

# HIGHLIGHTS

## *From the Pastor*

To the Saints at Highland Park Lutheran Church.  
Grace to you and Peace from the Lord Jesus Christ  
and God the Father.

On the appointed day, the runners showed up in all their athletic finery. The crowds gathered. But then, something very strange happened:

"The runners took a step or two or three across the starting line, and then abruptly stopped. One man fell to his knees, crying, 'I have crossed the starting line! This is the happiest day of my life!' He repeated this again and again, and even began singing a song about how happy this day was for him.

"Another woman started jumping for joy. 'Yes!' she shouted, raising her fist in the air. 'I am a race-runner! I am finally a race-runner!' She ran around jumping and dancing, getting and giving high-fives to others who shared her joy at being in the race.

"Several people formed a circle and prayed, quietly thanking God for the privilege of crossing the starting line, and thanking God that they were not like the skeptics who didn't come dressed for the race."

The spectators, were baffled by this strange behavior, but finally one observer turned to a neighbor and suggested that maybe they ought to get into the race. And so they did. Many others joined them:

"Soon many were kicking off their dress shoes, slipping out of their jackets, throwing all this unneeded clothing on the grass. And they ran — past the praying huddles and past the crying individuals and past the jumping high-fivers. And they found hope and joy in every step, and they grew stronger with every mile and hill. To their surprise, the path never ended — because in this race, there was no finish line.

As Lutheran Christians here at Highland Park there is no finish line, You are needed now more than ever in your church and your church is needed now more than ever in your life.

See you in church soon,  
Pastor James C Taylor



We would like to **thank the Men in Mission and the Women of the Church** for the purchase of a chest freezer. Our previous freezer went out after 20+ years of service.

### REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS

Bertha Bailey	Elma Belz
Marguerite Hoermann	Ivy Kenneally
Elizabeth Ruth	Shirley Ruedrich
Malcolm Vogt	Ruby Yarbrough



### STATISTICS

Amount Needed for Monthly Budget	\$ 11,040.41
Checking Account Balance 8/31/18	661.04
Total Income for August	6,213.35
Total Expenses for August	\$ 8,667.95
\$ 2,500 transferred from Money Market to checking account to pay expenses	



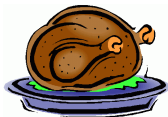
**Sunday, November 4<sup>th</sup>**, we remember our members who have died this past year: Betty Seydler, Betty Stasny, Wilbert Volkmann and Carl Friesenhahn. Please remember these families in your prayers.

**NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE  
OCTOBER 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**God decides who walks into your life...it's up to you to decide who you let walk away, who you let stay, and who you refuse to let go.**

## ANNUAL TURKEY DINNER

After forming a committee to discuss the feasibility of having a turkey dinner this year, it was decided that we would move forward with the dinner once again. Your help will be needed. The dinner is scheduled for Wednesday, October 31<sup>st</sup>, serving 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.



Plans are being made for the dinner.

### Work days are as follows:

**Cornbread, Thursday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 a.m.**

**Toast Bread, Thursday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 a.m.**

**Chop Onions, Celery and Parsley,**

**Thursday, October 25<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 a.m.**

**Cut Turkey, Monday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 a.m.;**

**Make Dressing, Tuesday, October 30<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 a.m.;**

**Dinner: Wednesday, October 31<sup>st</sup>;**

**Clean Up Day, November 1<sup>st</sup>, 9:30 a.m.**

Your help would be appreciated any of these days.

**Posters need to be distributed.** You may pick them up in the church narthex or the church office.

If you would like **dinner tickets to sell**, please contact Gail. Thank you!

**Cakes** are also needed the day of the dinner.

### JUST A REMINDER

When you use the kitchen for a function in the social hall, it is your responsibility to:

- 1) Wash and put away dishes
- 2) Wipe tables clean
- 3) Launder and put away all linens.
- 4) Do not leave food in the refrigerator

## AUGUST COUNCIL MEETING

Meeting called to order; minutes approved as read; financial report given.



### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

**Property Sales** – a) Leroy reported the signed contract for the playground lot is being delivered to the Real Estate Co.

b) Leroy will place an ad for the burial lots in TODAYS CATHOLIC newspaper for a cost of \$ 45.

**Turkey Dinner** – Scheduled for October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018  
Meal cost for adults, \$ 9.00, child under 10, \$ 5.00

**Custodian** – Dan reported Sally Rogers had been interviewed for the custodian position. It was moved, seconded and passed, that she be hired and she will work 8 hours per week.

**Cub Scouts** – It was moved, seconded and passed, we allow a new Cub Scout Pack be chartered by HPLC.

### NEW BUSINESS

**Freezer** – Chairman Wilson reported that the chest freezer has quit working. Property will look in to purchasing a smaller chest freezer.

### SPEED LIMIT?

Sitting beside the highway waiting to catch speeding drivers, a State Police Officer saw a car pattering along at 22mph. He muttered, "This driver is just as dangerous as a speeder!" So he turned on his lights and pulled the driver over. Approaching the car, he saw five older ladies – two in the front seat and three in the back – wide eyed and white as ghosts. The driver, obviously confused said, "Officer, I don't understand, I was doing exactly the speed limit! What is the problem?" "Ma'am," the officer replied, "you weren't speeding, but you should know that driving slower than the speed limit can also be a danger to other drivers." "Slower than the speed limit? No sir, I was doing the speed limit exactly...Twenty-two miles an hour!" the driver said a bit proudly. The officer, trying to contain a chuckle, explained that "22" was the route number, not the speed limit. A bit embarrassed, the woman grinned and thanked the officer for pointing out her error. "But before I let you go, Ma'am. I have to ask...Is everyone OK? These women seem awfully shaken and haven't uttered a single word this whole time," the officer asked. "Oh, they'll be all right in a minute, officer. We just got off Route 119."