

# GOOD NEWS



## St. Paul Lutheran Church

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9:00 a.m. Sunday Morning Radio Broadcast 100.1 FM

Pastor: Tim W. Muehlbrad

Director of Youth & Family – Nicholas Requejo

### **ST. PAUL LUTHERAN MISSION STATEMENT:**

*Empowered by the Holy Spirit to make Christ known;  
As we love one another, serve our neighbor, and grow in our Faith  
through studying God's Word and Worshiping God*



From all of us here at  
St. Paul Lutheran Church,  
wishing you and your family  
a Merry Christmas and a  
Happy New Year!



“To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

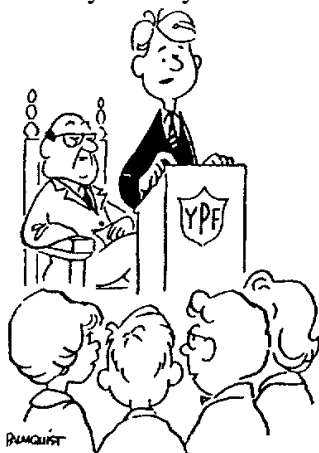
I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus.”  
(1 Corinthians 1:2-4)

St. Paul begins his First Letter to the Corinthians in this way. I, too, wish to express my thanks to God for the opportunity to minister to you, to minister with you, and to receive ministry from you. God has blessed us with the grace and the peace that only God can give. As St. Paul had this thought, he called the people of the Corinthian congregation saints. That applies to us as well. We have been made holy through our baptism in Christ and have been given the gift of the Holy Spirit for the building up of the Church.

I wish to thank all of you for the meal and celebration we had at the Fall Fest in October. Thanks for the well wishes, the food, the gifts, the cards, the hospitality, and your prayers as you honored our 10th Anniversary together and my 60<sup>th</sup> birthday.

As we continue our ministry together here in Yorktown, let us always remember that it is God who leads and guides us, and let us always remain focused on the work of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Your Pastor,  
Tim W Muehlbrad



"The interesting program we had planned for today fell through. Instead, our pastor is going to speak to us."



To St. Paul Lutheran,

You Lutherans are a strange bunch. Yes, you Lutherans living in the DeWitt county area, who attend our magnificent church. You give so much yet do not want any credit. Ever! So thank you to nobody for doing nothing. My youth and their

families enjoyed that one day of the week where we went to that one place to do nothing. Personally speaking, it was one of my favorite events for it having a last-minute change. That's the way ministry goes. The best plans often have to change at the last moment, and you can tell a lot by the reaction in which people adapt to that change. For no one or groups of people, in particular, thank you for everything you did! Speaking on behalf of the youth of St. Paul we look forward to doing nothing again.

It is the end of the year. It is also the end of the decade. What were you doing ten years ago? In 2009 I had graduated high school and completed my first semester of college at Concordia Texas. Back then my goal was to graduate with a degree in Communication to go on and become a journalist working for *Game Informer* magazine. After college, either I would move out to Dallas or head west to San Francisco. That's what I wanted. What God wanted is something different but better. This brings me to the point of this section of my newsletter. We have a new decade ahead of us. Your kids are going to graduate high school and enter college. Some of our youth will either be junior or senior in high school in 2029. Parents you are going to turn ten years wiser. You cannot prepare for the unforeseen events that will occur this next decade. However, we as Christians can grow into our hope, faith, and love that comes from God, so that whatever happens to us this next decade, we will have a foundation in which to lean on.

So, again, I ask you, where are you going to be at the end of the next decade? What does your family look like? How old are your kids going to be? Will Pastor Tim or another Pastor be baptizing your grandchildren? The only thing I know the future holds is that God's love is already waiting for us. Take comfort in knowing that an

eternal being loves you and wants you to come back home so desperately that he sent his one and only Son, our Lord, and Savior, to die for our sins, so that WE God's creation, can come back into heaven with our creator.

