

GOOD NEWS



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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.*



REMINDER! Our Annual Congregational Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 31, 2021 immediately following 9:00 am service. There will be no Sunday School.

We must have a quorum of 50 members present to take action on items that are on the agenda. Please make plans to attend.

Occasionally some of our neighbors in other Christian traditions have something they call a “Revival”. There are activities, a special speaker is brought in, there is singing and praying and preaching. As I understand it, a revival is a time for renewing and for refocusing our lives.

Once in a while someone asks, “Why don’t we in the Lutheran church have revivals?” The answer is “we do”. Hopefully every Sunday, or any other time we gather as a congregation is a revival. In addition to that, Lent is a special time of revival. Lent is a season of special worship and activity, leading and preparing for revival of new life in Jesus Christ as we focus on the cross and resurrection.

This year during Lent we will continue with our tradition of having midweek Lenten Services on Wednesdays, but we cannot do it the same as we have the past few years (see the article in this newsletter for the Lent Schedule). During Lent we gather to focus on the God who entered the world for us, the God who became like us and lived where we live, the God who endured death on a cross so that we might know life.

I hope you can join with us often for worship these coming weeks. Hopefully we all can worship together every Sunday, either in person or by means of the radio and live-stream; and hopefully you will join with the congregation on Wednesday evening so that these days leading up to Easter may be a time of real revival and renewal.

Your pastor,
Tim W Muehlbrad





To St. Paul Lutheran

A new year brings on new challenges. Nothing new that we have not experienced last year. Covid-19 is still around and St. Paul still has our Covid protocols. In keeping in line with those protocols we do not have much of an

event calendar. Our Easter breakfast is on hold. Until something is announced do not expect any type of breakfast plan for Easter Sunday.

As to other events in our church I can confidently say that I and the youth board would like to send more kids to camp. Our confirmation class will be attending Camp Ebert. However, non-confirmation can come with me to Camp Chrysalis. I need three or more students for Cross Trails Ministry to label us a “group”. So far, I have two youths signed up for Camp Chrysalis. I plan on reserving spots for our kids for the week of June 20th. High school youth are eligible to attend. Younger youth can also attend if you think your child can handle an overnight stay for one full week. Please contact me so we can further go over the details of our trip.

Project H will be restarted! Originally this was temporarily stopped because I had an eerie feeling people were going to be fighting over hygiene items when we first entered the pandemic. Now that some of the fear is gone, I feel comfortable restarting Project H. For phase two we will need to bring travel-size deodorant and hair combs. I will be standing in front of the church accepting donations. You can also bring them to the office so I can collect them. When phase two and three ends we will assemble the hygiene kits and deliver them to Mid-Coast Family services in Victoria.

Thank you for all the support you bring.

Peace,
Nicholas Requejo
Family & Youth Director



CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

January 12, 2021

- 1) **CALL TO ORDER** The meeting of the Church Council of St. Paul Lutheran Church was called to order by Clem Waskow. Council members present for the meeting were Pastor Tim Muehlbrad, Clem Waskow, Cathy Moritz, Linda Peyton, Linda Hurta, Nicholas Requejo, Michael Melanson, Jay Heil, and Kristin Schustereit. Katie Serrano was also in attendance.
- 2) **DEVOTION** The devotion was given by Clem Waskow.
- 3) **MINUTES** The minutes from December 8, 2020, were approved as printed with no corrections.
- 4) **REPORTS**
 - a) **Treasurer** – The balance in the General Fund as of December 31, 2020, was \$288,814.90. The balance in the Building Fund was \$23,173.31. The Stained-Glass Window Restoration account balance was \$41,873.55.
 - b) **Stewardship** – No report.
 - c) **Parish Education** – Nothing new to report.
 - d) **Youth** – Nothing to report.
 - e) **Family/Youth Director** – Nicholas reported: He is promoting summer camp for non-confirmation students. He is also producing video lessons for high school students.
 - a) **Worship** – Jay Heil reported: They are working on Lenten services, which will be held on Wednesdays during lent.

Worship times will be 10:00am and 7:00pm.

