



*Lutheran Churches in  
Washington County, Texas*

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# Worship Calendar

## Immanuel

**Bible Study** – each Sunday morning at 9:30 am

**Sunday School** – each Sunday morning at 9:30 am

**Worship Service** – each Sunday morning at 10:30 am

### Teaching Sunday School Schedule

November 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Pam Bothe
November 10 <sup>th</sup>	Kailey Torrez
November 17 <sup>th</sup>	Amy Hohlt
November 24 <sup>th</sup>	Kenleigh Wellmann

### Teaching Children's Church Schedule

Michelle Krischke
Kim Hodde
Cheryl Joswiak
Kenleigh Wellmann

Immanuel will be participating in

## **BETHLEHEM IN INDEPENDENCE**

### *Live Nativity*

December 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> | 6:00 – 8:00 pm

Independence School House | 9325 FM 390 E, Brenham

For more information, please contact Pam Bothe | 979-451-0952

## Eben-Ezer

**Worship Service** – each Sunday morning at 8:30 am

**Sunday School** – each Sunday morning at 9:30 am



Dear Friends,

Every time I come to November, there are two themes that seem to run through the month, Remembrance and Thanksgiving. The first “remembrance” part of the month comes right at the beginning with All Saints Sunday which will be on November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Each church I have served over the last 40 years has always made this an important Sunday. One of the things that make it meaningful is the church taking time to remember those connected in some way with the church who have died in the past year, and I think it is very helpful especially for family and friends, to be able to give thanks again for the one they have known and loved. It is also another affirmation of the church that death is not the end by affirming the promise of the resurrection.

The second day of remembrance and giving thanks is Veteran’s Day November 11<sup>th</sup>. Veteran’s Day is the day we honor all our Veterans. I always feel we do not emphasize this day enough because Veteran’s Day is overshadowed by Memorial Day in May, when we honor our fallen as we should. Our country owes a real debt of gratitude to those who served out of a sense of duty to our country and to keep our country safe and free. Both my late father and father-in-law were among those who fulfilled that sense of duty serving in World War II, and then five years later my father served in Korea. To all the Veterans who have served in the Armed Forces at any time, thank you for your service.

The third date of remembrance and giving thanks is Thanksgiving Day November 28<sup>th</sup>. One only must look at the Psalms and how important it was for the Psalmist to give thanks to God. With the routine of our lives, we tend to go from one thing to another, not taking time to reflect on how we got there, and what God provided for us along the way. Our traditional Thanksgiving centers around the stories of a group of people from England in 1620 who came to the new world to escape religious persecution in their homeland. However, their voyage over was anything but easy, severe weather, lack of food, and disease plagued them on that voyage. Once they landed, they had to deal with the harsh New England winter, and life-threatening disease. With the help of the native population there, they began to finally make a life for themselves, and in the fall, they had a feast of thanksgiving to God. Over the years setting aside a day of national Thanksgiving has been part of our country until the date settled on to be the fourth Thursday in November. It seems to me that it is far easier to complain than to take to reflect and give thanks for all the blessings God has given us in this land.

I want to take this opportunity to give thanks to God for all of you, and your partnership in ministry as well. There are volunteers both “up front” and behind the scenes that make ministry and fellowship happen in both churches. Thank you so much. You stand in a lengthy line of folk who have served over the years to make ministry happen in both churches.

On another note, the joint call committee from both churches is moving forward with the call process to call a new pastor. Please support the committee and pray for them in this especially important ministry and task.

May this month of remembrance and thanksgiving be a blessing to you and yours!

Your brother in Christ,  
John

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# Eben-Ezer Lutheran Church of Berlin

“OLDEST LUTHERAN CHURCH IN WASHINGTON COUNTY”

A CONGREGATION OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

## Faith Formation

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Sunday School Class meets every Sunday morning at 9:30 in the Activity Building.

## Social Outreach

### BREAD PARTNERS

Accepting food donations for Bread Partners of Washington County.

**They are in need of peanut butter, cereal, dry beans, and rice.**

Please place donations in basket in the Narthex.



