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Holy Week

Palm Sunday (March 24)	9 AM
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Maundy Thursday (March 28)	7 PM
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Good Friday (March 29)	7 PM
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Easter Sunday (March 31)	9 AM
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Daily — Doggedly — Daringly

Embracing Our Neighbors with Jesus' Unconditional Love



Gabriel's Glad Tidings



Hey friends,

I hear that Pastor Tim is going out of town this month to learn about making disciples.

I'm sure he will learn a lot, but I thought I'd share some of my ideas with you first.

GABRIEL'S GUIDE TO CHRISTIAN CARING

SMILE — an engaging smile show the joy of Jesus in your heart

SIT — take time to be with people instead of being in a hurry

LISTEN — your ears are kind of small compared to mine, but they can still hear people's hurts and sorrows

HUG — not everyone is a hugger, but even a gentle hand on a shoulder can go a long way

PRAY — I leave this one to my handlers, but always remember that "Prayer = Care"

I hope that these tips help you out, because all of us can show others the love of my Jesus!

Isn't that PAWSOME?
Your friend,
Gabriel



Which caring
skill am I using
in each picture?



From the Pastor



On Galilee's High Mountain

***On Galilee's high mountain
Christ gave the great command
In words of strength and promise
Which all can understand:
"All pow'r to me is given
To do what I shall choose;
Therefore I send my children,
Their witness I will use."***

***His strength within my weakness
Will make me bold to say
How His redeeming power
Transforms my stubborn clay;
His touch of fire ignites me,
With courage I am sent,
My tongue-tied silence broken,
With grace made eloquent.***

***And not alone to nations
In faraway retreats,
But ev'rywhere I broadcast
His love through crowded streets:
The lives that my life touches,
However great or small—
Let them through me see Jesus,
Who served and saved us all.***

Henry L. Lettermann

Dear Friends in Christ,

Greetings in the name of Jesus!

Early this month I will join other pastoral leaders of the Texas District at the Exponential 2024 Conference in Orlando, Florida.

I will focus on sessions that will help me equip you to be disciple-making disciples.

Jesus tells us in the last chapter of Matthew that we are to make disciples by baptizing and teaching.

The work of the church is to make disciples.

You are the church, so making disciples is your work.

This begins in the home, with your own children.

The responsibility of Christian parents is to raise their children to be disciples of Jesus Christ.

However, that's not where the job ends, with our own children.

The job continues as we live out our faith in the neighborhood and the work place, with friends, neighbors and co-workers.

It includes having spiritual conversations with people, especially in their times of need, to connect them to God through Jesus Christ.

It means saying to people, "That reminds me of a story about Jesus" or "That reminds me of a story Jesus told."

It means helping people to see how Jesus is messing with their lives to draw them to Him.

It means asking, "Would it be all right if I prayed with you?" and then praying out loud with people who are hurting in order to enlist the power of God for their needs.

All of this involves risk-taking and vulnerability on our part but opening up our hearts to others is the only way that the love of Jesus can flow from our heart to theirs.

I'm excited about this conference because it is a tremendous opportunity for me to learn new things that I can bring back to Messiah to help you become a disciple-making disciple.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Engel

*Make disciples
of all nations by
baptizing and
by teaching.*