

GOOD NEWS



St. Paul Lutheran Church

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9:00 a.m. Sunday Morning Radio Broadcast

1490 AM or 92.1 FM

Pastor: Tim W. Muehlbrad - 361-564-2335

Vicar: Hans Tolpingrud

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 Worshipping God.*



FROM THE PASTOR

He was only a boy of four, so there was nothing unusual about the fact that he did not like soap and water. One day his mother, endeavoring to reason with him, said, "But surely you want to be clean, don't you?" "Yes," the boy replied through his tears, "but can't you just dust me off?"

Ash Wednesday on February 14 is the beginning of Lent and is about cleansing, and we hear the words, "You are dust and to dust you shall return". Ashes bring to mind fire -- the fire of Old Testament scriptures which destroyed evil cities and made the people start new and fresh and clean again. Ashes were also one of the main ingredients in homemade soap. The word lent originally meant spring-time when new growth begins.

Our time of Lent, beginning with Ash Wednesday and lasting 40 days excluding Sundays (Sunday is always an Easter celebration), is the time to reflect on Baptism and its basis in the death and resurrection of Jesus. We spend our time of preparation for the great Easter event in reflection, in repentance, and in cleansing our hearts and minds to be ready for new life in Christ.

One way of helping us do this is during Wednesday worship services. This year once again on the five Wednesdays following Ash Wednesday we will have Morning Chapel Services and our Lenten Rotational at different Yorktown churches with a light meal at 6:00 and a worship service at 7:00. A schedule of all the Lent Services are included in this newsletter.



**BUT IF WE START FROM DUST AND RETURN TO DUST,
THEN SOMEBODY'S EITHER COMING OR GOING
UNDER MY BED."**

Come join us in this time of preparation for Easter. Hopefully we all will see the need of the thorough washing of our baptism and not just be dusted off.

Your Pastor,
Tim W Muehlbrad



From the Vicar

The season of Lent is fast approaching. Lent is the primary penitential season of the church year: a time of preparation, self-examination, and repentance as we move towards the death and resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ. During this time, there is a long standing Christian practice of adopting different spiritual disciplines as part of this intentional focus. Often, these are expressed as fasts or abstentions of differing varieties. I have lived in a few different places where, owing to cultural tradition, most every bar, grill, pub, church, scout troop, elks lodge, VFW, and restaurant in town all advertised some variety of fish fry during Fridays in Lent. And while fasting from meat or other foods, even one day a week, may somehow feel like a sacrifice, when it is done, as it often is, by custom and fear of the law, is it really a practice that points us towards the cross?

I think, instead, as we begin to move through a season of specific and intentional spiritual preparation, we could consider, instead of abstaining from thing, adding in practices to our daily life that would help us to focus on the approaching Passion of our Lord. For those who already have a daily devotional practice, is there a way that you can expand or add to it? For those who do not have a daily practice, could it be something that you give a try during Lent? As your schedule permits, are you able to come to church for the Prayer services on Wednesday mornings, or to our community midweek rotational service? These are not things that anyone *has* to do, but they are, among many other options, things that we can

all *try* as we seek to find way to rather than abstain from God, be more intentional to focus on Him in our everyday life. The thing that God takes away from us is Sin, and that means that we are meant to be filled up with Him completely. I hope that we will all find the ways to be more and more filled up in and by the Holy Spirit this Lenten season as we await the resurrection of our Lord.

Vicar Hans

COUNCIL MINUTES JANUAR 11, 2018

President, Bill Klaevemann, called the meeting of St. Paul Lutheran Church Council, to order.

Present for the meeting were Pastor Tim Muehlbrad, Vicar Hans Tolpingrud, Bill Klaevemann, Judy Taylor, Ray Lange, Dorothy Mayfield, Chris Gohmert, Linda Hurta, Rebecca Innocenti, Lois Kelch, and Beverly Bruns. Bill introduced and welcomed the new Youth Director, Nicholas Requejo. Also present were guests, Jay and Sandra Heil.



