Extravagant God, who gave all, even yourself without calculating the cost, your love is everywhere.

You do no hold your love back to be admired from a distance, but pour your precious gift out for us at a great price. Like perfume from an overturned bottle, it spills from your heart into ours.

So may we love — purely, dangerously, wildly, extravagantly, creating a scandal of grace.

Let us love for love’s sake, seeing each day as the chance to do a spontaneous, irrational, risky act of love in Christ’s name whose love so amazing, so divine, demands our souls, our lives, our all.

— Sharlande Sledge

Worship at Lake Shore
The Fifth Sunday of Lent
The Worship of God
April 7
Sermon
Ross Tarpley
The Scripture
Isaiah 43:16-21
Celebration of Communion

Contemplative Prayer
A Series on Wednesday Nights during Lent
6:15 — after supper
We will explore how contemplative prayer can be a pathway to repentance and transformation, deepening our awareness of communal and systemic sin and opening our hearts to become agents of love. Instead of listening to a lecture, during Lent you will be invited to participate in the practice of prayer. (No prior contemplative experience required! There is space for everyone—even the fidgety and those averse to silence.)
— Kyndall and Ross

The Gathering
On the first Sunday of every month we gather food in the basket by the front door of the sanctuary. This month we are gathering snacks and other items for our Children’s Center. Here are some items that the Center can use: graham crackers, saltine crackers, Goldfish crackers, bananas, apples, Cheerios, and applesauce.
Palm Sunday Soup Supper
April 14, 6:00 pm

a Holy Week meal and a time of prayer for our
Central American sisters and brothers seeking asylum

Our money for the soup and bowls, as well as donations, will help
La Casa de Maria y Marta
in San Antonio as the volunteers welcome and befriend refugees and asylum seekers.
Glenda Ramsower of Lake Shore makes the bowls. Lake Shore’s missions budget pays for the soup.

This year we are so glad that John Garland, pastor of San Antonio
Mennonite Church, in the heart of San Antonio, will be with us at the
Soup Supper to tell stories of the religious experiences of refugees who
have stayed at his church where the sanctuary and other areas are
transformed into “rooms in the inn” whenever they are needed.

“For the past three years, Garland has provided aid and comfort in Jesus’
name to asylum seekers eking through the U.S. immigration system.”
Because of its location in downtown San Antonio, not far from the bus terminal, Garland’s congregation offers respite care to
thousands of immigrants, mostly Latin Americans, who have fled north to save their children. Typically, they are detained when they
cross the Rio Grande, seeking asylum. After being separated from family for weeks, they are
reunited, manacled with GPS devices around their ankles, then released to join sponsors
somewhere in the United States. (based on a story by Marv Knox in The Baptist Standard)

Volunteers working through the Interfaith Welcome
Coalition, which includes the ministry of La Casa de Maria y Marta, advocate for reform and compassion at
all government levels. All day every day volunteers are
at the bus station and at the airport to welcome
mothers and children coming out of detention. They
give each woman and child a backpack filled with
helpful supplies for the journey. They help explain the
complicated journeys and help to calm fears. A
trauma-informed overnight shelter, La Casa de Maria y
Marta at San Antonio Mennonite Church, is provided
for families whose travel is interrupted for any reason.

Read more here: https://
www.sanantoniomennonite.org/

Like to add something
to the children’s
backpacks?
La Casa de Maria y Marta
volunteer Jo Pendleton
suggests these gifts:
• Matchbox cars (something
the slim IWC budget doesn’t
regularly have funds for)
• coloring books (Celtic ones
from the Dollar Tree are
good) and the smallest packs
of crayons (8 count)
• bags of Hershey Kisses (At
the Soup Supper you’ll find
out why they ask for these.)

$15 (adults) and $5 (children)
for soup to eat (your choice of two
Central American soups made by our Global
Missions Covenant Group) and a bowl to take home.
Sign up in the hallway or contact the office
for reservations by Wednesday, April 10.


Children’s Corner

The Easter Walk is soon approaching. If you will be available to help on Wednesday, April 17, please get in touch with Barb Francis or Jenna Swanson.

