

# The Epistle

Paul Owens, Senior Pastor



## Romance and Repentance

This year some rare timing happens on the calendar: Valentine's Day and Ash Wednesday fall on the same day. A day of "romance" and a day of repentance coincide. It is always a great time to hear from our Lord; this occasion seems a particularly timely one for us to hear from Him on romance and repentance... sexuality and our souls.

God is the author and giver of the gift of sex. From the beginning he has said:

"It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him." <sup>19</sup> ...So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. <sup>22</sup> And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. <sup>23</sup> Then the man said,

"This at last is bone of my bones  
and flesh of my flesh;  
she shall be called Woman,  
because she was taken out of Man."

Read more at: <http://www.nbstpaul.org/articles/>

## Howdy members of SPLC,

Your Evangelism Board is stepping out to new levels and we are ready to get everyone involved. Evangelism is part of the Great Commission that Jesus gave us and his disciples just before he ascended into heaven to sit at the right hand of the Father. In Matthew 28:19-20, he said, *"Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo I am with you always even to the end of the age."* Yes it was the last commandment from Jesus to all his followers and so we are to evangelize the world on his behalf. That means to "reach out" to places and people around the globe. Our church supports missionaries like the Kramers in the Middle East and Pastor Enrique in Central America and Dr. Kendrick Kahler in SE Asia (Cambodia) and others. But it shouldn't be just left to the missionaries as we are all to do outreach -- it doesn't have to be only across the globe; it can and should start right at home. Each of us has neighbors and friends who do not go to church and/or especially do not go to SPLC.

So now is your chance to do outreach by reaching out to them and invite them to our Wild Game Dinner on February 3rd. Wow what a great opportunity we have before us to Evangelize right here in New Braunfels. There are people in our community who want to attend and need to attend -- just need to be invited by you!! So I am asking every member of our church to invite someone, NOT associated with SPLC, to our Big Wild Game dinner. It is the BEST in town already, so now let's make it even better by sharing the Food, Fun and Fellowship with folks who normally do not come to our church.

[Tickets](#) and flyers are in the foyer of the church and this is an excellent way to introduce a new person to St. Paul Lutheran!!! So Each One Bring One!!!! See you at SPLC....

**Tex Brown, Evangelism Board Chairman**



## February Flowers

February 4 Wayne & Cynthia Graybill  
 February 11 Richard Albon & Lanelle Rudolph  
 February 18 Gloria Jung  
 February 25 Open

## We Welcome in Baptism

**Autumn Freya Kooda**  
 Parents are Thor and Alicia Kooda.  
 Sponsors are Alyssa Mendez,  
 Nathan Ferraro, and Kirstin Kooda.



## Our Sympathy to

Ralph Behrend on the death of his father, James Behrend.  
 Stacy Malone on the death of her mother, Kathy Scott.  
 Jessica Zunker on the death of her Grandfather, Nelson Erzelben.  
 The family of Frances Oertli.  
 Andi Holmgreen on the death of her grandfather,  
 Billy Ray Johnson.  
 Ann Brown on the death of her mother, Lillian Hickman.  
 The family of Alice Staats.



## Lenton Meals

**Feb. 14 - Pancake Supper (youth)**  
**Feb. 21 - Zuppa Toscana, Salad, bread sticks, & brownies**  
**Feb. 28 - Shrimp Boil**

## LENT: Paul...Apostle of Christ

“Here is a saying that is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance: that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost.” Paul, the apostle, I Timothy 1.15. Join us on **Wednesday** evenings for **dinner, worship, and service**... there is plenty of room for a sinner like you.

The schedule for Lent will be as follows (February 14, 21, 28, March 7, 14): Dinner at 5:45 p.m.; Worship at 6:30 p.m.; and Open Gym at 7:15 p.m. For March 21, we will go outside our walls... and deliver Easter barley soup in a jar to our neighbors.

## The Report Card - Annie Gonzalez - Program Director

Every Thursday, Mrs. Joyce Poe leads music class with each age group. Music is a natural and important part of young children's growth and development. Successful experiences in music help all children bond emotionally and intellectually with others through creative expression in song, rhythmic movement, and listening experiences. The children love Mrs. Poe and they love to be able to dance, and sing with her and their friends. We would like to thank Mrs. Poe for all that she does for our program.