DEVOTION - Vicar Hans gave the devotion.

MINUTES - The minutes from the December 13th meeting were approved as printed.

REPORTS

A. Treasurer - Ray made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. Chris seconded the motion. The motion carried.

B. Stewardship

C. Youth - Beverly noted that the Youth helped transport the donated food from the Museum's food drive to the YAM building. The Youth will also help serve the Barbeque lunch on February 11th. A committee of Kim Hahn, Tina Boehm, Rebecca Innocenti, and Beverly Bruns will meet with Nick to plan family and youth activities.

D. WORSHIP - Pastor Tim has set the schedule for Lent services, although he will be on vacation the first week in February, Vicar Hans will be here.

E. SOCIAL CONCERNS - Judy reported that three people were assisted during December, St. Paul Lutheran Church donated a total of \$1,370.00 to Blue Santa, and there will be a blood drive on January 28th.

F. PROPERTY REPORT - Ray reported that 2 sinks in the education building have been repaired, the air conditioning in the daycare section has been repaired, a new quote has been received for the Youth Minister's office, the new awning will be started in a week or two, Budget blinds will be replacing blinds in the education building, Karr Tuckpointing will be checking for cracks in the buildings, and quotes will be obtained for cabinets in the new meeting area.

G. PARISH EDUCATION - Rebecca reported: During December, the Children's Sunday School Department attended two practices and performed "From Heaven to Earth I come" for the congregation, with Tina Boehm directing. Thanks go out to all the teachers and parents who helped. The Nursery department learned from the December Lectionary, while the K-8th grade students studied the various readings from the Lectionary and learned about Advent, the Names of Jesus, and the real meaning behind "The Twelve Days of Christmas".

A tentative date for Vacation Bible School has been set for June 25th through 30th.

H. C.E.M. - See attached report

The Learning Garden will also be having another T shirt sale. A thank you spaghetti dinner will be held the day of the annual congregational dinner.

I. EVANGELISM/OUTREACH

J. CHRISTIAN LIFE

K. CEMETERY

L. VICAR HANS - Professional activities include 3 worship services. Vicar Hans expressed his appreciation and thanks for the prayers and support shown to Anne and him as they recover from the accident.

M. PASTOR TIM - Professional activities during December

10 worship services, 6 hospital visits, 8 home visits, 8 education events, 7 church meetings and events, 2 community events, 1 week of vacation

Official acts

Burial of Linda Rabke and Burial of Myles Pattillo

Lent and Easter Worship Schedule for 2018 was announced.

5. OLD BUSINESS

a. Approve bid for altering Chapel to create office and meeting room space. Beverly made a motion to accept a bid of \$6,500 to create an office for the Youth Director and an extra meeting area. Rebecca seconded the motion. The motion carried.

b. Meeting with head ushers concerning security. A meeting was held with the ushers on January 7, 2018 at which time placement of ushers was discussed along with people to contact if needed. Questions concerning wording for a table to be placed near the panic buttons were discussed; however no answer was reached.

c. Placing cabinets on the wall in the new meeting room. Ray made a motion to place base cabinets with a counter top along the wall from the new office to the hall wall at a cost of \$2,175. Rebecca seconded the motion. The motion carried.

d. Approval of Annual meeting agenda. Beverly made a motion to approve the revised agenda for the Annual meeting. Lois seconded the motion. Motion carried.

e. Reviewed options concerning the tree on the Gerhardt cemetery plot. No action was taken except to contact the family in regard to the tree.

