

# GOOD NEWS



## **St. Paul Lutheran Church**

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9:00 a.m. Sunday Morning Radio Broadcast 100.1 FM

Pastor: Tim W. Muehlbrad

Director of Youth & Family – Nicholas Requejo

## **ST. PAUL LUTHERAN MISSION STATEMENT:**

*Empowered by the Holy Spirit to make Christ known;  
As we love one another, serve our neighbor, and grow in our  
Faith through studying God's Word and Worshiping God*



In my reading I came across an article dealing with church growth and the direction of congregations. I wish to pass it on to you:

There are three basic categories of congregations: (1) Lively ones, (2) Dead ones, and (3) Ones that are somewhere in between. Where are we? Here are some broad indicators; some are visible indicators, while many have to do with attitudes, ideas and moods in a congregation.

A Lively church has parking problems;  
a Dead church doesn't.

A Lively church has lots of 'noisy' children and young people;  
a Dead church is fairly quiet.

A Lively church often  
changes the way things  
are done;  
a Dead church  
doesn't have to.

A lively church often  
asks for more program  
and mission money;  
a Dead church plays  
it safe and never  
risks.



"Cool it with the spiritual joy, Brother."

© 1987 Ed Sullivan (*The Gift of Laughter*)

A Lively church asks people to open up and risk involvement;  
a Dead church plays it safe and never risks.

A Lively church sees challenges and opportunities;  
a Dead church sees problems and dangers.

A Lively church apologizes, forgives and seeks forgiveness;  
a Dead church never makes mistakes.

A Lively church uses its tradition and facilities to serve people;  
a Dead church uses people to preserve facilities and traditions.

A Lively church is filled with committed regular givers;  
a Dead church is filled with tippers.

A Lively church dares to dream great dreams for God's kingdom;  
a Dead church has nightmares.

A Lively church celebrates;  
a Dead church commemorates.

A Lively church clearly knows its purpose and everything it does  
is shaped by this purpose;  
a Dead church is fuzzy about its purpose and many decisions  
are based upon opinions, likes and dislikes, and pleasing  
individuals.

How are we lively? How are we dead? And how are we  
somewhere in between? May God's Spirit breathe in us to  
celebrate our areas of liveliness and also move us to be resurrected  
in those areas where we need new life.

Your Pastor,  
Tim W Muehlbrad



To St. Paul Lutheran,

Which one of you can correctly guess who will win their Thanksgiving game between the Dallas Cowboys and Washington Redskins? What are the odds you will get the exact score right? Who can also

predict how many points are scored by the end of each quarter?

According to biblical scholars there are over three hundred Old Testament prophecies written about the coming Messiah. Biblical scholars have concluded that the odds for Jesus to fulfill only eight of these prophecies are  $1 * 10^{17}$ , which is the number sextillion. We have millions, billions, trillions, skip two more and we hit sextillion. When written out this number is written as (1,700,000,000,000,000,000). I tell you this because starting in November the Junior High Youth will be focusing on the prophecies from the Old Testament concerning the arrival of our LORD and Savior Jesus Christ. We meet on Sundays in the basement and if any parents would like to join us we would be more than to have you sit in on a lesson.

Our Wednesday evening family bible studies have been going well. We will meet for the last two times in November. Our lessons will be about "Thankfulness" and "Evangelism". For anyone who is interested we meet for dinner at 6:15 PM, our study begins at 6:45, and we wrap up at 7:30. We would love to have more people come and join our group. I offer something for all the age groups. What we study is easy for children to understand and can be taken deep enough for parents to pursue these ideas on their own if they so desire.

Before I go, I would also like to mention that our Christmas pageant is almost here. As excited as I am to help lead this, if anyone would like to help please let me know. I have received very good input from a variety of members and I am ever so thankful.

God's blessings be upon you throughout this year.  
Family & Youth Director,  
Nicholas Requejo



**SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING**  
**ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
October 14, 2018

The meeting was called to order by Bill Klaevemann, president. Present for the meeting were Pastor Tim Muehlbrad, Bill Klaevemann, Beverly Bruns, Calvin Bruns, Kimberly Gaus, Jay Heil, Lois Kelch, Ray Lange, Cathy Moritz, Dorothy Mayfield, and Judy Taylor. Also attending were Victor Riske and Kristin Schustereit. Bill opened the meeting with a prayer.

