

Paul Owens, Senior Pastor



Then Peter came up and said to him, "Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?"²² Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven. Matt 18.21-22

"Adam" came from a family of Brothers. All throughout their growing up years, mom and dad had made sure they all sat in the pew together every week, sat down at the dinner table together most every night, and prayed and played and worked hard together. The boys hunted together, wrestled, played, fought, got in trouble, competed with and against each other, went to school and learned. Eventually they all married and went about in different towns and states living out their vocation.

Almost 20 years into his marriage, Adam learned something from his wife about his brother. She confessed that the competition between brothers had extended to the bedroom: she had committed adultery with his brother while she herself was engaged to Adam. By the grace of God, Adam listened to his wife calmly... he also restrained himself from throttling his brother. There was plenty of score for Adam to keep; righteous anger was ready to go in his transmission, just waiting for him to put it in gear and step on the gas. But as Adam allowed **time** between this stimulus and his response; as he prayed, and talked with his wife and with his pastor... it took about a year and a half... but he realized that keeping this score would destroy generations of his family. So, by the grace God, he has swallowed his pride, forgave both his wife and his brother... and let go of the score. The old score still creeps into Adam's conscience now and then; that's why he stays close to Jesus... so that he can hear every week how great the debt the Lord has forgiven him.

In the most dangerous petition of the Lord's Prayer, we pray, "*And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.*"

What does this mean?

We pray in this petition that our heavenly Father would not hold our sins against us and deny our prayers because of them. We know we have not earned, nor do we deserve, those things for which we pray. But we ask that he would grant us all things through grace, even though we sin every day and deserve nothing but punishment. And so we, too, will heartily forgive, and gladly do good to those who sin against us.

(from The Small Catechism)

Dearly beloved, sin has happened among you. You are not called to enable it, nor to keep its score; do either one and you imprison yourself and your family... and even our congregation. How great the debt Jesus has forgiven you!? Time for you to do likewise.

Your brother in Christ,

Pastor Paul



October Flowers

October 1 John & Ruth Suddart
 October 8 John & Liz Hjort
 October 15 Ken & Mary Wunderlich
 October 22 Nancy Becker & Paul Giese
 October 29 Confirmand Parents

Our Sympathy to
Melvin and Betty Jean Pankau on
the death of his brother, Clifford
Pankau.
The Mueller family on the death of
Rod's father, Dub Mueller.

It is with a sad heart that I am resigning from the worship board as coordinator of the Scripture Readers. It has been a joy to do this for my Lord. Thanks to all the volunteers who made it easy to do. God has blessed me with a loving family in St. Paul.

God bless you all!
 Margaret Warncke

My family and I would like to thank Pastor Paul, Pastor Chip, our Brothers and Sisters in Christ for all the prayers, visits, cards, telephone calls, and nourishing meals delivered by the Meal Train during my recent hospitalization and recuperation. I thank God for a wonderful Christian family and friends.

Gloria Jung and Family



Martin & Katie Luther at St. Paul!



To help celebrate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation of the Church, Martin and Katie Luther are coming to St. Paul... and to Wurstfest.

Martin and his beloved wife Katie (portrayed by Johan and Sonja Hinderlie) will present their testimony in full costume with the flavor of the Reformation time in Germany. Dr. & Mrs. Luther proclaim the gospel of the forgiveness of sins in Jesus Christ... and they share some interesting anecdotes from their unusual life as couple.

Their stories reveal the theological focus of Luther's teaching: sola scriptura, sola gratia, and sola fide. (word alone, grace alone, and faith alone). Katy also tells of her escape from the Nimbschen convent, life with Martin and coping with suffering and death in her family.

Join us for worship on November 5 at 8:00 or 10:30,
and for Sunday School at 9:15... and keep an eye out for
Martin and Katie at Wurstfest☺.



Breaking Bread Together



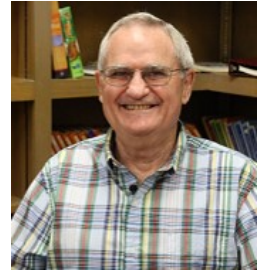
It's not too late to join a Breaking Bread group!!!!

Here's how it works: We started again in August with host homes (we've defined the groups) offering the main dish and guests (+ children) bringing side dishes to break bread together. For approximately an hour and a half, we do two of our favorite things--eating and talking--to get better acquainted. We'll continue to meet in September, October, November, and December (if the group wants to) with the same group. In January 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, or call the church office.

