

July 2018



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Lutheran Church**
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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



Every summer my heart hurls itself back in time to my youth: to lazy days spent water-skiing at the lake, devouring my grandmother's "cabin salad", swimming with my brother at the city pool, and hanging out with friends under the street light fighting the junebugs flying around our heads. It's hard to pinpoint just which summer occasion was the happiest because all were happy. Even as a young person I knew to cherish these times and pack them away to recall when needed. But the highlight of each of my summers from age 8 to 18 was attending church camp.

When I reached the summer following my freshman year, I found a special occasion waiting at the last campfire of the week. Worship with Holy Communion. The final campfire of the week is always emotional but to share the body and blood of our Savior with friends, was overwhelming for us. We understood wholly, the depth of love God had for us upon the cross and that gift coupled with the genuine care we had for one another, caused many tears to flow. And all these many years later, a large group of us still travel to that camp and we gather around the table of the Lord to share the sacrament of Holy Communion as a community. This joyful banquet is as powerful for us today, as it was 40 some years earlier.

In Luke chapter 14 we read, "When one of those who reclined at table with him heard these things, he said to him, 'Blessed is everyone who will eat bread in the kingdom of God!' But he said to him, 'A man once gave a great banquet and invited many. And at the time for the banquet he sent his servant to say to those who had been invited, 'Come, for everything is now ready.' But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said to him, 'I have bought a field, and I must go out and see it. Please have me excused.' And another said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to examine them. Please have me excused.' And another said, 'I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.' So the servant came and reported these things to his master. Then the master of the house became angry and said to his servant, 'Go out quickly to the streets and lanes of the city and bring in the poor and crippled and blind and lame.' And the servant said, 'Sir, what you commanded has been done, and still there is room.' And the master said to the servant, 'Go out to the highways and hedges and compel people to come in, that my house may be filled. For I tell you, none of those men who were invited shall taste my banquet.'"

Just as medicine is for the sick who want to be healed, holy communion is for sinners who want to be forgiven. But many sinners have excuses for not attending worship and sharing the banquet with their fellow believers. There is nothing sadder to a pastor's ear than to hear one of their flock say, "Sorry pastor I won't be at church this Sunday. I have to. . ." But that is the world we live in, the world where Satan has found delight. He has turned the glory of worshipping our risen Savior into a day to worship "myself".

This feast of Jesus Christ is for you. He invites you. The one who died for you and has prepared a place for you welcomes you. Yet, what is the response? Is it "I cannot come?" What better things do you have to do this Sunday?

The Kingdom of God is at hand. The table has been prepared for you. You have been invited.



Omnis praeparta,

Pastor Kerri



Council Notes

The Council will meet on Monday, July 9, 2018, at 7:00 p.m.

Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting

The **Semi-annual Congregational Meeting** will be held **Sunday, July 22nd**, in the sanctuary immediately following the Worship Service. Information packets for the meeting will be available the Sunday (July 15) 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, July 11.** 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.

Benevolence Blessings Request

If you have any gently used duffel (or duffel type) bags laying around and not being used, bring them to the church. We will be collecting them for the foster children of Williamson County.

Please bring them by July 22nd.

Any help will be greatly appreciated.



THANKS!

Thanks to Steven Patschke for repairing the storage shed when it was recently discovered that the north side was flapping in the wind. His quick response was greatly appreciated.



New Siding on the Church

Work has been progressing nicely on the new siding. Barring any heavy rains, it should be completed soon.



When Did It Happen?

People are always asking when certain things occurred here at the church. After doing some research into old records and directories, maybe this will give everyone an idea of what and when.

Church building—built at New Bern in 1912 and moved to Wuthrich Hill in January, 1949. New floor put in church—1951. Sacristy added—1959. Colored glass windows installed—1966. Church exterior painted—May, 1970. PA Sound System —1972 & replaced 1983. New red carpet—January 1974. Exterior painted—1975. Vinyl siding added—1979. Metal roofing—1986. New stained glass windows—1987-1994. H/C ramp added-December 1988. Red pew cushions—1992. Interior painted—1994. Central heat & A/C —1995. New sound system—September 2002. New ramp—October 2010. New A/C System—March 2014. Sacristy steps replaced—February 2017. New green Carpet & entry way—June 2017. Steeple louvers replaced—November 2017. New gold pew cushions—November 2017. New vinyl siding—June 2018.