Let them praise his name with dancing,  
 making melody to him with tambourine and lyre! Psalm 149:3

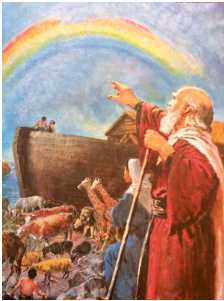
## Breaking Bread Together



New Breaking Bread groups are forming in February!!!!

Get better acquainted with your fellow treasures in earthly vessels. Look for notices in the bulletin to sign up for the fun or contact Dotty Collins at 830-629-5129, [Dotty@postofficerealty.com](mailto:Dotty@postofficerealty.com) or call the church office. Breaking Bread wants you!

Learn how it works by visiting: <http://www.nbstpaul.org/articles/>

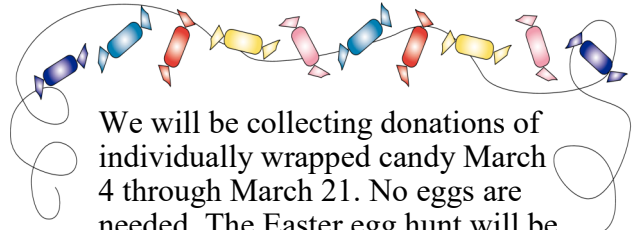


### Puppet Ministry Message

February 18, 2018

Genesis 9:8-17

“And God said, This rainbow is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature.”



We will be collecting donations of individually wrapped candy March 4 through March 21. No eggs are needed. The Easter egg hunt will be Saturday, March 31, at 10:00am.

The **M & M class** extends an invitation to join us in listening to inspirational speakers from the Global Leadership Summit. We will begin with the video of Imaculee Ilibagiza, advocate for Peace and Forgiveness, on January 25, & continue class discussions on forgiveness into February. In mid February we hope to begin a discussion on fear with the dynamic speaker, Gary Haugen. Please join us.



## Save the date!!

**St Paul Lutheran Womens Retreat, April 27-29.** More information coming soon!



**Camp Eagle 2018 - June 17-22, 2018** - for all current 6th -12th grade students. Monthly payments as low as \$50.00 are being accepted now in the church office. Make checks payable to SPLC and in the memo notate “Camp Eagle 2018 - child’s name “. Each camper pays \$255.00 out of the \$420.00 registration fee. Total amount of \$255.00 is due by June 1, 2018.

**Vacation Bible School** is scheduled for **June 25-29, 2018**. Come venture with us as we go to an uncharted island where kids will survive and thrive with Jesus. Kids will learn that Jesus will carry them through all of life’s storms. This fun filled week will be amazing. **Please keep an eye out for registration dates and opportunities to volunteer.** Shipwrecked – Rescued by Jesus will be a week to remember!!



**Youth Gathering** in Des Moines, Iowa - **July 16-21, 2018** - for all current 9th – 12th grade youth. Space is limited, so reserve your space now by making monthly payments as low as \$50.00. Each attendee is responsible for \$300.00 out of \$520.00 registration fee. Make checks payable to SPLC and in memo notate “Yth Gathering 2018 - child’s name.” Total amount of \$300.00 is due by July 1, 2018.



Texas District

## Mission Moment

by Pastor Bryce Formwalt  
Director of Mission Growth

### Helping Others Answer the Call

It's been said that the greatest days in your life are the day you were born and the day you figured out why. Indeed, one of the most significant discoveries you can make is discovering what God has created you for. Read more here: <http://www.nbstpaul.org/articles/>

**Board Reports** can be found on the website at <http://www.nbstpaul.org/resources/board-reports/>

\*\*\*Sundays\*\*\*  
 8:00am Traditional Service  
 9:15am Bible Study Hour  
 9:30am Covenant Choir  
 10:30am Informal Service

\*\*Wednesday Family Night\*\*  
 6:00pm Open Gym - 6th grade & up  
 6:00pm CLIMB  
 6:00pm Men's Bible Study  
 6:30pm Youth ARK & small group  
 6:30pm Women's Bible Study