## CARDS & CARE PACKAGES

### FOR RESIDENTS OF NURSING AND RETIREMENT FACILITIES

Share a little joy with members of our congregation who are residents of nursing and retirement facilities. Let them know they are not alone. They are in our prayers and loved by our community. If anyone else needs to be added to this list, please let us know. Address cards and packages to them personally at the care facility.

- Bernice Hanath                      Oakland Manor Nursing, 1400 N Main St, Giddings TX 78942
- Sheila Bradshaw                    c/o Pauline Bradshaw, 6251 HWY 36 N, Brenham TX 77833
- Joe Turner                              High Hope Care Center, 401 E Blue Bell Rd, Brenham TX 77833

## October 2024 Church Council Meeting Highlights

### September Treasurer's Report:

GEN: \$33,184                      YOUTH: \$3,359  
BLDG: \$12,379                    SS: \$1,112  
PARSONAGE: \$12,358          CONF: \$1,616  
CUNA: \$7,380  
CEMETERY MAINT: \$1,954  
CEMETERY INVEST: \$27,551  
SCHUERER INVEST: \$58,184  
SCHUERER CD: \$47,985  
PARSONAGE CD: \$20,000

PRESIDENT: Call Committee working on profile and Family Day was a success.

VICE-PRESIDENT: Shower door completed at rent house.

PASTOR: First Communion Service. Acolyte training done. Attend Town & Country Mission Society meeting.

PROPERTY: Side of building damaged by storm has been repaired.

SOCIAL OUTREACH: Working to help families in need at Thanksgiving and Christmas.

November Joint Council Meeting – plan 2025 service calendar.

Communion wine has been donated by a member.

Approved Pastor's insurance for 2025.

Need members to serve on Nominating Committee.

Approved transfer of 2% of monthly offering to the Cemetery Maintenance Fund.

Parsonage rental discussion was tabled.

# Eben-Ezer, Berlin



- 3<sup>rd</sup> Dottie Herrmann
- 8<sup>th</sup> Betty Goerlitz
- 10<sup>th</sup> Dwayne "Speedy" Stegent
- 10<sup>th</sup> Keegan Stokley
- 15<sup>th</sup> Kevin Burnett
- 15<sup>th</sup> Dalton Hynes
- 17<sup>th</sup> Emma Neutzler
- 18<sup>th</sup> Ella Rau
- 19<sup>th</sup> Donald Knebel
- 20<sup>th</sup> Valeria Oevermann
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Paisley Huston
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Roy Hegefeld
- 26<sup>th</sup> Dorothy "MeMe" Hohlt
- 26<sup>th</sup> De Wise
- 28<sup>th</sup> Ann Franke



- 2<sup>nd</sup> Mary Sklar
- 4<sup>th</sup> Ayden Huston
- 12<sup>th</sup> Carolyn Brister
- 12<sup>th</sup> Charles Franke Jr
- 12<sup>th</sup> Jensen Ruemke
- 13<sup>th</sup> Wanda Farrack
- 13<sup>th</sup> Freddy Gresham
- 15<sup>th</sup> Michael Hohlt
- 18<sup>th</sup> Joyce Brisbin
- 21<sup>st</sup> Kelly Stokley
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Charly Ruemke
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Cora Ruemke
- 25<sup>th</sup> Ashlea Herrmann
- 28<sup>th</sup> Bruce Hohlt
- 29<sup>th</sup> Doris Eckert

## Happy Anniversary

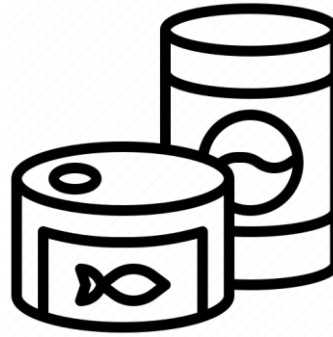
- 1<sup>st</sup> Jerry & Pat Schwartz 50 years
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Josh & Charly Ruemke 11 years
- 6<sup>th</sup> Jimmy & Cookie Loesch 53 years
- 14<sup>th</sup> Kevin & Tammy Burnett 32 years
- 16<sup>th</sup> Clifford & Joyce Brisbin 5 years
- 21<sup>st</sup> Ralph & Kelly Stokley 4 years
- 24<sup>th</sup> Donnie & Erin Schwartz 1 year
- 28<sup>th</sup> Lane & Shayna Vermillion 4 years

