

GOOD NEWS



October

2021

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.*

*“Come to me, all you who are weary and
burdened, and I will give you rest.”*

Matthew 11:28

FROM THE PASTOR

On October 31, 1517, 504 years ago, an insignificant event triggered the Reformation. An unknown German monk wanted to challenge his fellow professors to debate the Church's teachings on indulgences. He ended up challenging the Pope himself.

Luther's nailing of the 95 Thesis on the church's bulletin board (front door) was neither a bold or uncommon event, a lot of things go on a bulletin board. The events which followed made it historical. Luther's students copied and circulated the statements. Within weeks they were all over Europe. Had the issue been only religious, it would have caused no concern in Rome. What alarmed the Pope was that it caused a decline of money flowing into Rome to pay the building debts of St. Peter's Cathedral. Suddenly the name, Luther, was known all over Europe.

There are two ways people become leaders: one is when a person is a crusader championing a cause. That person goes into a cause trying to gather support and trying to get as much news coverage and followers as possible. The second way is the person who has no intentions of leading a crusade or championing a cause, but circumstances force the person into the role of a



"My dad's teachin' me to be 'grounded in the faith' too, but he's taking a totally different approach."

leader. Luther had no aspirations of being a reform leader. He was forced into it; especially by the Pope himself. It is one of those interesting questions of history – what if Rome had not reacted to Luther as it did? What if Rome had not tried to wipe Luther out? What if Rome would have just ignored Luther? But this is not what happened.

Great movements in history are often triggered by seemingly insignificant events. This was true of the Reformation. God uses the insignificant to do great things, in this case renewing in the church these emphases: Word Alone, Grace Alone, Faith Alone.

Your Pastor,
Tim W Muehlbrad



Happy Halloween St. Paul Lutheran,

Do you believe in ghosts? How about witches? Can an old man or woman in a pointed hat throw frogs, newts, an eyeball into a pot and cast a spell? What about people who read omens? What is the difference between a pair of lucky socks and a little leprechaun who gives away “luck”?

The reason I ask is because it is the time of the year where children dress up and go door to door receiving candy. Some people celebrate Halloween. Others do not. The church for as long as I can remember tries to have a different version of Halloween. While I think that is a noble idea I believe we miss a great opportunity to talk about the SPIRITUAL WORLD.

Before the Israelites entered the promised land they were given a list of laws to help guide them to a happy and fruitful life. In the middle of those laws (Deuteronomy 18:9-13) God makes it a point to tell the people to stay away from those that practice the occult. Why? If witches, wizards, divination and its “readers” do not exist why would

God warn them of that danger. Reader, would you warn your children of a danger that does not exist? No. No rational parent would make up a danger and warn our children of something that does not exist. We would, however, tell our children of real dangers and tell them to be careful. Which means through the law God is warning us of a very real danger that can pull us away from him.

I bring this up because in October our children's message will be different. We are going to focus on 1 Samuel 28 (Saul and The Medium) Luke 9:28-36 (Spirits of Moses & Elijah) and Matthew 8:28-34 (The Two Demons)

In November I will be talking to the children about money. Those lessons will be as is...

Why do we tithe (Genesis 14), Treasures on Earth/Heaven (Matthew 6:19) and Do not Steal (Exodus 20:15) Additionally from this point forward our kids will be given take home cards. After every children's message each kid will walk away with a small index card. The question is a way to take the church home. It also provides an opportunity for you to talk with your children about something they heard in church. This also gives your children the opportunity to learn more about you.

In the high school Sunday School we are currently speaking on money and in October we will get into the Spiritual World. That is all for this month's update. God Bless!

