

The Epistle

Paul Owens, Senior Pastor



What to give your valentine?

Americans will spend in the neighborhood of \$20 billion for Valentine's Day... this will include the purchase of about 58 million pounds of chocolate. Three years ago, 19% of valentine shoppers spent \$681 million on gifts for pets! (source: www.entrepreneur.com) "What's love got to do with this?" ... Tina Turner might ask.

It seems timely and worth asking then: what do women really want from a man? They want what they have always wanted: they want to be loved. They want "men who are steady, faithful, considerate, and industrious. The virtues they seek in a husband — dependability, fidelity, honesty, frugality — are those that women have always sought." (Amy L. Wax, "Too Few Good Men," *Policy Review 134*, The Hoover Institution, December 2005 & January 2006).

And ladies, what about your fella? What does a man really need? A man's primary need is *respect*... he needs to see and hear that his beloved wife respects him. Respect does not always have to equal agreement; it does mean that he needs to know that you hear, see, and hold in very high regard what he does and says.

To a special very few people, God has given the gift of singleness. To the rest of us, he gives one exclusive valentine: he calls us into the vocation of marriage. To protect this gift from your sin and mine, he sets high standards and grants abundant forgiveness of your sins. If you need someone to preach each either of these to you, ask your valentine first, or a true friend, or come see Pastor Chip or me.

In the late 1950's, with her rich, soulful voice Etta James sang "*At last... my love has come along... my lonely days are over... and life is like a song.*" The famous refrain that Etta sang is actually a song as old as time, first sung by a lonely man whose wait was finally over:

*"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."* Genesis 2:23 ESV

Isn't it interesting that what women want and what men need isn't for sale... and is plainly, clearly delivered in God's plan? Marriage is a big deal. It is about much more than just sentiment and a mutual, carnal benefit arrangement. It is God's lifelong plan against loneliness, the first weapon in God's battle array against Satan, the mutual delight and consolation of husband and wife, and the incubator for children and faith. No wonder that first, lonely fella sang out when the woman God made for him came along.

Your brother in Christ,

Pastor Paul

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

Meet the St. Paul Lutheran Staff



Paul Owens - Senior Pastor

Primary Responsibilities:

- Preaching and worship
- Evangelism and stewardship
- Leadership



Chip Reynolds - Pastor of Faith Formation

Primary Responsibilities:

- Faith Formation
- Preaching and worship
- Leadership



Michelle Rivera - Executive Director

Primary Responsibilities:

- Operational/financial planning and management in coordination with the Executive Committee, Finance Committee, and Council
- Facility planning and management in coordination with the Property Board and Tech Team
- Human resources planning and management as well as Risk Management in coordination with the Personnel Board



Rebecca Epley - Preschool Program Coordinator

Primary Responsibilities:

- Connect with our Preschool families
- Lead Chapel
- Oversee staff and daily operations of the Preschool



Jody Noblett - Director of Music and Creative Arts

Primary Responsibilities:

- Direct the St. Paul Sanctuary Choir and Handbells
- Oversee the Children's Choirs, Mimes, and Puppet Ministries
- Lead worship music for church services and Covenant Band



Stacy Garcia - Bookkeeper/Controller

Primary Responsibilities:

- Maintain all financial records of the Church and Preschool and generate monthly financial statements
- Assist and prepare documentation for the annual budget process
- Execute end-of-year financial closing requirements

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**Jennifer Burrows -
Administrative Coordinator**

- Primary Responsibilities:
- Coordinate church-wide events calendar, facility/property use, projects, accessibility, and safety personnel
 - Prepare worship bulletins and PowerPoints for weekly and special services; prepare monthly newsletter, *The Epistle*
 - Record all official acts of the congregation as well as prepare acknowledgements of memorials/honorariums



Ann Brown - Organist

- Primary Responsibilities:
- Coordinate music with Choir Director and pastors for worship services and other Church programs
 - Plan, prepare, and play music for worship services and other Church programs
 - Accompany choirs and soloists during rehearsals, worship services, and other programs



**Jason Crofford -
Maintenance Technician**

- Primary Responsibilities:
- Perform preventive and daily maintenance throughout the church
 - Assist in comprehensive maintenance schedules and repair records
 - Provide equipment set-ups and otherwise prepare facilities for scheduled events



**Michelle Kennedy -
Preschool Administrative
Coordinator**

- Primary Responsibilities:
- Enrollment
 - Employee Scheduling
 - Daily Operations



**Alison Setser- Admin. Assistant
(Financial)**

- Primary Responsibilities:
- Assist with Accounts Payable
 - Staff liaison for boards of Congregational Life and Adult Ministry
 - Assist with maintaining membership records