May the God of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and the Father of the first resurrected, Jesus Christ, bless us His family here at St. Paul Lutheran as we enter a new decade.

Merry Christmas,  
Family & Youth Director  
Nicholas Requejo

PS – I really want to thank everyone who did give me a gift for my birthday. All your cards are hanging or are on my office desk. To everyone who put in money for my nameplate I especially thank you. I really enjoyed the cake you people got from HEB. Thank you very much!



## **CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

November 12, 2019

The meeting was called to order by president, Bill Klaevemann. Present for the meeting were Pastor Tim Muehlbrad, Bill Klaevemann, Nicholas Requejo, Beverly Bruns, Calvin Bruns, Kimberly Gaus, Martha Geffert, Jay Heil, Ray Lange, Dorothy Mayfield, Cathy Moritz, Judy Taylor, and Victor Riske. Kimberly gave the devotion.

**MINUTES** With no additions or corrections, the minutes of October 8, 2019 were approved as printed.

## **REPORTS**

**A. TREASURER** Calvin reported the balance in the General Fund was \$191,450.46 as of October 31, 2019, while the balance in the Building Fund was \$6,477.19. Calvin made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report. After a second by Ray, the motion carried.

**B. STEWARDSHIP** A discussion of the distribution of the Annual BBQ funds will be held during New Business.

**C. YOUTH** No report

**D. WORSHIP** Pastor Suggs will lead two Church services in January. Pastor Ron Walters will lead the worship services on November 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>. - Jay

**E. SOCIAL CONCERNS** Two households were helped in October and 52 people received flu shots at the flu clinic held at St. Paul Lutheran. - Judy

**F. PROPERTY** Lower limbs of trees will be trimmed at the cemetery, grass was mowed at the cemetery, working with the city concerning the utility bills, AT&T is working to repair telephone lines that went down on Nau Street due high winds toppling a tree and the Church was home for several hours for the evacuees from the blow out on an oil well near Cotton Patch. - Ray

**G. PARISH EDUCATION** The Nursery, Elementary, and Jr. High's lessons are from the Spark Bible. The committee helped with games at the fall Festival, at which about 20 children participated in the dessert walk, corn hole and ring toss games. All roles for the Christmas pageant have been filled. Erin and Laurie will be helping Kim direct this year. Linda will work with the costumes and will donate the bags given to children after the Christmas Service. - Kimberly

**H. C.E.M.** No report

**I. EVANGELISM** An ad was placed in the Yorktown Newspaper for Pastor Appreciation 2019.

Preparations are underway for New Member Weekend on December 15<sup>th</sup>. - Martha

**J. CHRISTIAN LIFE** The Fall Feast on 10-27-19 was well attended by approximately 140 people. Pastor Tim's 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary with St. Paul and his 60<sup>th</sup> birthday along with Nicholas' 30<sup>th</sup> birthday were celebrated with cake and gifts. Games for the children were also

enjoyed. The quilt brought in \$2000 for the projects supported by the women of the church. Christian Life is currently helping with the Community Thanksgiving meal to be held on 11-17-19 at Gruenau Hall. Christian Life is also preparing for the catered Christmas meal for 12-08-19. - Cathy

**K. CEMETERY** Six lots in the old section have been sold, with 4 lots remaining. The burial of Victor Henneke, from Woodsboro, will be held on November 15<sup>th</sup>.

**L. NICHOLAS** Inside the Church, Nick is teaching students to pray for others in person, helping Pastor Tim with the Confirmation Class, and helping with the Christmas Service and Program. Outside the Church, Nick attended 2 volleyball games and took 20 people to the Circle N Maze.

The future events include the Christmas Service, setting up the Manger Scene, the Christmas Program, and having students fill the bags to be given out after the Christmas Program. \$95.40 was spent during the month of October.

