

The Epistle

Paul Owens, Senior Pastor



His Witnesses

After his resurrection, Jesus commissions us with this promise: *“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my **witnesses** in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”* Acts 1:8.

Since Jesus has defined you and me as **his witnesses**, it’s probably important and helpful for us to consider the first witnesses to his resurrection:

“Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. ² So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.” John 20:1-2

His first three witnesses are a woman and two men... confused followers who even though they run about quickly are yet slow to believe Jesus.

Each of them is a mixed bag of quick and slow, faithful and doubting, saint and sinner. Peter had his bacon saved by Jesus grabbing him by his own hand when he was sinking... and yet on that night of Jesus’ arrest, Peter denied ever knowing him. The “other disciple” was beloved by Jesus, he was present at the last supper, present at the crucifixion, and now present at the empty tomb, he is even the author of the Gospel of John... yet he confesses how slow he was to understand and believe. And Mary Magdalene: she had been right with the other women at his crucifixion, near enough to the cross to smell his blood and sweat and hear his breathing. She, too, had heard his promise to rise again... but she is sure it’s not true. “Someone has snatched his body” she says twice (John 20:2,13).

His first witnesses are **slow to believe**, but by the time Jesus is done with them he will have direct, intimate conversation with each of them – he will even call Mary by name – and they will be his witnesses... to the end of the earth. If you believe as I do that Jesus tells the truth and does not lie, then how about that:

- Slow believers like you and me are his witnesses
- Plenty of our neighbors are slow to believe as well... and Jesus sends you and me to them as **his witnesses**.

Your life, your experiences, your actions, your relationships, and your words all compose your **witness to Jesus**. One more thing: the risen Jesus did not allow Mary to stay there and hold onto him (John 20:17). Instead, he sent her out to tell others.

His witnesses... out we go.

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



Tex Brown, Interim President

Wow, what a wonderful Holy Week we just had in April. Palm Sunday had great music and preaching and then we had "first communion for many of our youth on Maundy Thursday. A special Good Friday Tenebrae service depicting the Passion of Christ and finally an awesome Easter Sunday with three services and huge crowd of believers in worship. We are truly blessed to worship our Lord and Savior during this time and in this place.

Our pastors just finished a great series of sermons on the Ten Commandments. During our time of Lent, we were reminded that Jesus came to fulfill the scriptures and the Pastors summarized the commandments into Love your God and Love your neighbor. Men's Round Up took place on Tuesday of Holy Week and Jerry Leachman reminded us men to "Get in the Game" and don't sit on the sidelines. Our SPLC ladies held their weekend retreat at the Hollmig ranch and it was a huge success. Thanks to all the ladies who planned and led this event. Check the church calendar for May and get involved as there is lots going on at SPLC. Vacation Bible School is right around the corner and will be in June, so bring the kids and volunteer to help out. Blessings to all.

Lutheran World Relief Quilts

Quilts have played a major part of Lutheran World Relief's mission since its founding in 1945. That means, for over 70 years, quilters across the country have lovingly stitched thousands upon thousands of quilts for distribution as part of LWR's many projects. Their quilts have traveled all over the world, from Peru to India to Tanzania, providing warmth and comfort to millions of families. Our congregation is sending 210 quilts this year to wherever it is needed in the world thanks to the loving hands that meet here at the church every Tuesday to quilt. The quilters are: Carol Schumann, Meredith Nyman, Evelyn Sanford, Bernice Reynolds, Jerry McDonough, Betty Pankau, Connie Schade and Lisa Boettle. Thank you for your dedication!

Volunteers Needed: If you are interested in making quilting kits (cutting the fabric at home) please call Meredith Nyman at 830.620.0753 (before June) or one of the quilters listed above after June.

Roar VBS --- The "Mane" Event

Roar VBS --- June 24-29, 2019



At Roar VBS, children will learn that even when "life is wild, God is good!" It will be an exciting week filled with Bible adventures, safari games, science experiments, and crafts, catchy music and tons of fun. VBS is scheduled for June 24-29 from 9:00 a.m. to Noon and is open

to kids age 4 through 5th grade. Register by May 31st to guarantee t-shirt and music CD.

To make this ministry possible, we need your help! Whether you can help for a few hours, a day, or the entire week, we have a volunteer role for you. If you can't participate, but would like to help, consider donating necessary snacks or supplies.

