

# GOOD NEWS



## **St. Paul Lutheran Church**

P.O. Box 245

Yorktown, Texas 78164

Office: 361-564-2135

[www.stpaulykt.org](http://www.stpaulykt.org) e-mail: [stpaulykt@sbcglobal.net](mailto:stpaulykt@sbcglobal.net)

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.*



When you receive this newsletter, Christmas will be just days away. And soon after will come New Year's Eve and the New Year. On January 6 the 12 days of Christmas celebration will end. On that day we celebrate the coming of the wise men to honor the Christ-child. This celebration is called "Epiphany" -- epiphany" being the Greek word for "manifest". What was made manifest on this day so many centuries ago was that Christ was revealed to the Gentiles (all those apart from the children of Israel). The wise men were from far away and were not a part of the Hebrew people, yet they came to worship Him. The season which follows the Day of Epiphany is also called Epiphany, and in worship services we will be reading the stories of how Jesus was being revealed to all people.

"Manifest" means to make evident or to make certain by showing or displaying a truth. This manifestation continues yet today. It continues through the preaching and teaching of God's Word; it continues through worship, singing and prayer; it is carried out through evangelism, stewardship, youth activities, social ministry, even church property maintenance. The baby Jesus, whom the wise men worshiped, is still revealed and made evident to people today. Anytime we act according to our Christian teaching in our daily lives, when we strive to "do what is right" by faith, or we try to follow Christ's example, we are making the Lord manifest to others. Through our involvement in the church, on committees, as leaders, teachers, ushers, altar guild, and as volunteers of all stripes, we are helping to manifest Christ to the world.

As the New Year approaches, it would be good if each of us would examine ourselves and see just how we are or are not manifesting Christ in our lives. What are our actions and lifestyle revealing to others, a love for Christ and His ways, or self-centeredness, self-gratification, and pettiness? Are we really putting forth an effort to help our congregation manifest Christ in and through all of its varied ministry? Take in the Epiphany and take some time to rededicate ourselves and our lives to Christ and to making Christ manifest in our neighborhood and world.



Your Pastor,  
Tim W Muehlbrad

---



To St. Paul Lutheran

Welcome to the New Year! We survived the horror that was 2020. Now that we all made it through, we can start to proceed safely into 2021. Our 2021 Events calendar will be lighter compared to other years. With

that said we can absolutely bring back a church-wide project that was cut short last year. Project H was a missional project with an

impact on our neighbors in Victoria, TX. In phase one we collected toothpaste and toothbrushes. Phase two begins on January 31st and will end on March 14th. During those weeks where we will be collecting deodorant and small hair combs. The last phase of Project H begins on April 4th and will end on May 16th. In which during these weeks we will be collecting travel size conditioner and shampoo. On June 6th our Sunday School class from 3rd grade to 12th grade will assemble our hygiene kits together. Every kit will then be donated to Mid-Coast Family Services!

Nicholas, why are we assembling hygiene kits and giving them away to our neighbors. Glad you asked. Our youth will always have work here in Yorktown, TX. When your kids play sports they will undoubtedly work with Keep Yorktown Beautiful. As 4H members, your children will surely visit Yorktown Manor. Our multiple churches work with YAM. The history museum does its food drive every year. These are all great missional events that serve our community. However, we as a church need to move beyond Yorktown and start getting used to doing missional work throughout Texas. It is still my goal to travel to Houston one summer for a week-long mission trip. It is still my goal to travel to New Orleans, Louisiana for a week-long mission trip. I need these goals scratched off my bucket list while I continue to be employed here at St. Paul Lutheran. Should I not then I have failed your families and there was no point in hiring me.

With that being said 2020 has made me reflect. I have learned that I do not have a lot of time. The next day is not promised, at any moment everything can be taken away. Three-quarters of my events calendar were wiped away last year due to Covid. In this coming decade if it seems like I am being pushier; I am! I don't have time to lose. We need to move forward as a church into the mission field. While at the same time we need to build two important groups. We do not have a bible group for our men in the 25-49 age range. Do you want to know a sign of a dying

church? It is when the men no longer meet to be in the Word of God. Which is what your kids see. Dad is busy. Dad doesn't come to church. Then they ask themselves, why should I come to church or go to Sunday School? This is why we have almost a one hundred percent dropoff rate once our youth get confirmed. We are still early in this decade where these problems can be fixed. Let's get to work.