Fellowship building—built as the New Bern School House approx. 1920 and moved to Wuthrich Hill in January, 1949. Classrooms, kitchen & bathrooms added after move. Vinyl siding added—1979. Metal roofing—1987. Metal steps & new porch by kitchen—1987. Central heat & A/C—1995. New kitchen area added in 2005. New A/C System—June 2013.

Present Parsonage built in 1949 using lumber taken from the St. James building with garage and master bedroom added in 1981. Central A/C & Heat added in 1977 & replaced February 2018. Septic system replaced—1987. Metal roofing—1988.

July Worship Leaders

Acolytes

July 1
 July 8 Cade Talley
 July 15 Dawson Meiske
 July 22
 July 29

Lectors

July 1 Megan Medford
 July 8 Gem Naivar
 July 15 Paulette Patschke
 July 22 Lea Rhoades
 July 29 Maxine Schroeder

Ushers

Suzanne Lenz
 Raymond Lenz
 Randall Roeglin

Communion Assistants

July 1 Douglas Stauffer
 July 15 Charlotte Vrana

Bread Linda Limmer

Altar Guild

July 1-8 G. Naivar
 July 15-29 B. Nygrin, P. Patschke

Council Members

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

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

August Worship Leaders

Acolytes

Aug. 5
 Aug. 12 Dawson Meiske
 Aug. 19 Cade Talley
 Aug. 26

Lectors

Aug. 5 Douglas Stauffer
 Aug. 12 Charlotte Vrana
 Aug. 19 Anthony Gage
 Aug. 26 Megan Medford

Ushers

Paulette Patschke
 Steven Patschke
 Charles Wagner

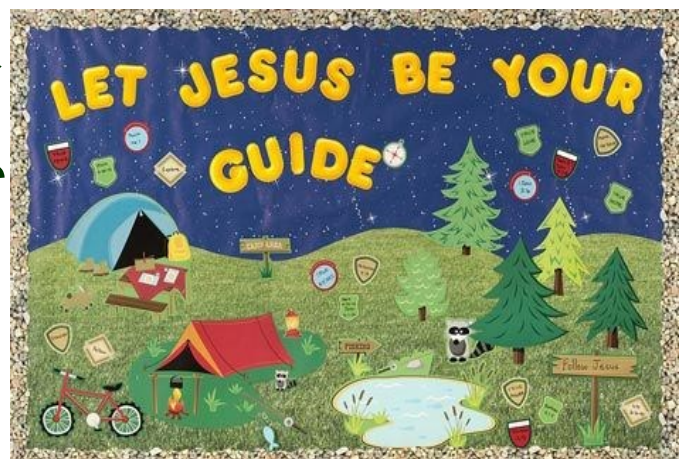
Communion Assistants

Aug. 5 Allison Bradshaw
 Aug. 19 Randy Hehmann

Bread Betty Warren

Altar Guild

Aug. 5-12 G. Naivar, S. Lenz
 Aug. 19-26 B. Nygrin, P. Patschke



July 4 Harrison Patschke
 July 10 Judy Laake
 July 11 Ben Veit
 July 14 Caleb Naivar



July 18 Rhiannon Leshikar
 July 23 Jerry Neill
 July 29 Hattie Medford

Anniversaries

July 2
Harvey & Judy Laake
53 years

July 31
Jerry & Barbara Neill
47 years

July 18
Randall & Deborah Roeglin
37 years



Congratulations!

After serving as the interim pastor for 17 months, Rev. Gary Veit was officially installed as the Pastor of Peace Lutheran Church in Rockdale on Sunday, June 10, 2018. We wish him well with his new congregation.



July Flower Chart



July 1
 July 8 Neidig Family
 July 15 Gem Naivar
 July 22
 July 29



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)

Auction Time Coming Soon

It's going to be here before you know it. Auction items are needed—handmade, homemade, or purchased will be accepted.

