



The Epistle

May 2016

FACILITIES UPDATE

It kinda depends on how you look at it...

I wonder how many sheep have been blown away by tornadoes in the last 100 years here in Comal County? I wouldn't think it would be too many, but you never know.

Pastor Paul was in the midst of a children's sermon a few Sundays back. He was talking about how Jesus protects us in the same way that a shepherd protects his flock of sheep. Our pastor asked the kids about some dangers that sheep might come up against. And one little boy thought he had a pretty good answer. He pointed out that tornadoes were a very real danger to sheep. Like most adults, my first thought had been coyotes. I hadn't even considered twisters. But after hearing how the boy looked at it, I was forced to concede that tornadoes can be dangerous not only to sheep but livestock in general. To me it seems like chickens might be particularly vulnerable. I guess it just depends on your viewpoint.

This concept of viewpoint has been a recurring theme in our Phase IA Renovation and Expansion Project. There's been a lot of different viewpoints and I think all them have been valid. The different viewpoints were there when we started talking about this a few years ago and even now, as we are in the midst of the demolition and reconstruction of our facility, different viewpoints continue to surface. The Building Commission has struggled with this. There are so many points of view – how can we effectively respond to all of them?

The boy that brought up tornadoes during the children's sermon told Pastor Paul a few seconds later that dynamite was also very dangerous and that the sheep needed to be protected from explosions. Another viewpoint! And when I heard it, I knew that God had delivered this article to me through the mind of that small boy. I had known that I wanted to talk about viewpoints, but there was no way I would ever have come up with an example as entertaining as tornadoes and dynamite.

Now that I've set the stage, here are some important things that are going on:

We're at the front end of the actual demolition and construction. There will be inconvenience but we'll likely be done by the end of the year. The first Sunday after construction started, I walked all the way around the building trying to figure out the best entrance so I could get to the Men's Sunday School Class. I didn't care. I was just happy we were under way. That was the way I looked at it.

We're a little behind on the Capital Campaign. We're 67% of the way through the campaign but have only collected about 60% of the pledged amount. On the other hand we have received a fair amount that was not pledged. Viewpoint is especially important here. Many people would look at it and say, "As long as folks are giving to the campaign, what difference does it make if it was pledged or not pledged?" It's kinda complicated but our loan is tied to pledged giving. So it does matter. That's the way the bank looks at it.

Space limitations prevent a complete discussion of everything that's going on with the project. Most of it is just details anyway. So I'll close by asking the congregation to take a scriptural view of the process. If you ask Him, God will reveal how He wants you to look at it. And I'd be interested in talking to the parents of that little boy that gave his point of view in the children's sermon that Sunday. I'd like to tell them that God was working through their son that morning, giving us a glimpse of how He looks at things.

God's Peace,

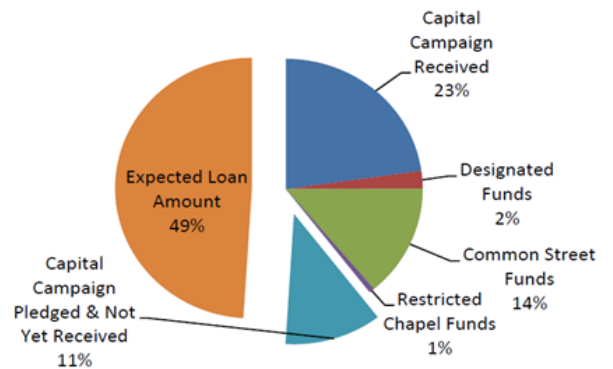
Bryan Baese

Construction Communication Committee Chair

Finances AT A GLANCE...

Total Cost of the Project	\$2,850,000
<i>Sources of Funds:</i>	
Capital Campaign – given to date	648,489,000
Common Street Funds	397,000
Designated Funds	63,000
Restricted Chapel Fund	18,000
Total in hand	\$1,126,489
* Capital Campaign – pledged not yet received	\$326,898

WHERE THE MONEY IS COMING FROM



Prayers of the People



May 2016



Chip Reynolds, Pastor

The Army environment allows me to see life through a completely different lens sometimes and that is not necessarily a bad thing. This past two weeks stretched me in some ways and forced me to reconsider in others. This is as life should be...giving and taking all the while allowing the Holy Spirit and Scripture to mold me into the vessel that God desires. That's how this process works.

Have you ever watched an artisan working with clay on a pottery wheel? Once, as I watched an artisan do his work on a wheel, the vase that he was creating just slumped in at one spot and it seemed to melt on the wheel. The artisan explained that this happens because of a weak spot in the formed clay.

As the molding is happening the spot cannot handle the pressure in that particular spot and it simply collapses in on itself.

So what does the potter do? Throw out the clay and move on? NO! He reformed the clump of formless clay and put it back on the wheel and began again. He didn't give up on it. And as he began molding it a second time the clay; withstood the pressure and was turned into an amazing piece of pottery.

I am extremely grateful that God doesn't toss us aside in our failures. That would be an awfully large pile of lives. But lovingly, He rescues the lumps of clay that we are and begins to re-form us because of His infinite grace.

