

La Porte Community Church

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La Porte TX 77571

LOOK INSIDE FOR SCHEDULE OF LENTEN SERVICES!!

WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN WITH US

We try to continue the ministry of Jesus to each other, and throughout our community. We are non judgmental in our approach and seek to make the "love of Jesus" the driving force in our congregation. Please call us if you would like to talk—281-471-0303.

We are a gathering of people from a variety of church backgrounds or no church background who worship God together, support each other through life's journey and celebrate our joys together. We would be happy to have you join us anytime.

WE ARE HAPPY TO SEND OUR CHURCH NEWSLETTER TO:

Sunday Worship: 10:45am

Child Care Provided!!

Adult Sunday School starts at 9:30am

Children Singing Time at 10am

Youth and Adult Classes Sunday at 5pm

THE SPIRIT



LA PORTE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Office Hours 9am to 1pm

If door is locked please ring bell

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February 21, 2012

BRIAN'S BEACON

Excerpt from Matthew 4:1-11

Then Jesus was led up by the spirit into the wilderness to be tempted...

Lent is a season that lasts for 40 days (not counting Sundays). Lent, patterned to some degree after Jesus' journey in the wilderness, has us facing with Jesus how we understand needs over wants, power over servanthood, and self-reliance over God-reliance.

As we recall Jesus' wilderness temptations, we find ourselves walking with Jesus through thick and thin. Though we know the final outcome of Easter, we better understand the significance of the cross and its life-altering ways because we went with Jesus as he journeyed to it. The invitation to us in this season is to reflect on how our lives are affected by our belief, trust, and faith in Jesus Christ.

In Lent, we are invited to repent, reconcile, and return to God in all things realizing that we have turned, forgotten, or grown numb to God's call for our lives to be our true selves—children of God. We must look hard at our own lives and recognize the temptations that we have succumbed to. It is not easy, it is not fun, it is not glamorous, but it is life-changing. As with much of life, the things we long to be changed within us, even spiritually, must first be recognized and acknowledged.

So find your wilderness work in these 40 days. Trusting in God, who has proved in the resurrection of Jesus the Christ, to be faithful. May we find this hope and trust in God who changes the rules, pursues each one of us, and loves us as we are where we are, and invites us to trade in our past and reach for a new future in Jesus Christ.

Grace and peace,

Rev. Brian

Serving Wednesday, February 22, 2012

Lay Leader: Margaret Erwin

Serving Sunday, February 26 2012

Scripture: 1 Peter 3: 18-22

Gospel: Mark 1: 9-15

Sermon: "Water...Everywhere..."

Lay Leader: Regina Reiley

Acolyte: Cassidy Farmacka

Noah Ashworth

Children's Church: Ann McNeill

Children's Time: Paul McBeth

Greeters: Debbie and Bud Chambers

Last Sunday's Attendance: 110

Flowers on the Altar are from: *Linda Linthicum for God's gift, her children and grandchildren*

**YOUR HELP IS
NEEDED!!!**

The Easter drive for the Nursing Home is in need of donations. Please bring Easter candies and small Easter items to the church to give to the residences. Please bring the items within the next two weeks. Thank you!

CHAPEL CORNER

If today were your birthday, what would you ask for? If God were to tell you that you could have whatever you wanted, what would you ask for? In our Bible reading found in 1Kings 3: 5-12 we hear about Solomon a young man, who was made king over the Jewish nation. He was a good king. He cared for his people. When God asked what he wanted. Solomon did not ask for clothes or a bigger palace or a new chariot. He asked for wisdom and a heart that understands. He wanted to be able to tell between right and wrong when he had to judge his people. So that is what God gave him and because he did not ask for more God also gave him riches and honor.

God gives us special gifts, too. He has given us the gift of salvation through the death and resurrection of Jesus. He also gives us the gifts of faith, forgiveness, a loving heart, and heaven. All He ask is that we live the way He wants us to by obeying His laws and commands.

