

JUNE

Trinity News



On Mother's Day and First Communion Sunday, May 13, 2018 Emersyn Kruppa, Kaera Grimshaw, Lexie Marie Rohde, Abby Johnson, Cadence Tomanec, Jack Janecek, Mason Petrash, Gracelyn Asdahl, Blake Kern, and Dylan Petrash made their 1st Communion.

High School Graduates 2018

- ⇒ **Danny Bitterly**, son of Jerry and Dottie Bitterly,
- ⇒ **Kenneth Groll**, son of Laurie Groll, Crossroads Christian School
- ⇒ **Tyler Johnson**, son of Scott and Marie Johnson, East High School
- ⇒ **Savannah Kitchens**, daughter of Larry and Lenora Kitchens, Industrial High School
- ⇒ **Trenton Little**, son of Darel Little
- ⇒ **Emily Rodriguez**, daughter of Johnny and Melanie Rodriguez, West High School
- ⇒ **Natalyn Wheeler**, daughter of Niki Visconti, West High School



College Graduates 2018

- ⇒ **Justin Thomas**, son of Becky McDonald and Mike Thomas. Justin is graduating from Texas Lutheran University with a Major in Business Management and a Minor in Information Systems.
- ⇒ **Kara Thomas**, daughter of Becky McDonald and Mike Thomas. Kara is graduating from Texas A&M University with a Major in Biomedical Science and Minors in Psychology and Business. She will have certificates in Public Health Entomology and Professional Event Manager.
- ⇒ **Nathan Hermes**, son of Doug and Connie Hermes
- ⇒ **Allyson Reithmeier**, daughter of Charles and Darla Reithmeier



WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES **JUNE**

- 3** **SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**
"O DAY OF REST AND GLADNESS"
MARK 2:23-3:6
8:00 & 10:30 Worship, Holy Communion, Sanctuary
- 10** **THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**
"GOD, MY LORD, MY STRENGTH"
MARK 3:20-35
8:00 Worship, Communion, Chapel
10:30 Worship, Sanctuary
- 17** **FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**
FATHER'S DAY
"WE RAISE OUR HANDS TO YOU, O LORD"
Mark 4:26-34
8:00 & 10:30 Worship, Holy Communion, Sanctuary
- 24** **FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**
"PRAISE, PRAISE! YOU ARE MY ROCK"
Mark 4:35-41
8:00 Worship, Communion, Chapel
10:30 Worship, Sanctuary





SPECIAL PRAYER:

Continued prayers for Pastor Jim and Maria, for the second interview with the call committee in San Antonio on Thurs, May 24th to go well

Danny & Diana Bitterly that they may filled with God's grace, goodness and guidance as they work this summer

NEW PRAYER CONCERNS:

Lenora Homeier
Luella Mauer
George Migl

Laura Montgomery
Bernie Stumfoll

CONTINUED PRAYER CONCERNS:

H. Cherry
Reinhold 'Ike' Eichhorn
Gail Fox
Cindy Jennings
Cullen Kickendahl
Mildred Lee
Anthony Morales
Stephen Motal

Nikki Proctor
Bryan Redding
Kent Scherer
Shirley Spies
Lynda Torrey
Ken Tweedie
Judy Weaver
Lindsey Wyatt

BAPTISMS

Mason and Dylan Petrash were welcomed into the Trinity family through Holy Baptism on Sunday, May 20, 2018.

FUNERALS

- **Rhonda Hooper—Jon Hooper, Jerheme Urban, Caleb Urban, Molly Jacobson and all their families on her death.**



New Ventures in Bible Reading

June

2018

1	Friday	Matthew 24--25
2	Saturday	Matthew 26--28
3	Sunday	Psalms 98
4	Monday	Ecclesiastes 1--2
5	Tuesday	Ecclesiastes 3--4
6	Wednesday	Ecclesiastes 5--6
7	Thursday	Ecclesiastes 7--8
8	Friday	Ecclesiastes 9-10
9	Saturday	Ecclesiastes 11-12
10	Sunday	Psalms 99
11	Monday	Ephesians 1
12	Tuesday	Ephesians 2--3
13	Wednesday	Ephesians 4:1---5:20
14	Thursday	Ephesians 5:21---6:24
15	Friday	Nahum 1--3
16	Saturday	Jude 1-25
17	Sunday	Psalms 100, 101
18	Monday	Zechariah 1--3
19	Tuesday	Zechariah 4--6
20	Wednesday	Zechariah 7--8
21	Thursday	Zechariah 9--10
22	Friday	Zechariah 11--13
23	Saturday	Zechariah 14
24	Sunday	Psalms 102
25	Monday	Psalms 103, 104
26	Tuesday	Psalms 105
27	Wednesday	Psalms 106
28	Thursday	Psalms 107
29	Friday	Psalms 108, 109, 110, 111
30	Saturday	Psalms 112, 113, 114, 115





