



# The Epistle

February 2016

Chip Reynolds,  
Pastor

Before all else....THANK YOU. My family and I have been blessed by all your kind words and the welcoming nature of the Church. We are so glad to be here and we truly look forward to working with you in ministry.

With that said let's talk.

There is a model for discipleship called the REVEAL model that was developed by Greg Hawkins and Cally Parkinson and was used by Willow Creek Church in a time when one of the world's largest churches was looking for an identity that was more than just about size. They were very concerned about their calling to Discipleship...which is good because it is the calling of the church:



## **Matthew 28:16-20 (The Great Commission)**

*<sup>16</sup> Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. <sup>17</sup> When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. <sup>18</sup> Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup> Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."*

I won't explain the whole model (yet) but I want to start at the very beginning. (If a song comes to mind then Kudos to you.) The first step in the model is Exploring Christianity. This is the first step in Spiritual growth. These folks are called Seekers. They are exploring their faith. They want to know more about Christianity and they are sitting in the pew right next to you (or maybe even right where you are sitting.) They are testing everything to see if this faith stuff is really for them.

So what does that mean for us as a congregation? That means that we are to be the Body of Christ. There are some simple things to do for the good of these who are searching and for the Church in general.

1. Reach out and say welcome. It is easy to do with the new guy getting all the publicity but what about that family that is sitting just across the row from you.
2. Look for ways to be connected at SPLC in ways other than Sunday morning worship. There are plenty of opportunities for study, fellowship, and ministry. Join one.
3. Meet people where they are. No one is perfect and neither are you so be ready to accept people with their flaws. They need Jesus and you may be the only opportunity for them to meet him today.

We have work to do to fulfill the Great Commission. It happens in baby steps. So let's go for a short walk together.

*Paul Owens, Senior Pastor***Prayer and the Wonderfully Relentless Knocker**

On every airline flight, the flight attendant gives a brief sermon, if you will. While reviewing the aircraft's safety features, the attendant instructs you that "*In the event of a sudden loss of cabin pressure an oxygen mask will fall from the compartment above you. If you are traveling with small children or others needing assistance, **put your own mask on first and then assist others***" This is one of the best - and shortest - sermons on prayer ever!

From time immemorial prayer has been spoken of as the breath of the soul. And the figure is an excellent one indeed. That Texas icon, John Wayne, when his daughter Marissa was a newborn, said that prayer and the Psalms were the first things he would teach her (take a look <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xNgJiXVw2Vc>). The U.S. president who served longer in office than any other in our history, and who led our country out of the Great Depression and through WW II, was a Christian pray-er. FDR kept by his bedside two copies of the classic book simply entitled Prayer, by that Christian from Norway, O. Hallesby. Hallesby says this about prayer:

*The air which your **body** requires envelops us on every hand. The air of itself seeks to enter your body and, for this reason, exerts pressure upon you. It is well known that it is more difficult to hold one's breath than it is to breathe. We need but exercise our organs of respiration, and air will enter forthwith into our lungs and perform its life-giving function to the entire body.*

*The air which your **soul** needs also envelopes you at all times and on all sides. God is round about us in Christ on every hand, with his many-sided and all-sufficient grace. All we need to do is open our hearts. Prayer, Hallesby says, is to let Jesus come into our hearts.* (O. Hallesby, Prayer p.13 Augsburg Fortress, Minneapolis, 1994)

But I can't do that on my own. I am a sinner whose instinct is to hold his breath and bar the door with my pride. Our difficulties and excuses come running and pile up to our defense and downfall: "I am too busy to pray" we say. Or, "rote prayers are meaningless." Or, "Praying feels too much like effort, I don't know how to do it." So, Christ must pressure you and me, must drive us to pray.

The Lord says to you: "Behold, I stand at the door and knock: if you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to you, and eat with you and you with me." Revelation 3:20

Knock, knock. Who's there? Jesus. Jesus who? Jesus... for you☺.

Our Spring (Lent) sermon series on prayer will resolve all the tricks Satan tries to pull to keep you from breathing and it will have Jesus sweetly knocking on your soul's door (see schedule on the next page).