**M. PASTOR** Professional activities during October included 9 Worship services, 5 Hospital visits, 6 Home visits, 14 educational events, 15 Church meetings and events, 1 Professional meeting, 1 Community Event, and attendance at Texas NALC Clergy Retreat October 28-29<sup>th</sup> in Belton. Official Acts included Committal Service for Myrlyn Wagner, Burial of Jimmy Voelkel, and Burial of Annie Domann. Pastor Tim also expressed his thanks for the gifts he received for his birthday, the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary with St. Paul's Lutheran Church, and Pastor Appreciation.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**A. NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT** So far the committee has not had a meeting.

**B. BUDGET 2020** All budgets should be turned in to Calvin by the December meeting.

### **C. ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH WELCOME SIGNS**

The old signs were made of wood and must be replaced because of fading and weather damage. Sign Works of Victoria has given a bid of \$1,950, for 5 metal signs that will have a white background with burgundy letters. A donation has been received for these signs. Metal should last longer than the original wood signs.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**A. APPROVAL OF NEW MEMBERS** Dorothy made a motion to approve Jeremy and Lori Kneese and Children, Gwen, Hannah, and Owen as new members. Jay seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried. New Members will be welcomed on Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup> with a celebration on December 15<sup>th</sup>. During Sunday's New Member ceremony, two children from the Medina family will be Confirmed.

### **B. APPROVE RESOLUTION FOR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF CALVIN BRUNS AS AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE FOR WEISCHWILL ACCOUNT WITH EDWARD JONES.**

Dorothy Mayfield made a motion on 11/12/2019 to approve the following resolution having Calvin Bruns as an authorized representative of St. Paul Lutheran Church which was organized on August 21, 1876: "Resolved, that the individuals identified shall have the full power and authority on behalf of the corporation to enter an agreement on behalf of the corporation; open a brokerage account on the behalf of the corporation; do and perform every act to be done in conjunction with the account being opened, including, but not limited to, being able to transfer, endorse, sell, assign, and deliver any and all certificates of stock, bonds, debentures, notes, subscriptions, warrants, stock purchase warrants, evidences of indebtedness, or other securities now and hereafter registered in the name of or owned by the corporation, and make, execute, and deliver any and all written instruments necessary to effectuate the authority hereby granted." Kimberly seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**C. APPROVE AUTHORIZED SIGNERS ON WEISCHWILL ACCOUNT.** Judy made a motion to approve Catherine Serrano, Pam Weise, Dorothy Mayfield, Bill Klaevemann, John Frels, and Calvin Bruns as authorized signers on the Weischwill account with Edward Jones. Kimberly seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**D. BID FOR AUTOMATIC DOOR** The entrance door to the Education building is very difficult for anyone in a wheelchair, or walker to manage. It is also difficult for a delivery person or small children to open. To address those problems, a company, Door Control Services (DCS) from Corpus Christi was contacted. Two types of door were suggested:

Horton Automatics installed for \$2,677.

Record USA installed for \$2,458 DCS recommended Horton Automatics because the motor was a little heavier making it a better fit for the heavy door at the entrance. The cost does not include an electric connection that an electrician would need to install. The door would be opened by a button on a pole outside and on the wall inside. This company services the automatic doors in hospitals in Victoria. Judy made a motion to have the Horton Automatics door opener installed for \$2,677. Ray seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried.

**E. Discuss Terrorism Risk Insurance** Because of the large amount of destruction necessary to occur before such an addition to a policy could be filed for restitution, Ray made a motion to reject that option provided with our current insurance company, Church Mutual. After a second by Cathy, the motion carried.

**F. SILENT AUCTION CONCERNS** Concerns about the auctioning of donated items, were discussed.

**G. ANNUAL COMMITTEE REPORTS** All committees should have their reports turned in by January 6<sup>th</sup>.

**H. ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** Jay made a motion to have the Annual Congregational Meeting on January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Dorothy seconded the motion. The motion carried. Sunday school will be dismissed that Sunday so teachers will be able to attend the meeting that is held right after the 9 AM worship service.

