

Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

Romans 8:1



On July 4th we celebrate our Nation's Anniversary. 245 years ago, the Declaration of Independence was signed, and we began celebrating and living in the freedom we have enjoyed as a nation.

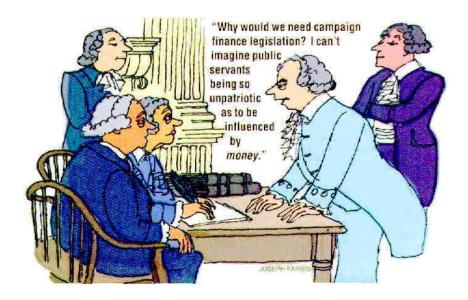
Independence for our country meant that it was no longer under the domination of another country and therefore free to chart its own course among the nations of the world. Freedom does not mean the end of struggle – a war was started and fought from the beginning. For the founders of our nation, the gigantic effort to bring this new nation forth had just begun with the Declaration of Independence.

As our nation grew more powerful among the nations of the world, there also grew the conviction that we needed to assume responsibility for leadership in the struggle for freedom by other peoples of the world. This has meant involvement with many nations of the world.

Freedom does not mean that I as an individual can do whatever I want with no responsibilities or consequences. There is no freedom for all without responsibility. If one person's freedom is trampling on another person or harms innocent people, then that is not freedom. Freedom does not necessarily make life easier; but it provides the framework for us to say this is the way we are going to carry out our responsibility as we see it.

Living in a free land, we do well to think of our personal freedoms in the context of the whole. As life has gotten more complicated, we may have a growing feeling that we are losing some of our freedoms. There is much good and much bad in our nation. However, looking at our nation and comparing it with the other countries of the world, we can still be thankful in the freedoms we still have in our personal lives. Let us rejoice and take full advantage of such freedoms as the freedom of worship, freedom of speech, freedom of press, etc. However, let us always remember that these freedoms are to be exercise with responsibility, and are to be used constructively and not destructively in relation to our fellow citizens.

Your Pastor, Tim W Muehlbrad





To St. Paul Lutheran,

It has been an amazing start to not only the summer, but to our church opening back up. In case you did not know, our youth group has completed three missional events, one of them impacted a community beyond DeWitt County. Here is what they were: we have worked with YAM

putting food boxes together; we assembled 125 hygiene kits for an organization that helps the homeless of Victoria, TX; we then went

into downtown Yorktown to wash windows for most of the small businesses. By the time you get this letter, we would have already gone back downtown to sweep the sidewalks along with passing out water and candy.

If you would like to help out in any capacity, or, if your children are old enough and you want them to help out, please contact me.

> July 7th - YAM July 9th - Sidewalk sweep + hand out candy/water July 12th - 16th VBS

We have three more events in which I would love for you to join us. Also do not forget for \$25/person we will be going back to Splashway Water Park on Saturday August 7th.

I do not have much to write to you this month. God bless and I will see you Sunday.

Peace, Nicholas Requejo Family & Youth Director



CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

June 8, 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, Linda Peyton, Linda Hurta, Calvin Bruns, Michael Melanson, Hope Jendrzey, Jay Heil, Cindy Parma, and Cathy Moritz. Katie Serrano, Nicholas Requejo, Bill Klaevemann, Lori Kneese, and Johanna Warwas were also in attendance.

- 2) **DEVOTION** The devotion was given by Linda Peyton.
- 3) **MINUTES** The Minutes from May 11, 2021, were approved as printed with no corrections.
- 4) **REPORTS**
 - a) Treasurer The balance in the General Fund as of May 31, 2021, was \$278,047.27. The balance in the Building Fund was \$10,863.15. Calvin Burns made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as printed. Cindy Parma seconded the motion. The motion carried.
 - b) Stewardship Nothing to report.
 - c) **Parish Education** Linda Hurta reported: She met with Linda Peyton and Nicholas Requejo to plan for Rally Day which is scheduled for August 29, 2021.
 - d) Youth Linda Peyton reported: The Summer Schedule Events are set. Six community events and one family event are planned. Nicholas Requejo will be assisting with Vacation Bible School. The youth assembled 125 hygiene kits for Project H.
 - Family/Youth Director Nicholas Requejo reported:
 Project H is completed. He delivered 125 hygiene kits to
 Mid-Coast Family Services. They were very appreciative.
 - f) Worship Jay Heil reported: Acolyte Training will be held on June 27, 2021, during the Sunday School hour. Pastor Tim will be taking a continuing education week from August 3-8, 2021. Pastor CB Suggs will be asked to conduct the church services that week.
 - g) Evangelism/Outreach No report.
 - h) Social Concerns Cindy Parma reported: One family requested, and received, assistance with an electric bill in May 2021.
 - i) Christian Life No report.