To register, volunteer or donate, visit the Children section of the Faith Formation tab on the church website at <http://www.nbstpaul.org/faith-formation/children/>. Scroll down to the Roar VBS logo and click on the appropriate registration or sign-up link. For additional information or assistance, contact the VBS team at vbs@nbstpaul.org.

St Paul Youth News

June 10 – 12
Slumber Falls Bible Camp

June 24 – 28
VBS

July 2 - 7
Camp Eagle

<https://www.shelbygiving.com/f/f2?formid=fe3653d5-3379-4b0c-953a-ff3a7b75b515>

July 15 - 19
Mission NB

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

**the links are live on the website for sign up! Cost for Camp Eagle is \$255 and the cost for Mission NB is \$100. Scholarships are also live and the deadline is May 31!



May Flowers

- May 5 - Lyle & Sharon Schott
- May 12 - Chip & Kathryn Reynolds
- May 19 - Joe & Kathy & Langhorst
- May 26 - Graduate Blessing Class

Preschool Ministry



St. Paul Lutheran Preschool is going through accreditation with Texas Rising Star. This has been a bit overwhelming, tedious, and very labor intensive. It is so fitting how our Bible focus for May is reminding us that God can help us do really big things. When our preschoolers are faced with big things, we want them to remember to hop to it, because God will help them. Please pray for our Preschool staff to remember and stand strong in this as well. Our scripture memory verse for May is “We have the Lord our God to help us.” - 2 Chronicles 32:8, NLT

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

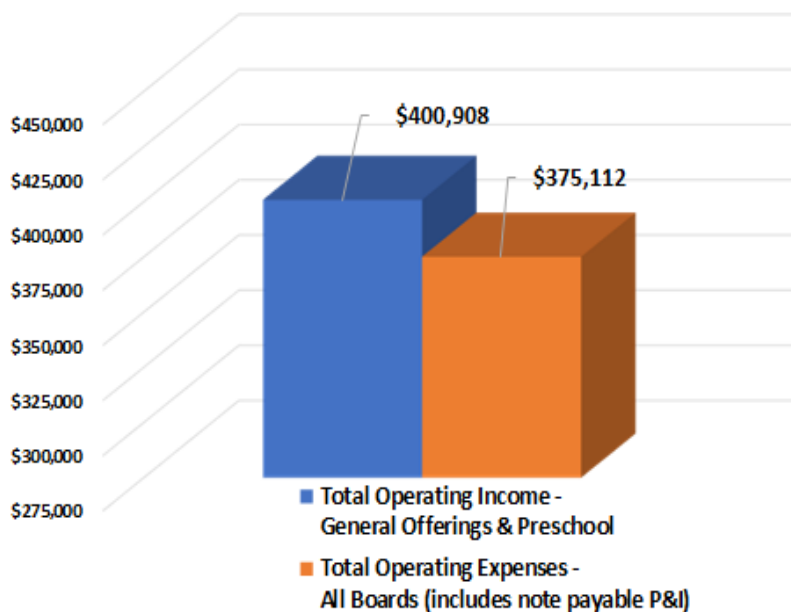
Adults - \$50 thru 7/15/19
\$60 after 7/15/19
Youth & Kids – HALF PRICE

- Registration begins at 5:00 p.m. on Friday
- The event will conclude at 4:15 p.m. on Saturday
- This Gathering is for ALL PEOPLE! All are welcome!
- Youth Gathering (grades 6-12) happening simultaneously
- Childcare/Kids programming available
- Pre-Gathering Leadership Seminar led by author Greg Finke
- Pre-Gathering Women’s Seminar highlighting Child Advocacy Center ministries
- Keynote Presentations by Greg Finke, Mark Vander Tuig, and Daniel Emery Price
- 3 Breakout Sessions with 15 different breakouts to choose from



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

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SPICE Bible Study

Beginning Thursday, May 23, SPICE Bible Study will start a study of the 12 sons of Jacob. The Bible will be our primary resource, but we will also consider the symbolic depictions of the brothers by artist Marc Chagall in his 12 stained-glass windows at Jerusalem’s Hadassah-Hebrew University Medical Center. Using scripture, history, tradition, and Chagall’s artistic imagination, we hope to better understand the Jewish past, its relevance for our modern world and how God continues to have a purpose and plan for His children.