- f) **Evangelism/Outreach** – No report.
- g) **Social Concerns** – Judy Taylor provided a written report: One family was assisted with electricity.
- h) **Christian Life** – Nothing to report.
- i) **Property** – Michael reported the following:
 - 1. Repaired toilets in the Educational Building.
 - 2. Fixed the outside lights around the Sanctuary.
 - 3. TLG had security cameras installed.
 - 4. Replaced more smoke/carbon monoxide detectors at TLG.
 - 5. Annual termite inspection completed – all in good order.
 - 6. Asphalt repair work is being researched in front of the Sanctuary.
 - 7. Toilet was fixed in Parsonage 2.
- j) **Cemetery** – Nothing to report.
- k) **CEM** – Written report was provided.
- l) **Pastor** – Professional activities during December 2020 included: 11 worship services, 5 home visits, 4 educational events, 5 church meetings and events, and 2 burials. Pastor also reported on a scam via text messages that several congregational members received. All those who received messages were council members, so phone numbers have been removed from the newsletter for security purposes.

5) **OLD BUSINESS**

- a) **Stained Glass Windows Repair** – Work has begun, and several windows have been taken for repair. Some of the windows are needing structural repair before work can be completed. Linda Hurta made a motion to accept a bid from A&A Constructors, Inc., for \$74,370.00, for additional repairs before windows can be replaced. Michael Melanson seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- b) **Coronavirus**
 - 1. **Sanitation** – No new changes at this time.
 - 2. **Sunday Service** – No new changes at this time.
 - 3. **Saturday Service** – No new changes at this time

4. **Sunday School** – No new changes at this time.
 5. **Youth** –No new changes at this time.
 6. **Funerals** – No new changes at this time.
 7. **Weddings** – No new changes at this time.
 8. **Other meetings and Functions** – No new changes at this time.
 9. **Fellowship Hall Rentals** – We will continue to keep rentals on hold until further notice.
 10. **Church Office** – No new changes at this time.
- 6) **NEW BUSINESS**
- a) **Benches Around Oak Tree** – Jay Heil made a motion to approve add-on bid from A&A Constructors, Inc., for \$4,400.00, to repair benches around the large oak tree. Linda Peyton seconded the motion. The motion carried.
 - b) **Asphalt in Front of Church** – Michael is looking for someone to repair the asphalt in front of the church.
- 7) **CLOSING** – Jay Heil made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Michael Melanson seconded the motion. The motion carried, and the meeting closed with The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
 Kristin Schustereit

Financial Report

GENERAL FUND	YTD 2021	BUILDING FUND	YTD 2021
Beginning Balance	43,036.44	Beginning Balance	23,173.31
Income	16,404.89	Income	593.00
Expenses	(16,011.34)	Expenses	(7,366.39)
Ending Balance	43,429.99	Ending Balance	16,399.92
Investment	245,778.46		
TOTAL	289,208.45		

Totals as of 01/19/2021



RELIEVE EDITORIAL
STRESS:
TURN IN
YOUR ARTICLES
EARLY!



R E M I N D E R:
DEADLINE FOR THE
March
NEWSLETTER
ARTICLE IS
Monday,
February 15, 2021!

***"Let the peace of Christ
rule in your hearts, since
as members of one body
you were called to
peace. And be thankful"***
Colossians 3:15



It's through each of you that Jesus Christ showed His Love for us. Our St. Paul Family is God's greatest blessings in what each has done during this difficult time. The food, texts, phone calls, visits, support, memorials, the music, the message, but most definitely the PRAYERS we received was definitely God's work. The Larry Geffert Family gives Thanks to God for each of you.

Thank you,

Martha

Clint, Tanya, Cole, Caleb, Clayton

LeAnn, Dwight, Caden, Cason, Ella

Cody, Megan, Layne, Allie



FREE YARD SIGNS

**Help us promote LIFE in our
community with a free yard sign!
Each sign includes the Gabriel
Project phone number, offering help
to pregnant women in need 24/7.**

**Please pick up a brochure to learn
more about how you can support the
Gabriel Project and the Bethlehem
Maternity Home.**

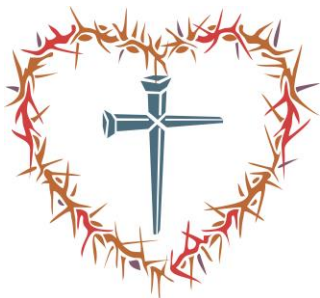
THE GABRIEL PROJECT OF THE CROSSROADS

1-866-627-9243

Confidential and Caring Services are available in Victoria, Jackson, Calhoun, Lavaca, Matagorda, Wharton, DeWitt and Goliad Counties.

*The signs are located in the front hall of the Educational Building and in the Fellowship Hall.

