

**January 2018**


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### Sunday Schedule

Worship

**9:00 a.m.**

Sunday School

**10:15 a.m.**

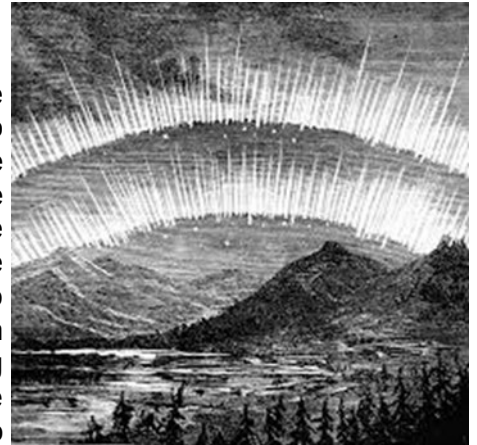
"Hitherto hath the Lord  
helped us."

1 Samuel 7:13

## Pastor's Note

### The Season of Light

The most beautiful natural phenomena to be seen in the northern hemisphere is said to be the Northern Lights, also known as the aurora borealis. These colorful lights dance across the sky above the horizon and those fortunate enough to live where they can be observed, experience a light show like no other. When we moved to southern Minnesota I had high anticipation for seeing these dancing lights but while we lived there they never put in an appearance. It was so disappointing.



As the celebrations of Christmas and the festivities surrounding New Year's Day fade away and the blah days of January loom ahead, many of us will encounter the blahs. We sigh and return to our hum-drum routines. Those dancing lights may be out of sight here in Texas but wait! Let's pay attention to our liturgical calendar! January 6<sup>th</sup> is the day of Epiphany! It begins the season of light!! Through Christ, light has come into this dark world!!!!

The Epiphany season begins with the story of the wise men coming to worship the baby Jesus and it concludes with His Transfiguration. These stories serve as bookends to the season of light but in between we hear stories about Jesus showing His divinity as the Light to the World. In our texts we hear the promise of God that Jesus is the one who has come into the world to be the light OF and FOR the world. And when you receive communion, you receive this light and joy of Christ, his forgiveness and his promise of life eternal in God's kingdom. You continue to be blessed by the gifts of Christmas love as the mid-winter days pass by.

Light has come into the world. . . we no longer walk in darkness. We walk instead by Jesus' side and as we walk, we begin to see the goodness of our God who shines his light of love for all. And as followers of Jesus and fellow workers in His kingdom, God calls us to be reflectors of His Light which makes the light even more bright.

So you see there really isn't any good reason for Christians to allow the post-holiday blahs to stifle our joy.

It's the season of Light! Wear your colorful clothes and dance - bring the northern lights south. Let your light shine and reflect the joy of Christ's light to the world.



Luceat lux vestra,

Pastor Kerri



## Council Notes

The council will meet on **Monday, January 8, 2018, 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.**

### Annual Congregational Meeting

The **Annual Congregational Meeting** will be held on **Sunday, January 21, 2018**, in the sanctuary on Sunday, immediately following the Worship Service. There are several items to be discussed as well as the election of new council members. Information packets for the meeting will be available the Sunday (January 14th) before the meeting so you can review them prior to the meeting. **All reports to be included in the packets must be turned in to the office no later than Wednesday, January 10th—no exceptions.** All members are encouraged to attend the meeting.

There will be a Potluck Meal served in the Fellowship Hall after the conclusion of the meeting. Everyone is invited to bring a dish to share.

The 2018 Member Directory booklets are in the process of being updated. If you have any address, phone number or e-mail changes, please let the office know asap.



## Memorials



### Memorial Fund

**In Memory of Edwin Krieg, Sr. & Edwin Krieg, Jr.:**

Lillie Krieg

### Cemetery Association

**In Memory of Florence & Delwood Kruse:**

Jennifer & August Batla

### Delivering the Fruit Baskets

The Council had fruit baskets made and delivered to the three nursing homes that some of our members have been or are currently living in. They were delivered by Eric Medford, Pastor Kerri and Mildred Kuhl, Megan & Hattie Medford.



