

December 2017



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Sunday Schedule**Worship****9:00 a.m.****Sunday School****10:15 a.m.**

"Hitherto hath the Lord
helped us."

1 Samuel 7:13

Pastor's Note**Waiting.**

We all do a lot of waiting. For adults, over the years there has been a shift in what we wait for and how we do our waiting. More people in the world have created extended wait-times: increased traffic and longer lines to list a couple examples. Yet some things never change. Younger youth still feel that the school year is interminable, Christmas takes forever to come, and growing older goes so slowly.

Sadly, as a whole, we have become a people unable to cope with leisurely paces. Patience, once a virtue, has been replaced by impatience; therefore, any amount of waiting gives birth to emotional outbursts. How do we handle Advent then, as Christians? Advent is all about waiting. How do we wait for God?

We live! But we don't have to make living a passive thing. "Waiting patiently" is an active waiting in which we should fully live in the present moment and while doing this "living", we will find the signs of the One we are waiting for. Sure, we might have to suffer through the present moments which can be problematic, but we get to taste them . . .and we get to let the Holy Spirit mature our faith sown in us at our baptism! Our weaknesses might get the better of us at times but our God is strong and His patience is AMAZING so take His lead!

What's more, when we wait patiently, we will pay better attention to what is happening before us and around us and we will see the first rays of God's glorious coming. We will discover what God has for us to do as His servants.

May this season of waiting empower you with patience so that you might live more fully the abundant life given you by your Savior, Jesus the Christ - -



Blessings,
Pastor Kerri



**For unto us a child
is born – Unto us a Son
is given . . .**



**May you feel the wonder and
joy of Christmas this season!**

**From our home to yours,
Pastors Kerri and Gary**



Council Notes

**The council will meet on Monday,
December 11, 2017, at 7:00 p.m.
It will soon be time to vote in new
council members. If you are interested
in filling these positions, please
contact Eric Medford or Gem Naivar
as soon as possible.**

Please Note: The 2018 Worship Leaders Lists are being assembled and will be handed out soon. Thank-you to all those who signed up to help with the services each Sunday. We could not do it without you. On the same note, the 2018 Offering Envelopes will be handed out as soon as they arrive..

Also, work will soon begin on updating the 2018 Member Directory booklets. If you have any address, phone number or e-mail changes to be made, please let the office know.



Memorials



Memorial Fund

For: Ruth Herber

Kim Wicheta & Luther Herber

For: Erwin Kuhl

Lillie Krieg

Carolyn & Clifton Stacha

Cemetery Association

For: Erwin Kuhl

Betty Harbers

Dennis & LaVerne Richter

*Thank
You*

We would like to thank everyone for their thoughts and prayers for our family with the passing of our husband, daddy, PawPaw and great PawPaw—Erwin will be greatly missed. We want to send out a very sincere thank-you to those who provided food and helped with the reception after the service. We are so appreciative to our church family and Pastor Kerri.

With love,

The Kuhl Family

Mildred, David, Cindy and family



New Louvers Installed

Have you had a chance to look up at the steeple lately? The new louvers were installed on Tuesday, November 21st by Wilson Roofing out of Austin. They look great.

Thank-you to Raymond Lenz for taking on the task of finding this company and following thru until the job was completed.

Advent



Today, the season of Advent lasts for four Sundays leading up to Christmas. At that time, the new Christian year begins with the twelve-day celebration of Christmastide, which lasts from Christmas Eve until Epiphany on January 6. (Advent begins on the Sunday that falls between November 27th and December 3rd each year.)

While Advent is certainly a time of celebration and anticipation of Christ's birth, it is more than that. It is only in the shadow of Advent that the miracle of Christmas can be fully understood and appreciated; and it is only in the light of Christmas that the Christian life makes any sense. It is between the fulfilled promise of Christ's first coming and the yet-to-be-fulfilled promise of his second coming that Karl Barth penned these words: "Unfulfilled and fulfilled promise are related to each other, as are dawn and sunrise. Both are promise and in fact the same promise. If anywhere at all, then it is precisely in the light of the coming of Christ that faith has become Advent faith, the expectation of future revelation. But faith knows for whom and for what it is waiting. It is fulfilled faith because it lays hold on the fulfilled promise." The promise for Israel and the promise for the church is Jesus Christ; he has come, and he will come again. This is the essence of Advent.

Come and join in Worship for the Advent Season. Pastor Kerri will be presenting "A Western Advent" over the next few Sundays. It sounds like it will be very interesting.

