

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 Worshipping God.*

In some of my reading I came across an article that hit home for me, written by Rev. Niezwaag, It is entitled:

JUST FORGET IT!!!

How far can you trust your memory? I sometimes think that my mind is like a sieve through which many things pass, then simply disappear. I often have to make notes to remember things, then I sometimes forget what I did with the notes.

It is embarrassing when you go to introduce someone that you know quite well and suddenly cannot remember their name, and so we groan and say, "my age is really showing." However, we forget things for many reasons. Sometimes we are so busy with many things that demand our attention now, that we forget things that are somewhat less demanding. Or we may conveniently forget some unpleasant things that we are supposed to do. It is also easy to forget when we are bombarded with a flood of information.

It is inconvenient and sometimes embarrassing to find that you have forgotten something, but have you ever thought how terrible it would be if we couldn't forget some things, and if you had to go through life carrying everything that you had ever thought or experienced? Sometimes "it is more blessed to forget than to regret".

Thank God that we can rid our conscious mind of some of the unpleasant things that we have done or experienced over the years. It is a great thing to be able to remember, but it is equally as great a thing to be able to forget.

There are times when bad experiences continually haunt us, long past insults and embarrassing moments pop unbidden into our

minds and upset us long after we can do anything about them. One of



PLEASE STAY TUNED. THE PASTOR HAS LOST HIS PLACE IN THE SERMON. WE EXPECT HIM TO RECOVER MOMENTARILY.

the things we need to focus on is making an effort to forget past mistakes that have already been reconciled and sins that have been forgiven.

WHEN GOD FORGIVES, GOD FORGETS! "As far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our sins from us." Psalm 103:12. How grateful we can be that God will indeed, wipe our record clean--all for the sake of Jesus Christ who gave himself for us. Because we have been forgiven, we can be free to live today, freed from the guilt and memory of the past. We are also free to forgive others and forget the past. A hard thing to do, but who said being a Christian was easy?"

Your Pastor,
Tim W Muehlbrad



To St. Paul Lutheran,

Happy Halloween! And a Happy early Thanksgiving! Once again I want to remind everyone that while the High School youth group is not meeting in person we are having our lessons on St. Paul's Youtube page. The videos will be posted on Facebook. Once

posted YOU (parent or grandparent) copy and paste the link and send that to your child. I know when I first started I promised that these videos will be between five and ten minutes. Eventually, they will get back to that time frame. Currently, the videos are running longer because of the subject matter we are learning. It is the holiday season, the first holiday in this season, is Halloween. What else should we talk about then demons and angels! Of course, all this is just a warm-up to the bigger lesson. By the time you are reading this, we will be learning from the book of Revelation. This is the only book in the bible that has yet to happen. It is also the only book in the bible I have noticed that Pastors of any denomination will stay away from. What is it about Revelation that scares even the most seasoned Bible scholar?

Who knows, but you and your teen should find out with us? Videos go up on Wednesday at seven pm. You can watch them on your own time. I highly encourage you (parent or grandparent) to watch these videos alongside your teenager.

Elsewhere here at St. Paul Lutheran pre-production for our Christmas short film is almost complete. The team is finalizing the script so we know how to shoot our scenes. We have picked out spaces where we can shoot. Everything will be done on the church property. We need all age groups to help out with this project if we want it to be a success. We need help in front of the camera and behind the camera. As a reminder, this short film is only taking place because we cannot do a traditional Christmas program in person. It was either a short film or nothing! I was not going to let Christmas go without doing nothing. Our Easter events were snatched away without ever having a chance to rethink how to host those events.

Thank you for all your support! God bless you and your family.

Peace,
Nicholas Requejo



CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

October 13, 2020

- 1) **CALL TO ORDER** The meeting of the Church Council of St. Paul Lutheran Church was called to order by Clem Waskow, president. Council members present for the meeting were Pastor Tim Muehlbrad, Clem Waskow, Cathy Moritz, Linda Peyton, Linda Hurta, Calvin Bruns, Nicholas Requejo, Michael Melanson, Judy Taylor, Martha Geffert, Jay Heil, and Kristin Schustereit. Also attending was Katie Serrano.
- 2) **DEVOTION-** The devotion was given by Jay Heil.
- 3) **MINUTES-**The minutes from September 8, 2020, were approved as printed with no corrections.
- 4) **REPORTS**
 - a) **Treasurer** – Calvin reported: The balance in the General Fund as of September 30, 2020, was \$285,890.01. The balance in the Building Fund was \$24,700.97. The stained glass windows balance was \$34,536.57. Calvin Bruns made a motion to accept to report as written. Linda Hurta seconded the motion. The motion carried.
 - b) **Stewardship** – Calvin reported: He has gone to HEB to talk to them about chickens. Prices are expected to be higher this year.
 - c) **Parish Education** – Linda Hurta reported: Sunday School classes are now open for face to face classes. There were 18 children in attendance this past Sunday. Most are coming wearing masks. They are social distancing as