Peace,  
Nicholas Requejo  
Family & Youth Director.

---



## CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

### ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

December 8, 2020

- 1) **CALL TO ORDER** The meeting of the Church Council of St. Paul Lutheran Church was called to order by Clem Waskow. Council members present for the meeting were Pastor Tim Muehlbrad, Clem Waskow, Cathy Moritz, Linda Peyton, Linda Hurta, Judy Taylor, Calvin Bruns, Nicholas Requejo, Michael Melanson, Jay Heil, and Kristin Schustereit. Katie Serrano was also in attendance.
- 2) **DEVOTION** The devotion was given by Michael Melanson.
- 3) **MINUTES** The minutes from November 5, 2020, were approved as printed with no corrections.
- 4) **REPORTS**
  - a) **Treasurer** – Calvin reported: The balance in the General

Fund as of November 30, 2020, was \$281,057.96. The balance in the Building Fund was \$13,067.68. Calvin Bruns made a motion to accept the report as written.

Linda Hurta seconded the motion. The motion carried.

- b) **Stewardship** – Budget will be discussed in New Business
- c) **Parish Education** – Linda Hurta reported: Sunday school has been reopened as of October 4, 2020. Attendance averages are as follows: Nursery/Kindergarten – 10; Elementary/Junior High – 13. Attendance would probably be higher if this was a normal year. Adult classes have been cancelled until further notice. Temperatures are taken, but social distancing is not able to be practiced well. Most students wear face coverings, but not all. Filming of the Christmas Program video has been completed. Each family that has a child or children in the video will receive a jump drive of the Christmas story. It will also be shown the weekend of December 13<sup>th</sup> at both the Saturday and Sunday services. Christmas bags will be prepared to be handed out at the three Christmas Eve services. Each bag will contain a beautiful wooden ornament created by Tony Machacek (Pastor's father-in-law), along with other items. A huge thank you goes out to Tony for all the hours it took to make these beautiful ornaments.
- d) **Youth** – Linda Hurta reported: Nicholas is changing hours – Sunday; Tuesday-Friday. They are hoping to meet in person for meetings in 2021. They have had one grocery delivery and filming has been finished for the program.
- e) **Family/Youth Director** – Nicholas reported: He has been recording scenes for the Christmas short film and editing everything together. He's been putting together the events calendar for 2021. Will soon promote summer camp for elementary and high school-aged children.
- f) **Worship** – Jay Heil reported: The committee has talked about Lenten services. There will be no rotation with other churches in the community and no meals. They have discussed services, but nothing has been decided on just yet. Christmas trees were delivered, and decorating will be done tomorrow (December 9). Sign-up counts for Christmas Eve services are: 4:00-73; 6:00-7; 8:00-64.

- g) **Evangelism/Outreach** – No report.
- h) **Social Concerns** – The committee is asking for donations to Cowboy Claus, which purchases Christmas gifts for area families.
- i) **Christian Life** – Nothing to report.
- j) **Property** – Michael reported: The water heater in the sanctuary was fixed. A battery-operated leaf blower and extra battery was purchased for ushers. A smoke/carbon monoxide detector in the toddler room at TLG was replaced. A diaper changing station for the infant room was assembled. A soap dispenser was changed at TLG. The toilet was fixed in the cry room in the Sanctuary.
- k) **Cemetery** – Nothing to report.
- l) **CEM** – Written reports for November and December were provided.
- m) **Pastor** – Professional activities during November 2020 included: 7 worship services, 6 home visits, 6 educational events, 7 church meetings and events, 4 burials, and 1 baptism.