October 2017

John Magness, Congregation President



Wonderful Announcements and Other Things:

- 1) The St. Paul Council has unanimously elected Tex Brown to serve as the Director of the Evangelism Board to fill a vacancy due to a resignation. Pray for him and the Evangelism Board. Look for great things to come as he leads us in taking our message of salvation in Jesus Christ to those waiting to hear from you and me and to those who have heard, but may need help in remembering.
- 2) The St. Paul Council also unanimously approved Linda Schlather as Chairman of the Nominating Committee. Pray for her and the Nominating Committee. Members include: M'lissa Steel, Karen Krieg, Stewart Wirebaugh, Rod Mueller, Harvey Haas. She will be "talking" to you soon regarding the nomination process to elect board members, officers and or delegates at our June meeting.
- 3) I also ask you to prayerfully consider and then step up to leadership positions. This does not have to be as an officer or board director (but consider these). We need small group leaders, guides and mentors for our younger Christians and help in maintaining our physical plant, and so on.
- 4) I know that Sunday at St. Paul is also a great time to visit with friends you have not seen for a week. However, I encourage you to seek out "new" people or folks we may not have seen for a while and engage them. Tell them about our Bible study classes and invite/drag them to one. Follow through with a phone call or visit on your own.
- 5) Finally, remember that God loves you (and me). He has "grace more abundant than all our sins." Pass it along. This forgiven servant prays God's peace to all.

WORSHIP OUTSIDE OUR WALLS

October 22, 2017

Worship Service 10:45 A.M.

Landa Park Dance Slab

Pavilions #4 & #5

8:00 A.M. - Traditional Service - at St. Paul

9:15 A.M. - Sunday School & Bible Study Hour - at St. Paul

We will be serving Hamburgers, chips, dessert, tea & water.

Sign-up in the lobby, narthex, or call the church office!

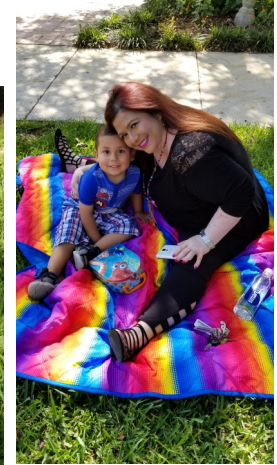
Make sure to invite a friend or neighbor & bring your lawn chairs!



The Report Card - Annie Gonzalez - Program Director



Grandparents/Grand Friends Picnic



Proverbs 17:6
Grandchildren are
the crown of the
aged, and the glory
of children is
their fathers.

Psalms 145:4
One generation shall
commend your works
to another,
and shall declare your
mighty acts.



SOS, Inc.
Spirit of Sharing
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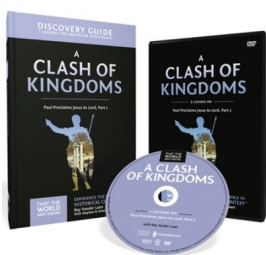


The SOS, Inc. Food Bank has been operating since June 1988. We partner with the San Antonio Food Bank, but we are not a part of this entity. This partnership allows us to purchase food at a reduced rate. We have no paid employees and we function with the participation of over 400 volunteers. We play a vital role in our community by providing food and referrals to an average of 450 families a month.

The San Antonio Food Bank has opened its own branch in New Braunfels, located on Seguin Avenue. Please do not confuse the SOS, Inc. with this entity. Both of the entities are committed to assisting the needy in our area. The San Antonio Food Bank and their New Braunfels Food Bank branch have the resources to respond to others outside of our area. The focus of SOS, Inc. is for our local citizens who have immediate needs for food and assistance. The SOS, Inc. is committed to our area and will continue in this endeavor.

If you feel moved to contribute to assisting others, we always welcome any donations. We are not in competition with any other agency in the area that may assist others. We encourage & provide our clients with information to contact other agencies to obtain any additional assistance they may need.

Please contact us if you would like further information, our phone number is 830 629-3663.



NEW VIDEO SERIES BEGINS

October 1 the Women's Sunday School class (Room 205) will begin the latest video in the *That the World May Know* series by Ray Vander Laan. It is entitled *A Clash of Kingdoms*.

Please feel free to join us.



