

Paul Owens, Senior Pastor



A witness with words... Part 1

Christ says **we are his witnesses**. Witnesses open their mouths and tell what they have seen or believe... they speak with their actions as well. As Christ's witnesses, my calling and yours is to point others to Him and not to ourselves nor to our religion.

To Christ's witnesses who lived in a time and place that was hostile to their faith, a fellow named Peter gave this instruction: *"honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to give the reason (to make a defense) to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect..."* (I Peter 3.15)

This month, high school football teams and bands are **preparing** for the season. Teachers, students, and parents are **preparing** for the new school year. As Jesus' witnesses, we want **always to be prepared to give the reason for our hope**. Hopefully you are already well-prepared and even experienced in witnessing for Christ. A brief review of his work in your life can help prepare you to be an effective witness.

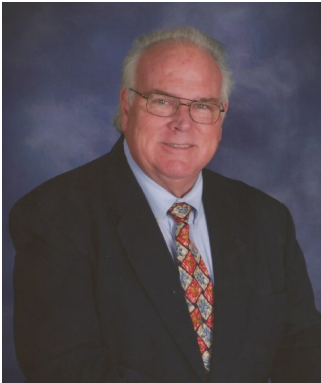
Our beginning – As witnesses, the story we have to tell begins just like it did for the first man and woman in Genesis 3. Whatever we say about our faith, it must begin with the humble confession that just like Adam and Eve, even though God created us in his perfect image, we are not perfect; we are sinners who have tried to hide from God, tried to cover our rears, and even tried to be our own gods. We are the good, the bad, and the ugly all in one. We all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God (Romans 3.23). For us, there is no sin greater than another and no sin that God cannot forgive; there is no life that God cannot redeem, no heart God cannot change. Again, our witness to Christ has a humble, humble beginning. The first words of our witness are: "I am sinner; created and loved by God yet not deserving of his mercy."

Our life history – There is a way that the Holy Spirit has made a believer out of you: he sent someone to tell you about Jesus... chances are it's been many people who have preached Jesus to you in such a way that he has taken hold of you and created faith for you. Who are the "delivery boys & girls" that the Holy Spirit has used to carry the message of Jesus Christ to you? There have probably also been "ups and downs" in your life, mountain tops and valleys... even if you are like me, a stable, long-time Lutheran☺. There are times when your life feels more like Good Friday and times that feel more like Easter... and times when it feels like you are stuck between death and resurrection. There are days when you seem to be riding the crest of a wave, and days and long nights when you seem stuck in the trough. In his classic, The Screwtape Letters, C.S. Lewis reminds us that the Lord uses the troughs more than the crests to form our faith. **This rhythm of cross and resurrection is the rhythm of the life of a witness to Christ.** Being well aware of this rhythm and ready to name it goes a long way to preparing you to put it into words... to witness to Jesus.

Next month, I'll write more to help you – and myself – be prepared to be witnesses who in simple words can give the reason for our hope. For now, take a few moments and consider, and even practice, your response to these three questions: **1. How and when did my life as a disciple of Jesus begin? 2. How did it continue? (or did it?) 3. How has He changed me and why?**

A witness with you, to Jesus Christ,

Pastor Paul



Greetings, my brothers and sisters in Christ!

The ‘dog days of summer’ have been rather brutal to us here in Central Texas, though there is still a month away before vacations end and school begins. I for one try to stay in the cool as much as possible. I have been asking those of my same age group, how is it that we lived in Texas when there was no air conditioning? Living in the suburbs of Houston with Mom, Dad and sister, I can remember that I was about four or five years old when we got our first AC. One unit cooled the whole house. It wasn’t until high school that the Houston School District began air conditioning all of its schools. The other day, I found myself out of breath and beginning to sweat a little just walking from my office to the car. How weak I have become over the years.

