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## LCMC

Lutheran Congregations in  
Mission for Christ  
LCMC Texas District

## Sunday Schedule

### Worship

9:00 a.m.

### Sunday School

10:10 a.m.

"Hitherto hath the Lord  
helped us."

1 Samuel 7:13

## Pastor's Note

Shortly before Easter arrived, a poem began circulating on Facebook. It was a "Dr. Seuss inspired" poem reminiscent of the Grinch. In that poem, the Grinch learned that nothing could steal Christmas - - when Christmas is in your heart. Such is the case with this new poem, except it was written with this year's Easter in mind. Satan, the world, and the pandemic thought it could do just that. . .steal Easter from us. . .but found out differently. We have been reassured by Jesus' words recorded in John 16:33 - - *"I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world."*

As hard as he tries, Satan will not win because Pastors are still bringing the Gospel message and people are yearning to hear its words of hope! The tomb is still empty!! God is ALIVE! Eyes are opening, ears are listening. . . to the truth. Some for the first time ever! The Lord is moving on the earth and moving among humanity. And because our tribulation does not appear to be easing any time soon, Paulette in one of her ponderings has an excellent reminder for us - "our plans are NOT God's plans."

Of course, this is difficult for us. We are a people who make a lot of plans! We carry phones with built in planners where we cram in as much as we can into all those small sections of time. We have to plan which kid needs to be where at what time; we plan our work hours, plane flights, dinner engagements, concerts, vacations, dr. appointments. But how many of us write in on that little Sunday section - WORSHIP, 9 am? Think about it. How many of us schedule "God-time" on Sundays, let alone devotion or prayer time? It's my opinion that God has said "enough!" He has seen that His children are out of control on so many levels.

Therefore, God is giving us time. Time to heal family fractures; many parents for the first time are seeing their child's gifts and personalities because they are spending actual time with them! Time to heal the environment's fractures; the earth, water, and air all need healing. Time to heal our relationship with Him; time to repent and be forgiven, time to hear God's plans for us.

God tells us in Jeremiah 29:11 that His plans are to prosper us, not to harm us. His plans are to give us hope and a future. When we keep butting in, thinking OUR plans are so much more important than His, God had no other choice but to step in. This is His blessing to us. I pray we recognize it and learn from it.

Back to that Easter poem . . . it's been included in this month's newsletter so look for it!

*" . . .if then my people, upon whom my name has been pronounced, humble themselves and pray, and seek my face and turn from their evil ways, I will hear them from heaven and pardon their sins and heal their land." 2 Chronicles 7:14-15*



Shalom Aleichem,  
Pastor Kerri



# How the Virus Stole Easter

By Kristi Bothur (With a nod to Dr. Seuss)

Twas late in '19 when the virus began  
Bringing chaos and fear to all people, each land.

People were sick, hospitals full,  
Doctors overwhelmed, no one in school.

As winter gave way to the promise of spring,  
The virus raged on, touching peasant and king.

People hid in their homes from the enemy unseen.  
They YouTubed and Zoomed, social-distanced, and cleaned.

April approached and churches were closed.  
"There won't be an Easter," the world supposed.

"There won't be church services, and egg hunts are out.  
No reason for new dresses when we can't go about."

Holy Week started, as bleak as the rest.  
The world was focused on masks and on tests.

"Easter can't happen this year," it proclaimed.  
"Online and at home, it just won't be the same."

Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, the days came and went.  
The virus pressed on; it just would not relent.

The world woke Sunday and nothing had changed.  
The virus still menaced, the people, estranged.

"Pooh pooh to the saints," the world was grumbling.  
"They're finding out now that no Easter is coming.

"They're just waking up! We know just what they'll do!  
Their mouths will hang open a minute or two,  
And then all the saints will all cry boo-hoo.

"That noise," said the world, "will be something to hear."  
So it paused and the world put a hand to its ear.

And it did hear a sound coming through all the skies.  
It started down low, then it started to rise.

But the sound wasn't depressed.  
Why, this sound was triumphant!  
It couldn't be so!  
But it grew with abundance!

The world stared around, popping its eyes.  
Then it shook! What it saw was a shocking surprise!

Every saint in every nation, the tall and the small,  
Was celebrating Jesus in spite of it all!

It hadn't stopped Easter from coming! It came!  
Somehow or other, it came just the same!

And the world with its life quite stuck in quarantine  
Stood puzzling and puzzling.  
"Just how can it be?"

