



THE PINE CONE



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*From the
Pastor*



***“And let them make me a sanctuary, that I may dwell in their midst.”
Exodus 25: 8***

Please pardon our mess. Over the last few weeks we’ve had ceiling tiles come down in several rooms and, as a result, your congregation council took the proactive step of initiating the replacement of the ceiling in every room where those particular tiles were to be found. That meant moving everything from heavy furniture to the small scraps and supplies we’ve accumulated over the years, and much of that has found its way into hallways and other inconvenient places. This process has meant messy, dusty work and the appearance that our building has suffered a flood. It’s meant moving classes and making other arrangements for our midweek meals and services. Add this to the plumbing issues we’ve faced in recent months and it’s enough to make one look around and wonder whether or not this old barn is worth the effort! Might it not be easier to find a newer building with less maintenance needs?

I suppose that would be a fair question, but really it’s clear these issues are all fixable problems. Our building is still standing strong and will, I believe, for some time. If that is our desire, then the work of taking care of it must be done. Of course, the cost and the effort do add up. Every check written and every hour spent working tax our resources. And since that’s the case it is worth asking what purpose is served by these efforts. There are of course many different ways of answering that. Our building hosts quite a few different types of events on a regular basis, some just for members and others more for the benefit of the community. ***But our building is first and foremost a place where we come to encounter God.*** It is a place where we share in a unique experience, one that has the power to uplift and transform our lives even when it begins to seem routine or mundane. Naturally

God’s presence can be experienced any place in His creation, but what happens here is an event in which our time and focus are exclusively set aside for the reception of God’s promises in a setting dedicated to that relationship.

We keep our building strong because it’s an investment in the gifts we receive here. We use it to hear and teach the Word, to sit together and be fed and nourished, to joyfully share in the fun of this life, and to reverently approach the means by which God’s grace is conveyed to us. We invest our resources into this place because it’s a monument to what our God has invested in us. Christ, the Son of God, came into this world to share a presence in our lives and to invest his life in us. By his sacrifice and his faithfulness we all share an eternal place in God’s household. This place and other buildings like it are the places for those moments we set aside to recognize that household in this world.

Whether it’s sparkling or a dusty disaster, this building is a gift because it’s where you and I get to come together and belong to a family of grace. When you walk in the door and grab a bulletin or a cup of coffee, remember where you are and give thanks for the resource we have and the privilege of serving it.

God’s Peace to You,
Pastor Brock

P.S. Many thanks to Dave, Cappy, Brandon, Matt, and all who have given their time and energy to help with the process of fixing up the place!

A Pine cone is the seed-bearing fruit of the pine tree; those seeds will plant other trees. Here at the Lutheran Church of the Pines, we believe that our members are not here solely to nourish ourselves; we carry the Word (seeds) with us out into the world to plant in others we meet.



Council report

Abbreviated minutes from the Church Council meeting 16 March 2019



Treasurers Report – no motion to read at this time.

Old business:

Safe Deposit Box – was opened by Pastor. The only contents were the deed for the church property. The box was emptied and closed.

Ceilings need to be removed and redone—this includes community room, cry room off the chapel, class rooms and the Kitchen. A bid has been received for \$9000.00 which was accepted. Work has begun.

New Business:

Memorial Service at the church will be for Steve Gibson was held on Fri 22 March at 6:00 PM. A burial service was held at the Veteran's Cemetery in Biloxi.

Kitchen Closet needs to be cleaned out. Recommendation is to move all supplies that are currently stored in that closet to another location. Possibly an empty Sunday School room.

New vent needs to be added to the door so the Air Conditioner can breathe.

Next meeting will be on **6 April 2019**.

Respectfully submitted,
Cappy Kelso, Secretary

SOUTHERN DISTRICT YOUTH COMMITTEE

LYF - Lutheran Youth Fellowship, link: <https://www.lcms.org/youth-ministry/lutheran-youth-fellowship>

It is held in St. Louis every March, usually around Spring break time. We have the opportunity to have a few high school youth attend and participate in Youth leadership training. This is a great opportunity, and we hope to have youth attending and running the Youth Committee meetings in the future. If you are interested for next year (2020), please let Laura know!

Junior Youth Gathering

to be held Nov 8-10 at Lake Forest Ranch in Macon, MS. Interested parents please contact Liz or Christina. Our high school youth are encouraged to assist in the gathering. Please let Laura know if your high school youth are interested.

National Youth Gathering

Lutheran Church of the Pines will not be attending this summer due to cost and logistics. When the NYG is within driving distance, we will participate as funds/interest allows.

2020 Senior Youth Gathering

A trip to Panama City/Mexico Beach, FL to help with the restoration was discussed. More information to come, but the dates will likely be end of June/prior to July 4. Please keep this in mind for next year.

