

June 12, 2024



Grace, mercy, and peace to the members of ILM, especially to those who were unable to be with us either in worship or for our recent Voters Assembly meeting.

As it was read this last Monday, Psalm 90 says,

“Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.”

In the moments of joy and trials, we remain reliant on the grace of God.

In a joyous resolve on Monday, June 10 at our congregational meeting, ILM members approved Darrell Becker and Matt Johnson to pursue the Specific Ministry Pastor route to serve as pastors at ILM. While these two men work toward ordination, Pastor Larry Krueger will assume additional pastoral responsibilities, allowing the Senior Pastor to guide them through this process. We are truly blessed to have these individuals with us, ready to share the Word of God in this place! Let us pray for God’s guidance as we look ahead to the ministry of ILM! (For more information, please refer to the Specific Ministry Pastor proposal document.)

Additionally, if you missed our recent worship services, you may not be aware of the challenges we are facing regarding our Belton Sanctuary. Due to extensive water damage from recent storms, (in order to preserve,) all furnishings have been removed from the Sanctuary. The damage extends beyond the sanctuary into the sacristy and nursery, requiring more than just a roof repair. While we await answers from our insurance company, we recognize this repair will be a lengthy process. I ask you to bathe this situation in prayer, understanding, and grace. In the meantime, as one elder said, *“I am glad that God has provided Immanuel with two ‘houses’... that while one is down, we have the ability to live in our other ‘house.’”* **ILM worship will be held at the Temple campus only.** (Sundays at 8:00 and 10:30, with Bible Study at 9:15.) In the absence of a communion service in Belton, beginning this weekend we will offer communion at both services in Temple until the situation is resolved. Stay updated through email, our website, and app as we share further developments.

Should you have any questions/concerns/issues/worries regarding these transitions, feel free to reach out to your elder or myself. It is a joy to collectively listen to the Spirit’s voice as we seek His guidance and direction with great mercy and care.

With God’s Abundant Blessings –

Pastor Grayson Albers