

Messenger



May
2016

Dear Friend of MacArthur Park Lutheran Church,

Pastor Heather Hansen has now been our associate pastor for six months and I would say her orientation time is about over. Pastor Heather is proving to be a big asset to the congregation, not only doing what we specifically asked her to emphasize, but engaging a broader range of pastoral duties in the congregation and school. She has many interests in general pastoral ministry. Her knowledge of this congregation, neighborhood, city, and synod has been of great benefit and has helped her get oriented fast.

One of the strengths of this congregation is the loyalty and long terms of service of so many of our employees. The staff also works well together and we enjoy working with each other. We have one

of the most stable church staffs in the city.

Another strength is the quality of our lay leadership. We have a strong council and strong committees which often initiate activities on their own without a lot of supervision. We are a blessed congregation.

We all know we are trying to live the gospel and change the world in chaotic and fast-changing times. All institutions are stressed these days and it is often unclear where the world is headed. This uncertainty affects congregations, denominations, families, and countries.

Yet we continue to live by grace through faith as we witness to the gospel in our day.

In a time when many are depressed and even angry about the church and world, I encourage you to support and lift up one another. We do not

know what the future holds but we do know God will be there with us.

Peace,
Pastor Paul



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MacArthur Park Lutheran School

Thank you, thank you, thank you! April was a fantastic month. We started with the spaghetti supper, and ended with Fiesta. The supper was a fun time and we made over \$2500. Everyone's support of the dinner as well as the vendors is greatly appreciated. Fiesta was a great party! We hosted more than 250 guests and even had the event after receiving 2.5" of rain that morning. Pastor Heather was our "Grand Marshall" and she graciously agreed to be painted. Reaching our goal for the Children's Shelter was a big accomplishment but being able to have some fun with that goal was an added benefit. Again, thank you to everyone who supported, contributed and attended our events in April.

You might have noticed our banner flying over Nacogdoches. Registration is in full swing and we are currently registering students ages 18 months through 1st grade for the fall. Students must be the appropriate age of enrollment no later than September 1, however the school board changed the policy for the 18 month class. The new deadline is December 1 (children must be 18 months by Dec. 1). This allows for additional students in the class, but with the new deadline they will still be able to attend the two year old class the following year.

As we start to wind our year down, we are humbled and thankful for all the staff and volunteers who help the school. We host some very large events throughout the year. Rummage Sale, Plate Dinners, Lutheran Schools Week, and Fiesta to name a few. On average these events service at least 250 people. It is fair to say that the school hosts most of the large events on the campus. These events encompass a large part of the campus and we use multiple buildings so we would like to thank Kevin Ott for his patience and understanding. These events are fun but are also an important way to reach out to the neighborhood to "Live the gospel and change the world".

**Carla Lockett
and MPLS Staff**



Issue critical**Church income does not cover expenses**

*By Suzette Price,
Congregation Council president*

Church income is not covering the expense of having an associate pastor or having to do major roof repairs!

Based on faith, Heather Hansen was called by a congregational vote on Aug. 8, 2015 to be associate pastor of MacArthur Park Lutheran Church. Because her skills and interests fit the needs of the congregation, she had been recommended for call by the Call Committee. She was called to focus on improving youth and family programs, utilizing technology in those programs, integrating multigenerational diversity into worship and invigorating small group planning.

Based on faith, the congregation passed a deficit budget at Part A of the congregation meeting on Sept. 30, 2015 in order to provide for Pastor Hansen's salary and expenses.

The spending plan, approved by the congregation, projected income of \$372,610 and expenditures of \$413,856 thereby creating a deficit of \$41,246. However, the actual numbers, as of March 31 for the first seven months of the fiscal year, are expenditures of \$250,801 and income of \$211,921.31 resulting in a deficit of \$38,879.69.

Unless members and friends of the congregation step up their giving, the deficit at the end of the fiscal year Aug. 31 is projected to be more than \$60,000!

In effect, the congregation vote on the spending plan was a contract between the church and congregation to increase offerings to make up the budget deficit.

Please consider increasing your giving for the remainder of this fiscal year and for your pledge for the stewardship campaign.

