

# Prince of Peace Lutheran Church



#### May 2018



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#### **LCMC**

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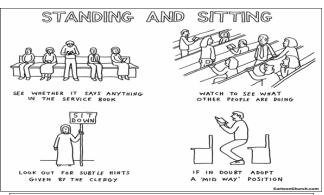
# **Sunday Schedule**

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

"Hitherto hath the Lord helped us."

1 Samuel 7:13

# Pastor's Note



This CartoonChurch.com cartoon by Dave Walker originally appeared in the Church Times.

Sit. Stand. Stand. Sit. Stand. Sit. Uff! If you are a visitor to our Lutheran church – or even a long-time member - you may wonder why you have to get up and down so much. It seems you just sat down now the pastor wants you to stand again. All this movement makes little sense to you. If

you ask "why?" someone will probably just shrug and say, "I don't know. We just do." It can be a bit frustrating and could even be a reason to not return.

The Lutheran church, like the Catholic and Episcopal churches, is a liturgical church which means we worship using a formally structured, participatory way of worship. We did not invent this order of service: it developed from the beginning of the New Testament era. Every single thing in worship has significance. Every movement, posture, word spoken, and thing done means something. Our worship is based exclusively on Scripture and is focused completely on Jesus and His saving grace. In worship, God comes to us and gives us His grace and mercy. What we do in worship is receive these gifts and respond.

There's a simple formula to standing and sitting. We stand to approach or praise God and we sit to learn. When worship begins we stand and approach God to offer our confession of sin and ask for His forgiveness. We stand when we sing hymns because we are praising His Holy name. Standing was a posture of prayer for the Jewish people since before the time of Jesus and so we continue to utilize this position for our prayers today. We also stand as we say the Creed together: the solemn confession of the faith of the Christian church. And we stand to hear the Gospel Word proclaimed, which is at the center of the entire worship service.

Sitting is a posture of listening. We sit for the readings which are seen as instructions to God's people. We also sit for the sermon or homily (a homily is a shorter sermon!) for the same reason. When we are sitting we are ready to hear and receive. In other words, we sit to actively listen . . . NOT TO REST!

Next month I will address parts of the worship and their biblical sources.

Pax Domini sit semper vobiscum Christi,





# **Council Notes**

The Council will meet on Monday, May 14, 2018, at 7:00 p.m.



# **New Sign**

How many of you have noticed the new church sign located at the corner of FM 619 & CR 413?

Thanks go to the Council for having this made and installed.

Thanks also go to the Kuhl Family for letting it sit on a small corner of their property.



### **Benevolence Blessings**

The *Benevolence Blessings* for May is to provide the Thrall Elementary with bottles of water and small snacks for the students during the Texas Starr Testing period May 14 and 15. Prince of Peace and St. John's of Thrall will be partnering in providing this service.



Mr. & Mrs. Sean Lucier

Congratulations

Finally, after much ado about the freezing weather, snow and an outside wedding, Ashleigh & Sean were married Saturday, April 8, 2018 in a beautiful ceremony in Oklahoma. Everyone

had a good time and have returned to a much warmer Texas.



Proud Parents

Gary & Kerri Veit



# GARAGE & BAKE SALE SATURDAY MAY 5<sup>th</sup>

PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH 8:00 - 1:00

PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT THE BUILDING FUND

BAKE SALE WILL FEATURE ASSORTED HOMEMADE KOLACHES AS WELL
AS PIES, CAKES AND COOKIES



**NO CHECKS** 

**DEBIT/CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED** 

Volunteers are still needed to set-up the tables and tents, work the sale and take down afterward. Great opportunity for kids needing volunteer hours.

Sign-up sheets are in the Parish Hall

### **May Worship Leaders**

#### Acolytes

May 6

May 13 Cade Talley (Mother's Day)

May 20 Dawson Meiske (Pentecost)

May 27 (Holy Trinity)

#### Lectors

May 6 Megan Medford

May 13 Gem Naivar (Mother's Day)

May 20 Paulette Patschke (Pentecost)

May 27 Lea Rhoades (Holy Trinity)

#### Ushers

Barbara Kuhl

Charlotte Vrana

**Curtis Neidig** 

#### **Communion Assistants**

Randy Hehmann May 6

May 20 Braeden Lenz (Pentecost)

Bread Linda Limmer

#### Altar Guild

May 6-13 G. Naivar.

