

Messenger

Newsletter for MacArthur Park Lutheran Church and School

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This Sunday, August 28, 2011: 11th Sunday after Pentecost

Message by Pastor Paul Ziese

- 8:30 am Worship Service with Holy Communion
- 9:45 am Christian Education Opportunities for ages 2–adult
- 10:45 am Worship Service with Holy Communion
- 12:15 pm Part A & B 51st Annual Congregational Meeting, Fireside Room (lunch provided)

SENIOR PASTOR

PAUL ZIESE

Dear Friend of MacArthur Park Lutheran Church,

As you read this, I will have begun my third two-month study leave during my fifteen years as a pastor of MacArthur Park Lutheran Church. I want you to know what I will be doing during September and October.

Starting immediately on September 1, I will be going on a weeklong silent retreat at Lebh Shomea just south of Corpus Christi. I went on a retreat there ten years ago and plan to use this time winding down from my responsibilities here and centering on what I want to accomplish on my sabbatical.

The following week, I head back to Tres Rios, Costa Rica for a four week Spanish immersion with the same family I lived with a year ago. I also plan to do more sightseeing on the weekends.

I have been accepted to attend an intensive Emotional Quotient workshop in Austin for several days in October. In a small group setting, a collection of peers will use information submitted by some that know me well to share with me how I come across to people. In this setting with strangers, I hope to improve my interpersonal and intrapersonal skills. I continue to hear that personal growth is more important than professional growth for pastors these days. I hope to learn a lot.

During the rest of the time, I want to read some good books I just do not ever seem to get to read. Do you have any suggestions for me?

I also hope to visit and worship at some other churches in the San Antonio area as I have during previous study leaves. Do you have a church to suggest that I visit? I may also attend some non-Christian services as well.

I feel fortunate to be in a congregation, which allows its pastors to pursue continuing education, including sabbaticals. I hope you see a difference in me when I return. As time and opportunities permit, I hope to blog occasionally on the congregation's website while I am gone. Check Pastor Paul's Corner.

Pastor Tracey will be responsible for pastoral duties during my study leave. I look forward to rejoining you in November.

In Christ, Paul Ziese

ASSOCIATE PASTOR

TRACEY BREASHEARS SCHULTZ

Back-to-School Blessings

I know many confirmation and youth group students who don't feel the way I do, but when I start seeing Back-to-School ads on television and in the newspaper, I get rather excited. I can't help but think of the days I spent as a junior high teacher and the anxiety and anticipation with which I would set up my classroom, getting ready for the students I had yet to meet. This time of year, I am especially thankful my parents instilled in me a deep love of learning and an admiration and respect for teachers. Our campus has been buzzing again this week as our preschool teachers begin their work and prepare for "Meet the Teacher" day. I certainly look forward to the fall schedule and the many ways and opportunities we will have to be teachers and learners together.



Recently, on Facebook, a number of friends and church members posted this note as their status:

A teacher somewhere in your neighborhood today is preparing lessons for a new school year. In the minute it takes you to read this, teachers are using their "free time" and investing their own money for [a] child's literacy, prosperity and future. Here's to a safe and successful 2011-2012 school year!

Take a moment to remember and thank a teacher. If you're so inclined, offer up this prayer on behalf of schools and educators everywhere:

Eternal God, bless all schools, colleges, and universities, that they may be lively places for sound learning, new discovery, and the pursuit of wisdom; and grant that those who teach and those who learn may find you to be the source of all truth; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen. (Evangelical Lutheran Worship, p.78)

Blessings to you as you teach and learn,
Pastor Tracey

ADULT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES – SEPTEMBER 2011

Classes meet in the sanctuary, unless otherwise noted.

Studying the Scriptures

(on-going)

Often, we rely on curriculum and published material for Bible study helps, but what happens when we open scripture, ask thought-provoking questions, and discuss what God is showing us? Come join the conversation, every Sunday, as we study and discuss the lectionary texts a week before we hear them read in worship. Bring your questions and curiosities. Class is facilitated by Dale and/or Carla Lockett, in the choir room. Bring your Bible!

