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July 2017 Newsletter for
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following verses:

On Sunday, July 2nd, our music theme at both worship services will be "God and Country." As we celebrate our nation's independence we will give thanks and praise to God for the freedom we enjoy, and for the men and women who, by the grace of God, have served and continue to serve to make our liberty possible. One of the hymns we will sing that day includes the

***"This is my song, O God of all the nations,
a song of peace for lands afar and mine.
This is my home, the country where my heart is;
here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine;
but other hearts in other lands are beating
with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.***

***My country's skies are bluer than the ocean,
and sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine;
but other lands have sunlight too, and clover,
and skies are everywhere as blue as mine.
So hear my song, O God of all the nations,
a song of peace for their land and for mine."***

The lyrics were written in 1934 by Lloyd Stone and are sung to a well-known melody, *Finlandia*, written many years earlier by Jean Sibelius. The song is now in our red ELW hymnal. I remember the first time I heard the anthem. It was sung by choir students from Pflugerville High School and Connally High School as Pflugerville citizens gathered at Kuempel Stadium after September 11, 2001, to pray for the families of 9/11 victims, for our nation's leaders and military personnel, and for our nation's future. The bands from both high schools also combined to perform a patriotic tribute. Clergy and lay participants from area churches remembered our fallen heroes and entrusted our sorrow as well as our hopes and dreams to Almighty God. My personal belief is that God smiled, and perhaps even shed a tear, as hundreds of Pflugerville folks from different churches and different traditions united to pray with one voice.

Sixteen years later I believe the people of this community and of this great nation are still united by far, far more than the issues that divide us. Republicans, Democrats, and Independents, Christians and non-Christians alike pray for peace for our nation and for peace around the world. We stand united against those who promote violence and terrorism. We may disagree regarding ways and means, but we stand united in our desire to end poverty and strive for justice for refugees, for poor immigrants, and for those in need of health care. As we again celebrate and give thanks to God for this great nation, let us pray *together*, remembering the gifts of the Spirit which make us one. United, we stand. May God grant us grace so to be, as we gather and worship, grow in the Word, and serve God by serving people.

Pastor Tom

A Town Hall Meeting is planned for Sunday, July 9th, at 10:00am in the Parish Hall. ILC members are invited to attend. Information will be shared, questions addressed, and opinions discussed regarding: 1) whether to lease, sell, or re-purpose the 6th Street parsonage; and 2) whether to consider the call of an Associate Pastor at this time or consider other staff options. No vote will be taken on either issue. If there is sufficient interest in either selling the parsonage or calling another pastor the Council will, per the constitution, call a special congregational meeting for that purpose.

Tired and Retired met in June with thirty-four present. What a wonderful presentation of song, pictures they drew and talented actors in a skit by the Shark class of ILC Day School on the story of Joseph and his dreams. The songs included "Pharaoh" and "Jesus Loves Me". Very talented kiddos. We also enjoyed a very informative presentation from Claudia Cardwell, Day School Director. She advised us that they serve Kinder through the 5th grade plus after school care. There are currently 164 students enrolled. ILC Day School's main emphasis is on teaching Jesus and prayer. We began with the pledge of allegiance as June 14 was Flag Day. Pastor Tom ended with leading us in singing "You're A Grand Old Flag". Birthday door prize were won by Helen Scheer and the others by Barbara Bohls and Marilyn Lorfing.

In July Becky and Janelle will be attending the WELCA Triennial Gathering in Minneapolis during the time of Tired and Retired. We are grateful to Joy Pfluger and Barbara Bohls and UP for assisting while we are away. Our guest speaker will be Allison Strupeck from The Pflugerville Fire Department speaking on *Getting Ready for Severe Weather*.

Please join us on Wednesday, July 12 at 11:30 am for potluck. We will be honoring the following July birthdays: Randy Appelhans, Joy Arnhamn, Robert Boehm, Curtis Borgfeld, Donna Bowles, Marie Davis, Donna Estes, Danny Fuchs, Frank Gaddy, Dennis Graf, Wesley Hord, Marcella Johnson, Dorothy Kraemer, Kevin Krause, Gary Lloyd, Aureline Longwell, Mike Marsh, Ron Moellenberg, Esme Peterson, Dorothy Plattow, Marie Randig, Rose Reed, Pat Roughton, Sherry Straub, Jerry Turek, Robbie Vorwerk, Gloria Waldrop, Gladys Weiss, Shirley Werchan.

