

The Epistle

2017 Wild Game Dinner



The St. Paul Lutheran Wild Game Dinner Committee would like to thank all of those that volunteered and supported the 2017 Wild Game Dinner. This year's event was one of the most successful events ever with record attendance and the second most money raised. The combination of ticket sales, a live auction, a silent auction, and numerous donations raised \$35,000 that will be donated to seven predetermined charities. The proceeds will be split evenly among those charities including the St. Paul youth. The 14th annual Wild Game Dinner will be held on **February 4th**. Please save the date.

The 2017 recipients are:

St. Paul Youth Ministry – supports youth programs including; summer camps, mission trips, and more.

New Life Children's Center - a residential treatment center for severely troubled girls ages 11- 17, located at Canyon Lake.

Cross Trails Outfitters - a Christian-based youth outdoors program.

Trinity Oaks - an outdoors experience for veterans, youth, terminally ill, and persons with disabilities.

The Gabriel Project - a crisis pregnancy counseling and assistance program.

Communities in Schools - provides support to help students stay in school and succeed in life.

Texas Outdoor C.H.I.L.D. - provides hunting, fishing and outdoor adventures to youngsters between 8 and 20 years old that have experienced a life altering medical incident.

How Can You Get Involved:

This is a great way to serve the Lord while at the same time meeting a lot of great St. Paul members (and some non members) who donate their time to make disciples and raise money for impactful charities. For questions or to sign up to assist with the 2018 event you can contact the church office, a committee member, or Lance and/ or Garth Bielke.

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20 seconds that can change eternity

Two weeks ago at the YMCA when I was all sweaty from a workout, a friend stopped to tell me that he had lost his job. I listened. I asked what he thought about it, what his wife thought about it... and then I knew he had to keep moving, so I prayed a simple prayer with him quietly, with my hand on his shoulder, in the main room of the YMCA: Gracious Lord, thank you for your plan for Joe and thank you for his wife. Help them discuss this without gossiping or growing bitter. Lord, you already know what you have next in store for Joe in terms of work, so please work that out and give him ears to hear you. I ask this in Jesus' name, amen.



Jesus has commissioned you: "You are my witnesses." A witness testifies... you don't get to plead the 5th amendment and remain silent as a Christian☺. Indeed, Jesus warns you and me: "whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels." (Mark 8.38).

One of the simplest, most effective ways to witness to someone is by praying with them... you can pray with someone ANYWHERE and you can do so in as little as 20 seconds. Do you walk up to a stranger and say "may I pray with you?" Maybe, but most likely not... that's usually not the style for Lutherans☺. Most likely, you will be called to pray with someone with whom God has already put you in relationship: a friend, family member, co-worker, teammate. The opportunity and calling come about simply when someone tells you something that is on their mind or heart, a need or a struggle. Honestly, someone tells you something like this almost daily, don't they? It might be at home, over the phone, at work, in the produce department at H.E.B.... or at the YMCA. You are having a conversation and as you listen the little voice in the back of your head says "gee, this person is sharing something important with me and I'm not sure what to do?" Well, that's the Holy Spirit telling you to pray with them **right then and there**. You would not hesitate to talk about the weather or the person's outfit or last night's Rangers' game with them right then and there; don't let Satan keep you from praying quietly, simply with them right then and there. **When someone is sharing a need with you that is no time to be ashamed of Jesus... it is time to pray in his name.**

That prayer with Joe took about 20 seconds... and he told me the other day he was eternally grateful. You are called and equipped by Jesus to be his witness... so listen, reflect, and pray... even a shy Lutheran can do that☺.

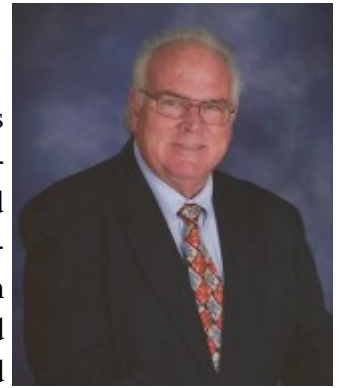
Your brother in Christ,
Pastor Paul

Please join us July 2,
after 10:30 service
for hotdogs, apple pie &
ice cream
in the fellowship hall!

Hosted by:
Congregational Life Board

Greetings, my brothers and sisters in Christ!

Well, here it is! The last message from me as your president. These past four years have flown by too quickly for me. I have certainly enjoyed working with the Executive Committee and the many folks on the Congregation Council. We have had some good times and some not so good times, but mostly we serve you the Congregation and our Lord, Jesus Christ with a strong endeavor to what has been laid out in front of us. We can all hold our heads up and be proud of all that was accomplished and what is ready for the new president and vice-president as they take the reins and lead us further along.