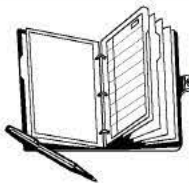


**ADULT
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Liturgia y Cántico / Liturgy and Song

Sept 4, 11, & 18

Many in our congregation, especially lately, as we have been discussing the possibility of hosting a Hispanic ministry site, have wished aloud that they could speak Spanish (or that they would have taken better notes when they were in Spanish class)! In response, Pastor Tracey is offering two weeks of liturgy in the Spanish language, and the following week, Leigh Anne will lead us in singing bilingual hymns while Pastor Tracey helps us pronounce the Spanish texts. Come join the fun. Beginners and bilingual speakers are equally welcome.



The **women's group** of MacArthur Park Lutheran will resume their monthly meetings on **Thursday, September 8th at 7:00 pm** in the Fireside room. We cordially invite all the women in our congregation to attend and be a part of this group.

Those of you who took material to assemble the Christmas ornaments for our 50th anniversary, please bring them to the meeting whether you have completed the ornaments or not.

We will be planning our activities for the year, discuss on-going projects, and share the love of Christ. Refreshments will be served.

See you there! ~Mary Ann Anderson, facilitator

CONGREGATION COUNCIL REPORT

August 10, 2011

By: Ellen Bridges

Sending chair Brenda Krueger reported that the food task force met, and that Jeanette Pierce will be the MPLC representative for the St. Pius food bank. There will be a food drive for St. Pius in November. Brenda will attend the next Christian Assistance Ministry meeting.

Support chair Dale Couffer said that Kevin Ott noted that the NESAs 5 year lease is up for renewal. The group pays \$1 monthly for rent. There are IRS concerns and Dale will speak with the NESAs folks and report at the Sep council meeting. The stamp group pays \$50 monthly rent.

Suzette Price noted that she is on the NESAs board, and that NESAs pays a portion of utilities. She also presented information about the MPLC 50th anniversary celebration and requested budget information which was provided.

Roger Buchhorn suggested that council consider a "review of operations" for the church and school--"just to make sure that all of the pieces are working together for the good of both MPLC/MPLS". He stated that he has experience with this process through his work and is willing to offer his services at no charge to the church. He will request assistance from other members who may have similar experience.

Mission/vision task force chair Matt Halder presented the proposed "Purpose Statement and Guiding Principles" for the congregation, asking the question "Why do we (MPLC) exist?" The proposed statement and principles were endorsed by council for approval by the congregation at the congregation meeting Aug 28. The statement and principles will be widely publicized prior to the meeting.

The possibility of MPLC hosting a Spanish speaking ministry group, as presented by Pastor Joe Garcia Aug 3 was discussed. Pastor Tracey presented some communication from Christ Lutheran Church, and a number of questions were raised. The executive/personnel committee will formulate some questions with input from council members, and MPLC will request another meeting with Pastor Garcia to clarify the request for MPLC to host the group.

Treasurer Dan Bierstedt reported that July was a good month with operating receipts \$3000 over budget for the month. The proposed 2011-2012 MPLC budget
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was approved for presentation to the congregation at the Congregation meeting in Aug. It should be noted that there were no raises for church staff again this year, and that we still do not have a youth director. The Giving Tree will be continued.

School board chair Matt Halder noted that there is not a school budget for presentation at this time. There are many challenges for the school this year. There was much discussion of a variety of issues including budget and personnel concerns. The school will be offered a line of credit of up to \$12,000 unrestricted funds, not included in the budget, from the church for the 2011 - 2012 fiscal year.

Bill thanked outgoing council members Ellen Bridges, Brenda Krueger and Susan Rath for their contribution to the council.