6. NEW BUSINESS

a. Approve stipend for Dr. Amy Schifrin

A motion was made by Chris and seconded by Lois to give Dr. Schifrin a \$600 stipend for the 4 services she conducted during Pastor Tim's vacation. The motion carried.

b. Check signing authority Linda made a motion to give check signing authority to Katie Serrano, Calvin Bruns, Manroy Wolpman, Bill Klavevemann, Pam Weise, Judy Taylor, and Dorothy Mayfield. Judy seconded the motion. The motion carried.

c. Accept gift from Sandra Hahn-Ghosh Chris made a motion to accept a tree as a gift from Sandra Hahn-Ghosh to use near the pavilion as decided by the cemetery director, and to use the tree planting certificate from the Caran's. Rebecca seconded the motion. The motion carried.

d. Bill read a Christmas Card that was sent to the council from C.E.M. personnel.

e. Approve employment of Keary Hilbrich - Rebecca made a motion to approve the part time employment of Keary Hilbrich as part of the maintenance staff. Chris seconded the motion. The motion carried.

f. Beverly volunteered to do the devotion for February 2018.

ADJOURNMENT - Beverly made a motion to adjourn. Chris seconded the motion. The motion carried.

7. CLOSING - The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Dorothy Mayfield

Financial Report

GENERAL FUND	YTD 2018	Jan. 2018
Income	24,710.75	24,710.75
Expenses	(14,969.58)	(14,969.58)
NET	<u>9,741.17</u>	<u>9,741.17</u>
BUILDING FUND	YTD 2018	Jan. 2018
Income	7,470.00	7,470.00
Expense	(4,694.64)	(4,694.64)
NET	<u>2,775.36</u>	<u>2,775.36</u>

Totals as of Jan. 23, 2018



To the Congregation of St. Paul,
 Thank you so much for your generous gifts again this year as we celebrate Christ's birth! It was very kind of ya'll to think of us. God's blessing to each of you!!

The Hilbrich Family

Care Facility Residents



Yorktown Manor –Roman Baacke, ,
 Elorine Domann, Genell Flessner,
 Frances Hartmann, Lee Roy Jaeger,
 Ernell Niemeier, Mary Ann Pfeifer,
 Melvin Sinast, Jean Striedel, Myrlin
 Wagner, Helen Wieland

Cuero Nursing & Rehabilitation

Center – Joyce Audilet, Ruth Brandt, Junell Goehring, Troy Stuart

Alzcare – **Cuero** – Nathan Mueller

Whispering Oaks, Cuero – Katherine Brown

The Enclave, San Antonio – Lana Kreitsch

**The church office appreciates your help in keeping this list up to date. Please notify us of any corrections or additions to this list. Thank you.*

If anyone has any questions or concerns regarding the Altar Guild, please contact Beverly Bruns at 361-935-5243



Thank you so much for the warm welcome you all have given me! I feel very honored and blessed to have been given this opportunity. I know I have big shoes to fill, taking Debbie's place and all, but with your kindness and continued support, I know we will see great things in the future!!

Thanks again!
Katie Serrano
Office Secretary



Cradle Workshop

The Cradle Workshop is making baby blankets for the Gabriel Project. This is an organization that helps unwed mothers with their newborns. We would like to ask the help of the congregation to donate or buy yarn for these blankets. It will take approximately 14 oz. of yarn to make a blanket 36" x 40". Colors needed are pink, blue, yellow or white. Anyone that would like to knit or crochet at home with your own pattern, is welcome to or join us at Cradle Workshop in the Lounge in the Education Building Feb. 13 and Mar 13 at 1:30 p.m. You can contact Sue Bolting at 938-5831 or Janet Lambrecht at 564-4148. Thank you for your support!

February Parish Education News

Children in the Nursery Department will learn from our weekly Lectionary readings during February.

2/04 - The Healing of Peter's Mother-in-Law

2/11 - Elijah Goes to Heaven

2/18 - Building the Ark, the Flood, and the First Rainbow

2/25 - God Blesses Abraham



Kinder - 5th Grade students will also learn these stories and will celebrate the Transfiguration of Our Lord on 2/11.

The 6th - 8th Grade students will study many of this month's readings and will focus on learning about giving, serving, being good administrators, and showing compassion to others.

The Confirmation Class will also have the opportunity to serve the congregation and community by helping in the serving line during the 18th Annual BBQ on 2/11.

As always, parents and grandparents are welcome to spend the morning with us as we learn and grow in God's Word through God's Word.