Last month, we received the resignation of Karisha Neely, the St. Paul Lutheran Church Pre-school Director. Karisha has been with the Pre-school for many years and brought it from near dissolving to a full house, a great reputation, and standing on its own two feet financially! Annie Gonzales will be fulfilling the duties as Interim Director until Karisha's replacement is found. Thank you, Annie for taking on this difficult job.

Another sad note to report is that Lanelle Rudolph, St. Paul Lutheran Church Administrator, has submitted her retirement announcement to the President and Senior Pastor effective August 11, 2017. She and Richard look forward to some well-deserved time together, enjoying retirement as a husband and wife ought to. Best Wishes to the happy couple and may the Lord continue to shine his face on the both of them!

Last month, I noted that the Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on June 25, 2017 and I want to reiterate the importance of your attendance. Not necessarily just to hear me say good-bye, but to Vote! We as a Congregation will be selecting a new President, Vice-President, Directors to the Board of Stewardship, Evangelism, Public Relations, Congregational Life, and Delegates to the LCMC Texas and National Gatherings. In lieu, there will be thanksgiving to those who have served and continue to serve on Your Congregation Council. Please schedule time out of your busy day to join in this meeting.

On Mother's Day, May 14th, we received thirty new members into the congregation and another five on June 11th. Pray for them and help them to know you. Find them and show them the ropes. Take them under your arm and in to your Sunday School class. Introduce them to the many volunteer opportunities available for their time and talents around the Campus. You will be glad that you did.

Here is another reminder that the LCMC Texas District is having its Annual Gathering in Taylor this year at St. Paul Lutheran Church on Fowzer Street on July 28-29. This event is open to all of you and being a past attendee, it is gratifying and a great educational experience. There is a nominal fee to attend that includes several breakout sessions, worship services, several great speakers and pastors will enlighten everyone, and of course there are meals, snacks, and drinks. Taylor is not that far away, yet if you are going to both days, staying the night is the best choice.

As Psalms 107:1 says, *"Oh give thanks to the Lord, for his is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!"*

You are good, Lord, and even when times are hard, we praise You for your steadfast love in us, Amen

Your brother in Christ! *Fred*



There are moments in the life of every individual that essentially become “put up or shut up” kinds of moments. One of my favorite Country songs is “Are You Gonna Kiss Me or Not.” It boils down to a matter of “stopping telling me you love and show me you love me.”

I really believe that we live in a society of bluster and big talk. And, it has permeated every level of that society...all the way to the top. I would love to have a nickel for every time one of my friends has said, “I wish President Trump would stop tweeting.” I honestly believe that he is really a product of a self-absorbed, self-interested society that seemingly can’t help itself.

This is part of our culture right now and frankly, I don’t like it.

I guess that is why we are expected to be counter-cultural. We have to be doers of the Word and not be bluster Christians. Our actions must support our rhetoric and language.

James 1:26-27 is a very interesting passage.

Anyone who sets himself up as “religious” by talking a good game is self-deceived. This kind of religion is hot air and only hot air. Real religion, the kind that passes muster before God the Father, is this: Reach out to the homeless and loveless in their plight, and guard against corruption from the godless world.

The Message

It is interesting because the bluster and the bravado is not about fooling others according to Scripture, but they are “self-deceived.” This, to me, is far more dangerous than deceiving everyone else. Why? Because if we can convince ourselves to believe our own message then we can much more easily get others to believe it.

We must stop relying on our own “religion” and start trusting God, believing Scripture, and living as if we truly believe it. Stop talking about it and start living it. People will have much more faith in what we have to say if it is evident that we are willing to back up our beliefs with actions guarding “against corruption from the godless world.”

So with the tune floating around in my head I can hear the new lyrics to the song....”You gonna serve me or what...” Alright...let’s all sing it together now.

In His arms,

PC



Mission New Braunfels

What is it? It is a service project in New Braunfels. Our youth group will be working with Habitat for Humanity in the local area and working in the Habitat for Humanity store. Thirteen students will be staying at church the entire time, this includes sleeping at church.

When? June 6 - 10 (Tuesday - Saturday)

What is needed? Donations of water, Gatorade and most of all **PRAYER**.



Summer Youth Calendar 2017

JUNE

- Sunday June 4 Family Picnic in the Park - For 6th-12th grade youth and families, bring your favorite potluck dish to share. Meet at Landa Park, Picnic area 3 (across the street from volleyball court) after 2nd service for food, fun and fellowship with families.
- Tuesday - June 6-10 Mission New Braunfels - event is full - only chaperones needed.
- Saturday -
- Monday - June 12-16 VBS
- Friday -

June 18 - July 1 - Pastor Chip is gone for military training.

