



**“ You meant it for evil - but meant it for Good ”**

Jesus says, *“Do to others as you would have them do to you.”* This is the well-known Golden Rule, updated as, *“Treat others the way you would like to be treated.”* That seems simple enough. I think I can be kind, friendly, and nice to the people I meet, just as I would like other people to be kind, friendly, and nice to me.

But it doesn't always work out that way, does it? Sometimes due to our sinful nature and the circumstances of life, rather than treating people the way we would like to be treated, we mistreat them, misuse them, or even abuse them. Sometimes we are corrected for our bad behavior right away, and when we are, we ought to confess our sin against our neighbor and change our sinful behavior, in other words, repent. But at other times, we seemingly get away with it, and only later are we confronted with the wrong we did.

This is what happened to Joseph's brothers after they sold their brother Joseph into slavery in Egypt. Only after traveling to Egypt because of their need for food due to famine in the land of Israel were they confronted with their sin. Joseph was alive, and not only was he alive, he was second-in-command in Egypt. The brothers were confronted by their sin, afraid for their lives, and in despair.

Aware of his brothers' sorrow over their sin, Joseph spoke to them the following words of grace: *“As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good”* (Genesis 50:20). God is in charge of everything that happens in life, sometimes allowing evil to take place for His future mission of grace. In Joseph's case, God allowed him to be sold into slavery in order that he might

prepare for the famine in the land and many lives might be saved. In the brothers' case, God allowed them to sell Joseph into slavery so that years later they might be saved through his wise and faithful stewardship of the crops in Egypt for their welfare.

During the month of March, we have special opportunities to celebrate God's grace in the lives of His people. On **Sunday, March 17th, we will remember St. Patrick in our worship service.** He was captured as a teenager by raiders and sold into slavery in Ireland, but after escaping and becoming a bishop in France, he returned to Ireland to spread the Gospel and save many unbelievers. And, of course, **we will celebrate the greatest example of God using evil for good on Easter Sunday, March 31st,** when we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. He was crucified for sinners, but rose again to give life and immortality to everyone who believes in Him.

Please also join us for our

***Wednesday evening Lenten Services, the 6th, 13th, and 20th,***

***Palm Sunday, the 24th - Sunday School at 9:15 am; Worship Service & Children's Church at 10:30 am followed by an Easter Egg Hunt***

***Holy Week - Maundy Thursday, the 28th at 6:30 pm, and Good Friday, the 29th at 6:30 pm***

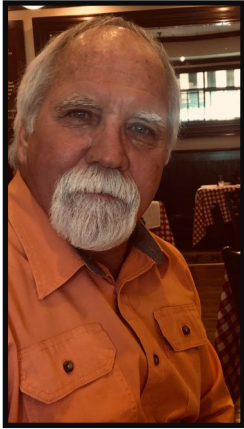
***Easter Sunday, the 31st - Sunrise Service at 7:30 am, Continental Breakfast at 8:30 am and Festive Service at 10:30 am***

See you in church!

Your co-worker in Christ, Richard S. Lofgren  
**Rev. Richard Lofgren, Pastor**

## Following Jesus . . .

Following Jesus is not always easy or comfortable. Often it means great costs and sacrifice, with no earthly rewards or security.



Jesus didn't have a place to call home. You may find that following Christ costs you popularity, friendships, leisure time or treasured habits.

But while the cost of following Christ is high, the value of being Christ's disciple is even higher. Discipleship is an investment that lasts for eternity and yields incredible rewards.

Stay in Prayer. Stay in the Word and have a Blessed Easter Season. *Mike Gissi*

## From Your Elders . . .

The month of February has been one busy month for the Elders of Messiah Lutheran Church . . .

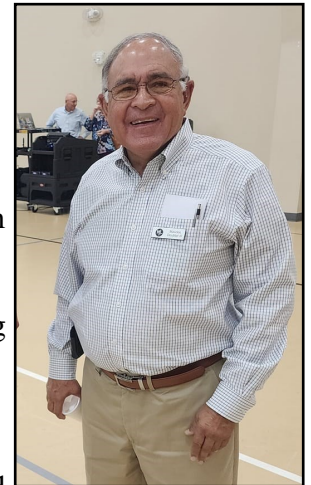
Besides keeping up with our flocks with phone calls, visitations and prayers and setting up folding chairs and altar preparation on the stage in the gym.

A big part of the month was involved with moving, the first part of the month we moved the down stair Conference Room / Library furniture to the middle of the Narthex and Maurine's office down to the Fellowship Room in the Family Life Center. The middle of the month we moved the furniture from the Narthex back into the Conference Room / Library as well as some smaller items from Family Life Center back to the worship center.