October Youth Calendar 2017

Wednesday	October 4	6:00pm - open gym (optional) for 6th-12th grade students 6:30-7:30pm - ARK or Fellowship event - 6th-12th grade students and Guides 7:30-8:00pm - small group time
Saturday	October 7	2:00-10:00pm - Corn Maize Adventure for all 6th-12th grade students -please arrive on time as vans leave promptly at 2:00pm -should return to church around 10:00pm -bring flashlight, spending money and wear tennis shoes -supper, water and admission fee provided
For more information contact Pastor Chip, or Alison Setser at alisetser4@gmail.com or the church office		
Wednesday	October 11	6:00pm - open gym (optional) for all 6th-12th grade students 6:30-7:30pm - ARK or Fellow. event - 6th-12th grade students and Guides 7:30-8:00pm - small group time
Wednesday	October 18	6:00pm -open gym (optional) - 6th-12th grade students 6:30-7:30pm - ARK or Fellow. event for 6th-11th grade students and Guides NOT 12th graders 6:30pm - 12th graders AND parents will have first lesson in the Graduate Stepping Stone program, room location TBD 7:30 - 8:00pm - small group time for all 6th-12th grade students
Sunday	October 22	Faith Statement Banquet in the evening - time and location TBD
Wednesday	October 25	6:00pm - open gym (optional) 6th-12th grade students 6:30-7:30pm - Service Project - deliver pies to the firefighters 7:30-8:00pm - small group time
Sunday	October 29	10:30am Worship service is Confirmation. Confirmands need to arrive early.

Corn Maize Adventure

Join us as we explore a corn maze, hayride and other kid-friendly activities. This event is for all 6th-12th grade students. Please sign-up by Oct. 1, 2017 so a group discount may be applied. A total of 15 people are needed for the discount. We will depart by church vans promptly at **2:00 p.m. on Sat. Oct. 7, 2017** and return around 10:00 p.m. **Please sign up today!**

Homemade Pies Needed

The youth at St. Paul will be participating in a community service project on **Wed. Oct. 25**. We will be delivering homemade pies to each fire station as a way to say "Thank you" for their service to our community. We are asking for homemade pies (a minimum of 23 are needed) be brought to the church by 6:00pm on Wednesday, October 25. You may begin dropping off pies on Tuesday, Oct. 24 before 5:00pm. If you are able to donate a pie, please contact Alison Setser at alisetser4@gmail.com or contact the church office at 830-625-9191.

Lutheran World Relief Collection

The 6th -12th grade youth, together with the Youth and Family Board will begin collecting items for these "Personal Care Kits" on September 1, 2017. **The collection drive will continue through November 1, 2017.** Please drop off the following items in any of the labeled collection containers located in the church office, Lobby or Narthex. The goal is to receive enough items to complete 150 kits.

PLEASE HELP BY DONATING TODAY!!

- Bath towels - light weight and DARK solid colored towels (20" x 40" to 52" x 27")
NO emblems, or designs on towels please.
- Bath-size bars of soap equaling 8-9 ounces each, any brand, IN original wrapping (no mini or hotel size bars).
- Adult size toothbrushes
- Sturdy combs (no picks or fine toothed combs)
- Metal nail clippers (attached file is optional)

If you have any questions, please contact Alison Setser at alisetser4@gmail.com or the church office.

October 2017

Board Reports

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

Did not meet in September due to getting everything ready to begin Sunday School and CLIMB.

Board of Congregational Life - Stephen Stehling - 830-387-4904

September 7, 2017

- Appointed Emily Harborth as the Assistant Director of the Congregational Life Board
- Discussed activity and new volunteers for Kitchen Angels, Bereavement Ministry, and Sympathy Notes
- Approved a Pot Luck Luncheon to be scheduled the day of the Sunday School Christmas Program, tentatively scheduled for December 17th
- Approved menu for Worship Outside Our Walls on October 22nd

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

The Personnel Board has prepared its 2018 budget input. It is preparing to support the upcoming personnel assessment process. We are also supporting the ongoing review of congregational staff organization.

Board of Property- Danny Zunker - 830-3121344

September 12, 2017

- Reviewed various maintenance projects around campus.
- Selected and have planted a tree donated by Julie and Dale Goos in memory of their daughter .
- Discussed budget for 2018; still waiting on a few bids to come in.

Board of Stewardship – Brad Campbell - 830-708-6458

August 29, 2017

Discussion: changes to board membership, Financial Peace update & enrollment status, 2018 budget planning, use of discretionary benevolence funds for Hurricane Harvey relief, addition of special gift offering category for van replacement.

