

HIGHLIGHTS

From the Pastor

To the Saints at Highland Park Lutheran

Grace to you and Peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ,

In the Meantime –

The Church’s mission in 2,000 years has not changed. As long as we are awaiting the return of Jesus, we must continue to rescue others in order to guide them to a life in Christ.

St. Paul and each of us live in the “meantime” – the tension of longing for Christ’s return and the duty of sharing the good news with others.

The summer season is a form of “meantime”, with only the July 4th of July celebrations to break into the quiet months of summer, creating a type of limbo. All of us have this feeling of knowing where we used to be, but we are not where we want to be or where we should be. Are we satisfied where we are in our lives? Some of our elderly members are waiting for the time when Jesus comes to take them home. Others can go from a Sunday to Sunday spirituality. “Meantime” we can be in a period in our lives when we need to keep doing what we are doing.

St Paul recognized that nothing was going to change in his life as he awaited the return of Christ. Rather than being discouraged in the lengthy period between Christ’s death and his return he invented things to do to give his life meaning. He planted churches, wrote letters of encouragement to the churches and to pastors.

Today, you may be asking how does this affect me? We can visit shut ins and nursing home/assisted living, call on those who no longer can come to services. Pray, Pray and Pray, be pray warriors, as we pray for our world, our youth, and our church. We can remain faithful servants of the Lord Jesus Christ and transform this “meantime” into time with

meaning. This happens as we give our time, talents and treasures to God.

God’s Blessing be with you this summer and see you in Church/Sunday School.

Pastor James Taylor

SYMPATHIES

We express our sympathies to Wayne and Elaine Detmar and their family, at the loss of her father, Wilbert Volkmann, May 13th.



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NEWSLETTER DEADLINE JULY 19th -- NOON



GRADUATE

We congratulate Terra Gordon upon her graduation from Douglas MacArthur High School on June 8th. Terra plans to attend Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Prescott, AZ in the fall.

REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS

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



STATISTICS

Amount Needed for Monthly Budget	\$ 11,040.41
Checking Account Balance 5/31/18	3,949.07
Total Income for May	10,021.50
Total Expenses for May	\$ 8,289.27

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL JULY 8th



ALTAR FLOWERS

The Altar Guild would like to thank everyone who places flowers on the altar each Sunday. We have several available Sundays in the next several months when no one has designated that they would like to place flowers; the cost is \$ 40.00 for the 2 vases. You may pick the flowers up after the worship service. If you would like to consider placing flowers, look on the Flower Chart on the corner wall in the Narthex to see what's available and place your name on it, or call or speak with Patsy Hasty, 210-333-8362.



FALL FESTIVAL APPROACHING

Have you marked the date on your calendar? The Fall Festival is Sunday, September 24th. Save the Date! More information will follow next month.

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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.

**No Report
NO MAY COUNCIL MEETING**



DISCOURAGEMENT?

On the way home one day, I stopped to watch a Little League baseball game that was being played in the park near my home. As I sat down behind the bench on the first base line, I asked one of the boys what the score was, "We're behind 14 to nothing," he answered with a smile. "Really," I said, "I have to say you don't look very discouraged." Discouraged?", the boy asked with a puzzled look on his face..."Why should we be discouraged? We haven't been up to bat yet".



Independence Day, also referred to as the Fourth of July or July Fourth, is a federal holiday in the United States commemorating the adoption of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776. The Continental Congress declared that the thirteen American colonies regarded themselves as a new nation, the United States of America, and were no longer part of the British Empire. The Congress actually voted to declare independence two days earlier, on July 2nd.

John Adams wrote: The second day of July, 1776, will be the most memorable period of time in the history of America. I am apt to believe that it will be celebrated by succeeding generations as the great anniversary festival. It ought to be commemorated as the day of deliverance, by solemn acts of devotion to God Almighty. It ought to be solemnized with pomp and parade, with shows, games, sports, guns, bells, bonfires, and illuminations, from one end of this continent to the other, from this time forward forever more.

For the first 15 or 20 years after the Declaration was written, people didn't celebrate it much on any date. It was too new and too much else was happening in the young nation.

In 1870, almost a hundred years after the Declaration was written, Congress first declared July 4th to be a national holiday as part of a bill to officially recognize several holidays. Further legislation about national holidays, including July 4th, was passed in 1939 and 1941.

Did you know that John Adams and Thomas Jefferson, both of whom not only signed the Declaration of Independence but went on to serve as President of the United States, died on July 4th, 1826, which was the 50th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence. Another Founding Father, James Monroe, although not a signer of the Declaration of Independence, who became President, died on July 4, 1831, becoming the third President in a row to die on Independence Day.

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**We invite you to join us for worship on
Sunday mornings at 10:00 A.M.
Holy Communion is offered the first and third
Sunday of the month. Adult Sunday School is at 9:00 A.M.**