"It came without bonnets, it came without bunnies,  
It came without egg hunts, cantatas, or money."

Then the world thought of something it hadn't before.  
"Maybe Easter," it thought, "doesn't come from a store.  
Maybe Easter, perhaps, means a little bit more."

And what happened then?  
Well...the story's not done.  
What will YOU do?

Will you share with that one  
Or two or more people needing hope in this night?  
Will you share the source of your life in this fight?

The churches are empty - but so is the tomb,  
And Jesus is victor over death, doom, and gloom.

So this year at Easter, let this be our prayer,  
As the virus still rages all around, everywhere.

May the world see hope when it looks at God's people.  
May the world see the church is not a building or steeple.  
May the world find Faith in Jesus' death and resurrection,  
May the world find Joy in a time of dejection.  
May 2020 be known as the year of survival,  
But not only that -  
Let it start a revival.

## Council Notes

**The Council will meet on  
Monday, May 11, 2020,  
at 7:00 p.m.**

## Mother's Day Drive-Thru

**Since the Easter Drive-Thru was such a success, it has been decided to do another one on Mother's Day, May 10th, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Again, enter at the north driveway and pull around to the church ramp to have a prayer with Pastor Kerri. The basket will be available to receive offerings and all mothers coming thru will receive a special treat.**

## Council Chairman's Report for May 2020

Grace and Peace to you through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

I pray that you are all well and coping with our self-quarantine restrictions. I believe we are all ready to come together as a congregation and worship as the family of God. God teaches us patience in His own way and, hopefully, we have grown as His children during these trying times.

Church business continues and Pastor Kerri and Maxine are in the office each morning if you wish to speak with either of them or have questions, concerns or need pastoral care.

Offerings received in April showed your continued support of the Parish needs. Please keep in mind that the financial needs of the church continue and we pray that your giving will continue to help us meet these needs. You can mail your offering or drop it in the black mail box at the church office.

At the April council meeting it was decided to postpone our planned 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration until a later date. Additionally, the process of the Special Committee assigned to direct and oversee funding of future building projects has been suspended pending the outcome of the effects of the Covid-19 crises.

As we continue these days of social distancing, let us show Christ's love and help to each other. Let us join with friends, family and neighbors in prayer for help and guidance from our loving God.

God Bless you!

Steve Patschke, Chairman

My # is 512-713-7006.

## Easter Drive-Thru

The Easter Drive-Thru proved to be a success with 49 people attending. Thank-you to everyone that brought flowers to put on the Easter Cross. All the kiddos that came received an Easter treat.



**May Worship Leaders****Acolytes**

May 3 Gracelynn Badgett  
 May 10 Andrew Patschke (Mother's Day)  
 May 17 Karson Bradshaw  
 May 24 Sadie Medford  
 May 31 Harrison Patschke

**Lectors**

May 3 Anthony Gage  
 May 10 Megan Medford (Mother's Day)  
 May 17 Gem Naivar  
 May 24 Paulette Patschke  
 May 31 Maxine Schroeder

**Ushers**

Barbara Kuhl  
 Patty Zeplin  
 Larry Zeplin

**Communion Assistants**

May 3 Paulette Patschke  
 May 17 Douglas Stauffer

**Bread** Betty Warren

**Altar Guild**

May 3-10 Gem Naivar (Mother's Day)  
 May 17-31 Paulette Patschke

**Memorials**

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

**Prayer Chains**

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

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s****June Worship Leaders****Acolytes**

June 7 Gracelynn Badgett  
 June 14 Andrew Patschke  
 June 21 Karson Bradshaw (Father's Day)  
 June 28 Sadie Medford

**Lectors**

June 7 Douglas Stauffer  
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 June 21 Anthony Gage (Father's Day)  
 June 28 Megan Medford

**Ushers**

Deborah Roeglin  
 Randall Roeglin  
 Wayne Limmer

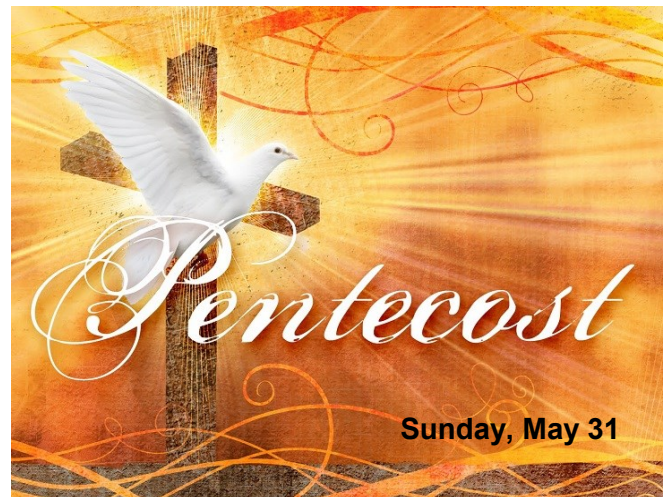
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June 7 Charlotte Vrana  
 June 21 Charles Wagner (Father's Day)

