

February 2018



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

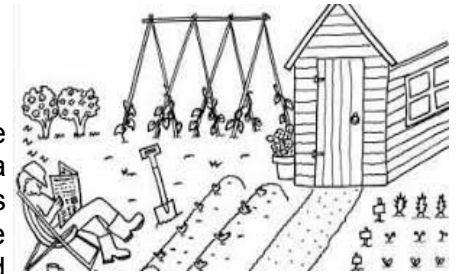
"Hitherto hath the Lord  
helped us."

1 Samuel 7:13

# Pastor's Note

## Time to Plant

As I write, the bitter cold days of January are almost behind us. We experienced a significant stretch of sub-freezing conditions which were really needed, from what I've been told. It seems fruit trees need cold hours to set fruit. Hopefully another benefit of cold temperatures is fewer bugs in the summer. I'm not so sure about that one though. According to the Old Farmers' Almanac this isn't necessarily true. All insects have some ability to withstand cold weather. But because we've had several winters warmer than average, a multitude of insects made it through to spring, making outside activities more uncomfortable than we'd like. Remember all the gnats? And the bugs none of us want to see make a return appearance are fleas! 2017 will go down in our congregation's annals as the summer of the great flea infestation.



So, as these cold days give way to the sweet smell of the returning spring, when God brings His creation in the Northern Hemisphere back to life, and as gardeners begin thumbing through seed catalogs, I thought I'd bring back an oldie-but-goodie-reminder of how we should plant our gardens.

### Plant Three Rows of Peas

1. peace of Heart
2. peace of Mind
3. peace of Soul

### Plant Four Rows of Turnips

1. turnip for Church
2. turnip for Christian Education
3. turnip for Service events
4. turnip to Help one another

### Plant Four Rows of Squash

1. squash Gossip
2. squash Indifference
3. squash Grumbling
4. squash Selfishness

### Plant Four Rows of Thyme

1. Thyme for God
2. Thyme for Family
3. Thyme for Friends
4. Thyme for Ones in need



### Plant Four Rows of Lettuce

1. lettuce be Faithful
2. lettuce be Kind
3. lettuce be Patient
4. lettuce Love



Instructions: Water freely with patience and cultivate with love.



Beatus Hortorum Cultus,  
Pastor Kerri



## Council Notes

The council will meet on Monday, February 12, 2018, at 7:00 p.m.

### Annual Congregational Meeting

The **Annual Congregational Meeting** was held on **Sunday, January 28, 2018**, immediately following the Worship Service. We welcome new Council Members: Randy Hehmann, Brian Neidig and Lori Talley. They will be installed during the Worship Service on Sunday, February 18th. Outgoing members are Gerald Dietz, Paulette Patschke and Raymond Lenz. We thank them for their service the past two years.

**NOTE: There will be a Called Congregational Meeting on Sunday, February 11, 2018, immediately after the service to go over the information that Ron Randig and Raymond Lenz are gathering for us about the building issues discussed at the Annual Meeting.**

The 2018 Member Directory booklets are in the process of being updated. They will be ready to be distributed Sunday, February 4th.



### Memorials & Honorariums



#### Memorial Fund

**In Memory of Erwin Kuhl:**

Charlotte Vrana

#### Honorarium

**In Honor of Vernaline Stolte:**

Charles & Cathy Schroeder



# THANK YOU



Many thanks go out to Eric Medford for taking the time out of his busy schedule and raking and hauling away the huge pile of leaves in front of the office. Thanks to Sadie also for helping her Dad.



Our thanks go out to Steven Patschke for taking the time to monitor the water pipes during the recent freezing temps. Also, we appreciate his work on the electrical system in the Fellowship Building.



## ***Lent Season Begins***

February 14 signals the beginning of the Lenten Season for 2018 with the Ash Wednesday Service and Holy Communion beginning at 7:00 p.m. Services will be held every Wednesday night thereafter at 7:00 p.m. through March 21.