Lent and Easter Worship Schedule for 2018



Worship Schedule For Lent

February 13 5:00 PM Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper and Burning of the Palms

February 14 Ash Wednesday Worship with Holy Communion 10:00 AM in Chapel & 7:00 PM in Sanctuary

Midweek Services on Wednesdays will include 10:00 AM Service in the Chapel at St. Paul Lutheran; and Supper 6:00 PM and Worship 7:00 PM at different Churches.

February 21 St Paul Lutheran

February 28 Holy Cross Catholic

March 7 Yorktown United Methodist

March 14 First Presbyterian

March 21 San Luis Catholic

March 25 Palm/Passion Sunday with Holy Communion (regular weekend schedule)

March 29 Maundy Thursday Worship with Holy Communion 7:00 PM

March 30 Good Friday Worship 10:00 AM in Chapel & 7:00 PM in Sanctuary

March 31 No Saturday Chapel

April 1 Easter Worship with Holy Communion 7:00 AM,
Breakfast 8:00 AM, Sunday School 9:00 AM, Worship with
Holy Communion 10:30 AM
April 8 Cemetery Decoration Service 10:30 AM at St. Paul
Lutheran Cemetery

CHRISTIAN



CHRISTIAN LIFE EVENTS FOR FEBRUARY

Feb. 4th – Welcome Reception for Nicholas Requejo our new Youth Director immediately following the church service.

Feb. 13th - Shrove Tuesday Pancake supper starting at 5:00 p.m. through 6:30 p.m.

Feb. 21st – The church will be hosting the first Lenten Rotational Supper on Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. Sign-up sheets will be available for those volunteers willing to bring one of the following: a 6 – 8 quart crockpot of soup; 1 dozen sandwiches; a loaf of bread or a pan of cornbread.

A first communion class for children in 2nd grade and older will be taught by Pastor Tim on Saturday, March 3, 9:30 – 11:30 AM. Parents are welcome in class if they wish to stay. The children will celebrate their first Communion on Sunday, March 4th. If you have questions, please contact Pastor Tim.



Words of Wellness for February 2018 from the Wesley Nurse Walking Humbly

Have you ever had the experience of hearing or reading something that, even though you have encountered it countless times before, all of a sudden speaks to you in a whole new way? I had such an experience last week as I sat in church listening to words that were written some 2,600 years ago. The reading was from the Book of Micah, a book of the

Hebrew Scriptures, that contains these words, “What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God?” Micah 6:8.

Walking humbly was not something I valued or aspired to when I was young. In fact, the way I walked was just the opposite. When I was young, I felt then that I knew all of the answers, now however, I have as many questions as I have answers. This makes me think of a quote from the twentieth century monk and author Thomas Merton, “Pride makes us artificial and humility makes us real.” My youthful pride in thinking I knew it all was, in retrospect, quite artificial, and was in reality a symptom of my youthful insecurity.

Reflecting on Merton’s quote, I have come to realize that the people in my life who I know to be most real and authentic are also humble people. These are the people I admire most and want to learn from. They walk humbly, and interestingly enough, although I don’t think it is a coincidence, they are also people who love mercy and act justly, just as Micah directed us to do so many years ago.

One of my other favorite quotes about humility comes from C.S. Lewis, “Humility is not thinking less of yourself, it’s thinking of yourself less.” Humility means not needing to be the center of attention, not insisting on your own way, not needing to get recognition for a good deed done, and not needing to compare oneself to anyone else.

I recently returned from a ten day trip to the land where the prophet Micah wrote his words about the importance of acting justly, loving mercy, and walking humbly. 2,600 years after Micah wrote those words, the inhabitants of Israel and Palestine are clearly struggling to figure exactly how to live out those words, just as we in our country are as well. That, in itself, is cause for great humility, as each of us must discern in our own lives just exactly what it means to act justly, and love mercy, as we walk humbly with our God.

Your Wesley Nurse,

Kathy Frels, RN

Reference: LivingCompass.com.