**Shelby Hines - Admin. Assistant
(Media)**

- Primary Responsibilities:
- Operate church social media accounts
 - Maintain church website
 - Assist senior administrators with media and communications



**Jo Schomberg - Admin. Assistant
(Connections)**

- Primary Responsibilities:
- Provide administrative support to church boards, committees, volunteer groups and members
 - Contact person for matters relating to worship and membership support
 - Provide clerical assistance to the pastors and staff

February 2019 Service Calendar

	Sunday, February 3	Sunday, February 10	Sunday, February 17	Sunday, February 24
Alter Guild Vicki Hollmig			Becky Krueger & Pixie Hagemann	
Lay Minister Fred Terry	Paul Finley	Chris Markulin	Fred Terry	Scott Johnson
Scripture Readers Leslie Wellbrock	8:00 John Magness	Kay Magness	Paul Finley	Leslie Wellbrock
	10:30 Ola Fischer	Gilbert Orsak	Sandi Owens	Eric Schmidt
Ushers Ed Berich	8:00 Bob Warnecke	Bob Warnecke	Benno Engel	Benno Engel
	10:30 Reno Engel	Reno Engel	Harvey Borgfeld	Harvey Borgfeld
Acolytes signupgenius	8:00			
	10:30			
Audio Tech Greg Schliather	8:00 Paul Luckemeyer	Mark Sohn	Christian Reynolds	David Wagner
	10:30 Paul Luckemeyer	Mark Sohn	Christian Reynolds	David Wagner
Video Tech Greg Schliather	8:00 Greg Schliather	Lorrie Cook	Geg Schliather	Joe Clayburne
	10:30 Rodger Johnson	Lorrie Cook	Rodger Johnson	Joe Clayburne
Communion Preparers Lydia Baese	8:00 Danny & Carolyn Zunker		Sandra Pfluger & Erna Dietert	
	10:30 Georgia Tadlock & Peri Ikels		Ken & Martha Joyce	
Communion Servers Lydia Baese	8:00 Pat & Kathy Quade		John & Kay Magness	
	10:30 Kim Bond & Ginger Dicker		Jerry & Cheryl Hamilton	
Greeters Nancy Becker	8:00 Donna Kiser/ Gail Krueger	Pete & Susan Montgomery	Phil & Kim Moore	Bob & Cheryl Warnecke
	10:30 Willia Faulkner/ LaVerne Kruckemeyer	Paul & Pam Finley	Suzi Casey/ Cheryl Guidroz	Malcolm & Ola Fischer
Friendly Visitors Fred Terry	Carolyn Zunker	Carolyn Zunker	Fred Terry	Fred Terry
Coffee Crew Cindy Orsak	Danny & Carolyn Zunker	Leslie & Glenn Wellbrock	Janice Vader/ Harvey & Erna Haas	Danny & Carolyn Zunker
Pew Pals Hildy Slocum	Hildy Slocum Team	Willia Faulkner Team	Dina Dornburg	Dale & Julie Goos
Hospital Visitors Nancy Becker	Doty Collins/ Kathy Lamon	Nancy Becker	Pat & Kathy Quade	Doty Collins/ Kathy Lamon

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

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Wednesdays
 5:30pm Bldg. Comm.
 6:00pm CLIMB; Bells, Adult Bible Studies; Open Gym
 7:00pm Choir

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3 COMMUNION ***See Above*** 9:15am Disciple Orient. Class 11:30am F3 Youth	4 5:00pm Endowment Foundation	5 9:00am Quilters 9:30am Crafters 11:00am Preschool Chapel 6:30pm TNT's	6 7:30pm Mastercraftsmen 11:00am Staff Meeting ***See Above***	7 1:00pm Bridge 6:00pm Congregational Life	1 7:00am Prayer Group 10:00am Preschool Chapel	2 WILD GAME DINNER
10 ***See Above*** 8:00am F3 Adult 9:15am Disciple Orient. Class FPU Class 11:30am F3 Children	11 5:00pm Personnel Board	12 9:00am Quilters 9:30am Crafters 11:00am Preschool Chapel 4:00pm Executive Committee 6:30pm Property Board TNT's	13 11:00am Staff Meeting ***See Above*** 6:00pm FPU Class	14 2:00pm Our Place Memory Cafe HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!	15 7:00am Prayer Group 10:00am Preschool Chapel	16
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24 ***See Above*** 9:15am Disciple Orient. Class FPU Class	25	26 9:00am Quilters 9:30am Crafters 11:00am Preschool Chapel 5:30pm Worship Board 6:30pm TNT's 7:00pm Stewardship Board	27 3:00pm Kirkwood Dev. ***See Above*** 6:00pm FPU Class	28 4:30pm St. Martin Comm. 6:00pm SPICE		

St Paul Youth News

Wednesday, February 6

6:00 – 8:00 p.m. - Open gym & Fellowship event

Wednesday, February 13, 20, and 27

6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Open gym & ARK event



**Camp Eagle
July 2-7, 2019**

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 2019 - child's name". Camp registration fee is \$255.00. You may also register on the church website.