In my devotional at the July Council Meeting, I spoke of the engravings upon the buildings and monuments in Washington, D.C. Almost everywhere you look are Biblical engravings. The United States Supreme Court Building engravings and displays are of the Ten Commandment. In front of these buildings are statues of the world law givers over the history of mankind with Moses in the middle holding the tablets. Ronald Reagan once said ‘The founding fathers of these United States, evolved a government based on the idea that you and I have a God given right and ability within ourselves to determine our own destiny.’ Soon we will go to the polls to elect our next president and law givers and enforcers. Pray for those who are in those positions that God will look down upon them and guide them for fairness and completeness in their duties. Remember, everyone is welcome to join us at Council on the Third Monday of the month!!

Just returning from the LCMC Texas District Gathering in Waco the last weekend of July, I am full of happiness and information to share with you all. Great fellowship and a great educational experience. You should consider joining the 2017 Gathering. Beginning Friday afternoon, ending late Saturday afternoon in plenty of time for you to get back home to get your rest and be at Church Sunday morning. It is a refreshing time of learning, worship, fellowship, and praise.

Our Pastor Chip has been run through the ‘ringer’ this summer. Praise the Lord for his presence and guidance at all the youth events, camps, gatherings, Vacation Bible School, and still has time to teach Confirmation (Head to Heart) and you might see him at his keyboards as backup to Jody on Sundays.

As you can see, there is still plenty of work going on around the St. Paul Campus for the Master Plan, Phase One. One important part is the pit being dug and the foundation piers installed for the elevator. It has come to the point that even I look at this feature with anticipation in my old age. Remember to stay out of the way of the contractors and construction workers if you stop by during the week. They know what they are doing and you do not!

“If my people who are called by my name humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sins and heal their land.” 2 Chronicles 7:14

Lord: Look upon us, giving Your strength to us, to follow Your direction that has been laid here before us. Give us strength to uphold the constitution of these United States, against the evil one. Give us the strength to show the world that this country was built on the Word and the belief in God our father. Give us the strength to go out and make disciples of all that we meet. In Your Holy Name, we pray. Amen

Your brother in Christ! *Fred*

August 2016

Chip Reynolds, Pastor

There are too many moments from the past month to tell you about all of them but I want to try to paint a picture of what I have experienced this summer from Camp Eagle, National Youth Gathering and Slumber Falls.

There are moments in our faith when we go through a metamorphosis of sorts. It was my hope to see a little of that transformation this summer in our students, and God is faithful.

From amazing times of worship and group building during our week in Rocksprings to our students having fun and learning about Joshua at Slumber Falls, God has worked in them and I am excited about the momentum that we have moving into this Fall.

At National Youth Gathering our students took on leadership roles and really stepped up to everything that was asked of them. They were simply amazing.

The most important thing about this summer has been the relationships that have begun to form and the journey that our students are going on.

I had a conversation with one of our youth and it completely encouraged me. It proved to me that God was at work and there truly is a desire in our students to grow in Christ and to learn to live a life grounded in Him.

I pray that we can all learn from these students. I need to be more grounded. I needed to be stronger in my faith. I need to be more committed to serving Christ in my community. This is desire of my heart for myself, our students, and SPLC. My God bless us in that journey.

In His arms.

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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.

Congratulations to

Grant and Emily Warnecke on the birth of their son, Gavin Joshua Warnecke, on July 5.

Grandparents are Bob and Cheryl Warnecke, Great Grandmother is Mary Ann Hollmig and Great Uncle and Great Aunt are Craig and Vicki Hollmig.

Tex and Ann Brown on the birth of their granddaughter, Lillian Colette McCarthy, on July 23. Parents are (Maj.) Bethany and (Lt. Col.) Mike McCarthy in South Korea.



Our Sympathy to



Susan Montgomery on the death of her father, Al C. Moeller.

Pat Quade on the death of his brother, Mike Quade.

The friends of Elizabeth "Betty" Marsh.

The family and friends of Ida Anna Kropp.

Jason Lear on the death of his father, Dick Lear.