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VCAM MONTHLY UPDATE

May 2018
(April 2018 Services)



Services Provided for April 2018:

Households Served – 977

Food Boxes – 848

Basic Needs – 840

Clothing – 337

Home Delivery – 6

Financial Assistance – 18

Homeless Served – 33

Homeless Visits - 91

**First-Time VCAM Clients Served - 39*

May 8

Ronnie took 223 lbs. of food to VCAM.

HELLO ALL –

VCAM Saturday! this month is Saturday, May 19.

Here is quick rundown of the free services that VCAM provides to clients on a once a month basis:

Groceries - Food Pantry for shopping based on family size

Clothing - Family Closet open on Tuesdays, Thursdays & each *VCAM Saturday!*

Financial Assistance - Past due amounts on water & natural gas utility bills, non-narcotic (when funding available) prescription medications, gasoline vouchers for out of town medical appointments

**VCAM does not provide payment assistance for electricity bills or rent*

Please check out our website at: www.vcamvictoria.org or our Facebook page, also for a list of services provided and additional *VCAM Saturday!* dates in the coming months (always open the third Saturday of each month).

If any of our supporting churches or organizations are planning a food or basic needs donation drive for VCAM this summer, some of items always in need are:

Pastas, ketchup, mayo, mustard condiments, canned vegetables, flour, sugar

Shower gel, deodorant, detergent, toothpaste, toothbrushes, zip-seal sandwich bags

Of course, monetary donations are always encouraged as we are able to stretch that dollar further when purchasing most of our product from the Food Bank at an average of 19-cents per lb.

The Family Closet clothing store racks are running short on summer clothing! So bring in those shorts, t-shirts, summer dresses and sandals to stock our shelves!!

Your support is always valued and much appreciated.

God bless...*Marc*

For more information on our services or volunteer opportunities, call (361) 572-0048, send an e-mail to victoria.vcam@gmail.com, or stop by VCAM at 108 North Liberty.



SOUTHWESTERN TEXAS SYNOD

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

INSTALLATION ANNOUNCEMENT

The Southwestern Texas Synod
announces the installation of

The Rev. Susan J. Briner

called to serve as

Bishop

of

The Southwestern Texas Synod
1090 Oestreich Drive
Seguin, Texas 78155

Installation to be held at

University United Methodist Church
5084 De Zavala Rd, San Antonio, Texas

Saturday, September 1, 2018

at 2:00 p.m.

by

Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton

Rostered persons & Synodically authorized
ministers are invited to vest and be a part of the service.

Color of the day is red.

Reception following the Installation.

All are welcome!

You may send an acknowledgment to her email:

sbriner@swtsynod.org

God's grace transforms and connects us to learn, to love, to lead.

The VISTA^{lite}

DWELLING WITH THE BISHOP-ELECT

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. Philippians 1:3-6

Greetings in the name of our Risen Christ!

I am excited and humbled to be serving as your new Bishop, beginning September 1, 2018. Thank you for your ongoing prayers and support. I have been reading through and praying over all of the prayer requests you shared with me at the Assembly. They are prayers of thanksgiving, gratitude, hopes, and fears. They are all precious to me as I know they are to God. In the coming weeks and months, I look forward to visiting with you and also getting to work on more of our strategic plan priorities with our elected and appointed leaders. If you want to be a part of any of these plans, do not hesitate to volunteer!



Just to let you know, I will be on vacation May 20-June 3. I have been planning a trip to Japan for 2 years now with one of my seminary classmates to visit my college roommate there. We will be very well taken care of – it will be like a very short sabbatical during this time of transition. Please pray for safe travel and refreshment for us.

The installation planning team is off and running; the event will be held on Saturday, September 1 beginning at 2 pm at University United Methodist Church in San Antonio. It will be good to be in the space of one of our strong ecumenical partners. I look forward to seeing many of you there.

God's richest blessings,

Bishop-elect Sue Briner

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Romans 15:13

Because of you, the **Tiemann Endowment Fund for Leadership Development** is a reality!

