



**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***

Thanksgiving used to be my favorite holiday. The reason being that Christmas was over commercialized and Easter with its Easter bunny didn't make a lot of sense to me. But the idea of being thankful appealed to me in my mixed-up worldview of spirituality and positive thinking and having a favorite holiday that was different from most peoples was my nonconformist way.

Now my theology is better but I'm still a nonconformist in that my favorite holidays aren't really days instead they are seasons. I like the seasons of Advent and Easter best. Spending time in churches that use the old lectionaries (the reading in the church calendar) that have been used from the time of the early church has given me a greater appreciation for these seasons.

There are seven Sundays of Easter plus The Ascension of our Lord in this season making it 8 weeks total. During this time, we focus on the resurrection of Christ. His resurrection is a foreshadowing of ours. This is our greatest hope. The world will keep on doing what the world does. We will find the things we learn in the news to be disturbing and troublesome but Christ is victorious.

Chris's death on the cross not only justified and sanctified us, it gave us victory over sin and death. Understanding the first of those is hard enough for some. We receive by faith that Jesus took our sin on Himself and paid the penalty for it. He also gave us His righteousness. Christ's righteousness has been given to us meaning those good works that He did are our good works. That is awesome because our good works are always technically corrupted somehow by our own selfishness.

He also gave victory over sin, death, and the devil when He rose from the dead. Now we gain the victory through Him. We have a 3-fold enemy and Christ has made us victorious over all three.

Sin is our enemy. We don't play with the enemy who wants to kill us. That is why we turn our back on sin and fight temptation. Death is our enemy as well and it is the result of sin. Consider this while reading **Romans 6:20-23**. **20** For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. **21** But what fruit were you getting at that time from the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death. **22** But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life. **23** For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Every time someone dies, they prove the above scripture and we can be sure of one thing. That person was a sinner. They died because that is what they earned by sinning. Thanks to God that His free gift to us is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord! That is why His coming to us in the flesh to not only die for our sins but also to be raised from the dead are the greatest events in human history since our creation and we look forward to another great event that we are often reminded of in Christian funerals when Christ will return and then our faith will be sight. He will come to judge the living and the dead. He will also give us all new bodies for those who have died and those who are still alive. Then He will join heaven and earth and will live in the longest church season ever when we live forever with Him in glorified bodies in a world without our enemies. No Devil, no death, and no sin!

-Pastor Ryan Kandoll

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## May at PLC



## Celebrate Our Congregation May Birthdays:

### Sundays:

- 7, 14, 21** **9:15am** Sunday School & Adult Bible Study  
**10:30am** Worship service  
 also via YouTube & FB live  
**11:30am** Coffee Fellowship
- 7** **11:45am** VBS Planning meeting
- 21** **10:30am** Worship service with Communion  
**11:30am** Semi-Annual Meeting
- 28** **10:30am** Worship service also via YouTube & FB live  
**11:30am** Abbreviated Communion

### Tuesdays:

- 9** **6:00pm** Mission Committee meeting  
**6:30pm** Board of Trustees meeting

### Wednesdays:

- 3** **9:00am** Men's Breakfast @ Perkins  
**9:30am** Ladies Bible Study @ church  
**6:30pm** Bible Study @ the church
- 10,17,24** **9:30am** Men's & Ladies Bible Study @ church  
**6:30pm** Bible Study @ the church
- 31** **9:30am** Men's Bible Study @ church  
**6:30pm** Bible Study @ the church

### Thursdays:

- 4** **NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER**

Caedmon	Lunn	5/9
Bev	Aho	5/12
Ellie	Puumala	5/13
Leeanna	Lunn	5/14
Karen	Rokala	5/15
Elaine	Bergstedt	5/16
Sara	Serazzi	5/18
Mary Kay	Myrmel	5/21
William	Kandoll	5/21
Josiah	Kandoll	5/21
Earl	Rokala	5/23

## Save The Dates



### VBS 2023

July 31<sup>st</sup> – Aug 4<sup>th</sup>

9am – 11:30am

More details to follow

### LBF Bible Camp at Lahti Retreat Center



Theme: Ambassadors for Christ  
 July 19 – 23, 2023

Directors: Josh & Alaura Hansen  
 Registration is open. Follow the link below.

<https://sites.google.com/view/welcometolbf/home>

Full camp ages 9 and up: \$210

Full camp ages 5-8: \$160

Under 5: Free

Counselors: \$100

There is an \$800 cap on the cost per family. "Family" refers to immediate family only (parents and dependent children). **There is a reduced rate for staying on the grounds in your own RV or tent. You may customize your rate with varying meal and camping arrangements. Contact the registrar to discuss options that are available.**

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 Moraine Picnic Site-Worship Service @ 10:00am  
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**Church will provide Hotdogs/buns, chips & drinks**

**Last Name Begins with:**

A – N

O – Z

**Please Bring:**

**Cookies or Bars**

**Salad or Fruit**

## 2023 National Prayer For America

We come with fervent hearts to praise You Lord.  
You are The Word, the Way, Truth and Life.  
The Alpha and Omega, Lion of Judah, Almighty God  
who was, and is, and is to come. You clothed  
Yourself in flesh and dwelt among us, to remove  
our sin and clothe us in Your righteousness that  
we might dwell with You forever and ever.