August Flowers



August 7

Brian & Dotty Collins

August 14

Susan Casey

August 21

Pat & Kathy Quade

August 28

Dan & Becky Krueger

The Report Card - Karisha Neely Director

Back to school and getting to know others. For some this is a wonderful and exciting time and for others this is a time filled with fear and anxiety. One of my favorite verses is *“Faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see.” Hebrews 11:1* We must have this kind of Faith to overcome our fears! And for those that do not have much fear to have kindness to mentor others, what a blessing this would be. A good friend once gave me a decorative sign for my home that reads “SCATTER KINDNESS”; we should all live by these words.



**“Ants are creatures of little strength,
yet they store up their food in the summer;”**

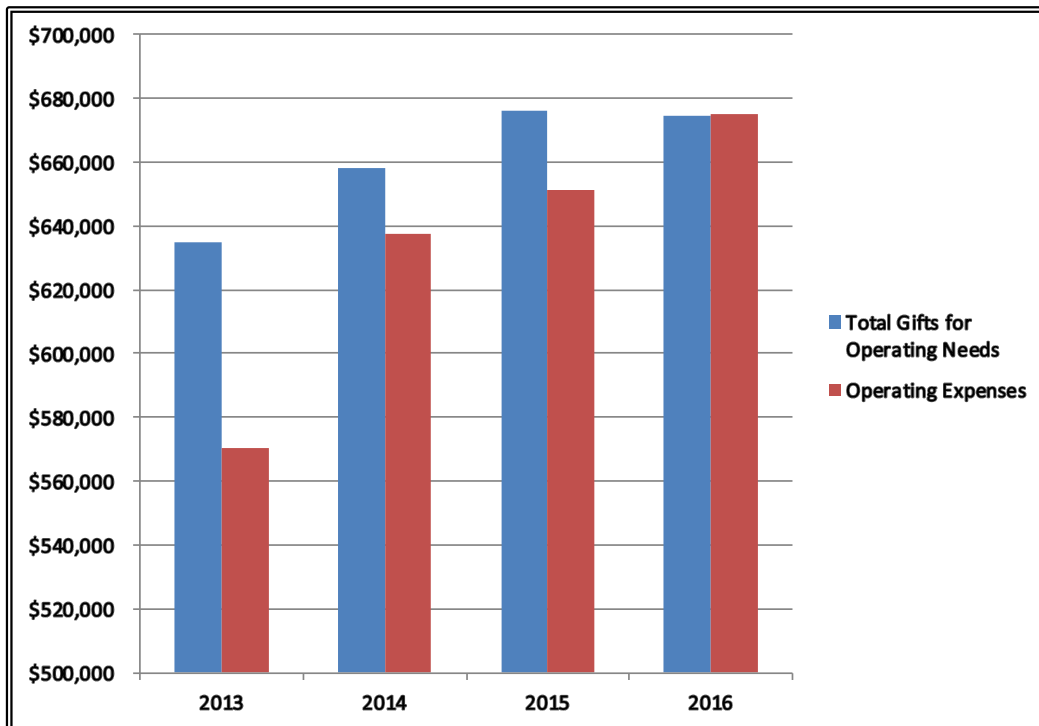
Proverbs 30:25

We, like ants, are creatures of little strength, but our Lord and Savior is mighty! It’s the middle of summer, it’s hot and humid, but we march forward together doing God’s work.

The end of June concluded the first half of 2016. To review where SPLC stands financially for the first half of the year, I am including an Offering and Expenditure Analysis that compares year-to-date figures through June for the years 2013 - 2016. The analysis reviews figures for budgetary needs. One important factor to note is that the 2015 and 2016 Finance Committee budgets included a **“Building Note Simulation”** so that we may understand how the future building note will affect our financial standing and cash flow. The analysis below includes the **“Building Note Simulation”** for the years 2015 and 2016.