## 5) **OLD BUSINESS**

- a) **Stained Glass Windows Repair** – Bill Klaevemann is looking for someone to repair mortar under windows. Michael stated some mortar needs to be repaired before those windows can be reinstalled. Alvarez Construction out of Victoria came to look at what needs to be done, but we have not received an estimate at time of meeting. The windows that are currently out are not windows that need mortar repair. \$32,000.00 has been sent for payment so far.
- b) **Coronavirus**
  - 1. **Sanitation** – No new changes at this time.
  - 2. **Sunday Service** – No new changes at this time.
  - 3. **Saturday Service** – No new changes at this time
  - 4. **Sunday School** – No new changes at this time.
  - 5. **Youth** – No new changes at this time.
  - 6. **Funerals** – No new changes at this time.
  - 7. **Weddings** – No new changes at this time.
  - 8. **Other meetings and Functions** – No new changes at

this time.

**9. Fellowship Hall Rentals** – No new changes at this time.

**10. Church Office** – No new changes at this time.

**6) NEW BUSINESS**

a) **Church BBQ** – Jay Heil made a motion to postpone our annual BBQ to a later date in 2021. Judy Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried.

b) **Budget** – Calvin Bruns presented the budget for 2021 and explained the changes from last year. Nicholas will be moving into Parsonage 2. Calvin Bruns made a motion to approve the budget for 2021 as presented. Cathy Moritz seconded. The motion carried.

7) **CLOSING** – Jay Heil made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Linda Hurta seconded the motion. The motion carried, and the meeting closed with The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kristin Schustereit

**2021 COUNCIL MEMBERS**

PRESIDENT – Clemens Waskow

SECRETARY – Kristin Schustereit

PARISH ED – Linda Hurta

STEWARDSHIP – Calvin Bruns

WORSHIP – Jay Heil

CHRISTIAN LIFE – Cathy Moritz

PROPERTY – Michael Melanson

SOCIAL CONCERNS – Judy Taylor

YOUTH – Linda Peyton

EVANGELISM/OUTREACH – Martha Geffert



# Financial Report

GENERAL FUND	YTD 2020	BUILDING FUND	YTD 2020
<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>88,345.51</b>	<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>46,581.29</b>
Income	536,864.60	Income	70,058.62
Expenses *	(576,701.30)	Expenses	(101,850.49)
Ending Balance	48,508.81	Ending Balance	14,789.42
Investment	245,703.34		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>294,212.15</b>		

Totals as of 12/15/2020

\*Includes \$50,000.00 transferred into the investment account

RELIEVE EDITORIAL

STRESS:

TURN IN  
YOUR ARTICLES

**EARLY!**

R E M I N D E R:

**DEADLINE FOR THE  
FEBRUARY  
NEWSLETTER  
ARTICLE IS**

***Monday,  
January 18, 2021!***





**The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held Sunday, January 31, 2021 - immediately following the Worship Service.**

---

**Notice to all Committee Chairs** – Annual Reports are due in the Church Office by January 4<sup>th</sup> for publication in the Annual Report of St. Paul.



We keep in our prayers the family and friends of:



**Victor Riske** – who passed away November 20, 2020. Graveside service was held December 12, 2020.

**Larry Geffert** – who passed away December 1, 2020. Graveside service was held December 6, 2020.

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

## CHRISTMAS CARDS



When you have finished enjoying your Christmas cards, please give them to the Women of St. Paul for

their Christmas Card project. They trim up the pictures and verses to make new cards for our shut-ins and the nursing home patients.

There is a box on the table outside the office for you to drop them in.

Thanks for your support!

---

With grateful hearts, and love for our neighbors, St. Paul's Women of the Church made Christmas donations to two local organizations. The Yorktown Nursing Home Residents and YAM each received \$500.00 to assist their clients.

Because of COVID-19, The Women of the Church have been unable to make our regular visits to the

nursing home or raise funds for charitable giving. We encourage everyone to remember those less fortunate.





Thanks to everyone for all the  
generous gifts this Christmas Season  
As we celebrate the birth of our Savior,  
your thoughtfulness is very much  
appreciated. Gods Blessings &

Happy New year to All  
The Hübner Family

Ricky Judy Keri



Thanks to all for your cards, gifts and well wishes during this Christmas Season. Your warmth and generosity fills us with love as we celebrate the greatest gift of all: the gift of God coming into this world.