May we ask God only for the gifts that are really important.....

Have a blessed week!

Shalom, Ann

PRAYER CONCERNS

Family & Friends:

Wesley Roberts Friend of Janie McElroy
Charles Forrester Father of Debbie Hanlin
Gwen Womack Sister-in-law of Betty Thompson
Zachary Sampson Friend of Lester Clark
Charlie Collins Friend of Lester Clark
Louis Manuell Father of Judy Manuell
John & Jana Rose Relatives of Mildred Herrmann
Robert Koldzaike Brother of Alice Gidney
Wade Howell Uncle of Ann McCurry
Ken McCurry Brother of Ann McCurry
Betty Jo Thompson Friend of the Counts
Kenneth Wainscott Relative of the Counts
Mercy Ho Soilean Cruz & Family From our Website
Blaine Barker Father of Velana Pulido
David Langford Nephew of Debbie Curtis
Sheldon Marick Friend of Debbie Curtis

Homebound:

Mary Hutchings
Mary Ann Tauzin
Kyra Britton
Buford Boudoin
Denise Holley
Donald Jones

Members:

The Brinkley Family
Hope Brinkley
Bob Curtis

Praise and thanksgiving for the birth of Jenna Paige Smith. Proud great-grandparents are Kenneth and Melba Smith.

Please pray for LPCC as it takes faith steps in our shared journey together.

- **Sundays: Pray for the preaching of the Gospel**
- **Mondays: Pray for our celebration of the sacraments: baptism and Lord's Supper**
- **Tuesdays: Pray for Christian Fellowship**
- **Wednesdays: Pray for Unity**
- **Thursdays: Pray for Loving Service**
- **Fridays: Pray for righteousness, justice, and peace.**
- **Saturdays Pray in Thanksgiving for all that has been accomplished.**

Names will appear on the Prayer Concern List for 4 weeks unless notification is given to extend. Please call the church office when names can be removed prior to that time. Thank you.
Please note if name is in bold it has been recently added or a change has been made this past week.

CHURCH HAPPENINGS

Tuesday 21st	6pm	Shrove Pancake Supper
	7pm	Cub Scouts
Wednesday 22nd	6pm	Kirkringers
	7pm	Ash Wednesday Service (After Service Short Chancel Choir Practice)
Thursday 23rd	5:45pm	Girl Scouts
	8pm	AA
Sunday 26th	9am	Prayer in Chapel
	9:30am	Adult Class
	10am	Children Sing
	10:45am	Worship
	5pm	Youth/Adult Classes
	6pm	Snack Dinner
Monday 27th	7am	Men's Breakfast
	7pm	Boy Scouts

Ash Wednesday:

February 22nd at 7pm

Stations of the Cross:

April 1st at 6:30pm

Maundy Thursday:

April 5th at 7pm

Good Friday:

April 6th at 7pm



Bayshore Baptist Church invites you to join them on Friday March 2, and Saturday March 3rd for a Bible Study featuring Kay Arthur, Priscilla Shirer, and Beth Moore. Tickets are \$15 each and include appetizers and dessert on Friday. It also includes breakfast, snacks, and lunch for Saturday.

"It is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles."

—Matthew 15: 11 (NRSV)



South Cluster Assembly—April 29, 2012

To assemble a Hygiene Kit you will need:

- One hand towel measuring approximately 16" x 28" (no fingertip or bath towels)
- One washcloth
- One wide-tooth comb
- One nail clipper
- One bar of soap (bath size in wrapper)
- One toothbrush (in original packaging)
- Six standard size Band-Aids

Place all items in a one-gallon plastic bag with a zipper closure, remove excess air from bag, and seal. Please do not add toothpaste to the Hygiene Kit. Cartons of toothpaste that have an extended expiration date will be added to Hygiene Kit shipments just prior to shipment. Please bring the Kit to LPCC before April 29th. These will be used for Disaster areas. Each church has been asked to complete 30 Kits. Thank you!!!