**Offering and Expenditure Analysis
As of JUNE 30, 2013-16**

	2013	2014	2015	2016
<i>General Offerings</i>	\$ 376,128	\$ 411,845	\$ 382,724	\$ 384,865
<i>Ministry Fees & Offerings (1)</i>	\$ 23,169	\$ 9,430	\$ 11,352	\$ 12,174
<i>Preschool Income</i>	\$ 235,656	\$ 236,936	\$ 282,022	\$ 277,445
Total Gifts for Operating Needs	\$ 634,953	\$ 658,211	\$ 676,097	\$ 674,484
<i>Operating Expenses</i>	\$ 356,126	\$ 388,576	\$ 365,722	\$ 367,243
<i>Preschool Expenses</i>	\$ 214,069	\$ 248,979	\$ 235,570	\$ 257,978
Plus Building Note Simulation	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000
Total Operating Expenses	\$ 570,194	\$ 637,555	\$ 651,292	\$ 675,221
<i>Net Income/(Loss)</i>	\$ 64,759	\$ 20,656	\$ 24,805	\$ (737)
<i>Capital Campaign Gifts</i>	\$ 90,000	\$ 96,971	\$ 86,403	\$ 69,201
Average Sunday Attendance	442	447	420	436

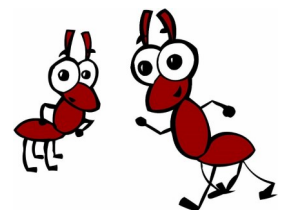


(1) Fees and offerings that offset budget lines;
i.e. coffee donations, study material donations, camp fees, etc.

Call me if you have any questions regarding this summary.

Marching forward together!

Stacy Garcia, Bookkeeper/Controller



FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Stacy Garcia, Bookkeeper/Controller

ST PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH
Fiscal Year Beginning 1/1/2016
Budgeted Financial Statement for Period 06 June
SUMMARY

Description	2015 Actual	2016 Budget		2016 Actual		2016 Budget		2016 Actual		Over/(Under) Budget
		YTD	YTD	June	YTD	YTD	YTD	YTD		
Administrative and Office	\$ 37,986.67	\$ 39,444.00	\$ 2,623.87	\$ 20,029.50	\$ 19,409.72	\$ (619.78)				\$ (619.78)
Christian Education	\$ 10,310.97	\$ 12,720.00	\$ 53.36	\$ 5,359.99	\$ 1,755.33	\$ (3,604.66)				\$ (3,604.66)
Congregational Life	\$ 13,694.70	\$ 17,600.00	\$ 1,340.77	\$ 8,575.00	\$ 4,658.85	\$ (3,916.15)				\$ (3,916.15)
Evangelism	\$ 5,689.67	\$ 3,800.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 824.75	\$ (1,175.25)				\$ (1,175.25)
* Finance Committee	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 8,333.33	\$ 50,000.02	\$ 49,999.98	\$ (0.04)				\$ (0.04)
Personnel	\$ 431,689.90	\$ 504,338.00	\$ 40,113.77	\$ 263,312.04	\$ 240,824.56	\$ (22,487.48)				\$ (22,487.48)
** Preschool (expenses only - see income below)	\$ 481,931.58	\$ 501,913.17	\$ 42,165.96	\$ 249,939.87	\$ 257,977.93	\$ 8,038.06				\$ 8,038.06
Property	\$ 100,250.63	\$ 113,301.00	\$ 4,732.12	\$ 58,774.44	\$ 35,067.31	\$ (23,707.13)				\$ (23,707.13)
Public Relations	\$ 6,483.12	\$ 6,860.00	\$ 639.00	\$ 3,530.00	\$ 4,062.00	\$ 532.00				\$ 532.00
*** Stewardship	\$ 83,251.27	\$ 91,626.00	\$ 5,137.66	\$ 45,813.00	\$ 35,276.62	\$ (10,536.38)				\$ (10,536.38)
Worship	\$ 11,747.34	\$ 15,930.00	\$ 846.05	\$ 7,590.00	\$ 6,532.83	\$ (1,057.17)				\$ (1,057.17)
Youth & Family	\$ 1,661.08	\$ 10,640.00	\$ 6,035.00	\$ 4,879.98	\$ 6,656.93	\$ 1,776.95				\$ 1,776.95
SPENDING TOTALS	\$ 1,284,696.93	\$ 1,418,172.17	\$ 112,040.89	\$ 719,803.84	\$ 663,046.81	\$ (56,757.03)				
General Offerings	\$ 831,262.88	\$ 915,017.17	\$ 56,944.33	\$ 457,508.59	\$ 384,864.81	\$ (72,643.78)				
Preschool Income	\$ 544,039.74	\$ 503,155.00	\$ 40,355.61	\$ 258,120.00	\$ 277,444.87	\$ 19,324.87				
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 1,375,302.62	\$ 1,418,172.17	\$ 97,299.94	\$ 715,628.59	\$ 662,309.68					