- j) **Property –** Michael Melanson reported the following:
 - 1. Bill Klaevemann fixed the door handle to the infant room at the day care.
 - 2. Bill Klaevemann fixed the kitchen sink in the fellowship hall.
 - 3. Electricians replaced outdoor lights around buildings.
 - 4. Fixed the toilet handle in the ladies' restroom in the educational building.
 - 5. Fixed the doors in the basement.
 - 6. Yearly maintenance on the bells was conducted.
 - 7. Replaced toy steering wheels on the playground.
 - 8. Sold lawnmower through a sealed bid for \$2,001.00.
 - 9. Purchased new lawnmower for the church grounds.
 - 10. Fixed the hinges on the playground gate.
- k) Cemetery No report.
- I) CEM Written report was provided.
- m) Pastor Professional activities during May 2021 included: 10 worship services, 1 hospital visit, 3 home visits, 7 educational events, and 5 church meetings and events. In addition, Pastor attended a 3-day NALC Pastor's Conference in San Antonio. He also officiated at the burial of Alvin Stanchos, Jr.

5) OLD BUSINESS

- a) Stained Glass Window Repair Bill Klaevemann reported: A&A Constructors should be through with the masonry work of the window project by next week and \$22,530.00 will be due. A payment of \$67,722.00 will be made when Foster Glass reinstalls the balcony window. When the protective coverings are installed, \$71,486.00 will be due. Once the painting is completed, Foster Glass will be paid \$16,000.00 to pay the painters. Suggestion was made to paint the benches around the big oak tree the same dark burgundy color as the base. This painting can be done after everything is completed.
- b) Announcements will be made regarding the financing of this project to avoid draining the LPL investment account.

This account also covers additional emergency expenses that arise.

6) NEW BUSINESS

- a) **Fire Alarm** Lori Kneese and Johanna Warwas reported: Bids have been obtained for the fire alarms, smoke detectors, and carbon monoxide detectors in the educational building and fellowship hall. In addition, the church will need to contract with an electrician for this project. The following bids were obtained:
 - a. H&H Door Company \$33,090.00 with an \$860.00 yearly monitoring fee.
 - b. Triple D Security \$16,388.00 with an \$840.00 yearly monitoring fee.
 - c. VCS \$26,996.00 with a \$540.00 yearly monitoring fee.
 - d. A-1 Shiner Fire & Safety \$21,595.00 with no monitoring fee amount provided.

After discussion, a motion was made by Jay Heil to accept the bid by Triple D Security who also manages the church alarm system. Linda Peyton seconded the motion. The motion carried.

- b) Payment for Fire Alarm A donation of \$10,000.00 has been made to CEM for the fire alarm system. Jay Heil made the motion to accept the \$10,000.00 from CEM and the church will pay the balance, monthly fees, and the cost of the electrician. Michael Melanson seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- c) Additional Delegate Pastor Tim received an e-mail today from the NALC advising that the church can send an additional delegate to the NALC Convention in Corpus Christi. A call for an additional delegate will be announced verbally and in the bulletin.
- CLOSING Jay Heil made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Linda Peyton seconded the motion. The motion carried, and the meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted, Cathy Moritz

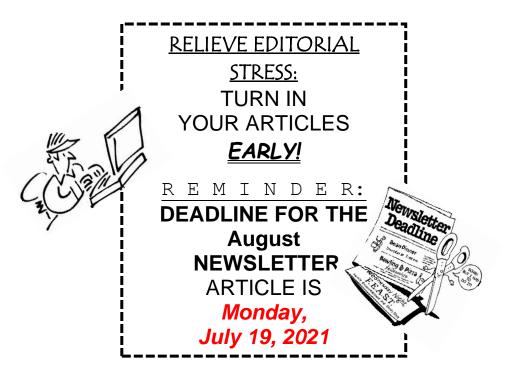
~Council minutes are not approved until the next council meeting. The above minutes might be changed upon the next council meeting.