With broken, humbled hearts we repent of our  
sins. Confessing to You our faithlessness,  
prayerlessness, and disobedience. Forgive us for  
our doubt, our prideful and quarrelsome words  
that reveal our unclean hearts. Cleanse us and  
renew a right and steadfast spirit within us we  
pray.

With grateful hearts we thank You fervently for  
the blessings in our life and throughout  
America; they are more than we are able to  
count. We will remember Your grace and testify  
o Your goodness in all generations. Help us to  
refrain from complaining, but instead be  
prompted to pray faithfully in every  
circumstance. Teach us to have a content heart  
knowing You are always enough for our every  
need.

As the Church we commit to pray and love our  
neighbor and nation as You loved us, that our  
reputation in this world would be rooted in Your  
love. Holy Spirit work and overflow through us  
in every prayer, thought, word, and deed. May  
our character, conversations, and conduct  
reflect the righteousness in which You clothed  
us and command us to live.

With an obedient heart we put on the full armor  
of God; Your breastplate of righteousness  
guards our heart from which flows the springs of  
life. We pray fervently for our communities and  
country; the people who are in the Church,  
Family, Education, Business and Workplace,  
Military, Government, Arts, Entertainment and  
Media. Every person is Your workmanship,  
fearfully and wonderfully created and loved.

With hopeful hearts we pray that all would  
choose to receive Your love and follow You. We  
pray that America would confess, "Jesus is  
Lord" and reflect Your righteousness in every  
sphere of influence, and every aspect of our  
lives. We ask that heavenly hope would flood  
our hearts, silence hate, and that You will heal  
our land.

Believing You; all You are, all You said, and all  
You have promised, we pray fervently in  
righteousness and avail much. In Jesus Name  
we pray, Amen!

**Kathy Branzell**

*President, National Day of Prayer Task Force*

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## Vacation Bible School

**If you are willing to help  
with the 2023 Vacation Bible  
School, please attend May 7<sup>th</sup>  
@ 11:45am**

**THEME: The Keepers of the Kingdom**

**Standing Strong in Today's Battle for Truth**

**Answers VBS –**

**Preparing Children to Survive in Today's  
World**

**10 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength  
of his might. 11 Put on the whole armor of God, that you  
may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil.  
EPH 6:10-11 (ESV)**

We are engaged in an epic battle for the hearts  
and minds of our youth. Every day, they're  
bombarded with lies about who they are, who their  
Creator is, and where their salvation comes from.  
Thankfully, God has given his children armor to wear  
in this battle between truth and lies, light and  
darkness, good and evil

With this VBS, your kids will learn how they can  
be part of God's kingdom through salvation in his  
Son and will be equipped with the armor of God to  
become Keepers of the Kingdom who stand strong  
in today's battle for truth.

**WHEN: VBS will Be July 31<sup>st</sup> – Aug 4<sup>th</sup>  
9:00am – 11:30am**

Please pray about helping in some way.

Thank you for considering!

<https://2023plcvbs.myanswers.com/keepers-of-the-kingdom/>

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## March and April Update from Nicole and Saul,

Hello there! I hope the last few months have been wonderful for you. I pray you have been taking time to be still with the Holy Spirit, which is something I feel like the Lord has been teaching me, based on the example Jesus gave us in the way he lived his life on earth.

*The apostles returned to Jesus and told him all that they had done and taught. And he said to them, "Come away by yourselves to a desolate place and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a desolate place by themselves.*

*Mark 6:31-32*

We have been very busy the last few months!

In March we finished out our time with our DTS students and sent them off to Madagascar and Thailand for their two-month outreach trip! Just before they left, we did a skate evangelism event where we preached the gospel to people in the neighborhood. Saul has also been collecting skate items from different friends to give away to kids in that neighborhood that need new stuff to skate with!

In April, we transitioned to being full time in the kitchen. I (Nicole) took on the role of kitchen manager, and Saul is helping chef meals and organize the kitchen. This season working in the kitchen will be a great mix of challenging and doing something we love.

As always, here are some photos of our life! Thank you for all the support and love :)

Con amor,

Nicole & Saul



The whole DTS and staff.



Saul and Omar with the winners of our evangelism skate tournament.



We also built a house with our DTS students!



Nicole translating for the family who received a new home!



On the build site :)



Some of the glamorous work of being the kitchen manager.



Me and my small group from the DTS.