NET MINISTRY PROCEEDS **\$ 90,605.69**

\$ (14,740.95)

\$ (737.13)

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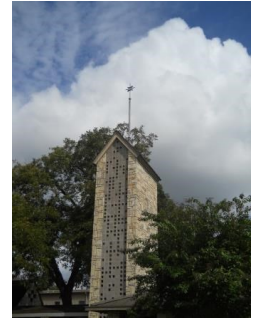
- * Finance Committee expenses are only a simulation of anticipated building-note payments post repair/renovation. These "simulated expenses" are shown as a re-categorization of undesignated funds to designated funds on the Statement of Position and Designated Fund Summary.
- ** The Preschool line item 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.

Memorial Committee Report

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

Tim Brunn
 Roy and Teresa Duelm
 Dennis Harborth
 Hal Johnson
 GC "Jack" McKinzie
 Annette Owens
 Allan Thieme

This month, the committee made no purchases.



August 2016 Youth Calendar

Wed. Aug. 3	Out-to-Eat 6-8:00pm Golden Corral	high school & middle school youth
Wed. Aug. 10	Service Project 2-4:00pm Bingo @ Kirkwood	middle school youth
Wed. Aug. 10	Movie & Dinner 5-9:00pm @ St. Paul	high school & middle school youth
Wed. Aug. 17	Family Picnic/Potluck 6-9:00pm @ Cypress Bend Park	high school & middle school youth
Thurs. Aug. 18	Bingo 6:30-7:30pm	high school & middle school youth
Wed. Aug. 24	Orientation - Rm 225 - 6-8pm	middle school youth
Wed. Aug. 24	Out-to-Eat 6-8:00pm Casa Garcia's	high school youth
Wed. Aug. 31	Orientation - Rm 225 - 6-8pm	middle school youth
Wed. Aug. 31	Back-to-School party 6-8:00pm Youth room	high school youth

Music Ministry - Jody Noblett 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 1:30p.m. at New Braunfels Senior Citizens Center. Contact Karen Krieg
- Mah Jongg Friends** - meet the 2nd & 4th Tuesday at 1:30 Contact Shirley Stamets at 620-1731 for location.
- 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



We videotape and photograph during worship services and church events. These images may be released online, in video or photo format, or used in publications. If anyone should object, please call the church office.



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Love for the Least



After hearing Jerry and Stacy Kramer's presentation on Sunday, July 24, several have asked to join the Dream Team. Dream Team members commit to praying 5 minutes a day for Muslims to have dream and visions of Jesus. While we're praying they, 8 hours ahead, are sleeping! Thus, the Dream Team. If you'd like to join, send an email to Stacy telling her you're from St. Paul Lutheran and you want to join. stacy@lovefortheleast.org

A Welcoming Gospel
— featuring —
Rosaria Butterfield

— AUGUST 11-12, 2016 —
Christ Presbyterian Church
New Braunfels, Texas

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*I have been crucified
with Christ and it is no
longer I who live, but
Christ lives in me. And
the life I now live in
the flesh I live by faith
in the Son of God, who
loved me and gave
himself for me.*

— Galatians 2:20

For more information and to
register, visit

www.togiveananswer.com

Questions? Email

togiveananswer@gmail.com

A Welcoming Gospel

— featuring —
Rosaria Butterfield

— AUGUST 11-12, 2016 —

\$20 per person

Pastors and Students FREE

Thursday, August 11

6:30 p.m.

