

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.*

*“For I am the Lord, your God, who takes hold of
your right hand and says to you, Do not fear; I will
help you.”*

Isaiah 41:13



These past fifteen months of COVID-19 have been a struggle that has affected each one of us one way or another: sickness, death, loss of jobs and businesses, quarantine, inability to see loved ones, loss of travel, mandates to wear mask, frequently washing hands, wearing gloves, social distancing, limiting occupancy in buildings, school closures and distance learning, working from home, canceling events, and a slew of numerous other changes in our lifestyle. Through it all God has walked beside us every step of the way and is now leading out.

The pandemic affected the Church also, and as you know, many changes to the way we normally do ministry took place. We had to think creatively of how to do ministry in this new context. I am thankful to be able to say that we never missed a Sunday worship service – we actually added a few extra worship services, and as far as I know, no transmission of the disease has been traced to a church function at St. Paul Lutheran. Early in the pandemic I encouraged people to stay home and listen on the radio or livestream until we learned more about the disease. Since May 2020 more and more people have slowly been coming back to in-person worship.

Now it is time to make changes once again. The pandemic is still ongoing. People are still contracting COVID-19 and getting sick, going to the hospital, and dying, but the widespread threat is decreasing because more and more people are being immunized against the virus. The pandemic is not over -- we are not out of the woods, yet, but we can see daylight, and so the church is moving to ease up on the safety precautions that were put in place during the pandemic. On May 11, 2021, the Church Council approved a motion to make the changes that will begin on May 29.

Worship – In-person occupancy will not be limited and the signs on the pews will be removed. Masks are recommended but are optional. The format of the worship bulletin will remain the same, and bulletins will still be available outside the Ed Building doors and on the

website for those who choose to listen on the radio and internet. Offering plates and attendance cards will remain at the entrance ways to the church. No-contact Passing of the Peace will be included in the service. Communion will be offered each week using individual cups, and the drive-thru communion will continue until the Eucharistic Ministry is functioning again (possibly in June). Children will be invited to come forward for the Children's Sermon. Acolytes will be able to be a part of the service once a schedule is put together. The Saturday service will need to be moved out of the Fellowship Hall due to other events using that space. The Chapel has limited space and would be crowded for the number of people currently attending; therefore, the service will be held in the Sanctuary for the time being beginning on May 29.

Funeral and Memorial Services – Occupancy will not be limited, masks will be optional, and the Servant Ministry will be able to host food and fellowship gatherings for the families and guests.

Weddings -- Occupancy will not be limited and masks will be optional.

Fellowship Hall – The Fellowship Hall will be available for meetings, church functions and rentals.

Committees – Ministry events and functions will be determined by the committee chairs and the committees.

Parish Ed -- Sunday School is open and VBS is being planned. Youth and Family events are also being planned.

Visitation – Pastor and Eucharist Ministry will be making home and hospital visits as allowed by the institutions.

Added Worship Service – If there is sufficient interest, we will add another worship service that has strict safety guidelines for those who are not comfortable with the relaxed safety precautions of the other services. Please contact the church office if you are interested.

These past fifteen months has been a time to test patience, discernment, flexibility, and creativity. One of the first communications that I sent out when the pandemic started and safety precautions were put in place included a quote from “Whether One May Flee From A Deadly Plague” written by Martin Luther in 1527 during the Black Plague in Europe that came in waves for over 300 years. I include that again.

“Therefore I shall ask God mercifully to protect us. Then I shall fumigate, help purify the air, administer medicine, and take it. I shall avoid places and persons where my presence is not needed in order not to become contaminated and thus perchance infect and pollute others, and so cause their death as a result of my negligence. If God should wish to take me, he will surely find me and I have done what he has expected of me and so I am not responsible for either my own death or the death of others. If my neighbor needs me, however, I shall not avoid place or person but will go freely, as stated above. See, this is such a God-fearing faith because it is neither brash nor foolhardy and does not tempt God.

Moreover, he who has contracted the disease and recovered should keep away from others and not admit them into his presence unless it be necessary. Though one should aid him in his time of need, as previously pointed out, he in turn should, after his recovery, so act toward others that no one becomes unnecessarily endangered on his account and so cause another’s death. ‘Whoever loves danger, says the wise man, will perish by it’ [Ecclus. 3:26].” p132.

Martin Luther, *Luther’s Works, Vol. 43: Devotional Writings II*, ed. Jaroslav Jan Pelikan, Hilton C. Oswald, and Helmut T. Lehmann, translated by Carl J. Schindler, vol. 43 (Concordia Publishing House and Philadelphia: Fortress Press, 1968), 113–38.

