

The Epistle

Welcome New Disciples!

Gougler, Phillip & Kaci

Phillip works in sales for Ram Tool and Supply in San Antonio. Kaci is a social worker at Kirkwood Manor in New Braunfels. Phillip and Kaci are recently married-March 5, 2016. They enjoy spending their weekends with their two dogs, at the river, and seeing live music in the area/exploring new activities in New Braunfels.



Hallam, Nick, Laura, Maisie & Marin

Nick and Laura have two daughters Maisie and Marin. Nick is the Director of Coaching at Lonestar San Antonio Soccer Club and Laura is a Real Estate Broker. Their days are busy with the girls' soccer and dance but you can find them hanging out in Gruene, golf carting around NB with the grandparents, and goofing around with their dogs Chloe and Charlie.

Martinez, Mark, Kristin, Aidan, Alize, Astin, Angelica, Addox, Axel, & Asher

Mark and Kristin live in New Braunfels with their seven children: Aidan (15), Alize (11), Astin (10), Angelica (9), Addox (6), Axel (3) and Asher (7mo). They have attended St. Paul for over 6 years and have decided to officially make it their home church. Mark is the South Central Regional Manager with Pro-Vision Inc. and Kristin splits her time between being the New Braunfels Middle School PTA President and being a stay-at-home mom. When they are not running after kids in soccer, basketball, dance, baseball and more, they can be found camping, swimming and enjoying other outdoor things. More than anything, they love to gather as a family and cheer on their Cincinnati Bengals...WHO DEY!



Mims, Doy & Karen

Doy & Karen met at Texas Lutheran and have been married for over 36 years. They have three grown children and three grandchildren. They recently moved to New Braunfels from Pleasanton, Texas. Doy is a salesman for Labatt Food Service and Karen is a part-time accountant for DA Malone, CPA. Karen is the niece of Pastor Danny & Janet Koenig.

Paul Owens, Senior Pastor

A Witness with Words, Part II

How and when did your life in Christ begin? For me it began in my baptism, on March 25, 1962 at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Barrington, Rhode Island. My Dad and Mom had the Lord declare his promise over me when I was a three-month-old sinner, squirming in my diaper... a cloth one☺. Their friends from the congregation, Floyd and Fran Drieth, promised as my godparents to support my parents in raising me as a Christian and promised to hold my Dad and Mom accountable to their promise to the Lord. Thankfully, my parents did a great job raising this forgiven sinner in the faith, teaching us the Bible and praying with us, taking us to church with them and walking the walk ... so the Drieths had it easy☺. How and when did **your** life in Christ begin? It may be quite different from mine. Take a minute right now and write down just a sentence or two... this will help you be prepared to be what you are, namely, Christ's witness☺.



Since that beginning, what have you learned about God, about others, and about yourself? For myself, I have learned time and time again that God is true and real. He says and does what NO ONE ELSE would. I have learned that other people are my neighbors and Jesus sends me to them. I have learned that I am a big sinner and that Jesus' love for me is far bigger than my sin. And I am just learning anew how to love people by investing time in them. How about you?... what have you learned about God, others, and yourself? Take another minute and write down a sentence or two. Send what you have written to me via text or e-mail or letter and I'll buy you a cup of coffee or a beer; really.

Jesus is very, very clear. Fresh from tomb that first Easter he says to us: *"Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead,"*⁴⁷ *and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.*⁴⁸ ***You are witnesses of these things.*** Luke 24.46-48 And in case you still thought he was talking to someone else when he said "you," he said again in Acts: *"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 ... and then eight more times in the New Testament... that's enough times that even shy Lutherans ought to be encouraged and ready to show and tell the love and truth of Jesus.

God's purpose for you and me is to be **his witnesses**... to be his hands and feet, his ambassadors to carry out the ministry of reconciliation (II Corinthians 5.16-21). Jesus did not wait for us to come to him, he came to us... and he sends us to our neighbor. So again, take just a minute to review your answers to the two questions above; this – and the promise of the Holy Spirit☺ - will help you be a faithful, humble witness to Jesus. Every day you wake up you take the witness stand for Jesus Christ... so help you God. He will.

Your fellow witness,

Pastor Paul

Chip Reynolds, Pastor

Kathryn and I took Olivia and Christian to school yesterday. It was a bitter-sweet moment to be sure. For the last 8 months we have homeschooled them and had them with us practically all the time.

Watching the emotions that they were going through as they met new teachers on a new campus for the first time reminded me of just how chaotic our lives can be.

They were nervous and excited all at the same time. They didn't know if they should keep their guard up or let it down. They want new friends but are afraid to let new people in. Sound familiar?