Executive/personnel meetings will continue to meet on the second Monday of each month, and council will meet the third Tuesday of each month.

Respectfully submitted,
Ellen Bridges
Congregation council secretary



Food Drive for the St. Pius X Food Pantry

Thank you to all of the generous donors to our recent breakfast food drive to provide items to help feed students who are out of school for the summer.

MPLC contributed 40 bags of food as well as 12 large boxes of items including cereal, crackers, juice, etc. The workers at the St. Vincent de Paul office were very happy to see the food since they have had many requests for these items lately. The good thing is that by providing the cereal and other items, St. Pius does not have to buy those and then is able to give funds to help with rent and utilities for those in dire need. ~Jeanette Pierce

SOCIAL JUSTICE

Christ's Work, Our Hands

The Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service (LIRS) urges Congress to pass the DREAM Act (Development, Relief and Education for Alien Minors). The Act addresses the injustice of deporting children who were brought to the United States by their undocumented parents, have grown up in our states, have been educated in our schools and in American culture. Under the strict provisions of the Act, these children must be of good moral character and must attend college or be in the U.S. military for a period of at least two years before being allowed to become citizens. The LIRS states that Congress must act to embrace these ambitious and talented youth as permanent members of our communities.

The DREAM Act is non-partisan and does not affect the current policy of the United States to protect our borders by interdicting illegal substances and illegal aliens coming across our borders and to stop the gun traffic pouring from border states into Mexico, to fuel the drug wars in that country.

The following is a quote from a letter by Bishop Mark Hanson, ELCA Presiding Bishop written to Congress on the subject of the DREAM Act:

. . . The DREAM Act is bipartisan legislation that will allow undocumented students who came to the United States as children, who are long-term U.S. residents and have good moral character to obtain lawful permanent residency, provided that for two years they attend college or serve in the U.S. Military.

The ELCA cannot welcome people into the church without caring about their lives, their concerns and their experiences as newcomers in this country. The ELCA has therefore repeatedly affirmed the biblical witness and our shared experience, culminating in an affirmation by the 2009 ELCA Churchwide Assembly to urge reform of the nation's current immigration policy.

. . . America has been built by the hard work of generations of newcomers who have cherished education, committed themselves to hard work and have returned great benefits to our society, churches and local communities. The children who would benefit from the DREAM Act are talented, intelligent and dedicated young persons who were brought to the United States as young children. They should have the opportunity to continue to pursue their educations, to work, to earn a path to citizenship in the United States and be protected from being returned to a country they do not know.

***Join our Presiding Bishop in contacting Congress to support the DREAM Act.**

In Christ, Joan Smith-Lawrence, Social Concerns Chair

We walk together as Stewards in God's church.

Stewardship Committee
Blessed are your Gifts!



Stewardship – Principle #7 Commit intentionally

means making a statement about your intent and following through.
As members in the body of Christ, we are asked to make a commitment of our time, talents, and resources as a faithful response to God and as a statement of support of God's work.

"...arrange in advance for this bountiful gift that you have promised."

2 Corinthians 9:5

Your Time and Your Talents ...enrich the lives of others

Stewardship is recognizing that God is the source of all of our gifts.

It is being grateful for the gifts we have received, cultivating those gifts because of our love for God and then sharing those gifts of time and talent for the welfare of others.

There are many ways you can share your gifts. One way is to share your precious gifts with others through volunteering here at Mac Park. Please sign up and join Mac Park in enriching the lives of others.

YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY – SEPTEMBER 2011

CALENDAR EVENTS:

Sept 4 Confirmation Kick-off, for confirmation youth and their parent(s)
12:30-2PM Lunch provided. Fireside Room.