Women
Of The
ELCA



Lutheran World Relief: Your back-to-school shopping could help a child in another country. In July stores will stock school supplies in anticipation of back-to-school. This is a great time for you to help us gather supplies for Lutheran World Relief school kits! As you pick up school supplies for your family, grab an item or two for our kits! Donations may be left in the WELCA room. Immanuel's WELCA group focuses on collecting supplies for school kits in July and August. Each kit includes:

- Four 70- sheet spiral notebooks (wide or college ruled)
- One 30- centimeter ruler or a ruler with inches and centimeters
- One pencil sharpener
- One blunt scissors
- Five unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers
- Five black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink)
- One box of crayons (16 or 24 count)
- One 2 ½" eraser

Rebecca Circle will meet on Wednesday, July 5th at 6:30pm in the Narthex instead of July 4th.

Mary Circle will meet on Wednesday, July 5th at 7:00pm at Janelle Hebbe's home instead of July 4th.

Soli Deo Gloria! The Reverend Kristen E.M. Kuempel has been elected Bishop of the Eastern Washington-Idaho Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Congratulations to Reverend Kristen E.M. Kuempel, Bishop-elect, and to her husband, Reverend Matthew Kuempel, in-laws, Max and Gretchen Kuempel, and Tim and Gretchen Rye!

Mini-Treasurer's Report:

General Fund

Balance 05/23/2017	\$ 21,294.87
Income 05/24-06/23	67,235.20
Expenses 05/24-06/23	<u>- 73,002.89</u>
Balance 06/23/2017	\$ 15,527.18

Loan Balance - Comerica	\$ 90,209.86
Loan Balance - First Texas	200,000.00
Building Loan Account Balance	49,205.19

Day School:

Balance 05/23/2017	\$ 48,234.54
Income 05/24-06/23	100,931.96
Expenses 05/24-06/23	<u>- 80,098.12</u>
Balance 06/23/2017	\$ 69,068.38

Anyone who wishes to make a contribution to the church in memory or honor of a loved one, may choose from the following funds:

- New Building Loan Debt
- Garden of Prayer/Labyrinth Fund
- Cemetery Endowment Fund
- Pre-Theological Fund
- Technology Fund
- Cemetery Fund
- Food Pantry

"Blue Star Prayers"

Our United States is defending Freedom in many parts of our world today. Please keep these individuals and their families in your prayers.

Daylon Hethcock US Navy Cyndi Motloch's Grandson	Justin Steffek, Msgt. US Air Force Marie Randig's Grandson	Chase Bowden Serving in Iraq Paula Bowden's Son
Dan Dye Tx. National Guard Pat & Jan Dye's Son	SSG Larry Jameson US Army Bradley Jameson's Father	Cole Elliott US Navy Yvonne Zimmer's Grandson
Elliott Bo Burns, Maj. US Army Willie Mae Burns' Grandson	Justin Hoffman, Col. US Air Force Bob & Patti Hoffman's Son	Patrick Roberts, St/Sgt US Air Force Peggy Roberts' Grandson
Michael Wayne Green, Capt. US Marine Corp. Wayne & Aileene Saegert's Grandson	Michael Bradshaw US Air Force Glenn & Britta Herzog's Grandson	Matthew R. Tiemann, Capt. US Marine Corps Rob & Carrie Tiemann's Son
Johnathan Edwards US Army Beverly Wolff's Grandson	Kelsey Westman, 2nd Lt. US Army Reserves Betty Wicklund's Granddaughter	Austin W. Fox, 1st Lt. US Army Jennave Fuchs' Grandson

From the Youth & Family Ministry Office...

June 5th - 9th was the middle school mission trip to Arlington, TX. We served with an organization called Mission Arlington for a few days, wow! What an experience we had!!

There were 13 young people and 2 adult leaders - each of these people would have amazing stories to share!