In our relationship with Christ I think we can run the same complex gamut.

It is not easy on us when it seems like we have conflicting feelings going on inside of us. The conflict between belief and unbelief is terrifying because there are things that cannot be explained.

We go through a process as believers. And honestly we are not very good at processes. We are a people that very much like things to be fixed immediately. Faith is not that type of thing.

Just as we need to be intentional about dealing with our inner conflicts in life we must also be intentional about dealing with our faith. Faith requires us to feed it. Faith requires us to nurture it through study. Faith requires daily conversations with the one in whom we believe. If we are failing to do any of these then we are failing to be faithful.

1 Timothy 4:15 "Take pains with these things; be absorbed in them, so that your progress will be evident to all."

A new school year seems to bring that into focus. Just as there is excitement for a new school year there can be excitement for a fresh look at our faith. There are great opportunities for each of us to renew our commitment to the process of faith. To be involved in study. To worship together. To grow together. It is time to be absorbed in them. It is time to take our faith seriously. Take advantage of the opportunities to grow in faith.

And let your progress be evident to all.

In His arms,

PC



Be Aware

Don't leave valuables in vehicles!! Police say there is a rise in "unforced entry to locked vehicles". Apparently anyone can easily purchase electronic devices that record the control signal a vehicle fob sends to the vehicle's locks. So if a thief is nearby when you lock your vehicle and records your signal, then the thief can unlock your vehicle once you go inside.

Likely you are on "high alert" when shopping or going to a public venue; however, coming to the church your awareness may decrease because *you're gathering with your brothers and sisters in Christ*. Not everyone in the vicinity is heading to worship or Bible study; be aware and leave no valuables in your vehicles.





Congratulations to

Emily Knudson & Jesus Guerra on the birth of their son Isaac Wade Guerra on August 6. Proud grandparents are Chuck & Azeneth Knudson and Joel & Josefa Guerra.



Our Sympathy to

Carolyn Jones, Stacy Garcia and family on the death of their husband and father Herman Jones.

Emily Harborth on the death of her uncle, Clinton Hartmann.

Richard Albion on the death of his sister, Billie Rosa.

Peri Ikels on the death of her cousin, James Turner.

Nick Hallam on the death of his father, Michael Hallam.

Alicia Stoll on the death of her father, Fred Stoll.

Thank You

George and I and our boys would like to thank our St. Paul family for your prayers, calls, visits, card, crocheted blanket and great food we received after finally arriving home. Our boys were overwhelmed with the concern and support from our St. Paul family. I am doing well and thank you for your blessings.

Love to all,
George & Cheryl Guidroz



September Flowers

September 4

Dwayne & Cheryl Koepp

September 11

Rodney & Sharon Bartels

September 18

Bill & Jenna Kieke

September 25

Kenny & Lisa Brucks



The **St. Paul Quilters** are still busy sewing quilts for **Lutheran World Relief**. We are always thankful to receive any **old sheets, blankets and fabric**. If anyone is interested in joining us we would be happy to have you!!

No experience necessary!!!!

Fred Terry, Congregation President



Greetings, my brothers and sisters in Christ!

Here we are at the start of the new academic year with our young folks heading off to new classes, schools, and universities. God bless them all! May He watch over them for us while they are away deep into their studies. It has been wonderful to see these younger folks grow up right before our eyes. Some I see have grown taller than their dads and all to be an assist to the community. We know that our children are a gift from God, as we ask of Him to give us patience and a joyful heart; letting us be an example of His love and forgiveness.

The other day, I was going through my morning routine, getting ready for a day at the office which included watching my morning news shows, when I saw a news crew on the streets of a large municipality conducting a survey, asking passersby: "What mattered most to them?" Some folks responded that their career/profession was most important, while others stated family members or friends. Others said that their houses were very important and some even answered, "ME!" No one said their Church or their relationship with God? Paul was teaching the Philippians and wrote in chapter three in keeping with Jewish law, what it is to be fully accepted by God. He used some strong language to show what does and doesn't matter in being a disciple of Jesus. As our mission at St. Paul "Go and Make Disciples", we ought to review what Paul told the Philippians as our goal in our life. ***Philippians 3***

Yes, we are thankful that the Lord has brought these summer time rains and the weeds of my lawn have all perked up! The last time I brought the lawn mower out to attack them was at the end of May! We should ask the Lord to care for those not as fortunate as we in the flooding in Louisiana, the fires in California, and the suppressing heat all around the country.