much as possible. They are organizing for the Christmas program, which will be a video production. The children will be recorded in groups. They are hoping to get the production posted on the St. Paul Facebook page and the church website. Christmas bags will be handed out at the Christmas Eve service.

- d) **Youth** – Linda Peyton reported: The Christmas Program is coming together. Songs are being selected, the script has been formatted into a film script, and now they begin casting. They will figure out filming times to have everything put together by December.
- e) **Family/Youth Director** – Nicholas reported: He is producing high school youth lessons for our youth group. He is also helping with confirmation lessons. Outside of church, he is attending football games.
- f) **Worship** – Jay Heil reported: They are planning Christmas Eve services and will be having three services – at 4:00pm, 6:00pm, and 8:00pm. They will be having a sign-up for each service to try to avoid overcrowding.
- g) **Evangelism/Outreach** – Martha reported: An ad was purchased in the “This Year’s Women in Business” section of the Yorktown News-View. Katie Serrano, our secretary, was spotlighted for her great work ethic and her shining attitude given to all of us here at St. Paul Lutheran.
- h) **Social Concerns** – Judy Taylor reported: They assisted one family with electricity this past month. They received a thank you note from YISD for the school supplies our church provided. There were 82 people in attendance at the flu vaccine clinic, which included 63 adults and 19 children.
- i) **Christian Life** – Cathy Moritz reported: They finished stuffing candy bags for drive-through trick-or-treating on Halloween. This will be held from 5:30-7:00pm. They have also planned a movie night for November 15th.
- j) **Property** – Michael reported: The following items have been worked on/addressed: Repaired toilet seat in men's restroom in the educational building; Fixed the board that was hanging down on the awning; Called the plumber to fix the drain pipe in TLG restroom, Fire extinguisher/stove

inspections are done; Called the electrician to switch out cut off system on the stove; Called sprinkler company to fix blown sprinkler head on playground; Tree Werks is finished with work for now. They will come back to finish the big oak tree when bees aren't as active as well as do work at the cemetery. Pastor has talked to a beekeeper, who is going to try to move the bees from the dead branch where they are located. Tree Werks is looking at ways to support the big oak tree in on the church property after a cable was broken.

k) **Cemetery** – Nothing to report.

l) **CEM** – No report.

m) **Pastor** – Professional activities during September 2020 included: 8 worship services, 4 home visits, 2 educational events, 3 church meetings and events, and 2 burials. He attended NALC Texas Region Pastors Retreat Sep 21-23.

5) **OLD BUSINESS**

a) **Stained Glass Windows Repair** – Clem reported everything is on schedule as of now. Work will be starting this month (October). Doris Koehler, Bill Klaevemann and Pastor took pictures of every single window. The pictures have been printed and we also have a digital copy. Each picture needs to be labeled before work begins.

b) **Coronavirus**

1. **Sanitation** – Sprayer has arrived. Pastor used it with the chemical to disinfect. The chemical should last 90 days after a deep clean, or 30 days after a general cleaning. The buildings have all been sanitized.
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** – Services can be held with 25% capacity.
7. **Weddings** – No new changes at this time.
8. **Other meetings and Functions** – No new changes at this time. Meetings are okay, but mingling events are not safe.
9. **Fellowship Hall Rentals** – We will continue to keep rentals on hold until further notice.

10. Church Office – No new changes at this time.

Hours are: Monday - Thursday 8:00am- 2:00pm, 1:00pm-4:30pm
Friday 8:00am-12:00pm

c) **Nominations** – Every position has been filled.

d) **Committee Budgets** – No budget requests have been turned in.