Many Blessings and Happy New Year,  
Pastor Tim, Nicholas, & Katie

---

### **THANK YOU!!!**

I want to thank the following groups of people for all they did to make the Christmas video possible:

- ❖ Parents for bringing their children to numerous scenes to be filmed
- ❖ Children for reading, being costumed characters, and singing songs
- ❖ Teachers for your support and help
- ❖ Musicians for providing wonderful music
- ❖ Nick Requero and Linda Peyton for support, encouragement, and help in preparing letters to parents, coordinating filming scenes, filming schedules, preparing backgrounds and calling parents to schedule filming times.
- ❖ Nick Requero for filming and editing the program.
- ❖ Technical people who make it possible for us to view the video in December.



Children's  
Christmas Program

Linda Hurta  
Parish Education

# CHRIST. LIKE

Still searching for a New Year's resolution? None is more worthy than becoming Christ-like. In fact, 19<sup>th</sup>-century evangelist Henry Drummond calls it "the only thing in the whole world worth caring for."

Two modern-day authors offer more insights. Stormie

Omartian points out that we're either making progress or backsliding on this goal. "There is no neutral position in the Lord," she writes. "You are either becoming more like Christ every day or you're becoming less like him." And followers of Jesus must keep the goal always in focus. Christ-likeness is our "eventual destination," writes Rick Warren, but the "journey will last a lifetime."







**In memory of Victor Riske – Radio**

Dr. & Mrs. John Frels

**In memory of Victor Riske – CEM**

Alvin & Mallie Stanchos

Spence & Rebecca Innocenti

**In memory of Victor Riske – Cemetery**

Steven & Debbie Kneese

Joan Wendel

David & Patsy Ibrom

Gerald & Beth Allison

**In memory of Victor Riske – Stained Glass Windows**

Dennis Henze

Velma Lee Moritz

Jim & Judy Noster

Ricky & Judy Hilbrich

Larry & Elaine Henze

Boyd & Pam Weise

John D. Hurst

Lyn Janssen

Charles & Bonnie Riedesel

Clay & Robin Caran

Cathy Moritz

Jay & Sandra Heil

Lovel & Avis Blain

Caroline Blain

Arlen & Kathie Fehner

Roland & Gail Riedesel

Carlton & Sandra Bolting

Joyce M. Lamprecht

**In memory of Victor Riske – Building**

Dorothy Mayfield

Jesse & Linda Hurta

Larry & Martha Geffert

Glen & Judy Henze

Barbara Kerlick

Arlen & Cindy Parma

Gregg & Darlene Metting

Barbara J. Mueller

Bill Klaevemann

Henry & Genia Zamora

Brian & Wendy Yanta

Alton & Marilyn Williams

Darren & Tina Koehler

Beth K. Sievers

Loris Maddox

Donna Coles

Janice Teltschik

John & Shane Coyle

Robert & Shirley Ibrom

Robert & Lorene Migura

The Donnie Riske Family

Ronald W. Riske & Family

**In memory of Kay Hilbrich – CEM**

Steven & Debbie Kneese

**In memory of Kay Hilbrich – Stained Glass Windows**

Caroline Blain

Ricky & Judy Hilbrich

### **In memory of Kay Hilbrich – Stained Glass Windows, cont'd**

Boyd & Pam Weise	Jerry & Debbie Yount and Family
Oleta Pattillo	Jim & Judy Noster
Lyn Janssen	

### **In memory of Kay Hilbrich – Building**

Lana Podsim	Byron & Barbara Cramer
Dorothy Mayfield	Eric, Vanessa, & Kyle Rohan
Carol Guzman	Carl & Betty Sample
Tim, Robert, & Alan Voelkel and Families	
Ronnie & Kindra Saunders and Family	
Larry & Martha Geffert	Carlton & Sandra Bolting
Mary Lou Gerhardt	Melissa Stolle & Boys

### **In memory of Joyce Lingo – Cemetery**

Steven & Debbie Kneese	Bill & Sylvia Imhoff
------------------------	----------------------