Your Pastor,
Tim W Muehlbrad



To St. Paul Lutheran,

By now you have heard the good news of us opening up our church. We are no longer in the tunnel but instead reside in the light. We all made it through. Thank God!

As such we are transitioning to our summer schedule. Before I finalize everything with my team I would like to let you know of three events that are guaranteed to happen.

June 6th (Hygiene Kit assembly)

Confirmation Camp at Ranch Ebert (July 25th - 30th)

Splashway Water Park (Aug 7th/ \$25/person)

I am excited to get the summer schedule out which will happen soon!

I do not have much to say in this letter. Even though our church is opening up and going back to normal please do not discourage or shame others who choose to actively wear their mask. Go out and get vaccinated. Wear a mask if YOU feel like you should. For others my advice would be to not look down, scoff, or roll your eyes. People need to feel safe and the church should be the biggest pillars in the community where someone can be safe. God bless!

See you on Sunday.

Nicholas Requejo

Family & Youth Director



CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

May 11, 2021

- 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, Calvin Bruns, Michael Melanson, Hope Jendrzey, and Kristin Schustereit. Katie Serrano, Nicholas Requejo, and Bill Klaevemann were also in attendance.
- 2) **DEVOTION** The devotion was given by Nicholas Requejo.
- 3) **MINUTES** The minutes from April 13, 2021, were approved as printed with no corrections.
- 4) **REPORTS**
 - a) **Treasurer** – The balance in the General Fund as of April 30, 2021, was \$276,821.24. The balance in the Building Fund was \$9,345.00. Calvin Bruns made a motion to accept the treasurer's report as printed. Hope Jendrzey seconded the motion. The motion carried.
 - b) **Stewardship** – Nothing to report.
 - c) **Parish Education** – Linda Hurta reported: A teacher's meeting was held on Sunday, May 2nd, 2021, with seven teachers and Tina Boehm (VBS coordinator) attending. Mother's Day ideas were discussed. Rally Day is set for August 29th. Activities will be finalized later in the summer. Teachers were informed where the panic button is located in the basement and whether fire and active shooter drills were to be held. The teachers agreed that the

children should not be subjected to these drills, since the children should view the church as a safe place, but that the teachers know what to do and where to go in each of these situations. All Sunday school teachers are in favor of fully opening the church. To increase Sunday school attendance, post cards will be sent to invite children back and to let them know they have been missed. Nursery will conduct their summer curriculum separate from the elementary. Elementary will be using the one room Sunday school concept, along with learning a song of the books of the Bible. Each teacher will choose a Sunday to teach the combined grades, thereby enabling teachers with more time off. The guitar players will also have the summer off. Tina Boehm explained VBS has been tentatively set for July 12th-16th, depending on the council's decision to fully open the church. Times are to be determined. She will check with the Methodist and Presbyterian churches to see if they would like to join us. This will not be considered a community VBS.

- d) **Youth** – Linda Peyton reported: Nicholas has YAM events on the summer schedule. A summer schedule is being made to have more activities to do with youth if we open during the summer. A Splashway water trip is planned for August 7th.
- e) **Family/Youth Director** – Nicholas Requejo reported: Project H is coming along nicely – We have collected 193 items so far, and are expecting more as the end of the month nears. He is finished with teaching confirmation lessons.
- f) **Worship** – No report.
- g) **Evangelism/Outreach** – Hope Jendrzey reported: She attended a presentation by Yorktown News-View on advertising and received a free ad to be used by the end of May. She requested a proof of an ad that includes “Thanks and applause for our First Responders, Healthcare Workers, and Essential Workers from St. Paul Lutheran”. The committee ordered single stem carnations to be handed out at both Mother’s Day services.
- h) **Social Concerns** – Cindy Parma reported: There were no

requests for assistance in the month of April.

- i) **Christian Life** – Nothing to report.
- j) **Property** – Michael reported the following:
 - 1. Annual elevator inspection is complete.
 - 2. Fixed toilet in ladies' restroom in the Educational Building.
 - 3. Smoke detectors went off again at TLG. Fire department was called again. TLG is looking into replacing the current detectors with commercial-grade smoke detectors.
 - 4. Bill Klaevemann fixed the door handle that came off of the door to the Educational Building.
 - 5. A new housekeeper, Jannette Stifflemire, was hired.
- k) **Cemetery** – Nothing to report.
- l) **CEM** – Written report was provided.
- m) **Pastor** – Professional activities during April 2021 included: 14 worship services, 1 hospital visit, 4 home visits, 5 educational events, 7 church meetings and events, 1 wedding, and 1 baptism. Pastor also reported on the NALC Pastor's Ministerium he attended and noted the following items: Younger people need to be encouraged to go into ministry; the importance of Holy Communion was stressed; the focus of church should be about being Christ-centered, preaching the gospel, and giving sacraments; the headquarters of NALC is planned to be moved to Dallas/Fort Worth area.