December Worship Leaders

Acolytes

Dec. 3 Cade Talley
 Dec. 10 Dallas Meiske
 Dec. 17 Mallory Randig
 Dec. 24 Madison Talley
 Dec. 31 Dawson Meiske

Lectors

Dec. 3 Maxine Schroeder
 Dec. 10 Douglas Stauffer
 Dec. 17 Maxine Schroeder
 Dec. 24 Charlotte Vrana
 Dec. 31 Gerald Dietz

Ushers

Paulette Patschke
 Steven Patschke
 (Need Substitute)

Communion Assistants

Dec. 3 (Need Substitute)
 Dec. 17 Barbara Neill
 Dec. 24 Paulette Patschke (Candlelight)

Bread Betty Warren

Altar Guild

Dec. 3-10 B. Nygrin, P. Patschke
 Dec. 17 G. Naivar, S. Lenz
 Dec. 24-31 B. Nygrin, P. Patschke

Memorials

Church—Barbara Kuhl (352-7957)
 Cemetery—Paulette Patschke (365-8421)

Prayer Chains

Barbara Nygrin (352-6617)
 Paulette Patschke — ppatsch@plainscapital.com
 Cell# 512-633-3057

W o r s h i p L e a d e r s

January Worship Leaders

Acolytes

Jan. 7
 Jan. 14 Cade Talley
 Jan. 21 Dawson Meiske
 Jan. 28

Lectors

Jan. 7 Anthony Gage
 Jan. 14 Megan Medford
 Jan. 21 Gem Naivar
 Jan. 28 Paulette Patschke

Ushers

Barbara Kuhl
 Curtis Neidig
 Shawn Gage

Communion Assistants

Jan. 7 Douglas Stauffer
 Jan. 21 Charlotte Vrana

Bread Linda Limmer

Altar Guild

Jan. 7-14 G. Naivar, S. Lenz
 Jan. 21-28 B. Nygrin, P. Patschke

"The best of all gifts around any Christmas tree: the presence of a happy family all wrapped up in each other."



Council Members

Eric Medford-Pres.	Paulette Patschke
Gem Naivar-Vice-Pres.	Raymond Lenz
Deborah Roeglin-Sec.	
Barbara Kuhl-Treas.	

Happy Birthday

Dec. 1 Troy Hirsch

Dec. 4 Lee Gaydos

Dec. 10 Braeden Lenz

Dec. 11 Dawn Hirsch

Dec. 14 Barbara Kuhl

Dec. 15 John Houghtaling

Dec. 17 Randy Meiske

Dec. 21 Vernon Anderson

Dec. 22 Brian Neidig

Dec. 23 Danny Vanelli

Dec. 26 Lillie Krieg

Anniversaries

December 4

Eric & Megan Medford

7 years



THANKS

Thank you to the Delwood & Florence Kruse Family for the new picnic table recently added to the playground gazebo. It was purchased with the Florence Kruse memorial funds designated for that purpose. Also, a big thank-you goes to Steve Patschke for assembling the table.



December Flower Chart

- Dec. 3 Megan & Eric Medford
- Dec. 10 Suzanne & Raymond Lenz
- Dec. 17 Louis Menk
- Dec. 24 Congregation
- Dec. 31 Open



Flower Chart Dates Available

The **2018** Flower Chart is available in the Narthex.

If you would like to provide the flowers on a certain date or dates, please sign up as soon as possible or contact Barbara Nygrin, and let her know which dates you would prefer.

L.A.F. (Lutheran Adult Fellowship)



Deck the Halls



**Friday, December 1
6:30 p.m.**

Please join us as we set up the Christmas tree and decorate the Sanctuary for the coming Christmas season. LAF will provide hot dogs for a lite supper before we decorate. Please bring a side dish/dessert to share.

Please come and help beautify our buildings for the Christmas season and enjoy the fellowship.

All help will be appreciated.

Chinese Christmas & Dessert Party

When: Saturday, December 16

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Where: Fellowship Hall

Food: Bring your favorite Christmas dessert to share.

What: The game is fun, because each person gets to select a wrapped gift, unwrap it and then possibly lose it to someone else and have to select again. Being able to select from unwrapped gifts or "steal" a gift someone is holding is what makes this game so much fun.

Price Limit: \$10.00 per gift

Everyone is invited—bring a friend/s.

Let's have some fun!!