THE 14TH ANNUAL JON'S RUN will be held on **Sat., May 7** at Wheatley Heights Sports Complex. Although named for our first son who died in April of 2002 of SIDS (Sudden Infant Death Syndrome), this event honors the lives of all children who have died from any cause. Funds raised make this event possible and support SIDS research and prevention. For more info and to register or make a donation, please visit www.jonsrun.com and join "Team Jon" or form a team of your own. If you have questions, contact us at 210/920-0566 or jonsrun@jonsrun.com. We are excited that Jon's Run, Ltd. will be a part of The Big Give SA so please consider supporting us on May 3rd! ~Blessings, Melissa, David, James, and Sam ~ Jon's Family



Women's group bunco fellowship**All women invited to participate**

All women, including those from several other churches, are invited to an evening of fun, food and fellowship on Thursday, May 12 at 6:30 p.m. in the Fireside Room.

Mac Park women's group members will bring salads to serve themselves and guests.

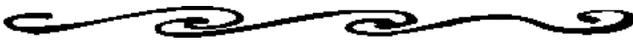
Following the meal, all who care to will play bunco, a very simple and exciting game. A woman does not need to know how to play. The rules are easy, and everyone will be willing to help those who are playing for the first time.

Please RSVP by Tuesday, May 10 to Sherill Whiteman at sherillwhiteman@gmail.com or 210-378-6516 or to Sara Milam at sara.milam1025@gmail.com or 210-355-8100.

Rhea Clouse will be giving the devotion.

Mary Ann Anderson and Pat Raney will be doing the set up, tallies and prizes.

This will be the last meeting until September.



Up-Coming Youth Events

The youth are sponsoring two upcoming events to help raise funds for summer camps. Your support of these events is greatly appreciated and helps make camp accessible for our youth.



Sunday, May 8
Bake sale from 9:00 am — 12:00 noon

Friday, May 13 ~ "Parents Night Out"
from 6:00 — 10:30 pm
Babysitting provided for children
ages infant - 5th grade.
Information and details will be announced
as the events get closer.



Congregation Council Meeting Minutes ~ April 19, 2016

In Attendance: Suzette Price, Robin Bullington, Beth Borstad, Abel Flores, Pastor Ziese, Paige & Charles Marg, Melissa French-Stephenson, Pastor Heather, Maureen Folkerts (via the phone)

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm with a devotional and prayer from Suzette Price. The group reaffirmed its commitment to the purpose statement and guiding principles.

Actions:

- Minutes of the March 15, 2016 Congregational Council meetings were approved as printed.
- A written financial report was received from Treasurer Maureen Folkerts. March operating expenses were \$24,272.32 and total expenses were \$37,251.12 with a net income of -\$12,978.80. Year to date operating expenses were \$211,291.31 and total expenses were \$250,801.00 with a net income of -\$39,509.69. For March, MPLC School operating expenses were \$29,415.23 and total expenses were \$19,485.20 with a net income of \$9930.03. Year to date operating expenses were \$189,193.23 and total expenses were \$144,448.81 with a net income of \$44,744.42.
- Pastoral Acts – Funeral service for Mary Catherine Browning
 - New member Georgina Rice was accepted with a motion by Melissa French-Stephenson and a second by Abel Flores
- Via an email vote on March 28, 2016 Pastor Heather Hansen's housing allowance was revised to \$27,000 beginning on April 1, 2016. This was affirmed with a motion by Beth Borstad and a second by Abel Flores.
- Suzette Price is calling a congregation meeting on Sunday, May 15, 2016 at 12:15 pm. The purpose of the meeting is to approve the design/build company recommended by the Building Committee and to receive reports from the Synod Assembly voting members and other groups.

Discussions:

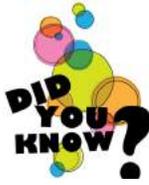
- Council discussed providing Agape Ministries with a service project instead of a monetary increase in their donation.
- Equipping Chair Bill Sweda presented a written report. The school currently has 23 enrolled for the 2016-2017 school year. There were 300 plates served at the spaghetti dinner and \$2500.00 was raised. The diaper goal was met and exceeded with 194 packs of diapers.
- Inviting Chair Beth Borstad reported that the stewardship program is in full swing. Commitment cards will be mailed out soon.
- Support Chair Abel Flores reported that the roofs are going to be checked to see if any damage was done from the hail storm.
- Paige Marg reported that the Building Committee met and that a contractor has been selected and a vote to approve the contractor will be at the next congregation meeting on May 15, 2016.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Robin Bullington, Congregation Council Secretary