### **In memory of Joyce Lingo – Stained Glass Windows**

Boyd & Pam Weise	Jerry & Debbie Yount and Family
Jim & Judy Noster	Jesse & Linda Hurta
Caroline M. Blain	Roland & Gail Riedesel

### **In memory of Joyce Lingo – Stained Glass Windows cont'd**

Lyn Janssen	Charles & Bonnie Riedesel
Clay & Robin Caran	

### **In memory of Joyce Lingo – Building**

Dorothy Mayfield	Mike & Debbie Wick
Angie Stepanski	Oleta Pattillo
The Larry Serold Family	Family at Cuero Medical Clinic
Larry & Martha Geffert	Glen & Judy Henze
Carlton & Sandra Bolting	Mary Lou Gerhardt
Gregg & Darlene Metting	Darren & Tina Koehler
Melissa Stolle & Boys	Sharon Stubblefield

### **In memory of Cleveland Stehle – Stained Glass Windows**

Boyd & Pam Weise	Jim & Judy Noster
------------------	-------------------

### **In memory of Cleveland Stehle – Building**

Mary Lou Gerhardt

### **In memory of David Stern – Stained Glass Windows**

Jim & Judy Noster	Cathy Moritz
-------------------	--------------

### **In memory of Lorene Koopmann – Stained Glass Windows**

Michael & Kim Blaschke	Billie Jo Blaschke
Iona Buchhorn	



**In memory of Lorene Koopmann – Building**

Larry & Martha Geffert

Kenny & Lisa Koenig

**In memory of Ernell Niemeier – Stained Glass Windows**

Michael & Kim Blaschke

Billie Jo Blaschke

**In memory of Jean Gohmert – Stained Glass Windows**

Michael & Kim Blaschke

Billie Jo Blaschke

**In memory of Jean Gohmert – Building**

Iona Buchhorn

**In memory of Nathan Mueller – Stained Glass Windows**

Michael & Kim Blaschke

Billie Jo Blaschke

Iona Buchhorn

**In memory of Ruth Brandt – Stained Glass Windows**

Michael & Kim Blaschke

Billie Jo Blaschke

**In memory of Sharon Thompson – Building**

Carlton & Sandra Bolting

**In memory of Shirley Dietze – Stained Glass Windows**

Caroline M. Blain

**In memory of Shirley Dietze – Building**

Carlton & Sandra Bolting

**In memory of Thomas Smiley – Stained Glass Windows**

Michael & Kim Blaschke

Billie Jo Blaschke

**In memory of Thomas Smiley – Building**

Kenny & Lisa Koenig

Iona Buchhorn

**In memory of Judith Burda – Building**

Gregg & Darlene Metting

**In memory of Larry Geffert – Radio**

Dr. & Mrs. John Frels

**In memory of Larry Geffert – CEM**

Alvin & Mallie Stanchos

Don & Susan Wieland

**In memory of Larry Geffert – Cemetery**

Bernice Geffert

Harvey & Shirley Mueller

Steven & Debbie Kneese

David & Patsy Ibrom

**In memory of Larry Geffert – Stained Glass Windows**

Cathy Moritz

Gregg & Darlene Metting

Boyd & Pam Weise

Calvin & Beverly Bruns

Allen Machost

Jesse & Linda Hurta

Velma Lee Moritz

John Dale Hurst

Byron & Barbara Cramer

Ricky & Judy Hilbrich

Dennis Henze

Lyn Janssen

## **In memory of Larry Geffert – Stained Glass Windows, cont'd**

Charles & Bonnie Riedesel	Clay & Robin Caran
David & Gracie Barfield	Kyle & Linda Lester
Aaron & Erin Koopmann	Schustereit Family
Jay & Sandra Heil	Manroy & Gracie Wolpman
Lovel & Avis Blain	Caroline Blain
Arlen & Kathie Fehner	Mr. & Mrs. R.F. Bettge
Glen & Linda Willms	Roland & Gail Riedesel
Allen & Linda Duderstadt	Yorktown Automotive
Marlene Fromme	Tommy & Sara Bludau
Kraege & Judy Wolpman	Heather Gisler
David & Kara Jander	Patricia Cooper
Joan Menn	Glen & Dorothy Ballenger
Harvey & Janie Menn	Randy & Shannon Franke
Carlton & Sandra Bolting	James & Brenda Nash