*"May you have the gladness of
Christmas which is hope;
The Spirit of Christmas which is
peace; The heart of Christmas
which is love."*

~~Ada V. Hendricks~~



Brown Santa

This year it has been decided to keep our Christmas Donations local instead of doing the Christmas boxes for Samaritan's Purse.

The Williamson County Brown Santa program provides assistance to families in Williamson County living outside the geographical city limits of any town or city within Williamson County that does not provide a similar program.

Toy Donations

Needed are the following items for children ages 0-17:

- New toys
- Books
- Board games
- Stuffed animals
- There is a special need for age appropriate items for children ages 13-17
- Please no liquid items

What items can I provide?

Typically, the minimum is 2 toys, a book, and a stuffed animal per child but you are free to help with more. Some sponsors provide gift cards for the parents to buy food or clothing in addition to the children's gifts. Follow your heart and your budget.

How much should I spend?

This is a personal choice. There is no minimum dollar amount. Follow your heart and your budget.

The drive for donations at Prince of Peace will run from Sunday, November 26th thru Sunday, December 10th. Do not wrap the gifts. Please find it in your hearts to help those families in need.



WinGS News

(Women in God's Service)



With the successful start-up of A.C.E.S., it has been decided to participate in the Adult Christian Education Studies and have separate business meetings at various times during the year as deemed necessary. It is hoped that everyone will participate.

Mission Statement

WinGS is for **ALL** women at Prince of Peace. Each of us can use our spiritual gifts for the glory of God and the encouragement of one another. WinGs is a growing ministry that welcomes your participation, questions, and ideas. It is the purpose of WinGs to promote lasting friendships through fellowship and service to our church family, our community, and other meaningful outreaches.

Let us join hands and hearts in the accomplishment of this purpose.

All women of the congregation are considered members of WinGS.



Thankoffering Donations

Thank-you to all that contributed to the WinGS Thankoffering Drive. The funds collected this year have been directed to Shepherd's Heart Food Pantry to help purchase a new walk-in cooler.

Also, thank-you to all that gave canned and boxed goods for the food basket. After a blessing during the Children's Service on Sunday, November 26th, the basket of food and a check for \$500 (\$250 from L.A.F. and \$250 from WinGS) was delivered to Shepherd's Heart.

Community Views

The "Pilgrimage to Bethlehem" Nativity will again be presented at Immanuel Lutheran Church at West Taylor on December 9th & 10th from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

First Sunday Fellowship

Dec. 3—Potluck

Everyone bring something to share.



The **2017** Sign-up sheet is posted on the kitchen bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall.
Your help is always appreciated.



Christian Education News & Views

Bible Study Classes and Confirmation Classes

Gem Naivar is the Sunday School Director.

Pastor Kerri will be teaching the Confirmation class.

Steven Patschke will be teaching the Pre-confirmation class.

Gem Naivar & Lea Rhoades will be teaching the Beginners class.

Braeden Lenz will be leading the High School Discussion Class.

Classes will be held each second and third Sundays with Christmas Program practice scheduled for the fourth Sunday of each month.

A.C.E.S.

“Adult Christian Education Studies”

A.C.E.S. meets each first and third Wednesdays of the month and begins each night with a light supper at 6:30 p.m. with class beginning shortly thereafter.

Join us for interesting and informative classes.

December 6

Everyone is welcomed to attend.



Christmas Eve Service

The children have been practicing really hard for the Christmas Program. On Christmas Eve, December 24th, there will be the Christmas Eve Program and Candlelight Service with Holy Communion beginning at 6:00 p.m. We sincerely hope that everyone will attend and invite any friends and relatives to come along and worship with us.

Church Mice





Prayer List



Please keep these listed and those you hold dear to your heart in prayer:

Lillie Krieg (Pflugerville N & Rehab)	Mildred Kuhl (Home)	Thomas Kotrla (SPJST)
Louis Menk (SPJST)	Dorothy Walther (Pflugerville N & Rehab)	
Betty Harbers	Barbara Kuhl	Linda Limmer
Wayne Limmer	Vernaline Stolte	Karyl Townsend
Marjorie Dawson	Loriean Ford	Marvin Ford
Tina Guzaman	Carol Houghtaling	Yvonne Kemnitz
Roy Meiske	Glen Menzel	Angie Rickel
Leon Rowald	Ida Watkins	
Donna Darriek	Victoria Filman	Darrell Ford
Pat Hornsby	Darrell Mikulencak	Elaine Oser
Beau Pitts	Konnie Wolbrueck	Marcie Zrubek



Lord, look upon us with eyes of mercy, may your healing hand rest upon us, may your life-giving powers flow into every cell of our bodies and into the depths of our souls, cleansing, purifying, restoring us to wholeness and strength for service in your Kingdom. Amen.

