

# THE CHRONICLES

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Soon we will be proclaiming, “Christ is Risen! Christ is Risen Indeed!” What a great proclamation as we gather for worship on Easter Sunday. Whether it’s after we have made our way down the dark pathway to the outdoor chapel in the early dawn or after a few cups of coffee coming for the 10:00 Festival Worship.

As a little girl one of the exciting parts of celebrating Easter was buying a pretty new dress with the matching white shoes, socks, purse and hat. It was a big deal. It meant that we were celebrating Easter and that the cold winter was almost over. As the snow would melt, the tulips and daffodils poked up through the ground and the we watched and waited for the Robins returning.

Spring and Easter also brought the flower and seed catalogues into our home. My mom and dad both enjoyed gardening and it was fun to look through the catalogues and dream of beautiful flowers and wonder why they wanted to plant all those vegetables. There were some years where half of our backyard was garden and the other half ball field.

Living in the Texas Hill Country has brought me a new set of visual changes in the landscape and the sounds of the nighttime come back to life. Our church year reflects a journey of ups and downs, joys and sorrows. Lent serves as a time of reflecting on the journey of Jesus and his followers to the cross. Easter is a much anticipated celebration of the resurrection following a thoughtful and agonizing Holy Week.

I encourage you to remember back to your Easter celebrations over the years. What brings you great joy? What are those events that you miss? How do you want to walk through Holy Week? What will you do on Holy Saturday preparing to join your voice in our Easter celebration?

Easter is a day that we are invited to celebrate each day. It’s not necessary to go out and buy new clothes – but great fun to know that new life, new hope and new blessings come to us each day because Jesus rose from the dead. Death has lost its sting. Christ is Risen! Christ is Risen Indeed!

Pastor Becky



### April Birthdays



- 2 Mike Schliessmann
- 4 Hannah Raska
- 6 Travis Kilpatrick
- 13 Stephen Hohmann
- 15 Paula Johnson
- 22 Owen Durkin
- 22 Joyce Bradshaw
- 24 Emily Merkord
- 28 Sally Sherwood

### April Anniversaries



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- 20 Jan & Al Erlandson  
(61 years)

## LENTEN SERVICES

### **March 29** – Wednesday

6:15 Soup and Sandwich Meal

7pm - Skit “Monk(ey) Shine”

### **April 5** – Wednesday

6:15 Soup and Sandwich Meal

7pm - Skit “Monk(eying) Around”

### **April 13** – Maundy Thursday

6pm – Joint Worship with New Hope at  
Blanco

### **April 14** – Good Friday

Noon – Community Service at Methodist  
Church

6pm – Worship Service at LCR

### **April 16** – EASTER!

7am – Sunrise Service at Outdoor Chapel

10am – Worship Service

11:15am – Brunch and Easter Egg Hunt

Our skits are brought to you by the LCR  
Thespians and Luther500 committee.

### *10 Minutes a Day*

*Join the Missional River leadership team  
reading Acts chapter 2, verses 42-47 and  
praying for 10 minutes each day. What is  
God saying to you in this passage?*

**Freed & RENEWED**  
**in Christ** 500 YEARS OF GOD'S  
GRACE IN ACTION



## **Luther500 News!**

**Seder Meal— Mark your calendar!** LCR will host a Seder meal and service on **April 9 at 4:00 P.M.** This will certainly be a memorable experience, as we share this very special historic meal! Space is limited and reservations are required. LCR members and their guests were given priority with an RSVP deadline of March 19. The Seder is now being promoted to the general public to fill remaining spaces. If you missed the deadline but still wish to attend, **please RSVP to Maureen in the church office by April 2.** Invite your friends and neighbors to join us, too!

**Soap Drive** - Word has it that Martin Luther—our guest of honor and keeper of the soap—is delighted that his soap tubs runneth over and that we've almost reached our goal of 500 bars! The children had fun making homemade soap in Sunday School and passing out bubbles during the children's sermon to highlight this important effort for Lutheran World Relief. We will be collecting soap through March, so you can still add to the tub until the end of the month.