**Bread** Betty Warren

**Altar Guild**

June 7-14 Gem Naivar  
 June 21-28 Paulette Patschke



Sunday, May 31

**Council Members**

Steven Patschke-Pres.	Megan Medford
Douglas Stauffer-Vice-Pres.	Charlotte Vrana
Teresa Krause-Sec	Larry Zeplin
Barbara Kuhl-Treas	

# May Birthdays

- May 1 Buddy Townsend
- May 4 Barbara Neill
- May 11 John Bunge
- May 14 Allison Bradshaw
- May 25 Larry Zeplin

# Anniversaries

**May 6**  
**Tim & Cynthia Kaiser**  
**20 years**

**May 9**  
**Phillip & Rebecca Patschke**  
**11 years**

**May 17**  
**Shane & Kimberly Tursam**  
**6 years**

**May 26**  
**Lee & Yvonne Gaydos**  
**47 years**

**May 26**  
**Gary & Kerri Veit**  
**36 years**

***"The one who falls and gets up is so much stronger than the one who never fell."***  
**~~Unknown~~**



**Baptized**



On Sunday, March 1, 2020, Noah Cooper Lucier, son of Ashleigh and Sean Lucier received the Rite of Holy Baptism. He is the grandson of Pastors Gary and Kerri Veit. Proud uncle is Ben Veit.

## May Flower Chart



- May 2
- May 10 WinGS
- May 17
- May 24
- May 31



## Flower Chart Dates Available

The **2020** 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 Deborah Roeglin and let her know which dates you would prefer.

**L.A.F. (Lutheran Adult Fellowship)**

With everything up in the air at the present time due to the Corona virus, our scheduling has taken a hit. Hopefully, by August we will be back on schedule and can hold our annul Social & Auction on Sunday, August 9th as planned.

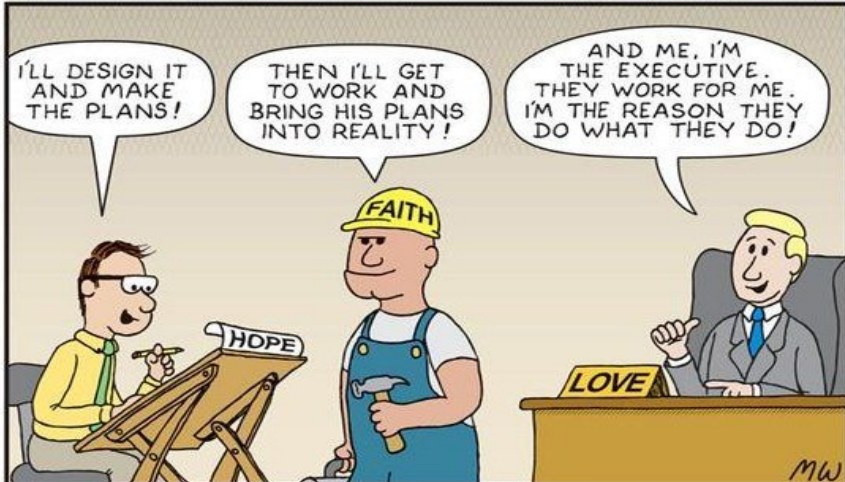
**New Railings on the Sunday School Porch & Ramp**

The new metal railings have been installed on the Sunday School porch and ramp. The existing railing on the front porch was raised to meet handicap standards.



**FAITH, HOPE, & LOVE**

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love. - 1 CORINTHIANS 13:13 NIV

**Welcome May**

- May You be happy.
- May You be well.
- May You be safe.
- May You find comfort.
- May You have strength.
- May You have courage.
- May You find healing.
- May You have peace.
- May You have joy.
- May You be filled with



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loving kindness.

**MAY YOU BE BLESSED**

**TODAY & Always.**



## 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 its next quarterly business meeting after fellowship on Sunday, July 12, 2020. All ladies of the church are encouraged to participate.