**I. REVIEW ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL AGENDA** Suggested items for the Annual congregational meeting were discussed.

**J. DISTRIBUTION OF ANNUAL BARBEQUE PROCEEDS** Kim made a motion to divide the proceeds from the annual barbecue equally between Yorktown Volunteer Fire Department, Yorktown Assistance Ministries, Yorktown EMS, Keep Yorktown Beautiful, and the Learning Garden. Ray seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**K. DECEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup> MEETING** Ray made a motion to change the date of the Tuesday, December 10<sup>th</sup> meeting to Wednesday, December 11, 2019. After a second by Dorothy, the motion carried.

**L. STOVE REQUEST** Complaints about the commercial cooking range in the kitchen not cooking properly, being dangerous to light, and being 15 to 20 years old have been received from the people



that work in the kitchen on different occasions. Ray said he would get a technician out to get estimates on repair or replacement.

**CLOSING** Jay made a motion to adjourn, Ray seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The meeting was closed with *THE LORD'S PRAYER*

Respectfully submitted by,  
Dorothy Mayfield

**2019 COUNCIL MEMBERS**

PRESIDENT - Bill Klaevemann – 649-2753

SECRETARY - Dorothy Mayfield - 550-9136

PARISH ED – Kimberly Gaus – 361-243-8696

STEWARDSHIP – Calvin Bruns – 564-9115

WORSHIP – Jay Heil – 564-3780

CHRISTIAN LIFE – Cathy Moritz – 830-305-8628

PROPERTY – Ray Lange – 571-7629

SOCIAL CONCERNS – Judy Taylor – 564-3894

YOUTH - Beverly Bruns – 564-9115

EVANGELISM/OUTREACH – Martha Geffert - 648-0168

# Financial Report

GENERAL FUND	YTD 2019	BUILDING FUND	YTD 2019
<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>149,699.54</b>	<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>31,028.58</b>
Income	658,778.84	Income	142,058.84
Expenses	(728,844.87)	Expenses	(163,204.13)
Ending Balance	79,633.51	Ending Balance	9,883.29
Investment	125,819.43		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>205,452.94</b>		

Totals as of 11/18/2019



The sign up for the Christmas Feast to be held on 12-08-19 after the Sunday School Christmas program is now put up in the church and Fellowship hall. Since this is a catered meal, we will need to have a count so we can order enough plates from Werner's. The last day to sign up will be December 1st.

This will be a roast beef meal with twice baked potatoes and green bean casserole.

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We keep in our prayers the family and friends of:



**Frances Hartmann** – who passed away November 15, 2019. Services were held November 20, 2019.

May the power of the resurrection continue to provide them assurance.

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**Offering Envelopes**



**2020 Offering Envelopes** are available for pick up. Come by the table outside the Church Office and Pick Up your envelopes or call the office (564-2135) and make arrangements to receive them.

**NOTICE:** End-of-Year gifts must be in the church office no later than 12 noon on Monday, December 31<sup>st</sup> to be posted to your 2019 contribution statements.



*Newsletter deadline is Thursday, December 19, 2019. Make sure you get your articles in!*

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Children from Nursery through 5th grades will connect Worship with Sunday School using Spark lessons each week, based on the Revised Common Lectionary.

- 12/1-Christmas Program Practice
- 12/8-God's Peaceful World
- 12/15-John the Baptist
- 12/22-Angel's Visit & Jesus is Born
- 12/29-Escape to Egypt



Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."

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We will be collecting monetary gifts for the "Cowboy Claus" program this year. Make checks out to St. Paul with a notation "for Cowboy Claus." Place cash gifts in an envelope labeled "Cowboy Claus." We will be accepting gifts until Thursday December 5, 2019. Let's help a child have a Merry Christmas!