6) NEW BUSINESS

a) **4-H Use of Fellowship Hall** – We are not opening up our Fellowship Hall for outside meetings at this time. The American Legion should be readily available soon. Clem will find out for sure after tonight.

b) **November Council Meeting Date** – Thursday, November 5, at 7:00pm. This meeting will be held as a GoTo Meeting.

c) **New Members** – Linda Hurta made a motion to accept Ryan and Debbie Riske as new members in our congregation. Michael Melanson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

7) CLOSING - The meeting closed with The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kristin Schustereit

2020 COUNCIL MEMBERS

PRESIDENT – Clemens Waskow – 275-4095

SECRETARY – Kristin Schustereit – 649-0946

PARISH ED – Linda Hurta – 491-1928

STEWARDSHIP – Calvin Bruns – 550-3283

WORSHIP – Jay Heil – 564-3780

CHRISTIAN LIFE – Cathy Moritz – 830-305-8628

PROPERTY – Michael Melanson – 491-1973

SOCIAL CONCERNS – Judy Taylor – 564-3894

YOUTH – Linda Peyton – 935-0029

EVANGELISM/OUTREACH – Martha Geffert - 648-0168

Financial Report

GENERAL FUND	YTD 2020	BUILDING FUND	YTD 2020
Beginning Balance	88,345.51	Beginning Balance	46,581.29
Income	474,420.16	Income	62,770.63
Expenses	<u>* (508,338.33)</u>	Expenses	<u>(96,947.17)</u>
Ending Balance	54,427.34	Ending Balance	12,404.75
Investment	245,526.63		
TOTAL	299,953.97		

Totals as of 10/20/2020

*Includes \$50,000.00 transferred into the investment account



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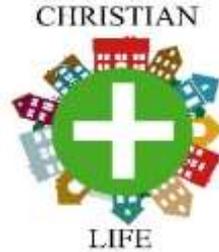
The church office is open once again.
Hours are:

Monday – Thursday,
8 am – 4:30 pm, closed from 12-1 pm
for lunch.
Fridays, 8 am – 12 pm.

Safety measures are still in affect.

Upcoming Christian Life Activities:

- A drive-thru only Halloween Trick or Treat opportunity for the community will be held on 10-31-2020 from 5:30-7pm at the driveway by the elevator. We look forward to seeing all our little dressed up trick or treaters!
- A movie afternoon is scheduled for 11-15-2020 (Sunday) at 2pm in the Fellowship Hall. We will be observing safety procedures including masks and social distancing. Stay tuned for the name of the movie that will be shown.





Sunday School Christmas Program

This year's Christmas program will be a video production. We will be assigning reading parts and costumed characters starting the last part of October and into November. We will be filming scenes at various times with individuals or small groups. Upon completion of the filming Nick Requejo will be editing the scenes to compile a video of the program. Those families who have children participating will receive a copy of the video either as a jump drive or a DVD. It will also be available on the church's website.

Christmas Eve Worship Services

It may seem a bit premature to be thinking about Christmas Eve Worship Services but this year has been different, and so we are making adjustments. In order to accommodate everyone who wants to attend, we will be offering three worship times: 4:00 pm, 6:00 pm, and 8:00 pm. To keep each other safe, capacity at each service will be limited to 130 people and masks need to be worn along with the other safety precautions. Also, you will need to sign up ahead of time for the service you wish to attend and the number of persons in your household attending. Beginning at the end of November, sign-up sheets will be available in the Narthex, Annex, and Fellowship Hall, or you can contact the Church office. More services may be added if needed.





Dear St. Paul Lutheran Church,

Thank you so much for
the donation for school supplies.
Your kindness and support of
YISD students and staff is greatly
appreciated.

Sincerely,
Katherine Kunzler



**JOIN US FOR OUR
HALLOWEEN TREATS
DRIVE-THRU**

5:30—7pm on Saturday, October 31st

**St. Paul Lutheran Church—Yorktown
Elevator Entrance on 5th St.**

We are so excited to provide this fun, safe environment for kids, teens, and their families to drive-thru and get a treat. There will be candy and treats for all.

We hope to see you out there!

Open to the Community!

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY IS NOVEMBER 1, 2020.



We remember the children of God who have left their earthly journey for their heavenly home this past year. We take this time to remember the blessings God has given us through each of them.

The SAINT'S of St. Paul who are now among the Saints Triumphant are:

Frances Hartmann, Darrell Bednorz, Gary Podsim, Nelda Winslette, Roman Baacke, Henry Borgfeld, Elorine Domann, Janus Lange, Irene Wulf, Nathan Mueller, Junell Goehring, Thomas Smiley, Jean Gohmert, William Johnson, Lorene Koopmann, Ted Mazurkiewicz, Ernell Niemeier, Ruth Brandt

Finally, we celebrate All Saint's Sunday because we, too, are counted as saints through the righteousness of Christ. Through the merits of His sacrifice and the promise of His resurrection, we shall one day also stand with all the saints in life!