Paul says as much in His Second Letter to the Corinthians:

But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore, I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. 12:9

Our imperfections become starting points for God to work in our lives. It has worked that way for me over time and I am sure that it is the same for each of us.

Where I have failed and been broken the Master Potter has molded me and made me something new. He molds us toward perfect that can only be found in him. So give in to the power that God can have in your life. Listen intently to the voice of God within you and in Scripture and BECOME. Become not necessarily what you desire but what He wills for you.

And it will be good and you will be truly blessed.

In His arms,
PC

Congregational Life board is updating the information we have on our military people. Please send your service member's name and where they are currently serving our country to: dharborth@satx.rr.com or call Emily at 830-609-7912.

Thank you and God bless your family.



Our Congratulations

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To Jordan & Tara Krause on the birth of Harper Layne, born April 19th.

And grandparents Bruce & Tammy Key.

Our Sympathy

To the Campbell Family on the death of Tambryn Campbell.

To the Garcia Family on the death of Mike's father, Joe Garcia.

To Martha Joyce on the death of her brother, Douglas Dehnel.

To the friends of Martha Brown



Thank you

Dear St. Paul Family:

Thank you for the friendship, support, cards, and memorials concerning the loss of Mike's dad, Joe. Your love and support lifts us up!

The Garcia Family; Mike, Stacy, and Morgan

Our Family in Christ,

Thank you for lifting us up during this time of Tambryn's journey Home. We have felt the love and prayers so many of you have shared throughout the past month, and really over the past years. We are humbled by your generosity of food, time, money and love. We are so blessed to be apart of the congregation.

While we miss our Tambryn greatly, we are rejoicing that she is in God's Kingdom free from pain and all her earthly limitations. We know one day we will be reunited with her again, but until then we will continue to do God's work. I know she touched so many lives in her short life. It is through you that her light will continue to shine bright for our Lord.

God Bless You and Keep You.

In God's Love and ours too,

Brad, Jenny, & Braelyn



Flowers

May 1 - Suzan Casey

May 8 - Mezik & Jung Family

May 15 - Ray & Susan Menzel

May 22 - OPEN

May 29 - OPEN

Stacy Garcia, Bookkeeper/Controller

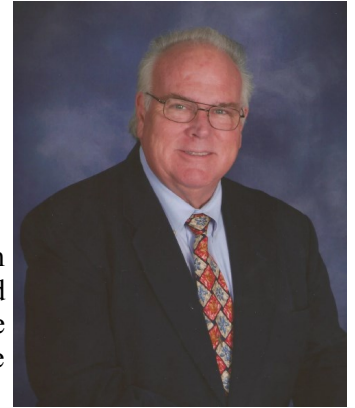
**ST PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH
Fiscal Year Beginning 1/1/2016
Budgeted Financial Statement for Period 03 March
SUMMARY**

Description	2015 Actual	2016 Budget		2016 Actual		2016 Budget		2016 Actual YTD		Over/(Under) Budget
				March	YTD	YTD				
Administrative and Office	\$ 37,986.67	\$ 39,444.00	\$ 3,071.13	\$ 10,039.75	\$ 9,570.93	\$ (468.82)				
Christian Education	\$ 10,310.97	\$ 12,720.00	\$ 208.49	\$ 2,393.33	\$ 803.33	\$ (1,590.00)				
Congregational Life	\$ 13,694.70	\$ 17,600.00	\$ 664.83	\$ 5,687.50	\$ 1,373.05	\$ (4,314.45)				
Evangelism	\$ 5,689.67	\$ 3,800.00	\$ 798.75	\$ 950.00	\$ 798.75	\$ (151.25)				
* Finance Committee	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 8,333.33	\$ 25,000.03	\$ 24,999.99	\$ (0.04)				
Personnel	\$ 431,689.90	\$ 504,338.00	\$ 43,361.09	\$ 143,831.56	\$ 124,227.27	\$ (19,604.29)				
** Preschool (expenses only - see income below)	\$ 481,931.58	\$ 501,913.17	\$ 47,776.23	\$ 125,445.67	\$ 129,829.81	\$ (4,384.14)				
Property	\$ 100,250.63	\$ 113,301.00	\$ 5,622.83	\$ 30,720.16	\$ 19,489.78	\$ (11,230.38)				
Public Relations	\$ 6,483.12	\$ 6,860.00	\$ 579.00	\$ 1,965.00	\$ 1,366.00	\$ (599.00)				
*** Stewardship	\$ 83,251.27	\$ 91,626.00	\$ 6,350.38	\$ 22,906.50	\$ 18,278.32	\$ (4,628.18)				
Worship	\$ 11,747.34	\$ 15,930.00	\$ 1,779.71	\$ 3,795.00	\$ 4,087.63	\$ 292.63				
Youth & Family	\$ 1,661.08	\$ 10,640.00	\$ 141.74	\$ 6,569.97	\$ 390.62	\$ (6,179.35)				
SPENDING TOTALS	\$ 1,284,696.93	\$ 1,418,172.17	\$ 118,687.51	\$ 379,304.47	\$ 335,215.48	\$ (44,088.99)				
General Offerings	\$ 915,017.17	\$ 228,754.29	\$ 68,756.01	\$ 198,730.73	\$ (30,023.56)					
Preschool Income	\$ 503,155.00	\$ 138,315.00	\$ 48,537.25	\$ 145,761.70	\$ 7,446.70					
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 1,418,172.17	\$ 367,069.29	\$ 117,293.26	\$ 344,492.43						
NET MINISTRY PROCEEDS			\$ (1,394.25)		\$ 9,276.95					

NOTES:

- * Finance Committee expenses are only a simulation of anticipated building-note payments post repair/renovation. These "simulated expenses" are shown as a re-categorization of undesignated funds to designated funds on the Statement of Position and Designated Fund Summary.
- ** The Preschool line item only reports expenses, not net proceeds for the ministry area. For net proceeds, subtract Preschool expenses from Preschool income.
- *** Stewardship expenses are benevolence based on a percentage of general offerings each month.

