

Linden United Methodist Church

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STAFF

Pastor Dr. Kelly Krone

Musician/Music Director Paula Fitts

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SUNDAY

9:45 a.m.

Sunday School

10:45 a.m.

Worship

6:00 p.m.

Choir Practice 4th Sunday



Linden Light

"Bringing the Light of Jesus Christ to the Linden Community for 167 years"

APRIL 2021

President Biden and U.S.A.

Charles Robert Allen

Gabe Anderson

Beth Belford

Randy Brock

Virginia Boney

Mike Carpenter

Roger Carpenter

Paul and Mary Jane Ellinger

Stella Ellington

Mickey Fears

Red Hamilton

Hennens

Linda Higgins

Sue Hill

Don and Polly Holt

Littlejohns

Kaylin Kluge

Sherry Lowery

L-KCISD

Linda Smith



Mike Mahan

Sandra May

Desiree McDuffie

Buz Rountree

Jimmie and Martha Sheridan

Jim and Sandye Templeman

Robert and Toni Turk

Sandy Wells

Herman Temple

Paula Hultsman

Ellington Family

Hamilton family



March Memorials

D.D. Baldwin

Viona Beene

Wanda Binnion

Ricky Bynum

Bobbie Hamilton

Kerlin Harris

Dorothy Hickson

Bobby Kennedy

Buster Kurtz

Shelby Littlejohn

Danny Mayton

Paula Simmons

Marilyn Whatley

Ricky Wilbanks



LUMC family appreciates Marie Knight, Kenny Hamilton, John Viard, and Kathryn Burkhalter for serving as lay readers in March.





Alleluia

For the special music on March 7, Paula Fitts and Kendra Clayton sang a beautiful duet of *Alleluia*.



On Palm Sunday, Kynlee and Caroline happily waved their palm branches as the congregation sang *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*.



LUMC food pantry ladies Nancy Belford and Muriel LeGrow were very pleased to have the help of Texana Bank ladies as they prepared for the March giveaway.



Valentine's Bruce and Muriel LeGrow



Valentine's Nate and Lisa Trammell



Caroline Wiley gave light-up shamrock necklaces to some Sunday School attendees on St. Patrick's Day. Marie Knight is shown here with Caroline and Lee Ann Fant.



THE PASTOR'S MESSAGE

April is here, so Easter can not be far behind. It just seems like yesterday that we were placing the Christmas decorations back into storage. Only to have to return to find the box marked Easter bunnies. Our house gets decorated with various rabbits as well as brightly colored eggs that prepare us for Easter. And many people on Easter morning celebrate by receiving the gifts of an Easter Basket filled with the treats of the day. I remember in my childhood, my basket was woven with many colored weaving, filled with that green plastic grass, and filled with those big mello-cream eggs, jelly beans and a chocolate rabbit. And occasionally a gift. I remember one gift was a record for my record player, Melanie and I got a brand new pair of roller-skates. And then we would have a special feast.

But where did we get a rabbit and some eggs? The Easter hare or rabbit came from our German heritage. I was said that an Easter Hare would judge whether child had been good or bad during the days leading up to Easter. For the good children, they would be left gifts of candy and colored eggs. The custom of colored eggs seem to originate from the early Orthodox church where the church would abstain from eggs during Lent. In order to preserve the eggs, they would boil them and then decorate to break their fast on Lenten fast on Easter. The rabbit and the eggs came into our culture from the German Lutheran immigrants of the 1800's. A time of celebration and of being "good" during the season of Lent.

In the Gospel of John, we encounter a different Easter celebration. The celebrations of the Passover Feast were finished. The dark events of the recent days still hung heavy in the air. And in the darkness of early morning, Mary Magdalene, walked the darkened path alone. Mary was probably remembering her life before she met Jesus and what a difference Jesus made. Her story is told in Luke 8:2. She was one of the women who traveled with Jesus after Jesus had cast seven demons from her. Out of gratitude for this new life, she followed and served Jesus and the other disciples. And she never left. We find her in at the foot of the cross of Jesus when others have fled. Now, she walked that darkened path, remembering the blessing that she had received from Jesus. She came to came to pay final tribute to the man who freed her from the chains that had bound her. To her astonishment the stone had been rolled away and so she ran back to Peter and John to tell them. They ran back to the tomb and found it was empty. Peter and John saw but left without understanding. Mary again was left there alone. And then Jesus appeared and called her by name. A voice she recognized as the one who saved her. Jesus told her to go and tell the others. So, Mary ran back to proclaim the good news, I have seen the Lord!!! He is risen!!!!

May your Easter be more than plastic grass, chocolate bunnies and jelly beans. May this Easter season remind you of all that Jesus has done for you and may you share the good news with those around you. Each of us has our story. Tell one another of what Jesus has done for you.

HE IS RISEN!!! ALLELUIA !!!

Kelly

Happy Birthday

Apr. 3 Marlon Sullivan

9 Tom Fox

11 Loy Dale Grubbs

14 Betty DeLoach

Siglinda Smoak

15 Al DeLoach

17 Billy Hankins

18 Vicki Morse

21 Eric Shirley

23 John Owens

25 Michelle Skelton

26 John Fant



Happy Anniversary

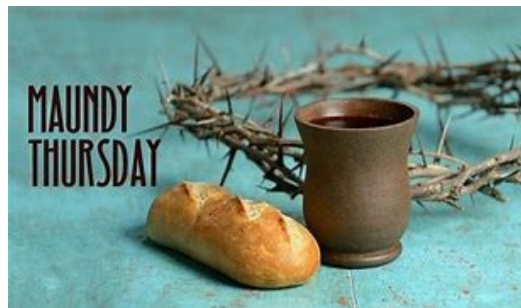
Apr. 8 Hunter and Tiffany Smith

11 Bill and Marsha Thomas



April 1

7:00 p.m.



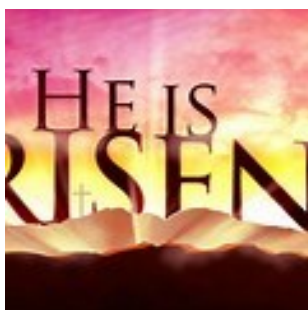
April 2

7:00 p.m.



April 4

7:00 a.m. Sunrise Service



April 21

Food Pantry

9:00-11:00 a.m.



April 25

2:00 p.m.

U.S.D. 1812