It's that time of year where we need to get address/household updates from our members here at St. Paul. Please fill out the enclosed form and drop it off in the designated box in the Annex at the Sanctuary, drop it off in the drop box beside the church office door, or email us at stpauylkt@sbcglobal.net.

If you have any questions, please call the church office at 361-564-2135.



What's happening at The Learning Garden!!

Last month The Learning Garden celebrated their 7-year anniversary. Over the last 7 years we have overcome many obstacles and had many blessings. We have come a long way since 2013.

- The support and kindness from you the members of St. Paul Lutheran Church have been such a blessing. Thank you all for the support and kindness that you give to us.
- I love getting to know all the children and families that we have had or currently have. They are part of our TLG Family and always will be.
- We have 6 classrooms. Infants, Toddlers, Twos, Preschool, Prekindergarten, and After-School.
- We are a 4-Star Texas Rising Star Center.
- We are a Texas School Ready Participant (Preschool & PreK Rooms).
- We are using Frog Street Curriculum and Spark Activity Faith.
- HiMama Parent Reports that is all online to send parent reports and notifications has been especially useful.
- Tuition Express is used so parents can now pay online, or it be automatic drafted from their accounts.
- Shawn, Samantha, and Megan V. worked hard for their CDAs. (Child Development Associates Certifications)
- Currently Samantha, Megan V., and I are working on our Associates Degree in Child Development.

Now in 2020 we have been hit the COVID-19 obstacle. Before COVID we had over 60 children and dropped to around half of that. It was very scary for us all. Adding more measures to try to keep COVID out like taking temperatures of the staff, children, and families every morning. As well as monitoring temperatures throughout the day for staff and children. Wearing masks and feeling like we are having to shut everyone out. No one is allowed in the center except for the children and staff. Missing out on that parent-teacher interaction. Having to shut down our Infant classroom twice now for a positive COVID-19 case. This year has really tested us as well as given us more experience in how to deal with a pandemic, stress, and many obstacles.

When I look back through the years, I cannot help but smile even with dealing with this year's pandemic. For me, I have had a many blessing's working here at The Learning Garden. One of my many blessings is becoming the Director of this center and being a part of this amazing adventure. I love what I do and not knowing what I will be faced with day to day is exciting. However, my biggest blessings are all the children and their families that are a part of our center. Watching these precious little children grow and learn so much makes me so proud. Another blessing is all my staff that work so hard to teach the children, give them love, and show them kindness. Our center would not function without them.

So, on behalf of the Children, their Families, the Staff, and the Board of Directors, I want to say Thank You! We are so thankful for all of you here at St. Paul Lutheran Church. If it would not be for all of your support and the many blessings that you give all of us there would not be a place for all of these amazing children to attend. So, this Thanksgiving as we all say what we are thankful for

just know that we are all truly thankful for each and every one of you.

God Bless,
Tracie Fielding
Director of The Learning Garden

Happy Thanksgiving!

As we gather around the table this Thanksgiving to share what we are grateful for with one another, we must remember that we are called not just to speak words of gratitude, but to live and walk by them. It's not what we say about our blessings, but how we use them, this is the true

measure of our Thanksgiving!

The Learning Garden wishes you a Happy Thanksgiving Day full of joy and happiness with your family and friends. We are all thankful for your support and are blessed to have all of you!

God Bless!



Enrollment/Teaching Staff:

Classroom	Children	Spots Available	Waitlist Children	Teachers Full Time	Teachers Part Time	Teachers on a Leave of Absence
Infant Room (6 weeks -12 mths)	9	1	3	3	1	
Toddler (13 mths ~ 23 mths)	10	0	0	2	1	
Twos Room (2s)	11	4	0	3		
Preschool (3s)	10	5	1	2		1
Prekindergarten Room (4s)	3	12	0	1	1	1
After School (5 yrs. ~ 9 yrs.)	9	1	0		1	
Total	52	23	4	11	4	2

Director

Tracie (Full Time)

Cook

Estela (Full Time)

Housekeeper

Elida (Part Time)

Substitutes

Alexis (Part Time)

Janice (Part Time)



In memory of Ernell Niemeier – Stained Glass Windows

Dan Gohmert	Lana Kreitsch
Victor Riske	Kermit & Doris Koehler

In memory of Ernell Niemeier – Building

Carolyn Morehead	Terry & Cydney Mathis
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Ibrom	Earlen Jalufka
Jimmy & Kathy Gips	Marsha Moore
Don & Debbie Janssen	Melissa Stolle & Boys
Arvid & Kitty Sievers	Boyd & Pam Weise
Doug Riggs	Laurie Barfield
Virginia Harrison	Jim & Judy Noster