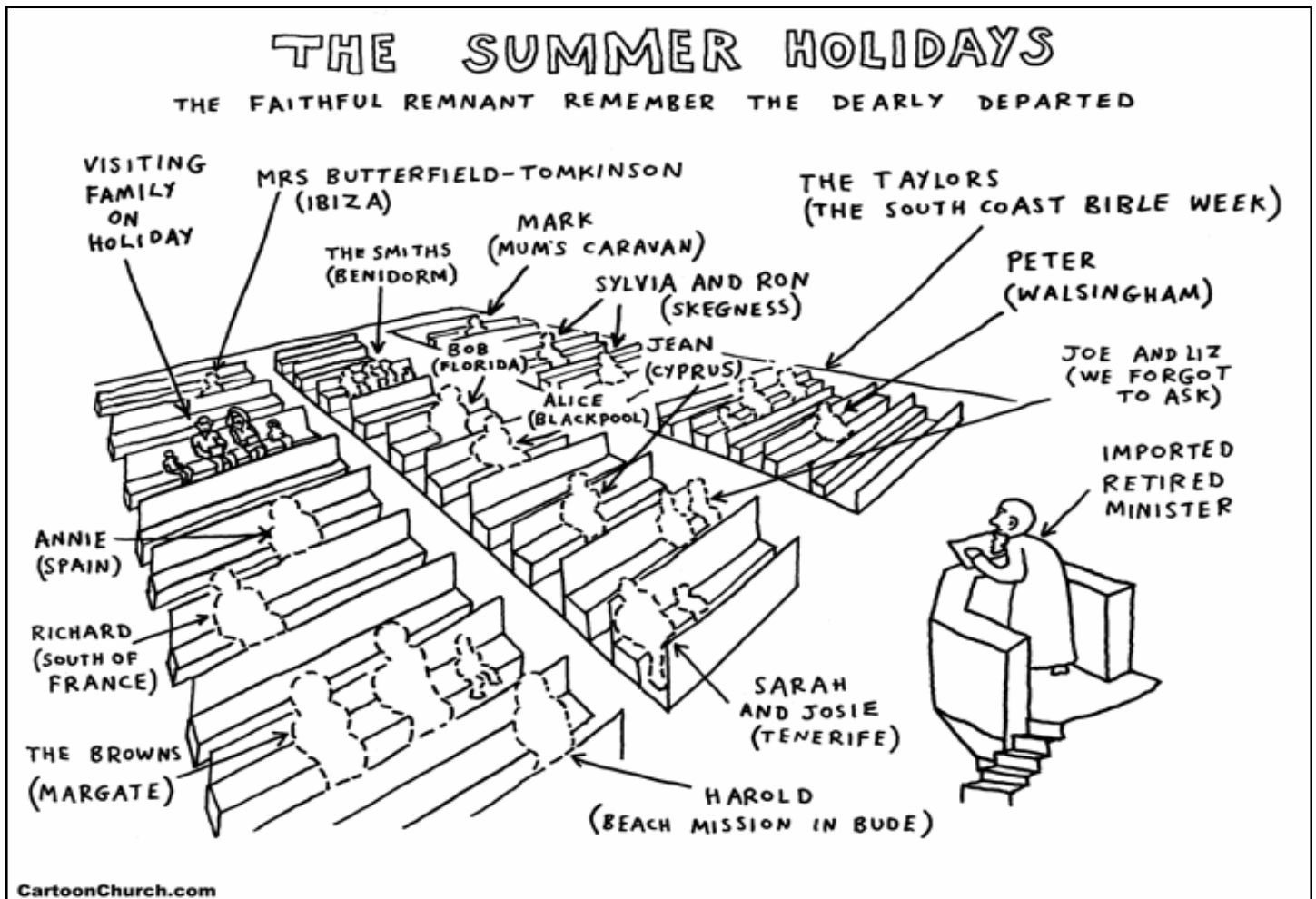
Invite your family and friends to join us for a fun-filled evening starting at **4:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 12th, 2018, at the Fellowship Hall**. We will begin with a light meal of **hot dogs, cookies, and homemade ice cream**. See sign-up sheet if you would like to donate cookies or ice cream. Also, **someone is needed to head up the food committee**.

At **5:00 p.m.** we will begin our **18th Annual Auction**.

Any and all donations will be greatly appreciated.

Auctioneer—**Buddy Johnson**

This is L.A.F.'s only fundraiser, and the funds collected are used throughout the year to fund the various activities, the Sunday fellowship supplies, various charities, and a donation to the Youth Camp Fund.





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

WinGS will hold its quarterly meeting after fellowship on Sunday, July 15. All Ladies of the church are encouraged to attend.

Thank
You

We extend a huge thank-you to Sherwood Lucko of Cameron for once again sharing his beautiful gladiolus during the worship service on May 27. He has done this for the past several years.



First Sunday Fellowship

July 1, 2018—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.

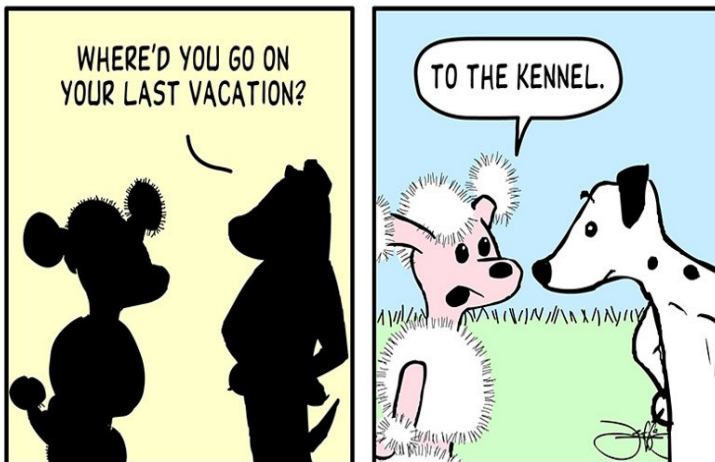
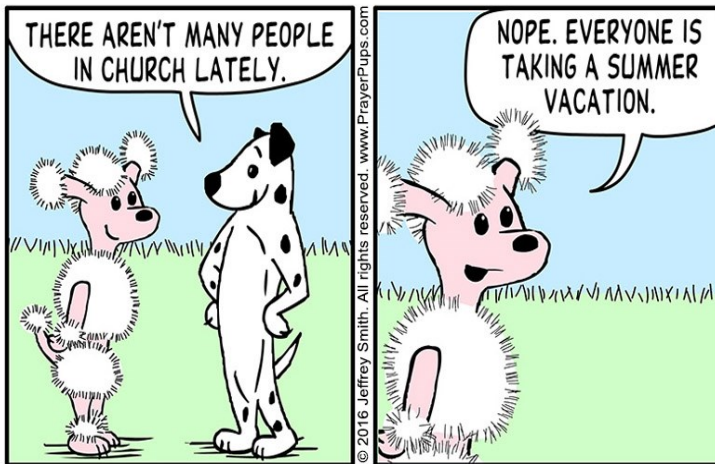
Join us for interesting and informative classes.

July 11

July 18—pending

Everyone is welcomed to attend.

PRAYER PUPS BY JEFFREY SMITH





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)	
Barbara Kuhl	Alfred Meiske	Karyl Townsend
Gary Bartels	Marjorie Dawson	Marvin Ford
Tina Guzaman	Carol Houghtaling	Mason Kuhl
Roy Meiske	Leon Rowald	Shirley Townsend
Emilie Vrana	Ida Watkins	
Scotty Clifton	Donna Darriek	Frank David
Darrell Ford	Pat Hornsby	Randy Jaecks
Darrell Mikulencak	Elaine Oser	Beau Pitts
Chad Sullivan	Rick Thornton	Duane Vizena
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

August Newsletter Articles

All articles for the August newsletter are due to Maxine by or no later than Tuesday, July 24.

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.



Mission Moment

by Pastor Bryce Formwalt
Director of Mission Growth

Do What Jesus Did

A couple of months ago, I had the opportunity to help lead one of our congregations in a retreat seeking to discern God's vision for their future. We had a wonderful time as we pursued what God's dream might be for the congregation.

We discovered together that vision is the picture of God's preferred future and is critical for God's people to discern. For the consequences of our inattention to vision is dire. In the King James Version, Proverbs 29:18 reads "*Where there is no vision, the people perish.*" The Christian Standard Bible translates the same verse this way: "*Without revelation, people run wild.*" In other words, when we take our eyes off the picture of God's preferred future, we replace God's desires for our own... and we run wild... which ultimately leads to perishing.

With all of this in mind, we broke the big group into smaller groups of 3 and 4 people to discuss what it might look like if the congregation would become the church God desired it to be in the future. A couple of minutes into the small group discussion time, one table called me over to ask me a question: "It's easy for us to know what we want for the future of the church, but how are we supposed to know what God would want for us?"

I suggested that when we don't know what to do, we should simply start with Jesus as we meet him in the gospels. As followers of Jesus, we are invited to join Jesus in what he's doing in our community and world. And what Jesus is doing today and will do tomorrow is always consistent with what Jesus has done in the gospels. In Romans 12:1-2, Paul admonishes the church "*to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God; this is your true worship. Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may discern what is the good, pleasing, and perfect will of God.*"

So I encourage you to ask this all important question: What would our church be like if God were in charge of everything? Kind of ironic, isn't it? Shouldn't God be "in charge"? If we take seriously that Jesus is not only savior, but also Lord, then it is time we stop pursuing what we want for our churches and start pursuing God's dream for us instead. Let's start with doing what Jesus did, joining him on his mission right where God has planted us.

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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Blessed ★ ★ ★
is the nation
whose
GOD
★ is the LORD.
★ ★
~ Psalm 33:12



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.