**Season of Lent** – Our Lenten services continue in March through April 5<sup>th</sup> with Wednesday evening meals at 6:15 (soup and sandwiches) followed by the worship program at 7:00. The skits have proven to be a hit, and the awesome LCR actors have kept the audience laughing. Plan to join your church family on Wednesday evenings for soup, sandwiches and skits and give these talented players an encore! You'll be glad you came!

**May** – Music written by Luther will be featured each Sunday.

**June** – We will learn more about other reformers who influenced Martin Luther and helped shape the Reformation.

**July** – LCR will enter a Reformation-themed float in Wimberley's 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade

**August** – The emphasis will be on Education, the Catechisms, the Back-to-School Drive and Back Pack Blessing.

Stay tuned for news of the future activities, including our **Grand Finale on October 29<sup>th</sup>.**

**Your Luther500 Team:** *Blaine Nelson, Shirley Schliessmann, Pastor Becky, John Fox, Lynn Raska, Chris Weaver, Dianne Kilpatrick*

## April Worship Helpers

### Assistant Ministers

2 Autry Burns  
9 Shirley Schliessmann  
16 **Sunrise**  
10am Lois Hickman  
23 Autry Burns  
30 Lois Hickman

### Acolytes

2 Whitlee Leonard  
9 Abigail Burttschell  
16 10am Whitlee Leonard  
23 Benjamin Raska  
30 Abigail Burttschell

### Readers

2 Vincent Gordin  
9 Danny Hickman  
16 **Sunrise Tamela Jarvais-Flores**  
10am Kay McBrayer  
23 Patti Gibson  
30 Natalie Merkord

### Ushers

2 Don Isler  
9 Merkord Family  
16 10am Autry Burns and Al Strobel  
23 Raska Family  
30 Merkord Family

### Altar Guild

2 Pat Ehrhart  
9 Ann Fox  
16 10am Shirley Schliessmann  
23 Dianne Kilpatrick  
30 Bella Raska

### Greeter

2 Autry Burns  
9 Enid Isler  
16 **Sunrise Arturo Flores**  
10am Angie Rose  
23 Claire Valentine  
30 Joan Mohr

### Counters

2 Don Isler  
9 Brandon Merkord  
16 10am Shirley Schliessmann  
23 Jason Valentine  
30 Shirley Schliessmann

### Bulletin Folders

2 Mary Rodgers  
9 Pat Ehrhart  
16 Angie Rose  
23 Blaine Nelson  
30 Enid Isler



## **Quarterly Congregation Meeting**

Please stay after worship on Sunday, April 23 for the Quarterly Congregational Meeting. The Building and Bills Committee will present the financial reports from the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of 2017 and there will also be a report from the Missional River Team (MRT). MRT will be sharing what they are discovering in the

LEAD and Congregational Survey and they'll share what they plan for the next steps in the Missional River Journey.

## **Memory Support/Alzheimer's Programs**

Wimberley offers several options for caregivers and adults suffering with memory loss or Alzheimer's.

1) On Fri. March 31<sup>st</sup>, from 11:30-1 at Chapel in the Hills there will be a presentation by Steve Catoe "Tips and strategies for effective communication with persons with dementia." This is free but registration is required, contact 512-241-0420 or [RRodriguez@TXAlz.org](mailto:RRodriguez@TXAlz.org).

2) Circle of Friends is a group of individuals with moderate memory loss who meet and participate in arts & crafts, music & dance, ... The group meets on Thurs. from 10am-2pm at the Wimberley Community Center. More info is available from 512-847-1781 or [www.wimberleyseniors.com](http://www.wimberleyseniors.com).

