

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 Worshipping God*

On May 17th we were able once again open up the sanctuary for worship in the midst of the pandemic. Many people were ready to come back while others want to give it more time. The hour of worship, when we join other believers face to face or by participating remotely, may be the high point of the week for you. Much depends upon what you bring to worship. As we come back or as we stay at home and listen to the service, we might want to ask the question:

“What do I Need to Bring to Worship?”

You should bring your sins. To pretend that you have none or to leave them unchallenged is destructive. Here you meet Him who died for your sins. Here there is forgiveness. You will need a willingness to let them go, of course. Letting them go, you place them in God’s hands who long ago took them to the cross for you..

You should bring your burdens and sorrows. Joining in with the fellowship of believers, you come to realize that you are not the only one with burdens and cares. You also realize that the Lord we worship will lift these burdens and turn them around to bring good out of our agonies.

You should bring your Praise and Thanksgiving. Come to worship with the primary purpose to give adoration and praise to the Almighty God who has given so much and desires the thanks and praise of His believers. If we come to worship with the intention of giving, rather than getting, our benefits and the benefits of others will be multiplied many-fold.



"We won't be here next Sunday, Reverend. We're going to another church to get a second opinion."

You should bring your dreams. Whatever your aspirations and hopes, they should be measured by the God who meets you in worship. The worthy goals will be strengthened, the unworthy ones will diminish.

You should bring your friends. You may do many good things for your friends, but this would be the best. For here they, too, will move within that magnetic field where all the blessings of God await to enrich them.

Your Pastor,
Tim W Muehlbrad



It is with great hope and patience that I pray that we continue to persevere in this epidemic. Our church is re-opening but we are still not out of the woods yet. We all have strong feelings on what should happen or what should not happen. Applaud our leadership in this church because we are certainly in a unique situation no other generation

has ever been through. When was the last time everyone was told to stay home and away from others by Uncle Sam? Never.

Please look forward to our fall activities. In the summer our VBS has been pushed back. VBS will also look different this year from other years. However, please note that is a one-time exception and not how St. Paul will be moving forward. If you have an event calendar then know that the trampoline park event has been canceled. I will probably move that event to a later date in the fall. As for Project H, phase two and three will also be moved into the fall. We will assemble bags in the early part of November to get ready for donation by the Christmas season.

Once we do come back I am moving forward with getting our high school youth to verbally speak about their faith. I am also looking at doing a youth night for our kids on Wednesday nights. The location still yet to be determined. I have a very specific place I want our youth nights to happen but there is a matter of getting permission from others.

This is not the summer we wanted. Thank God we made it this far. Please be patient with one another. Pray or continue to pray for our leaders that we make the best choices in coming out of this pandemic. Stay safe and God bless.

Peace,
Family & Youth Director
Nicholas Requejo



CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

May 5, 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, and Kristin Schustereit. Also attending were Victor Riske and Katie Serrano.

- 2) **DEVOTION** The devotion was given by Nicholas Requejo.
- 3) **MINUTES** The minutes from April 7, 2020, were approved as printed with no corrections.
- 4) **REPORTS**
 - a. **Treasurer** – Calvin Bruns reported: The balance in the General Fund as of May 5, 2020, was \$242,765.74. The balance in the Building Fund was \$13,841.32. Calvin made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Cathy seconded the motion. The motion carried.
 - b. **Stewardship** – Nothing to report.
 - c. **Parish Education** – Linda Hurta reported: Lessons for Sunday school are being sent every two weeks. Summer material has been ordered. All teachers agree to hold off on having Sunday school until at least June. They will reevaluate at the end of May.
 - d. **Youth** – Linda Peyton reported: They are exploring the idea of adding more children's sermons into the worship service. They are also looking to meet with the youth group on Wednesday evenings.
 - e. **Family/Youth Director** – Nicholas Requejo reported: He has been calling families to check in. A recap summary of lessons for confirmation students has been sent. Videos of children's sermons are now being made. Also, a YouTube page has been created for our church. The page is unlisted, so you are not able to search for it. You have to have a link directly. The grocery pick-up and delivery is continuing.
 - f. **Worship** – Reported in New Business.
 - g. **Evangelism/Outreach** – No report.
 - h. **Social Concerns** – No report.