- Wednesday June 28 "Open gym"/organized games at church for all 6th-12th grade youth
PARENTS INVITED

JULY

- Sunday July 2 Congregational Life will host Independence day celebration after church.
- Thursday July 6 Landa Park - 10:00am-2:00pm for swimming (parents are responsible for their own students)
- Wednesday July 12 "Open gym"/organized games at church for all 6th-12th grade youth
PARENTS INVITED
- Monday - July 17-22 Camp Eagle
- Saturday -
- Wednesday July 19 **NO "Open gym"**
- Sunday July 23 Camp Eagle recap in FH after 2nd service with family potluck for attendees of Camp Eagle and their families.
- Wednesday July 26 **NO "Open gym" due to Slumber Falls**
- Thursday July 27 Landa Park - 10:00am-2:00pm for swimming (parents are responsible for their own students)
- Sunday July 30 **Community Service** - trash pick-up - all 6th-12th grade youth

AUGUST

- Thursday Aug. 3 Landa Park - 10:00am-2:00pm - for swimming (parents responsible for their own students)
- Wednesday Aug. 9 "Open gym"/organized games - HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH ONLY
PARENTS INVITED
- Wednesday Aug. 16 "Open gym"/organized games -6th-12th grade youth
PARENTS INVITED
- Thursday Aug. 17 Landa Park - 10:00am-2:00pm for swimming (parents responsible for their own students)
- Saturday Aug. 19 Surviving Adolescents Retreat - 9:00am-2:00pm w/lunch
all incoming 6th graders and parents.
- Wednesday Aug. 23 Family Night at church - Y&F brd., Chr. Ed. Brd., & Congr. Life brd.
- Saturday Aug. 26 Back to school Bash - **6:00-9:00pm** at church for all incoming 6th-12th grade
- Monday Aug. 28 School Starts**
- Wednesday Aug. 30 "Open gym" /organized games - 6th-12th grade youth
PARENTS INVITED

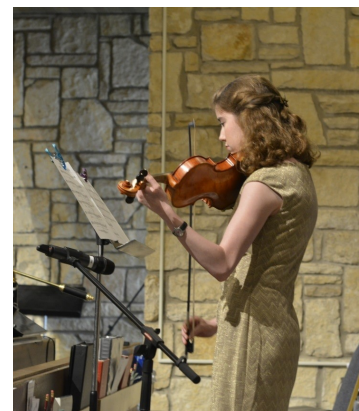
SEPTEMBER

- Wednesday Sept. 6 First lesson begins

June 2017

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 - 6th Gr.) 9:15 a.m. Sunday - Jody Noblett
- Youth:** Mimes practice as needed - Diana Clayburne
Puppets practice as needed - Jody Noblett
- Adults:** Covenant Band 6:00 p.m. Wednesday - Jody Noblett
Sanctuary Choir 7:00 p.m. Wednesday - Jody Noblett
Summer Break from June 7th - July 12th for the Sanctuary Choir

***Serving with our Head, Heart and Hands***

Quilters - Meet 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

Bereavement Ministry - Meet as needed to provide receptions for funeral/memorial services. Contact Carol Schorn

Eucharistic Ministry - Give communion to shut-ins monthly. Contact Carolyn Zunker

Hospital Visitors Ministry - Visit members in the hospital. Contact Nancy Becker



Prayer Ministry - Contact Carolyn Zunker

Friday Morning Prayer - Contact Roylene or 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 a.m. 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 1:30 p.m. in room 223. Contact Karen Krieg

Mah Jongg Friends - meet the 2nd & 4th Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. in Room 223. Contact Shirley Stamets at 620-1731

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



All are invited to join the Wednesday Evening Ladies Bible Study group on **Tuesday, June 6 at 6:30 p.m.** to see the movie "The War Room" starring Priscilla Shirer. This movie is a powerful story regarding the power of prayer in the life of a family. Even if you have already seen this movie, we welcome you to join us for inspiration and fellowship. Your family and friends are welcome.

The movie will be shown here at St. Paul, location to be announced later.

Hope you can join us.

Ola Fischer



Breaking Bread Together



It's not too late to join the fun of Breaking Bread!!!

Here's how it works: Host homes (we define the groups) will offer the main dish and guests (+ kids) will bring side dishes to break bread together. For approximately an hour and a half, we'll do two of our favorite things--eating and talking--to get better acquainted.

We'll meet in June, July, August and September with the same group. In October 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!

Contact Dotty Collins at 830-629-5129, Dotty@postofficerealty.com, or call the church office at 830-625-9191.



VBS

June 12th - 16th



VBS is just around the corner! If your children aren't registered yet, there is still time. We need tons of youth and adult volunteers to help make this event a success. Volunteer opportunities both large and small exist. We need zone leaders, group leaders, and help with various other responsibilities during VBS and preceding VBS. Whether you can help the entire week, for a few hours, with decorating or on projects from home, please contact Kimberly Wunderlich or Jenny Campbell or email us at vbs@nbstpaul.org. Here is a look at some of the VBS events ahead:



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| June 4 | Donations Due |
| June 7 | VBS Workday and Decorating |
| June 11 | Volunteer Training |
| June 12 -16 | Maker Fun Factory VBS |
| June 14 | Family Night at Landa Park |
| June 16 | Volunteer Luncheon |
| June 18 | Special VBS Music and Sundae Sunday Fellowship |



Lost & Found

Located across the hall from the downstairs bathroom.