Sept 7 First confirmation class for 2011-2012!
7:30-8:30PM

Sept 25 (First) Communion Class
1 PM
If your child is in third grade or higher, or if your child is beginning to ask questions about Holy Communion, this may be a good time to consider welcoming him or her to the feast! We believe that all the baptized, regardless of age, are welcome to participate in the Lord's Supper. Your pastors leave the timing of this rite of passage to the discretion of a child's parents. If you think your child is ready, we do too! Class will include a workbook for children to take home as a reminder and keepsake. Children who have completed the class with their parent(s) will be recognized in worship the following Sunday. If you have questions, or if you wish to participate, please contact Pastor Tracey! Class meets in the Fireside Room.

Oct 3 (First) Communion Class recognized in worship
8:30 & 10:45AM

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR AGES TWO AND UP!

Sunday School, for ages two through second grade, now begins with opening chapel! All the children gather for songs, prayer, and the day's Bible story. Opening takes place in the children's chapel, directly across from the receptionist's office, in the Education Building. An offering is collected each week to help children understand the importance of giving as a way to help others. (This year's Sunday School offering will be used to purchase an animal (or two!) through God's Global Barnyard (ELCA). Animals can provide milk, fertilizer, meals, or income for families in need.) Sunday School children should please be dropped off for opening chapel. Age-appropriate activities will be led by the teachers after opening chapel, and teachers will bring the Sunday School students back to the chapel for parent pick-up. *(Continued on Page 10.)*

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Sunday School youth in third grade or higher are invited to go directly to their classrooms for the day's lessons and activities!

<u>GRADE</u>	<u>ROOM</u>	<u>TEACHER(S)</u>
Ages 2 thru second grade	Children's Chapel	Aimee Whiteman Norma Case Maureen Folkerts Carla/Dale Lockett Brenda Krueger
Third thru fifth grade	Junior High Room	Starla Sweda
Sixth thru high school	Senior High Room	Dan Bierstedt Mark Hansen



Ellen Bridges and *Bill Sweda* have accepted positions on the board of Lutheran Campus Ministry-San Antonio. MacArthur Park Lutheran Church also helps support the ministry financially. *Suzette Price* is chair of the board.

By: Suzette Price Church member *Jan Kelley* won first, second and third place ribbons for her arranged succulents in the container category at the annual Festival of Flowers show at the Shrine Auditorium on May 28. In the dish garden category, she won a second place ribbon. The competition was promoted by the Master Gardeners. Her sister said she deserved the ribbons for being a certified succulent nut. Also, at the recent bake sale for the MacArthur Park Lutheran Church youth group, Kelley donated four container gardens which raised \$135 with one selling for \$70.

The *Stephenson Grace Group* donated a Kuerig coffee brewing system, a tray and coffee supplies to the church staff.

Habitat for Humanity News



Our Lutheran Cluster house will be built starting on Friday, Sept. 9, in the new neighborhood, Coleman Ridge, which is located just off Loop 410 in the southwest area of San Antonio. The home is being built for the Torres family which includes mom Barbara and sons Marc, 15, and Matthew, 10. The building schedule will run on Fridays and Saturdays from Sept. 9 through dedication on Nov. 19. Our Mac Park Day at the house will be Sat., Oct. 15, but if anyone wants to work another day, just let me know so I can inform the volunteer coordinator.

The MPLC Annual Square Foot Campaign is under way and we are happy to receive your donations of \$10 per square foot as well as your willingness to help build the house or to prepare and serve lunches. I am food coordinator for this 13-day build and Mac Park has already stepped up to provide lunch for two days. We had a great turn-out last year- even if it was a really rainy day. (Some of you may recall what rain looks like.)

The San Antonio Jazz Orchestra played a concert for the Lutheran Cluster to benefit Habitat on Sunday, Aug. 7, at Grace Lutheran downtown and several Mac Park members attended. Bishop Tiemann also attended. Thrivent matched our donations and the total came to approximately \$2500. The Jazz Orchestra members serve as band directors in schools in the San Antonio area. The group also plays at the Blue Star Art Complex if you would like to catch them there. ~Jeanette Pierce

September 23-24, 2011

Zion Lutheran Church

God's work in mission always propels us to encounter the neighbor, particularly in the stranger. ELCA Glocal Mission Gatherings equip us for God's work in today's global and local realities as well as their "glocal" intersections. What is mission? Who is the neighbor? Let's consider these questions together as they relate to our migrating and immigrating world. Come, join some of the most relevant mission conversations of our time.