- i. **Christian Life** – Cathy Moritz reported: All future activities are on hold for now.
- j. **Property** – Clem reviewed the written report: Annual termite inspection conducted/cleared; Sprayed for insects at all properties; Elevator inspection complete/passed; Parsonage 2 back gate was kicked in – police report filed; Gohmert Air made repairs to A/C units at TLG and A/C unit for church office; Stove was delivered to the Fellowship Hall. Longhorn plumbing repaired a leak in a sink at TLG.
- k. **Cemetery** – Victor reported he sold two lots last week.
- l. **CEM** – Printed report was available. Nothing to add.
- m. **Pastor** – Professional activities during April 2020 included:

4 worship services, 1 home visit, 4 church meetings and events, 2 professional Zoom meetings, and 5 burials.

5) OLD BUSINESS

- a. **Stove** – The stove was delivered May 5, 2020; however, it is not sure if it is the correct equipment. Issues include: stove is hot all the time, odor of gas is noticed in building, we cannot reach the valve inside the building to turn off gas to the stove – Gas Company has to come and turn off at the meter. The equipment company will be contacted tomorrow.
- b. **Stained Glass Windows Repair** – Waiting on one more bid to present.
- c. **Hand Sanitizers** – We will see if we can find any bottles to have available in the church. Katie will call DeWitt Poth to see if they have any available.
- d. **Electronic Giving** – Katie answered questions we had

at previous meeting: There is no contract to use the service. It costs \$10 per month, plus 2.75% for debit or 1% for ACH transactions. There will be an option for users to choose what fund their offering will go to (i.e. building fund, CEM, general fund, etc.). Kristin made a motion to proceed with setting up electronic giving with Vanco Payment Solutions. Calvin Bruns seconded the motion. The motion carried.

6) NEW BUSINESS

- a. Opening Church** – Church will be reopened for members on May 17, 2020. Discussion was held concerning wearing masks, how to monitor the number of people entering church, etc. The following guidelines will be followed: Masks will be highly encouraged (Katie will order a box of 50 disposables); Communion will be held every Sunday and will be given at the steps; Every other pew will be marked off for no seating; Members will be encouraged to spread out if not from same household.
 - 1. Weekend Worship Services** – We discussed opening up a Wednesday service instead of a Saturday service because there is not enough room to spread out in the chapel and not enough time between Saturday and Sunday for virus to dissipate. We will revisit this idea in June after seeing how Sunday service attendance goes.
 - 2. Sunday School** – Discussed in Youth section above.
 - 3. Funerals** – Graveside only services will continue for now.
 - 4. Weddings** – A policy will have to be made for

having weddings during this time.

5. Other Meetings and Functions – We will leave the responsibility of this to the leader of groups – if they can meet safely, they are welcomed to proceed.

6. Fellowship Hall Rentals – Closed for now.

7. Opening Church Office – Will remain closed for now.

b. Approve Ray Lange for Convocation Delegate – Jay made a motion to approve Ray Lange as a delegate to the Convocation convention.

7) **CLOSING** Jay Heil made a motion to adjourn. Linda Hurta 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	253,802.10	Income	32,473.38
Expenses *	(278,929.72)	Expenses	(62,282.68)
Ending Balance	63,217.89	Ending Balance	16,771.99
Investment	242,765.74		
TOTAL	305,983.63		

Totals as of 5/18/2020

*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
MAY NEWSLETTER
 ARTICLES IS
Thursday,
June 18, 2020!

Procedures for Returning to Worship in the Sanctuary and other Functions of the Church

(May 5, 2020)

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven. (Ecclesiastes 3:1)

At our May 5th Church Council meeting, the Council decided it was time to reopen the Sanctuary for worship services; however, we want to do it safely following the civil authorities' guidelines. The precautions that will be in place are as follows:

1. The date for beginning to hold worship in the Sanctuary will be Sunday, May 17.
2. If you are not feeling well, please stay home. If you do not feel comfortable coming back to church at this time, you are still welcome to listen to the radio broadcast at 100.1 FM or on the livestream at our church website: www.stpaulykt.org and click on the link: [Shoutcast Audio Stream](#). Bulletins will also be available.
3. Please respect other people. People have a wide range of viewpoints, opinions, and experiences with the pandemic and the handling of it. We can love one another as Christian brothers and sisters even when we disagree.
4. Currently, the safe capacity for attendance has been determined to be 100 persons based on full capacity of

the sanctuary being 400. This number will be increased as reopening Texas continues with new COVID-19 cases remaining manageable by health entities and local medical resources.