**This is liable to change depending on the current Coronavirus restrictions at that time.**



## Congratulations

Madison Rae Talley will graduate from Milano ISD and will attend Blinn College in the fall. Madison is a member of the yearbook staff, manager of the Milano High School Cheerleaders and an elementary teachers aide. Madison was nominated to the homecoming court this year. She is eager to attend college this fall and is looking forward to the future.



### **First Sunday Fellowship**

May 3— Potluck — Cancelled  
Hoping to be back on schedule in June.



The **2020** 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.

**Sunday School Schedule:** Sunday School will be held every Sunday except on First Sundays with Pastor Kerri leading the class.

## A.C.E.S.

### “Adult Christian Education Studies”

The classes have been suspended until the Covid restrictions have been lifted.

Everyone is welcomed to attend.

## CHILDREN'S CORNER

“Her children rise up and call her blessed.”

**Proverbs 31:28** KJV







# Prayer List



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

Lazelle Brogger (Falcon Hawk/Hutto)	Mildred Kuhl (Home)	Thomas Kotrla (SPJST)
Louis Menk (SPJST)	Dorothy Walther (Pflugerville N & Rehab)	
Barbara Kuhl	Mildred Kuhl	Alfred Meiske
Deborah Roeglin	Vernaline Stolte	Charles Wagner
Marjorie Dawson	Marvin Ford	Lee Gaydos
Sheryl Green	Carol Houghtaling	Roger Jolly
Roy Meiske	Frankie & Robin Miksch	Barbara Patschke
Shelby Patschke	Rylie Rhorbough	Buddy & Karyl Townsend
Shirley Townsend	Pam Walther	Ida Watkins
Robert Batten	Darrell Ford	Janet Greene
Zane Hyzak	Roger Kelm	Joe Merka
Benjamin Robio	Kristion Timbrook	Raymond Vrana
James Kemnitz	All Covid Patients & Health Care Workers	



*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—Office: 512-365-6155 or Cell: 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.

Office: 512-365-6155 Cell: 512-269-8405 Email: [princeofpeacetaylor@eccwireless.net](mailto:princeofpeacetaylor@eccwireless.net)

## **June Newsletter Articles**

**All articles for the June 2020 newsletter are due to Maxine by or no later than Wednesday, May 20, 2020.**

## **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

## What Business Are We In ?

A colleague recently sent me a thought-provoking article entitled “Leading Beyond the Blizzard” by Andy Crouch, Kurt Keilhacker, and Dave Blanchard. The article posed important questions for businesses and organizations to consider in light of the COVID-19 Pandemic. The authors suppose that this crisis that we are currently in will significantly reshape culture like nothing anyone alive today has seen before. They forecast that we are not in a blizzard (like many first thought) during which time we hunker down to wait out the passing storm, nor is it a bleak extended season of winter in which we long for spring to eventually arrive, but rather that COVID-19 is perhaps ushering in the beginning of an ice age that could endure for years to come.

Whether or not the result of this crisis is a long winter or the beginning of an ice age, the authors suggest that organizations, including the church, need to redefine our business as COVID-19 has shut us down: “If your nonprofit organization depends on gathering people in medium or large groups – and it is truly daunting to consider how many do, whether for fundraising banquets, afterschool programs, or in the case of churches for corporate worship – you are not in the same business today. And this is not just a blizzard that you can wait out.”

Reading this paragraph gave me pause as I found myself asking the question: “What business are we in?” Is the church in the business of gathering people into crowds on Sunday mornings? If so, then the authors are correct... and I would also suggest that we have been in the wrong business! Instead, every church should be in the business of making and multiplying disciples. Every church should be in the business of helping one another to love God and people. Sunday morning group gatherings are not (or at least should not be) the business that we are in, but simply one method of accomplishing our primary business.

Has your church gotten stuck in a rut of Sunday morning rituals and routines? Has the mission of the church come to a halt because of the pandemic? Do we not know what to do when we can't gather in person on Sundays? If so, these are indicators that it is long overdue to ask this question: What business are we in? The COVID-19 Pandemic gives us pause to rediscover our true mission and pursue new methods to best serve the fulfillment of this mission in our res-shaped society and culture. I believe that churches that can pivot effectively in mobilizing people to mission in our current landscape will be well-suited to advance God's kingdom in this season and the next...ice age or not!

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 & self-discipline.  
 2 Timothy 1:7



**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.*