Joseph & Johanna Warwas	Ty & DeNeice Sinast
Edward & Beverly Gips	Garland & Sherry Gloor
Mike & Kerry Kloos	Donald & Carolyn Jansky
Kermit & Doris Koehler	Steven & Gay Hobbs
Robert & Shirley Ibrom	Rick & Peggy Savage
Roger & Deborah Geffert	The Janssen Family
Charles & Nina Koenig	Albert & Martha Gloor
Dorothy Mayfield	Lloyd & Crystal Cobb
Jeanette Willis	Wayne Van Halem
VGM Fulfillment	Casey Hoyt
Larry & Elaine Henze	Billie Jo Blaschke
The Theriot Family	Lana Podsim
Scott & Kim Perry	Clayton & Colten Perry
The Stolz Family	Daniel & Lisa Bunting
Cheryl Schwab	Joyce M. Lamprecht
Oleta Pattillo	Jerry & Debbie Yount and Family
Larry Christensen	Henry & Carol Dakai
Christine Johnson	Barbara Kerlick
Glen & Judy Henze	Lela Ruppert
Jim & Jennifer Hartman	The Scott Schendel Family
Randy & Deanna Roeder	Ronnie Afflerbach
Jim & Judy Noster	Gerald & Beth Allison

**In memory of Larry Geffert – Building**

Barbara J. Mueller

Bill Klaevemann

Melissa Stolle & Boys

**In memory of Darwin Sparck – Stained Glass Windows**

Lyn Janssen

**In memory of Naomi Zimmermann – Building**

Manroy & Gracie Wolpman

**In memory of Bobby Nelson – CEM**

Steven & Debbie Kneese

**In memory of Bobby Nelson – Building**

Clint & Melissa Kaiser

Manroy & Gracie Wolpman

**In memory of Bobby Nelson – Stained Glass Windows**

Boyd & Pam Weise

Jim & Judy Noster

**In memory of Frances Hartman – Stained Glass Windows**

Billie Jo Blaschke

**In memory of Frances Hartman – Building**

Iona Buchhorn

**In memory of Gary Podsim – Stained Glass Windows**

Billie Jo Blaschke

Iona Buchhorn

**In memory of Henry Borgfeld – Stained Glass Windows**

Billie Jo Blaschke

Iona Buchhorn

**In memory of Alfreda John – Building**

Melvin Zaintz

Mary Lee Kozielski

**In memory of Myrlin Wagner – Building**

Iona Buchhorn

**In memory of Harvey Alex – Building**

Iona Buchhorn

**In memory of David Alex – Building**

Iona Buchhorn

**In memory of JoNell Gips – Building**

Iona Buchhorn

**In memory of Joy Machost – Building**

Iona Buchhorn

**In memory of Irene Wulf – Building**

Iona Buchhorn

**In memory of Elorine Domann – Stained Glass Windows**

Iona Buchhorn

**In memory of Ted Mazurkiewicz – Stained Glass Windows**

Iona Buchhorn

**In memory of Junell Goehring – Building**

Iona Buchhorn

**In memory of Nelda Winslette – Building**

Iona Buchhorn

**In memory of Arlin Rogge – Building**

Iona Buchhorn

**In memory of Bobby Melanson – Stained Glass Windows**

Gerald & Beth Allison

**In memory of Caden Reynolds – Stained Glass Windows**

Gerald & Beth Allison

*\*Gifts in memory and in honor of are as of December 16, 2020.*

---



## What's happening at The Learning Garden!!

This past year has been tough on us! Due to the pandemic some families were forced to withdraw their children from the center. We have had to close classrooms 3 times and then close the center once. It has taken a toll on all of us. We are doing the best that we can however, we miss having visitors and seeing the families walk their children into the classrooms. It is weird having to take the staff, children, and family's temperatures every morning. Then monitoring the staff and children's temperatures throughout the day. Asking them questions if they have been around anyone with COVID-19, or if anyone has had a fever in their home.

