

# 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

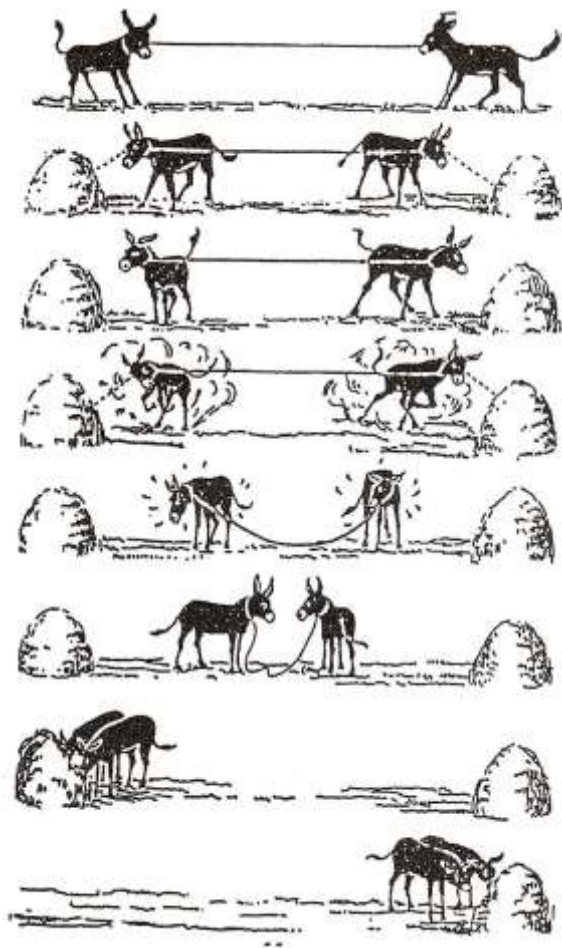
Director of Youth & Family – Nicholas Requejo

### **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*

Instead of writing an article for this month, I am submitting the following series of pictures:



My father found this cartoon while going through some of my grandfather's old office files. Its message is just as meaningful today as it was in the 1920's when it was first published.

Your Pastor,  
Tim W Muehlbrad



To St. Paul Lutheran

Thank you for being so patient and graceful to us the church staff. COVID-19 indeed a HUGE surprise! No matter what you feel please be patient with the leadership here at St. Paul Lutheran. In my thirty years of being alive, nothing like this has EVER

ever ever happened. I don't mean to get all dreary in this letter I am just being realistic. In my years of growing up in Austin, we would face flash floods, freak weather, one major snowstorm, September 11, school shootings, and the threat of school attacks, yet what always happened? We all returned back to normal the following day or the following Monday. However, this is NOT normal. This major annoyance threw off my whole year.

Our Easter breakfast plans were tossed aside. A family trip to the trampoline park was scrapped. Our local missional projects are pushed back. Project H had to be rescheduled. As I am looking towards the fall I see that our rally day is not going to happen. I have one event on the summer calendar. So, God willing, on August 2nd, we can gather up as a church and have fun at Splashway Water Park. Should the need arise I already have a backup plan for our Christmas program. At the end of July Pastor Tim and I are taking a group of youth out to Kerrville for a week of camp. While it may not be an ideal schedule, we as the church have three events STILL booked.

In all this remember there is still hope in Jesus. Just be patient and stay safe. Absolutely Pray for the leaders of St. Paul. Every decision they make will be praised by one group and criticized by another group. Someone will speak up and say "you guys should do this", "at another church, this is happening", or "if I was in charge..." Those are all great opinions to have. I'm glad you have them. It shows me that this church is full of people who are alive and want the best for our worship experience. However, if I stick my head into the Pastor's office I see Tim Muehlbrad at his desk reading, making a phone call, or leaving to take care of church business. He's the leader of this

small flock. God chose him and Pastor Tim accepted. As a member of the church, the best thing to do is pray. And then pray some more.

Remember to continue to have hope in Jesus Christ who has been protecting you from the day you were born. Now more than ever pray. Continue to teach your kids their bible lessons. BE SAFE! BE PATIENT! BE GRACIOUS towards others.

Family & Youth Director  
Nicholas Requejo

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## CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

### ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

June 16, 2020

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

General Fund as of May 31, 2020, was \$308,632.27. The balance in the Building Fund was \$16,560.41.

- b) **Stewardship** – Nothing to report.
- c) **Parish Education** – Linda Hurta reported: Sunday school has reopened as of June 7<sup>th</sup>. Attendance has been close to what it would have been on a normal summer schedule during the last two Sundays. The elementary group has a one-room Sunday school class for grades kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. They are trying to do as much social distancing as they can.
- d) **Youth** – Nothing new to report.
- e) **Family/Youth Director** – Nicholas reported: He has been having children's sermons in church on Sunday mornings, as well as making a video version. He has been planning backup ideas for the Christmas program. He has a trip to Splashway Water Park scheduled for Sunday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- f) **Worship** – Will be discussed in Old Business, COVID-19 Response section below.
- g) **Evangelism/Outreach** – Nothing to report.
- h) **Social Concerns** – Nothing to report.
- i) **Christian Life** – Nothing to report.
- j) **Property** – Michael reported: He called Blank Irrigation to fix the water sprinkler system in front of the educational building. New A/C unit was replaced in the meeting room. Trees were sprayed for worms. The back gate was knocked down at parsonage 2. A police report was filed. Bosart replaced handles on the Fellowship Hall doors.
- k) **Cemetery** – Victor reported: He has sold 4 spaces since the last meeting.
- l) **CEM** – A written report was provided. Nothing to add.
- m) **Pastor** – Professional activities during May 2020 included: 5 worship services, 1 home visit, 4 church meetings and events, 1 professional meeting, 1 community event, 1 burial, and 1 wedding.