For more information, workshop descriptions, or to register for just \$35, visit www.elca.org/glocal or call 800-638-3522.





School News

Wow, it's hard to believe that a new year is upon us. Mac Park School started on August 22 with our new school year. We are pleased to have new staff members to introduce to you. Cyndi Flores is our new Pre-K teacher. Cyndi is an alumna of Mac Park and as a matter of fact her mother (Doris VanDyke) worked at Mac Park for many years in the three-yr-old department. Mary Kay Schiebel is our new three-yr-old teacher. She comes to us from Harvest Fellowship and has had more than 20 years experience. We are thrilled to have both ladies on our staff. They will make a great addition to our school.

Our enrollment is down this year so we sure would appreciate your help in spreading the news about our great school. We have openings for children ages 2yrs-kindergarten. We offer care from 7:00a.m. to 6:00p.m. in the evening. We have been serving families for almost 50 years now and we know there are people who need to hear about our school.

Don't forget that our annual garage sale is quickly approaching on September 17. We will gladly accept items for the sale but we will also need help in sorting and pricing. If you are up for the challenge please watch for sign-up sheets with opportunities to volunteer.

Lastly, we thank you for all of your support of our school. We could not exist without the love and support of the Mac Park members. We love the fact that you always think of us when you have "treasures" and that you always remember us in your prayers. We ask for your continued prayers for our staff, our students and the students who will still enroll. ~ MPLS staff



Saturday, September 17th

**Mark your calendars & watch
for sign-up sheets to see
where you can help out!**

Overscheduled and Stressed *The Vine Wellness Group: A Counseling Ministry*

Like many other parents, I sat in front of the computer this week trying to decide which activities my children will be involved in this semester. With three children, it takes time, energy and money to have them scheduled for activities each season. How many activities should each child be enrolled in, when is a good age to begin shuttling them from practice to practice and what kinds of activities are the most important for each child? These are various questions we hear from parents that are trying to raise well-rounded, active children. But, one question prevails over all: How many activities are too many for our children to remain healthy and balanced?



The American Academy of Pediatrics in 2006 warned that a hurried, or over-extended, lifestyle could contribute to stress and anxiety in children. More than 1-2 after-school activities a week with 4 or more hours in a two day period spent in these activities can lead to signs of stress and exhaustion in children. Here are signs that your children might be over scheduled:

- Does she complain of not getting enough sleep?
- Is your child acting extremely irritable?
- Does he say he never gets to see his friends?
- Do you notice a lack of effort in the activities he is participating in?
- Does your child seem overwhelmed or seem to never know where he is supposed to be next with his schedule?
- Does your child struggle to find time to squeeze in homework, or even miss deadlines for projects or seem unprepared for school?

In addition, keep in mind that parents are the chauffeurs for these activities. Anytime a parent may be feeling over extended and stressed, the parent is more likely to be grumpy and irritable also taking a toll on the child. Being aware of the signs and keeping a check on our own limits will help determine the right amount of activities for your family.

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NEWS & *Notes*

Our Christian sympathy is extended to Emilie Emmel and family on the death of her husband Roy on June 28; to Britta Stone on the death of her grandfather Daniel Martinka; to Allison, Kelley and Kevin Merks, and Gladys Merks on the death of their husband, father and son Ron Merks on June 30; to Gloria (Birdsong) Schlueter, Brenda, Mark, Emily, Cara and David Kusenberger on the death of their mother, grandmother, grandmother-in-law, and great-grandmother Paula Schlueter on August 4; and to the family of Mary Shepler (former member who had moved to Oregon) on her death August 18.