LATE REGISTRATION | BOOKSTORE OPEN
REFRESHMENTS AND SNACKS

7:30 - 8:30 p.m.

A WELCOMING GOSPEL: CONVERSION

8:30 - 9:30 p.m.

Q & A

Friday, August 12

12:00 - 1:30pm

PASTORS LUNCHEON WITH ROSARIA

2:00 - 3:00 p.m.

BOOKSTORE OPEN - BOOK SIGNING

3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

A WELCOMING GOSPEL: IDENTITY

4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Q & A

5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

DINNER ON YOUR OWN | BOOKSTORE OPENS
AT 6PM | REFRESHMENTS AND SNACKS

7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

A WELCOMING GOSPEL: LOVING COMMUNITY

8:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Q & A

Congregation at Study

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

High School - Rm. 205



The Study of God's Word-currently in Ezra- Is led by Lanelle Rudolph in Rm 225/226.

"God's Word for Today: Hosea, Joel, Amos" - an 11 week study. Please join us as we begin a journey through the Minor Prophets. The group would enjoy your participation and friendship in Rm 201.

The Study of the book of James - 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 Rm 220.

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

Weekly

Tuesday 6:30pm TNTS - Video & discussion, in the Youth Room.

Thursday 10-2 pm. **Pastor Chip** - will be at Cypress Bend Park .

Monthly

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



Breaking Bread Together

Do you enjoy good food? Laughing and getting to know those you've said hello to in church, but that's it for relationship? Then Breaking Bread is for you!

New groups have just formed, but there's plenty of room to add. Some can't join the fun until school starts. So no excuses! Call Dotty Collins at 830-629-5129 or email to

Dotty@postofficerealty.com



Board Reports

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

July 11, 2016 6:00 PM Call to order by Director Sue Schwab. Devotion & Prayer given by Jenny Campbell.

- **Faith Stepping Stones Calendar** - #3- Raising a Healthy Kindergartner – August 7, 14, 21 - Pastor Paul & Jenny; #6 -How to Survive Adolescence – August 26 & September 2 – Pastor Chip; and #4-My Bible – Sept. 4- Oct. 9 – Pastor Chip and Jill Kreussler (Bibles to be given at Worship Outside Our Walls). Calendar was approved.
- **August Calendar** - Slumber Falls July 25-27– Pastor Chip (Kristee Wirebaugh & Lynn Lear); Bless the Teachers & Students – August 21; Flyer for all classes to be passed out in August (Sue & Ola); Pastor Chip will make announcement for teachers and helpers; and produce videos to advertise all Bible studies. All approved by board.
- **Fall Sunday School and Wednesday nights** – Tracy & Kelly - “Meet the Teacher” will be Sept. 4; Fall Sunday School to begin Sept. 11; Wednesday activities to begin Sept. 7th with all activities beginning at 6:00. All approved by board.
- **November and December** - Thanksgiving Pie Social Nov. 23 – possible service project; Advent Nov. 30, Dec. 7, 14 - Possible neighborhood caroling the 14th; Christmas Program Dec. 18 (pot luck to follow if possible)
- **Nursery** – Volunteers through August. We are looking to hire a nursery worker for Sundays and Wednesdays. Working with Karisha.

Adjourn with the Lord’s Prayer

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

July 7, 2016 6:00pm Open with devotion and prayer

- Review and approval of June minutes.
- Voted to have sandwiches from Bill Miller since we will be in Landa Park for WOOW.
- Roylene, Carol and Emily will be attending Rosaria Butterfield in August.
- September 11, 2016 is Rally Day
- Membership report

Closed with a special prayer for our nation

Board of Personnel- Chip Franck - 830-214-0366

The Personnel Board continues its work on issues related to the compliance review. Upon completion of our deliberations on each item, we send to the Council for approval or comment. Recent items include a draft conflict resolution policy, and staff credit card agreement policy.

We will have significant involvement in the upcoming personnel assessment cycle, as well as preparation of the 2017 budget.

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

July 12, 2016 6:30PM

- There is now signage on Cross Street reserving parking space for those that need to park closer.
- Steps were installed in the choir loft.
- Purchased 1200 chair leg caps for the blue padded chairs.