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 at 830-625-9191.

June Flowers

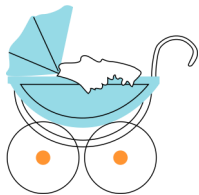
- June 4 Jay & Jerry Cooper
- June 11 Paul & Georgia Tadlock
- June 18 Glenn & Leslie Wellbrock
- June 25 John & Jean Spitzer



Our Sympathy to

Anna Mae Lackey
on the death of her husband,
George Lackey.

David and Kathy Lamon
on the death of his mother,
Regene Lamon.



Congratulations to

Kevin and Shirley Burke on the birth of their baby
boy, Micah James, on Tuesday, April 25.

Thank You

"Whatever you do, work heartily as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ." Colossians 3:23

This Bible verse is what I have tried to live by as Congregational Life Board Director for the last four years. I believe that all the volunteers of this church family try to live and work the same way.

There are so many areas that volunteers serve at church:

Office helpers, Sunday School teachers, "Climb" leaders, VBS workers, Slumber Falls helpers, the Board directors and their board members, Confirmation guides, Small group leaders, Pew pals, Altar guild, Lay ministers, Security team, Ushers, Greeters, Communion servers and preparers, Scripture readers, Tech team, Musicians, Choir members, Offering counter, Bulletin & Epistle folders, SOS Food bank volunteers, Individuals who help with FPU, and Special Committees.

I especially want to thank the volunteers that serve under the Congregational Life umbrella:

- Kitchen Angels - Delivering meals to people who need extra help after a hospital stay.
- Bereavement Ministry - Providing receptions for funeral/memorial services.
- Coffee Crew - Provide coffee, tea, juice, and donuts for the congregation.
- Sunshine Ministry - Provides gifts to shut-ins for special occasions.
- Prayer Ministry & Friday Morning Prayer - Meeting & praying for people from prayer requests.
- Hospital Visitors Ministry - Visit members in the hospital with prayer and communion.
- Prayer Blankets - Crocheting blankets for the sick.
- Eucharistic Ministry - Give communion to shut-ins monthly.
- Master Craftsmen - Cleaning and upkeep of Hortontown Cemetery. (St. Martins).
- Quilters - Sewing quilts for Lutheran World Relief to be sent all over the world.
- Women's and Men's ministry - Retreats, program and fellowship.

All of these areas of service are action! We are serving and working heartily for our Lord.

Last, but not least, I want to thank the Congregational Life Board members for always being so willing and ready to do the Lord's work. I know there were times you probably thought (what is she cooking up now?) ☺. We all love each other and have fun! You all are a blessing to the congregation and to me. I have really enjoyed serving with you!



In His Love & Service,
Emily

Congregation at Study

Sunday Morning - 9:15 am

Birth through 12th Grade

The Nursery through 5th grade will be studying the Spark Activate Faith Series. The curriculum follows the lectionary calendar.

Nursery Children - led by Cassie Mueller, meet in the Butterfly Room.

3 years – 4 years - led by Nancy Schlather and Kristin Haas, meet in the Monkey Room.

5 years – Kindergarten - led by Azeneth Knudson and Cheryl Koepp, meet in the Giraffe Room.

1st Graders – 2nd Graders - led by Tracy Granado, meet in Room 208.

3rd Graders – 4th Graders - led by Jill Kreuzler and Kristee Wirebaugh, meet in Room 202.

5th Graders - led by Kelly King, meet in Room 203.



The 6th Grade through 12th will be studying “The Gospel Project”.

It is a three year program that starts with Genesis and goes to Revelation.

6th Graders - meet in Room 223.

7th Graders – 8th Graders - led by Joe Wilson, meet in Room 224.

9th Graders – 12th Graders - led by Pastor Chip Reynolds & Steve Chapman, meet in the Youth Room upstairs.

Nursery available in the Butterfly Room from 7:45 – 11:45am

Adult Classes

Men’s Bible Study, led by Tex Brown, is taking books of the Bible and going through them one chapter at a time. They meet downstairs in the Zebra Classroom.

Study of the Lectionary, led by Teeta Bahr, is based on the study of the weekly texts. This class is open to all and meets downstairs in the Sacristy.

Study of God’s Word, led by Lanelle Rudolph, is on a study journey from Genesis to Revelation. This multi-generational group meets in room 20.

Women’s Bible Study, starting May 15th they began a study of the book Unoffendable by Brant Hansen. "Brant Hansen asks a radical, freeing question: What if Christians were the most unoffendable people on the planet? And he offers a life-changing idea: "righteous anger" is a myth, and giving up our "right" to be offended can be one of the most healthy, simplifying, relaxing, refreshing, stress-relieving, encouraging things we can do." Books available for purchase Please join us upstairs in Room 201.