On my knees with and for you,

Pastor Paul

## Prayer

Prayer is the simplest and yet most difficult thing for a Christian. It is simply conversation with our proper Father, our heavenly Father. Sometimes we dive into that conversation... sometimes we run from it.\* Our Spring (Lent) sermon series will help you simply engage in this crucial conversation rather than avoid it☺.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Bible readings</u>
Wed., Feb. 10 Ash Wed	Repentance: The Beginning of Prayer	Psalm 51 Matt 6.1,5-6
Sun., Feb. 14	What is Prayer?	Gen 15.1-6; Hebrews 11.1-3,8-12; Rev 3.19-22
Wed., Feb. 17	Difficulties in Prayer	Matt 7.7-11; Philippians 4.6-7
Sun., Feb. 21	Prayer As Work	Matt 9.35-38; 1 Thessalonians 5.12-24
Wed., Feb. 24	Wrestling in Prayer	Genesis 32.22-32; Mark 14.32-39
Sun., Feb. 28	The Misuse of Prayer	Psalm 4.1-8; James 4.1-3; Matt 6.10
Wed., March 2	The Meaning of Prayer: Glorifying God	John 14.1-14; Phil 4.4-9
Sun., March 6	Forms of Prayer	I Samuel 1.1-3,9-15; Psalm 62.1-8; Matt 6.9-13
Wed., March 9	Problems of Prayer	Matt. 5.43-48 ; 1 John 5.13-15
Sun., March 13	The School of Prayer	Jonah 1.15-2.10; Romans 8.26-27; Luke 11.1
Wed., March 16	The Spirit of Prayer	II Chronicles 7.14-15; Zechariah 12.10-13.1
Sun., March 20 Palm Sunday		
Thurs., March 24, Maundy Thursday		
Fri., March 25 Good Friday		
Sun., March 27, Easter Your New Clothes	Is 53.1-5,65.17-19; I Corinth. 15.19-26; Luke 24.1-12	

\*To learn more and go deeper, read Prayer by O. Hallesby, available here <http://www.amazon.com/Prayer-Ole-Hallesby/dp/080662700X>

## Ash Wednesday Worship Schedule



**12:00 p.m. St. Martin Service**

**6:00 p.m. Pancake Supper**

**6:45 p.m. Imposition of Ashes**

**7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service**



# THE MASTER GARDENER

*"I am the true grapevine and my Father is the gardener." (NLT) (John 15:1)*

Have you ever noticed a tree that is pruned every year? Before the pruning the leaves and branches are everywhere. It's not pleasing to the eye. And yet just a few months later – after the pruning – the tree is more beautiful than ever. What a job God has done pruning us here at St. Paul!

Our pruning started in 2009 with our shift to the LCMC and has yielded some wonderful fruit: Pastor Paul, Pastor Chip, Jody, Anne, and so many other staff members and lay leaders. And somewhere along the line, the Holy Spirit showed up again for still more pruning – a physical one this time - in the form of a renovation and expansion project for our facility.

Like an overgrown and unruly tree, our facility really needed some work. Issues with the roof, foundation, and plumbing can be delayed only so long and it was to the point where we needed to do something. That's the pruning part and why a big chunk of the budget is going toward fixing things that just can't wait any longer.

So we've worked together in different ways to make sure we handled it right. We've formed committees to evaluate the facility, to figure out how to pay for the project, to choose an architect and general contractor, and finally, a committee to oversee the project itself. And here we are...the Phase 1A Renovation and Expansion Project! Can you see His garden growing?

Like any good pruning, we'll go through some short-term discomfort. But later this year we'll come out on the other end with a facility that's stronger, safer, more functional, and more welcoming. It will prove to be a better tool in our ministry for years to come here at St. Paul.

Personally, do you find that God is pruning you? Whatever your struggle is, it will get better through Him. Let's keep our eyes, hearts, and minds on Jesus. Trust in Him. And pray for Heimsath Architects and T&F Construction, that God's hand will be there to guide them through the completion of this very important project.

Thank you, Lord, for being our gardener. Let us go and make disciples. Amen.

## THE BUILDING COMMISSION



Pastor Paul and Pastor Chip lookin' good in pink!

**Reminder:  
the chapel is a  
"Hard Hat Area"**





Day 1!

## Renovation began January 4, 2016



Look what was found  
under the chapel!



Week two Project Meeting: architects, contractors, SPLC reps (also shown is the electrician). Project Meetings take place every 2nd and 4th Wednesday.

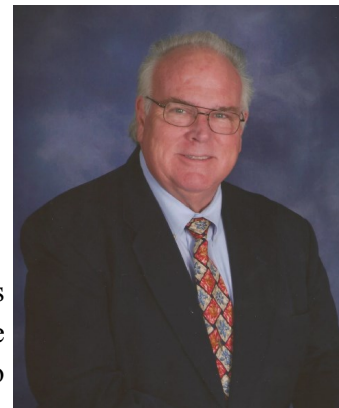


The new playground is started week three.



The chapel bathrooms are framed,  
and bringing the steps up to code  
during week three.