# February 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
4 COMMUNION ***See Above*** 9:15am New Disciple Class	5 5:00pm Endowment Foundation 6:00pm Congregational Life 6:30pm Youth & Family 6:30pm Preschool Bd	6 9:00am Quilters 6:30pm TNT'S	7 7:30am Mastercraftsmen 11:00am Staff <b>Family Night</b> **See Above** 5:00pm Christian Ed 7:00pm Choir	1 1:00pm Bridge	2 7:00am Prayer Group	3 <i>Wild Gains Dinner</i> NB Civic Center
11 ***See Above*** 9:15am New Disciple Class 9:15am Holy Communion <i>Youth Baiter Braid fundraiser begin!</i>	12 5:00pm Personnel Bd	13 9:00am Quilters 1:30pm Mah Jongg 4:00pm Executive Comm 6:30pm Property Bd 6:30pm TNT'S	14 12:00pm Ash Wednesday @St. Martin 5:00pm Christian Ed 5:45pm Pancake Supper 6:30pm Worship Service 7:15pm Choir 7:15pm Youth Open Gym	8 2:00pm Our Place 7:00pm Evangelism Bd	9 7:00am Prayer Group 5:00pm Eat Out Friends	10
18 COMMUNION ***See Above*** 9:15am New Disciple Class 9:15am Holy Communion	19 7:00pm Council Meeting	20 9:00am Quilters 6:30pm TNT'S	21 11:00am Staff 3:00pm Eden Home Devo 5:45pm Lent Meal 6:30pm Worship Service 7:15pm Choir 7:15pm Youth Open Gym	15 10:00am Crocheters 1:00pm Bridge 6:00pm SPICE	16 7:00am Prayer Group	17
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# February 2018 Service Calendar

		Sun., Feb. 4	Sun., Feb. 11	Wed., Feb. 14	Sun., Feb. 18	Wed., Feb. 21	Sun., Feb. 25	Wed., Feb. 28
Beck Krueger & Pixie Hageman								
<b>Altar Guild</b> Vicki Hollmig								
<b>Lay Minister</b> Fred Terry		Fred Terry	Ken Wunderlich	Ken Wunderlich	Jerry Hamilton	Jerry Hamilton	Chris Markulin	Chris Markulin
	8:00	Emily Guerra	Mary Wunderlich	Youth	Leslie Wellbrock	Youth	Sharon Schroeder	Youth
<b>Scripture Readers</b> Leslie Wellbrock	10:30	Sue Schwab	Fred Terry		Eric Schmidt		Susan Syamken	
	8:00	Team 9 Joe Setser	Team 9 Joe Setser	Team 11 Ralph Behrend	Team 11 Ralph Behrend	Team 12 Ed Berich	Team 11 Ralph Behrend	Team 13 Bob Waerncke
<b>Ushers</b> Ed Berich	10:30	Team 10 Victor Granado	Victor Granado		Team 12 Ed Berich		Team 12 Ed Berich	
	8:00	Drue Knetsch						
<b>Acolytes</b> signupgenius	10:30	Sierra Schwab					Beck Hudson	
	8:00 & 10:30	Christian Reynolds	Mark Sohn		Paul Luckemeyer		David Wagner	
<b>Audio Tech</b> Greg Schlather	8:00	Greg Schlather	Lorrie Cook		Greg Schlather		Joe Clayburne	
	10:30	Rodger Johnson						
<b>Communion</b> <b>Preparers</b> Lydia Baese	8:00	Danny & Carolyn Zunker			Craig & Vicki Hollmig			
	10:30	Roxy Duelm & Peri Ikels			Dwayne & Cheryl Koepp			
<b>Communion Servers</b> Lydia Baese	8:00	Pat & Kathy Quade			Susan Kanz & Chris Markulin			
	10:30	Paul & Sheri Luckemeyer			Korvan & Jill Kruesler			
<b>Greeters</b> Nancy Becker	8:00	Dottie Hough & Margaret Warncke	Donna Kiser & Gail Krueger		Marlin McFarland & Sharon Schroeder		Pete & Susan Montgomery	
	10:30	Richard & Roxanne Ware	Sam & Watsy Wotipka		Kelly Pfluger & Cheryl Guldroz		Jeannie Anderson & Roxy Duelm	
<b>Friendly Visitors</b> Carolyn Zunker		Nolan & Erna Diertert			Dan & Becky Krueger			
<b>Coffee Crew</b> Carolyn Zunker		Brian & Heather Knetsch	Cindy Orsak & Kay Magness		George & Letty Gracia		Danny & Carolyn Zunker	
<b>Pew Pals</b> Tracy Granado		Team Quade	Team Hildy Slocum		Team Willa Faulkner		Dina Dornburg	
<b>Hospital Visitors</b> Nancy Becker		Kay Magness	Dotty Collins & Kathy Lamon		Nancy Becker		Pat & Kathy Quade	

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- \* 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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