Board of Youth and Family – Alison Setser - 210-722-8065

- Brief update on Camp Eagle experience.
- Discussion on fundraisers for the year - more information to be presented to the board.
- Briefly began looking at board budgets
- Began discussions on summer 2017camp/mission trip options.
- Working on scheduling background checks sessions for Fall of 2016.
- Preparing Fall calendar for youth 6-12th grade.

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

Board of Preschool - Nancy Schlather - 830-609-8344

Board of Stewardship – Arlen Poetsch- 830-625-2152

Board of Public Relations - Phil Moore - 830-832-6067

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

Wild Game Dinner



Check presentation for the 2016 Wild Game Dinner. This year's proceeds went to Community in Schools, Trinity Oaks, New Life Treatment Center, Cross Trails Outfitters, Gabriel Project and St. Paul Youth Group Activities. Thanks to all the volunteers for helping make this event a success. Hope to see you at next year's event.

The Wild Game Dinner Committee

Building Commission

The Building Commission recently asked our General Contractors – Friesenhahn Construction – about their experience so far working the Expansion and Renovation Project here at St. Paul.



Here's what they told us:

Johnny Friesenhahn

How do you see God working in your life during this project?

God is always in my life. He provides me with the strength to face each day with a positive attitude. As far as His involvement as related to this project, again, He helps me to have a positive daily attitude. Some days, additional graces may be needed to deal with the various problems that arise because of the remodeling unknowns that become exposed during construction. I believe He inspires me and others to come up with solutions to these problems.

What has been the most difficult part?

The most difficult part has been, and continues to be, the changing of the roof from the one specified to a standing seam roof, and the problems that have been uncovered during the demolition; and, coming up with the most cost effective solution during the reconstruction phase to address these problems.

What has been the most rewarding part?

I believe the most rewarding portion of the project has been working with the people of St. Paul Lutheran Church. They have been very positive about encouraging us to keep up the good work, that our firm had been selected to do this project; and, coming up with solutions for problems discovered during construction. This includes working with the church building committee, which has been open to solutions proposed, reviewed their options, and selected the best solution for the church.

Jason Friesenhahn, Liz Doss, Johnny Friensenhan and Sandy Stone observe the elevator pit.



Jason Friesenhahn

How do you see God working in your life during this project?

Galatians 6:9 – And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.

Construction projects, as most things in life, have their difficult moments. The virtue of patience has helped me dramatically in solving issues that arise. Knowing that we are all working towards a common goal helps to ease the frustrations and anticipate the reward.

What has been the most difficult part?

The most difficult part of this project, in my eyes, is dealing with the unknown. In new construction, you are able to start with a blank slate. There is nothing in the way, no surprises. In a remodel, it is almost like you are walking into a job that someone else has started. There is no way to know what has been done, or how it was done until you have already started the changes. Working with the unknown factor is the most demanding part.

What has been the most rewarding part?

The most rewarding part of any construction project, for me, has always been being able to look back at the end and see what we have accomplished, not only in the physical building; but also the relationships with the individuals involved and the community as a whole.

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 Braunsfels. 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.



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.