*Fred Terry, Congregation President*



Greetings, my brothers and sisters in Christ!

As we all can see, the St. Paul Lutheran Church Master Plan Phase One Construction has begun. There are many new folks doing their work with respect to this construction. Please Stay Out Of Their Way! Tell your Sunday School Class Mates and your other friends to do the same. These contractors and construction workers know what they are doing and you do not.....

It is with my sincere appreciation to the Building Commission, the Congregation Council, the Executive Committee, and the different Board and Committee Memberships all working together, that we are moving forward in the largest and most expensive task brought to the St. Paul Campus in decades. Thank you all!!!

I want to extend a special thank you to the entire Building Commission for all the work that they do each and every week in reference to the construction. It has taken them all to make this project move as smoothly as it has. There will be a table in the Fellowship Hall each Sunday between services that will be manned with members of the Building Commission to answer all your questions. Please bring your questions to this table and get the correct and reliable answers rather than the rumors that sometime are passed around.

Now that Pastor Chip Reynolds has been installed and has preached his first sermon, what do you think? I think that the Call Committee, Congregation Council, and the voting membership of St. Paul has brought us a great match to our ministry. As time goes on, Pastor Chip and his entire family will be moving permanently to the New Braunfels area. Please offer any help that you can to make that move as effortless as possible. Thank you, Reynolds Family for joining us.

A few months ago, this congregation received one of the largest New Disciple Classes as members of St. Paul in decades. Just getting underway is yet another large Class to complete March 6 and installation on March 13, 2016. If you or anyone you know is interested in joining St. Paul, there will be another class gathering in the fall. See Paul Henfey, Director of the Board of Evangelism or Pastor Paul to get all the details. ***Jesus saw them following and asked, "What do you want?" They said, "Teacher, were are you staying?" "Come," he replied, "and you will see."*** John 1:38-39

Soon, you will be hearing from Greg Schlather and the Nominating Committee with an announcement of the Council Positions that will be open and the election during the Annual Congregation Meeting in June. If you are interested in filling an open spot on the Council or want to run against an incumbent, give Greg a call or e-mail.

You may have read the several articles posted in the Epistle from the Board of Stewardship in regards to the beneficiaries of our benevolence. Thank you to Pat Quade and his membership for educating us with what actually happens to the funds we as a congregation offer to these many organizations. Soon you will be hearing more from Stewardship and training opportunities. Stay Tuned.

Here are some important dates as Christians/Lutherans we should be aware of: Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup> Presentation of our Lord; Feb. 7<sup>th</sup> Transfiguration of our Lord; Feb. 10<sup>th</sup> Ash Wednesday; Lent each Wednesday following till March 16<sup>th</sup>; Feb 18<sup>th</sup> Commemoration of Martin Luther

**Lord God, give me more grace so that I may increasingly extend it to others. Amen**

Your Brother in Christ! *Fred*



*Texas District*

# Mission Moment

by Pastor Bryce Formwalt  
Director of Mission Growth



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## *Why Plant Churches? The Biblical Mandate*

A friend and colleague recently asked this question: "Why should we be concerned with planting churches?" That's a great question. What's the big deal? Don't we have enough churches already? Don't we just need more effective congregations? For the next couple of months, I'd like to take a closer look at these important questions. To start off, we will examine our biblical mandate to plant churches. Now you might be thinking: "I don't remember Jesus saying 'go and plant churches.'" And you're right: Jesus didn't exactly use those words! But he did say in Matthew 28: "Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing, ... and teaching them...."

It is absolutely true that making disciples does not require a new church. In fact established congregations should hold this mission as primary for their community of faith and strive towards it always. But it is a proven fact that even in areas where there are many healthy, established congregations, new church plants are far more effective at discipling the unchurched. Why? Because for a new church plant, evangelism and discipleship is the only focus.

In addition to more effectively fulfilling the Great Commission, church planting is the natural progression of the church we read about in the New Testament. As believers went from place to place sharing the Gospel and doing ministry, they gathered new believers into communities of faith. The local congregation is the community of faith in which baptizing and teaching takes place. New disciples gather around word and sacrament to help one another mature and continue to engage in mission. And as new believers mature, they are trained up and sent out to plant a new church by gathering together a new group of people to begin following Jesus, too.

Unfortunately for many denominations, the work of church planting largely was disconnected from the local church and handed over to the denomination. But the motto of Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ is "A First Century Church for the 21st Century," meaning that we are seeking to return to a biblical model of how to be the church. As we return to this first century New Testament model of ministry, we realize that church planting is a hallmark of a healthy and faithful congregation. It is my hope and prayer that the LCMC Texas District congregations will answer the call to train up disciples and send out missionaries to plant new churches!