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

FEBRUARY 2018
SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sunday, February 4, 2018 – 5th Sunday after the Epiphany



First Lesson: Isaiah 40:21-31
Psalm: Psalm 147:1-12, 21c
Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 9:16-23
Gospel: Mark 1:29-39

Sunday, February 11, 2018 – Last Sunday after Epiphany

First Lesson: 2 Kings 2:1-12
Psalm: Psalm 50:1-6
Second Lesson: 2 Corinthians 4:3-6
Gospel: Mark 9:2-9



Sunday, February 18, 2018 – First Sunday in Lent



First Lesson: Genesis 9:8-17
Psalm: Psalm 25: 1-9
Second Lesson: 1 Peter 3:18-22
Gospel: Mark 1:9-15

Sunday, February 25, 2018 – Second Sunday in Lent

First Lesson: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16
Psalm: Psalm 22:22-30
Second Lesson: Romans 4:13-25
Gospel: Mark 8:31-38



“The heart-shaped communion wafers were a nice touch for Valentine’s Day.”



Notes of THANKS

- Your gift to the NALS supports our efforts to educate NALC seminarians and to form pastors who are driven by our four core values: We are Christ – centered, mission – driven, traditionally – grounded and congregationally – focused. Jesus sent out the call for more laborers. With the help of our ministry partners, we are continuing to prepare faithful pastors for the harvest.

Blessings in Christ,

Dr. Amy C. Schifrin

President, North American Lutheran Seminary

- Child Outreach International expresses its heartfelt gratitude to St Paul Lutheran Church for donating the amount of \$1,097.25, which this humble organization gratefully received on 10 January 2018.

Thanks so much for your continued support of this ministry. It is greatly appreciated. God Bless!

Sincerely,

Don Thigpen, Secretary

- Iglesia La Transfiguracion appreciates your contribution in the amount of \$1,200.00. Your contribution helped in providing a Merry Christmas to many families in El Salvador. May God multiply the blessing for you and your family.

Sincerely,

Pastor Pedro Portillo

We keep in our prayers the family and friends of:



Vella Mae Krueger – who passed away January 2, 2018. Services were held January 9, 2018

Norris Jesse Schultz – who passed away January 11, 2018. Services were held January 15, 2018.

Gerry Riske – who passed away January 15, 2018. Services were held on January 27, 2018.

Ruby Braun – who passed away January 25, 2018.

Services were held January 29, 2018

May the power of the resurrection continue to provide them assurance.