Together with you, we raised \$57,170.88 to start the endowment. This fund has been established to support the development of lay leaders, Pastors, and Deacons serving under call. Managed by the Lutheran Foundation of the Southwest as a permanent endowment, this fund will create a new generation of supported and trained leaders for our faith community. This first year we anticipate providing \$1,000 in leadership awards. More information will be coming about this process soon.

But, the work doesn't stop there. We want this fund to keep growing so each year we can support more and more leaders in our community. To learn more, please visit www.swtsynod.org/tiemann. Again, thank you for your support of the leadership in our community of faith. **With YOU, we are making a difference!**



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The Vistalite will be on hiatus through the summer. During that time please read the eNews, which will be bi-weekly during the summer, and the Synod website. To subscribe to eNews visit the "News" tab at www.swtsynod.org.

SYNOD ASSEMBLY HIGHLIGHTS

- Elected Bishop's Associate, Pr. Sue Briner, as the next Bishop of the Southwestern Texas Synod. She will be installed into office on September 1 at 2:00 p.m. at University United Methodist Church in San Antonio.
- Prayer shawls used for the bishop's election were made by volunteers across the synod. We sent an extra shawl back with Deacon Sue Rothmeyer for Presiding Bishop Eaton.
- Accepted San Pablo Lutheran Church, San Antonio, as a new congregation in the synod.
- Elected the following persons to synod leadership positions:
 - Ministry Team Chairs – Pr. Sarah Nye for the Mission Team and Pr. Paul Miller for the Leadership Development Team
 - Synod Council – Ashlynn Althaus, Gabriella Conklin, Carol Semper, John Kassel, Monica Buie, Yael Mendez, Pr. Gary Conklin, and Pr. Heather Hansen
 - 2019 Churchwide Assembly – Hannah Hansen, Gene Conklin, Chip Wilson, Lupe Travis, Claire Roberts, Jimmie Eschberger, Pr. Jessica Cain, Pr. Jake Fain, Pr. Casey Zesch (also attending as ex officio members are Bishop-elect Sue Briner and synod VP, Carl Teinert)
 - Consultation Committee – Pr. Ellen Williams and Leigh Ingram
 - Discipline Committee – Pr. Carmen Retzlaff, Pr. William Swantner, James Ehler, and Karalyn Heimlich
 - Two nominees for ELCA Church Council – Pr. Mark Behrendt and Pr. Marcus Bigott
- Approved a 2019-20 budget of \$1,616,184.
- Enjoyed a farewell banquet for Bishop Ray and Debbie Tiemann on Saturday evening. The assembly celebrated the gifts received for the Tiemann Endowment Fund for Leadership Development - \$57,170. Gifts are always welcome, and the 2019 assembly offering has been designated for the Tiemann Endowment.
- Received an assembly offering for the synod's account in Fund for Leaders (supporting seminary scholarships) of \$69,255.23. Gifts will continue to be received through August 31. Please mark gifts as "Synod Assembly Offering."
- Announced the 2019 Synod Assembly to be held on May 31-June 2 at the Bayfront Omni Hotel in Corpus Christi
- Approved a resolution entitled, "Recognizing and Responding to the Status of Jerusalem, the City over which Jesus Wept." It encourages congregations to use the ELCA's "Peace Not Walls" resources to learn about elements that lead to peace and to utilize travel to Israel and Palestine, listening to all voices, to learn firsthand the complex issues of conflict and peace in that region.



DOMESTIC HUNGER GRANTS

The ELCA World Hunger Domestic Hunger grants continue to be the main way that ELCA congregations and synods can steward the funds so generously given in support of our shared ministry toward a just world where all are fed. The \$15,950.00 of grants in your synod are part of over \$715,000 that will return where needed most in our communities and congregations across the ELCA in accompaniment of our shared hopes, dreams, and ministry. Thank you.

This year's recipients include: Abiding Love Lutheran Church, Austin; The Backpack Coalition, Austin; Interfaith Action of Central Austin; First Lutheran Church, Edinburg; Christ Chapel at Texas State, San Marcos; La Frontera Ministries, McAllen; and Bastrop County Emergency Food Pantry & Support Center.



COUNTDOWN TO THE ELCA YOUTH GATHERING!

Congregations received the synod day shirts at synod assembly. If your youth or adult sponsors have questions about the Gathering, contact Denise at 512-468-3346 or youth@palmvalleyrr.org.