If you are interested in Bible history and/or art history, we welcome you to join us the 4th Thursday of each month at 10:00 a.m. at the Church in Room 205. For more information, call Lanelle Rudolph at (830) 629-4670 or Kathy Quade at (830) 387-4876.



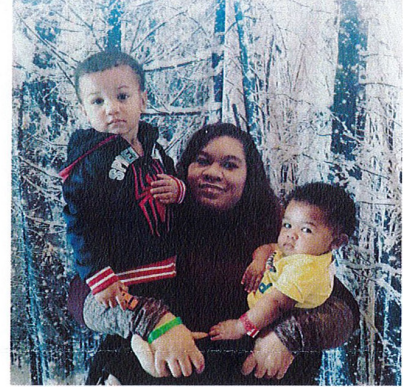
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Building Community, Strengthening Lives

April 1, 2019

St. Paul Lutheran Church
 Pastor Paul Owens
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Dear Pastor Paul,



FPGNB Graduate Family

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, our staff, and most especially our guests,
 I would like to thank

St. Paul Lutheran Church for your generous, ongoing support of
 Family Promise of Greater New Braunfels.

Your congregation's support has made possible amazing transformation in the lives of families!

- You have provided shelter, food, and holistic case management support to families with children who are homeless in our community
- 44 families totaling 48 adults and 85 children are now in their own homes
- Once in their home, families participate in our New Lease on Life aftercare program for an additional year, receiving ongoing support through ongoing case management and life-skills workshops
- To further strengthen our alumni, graduate families participate in Group Counseling and Financial Advising.

All of this and more...Thanks to YOU!
 Thank you for EVERYTHING you do to

End Family Homelessness.

Sincerely,

Manijeh Huereca, Executive Director FPGNB

Family Promise of Greater New Braunfels, a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organization, has not provided any goods or services, in whole or in part, to you in consideration for this donation. If you wish to claim a tax deduction for this gift in the U.S., please retain this acknowledgment letter for your files. Our EIN number is 80-0801136.

May 2019 Service Calendar

		Sunday, May 5	Sunday, May 12	Sunday, May 19	Sunday, May 26
Altar Guild Vicki Hollmig		Vicki Hollmig & Hildy Slocum			
Lay Minister Fred Terry		Nathan Bostick	Lanelle Rudolph	Paul Finley	Rodger Johnson
Scripture Readers Leslie Wellbrock	8:00	Kristi Wirebaugh	Presley Wirebaugh	Stewart Wirebaugh	Patti MacDonald
	10:30	Sarah Syamken	Rodger Johnson	Jerry Hamilton	Marjorie Polay
Ushers Ed Berich	8:00	Edward Berich	Reno Engel	Reno Engel	Harvey Borgfeld
	10:30	Ralph Behrend	Bob Warnecke	Bob Warnecke	Benno Engel
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	10:30				
Audio Tech Greg Schlather	8:00	Paul Luckemeyer	Mark Sohn	Christian Reynolds	David Wagner
	10:30	Paul Luckemeyer	Mark Sohn	Christian Reynolds	David Wagner
Video Tech Greg Schlather	8:00	Greg Schlather	Lorrie Cook	Greg Schlather	Joe Clayburne
	10:30	Rodger Johnson	Lorrie Cook	Rodger Johnson	Joe Clayburne
Communion Preparers Lydia Baese	8:00	Roxy Duelm/ Carolyn Johnson		Craig & Vicki Hollmig	
	10:30	Ken & Martha Joyce		Sandy Paulos/ Kim Bond	
Communion Servers Lydia Baese	8:00	Chris Markulin/ Fred Terry		Nancy Becker/ Gail Krueger	
	10:30	Paul & Sheri Luckemeyer		Sandi Owens/ Marilyn Paliani	
Greeters Nancy Becker	8:00	Donna Kiser/ Gail Krueger	Craig & Vicki Hollmig	Phil & Kim Moore	Bob & Cheryl Warneke
	10:30	Arlen & Josephine Pietsch	Kelly, J.R., Bobby & Charlotte Pfluger	Steve & Sarah Rieger	Larry & Sue Schwab
Friendly Visitors Dan Krueger		Mark & Mindi Wing	Dwayne & Cheryl Koepf	Dwayne & Cheryl Koepf	Carolyn Zunker
Coffee Crew Cindy Orsak		Glen & Leslie Wellbrock	George & Letty Gracia	Danny & Carolyn Zunker	Cindy Orsak/ Kay Magness
Pew Pals Hildy Slocum		Dale & Julie Goos	Quade Team	Hildy Slocum Team	Willa Faulkner Team
Hospital Visitors Nancy Becker		Nancy Becker	Pat & Kathy Quade	Dotty Collins/ Kathy Lamon	Nancy Becker