Who knew that when this happened, we would become essential workers! You would think that having that title would make us feel proud and honored however, it has made us see how we have to be stronger than ever. We have always done what we could to make sure that every single child that walks through our door is not stressed and has a great day. Now it means so much more. They see us in masks

and now we are having to point a thermometer at their foreheads before they can come inside. At first it scared the children and now it is a normal everyday thing. I can see the stress in the families, children, and my staff. It breaks my heart and I try to do everything that I can do be there for them all.

A center in Victoria that I have helped, and they as well have helped us, is now closing due to COVID-19. It really scary how many child care centers have not made it through the pandemic. It really pushes me to do everything that I can to make sure this will not happen to us. The families need us! We need them! Everyday seeing all of these amazing children smiling, learning, and having fun makes it so enjoyable to come to work. It is all about the children!

When I took over as Director, I knew I would be blessed and love working at The Learning Garden. I knew that I would be challenged and have challenges to overcome however, I have learned so much in the past year. I have learned that I can overcome obstacles that I have never had to handle before, I would have to be the best leader that I could be, I would have to lift my staff's spirits more than ever and be there even more for my TLG families. During this whole time, the kindness from the staff, board, and congregation members makes my heart happy.

The most important lesson that I have learned from all the ups and downs that I have had in my life and especially with this past year was "God does not give us more than we can handle!"

We all just need to breath, pray, and take it one day at a time!

God Bless,  
Tracie Fielding  
Director, The Learning Garden

## **Enrollment:** Current Enrollment for Spring 2021 ~ **49**

<b>Class</b>	<b>Currently Enrolled</b>	<b>Waitlist</b>	<b>Available Spots</b>	<b>Teachers</b>
<b>Infants</b>	8	2	2	1 ~ Full Time (Paige Nance) 2 ~ Part Time (Samantha Daulley & Alicia Bertao)
<b>Toddlers</b>	9	0	6	3 ~ Full Time (Sarah Jozwiak, Megan Fielding, & Leticia Pena)
<b>Twos</b>	8	0	7	2 ~ Full Time (Shawn Williams & Darrien Campbell) 1 ~ Part Time (Amy Rodriguez)
<b>Preschool (3 yr. old's)</b>	8	0	7	2 ~ Full Time (Megan Valdez & Cyara Valdez)
<b>Prekindergarten (4 &amp; 5 yr. old's)</b>	7	0	8	2 ~ Full Time (Cassandra Slade & Taylor Beckham)
<b>After School</b>	9	2	2	1 ~ Part Time (Quinton Harrison)

### **Staff:**

Director: Tracie Fielding

Cook: Estela Sierra

Housekeeping: Elida Cruz

Floaters ~ Melissa Coley & Alexis Longoria

Leave of Absence due to COVID-19: Donna Baxter and Anne Spies

**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.**

# SCRIPTURE READINGS

## JANUARY 2021

### Sunday, January 3, 2021 – Second Sunday of Christmas



First Lesson: Jeremiah 31:7-14

Psalm: Psalm 147:13-21

Second Lesson: Ephesians 1:3-14

Gospel: John 1: [1-9] 10-18

### Sunday, January 10, 2021 – Baptism of Our Lord

First Lesson: Genesis 1:1-5

Psalm: Psalm 29

Second Lesson: Acts 19:1-7

Gospel: Mark 1:4-11



### Sunday, January 17, 2021 – Second Sunday after Epiphany



First Lesson: 1 Samuel 3:1-10[11-20]

Psalm: Psalm 139:1-5, 12-17

Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20

Gospel: John 1:43-51

### Sunday, January 24, 2021 – Third Sunday after Epiphany

First Lesson: Jonah 3:1-5, 10

Psalm: Psalm 62:6-14

Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Gospel: Mark 1:14-20



### Sunday, January 31, 2021 – Fourth Sunday after Epiphany



First Lesson: Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Psalm: Psalm 111

Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Gospel: Mark 1:21-28

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH  
234 NORTH GOHMERT STREET  
P.O. BOX 245  
YORKTOWN, TX 78164

NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION  
US POSTAGE  
YORKTOWN, TEXAS  
PERMIT #15