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## HOSPITALIZATION NOTICES

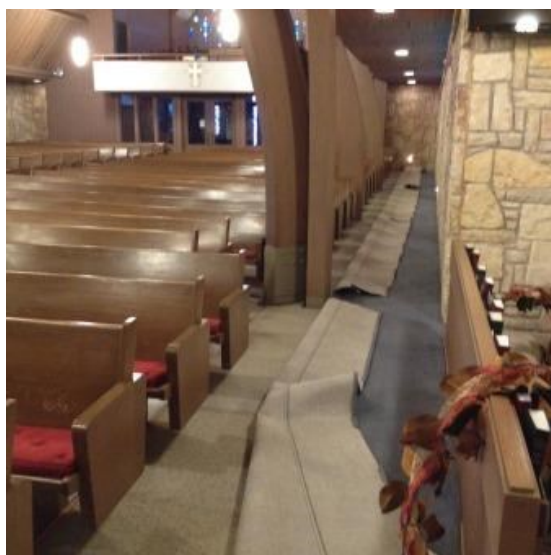
This is just a reminder to all members to notify the church office when you or a loved one is in the hospital. This is especially important if in Resolute New Braunfels. We have a team of hospital visitors who would love to pay you a visit, as well as include you in our prayers. They will also offer Holy Communion to the patient (and family), as requested. Thank you for your cooperation.



## *From the Perspective of the Church Administrator's Office*

### *Lanelle Rudolph, Church Administrator*

We've had a lot happening during January 2016—the start of Pastor Chip's ministry with us and the start of renovation/construction of the building project on January 4, the installation of the hearing loop January 5-7, and the purchase of a 2015 van to replace our older van on January 7. Each week in January volunteers cleared closets, sorted items, and prepared for a "garage sale" January 24 & 30. The momentum set in January likely will prevail and even accelerate in the coming months.



Carpet pulled back for installation of the hearing loop.



Items ready for garage sale.



## **Staff Service Milestone Recognition**

Each day is a new adventure for **Jason Crofford** who on Feb 9 reaches his fifth anniversary as Maintenance Technician for St. Paul. After eight years as a maintenance supervisor at Stewart and Stevenson in Houston, Jason switched gears to embrace the challenges of our aging facilities. He says his greatest joy during these five years was the removal in 2013 of the 1962-era boiler and cooling tower HVAC system.

Jason considers the entire facility "God's house" which he respects and is privileged to maintain as though it were his own building. He says an intangible benefit of his job is being in a facility with the many smiling preschoolers who affectionately call him "Mr. Jason."

Jason and his wife Shelly enjoy life relaxing with their four dogs at home on their Canyon Lake property.

## *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. in Rm. 118. Contact Karen Krieg

**Mah Jongg Friends** - meet the 2nd & 4th Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. in Rm. 118. 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



2015 Men's Christmas Gathering at the Gristmill. We had a great time and plan to do it again.



Thanks to Glenn Ostberg for the many hours you spent finding and helping purchase the van.

## *The Report Card - Karisha Neely Director*

We begin loving with all our heart and soul in Preschool, what a wonderful world this would be if we could hold onto that unconditional LOVE.

### **This Month's Featured Teacher:**

Hello, my name is Malari Castilleja. I began working with St. Paul Preschool in September. I am engaged to my fiancé David. I have a 3 year old daughter named Azarayah, who attends St. Paul, and an 8 month old son named Luke. I also have 2 stepsons named Elijah and Isaiah. I have been working in childcare for 11 years. I love working with children and watching them grow and accomplish new things. I am very excited to be working at SPLP and I look forward to getting to know everyone.



We are sooooo excited about our upcoming event!

**Family Faith 5K April 9, 2016**

**Register online at**

**[www.athleteguild.com](http://www.athleteguild.com)**

**search St. Paul**

## **90TH ANNIVERSARY DIRECTORY**

We are creating a new, much needed, St. Paul Lutheran Church Pictorial Directory. Our goal is to photograph more than 300 families for our directory. If we **MISSED YOU** during our last session please sign up today! The dates for picture taking are February 23-27. Sign-up sheets will be in the Lobby between services on Sundays. You may also call the office during the week at 830-625-9191.



## Congregation at Study

### Sunday Morning - 9:15 am.

Nursery - Butterfly Room

Age 3 - Monkeys Room

Kindergarten and Age 4 - Zebra Room

Grades 1 and 2 - Rm. 208

Grades 3 and 4 - Rm. 219

Grades 5 - Rm. 203

Grades 6, 7 and 8 - Rm. 223

High School - Rm. 205



The Study of 2 Samuel & 1 Chronicles - Is led by Lanelle Rudolph in Rm 119.