Fred Terry, Congregation President



Greetings my brothers and sisters in Christ!

Two Sundays in April, **Pastor Paul** ended his service with taking the attendees into the soon to be new Lobby Area and we all had the opportunity to write the name of an un-churched or non-believer and pray for these folks. The wall is to be sealed with sheet-rock and the names left for posterity. Another great outreach of St. Paul and thank you to all responsible in this effort.

I found myself amazed at the space that will soon be the New Lobby! Many thoughts have been running through my mind of what all will be happening in this area. A comfortable gathering space on Sunday mornings for fellowship just prior to going into the Sanctuary to worship our Lord and Savior, is just one. I hope that you are as excited as I am. It has been a long journey and we are now on our way to this transformation.

There is a lot of work going on all around the campus. Please stay out of the way of the working trades should you stop by during the week. Please stay out of the roped off areas when the trades have left the job site. We certainly do not want anyone to get hurt!

The first of April, I ran across an observation of **George Carlin's**, The 'Paradox of Our Time in History' that has so much comparison with where we are in the world. It is something to ponder. "...we have taller buildings but shorter tempers, wider freeways, but narrower viewpoints. We spend more, but have less, we buy more, but enjoy less. We have bigger houses and smaller families, more conveniences, but less time. We have more degrees but less sense, more knowledge, but less judgment; more experts, yet more problems; more medicine but less wellness. We drink too much, smoke too much, spend too recklessly; laugh too little, drive too fast, get too angry, stay up too late, get up too tired, read too little, watch television too much and pray too seldom. We multiplied our possessions but reduced our values. We talk too much, love too seldom, and hate too often. We learned how to make a living, but not a life. We added years to life but not life to years...." George's wife died in early 2008, he followed in July 2008 and it is ironic that this comedian of the 70's and 80's could write something so very eloquent, so very appropriate.

Your leadership will begin 'Momentum Training' through Financial Peace University now through the first week of July. **Phil Moore**, Director of the Board of Public Relations, tells us: "This is the first step in our goal to have 80% of the St. Paul Congregation complete the Financial Peace University program." If you would like to learn more of this program, send Phil an e-mail at: philmo@philmoco.com

In June (June 26, 2016), we will be called together for the St. Paul Lutheran Church Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting wherein we will have the opportunity to vote on several positions of the Congregation Council: Church Treasurer, Director of Preschool, Director of Youth and Family, Director of Worship, Director of Christian Education, and Director of Evangelism. I understand it is not too late to submit you name to run for one of these important offices. See **Greg Schlather** for more information at greg.schlather@gmail.com

For those officers of our Congregation Council, I personally want to say thank you for taking the time from regular life in the call of duty in serving the St. Paul Lutheran Church Council. And especially those who are stepping down from their duties, you have some big shoes to fill and I hope and pray that you will hang with the new leaders and help them through the transition period. We have a strong council and we all should thank God for providing us at St. Paul with their leadership.

"Let everything be done so that the Word may have free course instead of the prattling and rattling that has been the rule up to now. We can spare everything except the Word. Again, we profit by nothing as much as by the Word. For the whole Scripture shows that the Word should have free course among Christians." **Martin Luther**

y.b.i.C! **Fred**

Paul Owens, Senior Pastor

What's a witness? Part II

When he had arisen from the dead, our risen Lord, Jesus Christ looked at his astonished, fraidy-cat disciples and said: *"You are witnesses of these things."* ⁴⁹ *And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you.*" (Luke 24.48-49)

Jesus flat out tells you and me who we are. He does not tell us "Go be religious people," nor "Go fulfill yourself and your dreams." He says **"you are witnesses."** As Christians, we are witnesses. That's the bottom line. We are of course, a lot of other things: husband, wife, father, mother, child, neighbor, worker, but essentially even in each of these we are witnesses. As Gerhard Forde put it: "According to Christ's word, we are not essentially the kind of holy men or women who go off to caves or mountaintops to practice holiness codes or religious purification rites or methods of meditation or whatever dazzles or impresses the world in its religious quest... We are not called to witness to ourselves and our own religiosity. We are called to witness to Christ." (from The Preached God, ©Lutheran Quarterly Books, 2007)

Being a witness then is not a project you or I have to go out and do; it is not a level to which we ascend; it is not something you have to go to seminary first in order to become. It is much more down-to-earth. **As a witness, you are simply a humble, beloved sinner redeemed and sent by Christ right into your family and the neighborhood to tell and live every day what you have heard and seen from Jesus.** Show and tell... that's it; it's that simple. AND, for this simple business of witnessing, this down-to-earth calling, Jesus has sent the promise of his Father and the Holy Spirit upon **you** 😊.