The family of Ron Merks wishes to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, phone calls and memorials. It is such a comfort to have your love and concern expressed to us at such a difficult time.

Congratulations to Jonathan Zitelman and Deanna Zapfe on their August 13th marriage in Seguin at Texas Lutheran University Chapel of Abiding Presence!

THANK YOU: We recently received the following note from the residents at The Waterford, an assisted living facility, following a visit by our Servant Life Camp youth. “Dear MacArthur Park Lutheran Church Youth Group, Thank you so much for coming to see us at The Waterford. We enjoyed seeing each of you very much. We enjoyed playing bingo and loved the prizes. They were what we like to win the most. Come back and visit with us any time. ~The Waterford residents”

9th Annual Alamo City Cancer Council Breast Cancer Update: A conference will be held Sat., Oct. 8 at The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio, 7703 Floyd Curl Drive from 8:00 am to 1:30 pm. Topics include: Blood Tests for Cancer; Diet and Exercise; Ductal Cancer in Situ; Personalized Medicine, are we there yet?; Triple Negative Breast Cancer; Multicultural Sessions for Breast Cancer; African American and Hispanic/Latina Women; What are Clinical Trials?; and Young Women and Breast Cancer. Conference registration: call 595.0252. Free and open to the public. Continuing Education credit available.

Stitches from the Quilters



(A)



(B)



(C)

Quilter “Dude” of the Month: Bob Hunt (A) (Part II): Right after high school, Bob started at The University of Texas in Austin. He was there for about 1 ½ years. While he was going to UT, he got married to his 1st wife, Mary Ellen and they had 5 children. His children are Deborah 54, Daphney 53, Twins - Diane and Deann 49 years old and Robert, Jr. who is 46 years old.

Well, since children have this bad habit of wanting to EAT, Bob had to quit school and go to work. Go figure!!!! Bob went to work with the Texas Highway Department in 1955 and stayed with them for 38 years and retired as a projects manager.

He started with the Highway Dept. as a “checker.” That job entailed giving “coupons” to gravel truck drivers for each load of gravel they brought to a construction site. Evidently the drivers were paid by the truckload. Then, Bob became an “inspector” for all phases of highway construction. He went from inspector to Chief Supervisor. His responsibilities were to supervise other inspectors. Finally, he became Projects Manager where he oversaw multiple projects and inspectors. He retired in 1993. During his time with the Texas Highway Department he has worked on nearly every major road and highway in the San Antonio area. Wow, Bob, that is truly an awesome responsibility. I would imagine it is somewhat thankless, too. Not everyone is aware of the 24/7 nature of such a responsibility. Thanks, Bob. (Tune in next month for Part III)

Double Wedding Ring (B) and (C): In B we see Henry Holder and Mary Rupard drawing the ticket for the quilt on the first Friday in July. The winning ticket belonged to a Debra Pope (C). Pat Richmond is presenting the quilt at I-35 Bingo. The George and Gloria Schwanenberg Fund received \$1,025.00 for this quilt. Thanks everyone!!!
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The Colonial Log Cabin: This quilt is hanging in the Fireside Room. Tickets are available in the office from Debbie and from the quilters. The money from this quilt will go to the Mac Park Lutheran School. Tickets will be available during the Rummage Sale in September. See ya' there!!!!

Victorian Double Wedding Ring: The ladies are working diligently and they are more than one-third finished. Pat tells me she has made the tops for 2 of the pillow shams. After looking at the first pillow sham, Nelda Greer and the quilting ladies decided that 4 shams would be nicer. So, that means that this quilt will earn \$900.00 for the George and Gloria Schwanenberg Scholarship Fund. Hooray!!!!!!!

Yours in Christ, Mary Alice Rupard

“POST”-INGS FROM THE STAMP CLUB

Sept. 2 – NO MEETING- LABOR DAY WEEKEND

Sept. 9 – 7:00 – Board of Governors Meeting

7:30 – “Show and Tell”

Sept. 10 – 9 a.m. – Saturday Bourssette Bldg #6 – A Baby bourse—come join the fun!

