

# *The Epistle*

## *Paul Owens, Senior Pastor*



### **You and Your Bridegroom**

In 95 A.D., when the seer John was exiled to the Greek island of Patmos for confessing Christ, the Lord gave him an absolutely beautiful peek ahead, a vision of God's kept promise:

*"Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. <sup>2</sup> And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband." Revelation 21:1-2*

I think of the delight of our wedding day, seeing my beautiful Sandi step into the doorway and come down the center aisle of the church; she took my breath away. And then, I think too, of the deep joy of seeing the bride the Lord picked for our eldest son, his beloved Kelsey; what profound joy to see those two put together under Christ's lordship. Well, that's the vision, the image John uses for the profound joy of the new Jerusalem, in which the Lord will make ALL THINGS – including you – NEW!!

The vision goes further: *"And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. <sup>4</sup> He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away" (Rev 21:3-4).*

You and I live in "the meantime," waiting for that day, longing for it. The meantime can be pretty rough. The Devil has been defeated, but he's still swinging out fiercely. Our own tears fall and we know heart-breaking loss. Yet, dearly beloved, your bridegroom has promised: He's coming... Jesus will be here right on time... and you shall be so adorned for him that it would take your breath away.

Your brother in Christ,

Pastor Paul

## *Breaking Bread*

### **Hot off the press!!!**

Breaking Bread is planning something very special—a June 23rd gathering of all of you who have participated in the program. Details will follow with specifics for time and food. Put the date on your calendars now! We'll meet at Richard and Roxanne Ware's house—and they have a swimming pool for any interested in taking a dip—and a great big deck, perfect for entertaining. Although the we are winding down for the summer to begin again at the end of August, any who want to continue meeting, please do so. Any who would like to join in the fun, but have no group that's meeting or are new to the program contact me and we'll get connections going. Dotty Collins — [dotty@postofficerealty.com](mailto:dotty@postofficerealty.com) or cell —830-708-5198.

Meanwhile, put Breaking Bread on your "to do" list for the fall. The friendships made around dining tables are truly the treasures. Watch for sign up info toward the end of August.

*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*

## Stewardship Board

The Stewardship Board needs your help in three areas. First, we are in need of people committed to serving our congregation to help us fulfill our mission of " ...teaching and implementing the principles of biblical stewardship, including the stewardship of time, treasure, and talents." Second, we are looking for facilitators to lead fall classes of Financial Peace University(FPU). Start dates are as follows: Sunday, Sept 15, 9:15AM, & Wed, Sept 18, 6:30-8:00. Third, we are seeking to establish a steering committee to coordinate an ongoing schedule of FPU course offerings throughout the year. The goal of this committee is to manage all the moving parts necessary to offer these classes, including coordination with Ramsey Solutions, office staff and administration, working with partners outside our walls, and with other boards. If you are an FPU graduate, you are perfectly qualified to join this committee. The goal here would be to serve one or two cycles, then have one or two members drop off the committee and be replaced by someone else ... a rotating committee so to speak. If you feel called to serve in any capacity, or know someone who might, please contact Brad Campbell at 830-708-6458.



### Roar VBS --- The "Mane" Event

**Roar VBS --- June 24-29, 2019**

Roar VBS is right around the corner and you don't want to miss the "mane event." If you haven't yet registered your 4 year old through 5th graders, you should do it now. No one will want to miss out on the exciting Bible adventures, catchy music, science activities, and fun games. Youth and adults shouldn't miss out on the fun either. We are still in desperate need of volunteers. If you are able to help for the week, or even a few hours, be sure to register as a volunteer to help decorate, be a crew leader or help out in one of the rotations. For those of you that feel called to serve this ministry, but are unable to help in other roles, please consider donating snacks or other supplies. You can register, volunteer, or donate by going to <http://www.nbstpaul.org/faith-formation/children/> and scrolling down to Roar VBS. If you have any questions, contact the VBS team at [vbs@nbstpaul.org](mailto:vbs@nbstpaul.org).

Some Dates to Remember...