With hope and prayers, by the time that you are reading this message, the foundation has been poured and ready for the covered walkway from the San Antonio Parking Lot into the Gathering Place and entry to the Sanctuary along with the much needed elevator. I think that we are all very excited about this project and anticipating its completion. Thank you to the Building Commission and all those many people working together bringing this special process to completion.

As many of you already know from my speech at the June Congregational Meeting, I partook in the Financial Peace University nine week course here at St. Paul this summer. Another class begins mid-September for leaders and anyone who would like to participate. On August 30th, a group from St. Paul took in a day in Houston for Momentum Training. This is to better educate those who will be leading in providing a larger step forward in teaching the better part of the Congregation. This opportunity is well more than just counting pennies; there is a segment in insurance, major purchases such as automobiles, furnishings, and even Real Estate. Dave Ramsey is highly educated in all of these aspects and entertaining to boot with a strong Christian base. Please direct your questions to Eric Schmidt, Phil Moore, Karen Krieg, or Pastor Paul for the full details.

"Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work." 2 Corinthians 9:7-8

God of abundance, help me to be rich in spirit, not only in my possessions. May the gift of eternal life offered through Jesus Christ be central to my faith, and may I always see how You will provide in abundance. Amen

Your brother in Christ!

Fred



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LCMC Annual Convention



The LCMC Annual Convention was very inspiring and informative. There were 12 attendees from our church so we were very well represented! They were Fred Terry, Rodger and Barbara Johnson, Caleb Bahr, John Magness, Arlen and Jo Pietsch + Tyler and Colton, Chuck Knudson, Judy Henfey, Emily Harborth.

Friday evening the opening worship service was led by Pastor Paul Fiske of Christ Lutheran Church in Waco.

Saturday morning began with the business meeting and council elections. Ray Vaughn spoke throughout the convention. Pastor Bryce Formwalt gave a mission report. There are 3 key revisions they want to implement:

1. Go from a District-centered (statewide) approach to a Congregational-centered (local) approach.
2. Go from a District-funded and managed process to a District-resourced/Locally funded and managed process.
3. Go from planting Lutheran-looking churches for Lutherans that live in a different area to planting different-looking churches to evangelize the lost that are unreached by established congregations.

The convention was concluded with worship/communion/blessing of the council.

On a personal note, the convention was a blessing to me because of the theme: "How Beautiful are the feet of those who bring Good News." Romans 10:15

My father, was a Lutheran pastor and when he was dying from cancer in the hospital, the nurses would rub his feet for relief of the edema. They commented that he has beautiful feet! And he did-both physically and from sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Thank you so much for allowing me to represent St. Paul at the conventions.

In His Love,
Emily Harborth

On July 29-30, I was honored to have represented the St. Paul family as a delegate at the LCMC Annual convention in Waco. It was a magnificent time of worship, praise, fellowship and training. This year's theme was "How Beautiful Are the Feet of Those Who Bring Good News ~ Romans 10:15."

Our keynote speaker was a dynamic, Man of God named Ray Vaughn whose ministry is based in Houston. Ray is a church multiplier and trainer who seeks to equip anyone and everyone towards a common vision of seeing "No Place Left ~ Romans 15:23" for the Gospel in every part of our world today; starting right in our own neighborhoods. Participants in his interactive break-out sessions were provided with valuable tools to become fruitful and confident disciple makers. Ray also introduced us to the processes for effective church planting within our own congregations and local communities. I encourage you all to attend next year's convention ~ watch your future bulletin for details. *Come be blessed!*

You can learn more about Ray on Twitter at #NoPlaceLeft and on Facebook. Thank you again for this opportunity!

Your Sister in Christ,
Judy Henfey
LCMC Texas District Member

WORSHIP OUTSIDE OUR WALLS

& Barbeque Picnic



October 9, 2016

Worship Service 10:45 A.M.

Landa Park Dance Slab

Pavilions #4 & #5

Please bring your lawn chairs or blankets!!!

8:00 A.M. - Traditional Service - at St. Paul

9:15 A.M. - Sunday School & Bible Study Hour - at St. Paul

Get your Tickets Today!!!!

(stop by the office during the week)

\$5.00

Bill Miller Bar B Q sliced beef or turkey sandwich,
chips, dessert & Iced tea

Lunch will be served immediately following the service

Make sure to invite a friend or neighbor!