Sept. 16 – 7:00 – Auction

Sept. 23 – 7:30 – BAGNITE – Jack Virta makes several *mystery* brown bags of stamps on paper. Each member peruses as many bags as he/she pleases and at the end of the night counts the number of stamps he/she has kept and pays the club a total of 5 cents per stamp. Everyone has a great time, gets some new foreign and new topicals and goes home happy with their bargains.

Sept. 30 – 7:30 – Bourse—Kind of like a philatelic flea market—some buy, sell, trade (BAGNITE bags will also be available)

P.S. - *Look what you missed by not being at the club meeting on July 22, 2011*

Dr. Harry Greer brought his flight simulators to show us about using them with Juniors. Thanks, Dr. Harry!

Yours in Philately, Pat Richmond



“Needle” Notes from the Needlework Club



(A)



(B)

Well, it looks like Pat Richmond and Maritza Guzman (A) are hard at it planning Maritza's butterfly quilts. She has two granddaughters who love butterflies, so she is going to make them each a quilt with appliquéd butterflies from wild colors. Stay tuned for pictures of coming events.

Guess who showed up to exhibit her own creative abilities. (B) LaVelle Leinweber said that she got tired of looking at the sick and dying bulletin board in the Senior Center, so she showed up August 3, 2011 (needlework day) and put a beautiful bulletin board up. Thanks, LaVelle—it certainly cheers up the place. (When the gamers come on Thursday they will certainly be surprised.)

Yours in Christ, Mary Alice Rupard



Change in Pastor Tracey's e-mail address

Please note that I am changing email addresses from my satx.rr.com address to this one: revtracey@gmail.com. After a recent computer crash, I decided to switch to a web-based email. Emails sent to my old address will forward to my gmail address for a few months; in the meantime, please make the switch to my new account.

Peace! Pastor Tracey Breashears Schultz

RECORD OF ATTENDANCE

Service	July 3	July 10	July 17	July 24	July 31	Aug. 7	Aug. 14
8:30am	63	89	73	90	103	88	98
10:45am	61	90	80	98	99	98	93
Offering	\$10,659.66	\$6,080.70	\$3,495.72	\$5,880.00	\$6,790.00	\$7,945.00	\$4,941.00
Sunday school	40	55	34	34	49	55	57

PASTORAL ACTS

07/06/11 Funeral service for Roy Emmel
 07/07/11 Funeral service for Ron Merks
 07/22/11 Funeral service for James Cobb, Sr.
 08/09/11 Funeral service for Paula Schlueter
 08/25/11 Funeral service for Mary Shepler

MEMORIALS

ROY EMMEL: Great-granddaughter Kassidee; Burton & Constance Johnston; Ruth Schmidt; Dennis & Pamela Hickey; Kenneth & Carol Allen; Mrs. Ardythe Brunetto; M/M James Lindsey; M/M Wayne Wicknick; M/M Ted Partsch; Nancy & Lynn Bracken

RON MERKS: Jimmie & Jo Anne Boeck; John & Betty Pomykal; Kevin & Barbara Ott; Bjorn & Shari Dybdahl; Ruth Schmidt

PAULA SCHLUETER: Victor & Isabell Meier; M/M Larry Pahl; Harold & Meta Pahl; Lynette & Gerald Peese

Please pray for the following: Karoline & Jim Aulds; Nancy Beaver; Michelle Briscoe; Sandra Couffer; Lauren Dollarhide; Jon Freiger; Evelyn Garza; Frances Giles; Kenneth Goggio; Steve Hammonds' sister Sharon; Evelyn Hicks & Lloyd Sellers; Josephine Huizar; Dorothy Imig; Anna Jenkins; Dewey Johnson; Felicia Johnson; Miles Juarez; Robin & Barbara Kunkle; Jerelene Lopez; Bonnie McKisson; Mike Milliman; Georgia Nisi; Ronnie Nunn; Beatrice Page; James Peters; Jonathan Petrutsas; Phyllis Ray; Mims Reid; Dot Rust; Nancy Stevens; David VanLydegraf; Jeannie White