After consulting an attorney concerning the tree at the cemetery, two points were noted. 1) Since the tree has been in place for 35 years we would probably lose any case going before a Judge. 2) Proceeding with this issue would be very expensive. Pastor Tim and Bill composed a letter (see attachment) including the previously signed option signed by Judy Gerhardt. This letter will be signed by a representative of St. Paul Lutheran Church and a representative from the Stratmann family. This will close the issue concerning the tree near the Gerhardt family grave. Ray made a motion to proceed with the

letter. Judy seconded the motion. The motion carried. In the future, any bills incurred from the care of the tree and the plots under the tree, will be the responsibility of the Gerhardt family.

Bill reminded everyone to give Calvin their proposed budgets as soon as possible so he can have a budget for 2019 to propose at the November council meeting.

The November council meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM.

Ray commented that a closet for the Red Cross materials is being built in the basement.

Ray made a motion to adjourn. Cathy seconded the motion. The motion carried.

### **2018 COUNCIL MEMBERS**

**PRESIDENT - Bill Klaevemann – 649-2753**

**SECRETARY - Dorothy Mayfield - 550-9136**

**PARISH ED – Kimberly Gaus – 361-243-8696**

**STEWARDSHIP – Calvin Bruns – 564-9115**

**WORSHIP – Jay Heil – 564-3780**

**CHRISTIAN LIFE – Cathy Moritz – 830-305-8628**

**PROPERTY – Ray Lange – 571-7629**

**SOCIAL CONCERNS – Judy Taylor – 564-3894**

**YOUTH - Beverly Bruns – 564-9115**

**EVANGELISM/OUTREACH – Lois Kelch - 361-401-0150**

# Financial Report

GENERAL FUND	YTD 2018	BUILDING FUND	YTD 2018
Beginning Balance	197,789.94	Beginning Balance	80,120.26
Income	358,964.22	Income	84,725.00
Expenses	(401,495.53)	Expenses	(159,264.48)
Ending Balance	155,258.63	Ending Balance	5,580.78
		Totals as of 10/24/2018	

Don't Miss the  
**DEADLINE!**

*Newsletter deadline is  
Thursday, November 15,  
2018. Make sure you get  
your articles in!*

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## **Words of Wellness for November 2018 Practicing Gratitude**

*"I don't have to chase extraordinary moments to find happiness—it's right in front of me if I'm paying attention and practicing gratitude."* Brené Brown. This quote really speaks to me as we head into our country's special day to pause and give thanks. First, it reminds me that happiness is found not only in the extraordinary moments of life, but in the everyday ordinary moments that are right in front of

me. Second, it reminds me that all I need to do to see these moments is to pay attention and focus on being grateful.

If you are looking for a concrete way to focus on being grateful, I recommend keeping a gratitude journal. A simple way to start is to commit to writing down at least three things you are grateful for every day. To make it both more challenging and more meaningful make a goal to not repeat anything for three weeks, meaning that you will have to come up with at least sixty-three different things for which you are grateful. The first couple of days will be easy, and then as you continue you will become aware of the many things that you might easily take for granted in your life.

Earlier this month I decided to start such a gratitude journal. It seemed like a good way to prepare for Thanksgiving. Below you will find some of the things on my list so far.

Family	The ability to see
Work	Technology
Food	The ability to hear
Music	Full Moons
Friends, Old and New	The ability to smell
Faith	Gardens
A Home	Fresh flowers
Work	Hope
Food	Forgiveness of others when I make mistakes



Health	Veterans
Music	Neighbors
Colleagues	Memories
Education	Teachers, Mentors, and Coaches
The ability to read	Laughter
New experiences	Challenges that make me stronger
Rain	Sunsets and sunrises
Freedom	Curiosity
First Responders	Pets that I have had
Coffee	Campfires
Heat	Vacations
	Access to health and dental care

Your Wesley Nurse,  
**Kathy Freis, RN**

Reference: [LivingCompass.com](http://LivingCompass.com).

Samaritan Family Wellness Foundation. 500 W. Silver Spring Dr. K270  
 Glendale, WI 53217



### Save the dates for the upcoming Christian Life activities:

- November 11, 2018 – Veteran's Day Potluck. We will also be honoring all of our new members.
- December 9, 2018 – Christmas Feast to be held after the Sunday School program.
- December 16, 2018 – Christmas Caroling at 4:00 pm!