# Immanuel Lutheran Church of Wiedeville

A CONGREGATION OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA



**Good Neighbor Sunday**  
**December 29<sup>th</sup>**



## Wiedeville Can

- Food donations of canned goods.
- Box in Fellowship Hall.
- Monetary donations also accepted.

*Happy  
Birthday*

2<sup>nd</sup> Tanya Hupe  
5<sup>th</sup> Amy Hohlt  
14<sup>th</sup> Pam Bolenbarr  
14<sup>th</sup> MacKenzie Maurer  
16<sup>th</sup> Kenleigh Wellmann  
24<sup>th</sup> Sue Hohlt  
23<sup>rd</sup> Glen Goodwin  
26<sup>th</sup> Kaden Gurka  
30<sup>th</sup> Trenton Stewart  
30<sup>th</sup> Eilla Rosenbaum-Kolar  
30<sup>th</sup> Ellie Rosenbaum-Kolar



## CARDS & CARE PACKAGES FOR RESIDENTS OF NURSING & RETIREMENT FACILITIES

Share a little joy with members of our congregation. Let them know they are not alone. They are in our prayers and loved by our community. If anyone else needs to be added to this list, please let us know. Address cards and packages to them personally at the facility.

- Becky Hardy  
Focused Care Brenham  
1303 HWY 290 E, Brenham TX 77833
- Delois Moehlmann  
Brenham Nursing and Rehab  
400 E Sayles St., Brenham TX 77833

## Happy Anniversary

18<sup>th</sup> Wade & Tara Wellmann  
26<sup>th</sup> Waylon & Mallory Maxwell

# Worship Leaders

## Eben-Ezer, Berlin

	<b>November 3</b> All Saints Sunday	<b>November 10</b> Pentecost 25 Communion	<b>November 17</b> Pentecost 26 <b>WELCA</b> Thankoffering Service	<b>November 24</b> Christ The King Communion	<b>November 26</b> Thanksgiving Service with Communion at Eben-Ezer <u>12:10 Noon</u> and
<b>Worship Time</b>	<b>8:30 am</b>	<b>8:30 am</b>	<b>8:30 am</b>	<b>8:30 am</b>	<b>6:00 pm Service</b> <b>Worship Leaders</b>
<b>Ushers</b>	Debbie Knipstein Janice Steinfeld	Duane Ahrens Michael Hohlt	Lisa Grebe Sherry Steinfeld	Charles Franke Larry Grebe	
<b>Lector</b>	Ella Rau	Sara Gresham	Dot Borchgardt	Emily Noak	Michael Brister
<b>Organist</b>	Connie Warmke	Connie Warmke	Connie Warmke	Connie Warmke	Connie Warmke
<b>Communion Ware</b>		Leann Huston Judy Steinfeld		Sara Gresham Dina Weiss	
<b>Acolyte</b>	Alex Shell	Ilene Genzel	Council Person/ Usher	Brynlee Beckendorf	Council Person/ Usher
<b>Council Person</b>	Debbie Knipstein	Scott Gresham	Carolyn Brister	Matthew Danesi	Olivia Borgstedte
<b>Offering Counters</b>	Debbie Knipstein Charles Franke	Scott Gresham Olivia Borgstedte	Carolyn Brister Dot Borchgardt	Matthew Danesi Debbie Knipstein	Olivia Borgstedte
<b>Altar Flowers</b>	Jimmy & Cookie Loesch	Betty Goerlitz	Debbie Knipstein	Charles & Ann Franke	