# Fun Facts



### **Ash Wednesday and Easter make rare landing on Valentine's and April Fools' days**

Church and state are about to collide on the calendar. Ash Wednesday, when Christians are smudged with a reminder of death, falls on gushy, lovey Valentine's Day. And Easter, the most important Christian observance, lands on April Fools' Day, when we need to be careful what to believe. The two mashups have not happened together since 1945. Easter was most recently on April 1, or April Fools' Day, in 1956, but Ash Wednesday did not fall on Valentine's Day then because it was a leap year.

What any of this means for you depends on how closely you follow religious rules. Let's start with Ash Wednesday, when some Christians are expected to abstain from meat, and to fast, meaning refrain from eating big meals. So if you take your sweetie out for a meaty feast, you're probably doing it wrong. After all, there's the separation of church and steak. There's a higher emphasis given to fast and abstinence on Ash Wednesday than on a relatively normative Friday during Lent. Many will celebrate Valentine's Day on the weekend before or after. And, no, the ashes distributed at church this year won't be red as a nod to Valentine's Day, though it is named for a saint.

Valentine's Day and April Fools' Day always fall on Feb. 14 and April 1 respectively. Ash Wednesday and Easter move around a lot. Easter lands on the first Sunday after the first full moon occurring on or after the spring equinox. It's always between March 22 and April 25. To pinpoint Ash Wednesday, back up six weeks and four days from Easter.

Ash Wednesday was on Valentine's Day in 1945, 1934 and 1923, but the last time before then was 1877. Easter was on April 1 in 1956, 1945, 1934 and 1923, but before that you have to go back to 1888, a leap year. We won't have to wait too long before this all happens again in 2029. The calendar oddity could provide fodder for preachers' sermons.

If we can believe the numbers we see on the internet, 45% of adult Christians receive ashes, and 54% of Americans celebrate Valentine's Day. The number of people who definitely or probably play a trick on April Fools' Day is 77%, which sounds high and will probably be lower this year because most of us are not at work or school on Sunday. And 80% of American adults celebrate Easter. That includes the secular traditions like dyeing eggs and baskets of jelly beans.

One person already has a plan for an Easter trick: "I'll tell my kids to hunt for eggs that I didn't hide." Wouldn't that would be a mean thing to do?

*Adapted from an article by Jim Stingl*

## February Worship Leaders

### Acolytes

Feb. 4  
 Feb. 11 Dawson Meiske  
 Feb. 14 (Ash Wed)  
 Feb. 18 Cade Talley  
 Feb. 25

### Lectors

Feb. 4 Lea Rhoades  
 Feb. 11 Maxine Schroeder  
 Feb. 18 Douglas Stauffer  
 Feb. 25 Charlotte Vrana

### Ushers

Douglas Stauffer  
 Charlotte Vrana  
 Lea Rhoades

### Communion Assistants

Feb. 4 Allison Bradshaw  
 Feb. 14 Randy Hehmann (Ash Wed)  
 Feb. 18 Braeden Lenz

Bread Betty Warren

### Altar Guild

Feb. 4-11 G. Naivar, S. Lenz  
 Feb. 14 B. Nygrin, P. Patschke  
 Feb. 18-28 G. Naivar, S. Lenz



### 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

## March Worship Leaders

### Acolytes

March 4  
 March 11 Cade Talley  
 March 18 Dawson Meiske  
 March 25 (Palm Sunday)

### Lectors

March 4 Anthony Gage  
 March 11 Megan Medford  
 March 18 Gem Naivar  
 March 25 Paulette Patschke

### Ushers

Paulette Patschke  
 Steve Patschke  
 Gem Naivar  
 Deborah Roeglin

### Communion Assistants

March 4 Gem Naivar  
 March 18 Paulette Patschke  
 March 29 Douglas Stauffer (Maundy Th)

Bread Linda Limmer

### Altar Guild

March 4-14 B. Nygrin, P. Patschke  
 March 18-21 G. Naivar, S. Lenz  
 March 29-30 B. Nygrin, P. Patschke



### Council Members

Eric Medford	Barbara Kuhl-Treas
Gem Naivar	Brian Neidig
Randy Hehmann	Lori Talley
Deborah Roeglin-Sec	