## 5) **OLD BUSINESS**

- a) **Stove** – Michael explained two burners are constantly lit with a pilot, and the other burners must be ignited with a push button.
- b) **Stained Glass Windows Repair** – Bill Klaevemann has

been working on getting information regarding repairs for our stained glass windows. He has received bids from three different companies as follows: Associated Crafts & Willet Hauser (\$70,466), The Cavallini Company (\$88,942), and Foster Stained Glass (\$172,180). Discussion was held concerning what all repairs need to be made. Bill called each company on speaker phone so that all those present for the meeting could hear. He asked each company several questions to clarify our understanding of work to be done. After discussion, council voted to accept the bid from Foster Stained Glass out of Bryan, Texas, for \$172, 180.

- c) **Electronic Giving** – Katie informed us there were four contributions since electronic giving was set up, for a total of \$426.99 so far. We pay \$10 per month for the service, and you are allowed to choose where your contribution goes.

d) **COVID-19 Response**

1. **Sanitation** – The Learning Garden has plans to purchase a system they will use to thoroughly sanitize the center. The church will also purchase a mist-sprayer for \$639.00 and purchase the sanitizer from TLG.
2. **Sunday Service – Increase capacity to 50%? -** Pastor expressed concerns about increasing attendance capacity to 50%. He has noticed members are not practicing social distancing, and many are not wearing masks. It was decided we will not increase our capacity to 50% just yet, and it was reiterated ushers must wear masks during communion service.
3. **Saturday Service** – Saturday service will be opened back up starting June 27<sup>th</sup> in the Fellowship hall.
4. **Sunday School** – Parents and children are strongly encouraged to wear masks and use hand sanitizer to prevent the spread of any illness at this time.
5. **Youth** – Nicholas is going to look into the guidelines public school sports are following to use as an example for his gatherings.
6. **Funerals** – Will continue to follow the same

recommendations as we are now.

7. **Weddings** – Will continue to follow the same recommendations as we are now.
8. **Other meetings and Functions** – Will continue to follow the same recommendations as we are now.
9. **Fellowship Hall Rentals** – We will continue to keep rentals on hold until further notice.
10. **Opening Church Office** – Katie will be working in the church office from 8:00am until 12:00pm Monday through Friday, and the afternoons she will work from home.

**6) NEW BUSINESS**

- a) **Security at Parsonage 2** – We don't feel there's a need for a security system at this time.
  - b) **Cemetery Lawnmower** – The mower needs to be replaced.
  - c) **Tree Trimming** – Michael has called TreeWerks.
  - d) **Street Repair** – Michael is going to look into having this done.
- 7) **CLOSING** Jay Heil made a motion to adjourn. Cathy Moritz seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The meeting closed with The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kristin Schustereit

## **2020 COUNCIL MEMBERS**

**PRESIDENT** – Clemens Waskow – 275-4095

**SECRETARY** – Kristin Schustereit – 649-0946

**PARISH ED** – Linda Hurta – 491-1928

**STEWARDSHIP** – Calvin Bruns – 550-3283

**WORSHIP** – Jay Heil – 564-3780

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

**PROPERTY** – Michael Melanson – 491-1973

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

**YOUTH** – Linda Peyton – 935-0029

**EVANGELISM/OUTREACH** – Martha Geffert - 648-0168

# Financial Report

GENERAL FUND	YTD 2020	BUILDING FUND	YTD 2020
Beginning Balance	88,345.51	Beginning Balance	46,581.29
Income	289,800.10	Income	35,866.03
Expenses *	(313,695.83)	Expenses	(68,531.45)
Ending Balance	64,449.78	Ending Balance	13,915.87
Investment	243,976.78	Totals as of 6/17/2020	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>308,426.56</b>		
*Includes \$50,000.00 transferred into the investment account			

RELIEVE EDITORIAL STRESS:

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YOUR ARTICLES

**EARLY!**

R E M I N D E R:

**DEADLINE FOR  
MAY NEWSLETTER  
ARTICLES IS**

***Monday,  
July 20, 2020!***





The church office is now open to the public M-F 8 am-12 pm. Please be considerate and still follow the recommended guidelines for safety measures. You can still drop your offering off in the Drop Box outside the office door. If you need assistance and the office is closed, please feel free to call the secretary at 361-491-1579 or Pastor Tim at 512-922-6217.



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We keep in our prayers the family and friends of:



**Nathan Mueller** – who passed away June 7, 2020. Services were held June 11, 2020.

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



husband and wife.