Mary and Martha Class, led by Sharon Schroeder, is a group of women that meet together to study and provide friendship and support. They are studying a video series “Glory Days” by Max Lucado. They meet upstairs in Room 220

Men’s Class, led by Brian Taylor, is studying The book of Joshua. With Gods help we will be digging in and discovering what type of leader Joshua was and what happened when he took over the reigns after Moses died. Did you know that Joshua was one of the Bible's greatest military leaders? Come and find out how this happened and how we can learn to lead and apply this in our lives. You will not regret it. They meet in the Library.

Partners in Faith, led by David and Liz Doss. Meet in the Chapel.



Weekdays

Summer Break - Various activities are planned. Please call the church office at 830-625-9191 for more information and check SPY youth news page for summer activities. Have a great summer!

Monthly

Third Thursday of the Month

SPICE - led by Lanelle Rudolph in her home at 6:00 p.m., is a women’s group that studies a different book of the Bible each year from the God’s Word for Today Series. They are studying 1st & 2nd Thessalonians in 2017.

The Report Card - Annie Gonzalez - Interim Director

On Tuesday, May 23rd, the Preschool had their Pre-K Graduation Ceremony. Each graduating child from the Monkey and Giraffe class received a certificate and shared with their families what they learned this past year. We are truly blessed to be surrounded by a group of smart, kind and talented children daily. We send them to Kindergarten with high hopes for a bright future and with all our love.

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” Jeremiah 29:11



Train up a child in the way he should go, And when he is old he will not depart from it. Proverbs 22:6



The Preschool board is seeking members to join our ministry of engaging preschool families into our congregation and spreading the word of God to future generations. We meet the first Monday of the month at 6:30. If you feel serving on the preschool board is something you would consider, please contact Nancy Schlather at 830-609-8344 or nancyschlather@gmail.com. Thank you!



Texas District

Mission Moment

by Pastor Bryce Formwalt
Director of Mission Growth



The only professional vocation I've ever known in my adult life has been ministry. Graduating from seminary at the age of 24, I have spent the last fifteen years working in positions that I have been passionate about and that have given my life great meaning and purpose. From time to time I have also wondered what others say about finding fulfillment in different occupations.

Ten years ago, I had the chance to get to know a guy who attended the church I was serving. I knew that this man was a local veterinarian, the first veterinarian that I had gotten to know on a personal level. I remember saying to him one time that I supposed he must be a big animal lover to dedicate his life to veterinary science. His response struck me in a profound way: "No, not particularly. I rather think of myself as a steward of God's creatures." And it hit me: he didn't just like what he did ... he understood his profession as a calling from God in much the same way that I understood my own.

A few years later, while ministering among farmers and ranchers in North Dakota, I met a rancher in my congregation shared with me that his mission as a rancher was to help feed the world. Along with that he had the responsibility to take care of his family, livestock, and the land that God had entrusted to him while helping to provide a safe and healthy food source for millions of people whom he would never, ever meet.

What these two faithful followers of Jesus were able to articulate is that how they lived their lives mattered. They both understood themselves as caretakers of the one and only life God had given them to live and understood that God had a specific purpose in mind for them ... and that God-given mission gave their life meaning and purpose and impacted the decisions they made on a day-to-day basis.

And they serve as a reminder for us that our God-given mission and purpose is an important stewardship issue: How are you spending the one and only life that you've been given? Are you investing your time, talents, and resources pursuing your God-given purpose? Does it impact your day-to-day decisions?

The same questions ought to be asked by church leaders of their congregation: Are we spending our time, talents, and resources pursuing our God-given purpose? Are we investing everything we have collectively to pursue the mission and vision to which God is calling us? In order to answer these questions, perhaps more foundational questions need to be asked: What is our mission? What is God's vision for our congregation?

Friends, one of the greatest pursuits in life is discovering our mission. It is a vital issue of the stewardship of our lives, both as individual followers of Jesus and as collective communities of faith. It is my hope and prayer that we all can faithfully and courageously pursue our God-given purpose and future.

Pastor Bryce Formwalt is the Director of Mission Growth for the LCMC Texas District. Residing in Georgetown, Pastor Bryce is available to coach congregations on mission. Feel free to contact him with any questions or comments: 512-942-7776 or bryce@lcmctexas.org.