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 Library.

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

Book of Ephesians - Is led by Bryan Baese in Room 118.

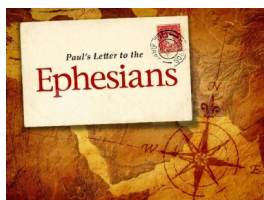


### Weekly

TNT'S - Video & discussion, Tuesdays 6:30 in the Youth Room.

### Monthly

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



The Men's Adult Sunday School class has just started a new study of the Book of Ephesians. All men of SPLC are welcome to join us for the next 6 weeks in Room 118.



February 7  
February 14  
February 21  
February 28

### Flowers

Richard Albon & Lanelle Rudolph  
Raymond & Mary Gass  
Wayne & Cynthia Graybill  
Will & Karin Krieg



### Our Sympathy

To Bonnie Scheel on the death of her son, Ronald Scheel.

To Gilbert Orsak on the death of his step-father, Philip Quintero.

To Adeline Wohlfahrt on the death of her brother, Ferdinand Muehl.

### Thank You

Thank you for the love and support we received from everyone at St. Paul. Mom loved the church and her friends here.

Sincerely, The family of Jane Pyle.

St. Paul Funeral Ministry Team, thank you very much for the wonderful lunch you provided for our family & friends. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely, Connie Schievelbein,  
Nathan Vetter, Milton Vetter Jr

## *Board Reports*

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

Being no quorum in January, the board discussed the following:

- Sue Schwab will give the February devotion and prayer
- Pastor Chip Reynolds was introduced. He will teach Confirmation on Wed. and High School on Sundays.
- Wed. nights between Jan. and Lent will have a meal at 6:00, followed by classes at 6:30(no Praise & Prayer). CLIMB will begin Jan. 13. All will end by 8:00.
- Wed. nights during Lent will begin with a meal, Small Groups of High School and Confirmation will meet from 6:30-7:00, and Service at 7:00.
- Nursery- there will be no nursery on Wed. nights until after Easter. The Sunday morning nursery will be manned mostly by volunteers, since the Preschool teachers do not wish to work beyond their Preschool hours. Annie will continue to work her one Sunday per month.
- Our board will furnish fruit and Jello salads for Pastor Chip's Welcome.
- Our next meeting will be Monday, Feb. 8th at 6:00.

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

January 7, 2016

- Minutes of the December 3, 2015 meeting were accepted as presented
- Pastor Chip Reynolds; introduction & welcome lunch discussed.
- Lenten Suppers: Feb. 10, the Youth and Family board will have a pancake supper. Feb. 17, we will welcome the Winter Texans with a mini Wurstfest with sausage, german potato salad and sauerkraut. We will ask other boards to help with the other dates.
- Inactive member list: Carol, Kay, John, Roylene, and Emily will meet at a date to be set later to start calling.
- New members: B. J. Haggeman has asked about our board. Emily will talk to him and explain what we do.
- Membership Report: We had 2 baptized, 34 new members, and 2 deceased.
- The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer in unison.

### *Board of Evangelism – Paul Henfey - 210-383-6101*

January 19, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

- Opened with a devotional and prayer.
- No meeting was held in November and December due to scheduling conflicts.
- Discussed the following old business:
  1. New Disciples Luncheon held on 12/06/15.
  2. Salvation Army Angel Tree and Bell Ringing Ministries outreach events from 12/2015.
  3. Recognition of the Friendly Visitor's Ministry.
- Discussed the following new business:
  1. Pastor Mark Vander Tuig's conference to be held on 1/22/16 (Council) and 1/23/16 (Council & Congregation) to train the congregation on effective witnessing and our support of this event.
  2. Welcome to the Neighborhood (to be scheduled with announcements) on 2/28/16.
  3. Potential church members to supplement Dr. Oestreich's retirement from teaching the New Members class (Lutheran church history).
  4. BOE Annual Church and BOE budgets.
  5. Stewardship Beneficiaries handout aligned with BOE.
  6. The next New Member Luncheon to be held on 3/13/16.
  7. Recruitment of new BOE members and the importance of prayer in this process.
- Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 2/16/16 at 7:00 p.m. in the library
- Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

### *Board of Personnel- Chip Franck - 830-2140366*

January 2016

The Personnel Board is focusing on updating the Employee Handbook. Also revision of job descriptions to reflect Pastor Reynolds' joining us.