Website

There is a Facebook group: LCMS Southern District Youth. This site will be updated to keep everyone apprised of Youth-related events and activities. Everyone is welcome to join the group!

Budget Report

Statement of Financial Position

	As of Feb 28, 2019	As of Feb 28, 2018 (PY)	Change	% Change
ASSETS				
Current Assets				
Bank Accounts				
Hancock Checking	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Hancock Savings	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Keesler Checking #2443	36,731.42	18,070.11	18,661.31	103.27%
Keesler Savings	35,168.48	35,063.18	105.30	0.30%
Total Bank Accounts	\$ 71,899.90	\$ 53,133.29	\$ 18,766.61	35.32%
Accounts Receivable				
Accounts Receivable	-1,050.00	-1,050.00	0.00	0.00%
Total Accounts Receivable	-\$ 1,050.00	-\$ 1,050.00	\$ 0.00	0.00%
Other Current Assets				
Uncategorized Asset	502.86		502.86	
Total Other Current Assets	\$ 502.86	\$ 0.00	\$ 502.86	
Total Current Assets	\$ 71,352.76	\$ 52,083.29	\$ 19,269.47	37.00%
Fixed Assets				
Furniture and Equipment	203.30		203.30	
Total Fixed Assets	\$ 203.30	\$ 0.00	\$ 203.30	
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 71,556.06	\$ 52,083.29	\$ 19,472.77	37.39%
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY				
Liabilities				
Current Liabilities				
Accounts Payable				
Accounts Payable	1,638.32	1,638.32	0.00	0.00%
Total Accounts Payable	\$ 1,638.32	\$ 1,638.32	\$ 0.00	0.00%
Other Current Liabilities				
Direct Deposit Payable	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Payroll Liabilities				
Federal Taxes (941/944)	-381.18	-466.04	84.86	18.21%
MS Income Tax	-5.00	-10.00	5.00	50.00%
Total Payroll Liabilities	-\$ 386.18	-\$ 476.04	\$ 89.86	18.88%
Total Other Current Liabilities	-\$ 386.18	-\$ 476.04	\$ 89.86	18.88%
Total Current Liabilities	\$ 1,252.14	\$ 1,162.28	\$ 89.86	7.73%
Total Liabilities	\$ 1,252.14	\$ 1,162.28	\$ 89.86	7.73%
Equity				
Opening Balance Equity	30,238.51	30,238.51	0.00	0.00%
Temp. Restricted Net Assets	-13,055.38	-13,055.38	0.00	0.00%
Unrestricted Net Assets	46,255.41	16,980.25	29,275.16	172.41%
Net Revenue	6,865.38	16,757.63	-9,892.25	-59.03%
Total Equity	\$ 70,303.92	\$ 50,921.01	\$ 19,382.91	38.06%
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$ 71,556.06	\$ 52,083.29	\$ 19,472.77	37.39%

Did you know Pastor Brock has been serving Lutheran Church of the Pines for **5 years** as a Pastor?! Let us pray for him as he continues to lead us and guide us.

Dear God,

Thank you for your righteousness, strength, and wisdom. Lord, we know that you have called each of us for a specific purpose and that you help them to walk in that purpose. We lift up our pastor, and thank you for the vision that you have given him for our church. We thank you that we get to be part of the community in which you are building.

God, we pray that Pastor Brock would operate in wisdom when it comes to counseling and assisting your people. Give him wisdom the way you gave Solomon wisdom, so that he would know how to lead your people justly and rightly. Lord, surround him with people he can trust and can be accountable to. Surround him with people to encourage him in your way. Lord, we know that pastoring is not an easy endeavor, so grace him all the more to do the work of the ministry for which you have called him.

God, give him peace and strength so that he can continue to go forth in your power and might. And give him clear direction and revelation about the direction for this church.

Thank you for Pastor Brock and for the sacrifice that he gives for our spiritual growth and maturity. Help us show him that we value and honor his leadership. In Jesus name we pray, Amen!



YOUTH MISSION TRIP OSAGE NATION, OKLAHOMA JUNE 9 - 14



Thank you for donating to our **envelope fundraiser** to help our Youth attend the Mission trip to the tribal headquarters of the Osage Nation in Pawhuska, OK. Trip leaders will be Terry King and Liz Cain.

Save the date! **Saturday May 4** will be a Cinco de May dinner fundraiser. Youth will be selling tickets for a delicious steak fajita dinner! More information coming soon.

Some photos of the ceiling renovations. Thank you all for your patience!