So the monkey is off your back... because being a witness is not your project; it is truly the work of God's Holy Spirit on and through you. As Jesus puts it, *"The Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you."* (John 14.26)

Remember the name(s) of the beloved person(s) you recently wrote on the bare framework of what will eventually be our lobby? You are a witness to them. If they are going to repent and follow God, that's his business, not yours. Your business – for years and years, possibly – is to pray for the Lord to give them ears to hear and for him to give you the deeds and words he wants you to show and tell. People normally seek out God when they need help and maybe even in times of gratitude. Until Jesus is our Lord, any of us will always be hungry, thirsty, unsettled, and in dis-ease. When life overwhelms me and I come to the end of myself, that's when I need a **witness... a witness like you to show and tell me Jesus** rather than your own religiosity 😊. You are the right one for the job... Jesus says so. Next month: witness and spiritual warfare.

Imperfectly showing and telling of the Perfect One, with you,

Pastor Paul



@stpaulnb

Cave Quest VBS

June 13th-17th



Exciting biblical adventures await during Cave Quest Vacation Bible School scheduled for June 13-17, 2016. Children will enjoy games, music, snacks, crafts and so much more as they learn to “Follow Jesus: The Light of the World”. VBS is for children age three through recently completed fifth graders. Registration is open now and will run through May 22. We are looking for adults and youth to help make this event a success. Volunteer opportunities both large and small exist. We need zone leaders, group leaders, and help with various other responsibilities during VBS and proceeding VBS. Whether you can help the entire week, for a few hours, with decorating or on projects from home, please contact **Kimberly Wunderlich, Jenny Campbell, or Amy McHan** or email us at stpaulnb.vbs@gmail.com.

May Youth Calendar

- Sun. May 1 – **Camp Eagle and Youth Gathering meeting** for all campers, chaperones and parents immediately following the second service. Exact room to be determined. **Please attend this very important and informative meeting.**
- Wed. May 4 – 6:30pm – lesson for middle school and high school youth
- Wed. May 11 – 6:30pm – lesson for middle school and high school youth
This is the **FINAL Wed lesson for high school** until “Summer Fun” begins
- Sat. May 14 – **San Antonio Zoo** - This is for ALL 6th-12 grade students AND their families. We will depart from the church on Sat. morning around 8:15am to arrive at the zoo around 9:00am. Should depart the zoo around 2:30pm and arrive at church around 3:15pm. In order to receive the group discount we need to buy the tickets at one time, in advance. Youth & Family board are organizing the event and providing transportation for the 1st 30 attendees (that is all the vans will hold). All additional participants will need to provide their own transportation.
Please pay for your admission tickets in advance, by submitting your check to Alison or Pastor Chip by May 6th. Make the check payable to SPLC and in the memo notate zoo. Meals & snacks will be at your own. Adults(12& up) \$13.00, Child (3-11) \$10.25, Child (2 & under) free.
- Wed. May 18 – 6:30pm – **FINAL lesson** for middle school and CLIMB kids
- Fri. May 20 – End-of-School-Year Party for middle school youth from 6-9pm at Bloxsom residence - details to come
End-of-School-Year Party for high school youth from 6-9pm at Setser residence – details to come (Bloxsom Family and Setser Family live near each other to make transporting easy on parents).
- Sun. May 22 – Blessing our Graduates Sunday

Music Ministry - Jody Noblet Director of Music & Creative Arts



- Children:** Cherub Choir (3yrs.– 2nd Gr.) 10:10 a.m. Sunday - Jody Noblett
Alleluia Choir (3rd-6thGr.) 9:15 a.m. Sunday - Jody Noblett
- Youth:** Mimes practice as needed - Diana Clayburne
Puppets practice as needed - Azeneth Knudson
- Adults** Covenant Practice 6:00 p.m. Wednesday - Jody Noblett
Sanctuary Choir 7:00 p.m. Wednesday - Jody Noblett

Ministry Partners

- Quilters** - Meets every Tuesday 9:00 a.m. in Rm. 212 to sew quilts for Lutheran World Relief. Contact Betty Pankau
- Prayer Blankets** - Meet as needed to crochet prayer blankets for the sick. Contact Dorothy Nehring
- Sunshine Ministry** - Make gifts and take them to our shut-ins. Contact Jeannie Anderson
- Bereavement Ministry** - Meet as needed to provide receptions for funeral/memorial services. Contact Carol Schorn
- Eucharistic Ministry** - Gives communion to shut-ins monthly. Contact Carolyn Zunker
- Hospital Visitors Ministry** - Visits members in the hospital. Contact Ola Fischer
- Use Your Car Ministry** - Good Neighbors that drive others to church or hospital. Contact Benno Engel
- Prayer Ministry** - Contact Carolyn Zunker **Friday Morning**- Contact Roylene Haggard or Gloria Jung
- Kitchen Angels** - Provide meals as needed for those coming home from the hospital. Contact Emily Harborth
- Master Craftsmen** - All men of St. Paul - First Wednesday, 7:30 am. Contact Harold Voges