Nicholas Requejo
Family & Youth Director

- Sat 10/9: 12PM - 5PM / La Vernia TX (Circle N Maze)
- Sat 11/5: 10AM - 4PM / Corpus Christi TX (Beach Clean Up)
- Q4 2021: CAMP CHRYSALIS EARLY REGISTRATION
OPENS



CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

September 14, 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, Calvin Bruns, Michael Melanson, Cindy Parma, Hope Jendrzey, and Kristin Schustereit. Katie Serrano and Pam Hoefling were also in attendance.
- 2) **DEVOTION** The devotion was given by Cindy Parma.
- 3) **MINUTES** The minutes from August 10, 2021, were approved as printed with no corrections.
- 4) **REPORTS**
 - a) **Treasurer** – The balance in the General Fund as of August 31, 2021, was \$193,096.42. The balance in the Building Fund was \$5,940.33. Calvin Bruns made a motion to accept the treasurer's report as printed. Cindy Parma seconded the motion. The motion carried.
 - b) **Stewardship** – No report.
 - c) **Parish Education** – Linda Hurta reported: Rally Day was a success with the children singing in church, playing on the water slide and in the pools, and everyone enjoying the delicious hamburger lunch. It was great to see the families gathered and enjoying the day. Sunday school is going well. Attendance has picked up slightly. PT and Friends are back playing songs for the Sunday school openings.

“Miss you” postcards will be sent out to those who have not started attending or to those who have missed several Sundays.

- d) **Youth** – There was nothing to add to the provided written report.
- e) **Family/Youth Director** – Nicholas Requejo and Linda Peyton reported:
 - 1. Inside the church: Helping TLG with Wednesday Chapel, teaching high school, mailed out 2021-2022 event schedule, working together with First Baptist Church for future events, working on a small Bible project.
 - 2. Outside the church: 12 people attended the Splashway Water Park trip.
- f) **Worship** – Jay Heil reported: They have asked CB Suggs to conduct services while Pastor is on vacation. Accommodations will be made to make the service more comfortable for him. They have been discussing song changes for next year. They are hoping to have a new member service in the beginning of November.
- g) **Evangelism/Outreach** – Hope Jendrzey reported: She has been working with the Yorktown News-View.
- h) **Social Concerns** – Cindy Parma reported: Assistance was requested from five individuals during August 2021: 2 requests for assistance with water bills, 2 requests for assistance with electric bills, and 1 request for assistance with a doctor visit.
- i) **Christian Life** – Nothing to report.
- j) **Property** – Michael reported the following as of September 14, 2021:
 - 1. Fixed A/C in toddler room at TLG. It was leaking water.
 - 2. Had to replace A/C unit in toddler room/director’s office.
 - 3. Installed tile flooring in the copy room of the church office. An electrician had to be called to get the

appropriate plug to move the copier to the office hallway while flooring was being laid.

4. Bill Klaevemann, Jay Heil, and Michael are working on the cemetery flagpole.
 5. Jay Heil fixed a water leak at the cemetery.
 6. Replaced receptacle at Parsonage 1.
 7. Filled in a hole at the curb by the Fellowship Hall.
 8. A maintenance position will be advertised.
- k) **Cemetery** – Nothing to report.
- l) **CEM** – Written report was provided.
- m) **Pastor** – Professional activities during August 2021 included: 8 worship services, 5 home visits, 4 educational events, 7 church meetings and events, 1 professional meeting, and 2 burials. Pastor added he attended the Theological Conference and NALC Convocation.

5) **OLD BUSINESS**

- a) **Stained Glass Windows Repair** – Michael Melanson reported there is a balance of \$23,030.15 left to pay. The project should be completed sometime in October.
- b) **Covid** - Cathy Moritz shared information regarding Covid-19, including statistics and a fact vs myth information sheet. Discussion was held concerning safety precautions for church. Michael Melanson made a motion to conduct an information-gathering from members concerning preferences of safety measures. No second was made. Hope Jendrzey made a motion to make Saturday evening a safe service including safety precautions beginning October 3rd. Cathy Moritz seconded the motion. The motion carried.

6) **NEW BUSINESS**

- a) **NALC Constitution – Ratification of Changes** – This will be on a ballot at January Congregational Meeting.
- b) **Approve new member Emiree Damian** – Jay Heil made a motion to approve Emiree Damian as a new member. Michael Melanson seconded the motion. The motion carried.

- c) **2022 Church Budget** – Committees need to work on 2022 budgets. Budgets should be ready by the November council meeting.
- d) **Landscaping** - A landscaping committee was formed, which consists of Dorothy Mayfield, Robin Caran, Rene Alvarez, and Carolyn Bargmann. They are wanting to beautify the property, which will be funded by volunteers. Michael shared their plans.
- e) **Pastor Vacation – November 15-30 & December 27-January 11 (Sundays: 11/21, 11/29, 1/2, 1/9)** – Jay Heil made a motion to approve Pastor’s requested vacation. Cathy Moritz seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- 7) **CLOSING** – Jay Heil made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Cindy Parma seconded the motion. The motion carried, and the meeting closed with The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kristin Schustereit

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

Financial Report

GENERAL FUND	YTD 2021	BUILDING FUND	YTD 2021
Beginning Balance	41,107.24	Beginning Balance	23,173.31
Income	427,950.74	Income	43,121.54
Expenses	(415,176.42)	Expenses	(56,192.66)
Ending Balance	53,881.56	Ending Balance	10,102.19
Investment	138,338.55		
TOTAL	192,220.11		

Totals as of 09/20/2021

RELIEVE EDITORIAL STRESS:

TURN IN
YOUR ARTICLES
EARLY!

R E M I N D E R:

DEADLINE FOR THE

**October
NEWSLETTER
ARTICLE IS**

***Monday,
October 18, 2021***





Saturday Worship Safety

Unfortunately we are still in the midst of a pandemic. People we know, family, friends, co-workers, church members and

others are still contracting COVID-19. Some have no symptoms, some have minor symptoms, some become very sick, and others die. We are also divided on how to stop the spread of the disease. Some church members have not come back to worship because they believe the safety precautions we have in place are too stringent, and other believe the church is not a safe place because people are not practicing enough safety measures. At our Church Council meeting on September 14, a motion was made not to make any changes to the Sunday Morning Worship Service, but to designate the Saturday Worship Service to be a place of more stringent safety measures. Therefore, so that all those attending the Saturday service may be able to be comfortable in being there in-person with minimum risk of exposure from disease, it is highly recommended and encouraged that all persons wear a mask when in close proximity to others outside of your household, and to respect the space of others by social distancing. These changes will take place on Oct. 2 and continue until these procedures are no longer necessary.



The family of Elorine Domann would like to thank everyone for coming to her memorial service. The fellowship, the food that was brought, and served, to the ladies that brought cakes; especially to Pam Hoefling for overseeing the reception. Also, to Pastor Tim for

all his prayers and visits with her.

*St. Paul family & friends,
Your kindness means much
more than words could
ever say!*

O.F. & Sue Bolting



*"What do we live for if it is not to make life less difficult for
each other."*

George Eliot



Sunday, October 10, 2021 is Pastor Appreciation Day! Let's all take a moment and thank Pastor Tim for a wonderful job he is doing!!

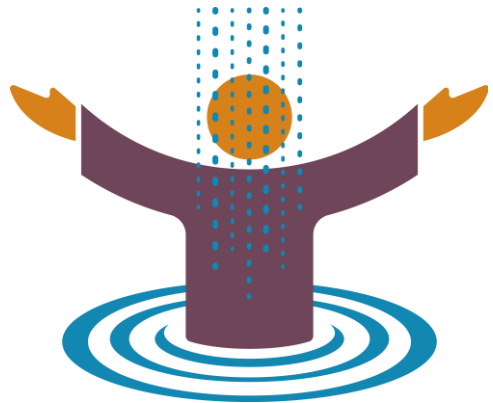


Congratulations to Tim and Jenni Diehl
on the birth of their baby girl, Karlie Mae
Diehl, born on Tuesday, September 14,
2021!

One way Satan attacks
Christians is by reminding us
of our sins, both of
commission (wrongdoing)
and omission (neglecting to
do right). And one way we
can fight back is by
remembering our baptism.

The reformer Martin Luther
recommended pondering that
sacrament daily, whenever we wash our face, because “in
baptism sins are drowned.”

Getting dressed can serve as another frequent reminder,
Luther says, because baptism is the “daily garment ... the
Christian is to wear all the time.” He writes, “Christ
instituted holy baptism ... to clothe you with his
righteousness. It is tantamount to his saying, ‘My
righteousness shall be your righteousness; my innocence,
your innocence. Your sins indeed are great, but by baptism I
bestow on you my righteousness; I strip death from you and
clothe you with my life.’”



We keep in our prayers the family and friends of:



Anton “Tony” Machacek – who passed away August 25, 2021. Services were held August 30, 2021.

Dorothy Hester – who passed away September 3, 2021. Services were held September 10, 2021.

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

Our landscaping committee is working on a project to enhance the appearance of our church. If you would like to donate to this project, please designate your donation to landscaping. We appreciate your help in beautifying our church.

*Landscaping
Committee*



THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!!

Thank you to all who helped make Rally Day a huge success. Thanks to all the musicians, teachers and

technical support people that helped with the songs sung by the Sunday school children during the church service. Thanks also to the children for doing such a great job of praising God with the uplifting songs.

The children had a wonderful time in the pools, on the water slide and playing with the water balloons. Thanks to all who helped fill the water balloons.

A huge thank you to all of the folks who prepared, served and cleaned up after the delicious hamburger lunch.

Linda Hurta
Parish Education





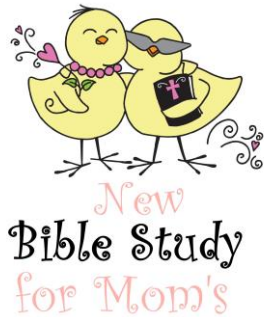






"I highly commend the Sunday School Department for having the students learn the books of the Bible. This is a blessing to the children and vital in the church program. How powerful this skill will be to these little ones as they mature!"

The Sunday School Moms are going to start having a devotional time during Sunday School each week in the church basement. It will be based on a weekly devotional and will be group led. We look forward to having fellowship with all Moms bringing their kids to Sunday School. We will choose a devotional that will guide us in our daily walk with the Lord. Come join us!



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 Virginia Naranjo



- **Title:** Two-Year-Old Teacher
- **Education:** High School Graduate
- **Been with TLG Since:** January 2021
- **Family:** Fiancé – Chris; Daughters – Madison & Olivia
- **Favorite Part of the Job:** The children.
- **Hobbies:** Cooking and Crafting
- **Favorite Quote or Motto:** “Teamwork makes the Dream work.”

Meet Amy Rodriguez

- **Title:** Two-Year-Old Assistant Teacher
- **Education:** High School Graduate
- **Been with TLG Since:** September 2020
- **Family:** Husband – Michael; Daughters – Jasmine & Serenity; Boys – Bryston & Bryler
- **Favorite Part of the Job:** The kids! If I’m having a bad day, they make it so much better. They are always calling my name and giving me hugs.
- **Hobbies:** Watching T.V. with my family, Reading, and Fishing
- **Favorite Quote or Motto:** “I can do all things through Christ who Strengthens me.”



Enrollment: 56

Class	Number of Children	Waitlist	Staff
Infants	6	5	Taylor, Hailey, & Debra
Toddlers	12	1	Samantha, Destiny, & Brianna
Twos	12	0	Virginia, Destiny S., & Leticia
Preschool	12	2	Megan & Brianna
Prekindergarten	5	0	Donna & Cassandra
After School	8	0	Paige

Director: Tracie
Cook: Estela
Floaters: Melissa

Assistant Director: Shawn
Housekeeping: Elida
Substitutes: Anne

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.



Drive-thru Flu Shot Clinic

Cuero Home Health and the Social Concerns Committee will hold a Flu Shot clinic Thursday, October 7, 2021 from 3:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. **This is a**

Drive-through Only Clinic, located at the elevator parking lot here at St. Paul.



CONFIRMATION CLASS OF
September 12, 2021
Pastor: Tim W Muehlbrad

First row: Chesney Kaiser

Second row: Briley Wieland and Addison Corpus

Third row: Marley Hurta and Trent Foerster





Thank Offering Service

The Women of the Church will lead the Annual ThankOffering service on November 14, 2021. We are asking each of you to give a special ThankOffering in response to God's blessings that you have received.

This year, all funds received will be divided between the NALC Disaster Response Fund and YAM. Disaster Response has been busy responding to the needs of the people affected by the

West Coast wildfires, flooding in Tennessee, the freeze in Texas, and most recently, Hurricane Ida in Louisiana. In fact, the warehouse in Rosenberg, Texas is now empty with the last of the supplies going to Louisiana. This fund depends on donations from NALC Congregations in order to operate. YAM, our local food pantry, provides food to over 150 families per month, which so far this year, amounts to over 86,000 lbs of food at a cost of \$16,400.00.

Let us be aware of our brothers and sisters in Christ who are in need of basic items to survive. You may use one of the pew envelopes, write a check and designate, "for ThankOffering" to be taken on November 14, 2021. You may also take your offering to the Church office at any time.

Please prayerfully consider and give generously.
Women of the Church



In memory of Bobby von Roeder – Stained Glass Windows

Velma Lee Moritz

Martha Geffert

Dwight & LeAnn Janer & Family

Cathy Moritz

In memory of Gladys Wilhelmsen – Building

Ricky & Judy Hilbrich

Beverly Feller

Manroy & Gracie Wolpman

In memory of Gladys Wilhelmsen – Stained Glass Windows

Jesse & Linda Hurta

Carlton & Sandra Bolting

Jay & Sandra Heil

Roland & Gail Riedesel

In memory of Helen Crocker – Stained Glass Windows

Martha Geffert

In memory of Junell Suggs – Stained Glass Windows

Velma Lee Moritz

In memory of Kathy Pattillo – Stained Glass Windows

Oleta Pattillo

In memory of Maezie Schwab – Stained Glass Windows

Martha Geffert

In memory of Monica Wolf – CEM

Steven & Debbie Kneese

In memory of Paul Menn – Stained Glass Windows

Martha Geffert

In memory of Steven Rau – Stained Glass Windows

Martha Geffert

Dwight & LeAnn Janer & Family

Carlton & Sandra Bolting

Bill Klaevemann

James and Wanda Rohan & Family

Helen Breed

Jim & Judy Noster

In memory of Walter & Norma Wehmeyer – Windows

Oleta Pattillo

In memory of Tony Machacek – Radio

Dr. & Mrs. John Frels

In memory of Tony Machacek – Scholarship Fund

Steven & Debbie Kneese

In memory of Tony Machacek – Stained Glass Windows

Cathy Moritz	Mallie Stanchos
Jay & Sandra Heil	Arlen & Kathie Fehner
Velma Lee Moritz	Joyce M. Lamprecht
Don & Susan Wieland	David & Patsy Ibrom
Bill Klaevemann	Calvin & Beverly Bruns
Roland & Gail Riedesel	Byron & Barbara Cramer
Jim & Judy Noster	

In memory of Tony Machacek – Building

Lyn Janssen	John D. Hurst
Manroy & Gracie Wolpman	Spence & Rebecca Innocenti
Jesse & Linda Hurta	Vicki McCoy
Henrietta Veselka	Jo & Tommy Palachek
Thelma & Val Hinze	Arvid & Kitty Sievers
Charles & Bonnie Riedesel	Melvin & Carolyn Tobola
Mr. & Mrs. William Morrow	Timothy & L. Marie Rangnow
Ann Adix	Bill & Carloyn Bargmann
Beth K. Sievers	Dan Gohmert
Crossroads Financial Services	

In memory of Harriet Karnei – Stained Glass Windows

Velma Lee Moritz

In memory of Mary Gail Kerlick Wise – Stained Glass Windows

Helen Breed

In memory of Cindy Lightsey – Stained Glass Windows

Mary Hilbrich	Wanda Rohan & Family
Gary Hilbrich & Family	Ricky Hilbrich & Family

In memory of Dorothy Hester – Radio

Dr. & Mrs. John Frels

In memory of Dorothy Hester – Stained Glass Windows

Charles & Bonnie Riedesel	Arlen & Kathie Fehner
Jim & Judy Noster	

In memory of Margaret Alvarez – Building

Bill Klaevemann

In memory of Margaret Alvarez - Stained Glass Windows

James and Wanda Rohan & Family Jim & Judy Noster

In memory of Werner E. Metting – Stained Glass Windows

Sherry Metting

In memory of Bobby von Roeder – Stained Glass Windows

Jim & Judy Noster

In memory of Eberhard Rogge – Stained Glass Windows

Helen Breed

In memory of Elorine Domann – Stained Glass Windows

Unknown

In memory of Harrey Kainer – Stained Glass Windows

Jim & Judy Noster

In memory of Milburn Alexander – Stained Glass Windows

Jim & Judy Noster

In memory of Priscilla Belk Goehring – Cemetery

Her children: Sandra, Linda, Larry & Marcella Belk and Robert Paul & Cinda Goehring

In celebration of life for Dolly Ruppert – Stained Glass Windows

Martha Geffert

In celebration of life for Mai Harwell – Stained Glass Windows

Martha Geffert

Affirmation of Faith for Layne Colton Geffert – Windows

Martha Geffert

In honor of Martha Geffert's Birthday – Stained Glass Windows

Calvin & Beverly Bruns

**Gifts in memory and in honor of are as of September 20, 2021.*

SCRIPTURE READINGS

OCTOBER 2021

Sunday, October 3, 2021-19th Sunday after Pentecost

First Lesson: Genesis 2:18-24

Psalm: Psalm 8

Second Lesson: Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12

Gospel: Mark 10:2-16



Sunday, October 10, 2021-20th Sunday after Pentecost

First Lesson: Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

Psalm: Psalm 90:12-17

Second Lesson: Hebrews 4:12-16

Gospel: Mark 10:17-31



Sunday, October 17, 2021-21st Sunday after Pentecost

First Lesson: Isaiah 53:4-12

Psalm: Psalm 91:9-16

Second Lesson: Hebrews 5:1-10

Gospel: Mark 10:35-45



Sunday, October 24, 2021-22nd after Pentecost

First Lesson: Jeremiah 31:7-9

Psalm: Psalm 126

Second Lesson: Hebrews 7:23-28

Gospel: Mark 10:46-52



Sunday, October 31, 2021-Reformation Day

First Lesson: Jeremiah 31:31-34

Psalm: Psalm 46

Second Lesson: Romans 3:19-28

Gospel: John 8:31-36



Puzzle!

Complete this Bible passage by adding the missing vowels.



F_r by gr_c_ y_ _ h_v_
 b_ _n s_v_d thr_ _gh
 f_ _th, _nd th_s _s n_t
 y_ _r _wn d_ _ng; _t _s
 th_ g_ft _f G_d — n_t th_
 r_s_lt _f w_rks, s_ th_t
 n_ _n_ m_y b_ _st.

_ph_s_ _ns 2:8-9, NRSV



Answer: For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God — not the result of works, so that no one may boast. Ephesians 2:8-9, NRSV

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