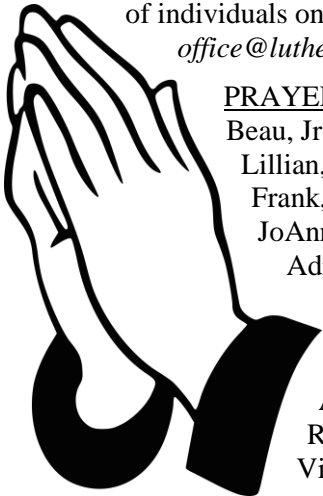
APRIL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Dear Lord, Thank you for the time You have given us with our loved ones. Please bless the coming year as we celebrate with the ones still here and honor those who are now with You. Guide us as we treasure these memories and make new ones. Amen.



August James Myers	1st	Brandon Peters	13th		
Beau Robert Wilde	1st	Marilyn Hauschild	16th	Penny and John Allen, Sr.	12th
Karin Poppe	2nd	Bruce Rushing	17th	Dave and Cappy Kelso	28th
Hope Roche	6th	Emily Giattina	19th		
Jayson Woodfill	6th	Beth Watkins	24th		
Donna Bielstein	9th	Laura King	26th		
Magan Bourn	9th	Cappy Kelso	27th		
Lena Williams (<i>In Memory</i>)	10th	Richard Thompson	27th		
Jacob Bauer	11th	Charles Edward Myers	29th		
Shirley Halterman	12th	Robert Dardar	30th		

In an effort to engage the congregation in continued prayers for our world and the Body of Christ, we are including the list of individuals on our **PRAYER LIST**. Please email your prayer requests to: office@lutheranchurchofthepines.org to be included in this list.



PRAYERS: Collin, Michael Jr. & Hadley Podgurski, Addyson, Stephanie, Aurora, Elena, Daniel, Beau, Jr., Hunter, Landon, Allen, Jada, Bryce, Adam, Ayva, Maverick, Dakota, Fish, Harleigh, Teddy, Lillian, Mike & Ann, Karen, Renee, Verna, Larry, Kenny, Reece, Mark, Norman, Charlotte, Carolyn, Frank, Bobby, Angie, Inge M., Terry G., Marie P., Becky, Scott, Tammy, Billy, Parker, Lyle, YaYa, JoAnne, Yen, Lee, Marlene, Steve Mc.Q, Sue, Nelson, Joyce, Leo, Rena, Barbara, Vance, Tommy, Adrianna, Elva, Elroy, Connie, John, Norman, Jake, Josh, Ben, Harry, Jared, Chris, Leslie, Vickie, Kenny, James, Len, Auggie, Karol, Katie, Ricky, Johnny, Tara, Morgan, Robin, Audra, Anna B., Matt, Jacob, Bethany, Daryl, Albert, Megan B, Loucinda, Maria R., Dottie, James, Dorothy, Todd, Peggy F., Jay, Naomi, Paula, Jessie, Gene H., Brandon, Roger, Nick, Anita R., Charlie, Rachel, Nicole, Maddy, Carol U., Michelle, Corey, Carla & Rex, Glenda, Rick, Anna Dricoll, Donnie Briley, Gloria, Regetta, Richard, Jeff, Naomi H., Loucinda M., Vivian Jansen, Liz Cain, Dana B., Family of Steve Gibson, Family of Gregg Jones.

SPECIAL PRAYERS: Pray for our country, pray for those in the Midwest.

FIRST RESPONDERS and THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY: Matt Sekinger, Josh Eichelberger, Nick Briley, Ryan Moore, Joe Thompson, Adam Byrd, and Alison.

APRIL WEEKLY HELPERS

Flower Donations

Please consider donating flowers in celebration of marriages, anniversaries, baptisms and birthdays, or to say “Congratulations” or “Thank you.” You may sign up on the Flower Chart posted on the wall outside the sanctuary. If you want the Altar Guild to purchase flowers for you, please mark on the Flower Chart and contact Shirley Halterman: 228-255-2088 or Liane Myers: 228-467-6771 or by email: office@LutheranChurchOfThePines.org After the 10:30am service, flowers may be taken or donated.



We need helpers! We invite anyone who would like to serve to contact Liane at 228-304-1573.

<i>Date</i>	<i>Flowers provided by</i>	<i>In Honor/Memory of</i>
4/7	OPEN – Everyone may bring in Easter lilies	
4/14	OPEN – Everyone may bring in Easter lilies	
4/21	Dave & Cappy Kelso	In Honor of 28 th Anniversary!
4/28	Marvin & Sally Schultz	In Honor of 55 th Anniversary on May 1!