**Pflugerville Care**



**Will-O-Bell**



**SPJST**



# Christmas Eve at Prince of Peace

We celebrated Christmas Eve Sunday night, December 24th with a Children's Program and a Candlelight Service. All the children performed really well. We thank all those who were involved with this production. We also thank Randy Dodd for sharing his musical talent with us by singing two hymns in German. There were 102 people in attendance.

It was a wonderful night!!



Nativity Scene Cast



Tony—Music



Karson & Gracelynn



Dallas, Madison, Mallory



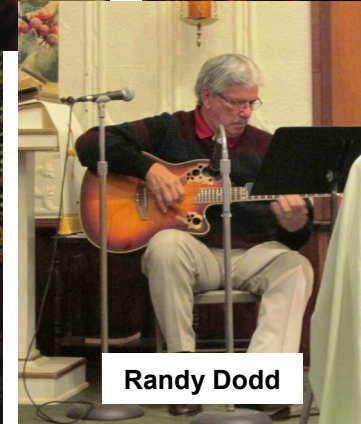
Communion



Candlelight



Bunge Family



Randy Dodd



Limmer Family

## 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

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

## 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

*“Year’s end is neither an end  
 nor a beginning but a going on,  
 with all the wisdom that experience  
 can instill in us.”*

### 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



**Thanks  
to Our  
Volunteers!**

**Thank-you to Justin  
Anderson and Eric Medford  
for crawling up in the  
church attic to fix the leak in  
the steeple.**

**We appreciate it very much!**

### Council Members

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



# Happy Birthday

Jan. 1 Tammy Laake  
 Jan. 5 Erwin Meiske  
 Jan. 6 Wayne Limmer  
 Jan. 9 Gem Naivar  
 Jan. 12 Jessica Patschke  
 Jan. 12 Jill Bunge  
 Jan. 12 Caroline Tursam



Jan. 14 Lori Talley  
 Jan. 18 Tracy Houghtaling  
 Jan. 18 Megan Medford  
 Jan. 19 Bobby Schroeder  
 Jan. 24 Macey Randig  
 Jan. 31 David Kuhl

## Anniversaries

**January 27**  
**Justin & Cindy Anderson**  
**29 years**

Thank you to my wonderful church family for your gifts of love this Christmas season! Gary and I are truly humbled. All year long you fill my heart to overflowing through your smiles, your laughter, your handshakes, and your love. Thank you!  
**Pastor Kerri**



### January Flower Chart

Jan. 7 Open  
 Jan. 14 Maxine Schroeder  
 Jan. 21 Ron & Melissa Randig  
 Jan. 28 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)***

On Sunday, January 7th, L.A.F. will host the First Sunday Fellowship after worship. Everyone is welcome to participate and bring a brunch-type dish to share. Afterwards, we will have our annual planning session. Please think about our activities and see if anyone can come up with some fresh ideas.

### **Un-Deck the Halls**

With the Christmas season coming to an end and the Epiphany season beginning, the Christmas decorations must be taken down. Help is needed on Friday evening, January 5, at 6:30 p.m. to take down the tree and put away all the decorations.

### **Deck the Halls**

Thank-you to everyone that helped with Decking the Halls on Friday, December 1st and those that helped finished hanging the Chrismsons on Sunday, December 3rd.







# 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.*

### NOTE!!

WinGS will hold their quarterly business meeting after fellowship on Sunday, January 14, 2018. All ladies of the church are encouraged to participate.



## Brown Santa

Thank you to everyone that contributed gifts to the Brown Santa drive. Eric Medford delivered the box of goodies to the Sheriff's Department Tuesday, December 11th . Many thanks to Eric for doing this.



### First Sunday Fellowship

Jan. 7—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 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.

**January 3**

**January 17**

**Everyone is welcomed to attend.**

## What is Epiphany?

The Feast of the Epiphany, or Manifestation (revelation) of Christ to the Gentiles, is observed on January 6th. Epiphany comes from a Greek word meaning "showing forth, appearance, manifestation, revelation." The Feast of Epiphany proclaims the good news that Jesus revealed God to all humanity.

At Christmas the church celebrates the birth of Jesus, when God entered fully into the human experience. The Feast of the Epiphany takes the Christmas proclamation a step further, when the divine revelation in Jesus was revealed to the world as the magi came from the east.