As ILC youth we have served with Mission Arlington before and each time we do I am struck by one thing. Mission Arlington was founded by an amazing lady - Tillie Burgin. She decided that if we could do missions to Korea we could do missions to our very own neighborhoods. She knew that if there was any chance at sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ with people, their physical needs would need to be met before they could really have ears to hear. She has made it her life's work to do just that. Mission Arlington operates a dental and medical clinic, clothing store, food pantry and furniture delivery services. These are the big pieces amongst a whole host of other things.

Mission Arlington also operates its various apartment complexes all over the city. There have been agreements made between the management and Mission Arlington that Mission Arlington can host bible study and worship in these apartment complexes weekly. There are missionaries who live in these apartment complexes who get to know the residents and do their best to find resources to meet their needs.

So, what is it that strikes me each time? It is the fact that one person decided to make a change. One person decided to do something to meet the needs she was seeing in her community. One person rallied her church and rallied her community to serve those who need help the most. The passion and dream that one person had was contagious and has grown into the beautiful ministry that is Mission Arlington.

Ms. Tillie keeps the Mission running because she gives all the glory and honor to God. She says that apart from Christ the Mission is nothing. Praise be God for this example, Praise be God that our young people got to experience just a taste of this ministry. May our hearts be turned to the least of these, may our passions and dreams be filled with serving others for the sake of Jesus Christ.

<>< Live, serve and love boldly!

Katie Wegner,
Director of Youth and Family Ministry

July - 2017

Youth and Family Ministry Calendar:

June 25-July 1: High School Mission Trip to Colorado Springs, CO

July 10: Movie Night Monday - SING

July 16-21: Summer Camp, Grades 1-7, Camp Chrysalis

July 22: Drum Corp International is in San Antonio

dci.org - tickets and info;

ILC Members:

Matthew Schwartz - Blue Devils

Mason Emken - Santa Clara Van Guard

July 30: Our confirmation camp attendees will plan and lead worship

Movie Night Mondays - Summer 2017

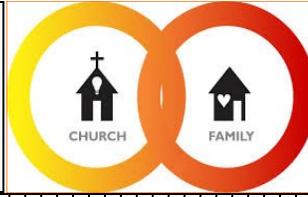
July 10, August 14

Dinner served at 5:00pm, Movie starts at 5:30pm

Freewill offering for dinner, bring a pillow and blanket

Invite your friends and neighbors!!

**EDUCATION
MINISTRY**



**JULY
2017**

Thank you, Thank you, Thank you, Thank you, Thank you, Thank you, Thank you...

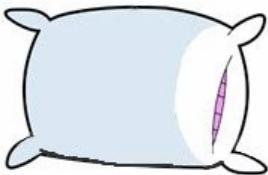
To all of you who helped with VBS/TTN 2017 in any way I give praise to our Risen King for you. Through your service by: donating supplies, decorating, setting up, taking down, helping in crafts, recreation, TTN leaders, opening/closing, snack, kitchen, decorating, sound booth, adult class, nursery, Bible story, VBS/TTN/Adult class attendees, service projects, registration, welcome table, pre event work, Holy Smokers bbqing for us, post event work all of us together gave God glory for His vision for this past week 2017.

Special thanks to my daughter, Hailey, who had the vision in 2013 for Tougher than Nails and has kept it going for 5 sessions. Her heart to teach kids in a "different" way so they "Get It" in the end has made for some unique learning exercises. A special thanks to my daughter, Kimry, for all of her behind the scenes work on props, set up, clean up and coming to the aid of her sister was EXACTLY how I hoped they would turn out...sisters loving and helping each other.

If VBS/TTN touched your life in any way last week please take the time to email me three (3) positive things that were awesome and three (3) things we need to work on. susanp2011@gmail.com. I'll compile the list and will share with Parish Ed so we can see what we need to do in the future. Thanks to you all!



Please join us Thursday, July 13th from 6p—8p at Idle Vine Brewing Company in Round Rock for an "Art by the Glass" fundraiser which will benefit Sunday School. You will have your choice of painting a couple of wine glasses or beer glasses, can sample Idle Vine's product and help raise funds for Sunday School programs. Please register at the website at: <http://bit.ly/ILCPaintNight> \$30/person plus beverage cost.