2021 COUNCIL MEMBERS

PRESIDENT – Clemens Waskow SECRETARY – Kristin Schustereit PARISH ED – Linda Hurta STEWARDSHIP – Calvin Bruns WORSHIP – Jay Heil CHRISTIAN LIFE – Cathy Moritz PROPERTY – Michael Melanson SOCIAL CONCERNS – Cindy Parma YOUTH – Linda Peyton EVANGELISM/OUTREACH – Hope Jendrzey



GENERAL FUND	YTD 2021	BUILDING FUND	YTD 2021
Beginning Balance	41,107.24	Beginning Balance	e 23,173.31
Income	214,779.85	Income	25,301.47
Expenses	(209,207.50)	Expenses	(37,284.82)
Ending Balance	46,679.59	Ending Balance	11,189.96
Investment	246,157.90		Totals as of 06/21/2021
TOTAL	292,837.49		





Just a reminder! If you are mailing anything to the Church, please use P.O. Box 245 and not our physical address. The post office is sending daily reminders to us for everyone to use it. Thank you!!

NALC CONVOCATION VOLUNTEERS from our Mission District are needed to help with Registration Desk, Hosts, Display Assistants, Ushers, Emergency Responders, and Camera/Audio/Video Assistants. Information and sign-up sheets



are available in the Sanctuary or contact the church office.



NALC CONVOCATION: This year our congregation is eligible to send four lay delegates and the pastor to the Convocation in Corpus Christi on August 4 to 6. Boyd and Pam Weise, Cathy Moritz, and Pastor are signed up to go, but we

could use one more lay delegate. If you are interested contact the church office or Clem Waskow.



We need friends. Friends guide us, care for us, confront us in love, console us in times of pain. Although we speak of "making friends," friends cannot be made. Friends are free gifts from God. But God gives us the friends we need when we need them if we fully trust in God's love.

Friends cannot replace God. They have limitations and weaknesses like we have.

Their love is never faultless, never complete. But in their limitations they can be signposts on our journey towards the unlimited and unconditional love of God. Let's enjoy the friends whom God has sent on our way.

-Henri Nouwen, Bread for the Journey

Our High School Youth came together to wash windows for the small businesses in downtown Yorktown. Pictured are Jairus Herring, KrystiLee Medina, Zoe Innocenti, and Linda Peyton. Not pictured, Nicholas Requejo.



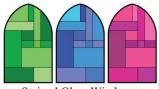
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL WILL RESUME THIS YEAR!! VBS will be held JULY 12th-JULY 16th, 2021, from 9 am to 12 pm. We are excited to have the opportunity to host VBS this year. First United Methodist and First Presbyterian Churches will join us. We are starting

the pre-registration process with passing out registration forms through the Sunday Schools and will have registration forms available at the respected churches. We are looking for adult volunteers to help us out throughout the week. If you would like to help during the day in any way, please contact Tina Boehm at 361-491-1625. We are looking forward to having new helpers help us this year.

VBS ---- July 12th – 16th Snacks needed:

Sign up after church or at the church office to help provide snacks for VBS. Monday – rice krispie cookies (9X13) pan; Tuesday – White homemade bread; Thursday – 2 dozen cookies (no peanuts or peanut butter) Drop off items at the church Fellowship Hall kitchen. Thank you for helping with these snacks for the children.

We are nearing the end of the Stained-Glass Windows project and we have already paid out \$89,122.00. The amount needed to complete the project is \$ <u>174,987.40</u>. We are asking our members to help lessen the cost. If you



Stained Glass Windows Restoration Update

would like to help with this cost, please designate your offering to the Stained-Glass Windows fund. Thank you for your help!