Children are welcome at the Soup Supper on Palm Sunday evening at 6:00. Special bowls are available for them for $5.00 each. Please sign up in the hall outside the office. And look at the bottom of the previous page, in the blue box, for ways your family can help the refugees we will remember at the supper.

Prayers for . . .

Elizabeth Buchanan, Rosemary Richards’ daughter, who in rehab at Zale-Lipsky Hospital in Dallas.
Louise Clark, who is feeling a little better this week between doctor’s visits.
Fred and Nancy Gehlbach at home.
Nathan Stone, who has an appointment at MD Anderson.
Steve Swanson’s father, Mark Swanson, went to the ER at Providence last Wednesday with chest pain and ended up having quadruple by-pass surgery on Friday. He is recovering better than expected and should go home today. Please pray for his recovery and for his patience with the healing process.
Chris Williamson’s 15-year-old sister, Alexa, had back surgery on Friday.

Are you interested in leading a group of 10 BU students? Assisting with Lunch? Serving and break-down? Call or email the church, Gordon Lawrence (Gordon@lsbcwaco.org), or JoLeen Eiklenborg at (254)-717-4279, (joeklenborg@hotmail.com).

We will need the following equipment:

- 10 Buckets and 20 clean wash rags
- 5 wheelbarrows
- 10 Rakes
- 5 Shovels
- 5 Brooms

If you are willing to provide a piece of equipment or two, please sign-up on the sheet outside of the office indicating what piece of equipment. Please put your name on the piece of equipment.

Thanks,
JoLeen Eiklenborg

Saturday, April 13
10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Baylor students will help give our buildings and grounds a good spring cleaning.

We need eight or nine LSBC people willing to supervise a Baylor students group of approximately 60 students who will be cleaning and straightening up the inside and outside of LSBC Church, Teen House and outside areas. The Baylor student groups will be assigned tasks such as outside cleaning of the playground, Peace Garden, and labyrinth, painting the parking and filling in a terrace with dirt. The inside tasks will be cleaning the baseboard, walls, door frames, washing windows, cleaning bathrooms. The task will be outlined for the Leaders in charge.

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Easter Hydrangeas

Every Easter, you have the chance to give flowers in honor or memory of someone you love. We will adorn the front of the sanctuary with hydrangeas in celebration of the joy of the resurrection of Christ and the renewal of the earth. After worship on Easter morning, you may take the hydrangea home to plant. Submit your order form and payment of $15 for each hydrangea by Tuesday, April 16.

I wish to give a hydrangea on Easter morning:

In memory of __________________________

In honor of __________________________

Given by __________________________

I have included $_______.☐ by check or ☐ by cash.
CALENDAR

Sunday, April 7
9:30—Sunday School
10:45—Worship
3:00—Newsletter Deadline
4:00—Soulfriends

Wednesday, April 9
5:15—Supper
6:15—Children’s Activities
6:15—Seminar
7:15—Choir Rehearsal

Volunteers for Sunday, April 7

Extended Care: Abigail Freiberger, Donna Casstevens
Ushers: Susan Johnson, Faith Kopplin
Greeters: Melanie Briscoe, Angela Whorton

Missions Calendar

Meals on Wheels
Every Mon/Wed/Fri

Children’s Center
Monday-Friday, 7:15-5:30

Soup Supper
Sunday, April 14, 6:00

April 27th, 10 am - 2 pm
2815 Speight Ave. Hosted by the Waco Hispanic Museum.
This is a Celebration with emphasis on literacy for children.

To give online, please click here.

Staff Notes

Kyndall is in Niagara Falls, Canada, April 3-10 for a continuing education program with the Haden Institute at Mt. Carmel Spiritual Center.

ASAP - RSVP for Summer Camp/Retreat April 26th (waiting on Jon Singletary to email back; if anyone runs into him, give him a poke)
- Company of Parents: Enneagram and Understanding
- May TBA - Company of Parents: Talking to Kids and Youth about Finances

Spring Picnic at the Fields / April 28

TICKETS!
Now on Sale

$35 per ticket. To purchase visit our website caritas-waco.org or contact Ann Owen at 254-753-4593 ext. 213

April 23 @ 6 p.m.
Waco
Convention Center- Brazos Room