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

Discussed:

- Structure of Sunday School and Wednesday evenings for 6th—12th grades
- Progress on filling teachers and “Guide” positions
- ARK vs Fellowship on Wednesdays evenings
- September events and preparations for those events
- Trash pick-up and the safety of the students

Voted On:

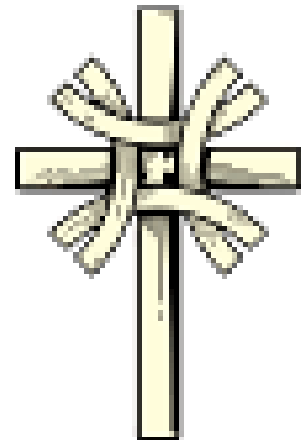
- 2018 Budget
- Fall 2017 Calendar

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

Board of Evangelism - Tex Brown - 210-651-1939

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

Board of Worship – Rod Mueller -



ST. PAUL SIMPLY NUMBERS

AUGUST Actual Income and Expenses by Board

Description	2017 Actual AUGUST	2017 Actual YTD	Over/(Under) Budget
Administrative and Office	\$2,840.47	\$19,772.89	(\$17,772.11)
Christian Education	\$165.33	\$5,236.61	(\$2,283.39)
Congregational Life	\$972.18	\$6,982.74	(\$7,017.26)
Evangelism	\$0.00	\$754.59	(\$1,245.41)
Finance Committee	\$7,583.33	\$60,666.64	(\$30,333.36)
Personnel	\$39,868.80	\$314,988.96	(\$171,850.04)
Preschool (expenses only - see income below)	\$46,080.17	\$327,850.61	(\$172,297.86)
Property	\$8,182.03	\$64,937.94	(\$39,062.06)
Public Relations	\$99.00	\$2,358.95	(\$1,641.05)
Stewardship	\$6,669.51	\$52,659.65	(\$37,042.35)
Worship	\$2,218.05	\$8,388.01	(\$5,611.99)
Youth & Family	\$0.00	\$4,673.29	(\$5,740.71)
SPENDING TOTALS	\$114,678.87	\$869,270.88	(\$491,897.59)

General Offerings	\$64,729.50	\$560,321.01	(\$293,827.46)
Preschool Income	\$43,392.49	\$333,672.26	(\$173,347.74)
TOTAL INCOME	\$108,121.99	\$893,993.27	

NET MINISTRY PROCEEDS

(\$6,556.88)

\$24,722.39

Multi-Passenger Van Fund Established



The Property Board is working towards replacing the 2006 van. Council has approved a special gift category, Multi-Passenger Van Fund, to help work toward the financial goal. If you would like to give above your general offering gift, please consider giving to the Multi-Passenger Van Fund!