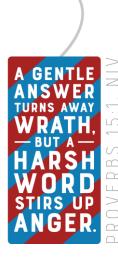


Let's celebrate! Do you have an achievement or something you would like to brag about? We would love to read about it and celebrate it in our newsletter. Please turn in a little article/picture by the newsletter deadline so we can all celebrate with

you! Call the church office for more information at 361-564-2135 or email your article to stpaulykt@sbcglobal.net.

As it does this year, July 4 fell on Sunday in 1937. While Pastor Eldred Johnston led worship that morning in Paulding, Ohio, local kids set off firecrackers nearby (restrictions were rare back then). Realizing he needed to act, the pastor slipped outside during a hymn and found the revelers.

But instead of scolding or shouting, Johnston stayed calm. "I used to enjoy shooting fireworks too," he said, adding that he knew it was a fun way to celebrate. "But many in this town are gathered in worship, and the noise is very distracting. All I'm asking is that you wait until church services are over — about noon — and then shoot firecrackers all you want." The pastor smiled at each youth and returned to church.



Recounting that experience in *Liberty* magazine, Johnston said he half-expected to hear defiant explosions. Instead, the kids waited respectfully until worship was over. When conflicts loom, may we heed that example — and this advice from Proverbs: "A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger" (15:1, NIV).

A thank you letter from the Oromo Church in Houston, Tx.

Letter to Texas Congregations

We at the Oromo Evangelical Church wish to thank all of you who have so generously and freely given us encouragement, moral support, physical support, prayers and financial for the past ten (10) years which has allowed us to grow tenfold since we began our affiliation with the North American Lutheran church. We are now, thanks to your efforts, in a new chapter of our development as a church devoted to the worship of Jesus Christ.

We have just purchased a 1.88 acre tract of land to build our first church building by the grace of God. We are so thankful for all that you have contributed so we can accomplish our goal of going forth to make disciples of Christ to all people. As we enter in the journey to increase our membership, outreach, and presence as a church committed to Jesus, we acknowledge that without your support we could have never reached the point of development we have reached at this juncture. We have been blessed with our relationship with you and treasure it always. Because of your commitment to discipleship, we were able to raise \$260,000.00 of the \$360,000.00 required to purchase the property located in Missouri City, Texas, a suburb of Houston, Texas.

We now are faced with new challenges as we must pay the remaining amount of 140,000.00 due within 2 years from the date of purchase at 6% interest on a ten amortization schedule on a monthly basis plus attempting to build a structure for worship purposes. We feel confident that with god's grace we can succeed with this very ambitious program committed to the discipleship for the sake of Jesus Christ. Our motto is "not finished, just begun in 2021".

Again, thank you.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Kamiso Boru







Darcy Stineman graduated from Veterans Memorial High School on June 5, 2021, with a 4.2 GPA in the top 8% of the class. She will be attending Baylor University having been awarded the President's Scholarship. Darcy is the daughter of Michael & Jalyn Stineman and the granddaughter of Jay and Sandra Heil.





Allyson Heil was elected Captain of the East View High School dance team for 2021-2022. Allyson, who will be a junior, is the daughter of Jason and Amy Heil and the granddaughter of Jay and Sandra Heil.

Connor Saunders was inducted to the National Junior Honor Society on May 28, 2021 at the Yorktown Junior High. Connor is the son of Shannon Saunders and the grandson of Jim & Judy Noster.



Madison Gwosdz's accomplishments at Karnes City ISD

1. Academic UIL, Silver (2nd place) medalist at Regionals & participated at the State level in Feature Writing/journalism.

2. Inducted into the 2020-2021 National Honor Society

3. Recognized at the end of year Academic Appreciation Banquet as one of the top ten in her sophomore class. (There are 93 students in her class).

4. Went to Regional competition in

Powerlifting.

5. Team member on the FFA Milk Quality Team that placed 1st in Area competition & competed at State Level.

6. Elected as Sentinel for the 2021-2022 FFA Officers

Madison is the daughter of Monica & Alton Gwosdz & the granddaughter of Shirley Jendrzey.

Ty Fehner won 1st place in the Patriot's Pen Essay Contest sponsored by the VFW Post. He read his essay in November at the DeWitt Co. Veteran's Center grand opening and was recognized for his winning essay by the school on Junior High Awards Day. Ty is the son of Mark and Aimee Fehner and will be in 8th grade this coming school year.

