recent gift to the American Cancer Society to help fight cancer. Your lifesaving gift provides hope for the future.

Your donation to the American Cancer Society is more than a financial gift. It is a lifeline for the entire cancer community and one more step toward ending cancer as we know it, for everyone.

Warm Regards

*William L. Dahut, MD Chief Scientific Officer
American Cancer Society*

Card of Thanks

Welcome Church Congregation,

On behalf of the Board of Directors and staff of HOA, Inc. Meals on Wheels, please accept this acknowledgement and note of appreciation for your generous donations of \$1,000.00 and \$650.00.

Your continued support allows our program to continue to provide hot nutritious meals to our senior citizens, veterans and disabled homebound seniors in Austin County regardless of their ability to pay. You are indeed a blessing.

May God Continue to bless you!

Sincerely, Carolyn Bilski, Board Chair
HOA Meals on Wheels of Austin County

Card of Thanks

Dear Members of Welcome Lutheran Church,

On behalf of the Board of Directors and our Family Partners, I wish to thank you for your generous gift to Washington County Habitat for Humanity (WCHH). We are grateful to your congregation, who continues to support our mission of providing affordable and safe housing for individuals and families.

We are pleased to report we have completed construction on our 12th home and our partner-family was able to move in right before Christmas. What a wonderful Christmas present it was for this partner-family to move into their new home.

This dream of a home becoming a reality for this family would not have been possible without generous donors, like you, and the work of many volunteers and skilled craftsmen.

In Partnership,

*Sharon Gammell Miller, Secretary
Washington County Habitat for Humanity*

Card of Thanks

To the Members of Welcome Lutheran Church,

We sincerely appreciate your love and generosity that prompted this gift. Through your donation AAM will continue to meet the needs of families battling childhood cancer during these unprecedented times.

*Adam's Angels Ministry Board
Donna Culliver*





Thank you to everyone who donated in February for the noisy collection. We collected \$141.06 for Feed the Poor! Our next collection will be March 17, proceeds will go to the Blessings Box.

The Community Easter Egg hunt will be Saturday, March 30 at the City Park in Industry.

Welcome Lutheran Church's egg hunt will be Sunday, March 31 at 9:15 a.m.

If you would like to donate treats for either egg hunt (please no chocolate), bring and label them by Thursday, March 28. The youth will be stuffing the eggs on Friday, March 29.



Card of Thanks

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11

Dear Friends and Members of Welcome Lutheran,

Thank you for your generous donation of \$1,000 to the ministry of LMVFM. Your faithful support helps us to carry out our mission to provide our veterans and their families with free care and counseling from LMVFM to address the invisible wounds of war.

The verse above is appropriate as we enter the New Year. As God reassures us that He already has plans for us, we can take comfort in knowing that those plans are good! It is this message that we share with our veterans each and every day at LMVFM. It is a message that brings that same level of comfort to our war-torn and hurting veterans.

Your partnership is greatly appreciated to this ministry and to those we serve.

Together in His Service

CH Leslie Haines, (MAJ) ret., MA

Executive Director

Lutheran Military Veterans and Families Ministries, Inc.

"Serving With Christ's Love Those Who Serve"



Pictured are confirmation members who attended a weekend retreat on February 17 and 18 at Luther hill along with Juli and Kenneth Kaase who went as chaperons. The theme of the retreat was Discipleship.

Annual Community



Saturday, March 30, 2024

Industry City Park

10:00 a.m.

Join us for Easter Egg Hunt,

Crafts,

**Refreshments &
Story Time**

Sponsored by:
Cherry Chapel Methodist Church
Immaculate Conception Catholic Church
Industry Methodist Church
Nelsonville Brethren Church
St. John's Lutheran Church, New Ulm
Welcome Lutheran Church
West End Baptist Church



Easter Lilies

If you wish to place Easter Lilies in the Sanctuary for Easter, please bring them to the church on Saturday, March 30. If you would like to place them in memory or in honor of someone, please fill out the form below and place in offering plate or in church office. You can also contact the church office at 979-251-7576 or email: secretary@welcomelutheran.org.

If you would like to order the flowers from the LYO they will be **\$15.00** per plant. We ask that you provide the information on the form below and turn in by Sunday, **March 24th** or contact the church office and let them know.

-----would like to place an Easter Lily in church

In Memory of-----

In Honor of-----

This is my own flower: -----

Order through the LYO:-----

Phone Number:-----



Congratulations to our Youth

Congratulations

We welcome Emilia Lee Remero. Received the sacrament of Holy Baptism On Sunday, February 11. Emilia's parents are Smanthia and Tony Remero. Her Sponsors are Kirstie and Branden Hannath.

Konnor Klump was among the students from West End Elementary who made a presentation to the Bellville School Board at their monthly meeting. They spoke on the West End campus activities

Brenham Senior Laci Strack is one of the 2024 Senior Belles for the Heritage Society of Washington County Laci is a member of Brenham FFA and National Honor Society.

Maddy Poncik won third place for sixth grade at Bellville Junior High School in the Science Fair for advanced science students. She received a ribbon and recognition at the awards ceremony in the school gymnasium.

The Bellville FFA Forage team placed first at the Cypress Creek Invitational meet. James Schumann was a member of the team and also placed 4th individually.



Scott
Schovajsa
on the right

Wayne
Schovajsa
on the left



Both Scott and Wayne Schovajsa will be representing West End Cub Scouts in District competition in Brenham with their Derby Cars. Wayne placed first and Scott placed second at the Blue & Gold Banquet. Alysas Schovajsa was named Cub master. Scott Schovajsa placed 2nd Bear Division in the Brenham District Derby.

Women of Welcome

WOW (Women of Welcome) will be having their "first" bake sale on Saturday, March 23. Cakes, Pies, Cookies and Homemade Breads.

If you would like to contribute something please have them at Lindemann Store by 8:34 a.m. on Saturday, March 23 or you may leave the Fellowship Hall Kitchen on Friday.

From previous bake sales by other groups it has been found that 8x8 pans for cakes are best. If you need any of these please come by and get them out of the Fellowship kitchen.

Thank you in advance for your participation.



It's Time To Fill the Warehouse

The Rosenberg Warehouse has space to fill!

We are in need of:

Quilts and baby blankets

Flood Buckets filled or the supplies that go in them

Tools (such as shovels, brooms, mops, rakes)

Bibles—Spanish and kids (also bible stories)

Note cards with words of encouragement written on them—we insert these into the Bibles!

God Bless You

Michael and Pat Dittrich

Serve each other through love—Galatians 5:13

There will be baskets at the back of the church in March and April for items.

WOW Women of Welcome Bake Sale

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