# Happy Birthday

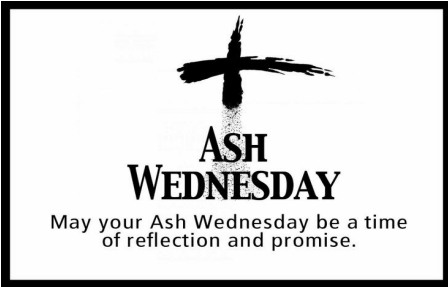
Feb. 4 Charlotte Vrana  
 Feb. 5 Louis Menk  
 Feb. 6 Alfred Meiske  
 Feb. 7 Kim Tursam  
 Feb. 7 Alyssa Stuckly  
 Feb. 7 Bryson Stuckly



Feb. 11 Cade Talley  
 Feb. 11 Sadie Medford  
 Feb. 13 Mildred Kuhl  
 Feb. 18 Emily Filla  
 Feb. 22 Eric Medford

## Anniversaries

**February 8**  
**Larry & Patty Zeplin**  
**49 years**



**Open House**  
**100th Birthday Celebration**  
**For**  
**Alfred Meiske**

**Saturday, February 3, 2018**  
**2:00 p.m. — 4:00 p.m.**  
**Prince of Peace Lutheran Church**  
**At Wuthrich Hill**  
**3101 CR 417, Taylor**  
**No Gifts Please**

**Note about Altar flowers during the Lenten Season**—No flowers will be placed on the altar during the season of Lent beginning with Ash Wednesday on February 14 through Palm Sunday, March 25, which on that Sunday, palms will be placed on the altar. However, if you would like to place flowers for a special occasion or in memory of someone during any Sunday of Lent, they may be placed on stands.



### February Flower Chart

Feb. 4 Allison Bradshaw  
 Feb. 11 Barbara Nygrin  
 Feb. 18 Open  
 Feb. 25 Maxine Schroeder



### 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)**

On Sunday, January 7th, L.A.F. held its annual organizational meeting. Thanks to all that attended and participated. New 2018 schedules will be ready to hand out on Sunday, February 4th.

### **Pancake Supper**

**All You Can Eat**

**Tuesday, February 6, 2018**

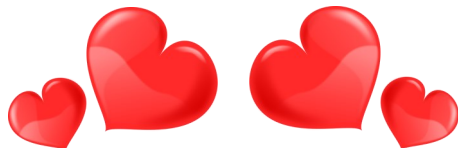
**Prince of Peace Fellowship Hall**

**6:30 p.m.**

**Everyone Welcome.**

**Bring your family & friends.**

A sign-up sheet will be available to get an idea of how many to prepare for.



Being rude is easy. It does not take any effort and is a sign of weakness and insecurity. Kindness shows great self-discipline and strong self-esteem. Being kind is not always easy when dealing with rude people. Kindness is a sign of a person who has done a lot of personal work and has come to a great self-understanding and wisdom. Choose to be kind over being right and you'll be right every time because kindness is a sign of strength.

Kind is always the right choice. It works two-fold. The other person is made to feel acknowledged and it lifts your spirits too when you know you've made someone feel good...you know it's a good day when you both smile.

### **Shrove Tuesday & Ash Wednesday**

Ash Wednesday signals the beginning of the season of Lent. Lent is a time to prepare for Easter. There are forty days in Lent, not counting Sundays. If you look at our Church Calendar, you can count these days.

The day before Ash Wednesday is called Shrove Tuesday ("shrove" comes from a word that means to have our sins forgiven), or Mardi Gras (which means "Fat Tuesday" in the French language), or Pancake Day. It is called Pancake Day, because people usually eat pancakes on this day. They eat these delicious pancakes, which might be covered in butter and syrup, on Shrove Tuesday because pancakes are made with eggs and milk and oil. A long time ago people didn't eat any eggs, milk or oil at all during the season of Lent! So the day before Ash Wednesday they used up all of their eggs and milk and oil by making pancakes!