Congratulations to Marley Noah Hurta for being induced into the National Junior Honor Society on May 28, 2021 and being awarded Yorktown Wildcat Band 7th grade outstanding musician at the band concert held on May 25, 2021. Marley is the son of David & Crystal Hurta and Kevin & Miranda Rohan.



his orange belt.

Patrick Peyton is the son of Travis and Ashleigh Peyton, grandson of Susan and Michael Franke, Linda and Patrick Peyton, and Hugh Davis. He is the great grandson of Vernon Sparck. His accomplishments during the 2020-2021 school year include graduating from kindergarten and earning the Good Citizenship award. His hobbies include karate, for which he has earned

Piper Peyton is the daughter of Travis and Ashleigh Peyton, granddaughter of Susan and Michael Franke, Linda and Patrick Peyton, and Hugh Davis. She is the great granddaughter of Vernon Sparck. Her accomplishments during the 2020-2021 school year include earning 3rd place for



her squash casserole in the 4H District Food Show for junior level side dish, earning 1st place in UIL Spelling, and earning 1st place in UIL Storytelling. She also finished her 3rd grade year in school receiving the A Honor Roll Award, the Good Citizenship Award, the Bookworm Award (for most words read) and the Perfect Attendance Award. Her hobbies include gymnastics, crafting, and hunting.



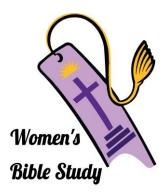


A Memorial service will be held on Saturday, July 17, 2021 at 1pm in the Sanctuary in memory of **Irene Wulf.**

A Reception will follow immediately after the service at Gruenau Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend.

There will be acolyte training for all 3rd graders and older on Sunday, June 27, 2021, immediately following worship service in the sanctuary. Anyone interested in serving must attend this training.





The Women's Bible Study groups will be having a meeting to resume/re-organize their Bible studies on Tuesday, July 6, 2021, at 10:00 am in the meeting room in the Educational Building.



What's happening at The Learning Garden!!

Employee Spotlight:

Every month we will introduce two of our staff members to you all. We want you to get to know us and why we love what we do!

Meet Tracie Fielding

- Title: Director
- Education: Paraprofessional Certification; Currently pursuing her Associates Degree in Child Development
- Been with TLG Since: January 2014
- **Family:** Husband- Kevin, Children- Nicole, Megan, and Tyler, Grandson- Chance



- **Favorite Part of the Job:** I love everything about my job however, the children have to be my favorite. Watching them grow, learn, and conquer milestones is a true blessing.
- **Hobbies:** Farming, cooking, and spending time with my Family
- Favorite Quote or Motto: "Breath, pray, and one day at a time!"

Meet Shawn Williams

- **Title:** Assistant Director/Teacher
- Education: Child Development Associates Certification
- Been with TLG Since: September 2015
- **Family:** Children Izzie, Taylar, and Brielle



• Favorite Part of the Job: Teaching the children and watching them grow. Watching them learn new things and reaching all of their milestones before they move to the next class.

- Hobbies: Spending time with my children and cooking
- Favorite Quote or Motto: "God does not give you more than you can handle."

Registration:

The Learning Garden is currently enrolling for the Fall. If you are interested in sending your child or know someone who would like to send their child have them contact the Learning Garden office.

Open House:

The Learning Garden would like to invite you to our Open House on August 7th from 3pm-5pm. We would love for the congregation to come to Open House to meet the staff and see the classrooms.

Parent Orientation:

Our date for Parent Orientation will be September 1^{st} @ 6:15pm. All TLG parents are asked to be there so we can go over forms, introduce staff, and let the teachers discuss the upcoming school year.

Enrollment:

Current Enrollment ~ 53		Fall Enrollment ~ 50
Class	Number of Children	Staff
Infants	6	Taylor and Hailey
Toddlers	8	Samantha and Brianna
Twos	11	Darrien, Amy, and Destiny F.
Preschool	11	Megan
Prekindergarten	7	Cassandra
After School	10	Virginia

Director: Tracie Assistant Director: Shawn Cook: Estela Housekeeping: Elida Floaters: Destiny S. and Melissa Substitutes: Alexis

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.