- Family Night: June 26 at Landa Park
- Crew Leader Meeting(s): June 16 and June 23
- Decorating Workday/ Work Night: June 5 and June 19
- Volunteer Luncheon: June 28
- VBS Music at 2nd Service and Sundae Sunday: June 30



### 2019 LCMC Texas District Gathering

The 2019 Annual Gathering will be in Seguin on August 2-3.

Registration is open now online:

[2019LCMCTexas.eventbrite.com](http://2019LCMCTexas.eventbrite.com)

Hosted by **Faith Lutheran Church, 1326 E Cedar Street, Seguin, Texas**

**Adults - \$50 thru 7/15/19**

**\$60 after 7/15/19**

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## St Paul Youth News

### **Camp Reminders!**

July 2-7—Camp Eagle

<https://www.shelbygiving.com/App/Form/fe3653d5-3379-4b0c-953a-ff3a7b75b515>

July 15-19—Mission New Braunfels

<https://www.shelbygiving.com/f/f2?formid=643c226a-c62c-483d-bb6e-d91528baba47>

### **Summer Schedule-**

We will be having youth activities throughout the summer. Details coming. Please join our REMIND for updates by texting @9k4ce9.

### Personnel Board

The Personnel Board is currently working to facilitate Faith Formation Ministries and during Pastor Chip's upcoming tour of active duty with the Texas National Guard. Also starting the next edition of the Employee Handbook and efforts to improve our risk management policies.

Dear St. Paul Family,

Thank you for all of your kind expressions of concern and sympathy for me following the death of my mother, Dorisse Krueger. A special thanks to Pastor Paul and Ann Brown, as well as everyone who helped with the service and reception afterwards. My parents and I have been blessed by being part of such a wonderful congregation! - Gail Krueger

June Flowers



June 2 - Kathy & Joe Langhorst  
 June 9 - James & Pam Walls  
 June 16 - Glenn & Leslie Wellbrock  
 June 23 - Open  
 June 30 - Open

Preschool Ministry

Preschool is a buzz of activity. Please come visit us. We would greatly enjoy visitors coming to share their gifts and talents with our preschoolers. Do you have a special talent or gift you would be willing to share at a preschool level? We would appreciate visits from medical professionals, teachers, gardeners, plumbers, bakers, musicians, seamstresses, architects, artists, chefs, readers of a good book, etc. Please call the Preschool office at 830-625-2044 or email [rebecca@nbstpaul.org](mailto:rebecca@nbstpaul.org) to schedule a visit. Your prayers are always appreciated. We will be having our Texas Rising Star accreditation assessment in July.

Congregational Life Board

Congregational Board has been busy, busy! Thank you to everyone who helped make the Lenten Meals and Easter Breakfast a success. Special thank you to Roxy Duelm for leading the Easter Breakfast volunteers! Our board is happily making plans to serve as our church congregation continues to grow.

**Coming up in June we have the following:**

June 2nd-We will be showing our appreciation to the St. Paul Lutheran Quilting Ministry between 1st and 2nd service on June 2nd in the foyer. Please come meet these awesome volunteers and have some cake.  
 June 30th-Sunday Sundaes-Congregational Life and the Children's Ministry will be combining celebrating Vacation Bible School and the 4th of July. Please come join us after late church for hot dogs, chips, apple pie and icecream sundaes.

**Possible new ministry:** if you have ideas regarding forming a Care Giver Ministry, please contact Vi Randow ([vivoss2@yahoo.com](mailto:vivoss2@yahoo.com)). We as a board have heard there is a need to support congregants who are caring for a loved one at home. We are discussing what this ministry would look like, what needs there are, etc.