Lenten Schedule



Due to the COVID pandemic, we have had to make adjustments to our Lenten Schedule. We will not be doing our normal Lenten Rotational, nor will we be serving meals prior to the midweek worship services, but we will be holding midweek services. The Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, and Good Friday services will be similar to the past, but the other midweek services will be different with more time for reflection and confession. All services will be live-streamed through our Website. Here is the schedule so far with the midweek morning services in the Fellowship Hall and the evening services in the Sanctuary:

Ash Wednesday – Feb. 17, 10:00 AM & 7:00 PM

Wednesday Midweek – Feb.24, Mar. 3, Mar. 10, Mar. 17, Mar. 24,
10:00 AM & 7:00 PM

Maundy Thursday – Apr. 1, 7:00 PM, (morning service to be determined)

Good Friday - Apr. 2, 7:00 PM, (morning service to be determined)

Easter weekend – Worship Service times and events yet to be determined

We have not yet completely received what is ours, or should I say, the promise of what will be. We have been given the power to become children of God. As children, we will inherit eternal life. These are the promises that belong to those who follow Christ. Come then, as one who lives in the hope of promise, and be enlightened in the truth of the Lord.

**DON'T
BE A
VICTIM
OF
PHONE
SCAMS!**



Dear Friends,

You have probably seen in the news that two COVID-19 vaccines have been authorized by the CDC. You may even know frontline health workers who have received their first dose. I thank God for the researchers,

volunteers, and experts who have worked tirelessly to create these vaccines.

Unfortunately, there are people in the world who try to capitalize on this new development to try and take our money or health information. There are already reports of scammers offering people early doses of a vaccine in exchange for a large sum of money. Earlier in the year, there were reports of scammers posing as Medicare representatives and asking people for their personal medical information, which can be used for fraud.

Here are some tips to help you recognize suspicious callers and to stay safe:

- If you've received an unsolicited call, never give out personal information such as Social Security Numbers, birthdate, Medicare number, credit card information, or passwords.
- Do not buy or accept offers for COVID-19 vaccines found in advertisements, emails, or unsolicited phone calls.
- Calls asking for money for a vaccine should be treated as fraud. Doses of vaccines that were purchased with U.S. taxpayer dollars will be provided to patients at no cost, other than an administration fee from your doctor.
- If a call seems suspicious, trust your instinct! Even if the phone number looks like your doctor's office, trust yourself if something seems off. Tell them you will call back at a more convenient time, then call a number you know is genuine.

- If a caller asks for donations for COVID related charities, research the charity before donating. Be especially wary of anyone requesting payments or donations in cash or by wire transfer, gift card or using the mail.

Currently, Phase 1A vaccine recipients include front-line healthcare workers and residents of long-term care facilities in Texas. People 65 years of age and older, and people over age 16 with at least one chronic medical condition will likely get the vaccine soon. If you have questions about the vaccine, contact your healthcare provider. Stay safe, and have a blessed New Year!

Talitha Muehlbrad



Notes of THANKS

- For your prayers, financial support, and all that you are making possible – thank you so much.
Blessings,
George C. Greene IV, PE
Water Mission
- Your continued support is such a blessing to this ministry.
Thank you so very much!
Child Outreach International
- Thank you for helping Defend the Sanctity of Life!
The Gabriel Project of the Crossroads

~These are a few of the ministries our benevolence supports.

~For the complete letters and thank you cards, please see the bulletin board in the educational building.



What's happening at The Learning Garden!!

Enrollment: Current Enrollment for Spring 2021 ~ 52

Class	Currently Enrolled	Waitlist	Available Spots	Teachers
Infants	8	2	2	1 ~ Full Time (Paige Nance) 2 ~ Part Time (Samantha Daulley & Alexis Longoria)
Toddlers	9	2	6	3 ~ Full Time (Sarah Jozwiak, Brianna Guerra, & Leticia Pena)
Twos	8	3	7	1 ~ Full Time (Darrien Campbell) 1 ~ Part Time (Amy Rodriguez)
Preschool (3 yr. old's)	9	1	6	2 ~ Full Time (Megan Valdez & Cyara Valdez)
Prekindergarten (4 & 5 yr. old's)	7	0	8	2 ~ Full Time (Cassandra Slade & Taylor Beckham)
After School	10	2	2	1 ~ Part Time (Destiny)

Staff:

Director: Tracie Fielding

Cook: Estela Sierra

Housekeeping: Elida Cruz

Floaters ~ Melissa Coley & Alexis Longoria

Leave of Absence due to COVID-19: Donna Baxter and Anne Spies

Quinton and Alicia have left us. I am interviewing currently to fill those positions.