5. Facemasks are highly recommended. The use of facemasks are not intended to keep the user safe, but to keep the other people around you safe. Remember, you can have few or no symptoms and still be contagious to someone who will be unable to tolerate the disease as well as you can. Our Lord instructed us to love our neighbor as ourselves. Let us strive to do this by taking the actions necessary to protect our fellow brothers and sisters even it may feel uncomfortable or strange. Please bring your own facemask, but if you do not have one, we will have some available at the entrances to the sanctuary.
6. Hand Sanitizers will be available at entrances. Feel free to use them before and after services.
7. Keep every other pew vacant (signs will be posted on the pews). Households may sit together; otherwise, keep at least six feet of space between you and the next person.
8. Offering plates will be left at the entrances and brought forward at the offering time in the service. They will not be passed through the pews.
9. Attendance cards may be left in the pews close to the center aisle or dropped in the baskets at the exit when the service is over.

10. Holy Communion will be continuous (not at the rail) using the individual cups. We will strive to maintain a safe 6-foot social distance as we come to communion. Servers will wear masks and gloves. Used cups will be dropped into a container. Holy Communion will be offered every Sunday so that we do not exclude anyone.
11. At this time Acolytes will not be needed.
12. Normal cleaning of the Sanctuary should suffice unless we have more than one worship service within a 48 hour period.
13. Opening Saturday Services will be delayed until more thought is given to this and to what new purpose this service may serve. The Saturday service cannot be held in the Chapel because there is not enough space to spread out. We may want this as a dedicated service for those who are over 65 or those having underlying health issues, or we may need this service if our Sunday service has more attendees than is safe to be able to spread out. Another option may be to have a midweek service so that we do not have back-to-back services in the Sanctuary. Whichever is chosen, we will follow the same procedures above for conducting the Saturday Service.
14. All other worship services in the sanctuary (Weddings, Funerals, Memorial Services, etc.) will follow the same procedures as the Sunday morning worship service.

15. At this time we will not be using the fellowship hall for any large gatherings (potlucks, funeral receptions, hall rentals, etc.).
16. The decision to have small groups meet (committee meetings, Bible Studies, work groups, etc.) will be left up to the small group leader, if they can meet safely.
17. Dates have not yet been set for the opening of the church office or for Sunday School for the children and youth.



Congratulations to
Mike & Debra Stern on
celebrating their 50th
wedding anniversary on Saturday,
June 6, 2020!

We would like to thank everyone for the cards, phone calls and everything they have done in memory of Janus in this tough time. At a later date, a memorial service and meal will be held for all.

Please keep us all in your prayers,



The family of Janus Lange

St. Paul Lutheran Church is now offering eGiving! In addition to the other ways of giving, a new option is available, Visit our website at www.stpaulykt.org and click on the link eGiving and it will lead you through process. For more information, call the church office at 361-564-2135.

A photograph of the steeple of St. Paul Lutheran Church, featuring a cross on top, set against a clear blue sky. The image is partially obscured by a dark purple banner at the bottom.

***SUPPORTING THE CHURCH
IS EASY WITH eGIVING***

In just seconds, you can make a weekly offering, respond to an appeal or pay for events and programs.

Visit www.stpaulykt.org

Get started today! Visit our church website to set up your online contribution.

St. Paul Lutheran Church members Will and Mary Sauermilch were recognized in the TLU Alumni Association e-news.



Will '53 and Mary proudly show off their TLC/TLU t-shirt and socks!

Thank You for Your Continued Support

Will '53 and Mary Sauermilch recently made a significant and important gift to **The Texas Lutheran Fund** through our end-of-year appeal. The Sauermilchs have been involved and have supported Texas Lutheran University for several decades. Their recent gift to the TTLF will have a tremendous impact on the university and our students! Thank you Will and Mary for your generosity during these unprecedented times.



For more than three decades, St. Augustine of Hippo toiled over the mind-boggling doctrine of the Trinity. According to legend, one day the church father was strolling along a shore, wrestling with this puzzle. He saw a boy running back and forth, using a seashell to pour water from the ocean into a hole he'd dug in the sand. When Augustine asked what he was doing, the boy proclaimed, "I'm going to pour the entire ocean into this hole!"

"That's impossible," replied Augustine. "The sea is so great, and the shell and the hole are so little."

"That's true," the boy said. "But it would be easier to draw all the water out of the sea and fit it into this hole than for you to fit the mystery of the Trinity and his divinity into your little intellect."

Indeed, only through faith can we accept the infinite nature of our Three-in-One God; for our finite human minds, it's simply too great to grasp.



What's happening at The Learning Garden!!

Special Thank You:



After 5 ½ years of being an Assistant Teacher here at The Learning Garden, Fay Syzdek has decided to leave the center. She put in most of her time in the Infant classroom however, she did help in all the classrooms over the years. She did everything she could to help the students shine and we thank her for being so passionate and caring. We thank her for everything she did here at the center and for being an amazing co-worker. We are

all going to miss her!