News Around Mac Park and Our Community

- ◆ There will be a **congregational meeting on Sunday, May 15 at 12:15 pm** in the Fireside Room for the purpose of voting to approve the design/build company recommended by the Building Task Force and to receive reports from the Synod Assembly voting members and other groups. A light lunch will be served.
- ◆ A big “thank you” goes to the Price/Seitter Grace Group for assembling one of our April stewardship mailings. Thank you!
- ◆ Years ago hospitals would notify church offices when their members were admitted to a facility. Now because of federal regulations, we do not have that information unless you or a family member contacts the church office or one of our pastors. If you would like a pastoral visit while in the hospital or want us to know of an upcoming hospitalization so we can pray for you, contact the church office with that information. Thank you!
- ◆ The Chapel Boychoir of San Antonio is presenting “Handel With Care”, a program of music by Georg F. Handel at St. David’s Episcopal Church, 1300 Wiltshire Avenue, on Friday, May 13 at 7 pm. The Chapel Boys will sing several well-known arias and be assisted by the Cor d’amici Singers, trumpets and organ. Other soloists will be Heather Yun, Sarina Obeid and Maura Narvette. Mary Ann Winden, Director of the Boys Choir will be assisted by Cheryl Sanders. There is no admission fee but donations will be accepted! For further information, contact: Mary Ann Winden, mawinden@att.net, 542-1968.
- ◆ **Living Lutheran discount:** Beginning with its April issue, *The Lutheran* magazine is now called *Living Lutheran*. Their new name signifies this church’s living, daring confidence in God’s grace. You can expect the same quality content along with new departments and a more-robust web presence. Now through June 30, new subscribers to the magazine receive 25 percent off. Get 12 issues for just \$14.95. Members can subscribe at livinglutheran.org/subscribe.
- ◆ **ELCA Good Gifts for Mother's Day:** Tell mom she’s BEEautiful this Mother’s Day with an [ELCA Good Gift](#) of [honeybees](#) (\$20). Families are invited to join in and donate to make a difference for a family around the world. Download the coloring page to let kids in on the fun! Learn more at ELCA.org/goodgifts.
[Download coloring sheet](#)
- ◆ **Greetings from Cross Trails Ministry!** The summer is quickly approaching and we are excited about all the campers and sponsors that are already registered to see us in the coming weeks! We are also super excited about the staff that will be working with your campers this summer! We have some great staff already lined up, but are still looking to round out our staff and have every position filled. If you or someone you know would like to spend a summer playing, sharing the Good News, and building memories of a lifetime, fill out an application today! You can find and fill out your application here: <http://crosstrails.org/about/employment/summer-employment>



By: Suzette Price

MacArthur Park Lutheran Church member **Blair Ortmann** spoke at the April 30 Delta Kappa Gamma International Society San Antonio Coordinating Council Founders' Day Celebration Tea. Ortmann is the Donor Relations Manager for SAMMinistries, whose mission is to help the homeless and those at risk of becoming homeless attain self-sufficiency by providing, with dignity and compassion, shelter, housing and services. She focuses on connecting donors with opportunities to impact homeless families in San Antonio through gifts of time, treasure and talents.

Many Mac Park members have interesting collections. **Cheryl Nickles** has 72 clocks and more than 50 watches in her collection. **Bjorn Dybdahl** has collected over 60 wristwatches. **Jim Price** has a collection of basset hound stuffed animals, books, figures and mugs.

Rhea Clouse was a cheerleader for her four years of high school in Oil City, Pennsylvania.

Bill Tope makes jelly that he shares with Mac Park members and other friends. He prefers to make cactus jelly, but he also uses blackberries and other fruits.

Building Team recommends design/build company **Building Finance Team is formed**

Congregation members will be asked to approve hiring of BoDen to design and construct a remodeling or building project for MacArthur Park Lutheran Church. The project is just in the planning stage at this point. The vote to hire BoDen will be taken at the called congregation meeting on May 15 at 12:15 p.m. in the Fireside Room.

The Building Team considered three companies before making its recommendation of BoDen. This vote is just one of many that will be taken as the building process continues.