We welcome into our Family of Faith.....

Wanda Kolodziejcyk  
624 Nordheim Slickfield Rd.  
Yorktown, Texas 78164

Miranda Rohan  
210 N. Louis Ave.  
Yorktown, Texas 78164

Joseph & Johanna Warwas  
Ellyn & Aileen  
2470 Alfred Blaschke Rd.  
Nordheim, Texas 78141



Be sure to greet these new members and invite them into the ministry opportunities of our congregation.

## Thanksgiving



## The Community

Thanksgiving Feast will be held Sunday, November 18, 2018 at 4:00 pm at Gruenau Hall. This year, members of our congregation are asked to bring desserts.



Thank you for all the cards, gifts, altar flowers, and warm expressions of appreciation during the month of October. I am truly blessed to be in Yorktown and have the opportunity to know you as friends and serve you as your Pastor.

Tim W Muehlbrad

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Congratulations to Hans and Anne on the birth of their daughter, Zyska Maria Tolpingrud! Born at 3:33 pm Saturday, September 29, 2018. 7lb, 4.5oz, 19"

Mom and baby are doing great! (Hans is too!)

Congratulations  
on Your  
New Baby!





## OUR SAVIOUR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN OF LCMC

Invite you to join them for a  
**BUNCO PARTY**

**DATE:** MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2018

**TIME:** Registration/Refreshments 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm  
Bunco 7:05 pm

**PLACE:** OUR SAVIOUR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH  
MULTIPURPOSE ROOM  
4102 N. BEN JORDAN  
VICTORIA, TEXAS 77901



PLEASE RSVP BY OCTOBER 29, 2018  
TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

OSL CHURCH OFFICE  
MILDRED JOHNSTON  
SUSIE BREEDEN

575-4305  
575-4921  
573-6637



In order to offer Holy Communion each weekend at St. Paul Lutheran, the Saturday worship schedule has been changed to offer Holy Communion on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and festival weekends of each month starting in October. Sunday morning service schedule will not change.

Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for the gift cards you sent for disaster response! They will be used to purchase items to fill the South Tx Mission District Warehouse. We are putting together flood buckets and health kits. The funds will purchase items we have not received through donations.

Thanks again and God Bless you!

Michael & Pat Dittrich

South Texas MS Warehouse

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**Thank you for supporting the work of Water Mission!**

**Your generosity is being  
used to transform lives  
through safe water and the  
Living Water message of  
Christ!**

**In him,**

**J.D. Meeder**

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Violence can happen anywhere. Houses of worship, schools, camps, senior living facilities, and any other organization serving the greater good has the potential to be threatened by an act of violence. Are you and your organization prepared to take action and save lives? Church Mutual Insurance will be holding an aggressive intruder training on Saturday, November 3, 2018 at 1:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. For more information, contact Ray Lange at 361-571-7629.

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Cradle Workshop will meet Tuesday, November 13, 2018 at 1:30 pm in the lounge in the education building.



Teachers are available if you want to learn. Our Gabriel Project blankets are 36<sup>in</sup> x 42<sup>in</sup> in baby colors and variegated. Any pattern and yarn may be used as long as it is for a baby. Granny square blankets are 42 x 42 and our baptism blankets are white and 36 x 42. It takes 3 skeins of yarn for each blanket. We welcome seasoned crocheters and beginners. If you would like to donate yarn, we use "I love this Yarn!" from Hobby Lobby. Monetary donations are welcome. Call Sue Bolting 938-3831 or Janet Lambrecht at 564-4148 for more information. Thank you for your support.



Children from Nursery through 5th grades will connect Worship with Sunday School using Spark lessons each week, based on the Revised Common Lectionary.

November 4 - A Message from God

November 11 - The Widow's Offering

November 18 - Be Ready

November 25 - Christ the King

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."



SATURDAY WORSHIP

SERVICE TIME CHANGE

Effective November 10, 2018

Saturday Worship Service will begin at 5:00 p.m. each Saturday until Daylight Savings Time begins again. This will allow those attending worship to return home before dark.