## WOMEN OF ST. PAUL'S CHRISTMAS MEETING AND POTLUCK LUNCHEON

The Women of St. Paul will hold their Annual Christmas meeting on Tuesday, December 3 at 10:00 am.

The gathering will be held in the Chapel. It will begin with singing Christmas Carols, a short Bible Study, and business discussion. This will be followed by their Potluck Luncheon in the Fellowship Hall.

All women of the church are invited to attend this Christmas meeting and lunch. It is a wonderful time of fellowship together.

Following the luncheon, the group will work on their annual Christmas Card Project for Shut-Ins.

NOEL HALLELUJAH MERRY CHRISTMAS HAPPY NEW YEAR

Come One, Come All  
For Christmas Caroling  
Followed by  
Soup & Hot Chocolate  
in the Fellowship Hall  
Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>  
3:00 p.m.





## A Walk Through Bethlehem

Join us for a living recreation of the life and times of those in Bethlehem during the night of our Savior's birth.

Encounter shepherds, wise men, roman soldiers, and of course Mary, Joseph and the baby Jesus.

Refreshments will be served.

This free public event is sponsored by the Yorktown Ministerial Alliance and will be held from 6 PM to 8 PM, Friday, December 6 at El Shaddai Retreat Center.

For more information call Jeanne at 361-649-1443



**December 8** – 9 am Worship with Children's Christmas Program  
11 am Christmas Feast (catered meal)

**December 8** – Poinsettia Orders are due into the church office.

**December 15** – 3 pm Christmas Caroling

**December 24** – 4 pm and 8 pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service.

*GOD HAS BLESSED Jonathan Hurta and Shelby Schlinke as they were united in marriage Saturday, November 2, 2019.*





## AS WE CELEBRATE THE CHRISTMAS SEASON

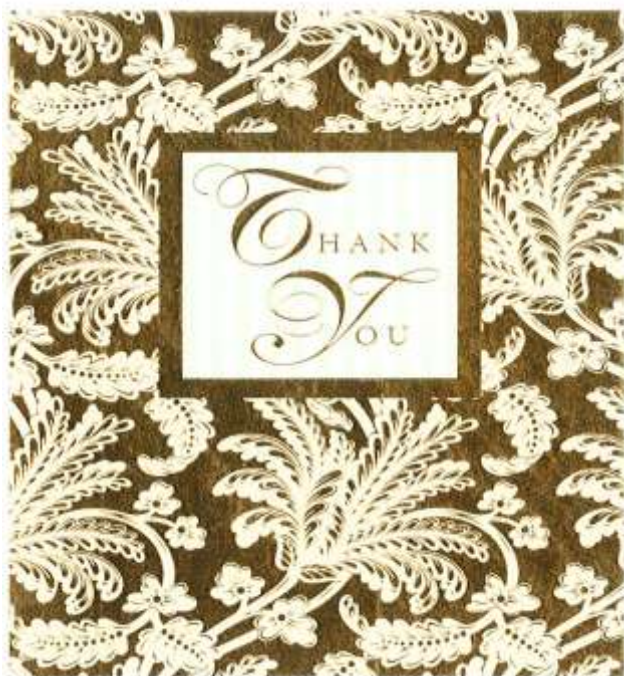
and the gift of the Christ child as our Lord and Savior and as we prepare with gifts for our family and friends, may we honor the work that our staff – Pastor Tim, Nicholas, Katie, Judy, Keri, and Ricky – have done for us this year. The congregation is invited to make gifts to the staff. Checks should be made payable to St. Paul Lutheran. Please write “Staff Gift” on your envelope and/or check. Please make your gifts by Wednesday, December 18<sup>th</sup>.

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## Baptized into the Faith

*Levi Jeffrey Saunders*  
child of  
*Gerald and Bridget Saunders*  
was baptized on  
*November 9, 2019.*





Thank you for allowing us to use the Fellowship Hall for the November 5 election. Thank you for everything you do to help the election run smoothly. I appreciate everything you do for us.