**If you cannot be here to help on your day, please notify Liane or Brock.
If you have altar assistant duties, please contact one of the Elders to take your place.**

Date/Time		Greeters	Altar Assistant	Ushers	Readers
4/7	8:30	Dave & Cappy Kelso	Matt Sekinger	Terry King & Sasha King	Laura King
	10:30	Nolin & Ginnie Briley	Adam Cain	Nolin & Ginnie Briley	Nolin Briley
4/14	8:30	Dave & Cappy Kelso	Matt Sekinger	Gary & Peggy Frisard	Brandon Witt
	10:30	Gene Jackson	Adam Cain	Loucinda Martin & Dana Bielstein	Cassie Breland
4/17	7:00	OPEN	Matt Sekinger	Dana Bielstein & Open	Laura King
4/18	7:00	OPEN	No communion	Dana Bielstein & Open	Pastor Brock
4/21 Easter	6:30	OPEN	Matt Sekinger	Dave & Cappy Kelso	Pastor Brock
	10:00	Hope Roche	Adam Cain	Dana Bielstein & Hope Roche	Hope Roche
4/28	8:30	Brandon Witt	Matt Sekinger	Dave & Cappy Kelso	Sally Schultz
	10:30	OPEN	Adam Cain	Bruce & Debra Rushing	Jennifer Loveday



Wednesday Night Supper	
4/3	Liane Myers
4/10	Paul Batia
4/17	No dinner, no service
4/24	Brandon Witt

April 2019						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 Adult Bible Study 1pm Contemporary Worship Dinner 5:45pm Worship Service 6:30pm	4	5	6 Church Council meeting 8:30am
7 Worship Service 8:30am SS/Adult Bible Class 9:15am Worship Service 10:30am	8	9	10 Adult Bible Study 1pm Contemporary Worship Dinner 5:45pm Worship Service 6:30pm	11	12	13
14 Palm Sunday Worship Service 8:30am SS/Adult Bible Class 9:15am Worship Service 10:30am	15 Tax Day	16	17 Adult Bible Study 1pm No Dinner No Worship Service	18 Holy Thursday Worship Service 7pm	19 Good Friday Worship Service 7pm	20 King's Kitchen 11am – 1pm
21 Easter Sunrise service on the beach at Coleman Avenue 6:30am Pancake breakfast Worship service 10am	22 Earth Day	23	24 Adult Bible Study 1pm Contemporary Worship Dinner 5:45pm Worship Service 6:30pm	25	26	27
28 Worship Service 8:30am SS/Adult Bible Class 9:15am Worship Service 10:30am	29	30				

"He is not here; he has risen! – Luke 24:6

April Message Board

If you have announcements or pictures for upcoming events or general messages for the congregation, be sure to let me know! You can text me at 985-788-2101, email me at LMKingUSA@hotmail.com, or leave me a note in the newsletter mailbox of Mrs. Liane's office!

Thank you!! -Laura

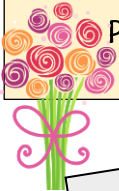
Pastor Brock Cain is in the LCOP office on Tuesdays thru Fridays. If you would like to visit with him, please call his cell or the church or email him to set an appointment.

LCOP: 228-467-6771

Email: lohengrin4001@yahoo.com

2019 Flower Chart!

Please sign up by the church office.



Church Council meeting

Saturday April 6
8:30am at the church

Interested in helping with the PineCone? We're looking for assistance!

Please contact Brock or Laura

King's Kitchen

Help to prepare and serve a meal

Saturday April 20

11am - 1pm

Please see Hope if you'd like to help!

EASTER SERVICES

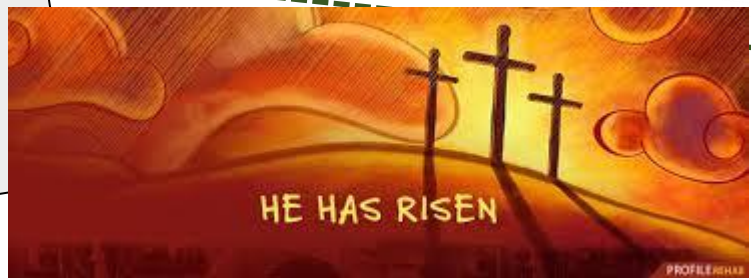
Holy Thursday 4/18 - 7pm

Good Friday 4/19 - 7pm

Easter Sunday 4/21

Sunrise service on the beach at Coleman Ave 6:30am

Worship service at church - 10am



Save the Date!

Saturday May 4

Cinco de Mayo - Fajita dinner
Youth fundraiser
for Mission Trip



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Sent with love and a prayer for:



Worship Opportunities:

Worship with Holy Communion	8:30am
Sunday School & Adult Bible Class	9:15am
Worship with Holy Communion	10:30am
Wednesday Contemporary Service	6:30pm
(Contemporary Service with a light meal before at 5:45pm)	