

He is
Risen

News of Elizabeth Lutheran

April Highlights

April 7th

Council Mtg @ 11:30 AM

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Altar Guild Mtg after worship

April 8, 15, 22 and 29th

WOW bible study @ 10 am

April 14th

Special called Congregational Mtg related to the building project

April 14th

Cemetery Special Offering Day

April 20th

Community Pantry

April 23rd

Passover

April 26th

Info submission deadline for newsletter @ 10 AM

April 28th

BLUE SUNDAY – pray for children & families impacted by the child welfare system.

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Margaret Hibbeler

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Sylvia Hein

Debbie Skrabanek

Lisa Blum

Twana Benner

Dianna Curington

Council Members

President – Cody Novosad
979-204-1428

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979-820-8315

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979-219-1549

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409-939-0666

CELEBRATIONS

April Birthdays



April Anniversaries



April Baptisms



Aubrey Maurer	3
Yutta Vess	5
Georgia Brinkman	6
Makala Gerland	9
Hudson Novosad	12
Ann Tallent	17
Brian Rok	20
Julianne Gerland	22
Randy Brinkman	26

Devin & Makala Gerland	19
Paul & Willie Hobbs	25
Weldon & Carol Coker	26

Aubrey Maurer	5
Doris Sebesta	6
Aimee Curington	12
Abbey Stevenson	12
Jake Hibbeler	19
LaRisa Rok	24
Brittany McManus	30

OTHER CELEBRATION

☺ Caitlyn Faust - classroom champion! Congratulations and keep up the good work...in and out of the classroom☺

*For celebrations corrections or additions, please let the office know by email at: office@elizabeth-lutheran.org or leave a note on the office desk.

Monthly Financial Information:

2023 Annual Budget:	\$188,359.00
Amount needed monthly:	\$ 15,696.59
Amount rec'd in March :	\$ 12,676.00
Average weekly attendance:	104

April

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
2nd Sunday of Easter Council Mtg @ 11:30 AM Altar Guild Mtg after worship	WOW Bible Study "Bad Girls of the Bible" @ 10AM					
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
3rd Sunday of Easter Special called Congregational Mtg after worship Cemetery Special Offering Day	WOW Bible Study "Bad Girls of the Bible" @ 10AM					Community Pantry 7-10 AM
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
4th Sunday of Easter	WOW Bible Study "Bad Girls of the Bible" @ 10AM	Passover			Newsletter Info Deadline by 10 AM	
28	29	30				
5th Sunday of Easter BLUE SUNDAY	WOW Bible Study "Bad Girls of the Bible" @ 10AM					

April Worship Responsibilities

9 AM Service	April 7	April 14	April 21	April 28	
USHERS	John Hoffman, Gabbo Goetsch, Vince Neal and Bud Oliver				
ALTAR GUILD	Becky Goetsch & Jennifer Kvasovic				
ACOLYTES	Lila Supak	Jenna Hibbeler	Brynleigh Parkin	Savanah Faust	
READERS	Devin Gerland	Clair Schulle	Gail Broussard	Makala Gerland	
AUDIO/VISUAL	Gerlands	Vince Neal	Novosads	Ciara Coker	
COMMUNION SERVERS	Maryanne Rogers & Gabbo Goetsch	Tiffany Parkin & Cody Novosad	Vince Neal & Jaxton McNair	Gabbo Goetsch & Shawn Faust	

WOW-WOMEN OF THE WORD NEWS

- ✚ WOW-Women of the Word new bible study "Bad Girls of the Bible" by Liz Curtis Higgs. It will begin April 8th. For a book, contact Clair Schulle or Lisa Blum by March 18th. Read at home, then gather for discussion the following Monday! All women are invited 😊
- ✚ WOW directories (all women 18 and older) are ready to pick up in the narthex.

An Anonymous Million and One Thanks!

Dear Elizabeth Lutheran Church Food Pantry and All Volunteers,
 I'd like to thank all of you for our box of food and ham. All of you have worked hard to help the senior citizens of Burleson County. We appreciate all of you and the work that you do. May God Bless!
 Thank you ever so much!!!



Texas District

Mission Moment

by Pastor Bryce Formwalt
Director of Mission Growth



HARVEST
WORKERS

Speaking Truth in Love

"But speaking the truth in love, let us grow in every way into him who is the head—Christ." — Eph. 4:15

I was recently asked my opinion regarding how churches, pastors and followers of Jesus should talk about difficult, hot-button topics in a way that is faithful but also does not exacerbate the divisions that often exist between us and the very people we are called to reach with the Gospel. This is an excellent question and is worthy of thoughtful reflection and conversation. I hope that this might spur-on thoughtful dialogue for you and your church as each of us wrestles with the tension between being faithful to what we know to be true and honoring God by loving those who do not share our faith or worldview.

While homosexuality happened to be the topic of interest for this person, similar questions have been asked about abortion and gender identity as well as other contentious topics where a biblical morality and a sense of personal freedom collide. Regardless of what the hot-button topic is, effectively communicating the Gospel is an ongoing challenge for any follower of Jesus. So how do we handle these sensitive topics while being mindful of our mission? We need to speak the truth in love.

Relationships are key to transformational love. The adage "people don't care about what you know until they know that you care" rings true. I don't think anyone had their worldview or moral systems rearranged because they were argued into agreement. Our priority must be to get into a position to influence another person. This happens best by building an authentic, loving relationship with people who order their beliefs differently than we do. How do we do this? We find a common interest, make an investment of time, and ask questions of genuine curiosity all while enjoying and celebrating the gift of sharing time. At some point, your new friend will likely reciprocate with curiosity and interest in you and what you believe. Eventually, God will give you opportunities for sharing the Gospel, opening the door for authentic transformation.

Attentive to the work of the Holy Spirit in these moments, courageously meet your new friend right where they are with the truth spoken in love. Recall the compassionate love of God that meets you in your sin, brokenness, and the arrogance of your better ideas. Draw upon that well, seeking to reflect God's love in your own relationship with the person you are ministering to. Embodying the love of Jesus is critical as we share biblical truth and introduce the Gospel of salvation. With patience, persevere in loving those who see things differently. Remember: they are not an enemy to be conquered... they are the prize to be won!

BLUE SUNDAY...APRIL 28, 2024

Our church has been asked to participate in BLUE SUNDAY. This is a day for churches across the country to pray for children and families impacted by the child welfare system.

We will have special prayers for millions of children who are victims of abuse/neglect. Our church has supported this program through the Burleson Health Resource Center that works with Child Protective Services.

Children removed from their homes are not able to take personal items. Underwear is basic but essentially needed. We would like to have UNDIE SUNDAYS the month of April.

Bring underwear, diapers and socks from sizes infant to size 14 for boys and girls. You may drop them off before church service or at the office during office hours (M-F 9-1). We will donate them to the Rainbow Room for Child Protective case workers to provide for children in our area as they transition to foster care homes.

If you prefer, you can write a check to Burleson Health Resource Center. We will have a basket for collection at ELC.

Bless you for your continued support through many years!

If you need more information contact Sharon Novosad at (979)820-0650.