*The Nursery is available on Sunday mornings from
7:45 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. for children under 5 years old.
Children 3 years and older are encouraged to attend Sunday school
during the Sunday School hour.*

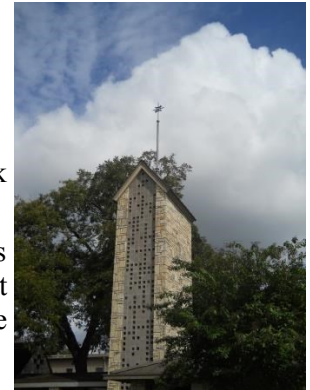


Memorial Committee Report

September 2016

Memorials during the month of July 2016 were given in memory of the following people: Roy and Teresa Duelm, Brad Goll, Dennis Harborth, Herman Jones, Ida Anna Kropp, Dick Lear, Mike Quade, Linda & Norman Voss.

Thanks to the O.E. and Estella Becker Fund, five St. Paul youth went to Bible Camp this summer. Some participated in the program at Camp Eagle while others had the over-night experience at Slumber Falls. Because of this visionary memorial, our young people were able to enjoy the outdoors while strengthening their relationship with Jesus Christ.



September 2016 Youth Calendar

The Wednesday evening event is called **"FAMILY NIGHT."** There will be lessons available for all children from age **5 to 18**. There will also be lessons or studies for all adults (18 and older). For details on the specific studies being offered, please contact the church office or someone from the Christian Education board.

The Wednesday night structure will be as follows for **Family Night**:
6:15pm – lessons/studies begin-in respective rooms for students and adults
8:00pm – departure

PARENTS PLEASE NOTE - All events are subject to change due to church renovations.
 Please refer to the church bulletin and weekly email reminders for all the updates.

Sun., Sept. 4	9:15-10:15	all 6th-12th grade students will move to their new Sunday School classrooms.	
Wed. Sept. 7	6:15pm 6:15pm	Middle School Lesson - "Gods and Idols" High School Lesson	Room 225 -With Parents Attending Youth Room
Wed. Sept. 14	6:15pm 6:15pm	Middle School Lesson – "Name in Vain" High School Lesson	Room 225 Youth Room
Wed. Sept. 21	6:15-8:00pm	*SERVICE PROJECT* Assemble school supply drive collection	High School Room
Wed. Sept. 28	6:15pm 6:15pm	Middle School Lesson – "The Sabbath" High School Lesson	Room 225 Youth Room
Fri. Sept. 30-Sat. Oct. 1		9th grade OVERNIGHT Retreat <i>Arrive there at 6:15 PM</i>	Slumber Falls

This calendar will detail all youth activities planned for all 6th-12th grade students. This includes Wed. and weekend events. However, other events are included, so please read carefully!!!



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

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-6thGr.) 9:15 a.m. Sunday - Jody Noblett
- Youth:** Mimes practice as needed - Diana Clayburne
Puppets practice as needed - Azeneth Knudson
- Adults:** Covenant Band 6:00 p.m. Wednesday - Jody Noblett
Sanctuary Choir 7:00 p.m. Wednesday - Jody Noblett



Ministry Partners

- 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
- Sunshine Ministry** - Make gifts and take them to our shut-ins. Contact Jeannie Anderson
- Bereavement Ministry** - Meet as needed to provide receptions for funeral/memorial services. Contact Carol Schorn
- Eucharistic Ministry** - Gives communion to shut-ins monthly. Contact Carolyn Zunker
- Hospital Visitors Ministry** - Visits members in the hospital. Contact Ola Fischer
- Use Your Car Ministry** - Good Neighbors that drive others to church or hospital. Contact Benno Engel
- Prayer Ministry** - Contact Carolyn Zunker **Friday Morning Prayer**- Contact Roylene 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 am. 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 1:30p.m. at New Braunfels Senior Citizens Center. Contact Karen Krieg
- Mah Jongg Friends** - meet the 2nd & 4th Tuesday at 1:30 Contact Shirley Stamets at 620-1731 for location.
- 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



September 2016

St. Paul Lutheran Church Preschool Ministry Volunteer Readers

If you have the gifts to share time and read a story to the next generation, then please consider volunteering to read in St. Paul's preschool ministry. For more information or to sign up, please contact:

Nancy Schlather, Preschool Board Director, nancyschlather@gmail.com or 830-609-8344

Karisha Neely, Director of Preschool Ministry, Karisha@nbstpaul.org or 830-625-2044

Annie Gonzalez, Assistant Director of Preschool Ministry, annie@nbstpaul.org or 830-625-2044

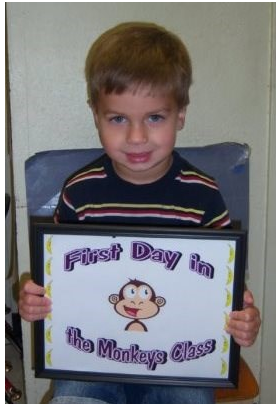
AM Reading Times

8:30 - 8:45 Monkeys (age 3-4)