In memory of Ruth Brandt – Stained Glass Windows

Oleta Pattillo	Carlton & Sandra Bolting
Dan Gohmert	Victor Riske
Beth Sievers	Helen Breed

In memory of Ruth Brandt – Cemetery

Bill & Sylvia Imhoff

In memory of Ruth Brandt – Building

Dorothy Mayfield	Gaylon & Laura Kaiser
Robert & M'Liss Moore	Mary Lou Gerhardt
Henry & Pauline Karnei	Margaret & Mike Emmons
Linda Karnei	June Buchhorn
Connie & Aggie Arnold	Earlen Jalufka
The Larry Serold Family	Don & Debbie Janssen
Glen & Judy Henze	Melissa Stolle & Boys
Arvid & Kitty Sievers	Boyd & Pam Weise
Aaron & Erin Koopmann	Joyce Baacke
Jim & Judy Noster	

In memory of Lorene Koopmann – Stained Glass Windows

Helen Breed

In memory of Lorene Koopmann – Cemetery

Bill & Sylvia Imhoff

In memory of Lorene Koopmann – Building

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Ibrom Barbara Kerlick
Jim & Shirley Crain The Barfield's
David & Brenda Arndt

In memory of Thomas Smiley – Stained Glass Windows

Oleta Pattillo Dan Gohmert
Kermit & Doris Koehler

In memory of Thomas Smiley – Building

Byron & Barbara Cramer Earlen Jalufka
Arlen & Cindy Parma

In memory of Jean Gohmert – Building

Earlen Jalufka

In memory of Arlin Rogge – Building

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In memory of Billie von Roeder – Building

Earlen Jalufka

In memory of Ted Mazurkiewicz – Building

Earlen Jalufka Doug Riggs
Laurie Barfield

In memory of Clarence Strait – Building

Estella Lira

In memory of Clifton Jacob – Stained Glass Windows

Carlton & Sandra Bolting

In memory of Annie Domann – Stained Glass Windows

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In memory of Elorine Domann – Building

Byron & Barbara Cramer

In memory of Roman Baacke – Cemetery

Michael & Denise Melanson

In memory of Willie Goehring – Building

Joyce Baacke

In memory of Johnny Waggoner – Building

Jim & Judy Noster

**Gifts in memory and in honor of are as of October 19, 2020.*

SCRIPTURE READINGS

NOVEMBER 2020

Sunday, November 1, 2020- All Saints Day

First Lesson: Revelation 7:9-17

Psalm: Psalm 34:1-10, 22

Second Lesson: 1 John 3:1-3

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12



Sunday, November 8, 2020 – 23rd Sunday after Pentecost

First Lesson: Amos 5:18-24

Psalm: Psalm 70

Second Lesson: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13



Sunday, November 15, 2020 – 24th Sunday after Pentecost

First Lesson: Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

Psalm: Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12

Second Lesson: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30



Sunday, November 22, 2020 – Christ the King

First Lesson: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

Psalm: Psalm 95: 1-7a

Second Lesson: Ephesians 1:15-23

Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46



Sunday, November 29, 2020 – 1st Sunday of Advent

First Lesson: Isaiah 64:1-9

Psalm: Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18

Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Gospel: Mark 13:24-37





**HONOR OR REMEMBER A
SPECIAL PERSON IN YOUR LIFE**

by having Poinsettias placed in the Sanctuary during the Christmas Season. Please complete the form below, make out a check to St. Paul

Lutheran Church, and place this form and your check in the offering plate or drop it by the church office.

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By: _____

~ In Memory of: _____

By: _____

~ To the Glory of God, by: _____

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The office *will not*
be able to accept orders after
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2020

*Poinsettias may be picked up after the
Last Christmas Eve Worship Service.*



Christmas Memorials

**HONOR OR REMEMBER A
SPECIAL PERSON IN YOUR
LIFE** by making a Christmas

memorial donation to the Stained Glass Windows Restoration Fund.

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Lutheran Church, and place this form and your check in the offering plate or drop it by the church office.

Make a Donation to the Stained Glass Windows Restoration Fund \$ _____

~ In Honor of: _____

By: _____

~ In Memory of: _____

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~ To the Glory of God, by: _____

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The office *will not* be able to accept memorials for the Christmas Bulletin after

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2020.

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