*Board of Preschool - Liz Hjort - 210-275-9905*

Greetings, friends!

The Preschool Board and staff are busy preparing for our first annual Family Faith 5k which will be held on Saturday, April 9th. This is a family-friendly color type run/walk that will start and end at our lovely church home. Grab your tennis shoes, brothers, sisters, parents, children, and friends and come out to worship our great Lord together in a fun way! You can register for the run at [www.athleteguild.com](http://www.athleteguild.com) (just search "St. Paul" and you'll find us!).

The 5k is an amazing opportunity to promote community fellowship and worship and to showcase some of the great things that are happening at St. Paul Lutheran Church and Preschool. You do NOT need to be a "runner" to enjoy this event - This truly is a worship experience for the whole family you won't want to miss!

Also, we are currently seeking sponsors to help fund the run and volunteers to help the morning of April 9th. If you or your business are interested in supporting the Family Faith 5k please email or call Karisha or Liz ([Karisha: Karisha@nbstpaul.org](mailto:Karisha.Karisha@nbstpaul.org) / (830) 625-2044 or Liz: [Lizcici@yahoo.com](mailto:Lizcici@yahoo.com) / 972-467-9430).

A special shout out to Ms. Heather whom is our run coordinator and continues to work hard to make this event a success – Thank you, Ms. Heather!!!!

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

January 12, 2016 Board Report

- 2015 Ford van purchased and the 2002 Ford van was traded in. Thanks to Glenn Ostberg for the many hours you spent to finding and helping purchase of the van.
- Hearing Loop was installed. Any input would be appreciated by users.
- Plumbing leak by the Day school entrance was repaired.
- Thanks to Kriewalt Tree Trimming Service for donating manpower and equipment to trim all the trees around the church property.
- Thanks to Eugene Zunker for repaired fencing behind the garage/storage shed.
- Thanks to the Transition team and volunteers for working hard cleaning out closets and organizing for the garage sale.

*Board of Stewardship - Patrick Quade- 830-387-4876*

JANUARY 19, 2016

The Stewardship Board is planning to share with the congregation over a period of the next 13 months (only about 3 minutes on one Sunday per month) how the stewardship beneficiaries have used the benevolence funds provided by our congregation for their organizations during 2015. There have been numerous inspirational reports of how the various groups provide assistance to those in need. It is impressive that St. Paul Lutheran Church believes that a tithe of all the offerings from the congregation over the year are then distributed to these 13 groups who in turn, fulfill critical needs within their own programs. From the Lutheran World Relief program operating in Central America, to the support of our brother, Caleb Bahr, who is now serving a church in El Paso, Texas, as a recipient of a scholarship through the Institute of Lutheran Theology, your regular contributions during the year provide significant services and provisions for individuals all over the world. Thank you for all you do to help God's children in Cambodia, Mexico, and all over Texas including New Braunfels! God not only loves a cheerful giver, but He provides countless blessings for all those in our congregation who provide for others who are less fortunate than we. The Stewardship Board will also focus on identifying new volunteer service opportunities for members of SPLC who wish to provide human support to the various organizations in our community that rely on volunteers.

*Board of Public Relations - Phil Moore - 830-832-6067**Board of Worship – Rod Mueller - 830-606-4097**Board of Youth and Family – Joe Wilson - 830-387-9469****Our Mission***

“make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.”

Matthew 28.19-20



### *Ash Wednesday Pancake Supper*

Wednesday, February 10

5:30-6:30 p.m.

Hosted by Youth and Family Board

Imposition of Ashes at 6:45 p.m.

Ash Wednesday Service at 7:00 p.m.

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### *Winter Texan Recognition*

Wednesday, February 17

6:00-6:30 p.m.

Hosted by Congregational Life Board



The Nursery is available on Sunday mornings from 7:45 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. for children under 5 years old. Children 3 years and older are encouraged to attend Sunday school during the Sunday School hour.

### *Memorial Committee- Kathy Quade*

During the month of December, the Memorial Committee added two new members to its ranks. We welcome Jackie McEathron who joined St. Paul's in 2014 and Harvey Haas who has a long history at the church.

We look forward to their participation and involvement!

The committee has also voted to cover the remaining costs of the hearing loop installed at St. Paul's after Christmas. A story on this innovative invention for improving hearing appeared in the Herald-Zeitung on Saturday, January 16th. More than simply amplifying sound, the loop provides a clear and distinct signal for all who wear hearing aids.

Those receiving memorials or honorariums during this month will be identified in the March Epistle.