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ST. PAUL SIMPLY NUMBERS

April Actual Income and Expenses by Board

Description	2017 Actual		2017 Actual YTD	Balance for Year	Over/(Under) Budget
	APRIL	APRIL			
Administrative and Office	\$1,420.87	\$10,931.26		(\$26,613.74)	
Christian Education	\$22.47	\$1,384.20		(\$6,135.80)	
Congregational Life	(\$1,024.99)	\$3,480.42		(\$10,519.58)	
Evangelism	\$1.98	\$30.93		(\$1,969.07)	
Finance Committee	\$7,583.33	\$30,333.32		(\$60,666.68)	
Personnel	\$37,212.81	\$154,126.38		(\$332,712.62)	
Preschool (expenses only - see income below)	\$36,926.31	\$158,698.12		(\$341,450.35)	
Property	\$12,163.29	\$35,640.10		(\$68,359.90)	
Public Relations	\$99.00	\$936.00		(\$3,064.00)	
Stewardship	\$9,456.98	\$28,018.68		(\$61,683.32)	
Worship	\$1,042.08	\$3,663.59		(\$10,336.41)	
Youth & Family	(\$640.00)	(\$454.78)		(\$10,868.78)	
SPENDING TOTALS	\$104,264.13	\$426,788.22		(\$934,380.25)	
General Offerings	\$91,973.54	\$293,761.16		(\$560,387.31)	
Preschool Income	\$41,917.85	\$178,123.72		(\$328,896.28)	
TOTAL INCOME	\$133,891.39	\$471,884.88			

NET MINISTRY PROCEEDS

\$29,627.26 **\$45,096.66**

2017 Wild Game Dinner Summary	
Opening Balance	\$ 10,449.86
Year to Date Income	\$ 61,465.00
Year to Date Expenses	\$ (24,489.00)
2018 Hall Rental Deposit	\$ (2,578.00)
Ending Balance in Wild Game Dinner Fund	\$ 44,847.86
Amount to be Distributed to 7-Organizations	\$ 35,000.00

April 30, 2017

OPERATING

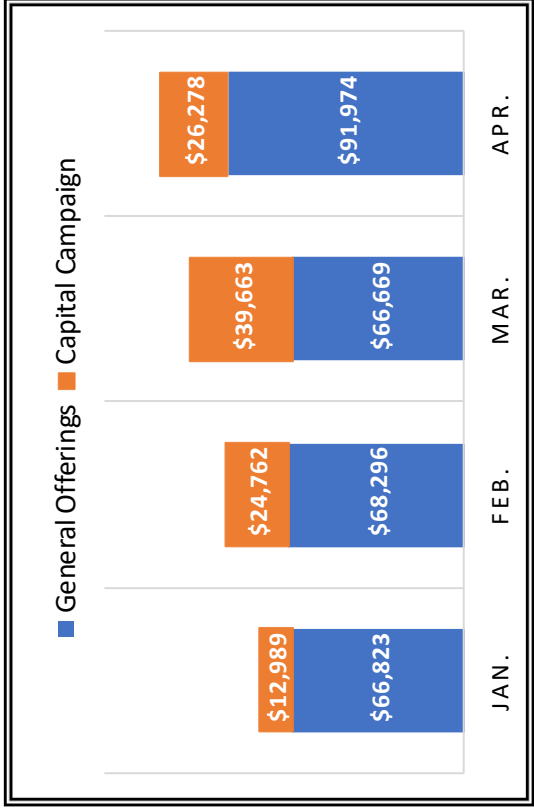
CASH BANK BALANCE

\$398,261

Y-T-D, April 30, 2017

Capital Campaign Gifts:

\$103,690





LCMC Texas District Annual Gathering 2017

Friday, July 28 through Saturday, July 29, 2017

Registration begins at 4:00 PM on Friday. The event will conclude at 4:30 PM on Saturday.

Hosted by St. Paul Lutheran Church in Taylor, TX

Cost \$40 per person

REGISTER ONLINE: 2017LCMCTEXAS.eventbrite.com

Hotel information can be found on the registration site. Contact Judy Henfey at pjhenfey@att.net with questions. Hope to see you there!

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS:

Michael Hall, Saturate Austin Director of Hill Country Bible Network
Pete Mueller, Lead Pastor ACTS Lakeway / Director of ACTS Network
Dan Clites, LCMC Coordinator for New Ministry Development

PREACHERS:

Mike Ryherd, Senior Pastor of Abiding Peace, Flower Mound
Jeremy Walloch, Senior Pastor of Martin Luther, Giddings



Grandmas' Stocking Guild

Stuffed With Love

We make stockings for children in distressful situations,
and we are always looking for new helpers!



Most of our work is done at home, but we get together 4 times a year to get stockings ready for sewing: we cut pattern pieces, pick out embellishments, assemble everything in one place, and take it home.

It's fun – we work, but we also sit and chat, we make new friends,
we are happy to be doing things for others.

OUR NEXT WORKDAYS:

THURS., JUNE 22, 10:00am – 1:00pm

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH, 777 W. SAN ANTONIO ST., NB

THURS., JULY 20, 10:00am – 1:00pm

CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH, 2171 COMMON ST., NB

THUR., SEPT 21, 10:00am – 1:00pm

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH, 1250 BELVIN, SAN MARCOS

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

Discussed the following:

Faith Stepping Stones (Raising a Healthy Baby – May 17 & 24 and Blessing Our Graduates – May 21); May Sunday School; Summer Sunday School; VBS (June 12-16) with Sundae Sunday (June 18); Slumber Falls (July 24-27); August Family Activity (August 9); and Fall Sunday School and Wednesday nights.