Fellowship Ministry



- Breaking Bread Groups** - meet monthly in people's homes. Contact Dotty Collins
- Bridge Friends** - meet the 1st & 3rd Thursdays at 1:00 p.m. Contact Karen Krieg
- Mah Jongg Friends** - meet the 2nd & 4th Tuesday at 1:30 Contact Shirley Stamets
- Out to Eat Friends** - meet on the 2nd Friday at 5:00 p.m. Contact Sue & Larry Schwab
- Domino Friends** - meet the 4th Saturday at 6:00 p.m. Contact Janice & Larry Phillips



A Welcoming Gospel

Featuring Rosaria Butterfield

August 11-12, 2016

Rosaria Butterfield was once a tenured professor of English who identified as a lesbian and worked to advance the cause of the LGBT equality. After her conversion to Christ in 1999, she came to see the sinfulness of having any identity apart from Him.

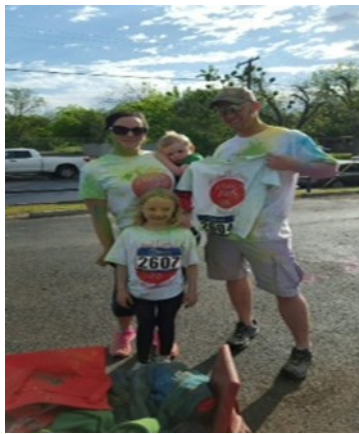
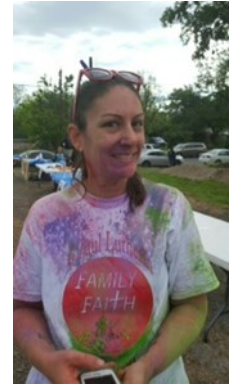


Rosaria Butterfield

Christ Presbyterian Church

The Report Card - Karisha Neely Director

1st Family Faith 5K Was Awesome!



Book Fair Fun With Grand Friends



Sunday Morning - 9:15 am.

Nursery - Butterfly Room

Age 3 - Monkeys Room

Kindergarten and Age 4 - Gecko Room

Grades 1 and 2 - Rm. 208

Grades 3 and 4 - Rm. 219

Grades 5 - Rm. 203

Grades 6, 7 and 8 - Rm. 223



The Study of 2 Kings & 2 Chronicles - Is led by Lanelle Rudolph in Rm 225/226.

The Screwtape Letters by C.S. Lewis with a study guide by Alan Vermilye - in Rm 201.

"That the World May Know - Israel's Mission" - Is led by Sharon Schroeder in Rm 204.

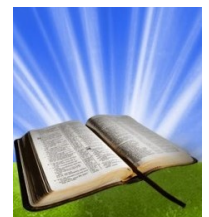
Partners In Faith - Is led by David & Liz Doss Rm 203.

The Sermon on the Mount - Is led by Brian Taylor & Chuck Knudson in Rm 210.

The Study of the Lectionary - Is led by Pastor Danny Koenig in the Sacristy

The Parents of Toddlers Class - Is led by Stu & Becky Toepfich in Room 220.

Book of James - Is led by Tex Brown in the Zebra Room



Weekly

Tuesday 6:30pm

TNTS - Video & discussion, in the Youth Room.

Wednesday 6:30pm

Nursery (Birth-4yrs) - **Butterfly Room**

CLIMB (Kinder. - 5th Grade) - Room 203

Confirmation - Room 225

High School - Youth Room

Beth Moore Bible Study - Room 201

Bible Study - Brian & Betty Taylor - Room 210



Monthly

SPICE Circle - *1st & 2nd Kings* 3rd Thurs., 6:00 p.m. at Lanelle Rudolph's home.

Breaking Bread Together



Most frequently heard comment at Breaking Bread Dinners? "I didn't know that about you!" Discovering the stories that make us unique is the best part (and maybe dessert too!).

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship... They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God ... and the Lord added to their numbers daily those who were being saved. Acts 2:42, 46d-47.



The early church of Acts had it right! Church is not simply a place you go on Sundays. It's who you are. Part of *being the church* means building relationships with each other through fellowship, prayer, study, and hospitality. **Therefore, you're invited to be the church at our Breaking Bread Dinners.**

Here's how it works: Starting again in June, host homes (we'll define the groups) will offer the main dish and guests (+ kids) will bring side dishes to break bread together. For approximately an hour and a half, we'll do two of our favorite things--eating and talking--to get better acquainted. We'll meet in June, July, August and September with the same group. In October we'll regroup and start again. We pray you'll take this opportunity to connect with your church family and build new, lasting relationships. Each group governs itself on meeting dates, host homes and menu. It's all about fellowship!

Get better acquainted with your fellow treasures in earthly vessels by contacting Dotty Collins at 830-629-5129, Dotty@postofficerealty.com, call the church office, or fill out the forms that will be in the bulletins the last two weeks of May.

Board Reports

Board of Christian Ed - Sue Schwab - 830-237-0749

The Christian Ed board met for an informal meeting, Monday, April 11 with all members present. The calendar was discussed with dates as follows: Summer Sunday school runs from June 5- September 4; VBS from June 13-17; Slumber Falls from July 25-27; Blessing of the Students & Teachers on August 21; Rally Day on August 28; Wednesday activities (CLIMB, confirmation, High school, and adult Bible study) begin on September 7; and Fall Sunday School begins on September 11.