Dan Bierstedt, Dena Chenault, Bjorn Dybdahl, Cheryl Nickles and Gene Nunn have agreed to serve on the Building Finance Team. They will be interviewing capital campaign companies and researching loan sources for the building project among other duties.

The Building Team and the Building Finance Team met together on Wednesday, April 27 with Pam Dorman, regional manager of the Mission Investment Fund, to ask questions about the next steps in the building and building finance process. Mission Investment Fund is a financial ministry of the ELCA.---srp

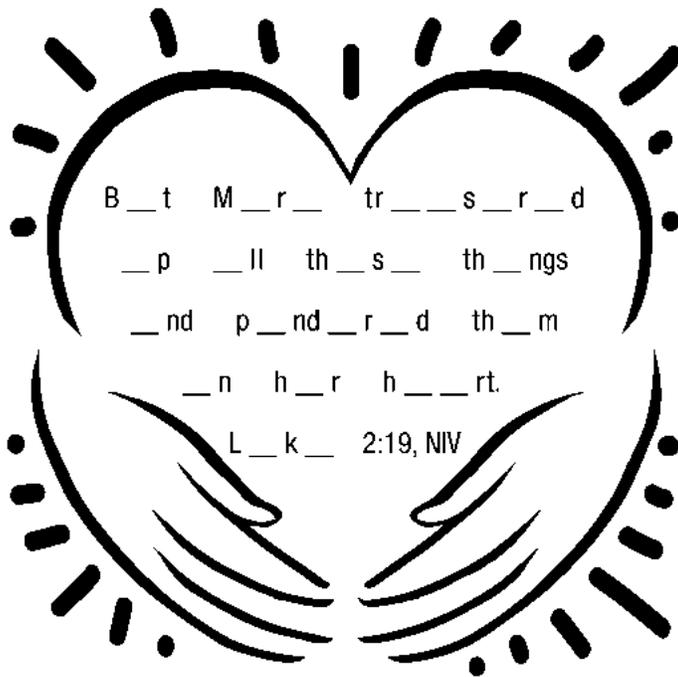


A mother's love

At age 12, Jesus was left behind in Jerusalem. His parents later found him in the temple, discussing Scripture. What did Mary, Jesus' mother, think about this?

Directions: Fill in the blanks with the correct vowels to complete the Bible verse.

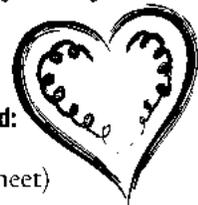
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Answer: But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. Luke 2:19, NIV

A heartfelt felt heart

On Mother's Day, express your love for your mom or another special woman by giving her this gift from the heart.



What you need:

- Red felt (8" x 11" sheet)
- Dark pen
- Fabric scissors
- Pillow stuffing
- Straight pins
- Embroidery thread (pink, red or black)
- Needle
- An adult to help

What you do:

1. Fold the felt in half and draw a heart on it. Cut out the heart so you have two of the same size.
2. Place the hearts on top of each other, add stuffing and pin the hearts together.
3. Thread the needle with a long piece of thread. Knot the end.
4. Sew the hearts together. Knot the thread and trim the ends. Remove pins.
5. Give the gift — and a hug!

Stitches from the Quilters



Quilter "Dude" of the Month: Bob Hunt (Part III)

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 57, Daphney 56, twins - Diane and Deann 52 years old and Robert, Jr. who is 49 years old.

Well, since children have this bad habit of wanting to EAT, Bob had to quit school and go to work. Go Figure!!!!

(See you in June for Part IV)



Lady Lorraine Quilt:

Well, folks, the day of the drawing is nigh!!!!

With Kay selling tickets in May, the quilters have gotten \$2,161. Can you imagine????? All of this money goes to the Mac Park School!!!!

Keep up the good work, Folks!!!!!



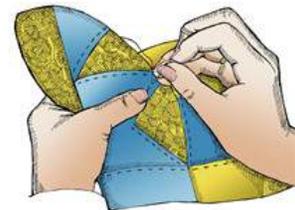
Betty Pomykal has not let any moss gather on her!!! She has made available "Kumfert Kwilts" for the ministers to take when they go to visit the members in the church who are ill or in the hospital. Therefore the

ministers can take something that is a great present for the sick people and each has the church's name stamped on it as a documentation that they have gotten something from the church. Northeast Senior Assistance have been given these "Kumfert Kwilts" for their clients for at least a couple of years!!!!