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

July 4th Celebration - we will cook hot dogs and have apple pie and ice cream after second service on July 2, 2017

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

Discussed the following

- New Discipleship Class & Celebration Meal After Action Review, Take Aways, Improvements, Suggestion 2017 Board of Evangelism Budget/St Paul Simply Numbers
- Friendly Visitors Update/News
- Project Saving X 2018 - Partnership with Oakwood Church
- New Partnership with New Braunfels YMCA - (Discuss Summer Youth Basketball Program)
- Where Are We as a Congregation & Board of Evangelism

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

The Personnel Board continues its work to resolve compliance review issues -- to include SPLC corporate documents, which will go the voters at the June meeting. We're now shifting focus somewhat to support filling key staff vacancies. Also preparing for 2018 budget inputs and the 2017 personnel evaluation cycle.

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

- Karisha Neely, Preschool Director resigned from her position on May 5th. Annie Gonzalez will be the interim Director until we find a replacement.
- The board has begun the process of looking for a director. We will post more on the position once we have a plan in place.
- Our parent survey results are in and they were AMAZING! Thank you to all the staff that works so hard to ensure our students are cared for on a daily basis.

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

- Water leak was repaired and pipe replaced in the Narthex area.

Thank you to all the volunteers that helped move furniture from the cross street property to the new offices and building and the volunteers that did all the landscaping around the new building. It looks awesome.

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

- May 1, 2017
Meeting opened in prayer
- discussed progress of "Blessing the Graduate" event and "end-of-school" party
- Updates and final plans for Mission New Braunfels and Camp Eagle discussed. Both events are full (NO vacancies). Volunteer support from congregation on Mission New Braunfels has been incredible. Thank you congregation!!
- Summer calendar reviewed with changes, then approved (see SPY News in this Epistle for the summer calendar).
- "Big Picture Stuff" continues. Board continues to review/discuss overall concerns that affect the board.
- June meeting will be discussing the Fall calendar, Guides and Fall Sunday school.

Board of Public Relations - Phil Moore - 830-832-6067**Board of Stewardship – Arlen Pietsch- 830-625-2152**

Board of Worship – Rod Mueller -

St. Paul has had a great Winter and Spring, now it is time to get ready for Summer and Fall. Work is continuing on implementation of the new Audio and Video Distribution for the building. This program was initiated during the recently completed Phase 1 of the Building Program. The work to complete the Sanctuary is now in process. When complete, watching Services from the Sanctuary in the Lobby and Fellowship hall will be possible. Of Course regular maintenance is an ongoing project.

The Worship Board has approved a policy covering display of the U.S. Flag. We always want to know and acknowledge the blessings God has given us here in the United States. We also want to be sure that nothing ever takes our eyes and hearts off of the Cross. It is important to avoid placing any symbols in a position that might distract us from loving and honoring God through the Jesus. The Worship Board has identified five Celebration Sundays when the flag shall be brought into the Sanctuary to assist us in thanking God for his gift of our land and nation; the Sunday closest to Memorial Day, Flag Day, Independence Day, Labor Day and Veterans Day. Some of these days will also use a processional honor guard. We are so blessed in so many ways by the Lord, we welcome this chance to celebrate his gifts. Consideration for this decision is based on the *Altar Guild Manual, Service Edition, 1998, 2006, CPH* : “*The national flag is a symbol of the state, whose values and purposes are different from, and sometimes incompatible with, those of the church.*”

Looking forward to the Fall, it is the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation. Preparations are underway to help us remember the gifts of Martin Luther and to share these gifts with the whole City of New Braunfels. Luther’s posting of the 95. These brought the Gospel into our homes in a way that had never been previously known. Take time now to reread the Small Catechism and share it daily with your children and grandkids.

One last thing. If God is poking you to help with the Worship Experience, we are always looking for volunteers to help with Altar Guild, Lay Ministers, Audio Video, Music, Ushers, Communion Preparers & Servers, and Greeters. Contact me or Carolyn in the office.

Yours in Christ. Rod Mueller.

Memorial Committee Report

June, 2017

Memorials during the month of April 2017, were given in memory of the following people:

Joyce Lux Darling, Kathleen Dietel, Roy and Teresa Duelm, Johnny Friesenhahn, Raymond Gass, Dennis Harborth, Waylon Malone, Otis Walter Mueller, Jon Pfluger, Shirley Ruppel, Angeline Stahl Louis Toussaint, and Zachary Williams.

As reported last month, the Memorial Committee has agreed to provide digital equipment in eight Sunday School rooms plus the library. Roger Johnson has already started to build wall mounts for the new DVDs, and this month, the seven DVD players themselves were ordered. Our church staff is working together to install them appropriately and attractively. While this is exciting, more will soon be coming to modernize our facility, helping it to provide a quality learning experience.