Board of Congregational Life - Emily Harborth - 830-609-7912

Easter breakfast was very well received by all! We served approx. 250 people. Thank you all so much for helping- every year we have wonderful people that are not on our board help us. Thank you!

The following letter is from some very satisfied "customers"!

To Congregational Life Board Members-

Thanks to all of you for a wonderful Easter breakfast. The food was warm and so tasty, there were so many selections and everyone was served quickly and efficiently. None of that came without planning, preparation, lots of donated time and a concern to serve others rather than concentrating on your own celebration.

Thank you for it all. Please know how much your effort was appreciated and what a marvelous addition it was to an already blessed day.

Many, many thanks!

Kathy & Pat Quade

On March 30, quilts were delivered to TLU: 122 quilts in 23 boxes weighing 562 pounds.

Lutheran World Relief delivers quilts to 19 countries.

Thank you, Quilters, God bless your loving hands!

Board of Property - Danny Zunker - 830-221-7673

April 12, 2016 Board Report

- Supported the transition team & administration by moving offices & logistics for construction that is now in progress.
- Directional signage to help members find their way around the construction.
- Bulletin board installed in Narthex for congregational information
- Section of fence taken down behind Cross street property for day school to access playground while construction is

Board of Personnel- Chip Franck - 830-2140366

April 2016

- The Personnel Board is working on a number of issues related to the Compliance Review – to include policies regarding nondiscrimination, and expense reimbursement policies.
- A number of the Review issues will be included in updating the Employee Handbook. We're also working with the Preschool Board regarding employee policies primarily affecting the Preschool.
- Formulating our budget input, and the next performance review process will be taken up this summer.

APRIL 16, 2016

The Stewardship Board continues the process of providing the congregation with brief descriptions of our stewardship beneficiaries during worship services on the 4th Sunday of each month. GILEAD'S HOPE and SOLA PUBLISHING were the first two organizations to be presented in early April. On Sunday, April 24, Judy Henfy and John Magness will inform the congregation with an update on the work of the LCMC TEXAS MISSION TEAM.

In addition, members of the Stewardship Board have been working with Pastor Paul in promoting the ideas presented through MOMENTUM, a program offered through the LCMC encouraging tithing and stewardship. A film presentation describing MOMENTUM serves to inform SPLC members and encourage them to pray and examine their process of giving to St. Paul Lutheran Church.

The message to congregations in our synod includes the ongoing spiritual life of the congregation, outreach and encouragement for all members to provide prayerful and financial support to the church and for those in need through the stewardship program.

The following beneficiaries will be highlighted on the fourth Sunday of the next few months:

April: LCMC Texas Mission Team

May: Mission Mexico

June: SOS Food Bank

Members of the Board recommend that the entire congregation consider how they might use their time, talents and treasure to further the mission and outreach of SPLC. Contact any Stewardship Board Member to receive additional information about volunteering in a variety of organizations that benefit from your service and financial support!

Board of Worship – Rod Mueller - 830-606-4097

The Lord has risen.

I want to personally thank everyone for their Blessings and Contributions to making Easter an inspirational and uplifting celebration of our Lord's Death and Resurrection. Jesus has blessed us with so many dedicated and talented people.

The integration of Pastor Chip into regular worship services has gone well. Pastor Paul and Pastor Chip have formed a formidable team to help all of us arm ourselves against the work of the devil. We look forward to many more inspirational mornings.

Keep an ear out for the beginning of May when the quartet will return for their second performance. There is quite a bit of great music for us to participate in and listen to coming in the next few months.

He is Risen Indeed.

Memorial Committee Report

April 2016

Memorials during the month of March 2016 were given in memory of the following people:

Earl Achilles, Elaine Dornbusch, Roy and Teresa Duelm, Dennis Harborth, Otis Walter Mueller, Kay Niemeyer, Beverlyn Voges.

An honorarium was given to honor the 90th birthday of Harold Voges and the birthday of Doris Nell Voges.

This month, committee purchases centered on making worship full and accessible to all members and visitors. Our first contribution funded the Hearing Loop recently installed in the sanctuary. It not only amplifies sound but makes it clearer for those using hearing devices. Our second purchase was copies of Luther's Small Catechism that will continue to be available in each pew rack and may be taken and used by those who worship at St. Paul's.

Official Notice for Bylaws Change Proposal

At the June 26 Congregation meeting, we will be voting on minor changes to the direction given in the Bylaws to the Nominating Committee regarding procedures and timing. Council is recommending the proposed wording changes which are printed below. Contact Fred Terry or the church administrator with any questions.

Bylaws – suggested changes

C13.02.01 The Nominating Committee, consisting of at least five (5) voting members of the Congregation, shall be appointed by the Congregation Council ~~as early as possible at their first meeting after following~~ the June semiannual meeting. At least two (2) of the members, if possible, shall be outgoing members of the Congregation Council. The chair of the Nominating Committee shall be appointed at the ~~first meeting following the June semiannual same~~ meeting. Appointment shall be for a term of one (1) year with members eligible to serve not more than two (2) consecutive terms. A member may be eligible to serve again on this Committee after a one year period of separation from service to this Committee has occurred. The Pastor(s) shall serve as advisory member(s) with no vote.

