

# HIGHLIGHTS

## *From the Pastor*

To the Saints of God at Highland Park Lutheran Church

Grace to You and Peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen

Easter People and Abundant Free Grace

Alleluia, The Lord Has Risen. He has Risen Indeed.

God sent his Son, Jesus, who was without sin to pay our debt for our sins. Because he died and rose again, you and I who deserve God punishment can receive God's Grace. Instead of being punished for our sins we are given forgiveness and life everlasting. All who accept Jesus' death and Resurrection are now declared holy and can enter into a relationship with God. That is Holy Grace.

Jesus died a cruel, violent unjust death on the cross. Yet that painful death was the exact reason he left heaven to become human. That his death was no ordinary death was shown through the Easter morning triumphant Resurrection.

Through that death, you and I were brought into a family of God and blessed with physical and spiritual blessings.

The World around us lives by a simple principle "I worked for it; I earned it, I deserve it." God's Grace is different. God said I cannot deserve or earn his Grace, so he gives it freely and fully through his Son, Jesus, the Christ' death.

In our world today, the closest thing to Free Grace is on organ donations/transplants from living donors that don't know each other. These gifts of life are totally undeserving and a sacrificial gift that can never be paid. God's gift of grace and forgiveness of all my sins comes at the cost of the death of his own Son. Martin Luther said: "It was

his own precious blood and broken body that redeemed me. A Lost and condemned sinner.

This is a reason to rejoice, give thanks and praise our God. See you in Church Sunday.

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Pastor James C Taylor

## *Bits & Pieces*



We celebrate with Cole Barefoot, son of Jeff and Nicole Barefoot, having received his First Communion Easter Sunday, April 1<sup>st</sup>. Cole received instruction from Pastor Taylor.



**HPLC's HIGH SCHOOL OR COLLEGE GRADUATES**  
Please let the church office know of your graduation. We would like to spread the word.



... to the Men in Mission, the Women of the Church and the Church Council, for preparing our lunches on Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. We also thank the Parish Ed/Youth Ministry for providing our "Continental Breakfast" Easter Morning.



## SYMPATHIES

We express our sympathies to Mike and Elena Friesenhahn and their family, at the death of Mike's brother, Carl Friesenhahn, April 4<sup>th</sup>.

## REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS

Bertha Bailey	Elma Belz
Marguerite Hoermann	Ivy Kenneally
Doris Kordes	Shirley Ruedrich
Malcolm Vogt	Wilbert Volkmann



## STATISTICS

Amount Needed for Monthly Budget	\$ 11,040.41
Checking Account Balance 3/31/18	2,214.35
Income for March	11,094.78
Total Expenses for March	\$ 10,012.15

**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE  
MAY 11th -- NOON**

**THE CHURCH OFFICE** will be closed May 15<sup>th</sup> thru June 1<sup>st</sup>. Gail will be out of the office during this time. If an emergency arises, please call Pastor at his home, 210-494-2300 or call the church office number, 210-533-9484. It will be monitored daily.



## CEMETERY LOTS FOR SALE

Highland Park Lutheran Church has 6 cemetery lots for sale in San Fernando Cemetery #3 (the Old Roselawn Cemetery). If you are interested in purchasing all or any of these lots, or know of someone who might be interested, please phone the church office. Cost of each lot is \$ 1700.

## HIGHLIGHTS FROM MARCH COUNCIL MEETING

Meeting called to order by Charles Wilson  
Minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report given.

**Evangelism** – Council will be doing lunch for Maundy Thursday.

**Property** – continue to work on a/c problems

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Gutters – will be meeting with roofer this week
- Property Sale – it was moved, seconded and passed, that we offer the cemetery lots for sale, but first offer lots to the congregation then possibly offer for sale in newspaper or Catholic newspaper; Fromme playground lot will be

listed for sale with a local realtor for a term of 6 months.

- Insurance – still pending

## NEW BUSINESS

- Security Service CD -- \$ 75,000 CD matures in May, 2018. It was moved, seconded and passed, that Gail be allowed to renew CD at best possible rate.

## MEMORIALS AND GIFTS

**GENERAL FUND** in memory of Betty Seydler by: Cheryl Orneles; Patti Krause; Betty Mettke; Chris and Gene Kaufman; Mike and Marianne Carpenter; Fritz and Wanda Boehne; Marcie Whipp; Retha Carothers; Sheryl Walker, Rebecca Carothers; Mr and Mrs Robert Janeca, Vick and Noel Carothers; Ronnie and Deanna Biediger; Victor and Marie Schaper and Family

In memory of Lee Compton by: Marcie Whipp

**ALTAR GUILD** in memory of Dora McEnergy by: Fred and Patsy Hasty

In memory of Betty Seydler by: Fred and Patsy Hasty

## PROPERTY MAINTENANCE & REPAIR FUND

in memory of Buffie Veselka by: John and Susan Dorow; Mr and Mrs Reynold Veselka

In memory of Betty Seydler by: Evelyn and Ray Nell Batot; Dan and Donna Rich; HPLCW; Peg, Michael, Gregory and Leah Marquart; Norma Voss; Tessie Bartkowski; Mary Louise McLamore



MAY 13<sup>th</sup>



## HAMBURGER COOKOUT

**The Men in Mission** will once again host their annual Hamburger



Cookout for the congregation, Wednesday, June 13<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 p.m. Come enjoy burgers with all the fixings. Ticket donation, \$ 3.00.

Ticket deadline June 10<sup>th</sup> and no food to go please.

Tickets will be available June 1<sup>st</sup>.



MAY 28<sup>TH</sup>