May 20-27 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

# Acolytes

June 3

June 10 Dawson Meiske

June 17 Cade Talley (Father's Day)

**June Worship Leaders** 

June 24

Lectors



June 3 Maxine Schroeder

June 10 Douglas Stauffer

June 17 Charlotte Vrana (Father's Day)

June 24 Anthony Gage



#### Ushers

Gem Naivar

**Douglas Stauffer** 

Deborah Roeglin



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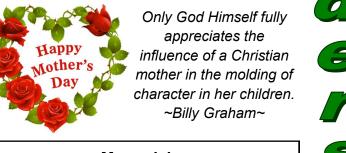
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#### Altar Guild

June 3-10 G. Naivar, S. Lenz

June 17-24 B. Nygrin, P. Patschke





# Memorial Day **Remembering Those Served** All Gave Some, Some Gave All **Gone But** NEVER forgotten! ©Copyright dgreetings .com

#### **Council Members**

Eric Medford-Pres. Gem Naivar-Vice-Pres. Deborah Roeglin-Sec Barbara Kuhl-Treas

Randy Hehmann **Brian Neidig** Lori Talley



# Anniversaries

May 1 Buddy Townsend

May 4 Barbara Neill

May 10 Juanette Meiske

May 11 Jill Bunge

May 14 Allison Bradshaw

May 25 Larry Zeplin

May 6 Tim & Cynthia Kaiser 18 years May 9
Phillip & Rebecca Patschke
9 years



May 17
Shane & Kimberly Tursam
4 years





May 26
Lee & Yvonne Gaydos
45 yars

May 26 Gary & Kerri Veit 34 years





# May Flower Chart

May 6 May 13 WinGS Circle May 20

May 27



#### 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)

There is no activity scheduled for May. Everybody that can, please plan to help with the Garage/Bake Sale on Saturday, May 5.

Stay tuned for information about the Church Picnic on Sunday, June 10.

We celebrated Easter Day beginning with an awesome Worship Service with 114 attendees





# 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 <u>ALL</u> 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 held its quarterly meeting on Sunday, April 15th. It was decided to share the proceeds of the March Fundraiser between the Bereavement Fund, Scholarship Fund and it's General Fund. Also, scholarship applications are due by May 15—applicants must adhere to the guidelines furnished with the application form.



### **2018 High School Graduates**



High School graduates from Prince of Peace this year are Andrew Houghtaling, Brandon Kuhl, and Braeden Lenz.

Andrew, son of John & Tracy Houghtaling and grandson of Barbara Kuhl, will be graduating from Thrall High School on Friday, May 25th at 8:00 p.m. Thrall Baccalaureate Service will be held Sunday, May 20, at St. John's Lutheran Church in Thrall at 3:00 p.m.

Brandon, son of David Kuhl and grandson of Mildred Kuhl, will be graduating from Hutto High School on Wednesday, May 30th.

Braeden, grandson of Raymond & Suzanne Lenz and son of the late Chad Lenz, will be graduating from Thorndale High School on Friday, May 25th.

We wish all three boys the best in their coming futures.



## First Sunday Fellowship

May 6—Potluck
Everyone bring something to share.



The <u>2018</u> 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.

May 2 May 16

Everyone is welcomed to attend.



# 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 Alfred Meiske

Karyl Townsend

Gary Bartels Marjorie Dawson Marvin Ford
Tina Guzaman Carol Houghtaling Roy Meiske
Katie Roberts Leon Rowald Aric Russell
Shirley Townsend Emilie Vrana Ida Watkins

Scotty Clifton Donna Darrieck 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

#### **June Newsletter Articles**

All articles for the June newsletter are due to Maxine by or no later than Tuesday, May 22.

# **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@ymail.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

by Pastor Bryce Formwalt Director of Mission Growth

# Ordinary People...Extraordinary God

There's a story about a Sunday School student who couldn't wait to tell his parents their lesson one Sunday after class: "So the Israelites were slaves in Egypt and then Moses used some really cool special effects to scare Pharaoh into letting them go: he made it look like there were swarms of bugs and frogs, and used food coloring to change the water this blood red color! So Pharaoh lets them go and the Israelites formed a convoy out of Egypt! And then Pharaoh changes his mind and sends the Egyptian army after them! And then the Egyptians chased the Israelite convoy in tanks! So Moses scrambled the Israeli Air Force to delay the tanks! And Moses also ordered the engineers to deploy a pontoon bridge across the Red Sea! And just as the Israelites made it safely across the bridge, the Egyptians started across the bridge in their tanks, but Moses gave the order and the Israeli Air Force bombed the bridge and sank the Egyptian Army!"

The boy's mom asked her son, "Is that the way your Sunday School Teacher really taught it?!" The boy responded, "Nah - but if I had told you her version of the story, you'd have never believed it!"

Sometimes as we reflect on these Bible stories and the characters we meet in them it can be really hard for us to make connections to our lives today. The stories often seem larger than life as we read of the mighty heroes of both the Old and New Testaments. These heroes of the Bible to us might as well be superheroes as most often we believe that we are nothing like them. We think that while God can use great men and women of faith Noah, or Abraham and Sarah, or Moses, or David, or Mary for great things, we somehow feel disqualified to be used similarly by God because our faith seems so small by comparison.

But what we fail to recognize is that each of these Bible heroes, in some big ways and many small, were just as human and vulnerable and sinful as you and I. God does not call the equipped so much as he equips those whom he calls. He chooses ordinary people like you and me to work through and deliver his grace, glory, and power here on earth. Paul makes this clear in 2 Corinthians 4:7: But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us.

Let's not forget that we are all simple, ordinary, frail vessels within which God entrusts the treasure of his Gospel, so that it may be clear as we go about our daily lives as disciples of Jesus and ambassadors of the Kingdom of God, that the extraordinary power that comes through the Gospel is truly from God, and not us!

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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.