If you have anyone that you would like to have added to the prayer list, please let

Maxine Schroeder know—512-862-3347 or 512-269-8405.

Fellowship Hall and Church Rental

If you wish to rent the Fellowship Hall or the Church for some occasion such as birthday parties, showers, family reunions, weddings, etc., please contact Maxine Schroeder for rental information.

Phone: 512-862-3347 Cell: 512-269-8405 Email: mls@eccwireless.net

January Newsletter Articles

All articles for the January newsletter are due to Maxine by or no later than Tuesday, December 26.

Newsletter Delivery

For everyone who has an e-mail address, the newsletter will be e-mailed to you. There will be some printed copies available at the church on each 4th Sunday of the month for the month following. The only exception will be in months with five Sundays. Copies will be mailed via USPS to the shut-ins, those without e-mail (unless you pick up a copy in church), or to those who request it to be mailed. Let us know your preference. We do not want to exclude anyone.

If you have an e-mail address, but have not been receiving any of the e-mailed notifications, and would like to be included, please send your address to: princeofpeacetaylor@eccwireless.net; princeofpeacechurch@gmail.com or to mls@eccwireless.net. Your e-mail address will be kept confidential. If you know of anyone that would like to receive the newsletter, please send that name and address as well.



Mission Moment

by Pastor Bryce Formwalt
Director of Mission Growth

The World Needs Jesus

No doubt about it, the news in recent weeks has been grim as we have been bombarded by story after story of violence that has erupted on our own homeland. In the span of just a few short weeks we've awoken to stories of racially motivated hatred that sparked violence in Charlottesville, the senseless mass shooting of concert-goers in Las Vegas which killed dozens and injured scores more, and the brutal and inexplicable massacre of more than two dozen Christian worshippers far too close to home in Sutherland Springs, Texas.

And as human beings and Americans we grieve and cry out all sorts of questions: why all the suffering, the hatred, and the violence? What's going on here and how can we stop it? Some answer with cries for gun control. Others answer it with a call for law-abiding citizens to bear arms. But as Christians, in addition to lovingly supporting and encouraging those directly victimized by this senseless violence, what is our unique calling and witness in response to this season of increasing violence? I believe that the Church can provide leadership to our culture and society by responding faithfully at this dark and difficult hour.

First of all, we cannot react out of fear. The most frequent command of God in all of Scripture is to not be afraid. Fear is destructive, and worry is its harmful cousin. I've heard it said before that worry is the misuse of God's gift of imagination. Remember Jesus asked, "Can any of you add one moment to his life-span by worrying?" So reacting in fear or worry is simply not a faithful response.

Instead, I believe that the Church must respond with a deep conviction and determination to bring about Gospel-transformation and to love one another with a Christ-like love. NFL quarterback Carson Wentz responded to the Las Vegas shooting with a tweet stating simply that "The World needs Jesus in a bad way." I couldn't agree more. Followers of Jesus can and will disagree about the merits of both gun control and bearing arms, but we simply must agree with Carson Wentz's faithful response: the world desperately needs Jesus.

So Church, let this be a wake-up call to our collective negligence in delivering the transformative Gospel of Jesus Christ to our communities. And instead of being preoccupied with developing defensive security plans and procedures or mobilizing people for a political agenda, let's get preoccupied with our most important task of sharing Jesus. We proclaim and trust that Christ is King and acknowledge that he commands us to neither fear nor worry. Therefore in faith we shall respond to this evil with the proclamation and incarnation of God's amazing grace in our communities and wherever we have influence and do so in the face of fear with the peace of God that surpasses all human understanding.

"The Lord is my light and my salvation-whom should I fear?" - Psalm 27:1

Pastor Bryce Formwalt is the Director of Mission Growth for the LCMC Texas District. Residing in Georgetown, Pastor Bryce is available to coach congregations on mission. Feel free to contact him with any questions or comments: 512-942-7776 or bryce@lcmctexas.org. Like us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/lcmctexas

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Mission Statement

Our mission is to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ, as it is revealed through our heritage and reflected in our hope for the future.