## 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.

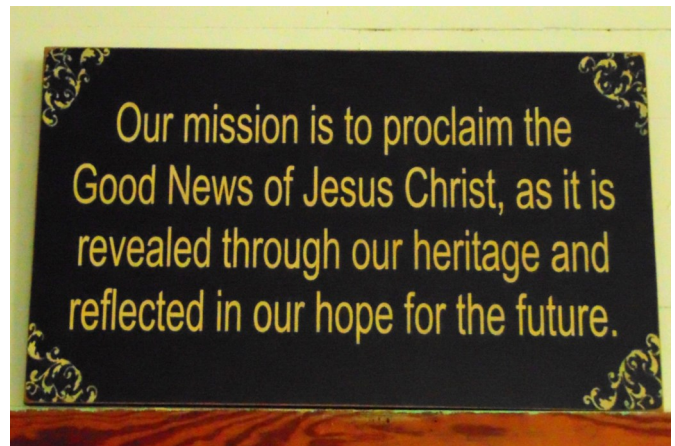
*All women of the congregation are considered members of WinGS.*

### **WinGS Quarterly Meeting**

The WinGS Circle held its quarterly meeting Sunday morning, January 14th. It has been decided not to have a Kolache Fundraiser this year. Other ideas were discussed and more details will be forthcoming as they are worked out.

*Thank  
you*

We thank Eric and Megan Medford for the plaque depicting our church's Mission Statement. It will be hanging in the Fellowship Hall.



### **First Sunday Fellowship**

**Feb. 4—Potluck**

**Everyone bring something to share.**



The **2018 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 are scheduled for each second and third Sundays.

## 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.

**February 7**

The classes will be suspended after this date until the Lenten Season is over.

Classes are expected to start up again on April 18.

Everyone is welcomed to attend.

## Ash Wednesday







# 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	Steven Patschke, Sr.
Deborah Roeglin	Karyl Townsend	
Marjorie Dawson	Marvin Ford	Tina Guzman
Carol Houghtaling	Roy Meiske	Shelby Patschke
Katie Roberts	Leon Rowald	Shirley Townsend
Emilie Vrana	Ida Watkins	
Gayle Bergstrom	Scotty Clifton	Donna Darriek
Frank David	Darrell Ford	Pat Hornsby
Randy Jaecks	Darrell Mikulencak	Elaine Oser
Beau Pitts	Duane Vizena	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

## **March Newsletter Articles**

**All articles for the March newsletter are due to Maxine by or no later than Tuesday, February 20.**

## **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; princeofpeacelutheranchurch@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.



*Texas District*

# Mission Moment

by Pastor Bryce Formwalt  
Director of Mission Growth

## Helping Others Answer the Call

It's been said that the greatest days in your life are the day you were born and the day you figured out why. Indeed, one of the most significant discoveries you can make is discovering what God has created you for.

I was reminded of this recently as we studied the first reading for the second Sunday after Epiphany. In 1 Samuel 3 we read of how Samuel discovered his calling. Three times the boy Samuel heard the voice of God calling and three times the boy ran to his master Eli as he assumed it was Eli who was calling him. When it happened a third time, Eli realized the voice calling the boy must be God's. So he instructed Samuel to go back and when he heard the voice call to him again, simply say "Speak, for your servant is listening."

This lesson serves as an excellent reminder that not only are we to seek to discover our own calling from God, but also help others to hear and answer their calls too. As Eli mentored Samuel in the faith and helped him to hear and recognize the call of God, all God's faithful are called to help mentor and guide others, especially those who are younger, to discover how God is calling them to live and to serve.

All across the Texas District congregation members are concerned about the future of the church. And there is good reason for concern as they look around and see aging pastors and congregations, dwindling youth and children's programs, and little movement among young people in preparation for Christian ministry. But instead of wringing our hands there is something that each of us can and should be doing. Maybe a significant part of our own calling is helping others discover theirs. Maybe we are called to be Elis to invest in young Samuels... or Pauls to invest in young Timothys.

Inevitably the question will be asked: How? How does an older person meaningfully engage in the faith development of a younger person? The key is to get back to the basics of living out our faith in community. The Christian faith compels us to engage with others around us no matter what age, race, or socio-economic status they are. Let's join Jesus on his mission and get to know our neighbors again, especially those who are younger or different. Love them like Jesus would, without judgement or shame, but pure, grace-filled kindness and love that can communicate across every social barrier we think might be there. And most of all, when the time is right and one comes to you seeking guidance, like Eli you can point him or her to God and teach him or her to say with an open heart, "Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening."

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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.*