God's Work—Our Hands.

This activity of the church is coming on Sept. 11. The quilters have been working diligently to get at least 30 quilts for the people to tie. Some of those quilts will go to Betty for her to use in her ministry and the rest of them will go to Northeast Senior Assistance for their clients!!!! The quilters almost have enough now!!!

***Yours in Christ,
Mary Alice Rupard***



“Post”-ings from the Stamp Group



- May 6, 2016: 6:15 – Juniors
7:30 – “Show and Tell”
- May 7, 2016: 9:30 a.m. – Saturday Bourse – Bldg#6 – Small bourse
- May 13, 2016: 7:00 – Auction – Get some good bargains
- May 20, 2016: 6:15 – Juniors
7:00 – Board of Governors’ Meeting if necessary!!
7:30 – Program – “Zeppelin Stamps” by Stephen Mabie (See Program Notes) below.
- May 27, 2016: 7:30 – Bourse – Buy, sell, trade – get good bargains!!!!!!

Program Notes ~ May 20, 2016 “Zeppelin Stamps” by Steve Mabie

To borrow a phrase from Charles Dickens, “It was the best of times and the worst of times....” The beginning of the 1930s was a time of world-wide depression, but also a time of excitement driven by technology advances. “Art Deco” was the style of the moment and the Zeppelin fit to a “tee”.

Sleek and aerodynamic, the zeppelins provided a new, safe way to travel as well as a safe, rapid means for delivering mail to distant ports of call!!!! Led by Germany with the *Graf Zeppelin* and later with the *Hindenburg*, zeppelins captured the imagination of the entire world. This was documented in the world’s postage stamps of the era.

Steve Mabie will present his collection of Zeppelin postage stamps and covers. I personally am looking forward to Steve’s presentation and I trust you will also. Well, Steve, the ball is now in your court!!!!

Yours in Philately, Pat Richmond



**Lutheran Campus Ministry in San Antonio’s
4TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT**
Saturday, May 21 at Northern Hills Golf Club
8:00 am Check-In ~ 8:30 am Tee Time
\$95 includes golf, lunch, donation to LMCSA
Registration deadline is Friday, May 13. To register,
contact Tia Adams, Lutheran Campus Ministry Director
tadams@zionsa.org or 210-688-3090

RECORD OF ATTENDANCE

Service	Apr 3	Apr 10	Apr 17	Apr 24	TOTAL
8:30am	76	84	92	56	308
10:45am	59	74	64	50	247
Offering	\$6,646.04	\$2,605.00	\$5,488.11	\$2,597.14	\$17,336.29
Sunday School	33	27	22	27	109

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for the following:

Dale Beaver, Jr., Fred Beaver, Evelyn Garza, Dorothy Imig, Dewey Johnson, Ryan Nunn, James Peters, Jonathan Petrutsas, Carlo Reyes, David VanLydegraf, Paul Weiss (Jodi Weiss Vlasak's father/under hospice care), and Jeanie White (under hospice care).

Those undergoing chemo and/or radiation treatments: Barbara Bowden, Collin Cash, Deborah McHorse, Rob Milliman, Jr., and Montsho.

DIRECTORY UPDATE

Peter Daniel

c# 875-3538 (delete # listed)

Evelyn Hicks

Bldg 8 #804 (add to street address)

PASTORAL ACTS

3/17/2016

Funeral Service for Mary Catherine Browning



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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

Lutheran Hispano-Latino Spanish services at 9:30 am with Holy Communion every Sunday in our chapel. All Spanish speaking (first or second language) welcome to share the joy of the Spirit.
Website: www.pilhlsa.com/home

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

† Our **School** has a Christian environment for students **ages 18 months–1st Grade** †

2015 — 2016 Congregation Council

Suzette Price, President	Renee Staul, Sending Chair
Melissa French Stephenson, Vice President	Abel Flores, Support Chair
Robin Bullington, Secretary	Beth Borstad, Inviting Chair
Maureen Folkerts, Treasurer	Bill Sweda, Equipping Chair

Church & School Staff

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