



1Thessalonians 5:13-15

Rise and Shine

13 and that you esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Live in peace with one another. 14 We urge you, brethren, admonish the unruly, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with everyone. 15 See that no one repays another with evil for evil, but always seek after that which is good for one another and for all people.

Plymouth Lutheran Church

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From the Pastor's Office

Welcoming Everyone to Hear God's Word

I recently made a video about the banners posted

in front of our church. The video was created as a marketing tool to invite people—especially those unsure whether they'd be welcome—to come and see what we're all about.

A few people responded to the video. One man asked, "What would happen if I came to the church and told a couple of people next to me that I was an atheist?" I told him I believe people would say, "We're glad you're here," and I encouraged him to come and find out for himself.

Most of the comments centered around whether we welcome people who are gay or transgender. I responded that yes, we do. I tried to gently explain the difference between **how someone is**—a broken sinner—and **who they are**—a person made in the image of God. I avoided using the old phrase "love the sinner, hate the sin" because that language doesn't always connect anymore. In today's culture, many people equate what they do with who they are. One commenter even quoted that phrase to argue that such an approach is a form of "intolerant tolerance."

Using Facebook and the banners outside our church gives us a unique opportunity to invite hundreds of people who drive by or scroll past. The goal of these messages is twofold:

1. If someone is curious about Christianity, I hope they would feel welcome to come and learn more as we study God's Holy Word.
2. If someone has a dark past and feels disqualified because of their sin, I hope they'll realize that if we'd welcome someone who isn't

even a Christian, then of course we'd welcome a believer with a troubled history as well.

Whether someone is gay, trans, straight, male, female, Black, white, brown, Christian, atheist, or follows another religion—we welcome them to join us in encountering the Word of God.

We all need God's Word. We all need to be reminded of who we are and what He has done for us through the sending of His Son, Jesus, to die for our sins. So even if someone doesn't realize it yet, we already have something in common when they walk through our doors. A simple, sincere "Hi, we're so glad you're here!" can be the very thing they've been longing to hear in a world full of noise and conflicting voices.

When my wife and I were dating, she visited our church one Sunday while I wasn't there. She had to work after the service and planned to leave quickly and quietly without staying for coffee. But she didn't make it halfway down the sidewalk before someone came outside, greeted her, and said they were happy to see her. It's something she still appreciates about our congregation—that visitors are **seen, loved, and welcomed**. Our church family is truly good at this, and it doesn't go unnoticed.

So what do we do when someone walks through our doors who is broken or hurting—maybe even in more visible ways than our own brokenness? We do what we always do: we greet them. We welcome them with a kind smile, a warm "God's Peace," and a heartfelt "We're so glad you're here."

This kind of personal, authentic welcome is often what makes the biggest impact on someone who responded to a banner or a video invitation.

Everyone is welcome to join us in encountering God's Holy Word!

God's Peace, Pr. Ryan Kandoll

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June at PLC

June 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

Sundays:

1 10:00am Church Service & Picnic
 8, 15, 22, 29 10:30am Worship service with Communion
 11:45am Coffee Fellowship
 22 11:45am VBS Meeting

Tuesdays:

10 6:00pm Mission Committee meeting
 6:30pm Board of Trustees meeting

Wednesdays:

4 9:00am Men's breakfast @ Perkins Hwy 55 & 494
 6:00pm Evening Bible Study
 11, 18, 25 6:00pm Evening Bible Study

Saturdays:

14 10:00am Visitation & Funeral for Eva Vahakangas

Celebrate Our Congregation

June Birthdays:

Steven	Madison	6/8
Anita	Aho	6/11
Bill	Graunke	6/15
Myrt	Larson	6/19
Nova	Ellis	6/22

June Anniversaries:

Pietro & Sara 6/7
 Joel & Lois 6/12
 Brian & Leeanna 6/14
 Kevin & MaryKay 6/17
 Larry & Sharon 6/29