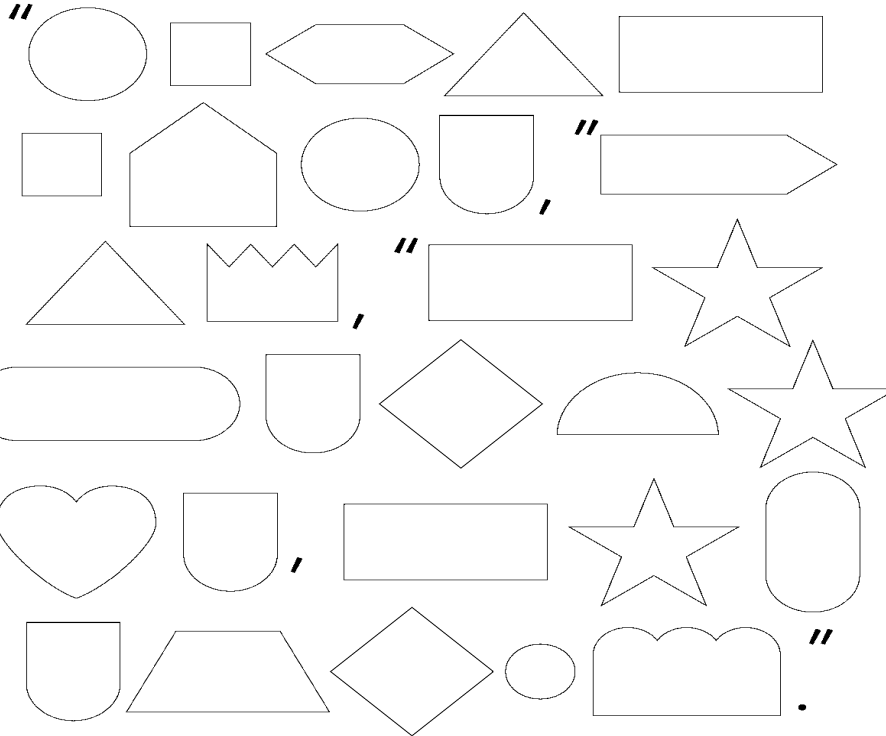
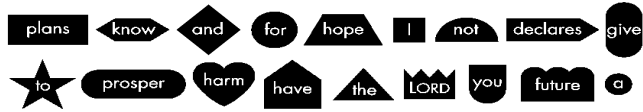
Military stationed overseas: Matthew Guevara, Mike Hammonds; and all the other troops



GOD'S PLAN

When we ask God for guidance, he will show us his perfect plan for our lives.

Directions: Use the shape code to the right to write out Jeremiah 29:11, NIV.



Answers: "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." (Jeremiah 29:11, NIV)

Welcome to MacArthur Park Lutheran Church and School

† MacArthur Park invites you for Sunday worship. †

Our Worship Schedule

8:30 ~ 9:30 am 1st Service with Holy Communion

10:45 ~ 11:45 am 2nd Service with Holy Communion

† **Nursery** available Sunday mornings

from 8:00 am–12:00 noon for infants thru age 3. †

† **Christian Education opportunities** for ages 2 - adult and nursery at 9:45 a.m. †

† Our **School** has a Christian environment for students **ages 2 years–Kinder** †

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Deadline for our next *Messenger* is Wed., Sept. 21, 2011.

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MPLC 50th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

DECEMBER 11, 2011

10:00 am Festival Worship

11:30 am Welcome/Slideshow

NOON Catered Meal

1:00 pm Celebration, Program, & Activities