3) The Alzheimer's Caregiver's Support Group meets monthly on the first Thursday of every month at 1pm at the Wimberley Presbyterian Church Library. The caregivers meet in an informal setting to share health news and information. The next meeting is April 6<sup>th</sup>. More info is available from Linda Germain at 512-924-3661.



## **Wimberley Community Chorus**

The Wimberley Community Chorus will present their spring concert "Thoughts of Love" on Fri. March 31, and April 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Wimberley Presbyterian Church. The concerts are at 7pm on Fri. and Sat. and 3pm on Sunday. Pastor Becky and Mikki will be singing.

## LCR's Awesome Actors Delight Us on Lenten Wednesdays with Light-hearted Lessons on Luther

If you haven't been able to make it on Wednesday evenings for the tasty soup & sandwich suppers and "Lenten Lessons on Luther," you'll want to be sure to join us for the last two: March 29 and April 5. Supper is served beginning at 6:15 and worship begins at 7:00. The worship lessons, although light-hearted and humorous, deliver meaningful messages and teach us a great deal about Luther and the Reformation. See you there! Bring a neighbor, bring a friend!



**Skit 1:** 1) Every Lenten Wednesday Martin Luther (Autry Burns) returns from Heaven for interviews with Baba Waters (Tamela Jarvais-Flores). 2) Time for a commercial break with Claire Valentine, selling products as ridiculous as the indulgences sold in Luther's day. 3) Claire also serves as audience-prompter.



**Skit 2:** 1) "You What??" Luther's parents (Daryl Ready & Lois Hickman) are stunned when young Martin (Ben Raska, Jr.) says he's going to be a MONK! 2) Seasoned monks (Al Strobel & Pat Ehrhart) advise monastery newcomer, young Martin (Ben), that he won't need his iPod or cell phone anymore!



**Skit 3:** 1) Luther (Autry) listens as Baba (Tamela) calculates how many indulgences LCR needs to sell to pay for a new building, 2) while Luther's Wittenberg friends (Don & Enid Isler) celebrate their purchase of indulgences that ensure they "get out of doing any good works around here anymore!"



## Wimberley Habitat for Humanity

Wimberley Habitat for Humanity is building its 19<sup>th</sup> home this spring. Volunteers are needed on Thursdays, Fridays and most Saturdays throughout the spring to help with this home. We meet at 8:30 and usually work until 3pm. The address is 38 Persimmon in Woodcreek North. Bring gloves and a hammer to the site to help.



## Missional River Team Survey

Join the Missional River Team as we listen to God and conduct a survey of the congregation. We will be asking a few questions that are included below. This will give you a chance to ponder these questions.

- 1) List three reasons why people would want to come to this congregation? (Being friendly doesn't count)
- 2) What do we perceive the challenges in this neighborhood to be?
- 3) How has God positioned LCR to serve its neighbors?

## Thank yous !

-Thank you to Jim Rodgers for trimming the many trees all throughout the property.

-Thank you to the LCR Thespians for their wonderful Lenten skits. They are being enjoyed by many people and have really added to the Lenten and Luther500 experience.

-Thank you to the Road Clean-up Crew for their hard work on March 25<sup>th</sup>: Frank Bauer led the group of: Al Strobel, Angie Rose, Lois Hickman, Autry Burns, Brandon Merkord, Pastor Becky and Blaine Nelson. Nineteen bags were collected, many of them quite heavy as pieces of a car were in the bags.

-Thank you to the Wed. evening soup and sandwich providers: the Burns, the Raskas, the Hickmans, Blaine, Angie Rose, and Tamela Jarvis-Flores.



Mary Rodgers  
 Michael Thurman  
 Estelle Hill  
 Tyler Proue  
 Robert Sherwood  
 Shane Whitaker  
 Carol Peregoy  
 Sarah  
 Greg Myers  
 Kelly Sensat  
 Pamela Westerberg  
 Eric Strobel  
 Phyllis Moore  
 Betty Wanek

**“He heals the brokenhearted  
 and binds up their wounds.” -  
 Psalm 147:3**