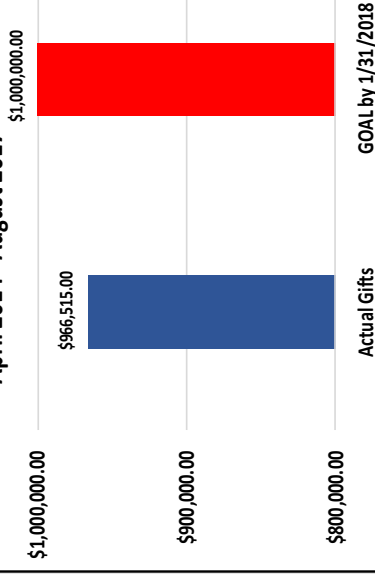
August 31, 2017

CASH BANK BALANCE

\$356,808

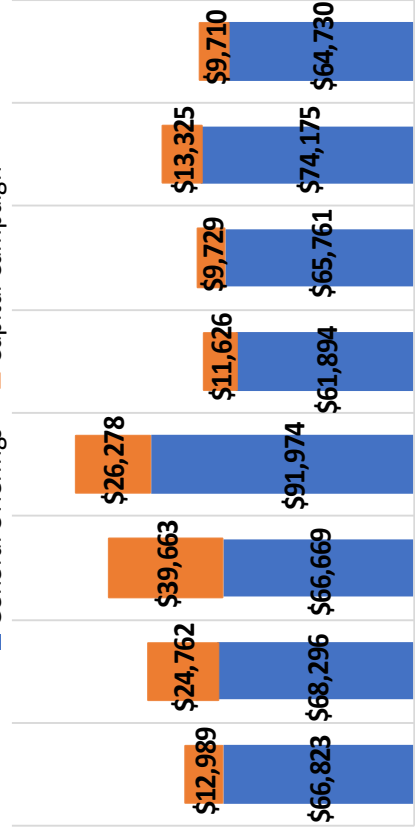
Capital Camp./Building Fund

April 2014 - August 2017



2017

■ General Offerings ■ Capital Campaign



October 2017 Service Calendar

		Sun., Oct. 1	Sun., Oct. 8	Sun., Oct. 15	Sun., Oct. 22	Sun., Oct. 29	
Roylene Haggard & Carol Schorn							
Altar Guild Vicki Hollmig		Ken Wunderlich	Chris Markulin	Jerry Hamilton	Ken Wunderlich	Lanelle Rudolph	
Lay Minister Fred Terry		Ken Wunderlich	Chris Markulin	Jerry Hamilton	Ken Wunderlich	Lanelle Rudolph	
Scripture Readers Leslie Wellbrock	8:00	Emily Guerrero	Leslie Wellbrock	Susan Montgomery	Kay Magness	John Magness	
	10:30	Marj Polay	Fred Terry	Carol Schorn	Rodger Johnson	Barbara Johnson	
Ushers Ed Berich	8:00	Team 8 Melvin Pankau	Team 8 Melvin Pankau	Team 10 Victor Granado	Team 10 Victor Granado	Team 12 Ed Berich	
	10:30	Team 7 Wayne Graybill	Team 7 Wayne Graybill	Team 9 Joe Setser	Team 9 Joe Setser	Team 11 Ralph Behrend	
	8:00	Matthew Koehler	Matthew Koehler	Astin & Alize Martinez		Drue Knetsch	
Acolytes signupgenius	10:30	Beck Hudson		Jack Bloxsom			
Audio Tech Greg Schlather	8:00 & 10:30	Paul Luckemeyer	James Walls	David Wagner	Mark Sohn	Paul Luckemeyer	
	8:00	Greg Schlather	Rod Mueller	Greg Schlather	Joe Clayburne	Rod Mueller	
Visual Tech Greg Schlather	10:30	Rodger Johnson	Rodger Johnson	Rodger Johnson			
Communion Preparers Pixie Hageman	8:00	Meredeth Nyman & Gail Krueger		Erna & Harvey Haas (Sandra Pilger)			
	10:30	Carol Schorn & Georgia Tadlock (Pixie Hageman)		Jenna Kieke & Peri Ikels			
Communion Servers Pixie Hageman	8:00	Erna Diertert & AnnStollewerk		John & Kay Magness			
	10:30	Jerry & Cheryl Hamilton		Paul & Pam Finley			
Greeters Nancy Becker	8:00	Harvey & Erna Hass	Craig & Vicki Hollmig	Dottie Hough & Margaret Warnke	Donna Kiser & Gail Krueger	Pete & Susan Montgomery	
	10:30	Dwayne, Cheryl & Kailey Koepp	Korvan & Jill Kreusler	Laverne Kruckemeyer & Jeannie Anderson	Dan & Becky Krueger	Jason & Lynn Lear	
Friendly Visitors Carolyn Zunker	Carolyn Zunker						
	Fred Terry						
Coffee Crew Carolyn Zunker	Glenn & Leslie Wellbrock		Zunker Families		George & Letty Gracia		
	Team Quade		Team Hildy Slocum		Team Willa Faulkner		
Pew Pals Tracy Granado	Team Quade		Team Hildy Slocum		Dina Dormburg		
Hospital Visitors Nancy Becker	Dotty Collins & Kathy Lamon		Nancy Becker		Pat & Kathy Quade		
	Dotty Collins & Kathy Lamon		Nancy Becker		Glenn Wellbrock		
Nancy Becker		Nancy Becker		Pat & Kathy Quade		Kay Magness	

Sundays

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

Wednesday Family Night

6:00pm Open Gym
 6:15pm Beth Moore Bible Study
 6:30pm Climb
 6:30pm Youth
 6:30pm Men's Bible Study
 6:30pm Mom's Bible Study

October 2017

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	COMMUNION	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	
15	COMMUNION	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	
29	30	31					

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 Administrative Assistant - Carolyn Zunker - carolyn@nbstpaul.org
 Bookkeeper/Controller - Stacy Garcia - stacy@nbstpaul.org
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 Program Director of Preschool - Annie Gonzalez - annie@nbstpaul.org
 Maintenance - Jason Crofford
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October 2017



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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 our outreach and mission presence outside our walls* Strive for excellence in spiritual leadership



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