The eve of the Feast of the Epiphany (Twelfth Night) marks the end of the Christmas celebration. The Epiphany, January 6th, is followed by a period of "Sundays after the Epiphany"; the length of the Epiphany season varies in length from four to nine Sundays, depending on the date of Easter that year. The Last Sunday of Epiphany is celebrated as Transfiguration Sunday.

During the season of Epiphany we remember and recognize Jesus as God by many people in our Sunday readings: the magi, John the Baptist, Jesus' disciples, and Christians in every age, including our own. It is a time for rededicating ourselves to our own ministries and our missionary task - to continue the spread of Jesus' light in the world.

## Helping Children Understand Epiphany

Here are some points and pieces of wisdom to share with children during this season.

1. *On the night of Jesus' birth, the giant comet star let the world know that God is with us; magi from far away saw the star and journeyed to visit Jesus.*
2. *Jesus called his friends to be with him and to help him in his work.*
3. *Jesus said and did amazing and wonderful things that no one else could do. He healed many people to show how much God loved them.*
4. *Jesus, the gift of love, came for all the people of the world.*
5. *Jesus is like a light, helping us to see better.*
6. *We are a part of Jesus, and in Jesus we are baptized into God's family, the church.*

*The wonder and mystery of the magi invite us to wonder about the mystery: Jesus, who are you really?*





# 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	Karyl Townsend
Marjorie Dawson	Loriean Ford	Marvin Ford
Tina Guzaman	Carol Houghtaling	Roy Meiske
Shelby Patschke	Leon Rowald	Ida Watkins
Gayle Bergstrom	Scotty Clifton	Donna Darrieck
Darrell Ford	Joe Greer	Pat Hornsby
Randy Jaecks	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](mailto:mls@eccwireless.net)

## **February Newsletter Articles**

**All articles for the February newsletter are due to Maxine by or no later than Tuesday, January 23.**

## **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](mailto:princeofpeacetaylor@eccwireless.net); [princeofpeacelutheranchurch@gmail.com](mailto:princeofpeacelutheranchurch@gmail.com) or to [mls@eccwireless.net](mailto: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 Gifts We Bring

Gift giving can be difficult at times. Let's face it: some people are hard to shop for! But have you ever stopped to wonder why gift-giving is important? What's a gift really about anyway? Giving gifts to friends and family is an ancient ritual of nearly every known human culture. Gifts signify a relationship (or the desire for one) and are meant to delight, honor, and/or surprise the recipient. In our attempt to do just that we seek to give a gift that is an expression of that loving relationship, but it often gets deduced down to giving the gift that a person either wants or needs but does not already have.

So what do we give Jesus, the King of kings? On Epiphany, we are fondly reminded of the story when magi journeyed from afar to worship the newborn King Jesus bringing gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Now these were extraordinary gifts to be given to a child. But what should we give Jesus, today? What does Jesus need or want that he doesn't already have? What would bring him delight, honor, or surprise? And what do I really have to offer? In honor of the magi, I'd like to propose three gift-giving suggestions:

First of all, give Jesus yourself. Take time to be with him, commune with him, worship him, and walk with him. In the busy-ness of our day-to-day lives we can be neglectful of our relationship with Jesus. Remember above all else, Jesus desires to be in relationship with you and with me.

Secondly, give Jesus the very best of what he's given you. God has uniquely created you with interests and talents and abilities. In this Epiphany season, remember how Jesus is calling you to use what he's given you to give Jesus honor. Ask God for guidance of how you can serve him with the gifts he's already given you.

Finally, give Jesus the introduction to a friend. Just as Jesus desires to be in a relationship with you, he desires to have that with all of people. Take time to introduce Jesus to a friend. Do all your friends already know Jesus? Then it is time to make some new friends with people who don't! Pray for God to guide you every step of the way and watch with awe and wonder as the Holy Spirit creates faith in the heart of your friend.

In this season of Epiphany we are reminded of the privilege we have to delight, honor, and surprise Jesus with our gifts. Let's cherish every gift-giving opportunity and live our lives to the honor and glory of God, giving thanks for his goodness and mercy!

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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.*