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 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 1:30pm Staff Meeting 5:00pm Endowment Foundation Meeting 6:00pm Christian Ed 6:30pm Youth & Family Board	2 9:00am Quilters 9:00am Memorial Comm.	3 2:00pm Construction Prog Meeting 5:30pm Building Comm 6:00pm Youth Out to Eat 6:30pm Preschool Board	4 6:00pm Congregational Life Board	5 7:00am Prayer Group	6
7 COMMUNION **See Above Box **	8 1:30pm Staff Meeting 5:00pm Personnel Board 6:30pm Public Relations Bd	9 9:00am Quilters 4:00pm Executive Comm 6:30pm Property Board	10 2:00pm MS Youth Bingo At Kirkwood 3:00pm Kirkwood Devotions 5:00pm Youth Movie & Dinner 6:00pm Band Practice 6:30pm Men's Ministry 7:00pm Choir	11 5:30pm Worship Board 6:30pm Welcoming Gospel	12 7:00am Prayer Group 3pm Welcoming Gospel 5:00pm Eat Out Friends	13
14 **See Above Box **	15 1:30pm Staff Meeting 7:00pm Council Meeting	16 9:00am Quilters 7:00pm Evangelism Board	17 2:00pm Construction Prog Meeting 3:00pm Eden Home Devotions 5:30pm Building Comm 6:00pm Band 6:00pm Youth Fam. Pic. Potluck 7:00pm Choir	18 10:00am Crocheters 6:00pm SPTCE	19 7:00am Prayer Group	20
21 COMMUNION **See Above Box ** Bless the Teachers and Students	22 1:30pm Staff Meeting 6:30pm Public Relations Bd	23 9:00am Quilters 7:00pm Stewardship Bd	24 6:00pm MS Youth Orientation 6:00pm HS Youth Out to Eat 6:00pm Band 7:00pm Choir	25 4:30pm St. Martin Comm	26 7:00am Prayer Group	27 6:00pm Domino Friends
28 **See Above Box **	29 1:30 Staff Meeting	30 9:00am Quilters	31 2:00pm Construction Prog Meeting 5:30pm Building Comm 6:00pm MS Youth Orientation 6:00pm HS Youth Back to School 6:00pm Band 7:00pm Choir			

August 2016 Service Calendar

		Sun., Aug. 7	Sun., Aug. 14	Sun., Aug. 21	Sun., Aug. 28
Altar Guild Vicki Hollmig		Chris Markulin			
Lay Minister Fred Terry		Chris Markulin	Rodger Johnson	Fred Terry	Chuck Dicker
Scripture Readers Margaret Warneke	8:00	Jason Lear	Kathy Quade	Stacy Garcia	Leslie Wellbrock
	10:30	Chip Franck	Jerry Hamilton	David Doss	Lynn Lear
Ushers Ed Berich	8:00	Team 11 Ralph Behrend	Team 11 Ralph Behrend	Team 13 Bob Warnecke	Team 13 Bob Warnecke
	10:30	Team 12 Ed Berich	Team 12 Ed Berich	Team 14 Reno Engel	Team 14 Reno Engel
Acolytes Greg Schlather	8:00				
	10:30	Jack Bloxsom & Careron Ikels		Jack Bloxsom & Keene Kreusler	Colton Rauch
Audio Tech Greg Schlather	8:00	Paul Luckemeyer	David Wagner	Mark Sohn	Joe Clayburne
Visual Tech Greg Schlather	8:00	Greg Schlather	Rod Mueller	Greg Schlather	Joe Clayburne
	10:30	Rodger Johnson	Rod Mueller	Rodger Johnson	Joe Clayburne
Communion Preparers Pixie Hageman	8:00	Karen & Mary Ann Woody		Azeneth & Aaron Knudson	
	10:30	Korvan & Jill Kreusler Marj Polay		Laverne Kruckemeyer Will & Karen Krieg	
Communion Servers Pixie Hageman	8:00	Pat & Kathy Quade		Patti MacDonald & Margaret Warneke	
	10:30	Arlon & Ann Baese		Paul & Pam Finley	
Greeters Liz Doss	8:00	Nolan & Erna Dietert	Eileen Lindenau & Patti MacDonald	Ken & Mary Louise Wunderlich	Craig & Vicki Hollmig
	10:30	Steve & Sarah Rieger	Paul & Sherri Luckemeyer	Paul & Judy Henfey	Jerry & Cheryl Hamilton
Friendly Visitors Ann Stollewerk		Craig & Vicki Hollmig		Mark & Mindi Wing	
Pew Pals Tracy Granado		The Quade's Team	Hildy Slocum Team	Willa Faulkner Team	Dina Dormburg
Hospital Visitors Ola Fischer		Nancy Becker & Pat Quade	Paul & Peggy Toussaint	Malcolm & Ola Fischer	Dotty Collins & Kathy Lamon

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



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