Please donate a brand new, standard sized pillow to Parish Ed. Our Tougher than Nails students tie dyed 40 pillowcases this past week. These pillows will go to children under the care of UpBring (aka Lutheran social services) and often time leave home with nothing of their own as they go into the Foster Care system. We will present them to UpBring in August when they are back to meet with Sunday School classes. Thank you.

Parish Ed Committee meets on the 1st Monday of the month at 6:30p in the Parlor. If you have any interest in what we are planning please join us at one of our meetings. Next meeting is Mon, August 7th, we suspend for July.

Upcoming Dates:

September 10th	Rally Day
October 25th	Trunk or Treat (and Spooktacular)
November 16th	Merry, Martha & Me
December 10th	Sunday School Christmas Program

Sunday School: Adult classes will continue to meet. Pre-K through 5th will meet in the basement. Middle & High School are suspended until Fall.

REACH, TEACH, EQUIP while we GATHER, GROW, & SERVE
For more information about this ministry please email susan@ilcpville.org

Serving in July 2017

Acolytes

July 2: Landon Self & Sam Robar (8:45) Rex Kuempel & Dominic Weber (11:00)

July 16: Hudson Mueller & Ethan Visness (8:45) Taryn Bittick & Hayden Damstrom (11:00)

Elders for July: Trelton Bohls (Early) Beverly Wolff (Late). (Please contact them if you would like to assist with worship in July or go to <http://bit.ly/ILCsignup> to sign up yourself.)

Readers

July 2: **1 needed** (8:45) **1 needed** (11:00)

July 9: Candy Hansen (8:45) **1 needed** (11:00)

July 16: Annyce Bohls (8:45) **1 needed** (11:00)

July 23: **1 needed** (8:45) **1 needed** (11:00)

July 30: **1 needed** (8:45) **1 needed** (11:00)

Communion Assistants

July 2: **3 needed** (8:45) Grace Lin, **2 needed** (11:00)

July 9: Candy Hansen, **4 needed** (8:45) **5 needed** (11:00)

July 16: Annyce Bohls, **2 needed** (8:45) Grace Lin, **2 needed** (11:00)

July 23: **5 needed** (8:45) **5 needed** (11:00)

July 30: **5 needed** (8:45) **5 needed** (11:00)

July Chapel Assistants

Early Service: Carlton & Marilyn Lorfing, Ralph Kirkley (2 & 16)

Late Service: Lon Duke (2), J.B. Marshall (16)

Altar Guild

July 2

Beverly Wolff, Elizabeth Arndt, Megan Freudenberg

June 16

Grace Lin

Ushers

July 2: **4 needed** (8:45) **4 needed** (11:00)

July 9: **4 needed** (8:45) **4 needed** (11:00)

July 16: **4 needed** (8:45) **4 needed** (11:00)

July 23: **4 needed** (8:45) **4 needed** (11:00)

July 30: **4 needed** (8:45) **4 needed** (11:00)

Children's Message:

July 2: Katie Wegner (8:45 & 11:00)

July 9: Mike Maluschka (8:45) Megan Freudenberg (11:00)

July 16: Melissa Malinowski (8:45) Debbie Wiederhold (11:00)

July 23: Mike Maluschka (8:45) Megan Freudenberg (11:00)

July 30: Jennifer Hoffman (8:45) Debbie Wiederhold (11:00)

Console Operators/Parish Hall Projectionist

July 2: Charles Mott (8:45) Willard Hebbe (11:00)

July 9: Rick Cox (8:45 & 11:00)

July 16: Brent Reeder (8:45) Charles Kleen (11:00)

July 23: Rick Cox (8:45 & 11:00)

July 30: Rick Cox (8:45 & 11:00)

Coffee Makers

July 2: Lon Duke

July 9: Hal Kuempel

July 16: Mark Mueller

July 23: Kristin Adix

July 30: Lon Duke

Flower Calendar

July 2:

July 9:

July 16: Altar—Klepac

July 23:

July 30: