

"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." John 8:12



Summer vacation time is over for many – school doors have swung open. Elementary and High Schools have begun another season. Colleges are readying for the onslaught of students for the fall semester. The great responsibility is thrust upon the many teachers and administrators to provide an education for the youth of our nation. Like in a great relay race, one generation passes the torch of knowledge on to the next generation. Through education, our youth become heirs of the knowledge and skills learned before.

But education is more than of the mind. The heart and the will must grow, too. Knowledge and skill are but tools, and it depends then how these are used. If the end of education is only to make a nation strong in battle, rich in trade and lavish in

pleasure, then our goal of education is really betraying the people. But it is when the mind and hands are trained to be tools for the high purpose of justice, respect, freedom, and concern for others, that education fulfills its real function. The well-being of people - people created in God's image – is the objective.



Such high purpose cannot be achieved without God. Thus, we cannot expect the full purpose of education to be achieved in the public schools, but it also depends on our homes, and our church to instill these values in our youth. We are in this together and all of us have this responsibility. Sunday School is for everyone. If we are going to teach our youth the truth we treasure, then adults need to be there, also. Sunday School is not just for kids but learning continues for a lifetime. If we wish to pass on the knowledge we learned in school and the wisdom we have gained through life and faith, adults, too, need to continue to grow.

Your Pastor, Tim W Muehlbrad



To St. Paul Lutheran,

Please pick up our event schedule regardless if you have family members in the youth program or not. The schedule provided lists all the events we are doing from Fall of 2021 to December of 2022. One of the main reasons I am giving everything far in advance is in case I ever

get the bad news that I must stop. We are still amid a pandemic. Last year St. Paul Lutheran closed except for Sunday worship. All other activities were put on pause. When we did open, I ran into a problem of everyone having their summer planned out. I still am extremely proud of the work we did this past summer but moving forward that will not happen again. The schedule is written in a way where if I do receive bad news about shutting down, we know exactly what to do when we open back up. Personally, I don't think we will but this is "just in case".

With that being said, please take precautions in doing anything this year. Last year we did not know much about covid. This year we are smarter than we were. Should you feel ill, stay at home. Talk to your doctor and get the vaccine if you can. Wear a mask when possible. Do you know of anyone who needs Nicholas to do a grocery run? Tell them St. Paul can still pick up medication, groceries, or other small items. It feels like this pandemic is almost over but with the new variants spreading it seems like we have a long way to go. We can work around the pandemic. We do not have to be paused like we were last year and parts of this year.

Thank you for your prayers and patience. God bless, see you Sunday!

Peace,

Nicholas Requejo Family & Youth Director



CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

August 10, 2021

- 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, and Kristin Schustereit. Katie Serrano, Nicholas Requejo, and Pam Hoefling were also in attendance.
- 2) **DEVOTION** The devotion was given by Michael Melanson.
- 3) **MINUTES** The minutes from June 8, 2021, were approved as printed with no corrections.

4) **REPORTS**

- a) Treasurer The balance in the General Fund as of July 31, 2021, was \$186,460.52 (includes the investment in LPL Funds). The balance in the Building Fund was \$14,790.62. Calvin Bruns made a motion to accept the treasurer's report as printed. Linda Hurta seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- b) Stewardship Calvin reported he had met with the manager at HEB concerning chicken prices for our annual BBQ. The manager said prices had improved, but he couldn't make a guarantee for the time of the BBQ. It was suggested by council to possibly raise ticket price or to only serve chicken with no sides. The Stewardship Committee will make a decision in the next two weeks.
- c) Parish Education Linda Hurta reported: During the summer, the Sunday school department has been focusing on learning the books of the Bible along with their regular lessons. A teachers' meeting was held on Sunday, August 1, 2021. Rally Day plans were made for August 29th with the understanding that plans would only take place after they are approved at the next church council meeting. This is because of the increase in the Delta Variant. Also, on August 29th during the church service will be teacher installation for the upcoming Sunday School year. Our new Sunday School year will begin on September 12, 2021.
- d) **Youth** Linda Peyton provided a written report with Nicholas.
- e) **Family/Youth Director** Nicholas Requejo reported: Inside the church, he has been helping TLG Wednesday Chapel and helped VBS 2021 leading games with three youth. They also helped at YAM and attended Camp Ebert.
- f) **Worship** No report.
- g) **Evangelism/Outreach** No report.

- h) Social Concerns Cindy Parma reported: Assistance was requested from four individuals during July 2021: 3 requests for assistance with electric bills and 1 request for assistance with a water bill.
- i) Christian Life Nothing to report.
- j) **Property** Michael reported the following for July and August 2021:
 - 1. Trees were sprayed for worms.
 - 2. Fixed A/C in toddler room at daycare.
 - **3.** Tuned piano in sanctuary.
 - 4. Fixed A/C in Parsonage 1 and Sanctuary.
 - **5.** Fixed toilet in sanctuary.
 - **6.** Fixed A/C in church office there was a hole in the aluminum coil, had to replace outside unit.
 - 7. Received quote from ServePro to clean the mold in the lounge area.
 - **8.** Fixed the door in the basement.
 - 9. Triple D replaced door sensor in basement twice.
 - **10.** Fixed edger for yard.
 - **11.** Electrician finished putting up security lights that had been damaged around the church property.
 - **12.** Working on the flagpole at the cemetery.
 - **13.** Servpro came out and cleaned the ducts in the lounge and part of the daycare. There is a tear in the duct work. Gohmert Air is looking into the issue.
 - **14.** Gohmert Air got the A/C running in the 2-yearold and 4-year-old room up and running.
 - **15.** Fixed the sink drainpipe in the men's restroom in the educational building.

16. Fixed a water leak at the cemetery.

- k) **Cemetery** Nothing to report.
- 1) **CEM** Written report was provided.
- m) Pastor Professional activities during June 2021 included: 9 worship services, 5 hospital visits, 9 home visits, 4 educational events, and 6 church meetings and events. Professional activities during

July 2021 included: 9 worship services, 6 hospital visits, 5 home visits, 4 educational events, 7 church meetings and events, and one funeral.

- 5) OLD BUSINESS
 - a) **Stained Glass Windows Repair** Michael Melanson reported all windows are back. They are now waiting on painting to be finished, then the tempered glass will be installed.
- 6) NEW BUSINESS
 - a) Graduating Senior Scholarships Linda Hurta made a motion to allow \$1,200 per graduating senior for 2022 scholarships. Calvin Bruns seconded the motion. The motion carried.
 - b) Rally Day Discussion was held concerning COVID cases being on the rise. Pastor reviewed statistics. Linda Hurta stated the Parish Education committee will have Rally Day activities with the intention of being as safe as possible for those who attend.
 - c) **COVID Restrictions** Cathy made a motion to have every other pew be blocked off for services and to omit sharing of the peace. Linda Peyton seconded the motion. By vote of show of hands, the motion carried.
- CLOSING Linda Hurta 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

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 SReport

GENERAL FUND YTD 2021 **BUILDING FUND** YTD 2021 **Beginning Balance** 41,107.24 Beginning Balance 23,173.31 Income 356,922.04 Income 33,336.81 Expenses (376.359.02) Expenses (52,751.45) Ending Balance 21,670.26 Ending Balance 3.758.67 Investment 178,287.57 Totals as of 08/20/2021 TOTAL 199.957.83





I would like to thank all of you that worked at home making blankets for the Gabriel Project, and our Baptismal blankets during the time we could not meet in person. Thankfully, we

can meet again starting in September. We will meet in the lounge of the Educational Building September 14, 2021, at 1:30 pm. Bring your hooks or knitting needles, yarn is provided. We welcome all to join with us in fellowship and sharing the talents God gave us. For further information, contact Janet Lambrecht at 361-564-4148.

Blessings to all of you,

Janet Lambrecht

We keep in our prayers the family and friends of:

<u>**Gladys Wilhelmsen**</u> – who passed away August 4, 2021. Services were held August 20, 2021. DEEPEST SYMPATHY

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



Last month, some of our Confirmation Students went to Camp Ebert Ranch.











Dear St Paul,

Thank you for sending me to Confirmation Camp at Ebert Ranch. I had a great time and learned quite a bit about the bible. I experienced riding a horse for the first time and archery as well. Thanks again. Sincerely, Marley Hurta

Dears Church My week at conformation camp was ansome and I enjoyed the wost was riding my horse Flynn. We had Bible study and Worship every day out in hatare which added special meaning.

I really appreciate the Church's Sponsership of my week at Ebert Ranch I just want to Say thank you for this amazing experiance, Thanks again, Trent Eberster



Rite of Confirmation will be held on Sunday, September 12, 2021, at 11:00 am.

OUR 2021 CONFIRMANDS

Addison Grace Corpus, the daughter of Anthony and Misty (Green) Corpus, was baptized on February 10, 2008 at St Paul Lutheran Church by Pastor Patti Byrne. Addison's sponsors are Kayla Corpus, Kalvin Corpus, and Derrick Green. Addison's confirmation verse is Hebrews 13:8-9.

Ty Russell Fehrer, the son of Mark and Aimee (Westfall) Fehner was baptized on April 27, 2008 at St Paul Lutheran Church by Pastor Patti Byrne. Ty's sponsors are John and Julie Barichivich. Ty's confirmation verse is John 10:11.

Trent Otto Foerster, the son of Kurt and Anna (Morris) Foerster, was baptized on July 15, 2007 at St Paul Lutheran Church by Pastor Patti Byrne. Trent's sponsors are Tim Morris and Heather Mokwa. Trent's confirmation verse is 2 Chronicles 15:7.

Layne Colton Geffert, the son of Cody and Megan (Von Roeder) Geffert, was baptized on June 10, 2007 at St Paul Lutheran Church by Pastor Patti Byrne. Layne's sponsors are Clinton Geffert and Samantha Roeder. Layne's confirmation verse is James 1:12. Marley Noah Hurta, the son of David and Crystal (Villa) Hurta and Kevin and Miranda (Wiggins) Rohan, was baptized on January 10, 2009 at St Paul Lutheran Church by Pastor Patti Byrne. Marley's sponsors are Katie Goines and Jonathan Hurta. Marley's confirmation verse is 1 Samuel 16:7.

Chesney Jean Kaiser, the daughter of Clinton and Melissa (Blaschke) Kaiser, was baptized on September 29, 2007 at St Paul Lutheran Church by Pastor Patti Byrne. Chesney's sponsors are Michelle Hoefling and Brad Irvin. Chesney's confirmation verse is Deuteronomy 6:5.

Briley Elaine Wieland, the daughter of Bradley and Candace (Dubois) Wieland, was baptized on September 16, 2007 at St Paul Lutheran Church by Pastor Patti Byrne. Briley's sponsors are Travis Wieland, Jane Gersitz, LaRae Kelley, Katelyn Dubois.

We are nearing the end of the Stained-Glass windows project and we have already paid out \$175,435.50. The amount needed to complete the project is \$34,054.57. We are asking our members to help lessen the cost. If you would like to help with this cost, please designate your offering to the Stained-Glass Windows fund. Thank you for your help!



Stained Glass Windows Restoration Update

On Wednesday, September 8 at 6:30PM, Pastor would like to meet in the basement of the church with the parents of those who will be beginning Confirmation Classes this fall so that we can discuss the confirmation program for your child. We will talk about what we will be doing, what the program includes, what supplies are needed, and when the class will meet. Pastor will also try to answer any questions that you might have. Please bring your personal calendars with you because we will be looking at dates.



The Confirmation Class will consist of mainly of students going into the 6th and 7th grades, although there might be exceptions. We will meet during the next two years at a time to be determined by you, the parents and Pastor.



All County Church Picnic and Gospel Sing-a-Long

(bring your own picnic lunch and be ready to sing!)



Sunday, September 26, 2021 The Presbyterian Church Pavilion and Grounds Corner of Clinton and Courthouse, Cuero 1:00 p.m.

WANTED: Singers!

For DeWitt County's 175th Birthday Celebration

Music reading skills required Choral experience preferred

REHEARSALS-First Baptist, Cuero Sunday, 9/12 4-5:30 Sunday, 9/19 4-5:30 Thursday, 9/23 5:30-6:30

> PERFORMANCE in Cuero Sunday, 9/26 1-2:30

Contact Rebecca Dawson at 210-705-3911 if interested BY SUNDAY 9/5

HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

FESTIVAL



Father Roger Hawes



MEAL: Serving starts at 10:30 AM **Famous Homemade Polish** Sausage and BBQ Shoulder Clod

with trimmings Dine in or Take out! Adults and To Go - \$12 Children under 12 - \$6



Festival Raffle drawing at 3 PM Tickets \$5 each or 5 for \$20

Knights of Columbus Calf Raffle Charolais and Charbray Bull Calves Tickets \$5 each of 5 for \$20

Entertainment by

10:30AM-1PM

Children's activities. Obstical courses and games



DJ Val

BUNCO PARTY Fun, Food & Fellowship

The Women of Zion Lutheran Church of Mission Valley cordially invite you to a Bunco Party in the Fellowship Hall at 12183 FM 236, Victoria, Tx 77905

Men are also invited to play dominoes or 42

When: Monday, September 13, 2021

Registration/Refreshments: 6-7pm

Bunco & Dominoes: 7:05pm

RSVP to Seda Weaver 649-8192 or Church Office 578-5447

MASKS OPTIONAL



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 Samantha Daulley



Title: Toddler Teacher

- Education: High School Graduate
- Been with TLG Since: June 2014
- Family: Husband Troy; Daughter – Emma; Son – Charlie; and Grandson -Alachi
- Favorite Part of the Job: The children are the best part of my job. Watching them

grow and learn new things is a true blessing.

- **Hobbies:** Crocheting, Polymer Clay, and Cross Stitch
- Favorite Quote or Motto: "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."



Meet Destiny Sims

- **Title:** Toddler Assistant Teacher
- Education: High School Graduate
- Been with TLG Since: January 2021
- **Family:** Boyfriend Michael, Daughter – Regan
- Favorite Part of the Job: Building bonds with the

children and seeing their smiling faces.

- Hobbies: Cooking & Baking
- **Favorite Quote or Motto:** "Every Champion was once a Contender that refused to give up."

Silent Auction Baskets:

Silent Auction Baskets were set up in the Foyer for a couple of weeks. Thank you to all of you that bid. The winners were:

Themes:

Infants: Taco Tuesday ~ Johanna Warwas Toddlers: Football ~ Doris Koehler Twos: Gift Cards ~ Doris Koehler Preschool: Pioneer Women ~ Patsy Ibrom Prekindergarten: Zoo ~ Kassie Kuecker After School: Family Game Night ~ Doris Koehler Office: Wine a Bit You'll Feel Better ~ Tracie Fielding

Parent Orientation:

Our date for Parent Orientation will be September 1^{st} @ 6:30pm. 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.

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.

Enrollment:

Current Enrollment ~ 61	Current	Enrol	lment	~	61
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Class	Number of Children	Staff
Infants	9	Taylor, Hailey, & Shayleigh
Toddlers	11	Samantha, Destiny, & Brianna
Twos	16	Virginia, Amy, & Destiny F.
Preschool	11	Megan & Krystal
Prekindergarten	5	Donna & Cassandra
After School	9	Mallary

Director: Tracie Assistant Director: Shawn Cook: Estela Housekeeping: Elida Floaters: Melissa Substitutes: Leticia, & 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.



In memory of Barbara Haun – Stained Glass Windows Helen Breed In memory of Maezie Schwab – Stained Glass Windows Arlen & Kathie Fehner Jesse & Linda Hurta In memory of Maezie Schwab – Building Melissa Stolle & Boys Ronald & Donna Matejek In memory of Sharon Salyer – Stained Glass Windows Glen & Judy Henze In memory of John Godby - Stained Glass Windows Carlton & Sandra Bolting In memory of Sherry <u>Barnhart – Stained Glass Windows</u> Carlton & Sandra Bolting **Billie Jo Blaschke** In memory of Gladys Wilhelmsen – Cradle Workshop Steven & Debbie Kneese In memory of Gladys Wilhelmsen – Radio Dr. & Mrs. John Frels In memory of Gladys Wilhelmsen – Stained Glass Windows Arlen & Kathie Fehner Spence & Rebecca Innocenti In memory of Gladys Wilhelmsen – Building Joyce Baacke In memory of Elfrieda H. Metting – Stained Glass Windows Sherry Metting In memory of Robert Williams – Building Beth K. Sievers In memory of Steven Rau - Stained Glass Windows Ricky & Judy Hilbrich Dennis Henze In memory of Monica Wolf – CEM Steven & Debbie Kneese

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

SCRIPTURE READINGS SEPTEMBER 2021

<u>Sunday, September 5, 2021–15th Sunday after</u> <u>Pentecost</u>



First Lesson: Isaiah 35:4-7a

Psalm: Psalm 146

Second Lesson: James 2:1-10 [11-13] 14-17 Gospel: Mark 7:24-37

Sunday, September 12, 2021-16th Sunday after Pentecost

First Lesson: Isaiah 50:4-a Psalm: Psalm 116:1-8 Second Lesson: James 3:1-12 Gospel: Mark 8:27-38



Sunday, September 19, 2021-17th Sunday after Pentecost



First Lesson: Jeremiah 11:18-20 Psalm: Psalm 54 Second Lesson: James 3:13—4:3, 7-8a Gospel: Mark 9:30-37

<u>Sunday, September 26, 2021-18th Sunday after</u> <u>Pentecost</u>

First Lesson: Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29 Psalm: Psalm19:7-14 Second Lesson: James 5:13-20 Gospel: Mark 9:38-50



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