C13.02.02 For each position listed below, the Nominating Committee shall, ~~if at all possible, nominate at least two candidates. Through~~ consultation with the Pastor(s), identify one or more candidates eligible and willing to serve and encourage their dedication to the mission and vision of the Congregation~~the Nominating Committee shall investigate the willingness to serve and eligibility of all candidates for:~~

- a. Congregation President
- b. Congregation Vice President
- c. Congregation Treasurer
- d. Each of the directors of administrative boards listed in C12.01.02 of the Bylaws.
- e. Delegates and alternates to Lutheran association conventions.
- f. Candidates for office or committees of Lutheran associations.

C13.02.03 ~~The selections of the Nominating Committee shall be made known to the Congregation at least six (6) weeks before the meeting at which the election is to take place. The Nominating Committee will advertise the upcoming elections and open positions.~~

C13.02.04 ~~Following the publication of the Nominating Committee's list, a~~Any voting member of the Congregation may submit to the committee ~~additional~~ names for inclusion on the list, and such names shall be placed in nomination by the committee along with ~~the other~~ candidates ~~already chosen~~, provided:

(a) That such names shall be submitted at least four (4) weeks before the date of the election meeting;

(b) That the Nominating Committee, through consultation with the Pastor(s) shall have investigated the status of the proposed candidates and found them eligible for office and willing to serve.

C13.02.05 The Nominating Committee, at least two (2) weeks before the date of the election meeting, shall publish on the church bulletin board the candidates for the positions listed in C13.02.02 of the Bylaws.

C13.02.06 Any Nominating Committee member who accepts a nomination for any of the positions in C13.02.02 of the Bylaws must resign as a member of the Nominating Committee.

Nominating Committee Report

The nominating committee is actively working to identify candidates for the following positions:

Treasurer and Finance Committee Chair
Council Member and Youth and Family Board Chair
Council Member and Preschool Board Chair
Council Member and Worship Board Chair
Council Member and Evangelism Board Chair
Council Member and Christian Education Board Chair
State LCMC Delegates and Alternate
National LCMC Delegates and Alternate

These roles are important not only in representing you, the congregation, but also in ensuring we continue to fulfill God's purpose and our Mission/Vision at St. Paul. These roles should not be looked at in the political sense but in terms of being trustees of God's church.

If you are interesting in serving in one of these roles, please reach out to a member of the nominating committee. The committee must present candidates to the congregation by May 15, 2016 for the June 26th Congregation Meeting. To help us meet that deadline, please let us know prior to May 7th of your intentions. Thank you in advance for your consideration to serve in these important roles.

Thanks,

Greg

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Members of Nominating Committee:

Greg Schlather, Susan Heidrich, Joe Wilson, Kathy Quade, John Hjort, Pastor Paul

Blessing our Graduates

St. Paul will be Blessing **all high school and college graduates** on **Sunday May 22** during the 10:30 service. The high school graduates are invited to set up a "Memory Table" in the court yard before 9am. If inclement weather, tables may be set up inside the church offices/Chapel. These tables are a wonderful way for students to share with the congregation the many blessings they have received. Contact Tammy Seiter to reserve a space for your "Memory Table". There will be a cake & reception during the Sunday School hour for the congregation to congratulate each graduate.

All high school seniors should plan to wear their graduation gown for the 10:30 service and arrive by 9:00 a.m. to participate in the reception. We would like to have all high school and college graduates listed in the church bulletin.

Please contact **Tammy Seiter at 830-481-3079 or tammys40@sbcglobal.net**, by **May 11** with the following information that applies:

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES:

Student Name
Name of High School graduating from
Future Plans - College Name & major area of study
Military Service – specify branch
Employment opportunities

COLLEGE GRADUATES:

Student Name
Name of University
Degree received
Future Plans - Pursue Post Baccalaureate Degree
Employment Opportunities
Military Service – specify branch
Marriage

CATERED LUNCHEON

St. Paul requests the presence of all of our high school graduates and their parents at a luncheon and presentation. This memorable event will be held in Room 225/226 on Sunday, May 22 following the 10:30 a.m. service. The Luncheon is in honor of our graduates and hosted by the board of Youth and Family Ministries. Each graduate will receive the final lesson in the "Graduate Blessing Stepping Stone" program and a special gift. Please reserve your space today!