8:45 - 9:00 Giraffes (age 4-5)

9:00 - 9:15 Zebras (age 3)

9:30 - 9:45 Butterflies (age 2)
or Caterpillars (age 1)



Bible Story Time

10:05 - 10:15 Butterflies (age 2)

10:30 - 10:45 Monkeys (age 3-4)

10:45 - 11:00 Giraffes (age 4-5)

11:00 - 11:15 Caterpillars (age 1)

11:15 - 11:30 Zebras (age 3)



PM Reading Times

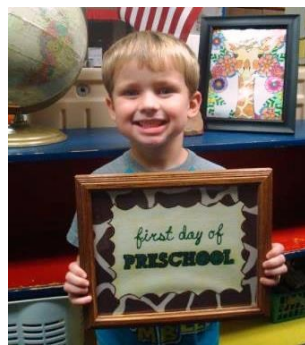
3:00 - 3:15 Monkeys (age 3-4)

3:45 - 4:00 Giraffes (age 4-5)

4:00 - 4:30 Caterpillars (age 1)

4:30 - 4:45 Butterflies (age 2)

4:45 - 5:00 Zebras (age 3)



Requests and Suggestions for Volunteer Readers:

- Volunteer readers may bring a book of their own selection OR read from a book which the teacher selects.
- Volunteer readers may read to all age groups or only selected groups.
- Volunteer readers should arrive 5 minutes before reading time to sign in at the preschool office.
- If you cannot make the time you have scheduled, please call the office at 830-625-2044.

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 Gecko Room.

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

3rd Graders – 4th Graders - led by Jill Kreusler and Kristee Wirebaugh, meet in Room 204.

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

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



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 the Chapel.

Women’s Bible Study, led by Vicki Holmig, is studying a nine session video-driven study on 1st Peter called, “A Living Hope in Christ”. They share the leader’s role and meet 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 will be studying Ray Vander Laan’s “The Mission of Jesus-Triumph of God’s Kingdom” in Room 220.

Men’s Class, led by Brian Taylor, is working through a book titled, “Why Men Hate Going to Church”. Their hope is to help the young men, husbands, and fathers see the benefits of becoming involved at church. They meet upstairs in Room 210.

Parents of Toddlers Class, led by Becky and Stu Toeppich, studies baby/toddler/kid situations that come up during the week. They learn and discuss with other parents living the same situations and meet in the Caterpillar Room beside the Nursery.

Partners in Faith, led by David and Liz Doss, is finishing a video series led by the Toussaints, on Romans in Room 202.

Weekdays

Nursery to be provided Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 6:00 – 8:00p.m.

Tuesdays 6:30 – 8:00

TNTS beginning September 6th, led by Emily Harborth, will listen to and discuss “The Great Divorce” by C. S. Lewis. They will meet in the Youth Room.

Dave Ramsey’s Financial Peace University beginning September 13th, led by Phil Moore, is a 9 week course costing \$93 per couple. It will meet in Rooms 225 – 226. To register go to <http://www.daveramsey.com/fpu/locations/class/1025134>

Wednesdays 6:15 – 8:00 Family Night Begins September 7th

Kindergarten – 5th Graders - CLIMB, led by Tracy Granado, Kelly King, Kay Magness, and Isaiah Granado. The theme is “Treasure Seekers” where kids discover who God is. They will be in Rooms 203, 204, & 209.

6th, 7th, and 8th Graders - led by Pastor Chip Reynolds, will be in Confirmation. They will be learning about the Ten Commandments. They will meet in Rooms 225 & 226.

9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th - They will meet in the Youth Room.

Bible Study for Women - led by Ola Fischer, will view and discuss a Beth Moore video Bible Study entitled “Children of the Day”, a on 1st & 2nd Thessalonians. They will meet in Room 201.

Mens Study - The Spiritual Man by Watchman Nee.

Thursdays 6:30 – 8:00

Dave Ramsey’s Financial Peace University beginning September 15th, led by Sandy Owens, is a 9 week course costing \$93 per couple. It will meet in Rooms 225 – 226. To register go to <http://www.daveramsey.com/fpu/locations/class/1025135>

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 Kings this year.

Board Reports

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

August 1, 2016

After an opening prayer, the minutes from the last two meetings were approved.

Karisha Neely and Pastor Chip are working on hiring an attendant for the nursery on Sunday mornings and Wednesday nights. Cassie Mueller will teach a short Sunday School lesson in the nursery.