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 Alfreda John – Stained Glass Windows

Carlton & Sandra Bolting

In memory of Caden Reynolds – Stained Glass Windows

Gerald & Beth Allison

Carlton & Sandra Bolting

In memory of Joyce Lingo – Building

Clem & Terrie Waskow

James & Brenda Nash

In memory of Joyce Lingo – Stained Glass Windows

Bill & Carolyn Bargmann

Ann Adix

In memory of Junell Goehring – Building

June Buchhorn

In memory of Larry Geffert – Stained Glass Windows

Jan Labarbera

Hope Jendrzey

Luellen Smiley

Paul & Doris Breeden

Mary Lou Gerhardt

Keith & Kelly Henke

Jeremey & Lori Kneese

Michael & Kim Blaschke

William & Debra Niemeier

Dwain & Patti Harbers

VGM Canada

Marsha Moore

Athalee Koehler

Darren & Tina Koehler

Carl & Sharon Matejek

Bryan & Glenda Callaghan

Darryl & Shirley Mueller

Bill & Lisa Stephenson

The Squire's Family

Bill & Carolyn Bargmann

Ann Adix

American Association for Homecare

Murphy Charitable Family Foundation

In memory of Victor Riske – Cemetery

Sherry Metting

In memory of Victor Riske – Stained Glass Windows

William & Debra Niemeier

Dwain & Patti Harbers

Dan Gohmert

In memory of Victor Riske – Building

The Draper Family

Cliff & Pamela Ward

Rosemary Riske

Marcia Alex

The Lucas Family

In memory of Salley Skloss – Stained Glass Windows

Mary Hilbrich James & Wanda Rohan and Family
Gary Hilbrich & Family Ricky & Judy Hilbrich and Family

In memory of Gladys Hilbrich – Stained Glass Windows

Mary Hilbrich James & Wanda Rohan and Family
Gary Hilbrich & Family Ricky & Judy Hilbrich and Family

In memory of Alice Srubar – Building

Beth K. Sievers

In memory of Isabella Barrett – CEM

Alvin & Mallie Stanchos

In memory of Isabella Barrett – Stained Glass Windows

Dennis Henze Jay & Sandra Heil
Arlen & Kathie Fehner Carl & Sharon Matejek
Carlton & Sandra Bolting Jesse & Linda Hurta
Oleta Pattillo Jim & Judy Noster

In memory of Isabella Barrett – Cemetery

David & Patsy Ibrom Steven & Debbie Kneese
Bernice Geffert Carol & Normie Buehring

In memory of Cleveland Stehle – Stained Glass Windows

Helen Breed

In memory of Bill Melanson – Building

Ronnie Afflerbach

In memory of Kay Hilbrich – Stained Glass Windows

Michael & Kim Blaschke Helen Breed
Shirley Mitchell Bill & Carolyn Bargmann
Ann Adix

In memory of Dorothy Gohlke – Stained Glass Windows

Bryan & Glenda Callaghan

In memory of Irene Mungia – Building

Gaylon & Laura Kaiser

In memory of Irene Mungia – Stained Glass Windows

Boyd & Pam Weise

In memory of Jean Gohmert – Building

Michael Nicholson

In memory of Emil Geffert – Stained Glass Windows

Darryl & Shirley Mueller

In memory of Irby Kerlick – Stained Glass Windows

Barbara Kerlick

**Gifts in memory and in honor of are as of January 18, 2021.*

SCRIPTURE READINGS FEBRUARY 2021

Sunday, February 7, 2021 – Fifth Sunday after Epiphany



First Lesson: Isaiah 40:21-31
Psalm: Psalm 147:1-12, 21c
Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 9:16-23
Gospel: Mark 1:29-39

Sunday, February 14, 2021 – Transfiguration of Our Lord

First Lesson: 2 Kings 2:1-12
Psalm: Psalm 50:1-6
Second Lesson: 2 Corinthians 4:3-6
Gospel: Mark 9:2-9



Sunday, February 21, 2021 – First Sunday in Lent



First Lesson: Genesis 9:8-17
Psalm: Psalm 25:1-9
Second Lesson: 1 Peter 3:18-22
Gospel: Mark 1:9-15

Sunday, February 28, 2021 – Second Sunday in Lent

First Lesson: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16
Psalm: Psalm 22:22-30
Second Lesson: Romans 4:13-25
Gospel: Mark 8:31-38



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