## **2016 Wild Game Dinner and Dance**

The Twelfth Annual St. Paul Lutheran Church Wild Game Dinner will be held on, February 20, 2016, at the New Braunfels Civic Center in New Braunfels, Texas. The Wild Game Dinner is a family event where we have fellowship and spread the word and love of Jesus Christ through raising funds for the church's youth activities and various outreach programs. At the dinner, there will be a live and silent auction, door prizes, a meal, and a dance.

We are asking for donations of items for our live and silent auctions (e.g., hunting and fishing trips, outdoor equipment, gift certificates, fashion/jewelry items, spa day certificates, etc.). All donations are tax deductible, and St. Paul will supply all donors with a letter of acknowledgement of the donation.

The Wild Game Dinner proceeds will be used for:

- Youth Ministry programs in the church
- New Life Children's Center (a residential treatment center for severely troubled girls ages 11-17)
- Cross Trails Outfitters (a Christian based youth outdoor program)
- Trinity Oaks (provides outdoor experience for veterans, youth, terminally ill and disabled)
- The Gabriel Project (a crisis pregnancy counseling and assistance program)
- Community in Schools (provide help and support for underprivileged kids)

For questions or to make a donation, please contact Lance Bielke or Garth Bielke at the phone numbers or e-mail addresses listed below. All donations are greatly appreciated.

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***Saturday February 20, 2016 New Braunfels Civic Center***

Doors Open - 5:00 P.M. Dinner Served - 5:30- 7:30 P.M. Dance - 9:00 - 12:30

***Hope to see you there!!!***

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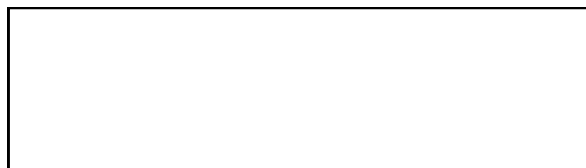
*As a Christ-centered, Gospel-driven Congregation, we are called by our Lord Jesus to go and make disciples of all nations. We will be a congregation that engages people in order to help families follow Jesus.*

- \* Promote a culture of family ... supporting home prayer & Bible study with parents as key teachers
- \* Increase weekly worship \* Maintain trust & confidence in leadership \* Raise up the next generation of leaders



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# February 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b> 1:30pm Staff Meeting 6:30pm Youth & Family Bd	<b>2</b> 9:00am Quilters 9:00am Memorial Comm 6:30pm TNTS	<b>3</b> 7:30am Mastercraftsmen 6:00pm Covenant Band 7:00pm Sanctuary Choir 7:00pm Blessing Our Graduates	<b>4</b> 1:00pm Bridge 6:00pm Congregational Life Bd	<b>5</b> 7:00am Prayer Group  <b>Women's Retreat</b>	<b>6</b>  <b>Women's Retreat</b>
<b>7 COMMUN-ION</b>  *See box below* 11:30am Youth Council 4:00pm Run for God	<b>8</b> 1:30pm Staff Meeting 5:00pm Personnel Bd 6:00pm Christian Ed Bd 6:30pm Public Relations Bd	<b>9</b> 9:00am Quilters 1:30pm Mah Jongg 4:00pm Executive Comm 6:30pm Property Bd 6:30pm TNTS	<b>10 ASH WEDNESDAY</b> 12:00pm St. Martin Service 3:00PM Kirkwood 5:30pm Building Comm 6:00pm Covenant Band 6:00pm Pancake Supper 7:00pm Lenten Services 7:35pm Sanctuary Choir	<b>11</b> 5:30pm Worship Bd	<b>12</b> 7:00am Prayer Group 5:00pm Eat Out Friends 6:00pm Dinner & Movie (9th-12th grades)	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b>  *See box below* 4:00pm Run for God	<b>15</b> 1:30pm Staff Meeting 7:00pm Council Meeting	<b>16</b> 9:00am Quilters 6:30pm TNTS 7:00pm Evangelism Bd	<b>17</b> 3:00pm Eden Home 6:00pm Covenant Band 6:00pm Lenten Supper 7:00pm Lenten Services 7:35pm Sanctuary Choir	<b>18</b> 10:00am Crocheters 1:00pm Bridge 6:00pm SPICE	<b>19</b> 7:00am Prayer Group 12:30pm Preschool Director's Meeting	<b>20</b>  <b>Wild Game Dinner @NBCCC</b>
<b>21 COMMUN-ION</b>  *See box below* 4:00pm Run for God	<b>22</b> 1:30pm Staff Meeting 6:30pm Public Relations Bd	<b>23</b> 9:00am Quilters 1:30pm Mah Jongg 6:00pm Preschool Bd <b>2:00-8:30pm Pictures</b> 6:30pm TNTS 7:00pm Stewardship Bd	<b>24</b> <b>2:00-8:30pm Pictures</b> 5:30pm Building Comm 6:00pm Covenant Band 6:00pm Lenten Supper 7:00pm Lenten Services 7:35pm Sanctuary Choir	<b>25</b> <b>2:00-8:30pm Pictures</b> 4:30pm St. Martin Comm	<b>26</b> <b>12:30-7:00pm Pictures</b> 7:00am Prayer Group	<b>27</b>  <b>9:30am - 4:30pm Pictures</b> 6:00pm Domino Friends
<b>28</b>  *See box below* 4:00pm Run for God	<b>29</b> 1:30pm Staff Meeting	<div> <div>*****Sundays*****</div> <div> 8:00am Traditional Service 9:15am Sunday School Alleluia Choir </div> <div> 9:30am Covenant Band 10:00am Cherub Choir 10:30am Informal Service </div> </div>				