**Thanks so much for your continued support of this ministry! It is greatly appreciated!**

**God Bless!  
Child Outreach International**

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*There will be acolyte training for all current 3<sup>rd</sup> graders and older on Sunday November 4<sup>th</sup> immediately following worship service in the sanctuary. Anyone interested in serving must attend this training.*

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Dear St. Paul Lutheran Church,

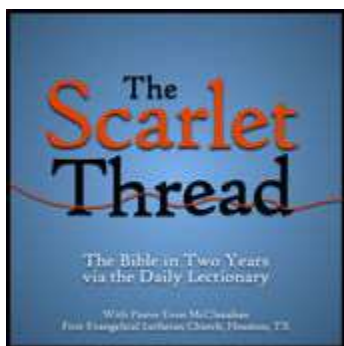
Thank you for your prayers and gift of \$692.21

(benevolence). Your financial contribution helps advance the King's work as your missionaries bring the Gospel to those least likely to have heard, believed, or benefitted from its saving and transforming power.

World Mission Prayer League







Got Bible? First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Houston produces a daily Podcast called The Scarlet Thread.

This podcast features the daily readings as found in the Two-Year Daily Lectionary, an order of readings that systematically hits the highlights of the Bible over a 2-year period. If

you want to increase your familiarity with the Bible but find it hard to find the time to read, this podcast offers about 6-10 minutes of Bible readings per day. If you listen to other podcasts, just look for The Scarlet Thread and subscribe on your favorite player. If you've never listened to a podcast before, your smart phone or tablet should have either the Podcast app (on iPhone or iPad) or Google Play. In addition to the proscribed readings for each day, this podcast includes festival days and commemorations.

Check out [The Sin Boldly](#) Podcast and [The Scarlet Thread](#) Podcast. Sin Boldly features an apologetics radio show, sermons and Adult Education material. The Scarlet Thread is a short, daily series of Bible readings.



Tuesday  
NOVEMBER 6, 2018

Group	Time	Study Leader	Hostess
FAITH	9:00 a.m.	Doris Koehler	Pam Hoefling
GRACE	9:00 a.m.	Renae Pierce	Luellen Smiley
JOY	2:30 p.m.	Janet Lambrecht	Meeting Room



## **ALL SAINTS SUNDAY IS NOVEMBER 4, 2018**

We remember the children of God who have left their earthly journey for their heavenly home this past year. We take this time to remember the blessings God has given us through each of them. The SAINT'S of St. Paul who are now among the Saints Triumphant are:

**Roy Wild, Linda Rabke, Myles Pattillo, Vella Mae Krueger, Norris Schultz, Gerry Riske, Ruby Braun, Ellen Bargmann, Robin Gonzales, Parker Frisbie, Beatrice Hoegemeyer, Larry Vasbinder, Joyce Audilet, LeRoy Ruppert, Alvin Tessmann Jr, Hilmer Koopmann, Melba Laverne Fielding, Marcella Huwe, Alton Ray Jalufka**

Finally, we celebrate All Saint's Sunday because we, too, are counted as saints through the righteousness of Christ. Through the merits of His sacrifice and the promise of His resurrection, we shall one day also stand with all the saints in life!





# What's happening at The Learning Garden!!

Last month The Learning Garden celebrated their 5-year anniversary. Over the last 5 years we have overcome many obstacles and had many blessings. Here are some of the many blessings that we have received and worked hard for:

- The support and kindness from you, the members of St. Paul Lutheran Church.
- Getting to know all the children and families that we have had or currently have. They are part of our TLG Family and always will be.
- We grew and added a classroom to separate the Toddlers and Two-Year-Olds.
- We added on to the playground, so the Infants and Toddlers have their own area to play.
- We became a 3-Star Texas Rising Star Center.
- We became a Texas School Ready Participant (Preschool & PreK Rooms).
- Frog Street Curriculum was donated to us by the Texas School Ready program, Texas Rising Star program, and a donor. This curriculum would have costed us over \$10,000.
- You approved and funded bathrooms to be built in our Preschool & Prekindergarten Rooms.
- HiMama Parent Reports are now being used to cut down on paper. This is all online and sends to parents either notification on their cell phones or emails.
- We started using Tuition Express for payments. Parents can now pay online, or it be automatic drafted from their accounts.