Pastor Chip and Tracy will work on paper work to be given out on Meet the Teachers Sunday, September 4th. Background checks will be done on all volunteers as needed. Flyers and videos are being prepared. The 6th Grade program was discussed. Ended with the Lord's Prayer.

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

Aug. 4, 2016

We did not have a quorum.

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

- Canopy for play structure will hopefully be installed within the next two weeks.
- We would like to welcome back Joyce Poe as the Music/Chapel Director.
- We are looking for volunteers to read with the preschool.

Contact information nancyschlather@gmail.com

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

August 9, 2016

We did not have a quorum.

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

- Brief update on Youth Gathering in Des Moines Iowa. It was a good event and something that should be considered in the future.
- Changes to Chaperone Guidelines and Youth Participation forms were approved.
- Board members are working on Continuing Resolutions and Areas of Ministry documents.
- Fall calendar preparations continue
- Starting Sept. 1 the board will be collecting school supplies for Trinity Charter School. The drive will run from Sept. 1-Sept. 19. For details please check the church bulletin and/or contact the church office.

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

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

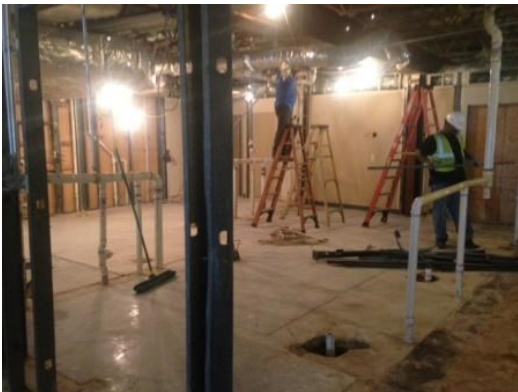
Board of Preschool - Nancy Schlather - 830-609-8344

Board of Stewardship – Arlen Pietsch- 830-625-2152

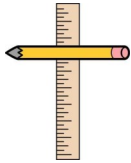
Board of Public Relations - Phil Moore - 830-832-6067

Board of Worship – Rod Mueller - 830-606-4097

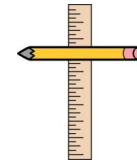
Building Commission



As part of the Phase 1 Construction Project we're getting new restrooms. The main downstairs and the upstairs restrooms will be out of service for six weeks beginning August 28. The restrooms in the Narthex and the Sacristy will still be operational.



SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE



The Youth and Family Board is holding a school supply drive from September 1 thru September 19 to benefit the students at Trinity Charter School - a school created by Lutheran Social Services in 2004. Most students attending this campus have been placed by the Texas Department of Child Protective Services or the Juvenile Court or other such organizations. Please bring supplies to the Church Office during normal business hours or to the Youth Room on Sunday mornings or Wednesday evenings. If you have any questions, please contact the church office or Alison Setser (Director of Youth and Family board) at alisetser4@gmail.com. Below is a list of supplies needed:

Pocket folders without brads (or metal) in yellow, blue, red and green

Composition books (without spirals)

Large erasers

Glue bottles

Ticonderoga pencils (thin and fat)

Sanitary wipes

Hand sanitizer

Dry erase markers

Large glue sticks

Cardstock

Paper towels

Gallon size storage bags

Construction paper

Markers

Dry white out

Tissues

Band-Aids

Stacy Garcia, Bookkeeper/Controller

ST PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH Fiscal Year Beginning 1/1/2016 Budgeted Financial Statement for Period 07 July SUMMARY