April fools

By **Elizabeth Eaton**, presiding Bishop, ELCA

It all started with such promise: The angel announcing to Mary that the child she would bear would be called Son of the Most High; Mary's conviction that this child was the embodiment of God's promised justice, that the powerful would be brought down from their thrones and the lowly lifted up, that the hungry would be filled with good things and the rich sent away empty; angels announcing his birth; Simeon and Anna declaring the fulfillment of God's promise in the tiny child; the youth teaching in the temple; thousands being fed; the sick healed; the dead raised; wind and waves stilled; teaching with authority.

And his teaching! The kingdom of heaven has drawn near. Blessed are the poor, those who mourn, the meek, those who hunger and thirst. God so loved the world that he gave his only son. We are no longer servants in the household, but children. Sin and its consequence, death, no longer have power. Love is stronger than hate. And all of this comes from the merciful and gracious will of God as a gift.

Could this be true? Was the world being turned upside down? Was this the start of the revolution? No wonder the crowds shouted, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" when he rode into Jerusalem. Perhaps the disciple Nathaniel remembered Jesus' words when they first met: "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man" (John 1:51).

And then, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" It was over. The world hadn't changed. Might still made right. How ridiculously naïve to believe that any reversal of the old order could come about. Hope is for the gullible. Looking at this broken man hanging utterly helpless, naked and broken on a cross, the powers and principalities, earthly and spiritual, death and the devil must have said, "You fool."

This, as Paul reminds us, is the wisdom of the world. And the world can present plenty of hard evidence that it is right: children killing children in horrific school shootings; human beings living underground to escape bombing and chemical weapons in Syria; children afraid to play outdoors in my city of Chicago because they could be shot; sexual violence; claims of supremacy; and 60 million displaced people—all of this supported by our rebellion against God, our idolatrous claim that we are in control and the world is ours. In the face of this and all of the suffering others cause and we cause others, we, too, might cry out, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" (Psalm 22:1).


I believe that the beginning of Psalm 22 expresses the anguish of the psalmist and the anguish of our Lord, but there is more going on here. Citing the first words of a text was, in the tradition of the time, a way of identifying an entire passage. The psalm ends this way: "All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord; and all the families of the nations shall worship before him. ... Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the Lord, and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying that he has done it."

This is the wisdom of God. Jesus' crucifixion is the death of our death. His innocent suffering has reconciled all of creation to God. He has done it. We stake our lives on this.

This year Easter falls on April 1. We shall have come through the Lenten desert to the Easter garden. We shall say, "Christ is risen. He is risen indeed. Alleluia." And we shall confess this and live this in the face of worldly wisdom that is based on death. Life wins. Love wins. And if the world wants to call us April fools, we are glad to claim that title.

A monthly message from the presiding bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Her email address: bishop@elca.org. This article originally appeared in Living Lutheran's March 2018 issue. Reprinted with permission.

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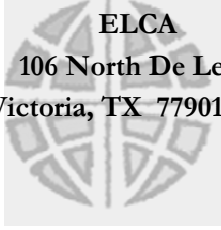
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MONTHLY SERVERS
JUNE

ALTAR GUILD
8:00 Shanna Mikulenska
10:30 Roland, Jo Ann Albrecht

8:00	3rd	10th	17th	24th
Acolytes	Kolby Beyer	Carley Kruppa	Alisa Garcia	Lane Rodriguez
Ushers	Bill Kickendahl	Donna and Richard Appelt	Shanna Mikulenska	Gary and Meredith Golden
Greeters	Bill Kickendahl	Diana Tuch	The Tommy Beyer Family	Pat and Gerald Klinkerman
Readers	Frances Hitchcock	Donna Appelt	Vickie Hunt	Diana Tuch
10:30	3rd	10th	17th	24th
Acolytes	Gavin Stubbs Seth Schulz	Payton Orsak	Ryan Waters Tammy Talley	Jessie Mc Brayer Maddie Mc Brayer
Ushers	Stanley and Mendy Dierlam	Mc Brayer Family	Curtis Groll Family	Steve and Barbara Zimmerman
Greeters	David and Cathy Dierlam	Mc Brayer Family	Curtis Groll Family	Steve and Barbara Zimmerman
Readers	Mendy Dierlam	Emily Mc Brayer	Jackie Goranson	Loretta Johnson

IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO FULFILL YOUR TIME & DATE ON THE CALENDAR, PLEASE CALL SOMEONE TO TAKE YOUR PLACE.