May 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 7:30am Mastercraftsmen 11:00am Staff Meeting 5:00pm F3 Adult 6:00pm Youth Group Night (Landa Park) 6:30 pm Raising a Healthy Baby ***see below***	2 1:00pm Bridge 6:00pm Cong. Life Bd.	3 7:00am Prayer Group	4
COMMUNION ***see below*** 11:30am F3 Youth	6	7 9:00am Quilters 9:30am Crafters 11:00am Preschool Chapel 6:30pm TNT's	8 11:00am Staff Meeting 1:30pm Daytime Dominoes 6:30pm Raising a Healthy Baby ***see below***	9 2:00pm Our Place Memory Cafe	10 7:00am Prayer Group 5:00pm Eat Out Friends	11
12 ***see below*** 11:30am F3 Children	13 5:00pm Endowment Foundation Personnel Bd.	14 9:00am Quilters 9:30am Crafters 11:00am Preschool Chapel 4:00pm Executive Com. 6:30pm Property Bd. TNT's	15 11:00am Staff Meeting 3:00pm Eden Home Dev. ***see below***	16 9:00am Grandma's Stocking Guild 1:00pm Bridge 5:00pm Evangelism Bd. 6:30pm Preschool Staff Training	17 7:00am Prayer Group	18
COMMUNION ***see below*** 11:30am Slumber Falls "Meet and Check"	20 7:00pm Council	21 9:00am Quilters 9:30am Crafters 11:00am Preschool Chapel 6:30pm TNT's	22 11:00am Staff Meeting 1:30pm Daytime Dominoes 3:00pm Kirkwood Dev. ***see below***	23 10:00am SPICE 4:30pm St. Martin Com.	24 7:00am Prayer Group	25 6:00pm Domino Friends Final Lesson and Dinner (Graduates and Parents)
26 ***see below*** 10:30am Blessing our Graduates	MEMORIAL DAY 27 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	28 9:00am Quilters 9:30am Crafters 11:00am Preschool Chapel 5:30pm Worship Board 6:30pm TNT's Stewardship Bd.	29 ***see below***	30	31 7:00am Prayer Group	

*****Sundays*****

8:00 am Traditional Service
9:15 am Bible Study Hour; New Disciple Class
9:30 am Covenant Band
10:30 am Informal Service
4:00 pm Nominating Committee

*****Wednesdays*****

6:00pm Open Gym; CLIMB; Bells;
Adult Bible Study
7:00pm Choir



Congratulations!

Blessing our Graduates

St. Paul will be blessing **all high school and college graduates** on Sunday, May 26th during the 10:30 service. The high school graduates are invited to set up a “Memory table” in the lobby and/or fellowship hall before 9:00 am. These tables are a wonderful way for your students to share with the congregation the many blessing they have received. Contact Kristin Martinez to reserve a space for your “memory table”. There will be a cake & reception during the Sunday School hour for the congregation to congratulate each graduate.

All high school seniors should plan to wear their graduation gown for the 10:30 a.m. service and arrive by 9:00 a.m. to participate in the reception. We would like to have all high school and college graduates listed in the church bulletin. Please contact Kristin Martinez @ 210-452-4519 or email her at bengalsmom7@gmail.com or Jennifer@nbstpaul.org by May 5, with the following information that applies:

High School Graduates

- Student Name
- Name of High School graduating from
- Future plans – college name & area of study
- Military Service – specify branch
- Employment opportunities

College Graduates

- Student Name
- Name of University
- Future plans – pursue post baccalaureate degree
- Employment Opportunities
- Military Service – specify branch
- Marriage

Final Lesson and Dinner

St. Paul requests the presence of all our high school graduates and their parents at a dinner and presentation. This event will be held on Saturday, May 25, at River Hofbrau in New Braunfels from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. The graduates meal will be provided. Contact Kristin Martinez by May 5th so more details can be emailed to you. The dinner is in honor of our graduates and hosted by the board of Youth and Family (F3 Youth). Each graduate will receive the final lesson in the “Graduate Blessing Stepping Stone” program and a special gift. Please reserve your space today!



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>

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

May 2019

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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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