In memory of Myles Pattillo – Building

David Styra

Caroline Blain

Dorothy Mayfield

Dennis Henze

Ronnie Afflerbach

Mary Ann Mueller

Betty Couch

Anna Adix

Janice Gaida

Mary Hilbrich

Joyce Lamprecht

Lyn Janssen

Melissa Stolle

Bets Schulze

Isabella Barrett

Carl & Sharon Matejek

Steven & Debbie Kneese

Jesse & Linda Hurta

Jay & Sandra Heil

Emil & Bernice Geffert

John & Judy Thomas

Oran & Carol Bissett

Michael & Kim Blaschke

Larry & Kristy Serold

Edward & Beverly Gips

Manroy & Gracie Wolpman

Bert & Barbara Biemer

Jim & Judy Noster

In memory of Myles Pattillo – Cemetery, Arlen & Kathie Fehner

In memory of Alvin Domann – Building

Elorine Domann & Mary Lee Kozielski

In memory of Patrick Hull – Building

Ricky & Judy Hilbrich

Melissa Stolle

In memory of Vella Mae Krueger – Building

Mary Lou Gerhardt Glen & Judy Henze

In memory of Roy Wild – Building

Ronnie Afflerbach Helen Breed

In memory of Douglas Warwas - Building

Helen Breed Betsy Schulze Isabella Barrett

In memory of Marvin Schulze – Building, Betsy Schulze

In memory of Randy Ormand – Building

Laura Kaiser & Family; Kirby & Family

In memory of Linda Rabke – Building

Lana Beth Helmers Dinah Halopka Anna Adix

Lyn Janssen Dan Gohmert

Carlton & Sandra Bolting Jim & Judy Noster

Ronald & Donna Matejek Jay & Sandra Heil

Larry & Kristy Serold Michael & Kim Blaschke

In memory of Melvin Straube – Building

Ronnie & Donna Matejek

In memory of Norris Schultz – CEM

Jesse & Linda Hurta Alvin & Mallie Stanchos

John Dale Hurst

In memory of Norris Schultz - Building

Margaret Krause & Family Darryl & Shirley Mueller

Roland & Gail Riedesel Manroy & Gracie Wolpman

Thomas Stepanski & Family Steven & Debbie Kneese

Jim & Judy Noster Carl & Sharon Matejek

M/M Sonny Seifert Gregg & Darlene Metting

Cathy Moritz Richard Savage

Arlen & Cindy Parma Velma Lee Moritz

Mary Lee Kozielski Elorine Domann

Hilmer Koopmann Lambert & Verda Mae Styra

Henry & Lorna Borgfeld Mary Lou Gerhardt

Carlton & Sandra Bolting Janice Gaida

Steven & Gay Hobbs

In memory of Gerry Riske – CEM

Roland & Gail Riedesel John Dale Hurst

Jesse & Linda Hurta

In memory of Gerry Riske – Cemetery

Arlen & Kathie Fehner

In memory of Gerry Riske – Building

Dorothy Mayfield
 Manroy & Gracie Wolpman
 Alvin & Mallie Stanchos
 Scott & Laurie Stevenson
 Beau & Jill Blackwell
 Joy Circle-Women of St. Paul
 Dennis Henze
 Carlton & Sandra Bolting

Joyce Lamprecht
 William & Debbie Niemeier
 Larry & Kristy Serold
 Brandon & Erica Gremillion
 Arlen & Cindy Parma
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 Clay & Robin Caran

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



MONEY AS WELL?

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HAVE A COPY OF THE CHURCH NEWSLETTER BEFORE IT EVER GOES IN THE MAIL AND SAVE

If so, contact the church office (stpaulykt@sbcglobal.net) with your e-mail address so you can receive the GOOD NEWS via your e-mail. This will save the church money spent on stamps, paper and copying plus saving the time needed to copy/fold/bundle! What a great stewardship idea!



MARCH NEWSLETTER DEADLINE!

Please get your articles, thank you notes, announcements, or anything else you would like published in the monthly newsletter into the church office by Friday, February 16. Thank you.

Tuesday, FEBRUARY 6, 2018

Group	Time	Study Leader	Hostess
FAITH	9:00 a.m.	Beverly Feller	Doris Koehler
GRACE	9:00 a.m.	Hope Jendrzey	Sandra Heil
JOY	2:30 p.m.	Group	Meeting Room



18th Annual

St. Paul Lutheran Church

234 N Gohmert Street, Yorktown, TX

Chicken BBQ

&

Bake Sale



Sunday, February 11, 2018
St. Paul Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall

\$10.00 Per Plate
Pickup or Dine In
from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Tickets available from the Church office or Lutheran members.

Faith Offering will be given to The Yorktown Volunteer Fire Department, The Learning Garden, The Yorktown EMS, and Yorktown Assistance Ministry (YAM)



What's happening at The Learning Garden!!

Enrollment:

Current Fall Enrollment – 62 Children

Infants – 6

Toddlers – 6

Two Year Old's – 12

Preschool – 16

Prekindergarten – 18

After School – 4

Waitlist:

2 – 3 Year olds on the waitlist to possible start in March

Staff:

Lead Teachers	Full Time – 4	Part Time – 1
Teacher's Assistants	Full Time – 6	Part Time – 3
Other Staff	Full Time – 1	Part Time – 2
Substitute		Part Time – 1

Congratulations:

All of us at The Learning Garde would like to wish Stephanie "Sunshine" Schlinke the best of luck at her new job. We are so proud of her and wish her all the best. Stephanie, letting us all be a part of your journey has been a blessing. You know where we are if you need anything at all. We will always be here for you!

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.

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