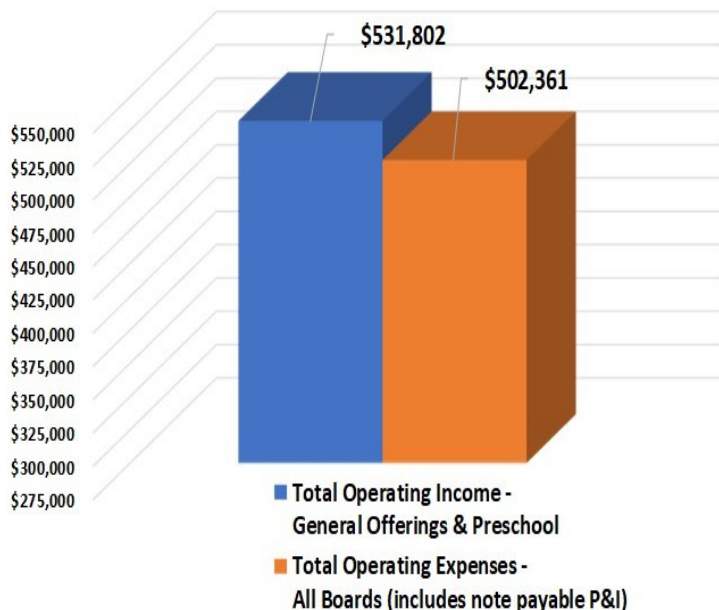
**WORSHIP OUTSIDE THE WALLS:** Please mark your calendar for September 22nd. We are planning this event to happen a little earlier this year to avoid the rain. This is a wonderful opportunity to invite guests and "reach outside our walls" spreading the news of our Savior, Jesus Christ. The event will happen in Landa Park at the dance slab at 10:30am. (If you're new to SPLC, this is an outdoor service followed by lunch-we call it WOW). Please plan to join us and volunteer to help if you can.

Grandma's Stocking Guild

Come help us change a child's life... one stocking at a time! We make beautifully decorated Christmas Stockings for children in foster care. They usually arrive at the foster or group home with no belongings. This special *personalized* stocking we give them is theirs forever.

Consider this an open invitation to attend our workshops... *all* are welcome. See where you might fit in. Our next workshop will be at St. Paul from 10am-1pm on June 15. For our full workshop schedule, check out our webpage: [grandmasstockingguild.org](http://grandmasstockingguild.org).

Income Versus Expenses  
 April 30, 2019



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

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

## June 2019 Service Calendar

		Sunday, June 2	Sunday, June 9	Sunday, June 16	Sunday, June 23	Sunday, June 30
<b>Altar Guild</b> Vicki Hollmig		Ann Stollewerk				
<b>Lay Minister</b> Fred Terry		Rod Mueller	Ken Wunderlich	Scott Johnson	Chris Markulin	Jerry Hamilton
<b>Scripture Readers</b> Leslie Wellbrock	8:00	Robbie Koehler	Hannah Lear	Sharon Schroeder	Jason Lear	Dan Krueger
	10:30	Ken Brucks	Bill Schade	Lynn Lear	David Foss	Becky Krueger
<b>Ushers</b> Ed Berich	8:00	Harvey Borgfeld	Russell Stollewerk	Russell Stollewerk	Kevin Dornbusch	Kevin Dornbusch
	10:30	Benno Engel	Ken Wunderlich	Ken Wunderlich	Paul Finley	Paul Finley
<b>Acolytes</b> signupgenius	8:00					
	10:30					
<b>Audio Tech</b> Greg Schlather	8:00	Paul Luckemeyer	Mark Sohn	Christian Reynolds	David Wagner	Rod Mueller
	10:30	Paul Luckemeyer	Mark Sohn	Chistian Reynolds	David Wagner	Rod Mueller
<b>Video Tech</b> Greg Schlather	8:00	Greg Schlather	Lorrie Cook	Greg Schlather	Joe Clayburne	Rod Mueller
	10:30	Rodger Johnson	Lorrie Cook	Rodger Johnson	Joe Clayburne	Rod Mueller
<b>Communion Preparers</b> Lydia Baese	8:00	Sandra Pfluger/ TBD		Pat & Kathy Quade		
	10:30	Georgia Tadlock/ Pixie Hageman		Scott & Jenna Collinsworth		
<b>Communion Servers</b> Lydia Baese	8:00	John & Kay Magness		TBD/ Fred Terry		
	10:30	Jerry & Cheryl Hamilton		Sandi Owens/ Marj Polay		
<b>Greeters</b> Nancy Becker	8:00	Paul Giese/ Nancy Becker	Brett Davis/ Sharon Schroeder	Stewart & Kristee Wirebaugh	Karen & Mary Ann Woody	Ken & Mary Louise Wunderlich
	10:30	Byron & Alison Setser	Gary & M'Lissa Steel/	Paul & Georgia Tadlock	Brian & Betty Taylor	Brad & Carol Thompson
<b>Friendly Visitors</b> Dan Krueger		Carolyln Zunker	Fred Terry	Fred Terry	Noland & Erna Dietert	Noland & Erna Dietert
<b>Coffee Crew</b> Cindy Orsak		Pfluger Team	Haas/Vader Team	Cooper Team	Orsak/Magness Team	Gracia Team
<b>Pew Pals</b> Hildy Slocum		Dina Dornburg	Dale & Julie Goos	Quade Team	Hildy Slocum Team	Willa Faulkner Team
<b>Hospital Visitors</b> Nancy Becker		Fred & Cookie Clark	Pat & Kathy Quade	Dotty Collins/ Kathy Lamon	Nancy Becker	Fred & Cookie Clark