On February 26 we moved Maurine's office from the Family Life Center back to the worship center. While some Elders were at Church the new Dry Erase Board was hung in the Narthex and the old Key Control Box was re-installed in the Copy Room as well as repairing a table in the Narthex that was damaged.

Keep in mind your Elder is always available and please don't hesitate to notify him when needed.

*Maurice Doublett*





## Discipleship Lessons from Scripture

We are told by Jesus that we are to go and make more disciples (Matt 28:19-20). Messiah's Mission Statement is: The unchanging Word of God and Sacraments are at the core of all we do. His message of love, forgiveness, and salvation, empowered by the Holy Spirit,

**guides our mission to make disciples and to serve the spiritual needs of our community and the world.**

We thank God for Messiah members who are stepping up to offer their time, talent, and treasure in support of this mission. So many of you volunteer week after week.

For that we **Thank you!**

God has placed us in a thriving, growing community with new people moving in weekly. Several are visiting as we increase communication efforts such as Laura Sanders' upgrade of our website - [messiahboerne.org](http://messiahboerne.org).

Mario and Eve Betancourt are doing a great job running our monthly children's church which is so helpful. However, we still need staffing for our **Nursery** and **Children's Sunday School** at 9:15 each Sunday. Several visitors with young children have pointed out this need. Of course, we also still need a volunteer for our **Lay Minister of Children's Ministries'**. Please give these opportunities your prayerful consideration. Our mission for community outreach to young families depends on finding a way to fill these needs. Following Scripture let's first pray and continue to show love to one another and to our community and visitors.

**Prayer** - Before we can successfully disciple others, we must

first spend time praying. We see in scripture that Jesus sought God and prayed all night alone on a mountain before calling his twelve:

*Luke 6-12-16 In these days he went out to the mountain to pray, and all night he continued in prayer to God.<sup>13</sup> And when day came, he called his disciples and chose from them twelve, whom he named apostles: Simon, whom he named Peter, and Andrew his brother, and James and John, and Philip, and Bartholomew, and Matthew, and Thomas, and James the son of Alphaeus, and Simon who was called the Zealot, and Judas the son of James, and Judas Iscariot, who became a traitor. ESV*

Discipling others is hard because you deal with other people. **Prayer and intercession help you rely on the Lord for wisdom, strength, and direction.**

**Love - John 13:34-35 A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."**

Learning to love people as God loves them is an essential lesson on discipleship from the Bible. Jesus' life was clearly marked by His love for His disciples. When He taught them about God, He always taught with the desire for them to know and love God more.

The full display of His love was seen on the cross, as He gave His life willingly for all of us. This Lenten season we confess, repent, and keep our eyes on Jesus as he went to the cross for us.

*by Dennis Parker, Discipleship Team*



## Beth Leachman's new record

Boerne Champion's Elizabeth Leachman broke the national record she set just a few weeks ago. At the Northside ISD meet on February 1st Leachman set a national record in the girls 3,200 meet with a time of 9:45.47. At Thursday's Greyhound Relays, Leachman clocked in at 9:43.74 to lower her national mark.

## Update from Call Committee

If you were in church Sunday, you already know which way the Call Committee is headed. As of Sunday, the committee was going to re-review the original PIFs and SETs provided on the twelve pastors that we originally received from District. District specifically wanted the committee to look at the pastors that were over the age of 60 as they thought there might be a fit for Messiah with one of those pastors whose ministry horizon might still be 10 or 15 years. It was felt that if a more senior pastor was called and could move the church forward, in 5 or 6 years, an assistant pastor could be called that might then take the baton from the senior pastor when he did decide to retire. As it turned out, one of the pastors had just taken a call and was installed at his new church in January and a second had decided he was no longer open to a call and asked District to remove him from all call lists. Sounded like he had decided to remain at his current congregation for the remainder of his ministry. The third pastor appears to be available, so we will give him another look.

The second thing you would have heard is that even though the committee was looking back over the original information, we had requested a second set of candidates from District. I did receive an acknowledgement from President Newman of the receipt of the request and was informed that his support staff would get one to us as soon as possible. When we receive the new names, we will go through the same process of reading each pastor's information and trying to identify two or three (or more) that we feel could best serve Messiah. Once identified, they will be contacted to determine whether they are open to a call from Messiah. Those that are, we'll have conversations with them and from there, come up with names to again, present to the congregation.

Please keep everyone involved in this process in your prayers. I know the congregation is eager to find a permanent pastor, but I ask for your patience. God will deliver the right pastor in His time.