TLG Update:

We are still only allowed to take children of Essential Workers. We have gained some children back that took a leave of absence due to COVID-19. Every day I am checking for updates to see what the next steps we are to take. The week of May 18th I started looking at a check list of what recommendations there are for us to start following if we can in our center. Everyone is doing their best to adjust to these new recommendations and all of the new policies that we must abide by.

God Bless,
Tracie Fielding, Director
The Learning Garden Board

Trainings & Conferences:

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

Enrollment/Teaching Staff: 2020

Spring 2020

Current

Classroom	Children	Children
Infant Room (6 weeks -12 mths)	8	5
Toddler (13 mths ~ 23 mths)	9	7
Twos Room (2s)	13	8
Preschool (3s)	13	9
Prekindergarten Room (4s)	17	6
After School (5 yrs. ~ 9 yrs.)	9	7
Total	69	42

We have 21 staff members.

- 5 Part-Time
 - 16 Full-Time
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We keep in our prayers the family and friends of:

Janus Lange – who passed away

April 28, 2020. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Irene Wulf – who passed away

April 28, 2020. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Pastor Ernie Lantz- who passed away May 8, 2020. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

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



In memory of Irene Wulf – Records Restoration

Steven & Debbie Kneese	Alvin & Mallie Stanchos
Arlen & Kathie Fehner	Jesse & Linda Hurta

In memory of Irene Wulf – Radio

Dr. & Mrs. John Frels

In memory of Irene Wulf – Cemetery

Victor Riske

In memory of Irene Wulf – Building

Bill Klaevemann	Roland & Gail Riedesel
Dorothy Mayfield	Bill & Carolyn Bargmann
Jay & Sandra Heil	Mary Lou Gerhardt
Daniel E. Gohmert	Boyd & Pam Weise
Carlton & Sandra Bolting	Earlen Jalufka

In memory of Janus Lange – Radio

Dr. & Mrs. John Frels

In memory of Janus Lange – CEM

Steven & Debbie Kneese	Jesse & Linda Hurta
Alvin & Mallie Stanchos	Lyn Janssen

In memory of Janus Lange – Cemetery

Victor Riske

In memory of Janus Lange – Building

Joyce M. Lamprecht	Velma Lee Moritz
Cathy Moritz	Dorothy Mayfield
Bill Klaevemann	Mary Lou Gerhardt
Carol Guzman	Alice Plasczyk
Jay & Sandra Heil	David & Patsy Ibrom
Daniel E. Gohmert	Bill & Carolyn Bargmann
Roland & Gail Riedesel	

In memory of Calvin Skrobarcek – CEM

Arlen & Kathie Fehner	Alvin & Mallie Stanchos
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In memory of Calvin Skrobarcek – Cemetery

Victor Riske

In memory of Calvin Skrobarcek – Building

Bill Klaevemann

Dorothy Mayfield

In memory of Dr. McAda – Cemetery

Steven & Debbie Kneese

In memory of Dr. McAda – CEM

Alvin & Mallie Stanchos

In memory of Dr. McAda – Building

Bill Klaevemann

Mary Lou Gerhardt

Joyce M. Lamprecht

David & Patsy Ibrom

Melissa Stolle & Boys

Carlton & Sandra Bolting

Boyd & Pam Weise

Manroy & Gracie Wolpman

Ronald & Donna Matejek

In memory of Nelda Winslette – Building

Mike & Tammy McLaughlin

Beth K. Sievers

Marian McLaughlin

Helen Breed

Boyd & Pam Weise

In memory of Gary Podsim – Building

Beth K. Sievers

Helen Breed

Boyd & Pam Weise

In memory of Leroy Koenig – Cemetery

Bernice Geffert

In memory of Leroy Koenig – Building

Ronald & Donna Matejek

Carlton & Sandra Bolting

Melissa Stolle & Boys

Boyd & Pam Weise

In memory of Henry Borgfeld – Building

Beth K. Sievers

Roger & Deborah Geffert

Ronald Afflerbach

Daniel E. Gohmert

Bill & Carolyn Bargmann

Boyd & Pam Weise

Helen Breed

Lambert & Verda Mae Styra

In memory of Roman Baacke – Cemetery

Roger & Deborah Geffert

In memory of Roman Baacke – Building

Joyce Baacke

Ronald Afflerbach

In memory of Elorine Domann – Cemetery

Victor Riske

Jay & Sandra Heil

In memory of Elorine Domann – CEM

Arlen & Kathie Fehner

Lyn Janssen

In memory of Elorine Domann – Building

Joyce M. Lamprecht	Arvid & Kitty Sievers
Ronald Afflerbach	The Larry Serold Family
Gaylon & Laura Kaiser	Dorothy Mayfield
Charles & Bonnie Riedesel	David & Patsy Ibrom
Ronald & Donna Matejek	Boyd & Pam Weise
Roland & Gail Riedesel	Lana Krietsch
Bill & Carolyn Bargmann	Melissa Stolle & Boys
Earlen Jalufka	Daniel E. Gohmert