Description	2015 Actual	2016 Budget	2016 Actual July	2016 Budget		Over/(Under)
				YTD	2016 Actual YTD	
Administrative and Office	\$ 37,986.67	\$ 39,444.00	\$ 2,596.48	\$ 23,192.75	\$ 22,006.20	\$ (1,186.55)
Christian Education	\$ 10,310.97	\$ 12,720.00	\$ 1,259.58	\$ 9,814.99	\$ 3,014.91	\$ (6,800.08)
Congregational Life	\$ 13,694.70	\$ 17,600.00	\$ 609.20	\$ 9,687.50	\$ 5,268.05	\$ (4,419.45)
Evangelism	\$ 5,689.67	\$ 3,800.00	\$ -	\$ 2,300.00	\$ 824.75	\$ (1,475.25)
* Finance Committee	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 8,333.33	\$ 58,333.35	\$ 58,333.31	\$ (0.04)
Personnel	\$ 431,689.90	\$ 504,338.00	\$ 38,235.05	\$ 304,512.20	\$ 279,059.61	\$ (25,452.59)
** Preschool (expenses only - see income below)	\$ 481,931.58	\$ 501,913.17	\$ 42,662.00	\$ 293,791.24	\$ 300,639.93	\$ 6,848.69
Property	\$ 100,250.63	\$ 113,301.00	\$ 10,626.44	\$ 67,931.20	\$ 45,693.75	\$ (22,237.45)
Public Relations	\$ 6,483.12	\$ 6,860.00	\$ 639.00	\$ 4,185.00	\$ 4,701.00	\$ 516.00
*** Stewardship	\$ 83,251.27	\$ 91,626.00	\$ 6,501.64	\$ 53,448.50	\$ 41,778.26	\$ (11,670.24)
Worship	\$ 11,747.34	\$ 15,930.00	\$ 660.54	\$ 8,855.00	\$ 7,193.37	\$ (1,661.63)
Youth & Family	\$ 1,661.08	\$ 10,640.00	\$ 177.36	\$ 5,196.65	\$ 6,834.29	\$ 1,637.64
SPENDING TOTALS	\$ 1,284,696.93	\$ 1,418,172.17	\$ 112,300.62	\$ 841,248.38	\$ 775,347.43	\$ (65,900.95)
General Offerings	\$ 831,262.88	\$ 915,017.17	\$ 70,670.06	\$ 533,760.02	\$ 455,534.87	\$ (78,225.15)
Preschool Income	\$ 544,039.74	\$ 503,155.00	\$ 39,337.24	\$ 297,055.00	\$ 316,782.11	\$ 19,727.11
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 1,375,302.62	\$ 1,418,172.17	\$ 110,007.30	\$ 830,815.02	\$ 772,316.98	
NET MINISTRY PROCEEDS	\$ 90,605.69		\$ (2,293.32)		\$ (3,030.45)	

NOTES:

* Finance Committee expenses are only a simulation of anticipated building-note payments post repair/renovation. These "simulated expenses" are shown as a re-categorization of undesignated funds to designated funds on the Statement of Position and Designated Fund Summary.

** The Preschool line item only reports expenses, not net proceeds for the ministry area. For net proceeds, subtract Preschool expenses from Preschool income.

*** Stewardship expenses are benevolence based on a percentage of general offerings each month.



Breaking Bread Together



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

Here's how it works:

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 September thru December with the same group. 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 by contacting Dotty Collins at 830-629-5129, Dotty@postofficerealty.com



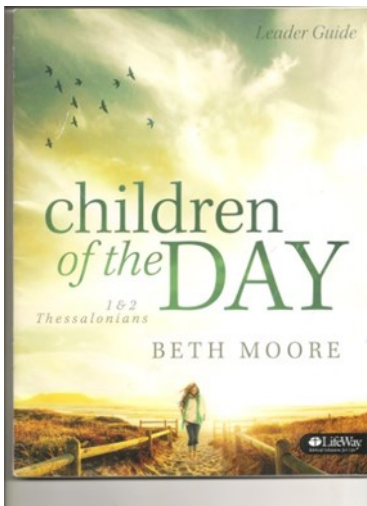
GRANDMAS STOCKING GUILD SHOW AND TELL



For all of you who helped or want to see what we have done this year, PLEASE come to Grace Lutheran in San Marcos on **Thursday, October 6th**, for the our **2016 SHOW AND TELL**. All of the **CHRISTMAS STOCKINGS** will be on Display for everyone to see before we send them on to be embroidered by LOGOS TO GO.

We as always will have wonderful Christian fellowship, meetings with the recipients of our stockings and a wonderful lunch.

The meeting will be at Grace Lutheran, 1250 Belvin St. San Marcos, at the corner of Bishop and Belvin St. just off of Hunter Road. If you have any questions please call Eileen Lindenau at (512)658-3138, Suzi Casey (830)708-3621, or Willa Faulkner (830)609-3974.



ATTENTION ALL LADIES OF ST. PAUL

Now that summer has come and gone for another year (wow! where is the time going?), it is time to plan ahead for our Wednesday evening Bible Study for Women. Beginning September 7, we will once again offer a Beth Moore video Bible study entitled "Children of the Day", which is a study on 1 & 2 Thessalonians. All of you are invited to join us as we engage in this in-depth and interesting time together with Beth. We will meet each Wednesday evening in room 201 from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

To sign up for the study, you can text or call me at 210 215-9460 or email me at mno-fischer@sbcglobal.net. The cost of the study guide is \$15.99, and can be paid at our first session. I hope you can join us.