*Your brother in Christ, Mike Lang*

*·Faith is asking God to reveal one step and then taking that step.*

*Then asking God to reveal the next step.*

*It's about moving step-by-step without knowing the entire path.*

*It's about trusting in the process and focusing on the progress.·*



## Upcoming Events

**Every Tuesday in March** from 8:30 am to 9:30 am at Taqueria Reyna Tapatia 15 1000 North Main Street, Boerne, Tx - Join Dennis Parker and others for a morning of spiritual nourishment! Start your Tuesday off right with a short devotion and prayer time. Whether you're seeking encouragement, community, or simply a moment of reflection, you're invited to join us at Taqueria Reyna Tapatia. Let's come together to grow in faith and fellowship! All are welcome! See you there!

**Thursday, March 7th** - Messiah's Ladies Time Out Lunch at Rivulet Kitchen and Bar at 518 River Road, Boerne, Tx at 11:00 am Join the Ladies of Messiah for a time of fellowship and an opportunity to try a new menu in a new restaurant in a familiar location!

**Saturday - March 9th from 2:00 to 5:00 pm** - Join us for Adult Game Day at Messiah in the Fellowship Room of the Family Life Center! Get ready for an afternoon of fun, laughter, and friendly competition! Whether you're a board game enthusiast, domino player or card shark, there's something for everyone at Adult Game Day. Bring your favorite games or try something new from our collection. Snacks and refreshments will be provided. Come alone or bring a friend - all adults are welcome to join in the excitement!



**March 8th thru April 12th 10:00 pm** - Messiah's Ladies Morning Bible Study begins a new study - *Help is Here - "Finding fresh strength and purpose in the power of the Holy Spirit" by Max Lucado*



**Saturday, March 23rd at 5:00 pm** - All are invited to join members of Messiah for supper together at the Fish City Grill in San Antonio, Tx while it's still light outside on their patio which is covered and pretty protected and should be great weather anyway!! Palm Sunday weekend! It is located just past Top Golf behind the Rim at 5311 North Loop 1604 West, Suite 124. They have really get seafood meals and lots of specials and reasonable prices!!

**Saturday, March 16th** - Join us at the Granbury Regional Airport on March 16! Hear from MAF staff how we use aviation to bring help, hope, and healing to isolated people so they can be changed by the love of Christ. MAF operates over 40 small aircraft in hard-to-reach areas. Take a flight in an MAF Kodiak and learn how God is using this tool to further the Gospel. and reasonable prices!!

**Friday, April 19th** - All are invited to join members of Messiah as they travel to the Café on the Ridge at 13439 South Ranch Road #783, Kerrville, Tx at 9:30 am. You can enjoy a full breakfast or pastries, a nursery specializing in native and adapted plants, succulents, trees, annuals, and perennials as well as a Gift Shop in Kerrville! (James Avery's Main Store is on the same road as well a Winery!)

**Saturday, May 4th** - Messiah's Fellowship Committee is hosting a Wine Tasting Event at the home of David & Kathleen Blakely.

**Saturday, June 1st** - Messiah's Fellowship Committee is hosting a Family Picnic for the members of Messiah at Joshua Springs Park between Boerne and Comfort.



# MESSIAH'S KIDS

February was a busy month at Messiah's Kids. We celebrated rodeo week with pony rides, a petting zoo and breakfast tacos.



Pastor Lofgren joined us on Ash Wednesday where he blessed our friends with ashes. February was over in the blink of an eye.

March brings all things spring, butterflies, breaks and warmer weather!



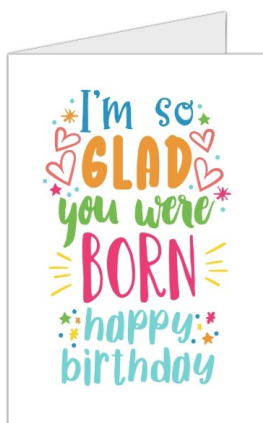
Along with Boerne ISD we will be on spring break March 11th thru 14th



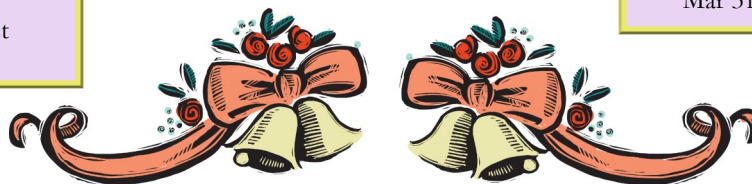
Gina Huskey, Director  
Messiah's Kids Preschool



- Mar 1 - Chuck Bower
- Mar 2 - Joe Sorensen
- Mar 3 - Terry Bower
- Mar 3 - Karen Leitko
- Mar 7 - Ginnie Jones
- Mar 9 - Anna Maloy
- Mar 10 - Frank Addington
- Mar 10 - Hayli Fernandez
- Mar 12 - Barbara Wright
- Mar 13 - Luke Turner
- Mar 14 - Boone Leachman
- Mar 14 - Kathryn Winkelmann
- Mar 14 - Frank Lindkvist