# June 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b>						
<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
***see below*** 9:15am Reception for Quilters New Disciple Class 11:30am F3 Youth VBS Crew Training	10:30am Memorial Committee  <b>SLUMBER FALLS 10</b>	9:00am Foster Closet 9:00am Quilters 9:30am Crafters 11:00am Preschool Chapel 6:30pm TNT's  <b>SLUMBER FALLS 11</b>	7:30am Mastercraftsmen 11:00am Staff Meeting 6:00pm VBS Worknight  ***see below***  <b>SLUMBER FALLS 12</b>	1:00pm Bridge 6:00pm Congregational Life Board  <b>13</b>	7:00am Prayer Group  <b>14</b>	9:00am Preschool Staff Training  <b>15</b>
***see below*** 9:15am VBS Crew Leader Training 10:30am New Disciples join 11:30am F3 Children	5:00pm Personnel Bd.  <b>SLUMBER FALLS 17</b>	9:00am Foster Closet 9:00am Quilters 9:30am Crafters 11:00am Preschool Chapel 4:00pm Executive Com. 6:30pm Property Bd. TNT's  <b>18</b>	11:00am Staff Meeting 1:30pm Daytime Dominoes  ***see below***  <b>19</b>	2:00pm Our Place Memory Cafe  <b>20</b>	7:00am Prayer Group  <b>21</b>	9:00am Grandma's Stocking Guild  <b>22</b>
<b>COMMUNION 16</b> ***see below***	7:00pm Council  <b>17</b>	9:00am Foster Closet 9:00am Quilters 9:30am Crafters 11:00am Preschool Chapel 6:30pm TNT's  <b>VBS 25</b>	11:00am Staff Meeting 3:00pm Kirkwood Dev. 6:00pm VBS Worknight/ Crew Leader Mtg.  ***see below***  <b>VBS 26</b>	1:00pm Bridge 7:00pm Evangelism Bd.  <b>27</b>	7:00am Prayer Group  <b>28</b>	6:00pm Domino Friends  <b>29</b>
***see below*** 9:15am VBS Crew Leader Training 11:30am Congregational Meeting  <b>30</b> ***see below*** 8:00am F3 Adult 11:30am VBS Sunday Sundaes/July 4th	<b>VBS 24</b>	9:00am Foster Closet 9:00am Quilters 9:30am Crafters 11:00am Preschool Chapel 5:30pm Worship Board 6:30pm TNT's Stewardship Bd.	11:00am Staff Meeting 1:30pm Daytime Dominoes 3:00pm Kirkwood Dev. 5:30pm VBS Family Night Pot Luck at Landa Park  ***see below***  <b>VBS 26</b>	10:00am SPICE 4:30pm St. Martin Com.	7:00am Prayer Group	

\*\*\*Wednesdays\*\*\*  
6:00pm Bells

\*\*\*Sundays\*\*\*  
 8:00 am Traditional Service  
 9:15am Bible Study Hour; Sunday Summer School  
 9:30am Covenant Band  
 10:30am Informal Service



**June 2019**

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Please join us on Sunday mornings for worship and the Bible study hour:  
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