# February Service Calendar

		Sun., Feb. 7	Wed., Feb. 10	Sun., Feb. 14	Wed., Feb. 17	Sun., Feb. 21	Wed., Feb. 24	Sun., Feb. 28
<b>Alter Guild</b> Yicki Hollnig		Becky Krueger						
<b>Lay Minister</b> Fred Terry		Rod Mueller	Lanelle Rudolph	Lanelle Rudolph	Paul Finley	Paul Finley	Patrick Quade	Patrick Quade
<b>Scripture Readers</b> Margaret Warneke	8:00	MLissa Szele	Mitchell Taylor	Kristee Wirebaugh	Sarah Syamken	Stewart Wirebaugh	Tyler Bielke	Presley Wirebaugh
	10:30	Chip Frank		Lydia Baese		Dotty Collins		Sandi Owens
<b>Ushers</b> Ed Berich	8:00	Team 11 Ralph Behrend	Team 11 Ralph Behrend	Team 13 Bob Warnecke	Team 13 Bob Warnecke	Team 13 Bob Warnecke	Team 14 Reno Engel	Team 2 Benno Engel
	10:30	Team 12 Ed Berich		Team 14 Reno Engel		Team 14 Reno Engel		Team 1 Harvey Borgfeld
<b>Acolytes</b> Greg Schlather	8:00					Morgan Garcia		
	10:30	Jack Bloxson & Hudson Baese		Keene Kruesler & Colton Rauch		Colton Rauch		Colton Rauch & Cameron Ikels
<b>Audio Tech</b> Greg Schlather	8:00	Paul Luckemeyer	Rod Mueller	Mark Sohn	Joe Clayburne	David Wagner	Greg Schlather	Joe Clayburne
	8:00	Greg Schlather		RodMueller		Greg Schlather		
<b>Visual Tech</b> Greg Schlather	10:30	Rodger Johnson				Rodger Johnson		
<b>Communion Preparers</b> Jenna Kieke	8:00	Jerome & Virginia Vetter				Gail Krueger & Sandra Pfluger		
	10:30	Arlon & Josephine Pietsch				Malcolm & Ola Fischer		
<b>Communion Servers</b> Jenna Kieke	8:00	Dwight & Susan Kanz				Patti MacDonald & Roxanne Duelm		
	10:30	Benno & Jan Engel				Arlon & Ann Baese		
<b>Greeters</b> Liz Doss	8:00	Ann Stollewerk & Shirley Wilson		Gail Krueger & Patti MacDonald		Don & Kathy Stevens		Kenneth & Mary Wunderlich
	10:30	Malcolm & Ola Fischer		George & Cheryl Guidroz		Marion Gaston & Roylene Haggard		Rodger & Barbara Johnson
<b>Coffee Crew</b> Carolyn Zunker		Brian & Heather Kneirsch		Cindy Orsak & Kay Magness		Oran & Nelrose Koepp		Zunker Families
<b>Friendly Visitors</b> Ann Stollewerk		Mark & Mindi Wing					Dwayne & Cheryl Koepp	
<b>Pew Pals</b> Tracy Granado		Dale & Julie Goos		The Grandos & Kelly King		Rebecca Rosenthal & The Quades		Carolyn Zunker & Kim Moore
<b>Hospital Visitors</b> Ola Fischer		Malcolm & Ola Fischer		Dotty Collins & Kathy Lannon		Nancy Becker & Patrick Quade		Paul & Peggy Toussaint
<b>Welcome Team</b> Bryan Baese				8:00 - Kristee Wirebaugh 10:30 Lance Bielke				8:00 - Paul Henley 10:30 Dotty Collins