July at PLC

July 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

Sundays:

6, 13, 20, 27 10:30am Worship service with Communion
 11:45am Coffee Fellowship
 13 11:45am VBS Meeting

Mondays:

7 Special Evening Service-Guest Speaker

Tuesdays:

8 6:00pm Mission Committee meeting
 6:30pm Board of Trustees meeting

Wednesdays:

2 9:00am Men's breakfast @ Perkins Hwy 55 & 494
 6:00pm Evening Bible Study
 9, 16, 23, 30 6:00pm Evening Bible Study

Saturdays:

12 9:00am Work Day @ the Church

Celebrate Our Congregation

June Birthdays:

Alaura	Hansen	7/4
Joel	Baker	7/6
Jennie	Rintala	7/10
Deb	Sunnarborg	7/12
Allison	Bulthuis	7/12
Cole	Wempen	7/12
Ryan	Kandoll	7/19
Kris	Walters	7/20
Amanda	Sunnarborg	7/27

June Anniversaries:

Earl & Karen 7/7
 Brad & Bev 7/12
 Tom & Christina 7/16
 Pr. Ryan & Carmen 7/22
 Stewart & Joyce 7/30

LBF Bible Camp @ Lahti Retreat Center July 23-27, 2025

VBS 2025

Aug 4-8 9:00am – 11:30am

2025 ALCA Annual Convention will be hosted by our Zion Lutheran Church congregation in Hancock, Michigan on June 26th-29th, 2025. Everyone is welcome!

<https://www.apostoliclutheran.org/upcoming-services>



**Mark Your Calendar –
Saturday, July 12th
Church Clean-up
from 9am-12pm**

This is an opportunity to help maintain the beauty and value of our church building and grounds. Please bring your work gloves and a can-do attitude. See Noel Walters with questions.



LBF is excited to announce the dates and theme of our summer 2025 camp at the Lahti Retreat Center. The dates are July 23-27 and the theme is "Limitless," focusing on the miracles of God. The theme verse is Psalm 147:5. "Great is our Lord and mighty in power; His understanding has no limit."

Registration is now open. To register:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdjN0f2W6bgJJ1rQmZ7nWZPGgXa5V5jW4oecBqolyhTSByWuw/viewform>

Registration is on a "first come, first served" basis, so register early. There is no charge to register and no problem canceling your registration if needed at a later date.

Adult/Family housing is full with a waiting list unless you use your own housing (tent or camper)(There is a discount for using own housing) There is still room in the Dorms for Ages 9-17. Also, if you are interested in being a dorm counselor, there is an application on the website for you to fill out.

For More information:

<https://sites.google.com/view/welcometolbf/information-and-registration/2025-camp-information?authuser=0>

All ages are welcome!

Vacation Bible School Organizational Meeting

If you are willing and able to help with the 2025 Vacation Bible School, please attend June 22nd following the Service.

VBS 2025 - Aug 4-8, 2025 9:00am – 11:30am



Theme Verse:

³ From the rising of the sun to its setting,
the name of the LORD is to be praised! **Psalm 113:3 (ESV)**

Ride Through the Old West and Discover the Amazing Life of Jesus

All aboard the Wonder Junction! Get ready to experience a wild ride designed for kids to know Jesus better, what he did for them, and how they should respond.

Give kids answers to their questions at Wonder Junction VBS

Howdy, partners! Welcome to Wonder Junction! Here at Wonder Junction, we travel through the Old West while marveling at Jesus' birth, childhood, ministry, death and resurrection, and coming return.

Here your kids will ask BIG questions, learn about Jesus and how to live for his glory—the greatest joy there is!

What We Love about Wonder Junction by Answers VBS

Kids will be challenged to grow their knowledge and discover the joy that comes with praising Jesus! Throughout the week kids will explore the Old West while learning stories, engaging in activities, and asking BIG questions that will help their understanding of who he really is. Plus, each day has a kid-friendly apologetics focus!