May 2016 Service Calendar

		Sun., May 1	Sun., May 8	Sun., May 15	Sun., May 22	Sun., May 29
Altar Guild Vicki Hollmig		Vicki Hollmig				
Lay Minister Fred Terry		Rod Mueller	Lanelle Rudolph	Paul Finley	Chris Markulin	Patrick Quade
Scripture Readers Margaret Warneke	8:00	Susan Montgomery	Craig Hollmig	Patti MacDonald	Harold Voges	John Magness
	10:30	Sue Schwab	Dotty Collins	Steve Chapman	Chip Franck	Eric Schmidt
Ushers Ed Berich	8:00	Team 12 Ed Berich	Team 12 Ed Berich	Team 14 Reno Engel	Team 14 Reno Engel	Team 1 Harvey Borgfeld
	10:30	Team 11 Ralph Behrend	Team 11 Ralph Behrend	Team 13 Bob Warnecke	Team 13 Bob Warnecke	Team 2 Benno Engel
Acolytes Greg Schlather	8:00	Colton Rauch & Hud Baese	Colton Rauch			Morgan Garcia
	10:30	Jack Bloxsom	Keene Kreusler & Hannah Lear	Jack Bloxsom & Hannah Lear	Colton Rauch & Cathryn Bielke	Colton Rauch
Audio Tech Greg Schlather	8:00	Paul Luckemeyer	David Wagner	Mark Sohn	Joe Clayburne	Joe Clayburne
Visual Tech Greg Schlather	8:00	Greg Schlather	Rod Mueller	Greg Schlather	Joe Clayburne	Rod Mueller
	10:30	Rodger Johnson	Rod Mueller	Rodger Johnson	Joe Clayburne	Rod Mueller
Communion Preparers Jenna Kieke	8:00	Sandra Pfluger & Roxy Duelm				
	10:30			Caroll & Hellen Hoffmann		
Communion Servers Jenna Kieke	8:00	Leslie Wellbrock & Nancy Becker				
	10:30	Sandi Owens & Jenna Kieke		Korvan & Jill Kreusler		
Greeters Liz Doss	8:00	Larry & Sue Schwab	Chuck & Azeneth Knudson	Bob & Cheryl Warnecke	Harvey & Erna Haas	Pete & Susan Montgomery
	10:30	Patti MacDonald & John Magness	Ryan & Laura Clarke	Jason & Rhonda Giesen	Jeannie Anderson & Tootsie Tiedt	Bryan & Betty Taylor
Friendly Visitors Ann Stollewerk		Craig & Vicki Hollmig		Mark & Mindi Wing		Dwayne & Cheryl Koepf
Pew Pals Tracy Granado		The Granado's & Kelly King	Carolyn Zunker & Kim Moore	Willa Faulkner Team	Dina Dornburg	Dale & Julie Goos
Hospital Visitors Ola Fischer		Malcolm & Ola Fischer	Dotty Collins & Kathy Lamon	Nancy Becker & Pat Quade	Paul & Peggy Toussaint	Malcolm & Ola Fischer
Welcome Team Bryan Baese	8:00		The Quades		Kristee Wirebaugh	
	10:30		David Doss		Lance Bielke	

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*****Sundays*****
8:00am Traditional Service 9:30am Covenant Choir
9:15am Sunday School 10:00am Cherub Choir
 Alleluia Choir 10:30am Informal Service

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:00am Raising a Healthy Baby 11:30am Youth Council 4:00pm Run for God	2 1:30pm Staff Meeting 6:30pm Youth & Family Bd	3 9:00am Quilters 9:00am Memorial Comm 6:00pm Christian Ed 6:30pm TNTS 7:00pm Financial Peace	4 7:30am Mastercraftsmen	5 6:00pm Congregational Life 7:00pm Financial Peace	6 7:00am Prayer Group	7
8 9:00am Raising a Healthy Baby 4:00pm Run for God	9 1:30pm Staff Meeting 5:00pm Endowment Foundation 5:00pm Personnel Bd 6:30pm Public Relations Bd	10 9:00am Quilters 4:00pm Executive Meeting 6:30pm Property Bd 6:30pm TNTS 7:00pm Financial Peace	11 2:00pm Construction Prog. 3:00pm Kirkwood Devotions 5:30pm Building Comm 6:30pm Confirmation (6,7&8 grades)	12 10:00am Grandma's Christmas Stocking Guild 5:30pm Worship Bd 7:00pm Financial Peace	13 7:00am Prayer Group 5:00pm Eat Out Friends	14
15 9:00am Raising a Healthy Baby 4:00pm Run for God	16 1:30pm Staff Meeting 7:00pm Council Meeting	17 9:00am Quilters 4:00 Executive Comm. 6:30pm TNTS 7:00pm Evangelism Bd 7:00pm Financial Peace	18 3:00pm Eden Home Devotions	19 10:00am Crocheters 6:00pm SPICE 7:00pm Financial Peace	20 7:00am Prayer Group	21
22 10:30am Blessing our Graduates 4:00pm Run for God	23 1:30pm Staff Meeting 6:30pm Public Relations Bd	24 9:00am Quilters 6:00pm Preschool Bd 6:30pm TNTS 7:00pm Stewardship Bd 7:00pm Financial Peace	25 2:00pm Construction Prog. 5:30pm Building Comm	26 4:30pm St Martin Comm 7:00pm Financial Peace	27 7:00am Prayer Group	28 6:00pm Domino Friends
29 4:00pm Run for God	30 1:30pm Staff Meeting	31 9:00am Quilters 6:30pm TNTS 7:00pm Financial Peace	<p>*****Wednesday Nights***** 6:00pm Covenant Band 6:30pm Confirmation (6,7&8 grades) Climb Adult Bible Study 7:00pm Sanctuary Choir</p>			

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- * Increase weekly worship * Maintain trust & confidence in leadership * Raise up the next generation of leaders



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