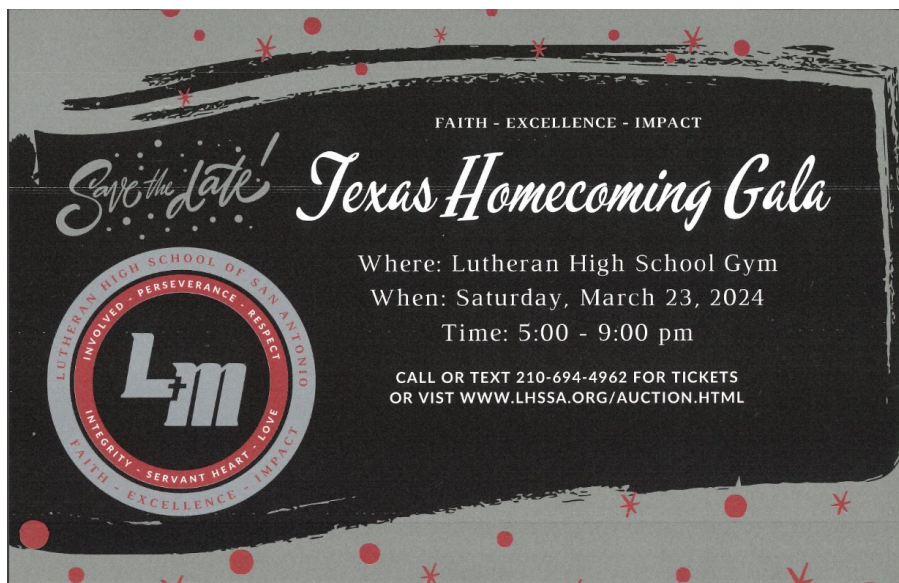


- Mar 16 - Jake Hedrick
- Mar 17 - Cari Harris
- Mar 17 - Ernie Mazurek
- Mar 17 - Doug Camp
- Mar 18 - Mandi Turner
- Mar 21 - Sue Parker
- Mar 22 - Jordan Bohlken
- Mar 23 - Terry Chhabra
- Mar 24 - Bill Loren
- Mar 30 - Margrit McMann
- Mar 31 - Billy Bowman
- Mar 31 - Olivia Dubuisson



- Mar 5 - Len & Barbara Wright - 30 years
- Mar 8 - Allen & Karen Leitko - 44 years
- Mar 28 - Rolf & Linda Schulz - 60 years
- Mar 30 - Brad & Laura Sanders - 39 years





### You're Invited to the Lutheran High School of San Antonio Gala!

We were honored to have Andrew Eickstead from Lutheran High School of San Antonio visit us last Sunday, extending a warm invitation to their upcoming Gala on March 23rd at 9:00 pm at the Lutheran High School Gym. It promises to be an unforgettable evening filled with inspiration and celebration!

Let's show our support as a community! We already have 14 wonderful folks signed up from Messiah Lutheran Church. Purchase your ticket and make it 15. We can join together for an evening of fellowship and giving back.

We look forward to seeing you there and making a difference together! If you have any questions, John Beard will be happy to answer them.

I Am grateful FOR YOU!

YOU'RE SO kind

To my family at MLC & Messiah's Kids Preschool for all the love and prayers & cards! I can say with confidence that your prayers carried me thru a scary day! Please know that you are loved! **Maurine**

Thank You!

THANK you.

## VOLUNTEER NEEDED

Laura is looking for someone willing to volunteer from home in their spare time to help with the Messiah Facebook page and Messiah website.

She will teach you all you need to know so we can maintain an online presence.

She will be out of town increasingly as she and Brad build their retirement home in Powell, Texas.

Could you be this person to help behind the scenes?

Email [LSandersCoach@gmail.com](mailto:LSandersCoach@gmail.com) or call/text 210.843.6020



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MESSIAH BOERNE

# HOLY WEEK & EASTER TIMETABLE

You are invited you to join us for Holy Week services at our church. Experience the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus through Word and Sacrament.

Messiah Lutheran Church  
9401 Dietz Elkhorn Road  
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Sunday, March 24th

10:30am Palm Sunday Service with Children's Church during Sermon and following with Easter Egg Hunt & More

Thursday, March 28th

6:30pm Maundy Thursday Service

Friday, March 29th

6:30pm Good Friday Service

Sunday, March 31st

7:30am Easter Sunrise Service  
8:30am Easter Continental Breakfast  
10:30am Easter Festival Service