In memory of Albert Schroeder – Cemetery

Victor Riske

In memory of JoNell Gips – CEM

Steven & Debbie Kneese	Alvin & Mallie Stanchos
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In memory of JoNell Gips – Cemetery

Jay & Sandra Heil	Bernice Geffert
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In memory of JoNell Gips – Building

Oleta Pattillo	Ricky & Judy Hilbrich
Bill Klaevemann	Dorothy Mayfield
Ronald & Donna Matejek	Beth K. Sievers
Carlton & Sandra Bolting	Velma Lee Moritz
Manroy & Gracie Wolpman	Earlen Jalufka
Melissa Stolle & Boys	

In memory of Pastor Ernie Lantz – Radio

Dr. and Mrs. John Frels

In memory of Pastor Ernie Lantz – Building

Bill Klaevemann	Jesse & Linda Hurta
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In memory of Wallace Neese – Building

Sherry Metting

In memory of Beverly Otwell – Building

Jesse & Linda Hurta

In memory of Beatrice Mason – Building

Carlton & Sandra Bolting

In memory of Barbara Davenport-Building

Melissa Stolle & Boys

In memory of Helen Warwas – Building

Melissa Stolle & Boys	Boyd & Pam Weise
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**Gifts in memory and in honor of are as of May 18, 2020.*

SCRIPTURE READINGS

JUNE 2020

Sunday, June 7, 2020 – The Holy Trinity

First Lesson: Genesis 1:1-2:4a

Psalm: Psalm 8

Second Lesson: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20



Sunday, June 14, 2020 – 2nd Sunday after Pentecost



First Lesson: Exodus 19:2-8a

Psalm: Psalm 100

Second Lesson: Romans 5:1-8

Gospel: Matthew 9:35-10:8 [9-23]

Sunday, June 21, 2020 – 3rd Sunday after Pentecost

First Lesson: Jeremiah 20:7-13

Psalm: Psalm 69:8-11 [12-17] 18-20

Second Lesson: Romans 6:1b-11

Gospel: Matthew 10:24-39



Sunday, June 28, 2020 – 4th Sunday after Pentecost

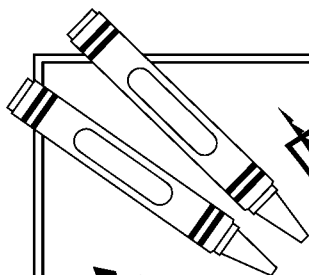


First Lesson: Jeremiah 28:5-9

Psalm: Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18

Second Lesson: Romans 6:12-23

Gospel: Matthew 10:40-42

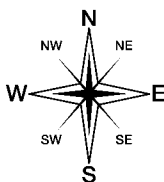
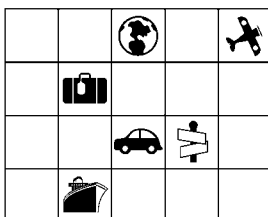


PUZZLE

Wherever we go

No matter where we journey, God always protects us.

Directions: Use the map and compass to answer the clues. Then write the boxed letters in order in the spaces below to complete Psalm 121:8, NIV.



Start at the SHIP.

Move 1 space N, 3 spaces E, and 2 spaces N

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Start at the WORLD.

Move 1 space W, 1 space S, and 1 space SE

_ _ □

Start at the SUITCASE.

Move 1 space NE, 2 spaces S, and 1 space E

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Start at the PLANE.

Move 2 spaces SW, 1 space S, and 1 space W

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Start at the CAR.

Move 1 space E, 1 space N, and 1 space NW

□ _ _ _ _

Start at the SIGN.

Move 1 space SE, 1 space W, and 2 spaces NW

_ _ _ _ _ □

The _ ORD will watch ove_ your comi_g and go_ng
both no_ and for_ vermore. Psalm 121:8, NIV

Answer: plane, car, sign, ship, world, suitcase. The LORD will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore. Psalm 121:8, NIV

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