We keep in our prayers the family and friends of:

<u>Alvin Stanchos</u> – who passed away May 25, 2021. Services were held May 29, 2021.

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

Susan Wilkerson Kelly, daughter of John Wilkerson, sister of Stacey Barth, passed away on May 29, 2021, in Burleson, Texas. Memorials may be made to St. Paul Lutheran Church, Stained Glass Windows Restoration Fund.





In memory of Agustin Serrano – S	stained Glass Windows			
Bill Klaevemann	Carl & Sharon Matejek			
In memory of Agustin Serrano – CEM				
Steven & Debbie Kneese				
<u>In memory of Alvin Stanchos – Radio</u>				
Dr. & Mrs. John Frels				
In memory of Alvin Stanchos – VBS				
Steven & Debbie Kneese				
In memory of Alvin Stanchos – Cl	EM			
Don & Susan Wieland	Beverly Feller			
In memory of Alvin Stanchos – Building				
Ronnie Afflerbach	Glen & Judy Henze			
Jay & Sandra Heil	Bill Klaevemann			
Manroy & Gracie Wolpman	David & Patsy Ibrom			
Lyn Janssen	Charles & Bonnie Riedesel			
Margie Sims	John Dale Hurst			
Ann Adix	Bill & Carolyn Bargmann			
Arvid & Kitty Sievers	Evelyn Barfield			
Harvey & Shirley Mueller	Aaron & Erin Koopmann			
Scott Straube	Barbara J. Mueller			
Beth K. Sievers	The Larry Serold Family			
Billie Blaschke	Jane Fischer			
Betsy Schulze	Harry & Karen Lawson			
Melissa Stolle & Sons	Dale & Janet Hunt			
George & Patsie Harris	Mary Lou Gerhardt			
Lydia Schlabach	Jim & Shirley Crain			
Jim & Judy Noster	Barbara Kerlick			
Dan Gohmert				
DeWitt County Retired School Personnel Assoc.				

In memory of Alvin Stanchos – Stained Glass Windows

Carlton & Sandra Bolting Dennis Henze Jesse & Linda Hurta Roland & Gail Riedesel Arlen & Kathie Fehner Velma Lee Moritz Lana Krietsch Calvin & Beverly Bruns Joyce M. Lamprecht Jennifer, Wes, Sean, & Trey Phillips In memory of Lucille Klein – Building Lyn Janssen Melissa Stolle & Sons In memory of Sharon Salyer - Stained Glass Windows Jesse & Linda Hurta Boyd & Pam Weise In memory of Annie Domann – Building Barbara Kerlick In memory of Susan Kelly - Stained Glass Windows Arlen & Kathie Fehner Mallie Stanchos Boyd & Pam Weise John Wilkerson In memory of Susan Kelly – Building Jim & Judy Noster In memory of Lillie Mae Metting – Building **Billie Blaschke** In memory of Ruth Hertel – Building Beth K. Sievers My 90th Baptism Anniversary – Stained Glass Windows Will & Mary Sauermilch In memory of Leona Berckenhoff - Building **Renae** Pierce

*Gifts in memory and in honor of are as of June 21, 2021.

SCRIPTURE READINGS JULY 2021

Sunday, July 4, 2021 – 6th Sunday after Pentecost

First Lesson: Ezekiel 2:1-5 Psalm: Psalm 123 Second Lesson: 2 Corinthians 12:210 Gospel: Mark 6:1-13



Sunday, July 11, 2021 - 7th Sunday after Pentecost



First Lesson: Amos 7:7-15 Psalm: Psalm 85:8-13 Second Lesson: Ephesians 1:3-14 Gospel: Mark 6:14-29

Sunday, July 18, 2021 – 8th Sunday after Pentecost

First Lesson: Jeremiah 23:1-6 Psalm: Psalm 23 Second Lesson: Ephesians 2:11-22 Gospel: Mark 6:30-34, 53-56



Sunday, July 25, 2021 – 9th Sunday after Pentecost



First Lesson: 2 Kings 4:42-44 Psalm: Psalm 145:10-19 Second Lesson: Ephesians 3:14-21 Gospel: John 6:1-21

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