Thank you  
God Bless,  
Melissa   
Election Administrator



Thank you for your participation in our annual "Crunk on Heat" event. Despite the transition it was quite a success.

We are grateful for the participation & welcome any comments or suggestions to improve our events. Sincerely,

Sammy Cilleri

WCHA Super / Lynn Maguire



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# What's happening at The Learning Garden!!

**Enrollment:** Current Enrollment for Fall 2019 ~ 63

Class	Currently Enrolled	Pre-registered	Waitlist	Available Spots	Teachers
Infants	9	0	4	1	2 ~ Full Time 2 ~ Part Time
Toddlers	9	0	0	4	2 ~ Full Time
Twos	11	0	0	7	2 ~ Full Time
Pre school (3 yr. old's)	15	0	0	0	1 ~ Full Time 2 ~ Part Time
Prek (4 & 5 yr. old's)	10	0	0	5	1 ~ Full Time 2 ~ Part Time
After School (5-9 yr. old's)	9	0	0	4	1 ~ Full Time

**Staff:**

Director: Tracie Fielding

Substitute: Janice Lipscomb & Courtney Andersen

Cook: Estela Sierra    Housekeeping: Elida Cruz



*The Learning Garden children, staff and Board would all like to wish all of you a Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year!*

If you have any questions, or just want to come in to visit us let Tracie know. You are all welcome to come see what we do here at The Learning Garden.



**In memory of Annie Domann – Radio**

Dr. & Mrs. John Frels

**In memory of Annie Domann – CEM**

Alvin & Mallie Stanchos

**In memory of Annie Domann – Building**

David & Patsy Ibrom

Glen & Judy Henze

Daisy Borgfeld

Audrey Balcar

Boyd & Pam Weise

John Dale Hurst

Fran Huwe

Charles & Bonnie Riedesel

**In memory of Helen Wieland – Building**

Audrey Balcar

**In memory of Helen Wieland – Cemetery**

Jean Herwig

**In memory of Jimmy Voelkel – Building**

The Larry Justiss Family

**In memory of Myrlin Wagner – Cemetery**

Jean Herwig

**In memory of Alton Mueller – Building**

Manroy & Gracie Wolpman

**In memory of Vera Kneese – Building**

Oleta Patillo

**In memory of Victor Henneke – CEM**

Alvin & Mallie Stanchos

**In memory of Frances Hartmann – Radio**

Dr. & Mrs. John Frels

**In memory of Frances Hartmann – Building**

Glen & Judy Henze

*\*Gifts in memory and in honor of are as of November 19, 2019.*

## SCRIPTURE READINGS DECEMBER 2019

### Sunday, December 1, 2019 – First Sunday of Advent

First Lesson: Isaiah 2:1-5



Psalm: Psalm 122

Second Lesson: Romans 13:11-14

Gospel: Matthew 24:36-44

### Sunday, December 8, 2019 – Second Sunday of Advent

First Lesson: Isaiah 11:1-10

Psalm: Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19

Second Lesson: Romans 15:4-13

Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12



### Sunday, December 15, 2019 – Third Sunday of Advent

First Lesson: Isaiah 35:1-10

Psalm: Psalm 146:4-9

Second Lesson: James 5:7-10

Gospel: Matthew 11:2-11



### Sunday, December 22, 2019 – Fourth Sunday of Advent

First Lesson: Isaiah 7:10-16

Psalm: 80:1-7, 16-18

Second Lesson: Romans 1:1-7

Gospel: Matthew 1:18-25



### Sunday, December 29, 2019 – Fifth Sunday of Advent

First Lesson: Isaiah 63:7-9

Psalm: Psalm 148

Second Lesson: Hebrews 20:10-18

Gospel: Matthew 2:13-23



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