Congratulations to Samantha Niemeier & Patrick Rohan as they were united in marriage on June 20, 2020. We pray them God's richest blessings as they begin their life together as



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**In memory of Janus Lange – Cemetery**

Janus Lange Family

**In memory of Janus Lange – Building**

Caroline Blain

John Wilkerson

Kermit & Doris Koehler

Oleta Pattillo

Jim & Judy Noster

**In memory of Mila Grace Saunders – Building**

Ronnie & Donna Matejek

**In memory of Pastor Ernie Lantz – Building**

Boyd & Pam Weise

Velma Lee Moritz

Kermit & Doris Koehler

**In memory of Elorine Domann – Building**

Kermit & Doris Koehler

Kevin & Heather Styra

Audrey Balcar

Helen Breed

**In memory of Nelda Winslette – Building**

Toby, Leigh Ann, Mitchell, Katie & Brayden Kennedy

Kermit & Doris Koehler

**In memory of Irene Wulf – Building**

Kermit & Doris Koehler

Jim & Judy Noster

**In memory of Gary Podsim – Building**

Kermit & Doris Koehler

**In memory of Roman Baacke – Building**

Kermit & Doris Koehler

**In memory of Myles Pattillo – Building**

Oleta Pattillo

**In memory of Kenny DuBois – CEM**

Don & Susan Wieland

**In memory of JoNell Gips – Building**

Jim & Judy Noster

Caroline Blain

**In memory of Irene Bruns – Building**

Jim & Judy Noster

**In memory of Dr. McAda – Building**

Caroline Blain

**In memory of Henry Borgfeld – CEM**

Don & Susan Wieland

**In memory of Dorothy Trevilion – Radio**

Dr. & Mrs. John Frels

**In memory of Eileene Mabry – CEM**

Alvin & Mallie Stanchos

**In memory of Nathan Mueller – Radio**

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Jesse & Linda Hurta

Roland & Gail Riedesel

**In memory of Nathan Mueller – Cemetery**

Steven & Debbie Kneese

Victor Riske

Velma Lee Moritz

**In memory of Nathan Mueller – Building**

Jerome Respondek

Richard & Sharon White

Gerald & Shirley Karnei

Ruby Warzecha

Carol Guzman

Mr. & Mrs. Harlan Merks

Bill & Carolyn Bargmann

Mancel & Carolynn Mueller

Gregg & Darlene Metting

David & Patsy Ibrom

Caroline Blain

Boyd & Pam Weise

Joyce M. Lamprecht

John Dale Hurst

Joyce Seidel

Hope Jendrzey

Jay & Sandra Heil

Bill Klaevemann

Sonny & Betty Ann Seifert

Glen & Judy Henze

John Wilkerson

Dennis Henze

Dorothy Mayfield

Manroy & Gracie Wolpman

Lana Kreitsch

Audrey Balcar

Mary Lou Gerhardt

Ronald & Donna Matejek

The Larry Serold Family

Sharon Jones

Don & Cindy DuBose

Oleta Pattillo

Sandra Hilbrich

Daniel E. Gohmert

Paul & Patsy Hancock

*\*Gifts in memory and in honor of are as of June 18, 2020.*



# What's happening at The Learning Garden!!

## TLG Update:

We have gained some children back that took a leave of absence due to COVID-19 and some new children. Every day I am checking for updates to see what the next steps we are to take. Everyone is doing their best to adjust to these new recommendations and all the new policies that we must abide by.

God Bless,  
Tracie Fielding, Director  
The Learning Garden Board

## Fall Registration:

We are currently enrolling for Fall 2020. Please call the office 564-9444 if you would like to enroll your child.

## Trainings & Conferences:

- All have been canceled or postponed at this time. We are working on everything online.

<b><u>Enrollment/Teaching Staff:</u></b>	<b><u>Spring 2020</u></b>	<b><u>Current 2020</u></b>
Classroom	Children	Children
Infant Room (6 weeks -12 mths)	8	7
Toddler (13 mths ~ 23 mths)	9	6
Twos Room (2s)	13	7
Preschool (3s)	13	11
Prekindergarten Room (4s)	17	12
After School (5 yrs. ~ 9 yrs.)	9	10
Total	<b>69</b>	<b>53</b>

We have 19 staff members.

- 3 Part-Time
- 16 Full-Time

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**  
**JULY 2020**

**Sunday, July 5, 2020 – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

First Lesson: Zechariah 9:9-12

Psalm: Psalm 145:8-15

Second Lesson: Romans 7:15-25a

Gospel: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30



**Sunday, July 12, 2020 – 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**



First Lesson: Isaiah 55:10-13

Psalm: Psalm 65 [1-8] 9-14

Second Lesson: Romans 8:1-11

Gospel: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

**Sunday, July 19, 2020 – 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

First Lesson: Isaiah 44:6-8

Psalm: Psalm 86:11-17

Second Lesson: Romans 8:12-25

Gospel: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43



**Sunday, July 26, 2020 – 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**



First Lesson: 1 Kings 3:5-12

Psalm: Psalm 119:129-136

Second Lesson: Romans 8:26-39

Gospel: Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

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