Your sister in Christ,
Ola Fischer

HOSPITALIZATION NOTICES

This is just a reminder to all members to notify the church office when you or a loved one is in the hospital. This is especially important if in Resolute New Braunfels. We have a team of hospital visitors who would love to pay you a visit, as well as include you in our prayers. They will also offer Holy Communion to the patient and family, as requested. Thank you for your cooperation.



September 2016 Service Calendar

		Sun., Sept. 4	Sun., Sept. 11	Sun., Sept. 18	Sun., Sept. 25
Altar Guild Vicki Hollmig		Karen Krieg & Diana Clayburne			
Lay Minister Fred Terry		Ken Wunderlich	BJ Hageman	Lanelle Rudolph	Harold Voges
Scripture Readers Margaret Warneke	8:00	Aaron Knudson	Kristee Wirebaugh	Presley Wirebaugh	Stewart Wirebaugh
	10:30	Sarah Syamken	Susan Syamken	Marj Polay	Carl Hafer
Ushers Ed Berich	8:00	Team 2 Benno Engel	Team 2 Benno Engel	Team 4 Ken Wunderlich	Team 4 Ken Wunderlich
	10:30	Team 1 Harvey Borgfeld	Team 1 Harvey Borgfeld	Team 4 Russell Stollewerk	Team 4 Russell Stollewerk
Acolytes Greg Schlather	8:00	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
	10:30	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Audio Tech Greg Schlather	8:00	Paul Luckemeyer	Mark Sohn	David Wagner	Joe Clayburne
Visual Tech Greg Schlather	8:00	Rod Mueller	Greg Schlather	Greg Schlather	Joe Clayburne
	10:30	Rod Mueller	Rodger Johnson	Rodger Johnson	Joe Clayburne
Communion Preparers Pixie Hageman	8:00	Nolan & Erna Dietert		Gail Krueger & Carolyn Johnson	
	10:30	Roxanne Duelm & Joy Elkins		Malcolm & Ola Fischer	
Communion Servers Pixie Hageman	8:00	Sharon Schroeder & Cindy Wilson		Leslie Wellbrock & Nancy Becker	
	10:30	Benno & Jan Engel		Martha & Ken Joyce	
Greeters Liz Doss	8:00	Jeff & Virgie VanKleef	Phil & Kim Moore	Harvey & Erna Haas	Donna Kiser & Sharon Schroeder
	10:30	Greg & Cookie Campbell	Lance & Peggy Bielke	Brad & Carol Thompson	Spiffy & Holly Aichele
Friendly Visitors Ann Stollewerk		Dwayne & Cheryl Koepf		Fred Terry	
Pew Pals Tracy Granado		Dale & Julie Goos	Granado's & Kelly King	The Quade Team	Hildy Slocum Team
Hospital Visitors Ola Fischer		Malcolm & Ola Fischer	Dotty Collins & Kathy Lamon	Nancy Becker & Pat Quade	Malcolm & Ola Fischer

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 6:00pm Congregational Life Bd	2 7:00am Prayer Group	3
4 COMMUNION **See box above** 9:15am My Bible Class	5 Office Closed	6 9:00am Quilters 9:00am Memorial Comm 6:00pm Christian Ed 6:30pm Preschool Bd 6:30pm Youth & Family Bd	7 7:30am Mastercraftsmen 6:00pm Band 6:15pm Family Night 7:00pm Choir	8 5:30pm Worship Bd	9 7:00am Prayer Group 5:00pm Eat Out Friends	10
11 **See box above** 9:15am My Bible Class	12 1:30pm Staff Meeting 5:00pm Personnel Bd 6:30pm Mutual Ministry 6:30pm Public Relations Bd	13 9:00am Quilters 4:00pm Executive Comm 6:30pm Property Bd 6:30pm FPU	14 2:00pm Construction Prog 3:00pm Kirkwood Devotion 5:30pm Building Comm 6:00pm Band 6:15pm Family Night 7:00pm Choir	15 10:00pm Crocheters 6:00pm SPICE 6:30pm FPU	16 7:00am Prayer Group	17
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25 **See Box Above** 9:15am My Bible Class	26 1:30pm Staff Meeting 6:30pm Public Relations Bd	27 9:00am Quilters 6:00pm Preschool Bd 6:30pm FPU 7:00pm Stewardship Bd	28 2:00pm Construction Prog 5:30pm Building Comm 6:00pm Band 6:15pm Family Night 7:00pm Choir	29 6:30pm FPU	30 7:00am Prayer Group 6:15pm Confirmation Retreat@Slumber Falls	

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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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