That is just a few and I know that there are many more. When I look back through the years I can't help but smile. For me, I have had many blessing's working here at The

Learning Garden. One of my many blessings is becoming the Director of this center and being a part of this amazing adventure. I love what I do and not knowing what I will be faced with day to day is exciting. However, my biggest blessings are all the children and their families that are a part of our center. Watching these precious little children grow and learn so much makes me so proud. Another blessing is all my staff that work so hard to teach the children, give them love, and show them kindness. Our center wouldn't function without them.

So, on behalf of the Children, their Families, the Staff, and the Board of Directors, I want to say Thank You! We are so thankful for all of you here at St. Paul Lutheran Church. If it wouldn't be for all of your support and the many blessings that you give all of us there would not be a place for all of these amazing children to attend. So, this Thanksgiving as we all say what we are thankful for just know that we are all truly thankful for each and every one of you.

God Bless,  
Tracie Fielding  
Director of The Learning Garden

### **Happy Thanksgiving!**

As we gather around the table this Thanksgiving to share what we are grateful for with one another, we must remember that we are called not just to speak words of gratitude, but to live and walk by them. It's not what we say about our blessings, but how we use them, this is the true measure of our Thanksgiving!

There's  
*always*  
SOMETHING  
TO BE  
*thankful*  
FOR

The Learning Garden wishes you a Happy Thanksgiving Day full of joy and happiness with your family and friends. We are all thankful for your support and are blessed to have all of you!

God Bless!

### **Trainings:**

- November 2<sup>nd</sup> ~ Texas School Ready Administrator Meeting (Tracie)
- November 3<sup>rd</sup> ~ Active Shooter Training
- November 8<sup>th</sup> ~ Financial Management for CACFP (Tracie)
- November 17<sup>th</sup> ~ Frog Street Training Preschool/PreK (Preschool & PreK Teachers)

### **Enrollment:**

Current Enrollment ~ 47

- Infants ~ 3
- Toddlers ~ 7
- Two-Year Old's ~ 7
- Preschool ~ 16
- Prekindergarten ~ 10
- After School ~ 4

Starting soon ~ 3 children

Waitlist ~ 2 babies

**If you have any questions, or just want to come in to visit us let Tracie know. You are all welcome to come see what we do here at The Learning Garden.**



**In memory of Alton Ray Jalufka – Building**

Dennis & Susan Roggenkamp	Ricky & Judy Hilbrich
Ronnie Afflerbach	Patty Lang
Jim & Judy Noster	Melissa Stolle & Boys

**In memory of Hilmer Koopmann – Building**

Dennis & Susan Roggenkamp	Junell Lincke
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**In memory of Diana Oliver – Cemetery**

Shirley Moehrig	Steven & Debbie Kneese
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**In memory of Diana Oliver – Building**

Mary Lou Gerhardt	Jim & Judy Noster
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**In memory of Billie Hardt Coker – Cemetery**

Sherry Metting

**In memory of Tilden Coker, Jr. – Building**

Jim & Judy Noster

**In memory of Clifford Haun – Building**

Melissa Stolle & Boys

**In memory of Roy Wild – Building**

Junell Lincke

**In memory of Jose Gonzales, Sr. – Cemetery**

Steven & Debbie Kneese

**In memory of Melba Fielding – Building**

Thomas & Luellen Smiley

*\*Gifts in memory and in honor of are as of October 24, 2018.*

## **NOVEMBER 2018 SCRIPTURE READINGS**

### **Sunday, November 4, 2018 – All Saints Day**

First Lesson: Isaiah 25:6-9

Psalm: Psalm 24

Second Lesson: Revelation 21:1-6a

Gospel: John 11:32-44



### **Sunday, November 11, 2018– 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**



First Lesson: 1 Kings 17:8-16

Psalm: Psalm 146

Second Lesson: Hebrews 9:24-28

Gospel: Mark 12:38-44

### **Sunday, November 18, 2018 – 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

First Lesson: Daniel 12:1-3

Psalm: Psalm 16

Second Lesson: Hebrews 10:11-14 [15-18] 19-25

Gospel: Mark 13:1-8



### **Sunday, November 25, 2018 – Christ the King**

First Lesson: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

Psalm: Psalm 93

Second Lesson: Revelation 1:4b-8

Gospel: John 18:33-37



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