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<b>Ushers</b>	Dane Rau Rau Family	Dane Rau Rau Family	Jon Hodde Kim Hodde	Jon Hodde Kim Hodde	
<b>Lector</b>	Melonie Rau	Kim Hodde	Rodney Maurer	Cheryl Joswiak	
<b>Acolyte</b>	Jackson Bothe	Kase Bolenbarr	Jhett Burleson	Payson Gurka	
<b>Altar Flowers</b>	Barbara Kohring	Patty Addicks	Rodney & Jerri Maurer	Johnnie & Elois Eickenhorst	

# Remember in Prayer

## Immanuel, Wiedeville

### Members in Nursing Homes, Homebound, Recovering

Cristina Ashorn	Alfred Kalbow
Gene Bothe	Stephen Maurer
Alan Dreyer	Delores Meyer
Shirley Dreyer	Delois Moehlmann
Josh Gurka	Jones Moehlmann
Gary Haevischer	Bill Vesper
Becky Hardy	Edna Weiss
Scott Hodde	Diana Wellmann
Tanya Hupe	

### In Our Extended Family

Sherri Goebel	Sheree Pence
Paul Jenkins	Fred Rau
Doris Kramer	Edna Roehling
Ronnie Kyzar	Gladys Roehmer
Cindy Lyles	Colin Smith
Joan Meschewitz	Dee Turner
	Rhonda Wehmeyer

### For First Responders and Military Personnel

Colton Buro	Nathan Guerrero
Zada Davis	Brock Blanton
Destiny Eickenhorst	Justin Hawkins
Tyler Eickenhorst	Lindsey Theile
Cole McCullough	Logan Mysembourg

## Eben-Ezer, Berlin

### Members in Nursing Homes, Homebound, Recovering

Sheila Bradshaw	Valeria Oevermann
Curtis Dittert	Jeanette Preuss
Albert Green	Bud Reneau
Clifton Green	Gladys Schwartz
Marta Green	Judy Smith
Bernice Hanath	Randy Smith
Dottie Herrmann	Cathie Steinfeld
Adelyn Merryman	An Nell Zwahr

### In Our Extended Family

Cristina Ashorn	Chris Marek
Ann Booth	Lana Meier
Anna Breddin	Marlena Merrill
Tim Culliver	Grant Milton
Misty Lynn Daniel	Shirley Mormar
Robin Davidson	Dennis Neumann
Michelle Dees	Eric Ortiz
Yvette Dorian	Jerry Parker
Carol Fenton	Ashlyn Hohlt Sanford
Josh Gurka	Kimberlyn Hohlt Sanford
Jason Hensen	Weegie Scheel
Carmen Hohlt	Colin Smith
Thomas Kelling	Lincoln Tiemann
Lynnlee Korcurek	Dee Turner
Lonnie Lueck	Verlin Warmke
Ronnie Luhn	Zachary Weigelt
Cindy Lyles	Kathy Weiss
Terry Mantey	Mary Winkelmann

#### Reminder:

If you know of anyone on our prayer list that should be removed, or someone who should be added, please contact the church office to help us keep our prayer list current. Thanks!

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**Happy Thanksgiving!**  
**November 2024**

## *Eben-Ezer, Berlin*

### **CHURCH COUNCIL**

President	Michael Brister
Vice-President	Scott Gresham
Treasurer	Carolyn Brister
Secretary	Dot Borchgardt
Faith Formation	Matthew Danesi
Property	Charles Franke
Social Outreach	Olivia Borgstedte
Worship	Debbie Knipstein

### **NON-COUNCIL POSITION**

Financial Secretary	Cookie Loesch
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### **SPECIAL COMMITTEE**

Congregational Life

### **CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS**

Ann Franke, Memorial Chairperson  
Dot Borchgardt, WELCA Chairperson

## *Immanuel, Wiedeville*

### **CHURCH COUNCIL**

President	Kim Hodde
Secretary	Jerri Maurer
Treasurer	Cheryl Joswiak
Financial Secretary	Michelle Krischke
Member-At-Large	Wade Wellmann
Member-At-Large	Jon Hodde
Member-At-Large	Tanya Hupe