**Mission NB
July 15-19**

For middle and high school youth. Registration is also on the church website.

Breaking Bread Together



Breaking Bread is a fun way to become part of the church. Groups are from 6 to 8 folks (singles, couples, children). The host sends out an email to find a suitable date, time, and menu for that group. Some dine in homes, restaurants, or do picnics in the park. Your group runs itself. We're all busy, but there's always time to eat and get to know your church family. An intimate gathering is perfect for this. Contact Dotty Collins by email: Dotty@postofficerealty.com or cell 830-708-5198. Breaking Bread wants YOU! Sign up today!

Preschool Ministry

We can't think of a better time to teach preschoolers about how much Jesus loves them than February—the month of love! And how much does Jesus love preschoolers? Well, the same as He loves you and me—A LOT! In fact, there is nothing wider or longer or higher or deeper than the love Jesus has for you and our preschoolers. This month, we will be learning a verse that confirms this truth, "may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth" - Ephesians 3:18.



We want to say a BIG THANK YOU to the Memorial Committee for showing love to our Preschoolers by purchasing an iPad for each classroom. The iPads will help our teachers better keep assessment documentation and portfolios for each preschooler. They will also open more means of communication with our Preschool families.

February Flowers



February 3 - Wayne & Cynthia Graybill
February 10 - Dick Albon & Lanelle Rudolph
February 17 - Open
February 24 - Open



Texas District

Mission Moment

by Pastor Bryce Formwalt
Director of Mission Growth

To read Pastor Bryce's latest article in its entirety, please go to:

<http://www.lcmctexas.org/mission-moment>

Thank You

The Orsak family greatly appreciates all of the cards and prayers they have received on behalf of the death of Cindy's father, Carroll Atkinson.

For current events and information, please visit www.nbstpaul.org.

Opportunities to serve with Congregational Life

Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ. From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

Ephesians 4:15-16

Name _____

Phone _____ mail _____

Please mark X where you might be interested in serving!

_____ **Member of Congregational Life Board** (Meet voting requirements)

Attend meetings monthly and multiple functions throughout the year

Able to be decisive, a strategic planner and organized

_____ **Congregational Life Project Volunteer: Please mark your volunteer interests below with an X.**

Projects are short-term volunteer activities

_____ Set-up/take down of Christmas decorations

_____ Assist with Angel Tree - organizing, shopping, wrapping, delivering, etc.

_____ Prepare/Serve/Clean-up for meals as needed at various functions such as:

_____ Advent Dinners

_____ Lent Dinners

_____ Easter Breakfast

_____ 4th of July

_____ Worship Outside Our Walls

_____ Nov. Pie Social

_____ Decorations (tables and so forth for events)

_____ **On-Going Volunteer Opportunities**

_____ **Hospital Ministry**

Visit congregants currently in the hospital or Rehab facility 1-2 times a week

Facilities are in New Braunfels or possibly surrounding areas

1 week of service with a 6-week rotation

_____ **Prayer Ministry**

_____ Meet every Friday morning at 7:00am in the church Sanctuary to pray together

_____ Email list – Commitment to pray weekly for people- prayer requests received via email from St. Paul

_____ **Bereavement Ministry**

Usually Mon-Sat 8:00am-8:00pm – Day and Times vary per Funeral Schedule

_____ Provide a dozen sandwiches and/or desserts for Funeral Receptions-On Call/as Needed

_____ Set-up/Serve and Clean-up at Funeral Reception on an On Call/As Needed basis

_____ **Kitchen Angels**

Providing meals to families in need – On as needed basis and is flexible with your schedule

This includes a short visit and a meal drop off with people who have recently returned home from the hospital or rehab center after a surgery, an illness, delivering a baby or other life challenges

_____ **Coffee Ministry**

Prepare/set up and clean up coffee and donuts on Sunday morning

Set-up at 7:00am on Sundays – coffee ready by 8:00am

Clean up coffee bar area and wash dishes after Sunday School hour

1 Sunday of service with a rotation based on number of teams – currently 6 teams



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  Find us on Facebook  www.nbstpaul.org

Please join us on Sunday mornings for worship and the Bible study hour:
Traditional Worship 8:00 a.m.; Bible study hour 9:15-10:15 a.m.; Informal Worship 10:30 a.m.



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