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Not only can you put your offering in the plate on Sunday morning, but you can also give a gift electronically by E-CHECK or DEBIT CARD! To give electronically, see Giving Options under Resources at www.nbstpaul.org.

*****Sundays*****

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

June 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 1:00pm Bridge 6:00pm Congregational Life	2 7:00am Prayer Group	3
4 11:30am Youth Family Picnic	5 1:30pm Staff Meeting 6:30pm Youth & Family Bd	6 9:00am Quilters 9:00am Memorial Comm 6:00pm Christian Ed Meeting 6:00pm War Room movie	7 7:30am Mastercraftsmen 6:00pm VBS Decorating 7:00pm Choir	8 5:30pm Worship Bd	9 7:am Prayer Group 5:00pm Eat Out Friends	10
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11	12 9:00am VBS 1:30pm Staff Meeting 5:00pm Personnel Bd 6:30pm Public Relations Bd	13 9:00am VBS 9:00am Quilters 1:30pm Mah Jongg 4:00pm Executive Comm 6:30pm Property Bd	14 9:00am VBS 3:00pm Kirkwood Devo 6:00pm VBS Family Night at Landa Park Pav#15 7:00pm Choir	15 9:00am VBS 10:00am Crocheters 1:00pm Bridge 6:00pm SPICE	16 7:00am Prayer Group 9:00am VBS 12:30pm VBS Volunteer Luncheon	17
18 11:30am VBS Sundaes Sunday	19 1:30pm Staff Meeting 7:00pm Council Meeting	20 9:00am Quilters 7:00pm Evangelism Bd	21 3:00pm Eden Home Devo 7:00pm Choir	22 9:00am Grandma's Stocking Guild 4:30pm St. Martin Comm	23 7:00am Prayer Group	24 6:00pm Domino Friends
25 11:30am Congregational Meeting in Sanctuary	26 1:30pm Staff Meeting	27 9:00am Quilters 1:30pm Mah Jongg 7:00pm Stewardship Bd	28 6:15pm Youth Open Gym 7:00pm Choir	29	30 7:00pm Prayer Group	

June 2017 Service Calendar

		Sun., June 4	Sun., June 11	Sun., June 18	Sun., June 25
Altar Guild Vicki Hollmig		Ann Stollewerk			
Lay Minister Fred Terry		Ken Wunderlich	Paul Finley	Jerry Hamilton	Lanelle Rudolph
Scripture Readers Margaret Warncke	8:00	Chris Markulin	Patti MacDonald	Chris Ewald	Fred Terry
	10:30	Carl Hafer	Chip Franck	Dotty Collins	Karen Mims
Ushers Ed Berich	8:00	Team 3 Russell Stollewerk	Team 5 Kevin Dornbusch	Team 5 Kevin Dornbusch	Team 7 Wayne Graybill
	10:30	Team 4 Ken Wunderlich	Team 6 Paul Finley	Team 6 Paul Finley	Team 8 Melvin Pankau
Acolytes signupgenius	8:00	Hud Baese			
	10:30		Beck Hudson		Alize & Astin Martinez
Audio Tech Greg Schlather	8:00 & 10:30	Mark Sohn	James Walls	Paul Luckemeyer	David Wagner
Visual Tech Greg Schlather	8:00	Greg Schlather	Rod Mueller	Greg Schlather	Joe Clayburne
	10:30	Rodger Johnson		Rodger Johnson	
Communion Preparers Pixie Hageman	8:00	Jenna Kieke & Gail Krueger		Erna Dietert & Ann Stollework	
	10:30	Pixie Hageman & Carol Schorn		Larry & Sue Schwab	
Communion Servers Pixie Hageman	8:00	Sandra Pfluger & Carolyn Johnson		John & Kay Magness	
	10:30	Ken & Martha Joyce		Rodger & Barbara Johnson	
Greeters Liz Doss	8:00	Gail Krueger & Eileen Lindenau	Patti MacDonald & Marlin McFarland	Pete & Susan Montgomery	Phil & Kim Moore
	10:30	Lance & Peggy Bielke	Chris & Audra Bloxsom	Greg & Cookie Campbell	Brian & Dotty Collins
Friendly Visitors Carolyn Zunker		Mark & Mindi Wing	Dwayne & Cheryl Koepp		Carolyn Zunker
Coffee Crew Carolyn Zunker		Brian & Heather Knetsch	Nolan & Erna Dietert	Brian Taylor Family	Glenn & Leslie Wellbrock
Pew Pals Tracy Granado		Hildy Slocum Team	Willa Faulkner Team	Dina Dornburg	Dale & Julie Goos
Hospital Visitors Nancy Becker		Pat & Kathy Quade	Dotty Collins & Kathy Lamon	Nancy Becker & Glenn Wellbrock	Pat & Kathy Quade

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



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