5) OLD BUSINESS

- a) **Stained Glass Windows Repair** – Bill Klaevemann explained the stained glass window work is finished, but they are now waiting for AAA to finish work before the windows can be reinstalled. They are 3-4 weeks out from completion, depending on the weather. Painting will begin once that is finished and plexiglass is removed. After cleaning the brick, border will need to be redone. This will be an additional \$3,800.00. The total for the stained glass window project, including this extra cost, is \$262,550.00. Michael Melanson made a motion to approve the \$3,800.00 additional cost of painting. Linda Hurta seconded the motion. The motion carried.

- b) **Coronavirus** – Statistics were discussed concerning hospitalization and vaccination rates. Council reviewed list of ideas for loosening safety precautions as follows:
1. **Occupancy** – Back to 100%
 2. **Signs on pews** - Remove
 3. **Bulletin format** – Keep same except put announcement back at beginning of service.
 4. **Bulletins in pickup box** – Keep same for now.
 5. **Masks** – Recommended, but optional.
 6. **Pastor mask/gloves** – Continue to wear mask at communion, but no more gloves.
 7. **Offering/Announcement Cards/Pass out bulletins** – Keep same for now.
 8. **Passing Peace** – Verbal, no contact.
 9. **Announcements** – Move back to beginning of service.
 10. **Communion at rail** – Keep current as is for now.
 11. **Drive-thru Communion** – Continue for at least another month.
 12. **Saturday Service place** – Needs to be moved out of Fellowship Hall to Sanctuary.
 13. **Daycare Chapel** – Will start up again.
 14. **Funerals** – No occupancy limit, masks optional.
 15. **Servant Ministry** – Will be able to host food and fellowship gatherings.
 16. **Weddings** – No occupancy limit, masks optional.
 17. **Fellowship hall rental** – Will be available for meetings, church functions, and rentals.
 18. **Meetings** – Will be determined by meeting leaders.
 19. **Church social events** – Will be determined by committee chairs.
 20. **Youth programming** – Will be determined by Nicholas and committee.
 21. **Sunday School** – Open
 22. **VBS** – In process of being planned.
 23. **Home/Hospital/Nursing home visits** – Visits will be made as allowed by the institutions.
 24. **Nursing home services** – Will be conducted as allowed by institution.
 25. **Eucharistic Ministry** – Will be started up again

(possibly in June).

26. Acolytes – Will be used again, once a schedule is put into place.

27. Children's Sermon – Children will once again be invited to come forward.

28. Adding Worship Service – A third service with safety requirements may be offered. Please call Katie in the office if interested.

Michael Melanson made a motion to open up St. Paul Lutheran Church on May 29, 2021, with the above discussed precautions. Linda Hurta seconded the motion. After a vote by show of hands, the motion carried.

6) **NEW BUSINESS** – None to discuss.

7) **CLOSING** – Cathy Moritz made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Michael Melanson seconded the motion. The motion carried, and the meeting closed with The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kristin Schustereit

~Council minutes are not approved until the next council meeting. The above minutes might be changed upon the next council meeting.

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 – Cindy Parma

YOUTH – Linda Peyton

EVANGELISM/OUTREACH – Hope Jendrzej

Financial Report

GENERAL FUND	YTD 2021	BUILDING FUND	YTD 2021
Beginning Balance	41,107.24	Beginning Balance	23,173.31
Income	174,884.20	Income	11,881.79
Expenses	(175,866.01)	Expenses	(28,603.55)
Ending Balance	40,125.43	Ending Balance	6,451.55
Investment	245,844.86		
TOTAL	285,970.29		

Totals as of 05/17/2021

RELIEVE EDITORIAL
STRESS:
TURN IN
YOUR ARTICLES
EARLY!

R E M I N D E R:
DEADLINE FOR THE
June
NEWSLETTER
ARTICLE IS
Monday,
June 21, 2021



Walk A Little Slower, Daddy

"Walk a little slower, Daddy,"
said a little child so small.
"I'm following in your footsteps
and I don't want to fall.

Sometimes your steps are very fast,
sometimes they're hard to see.
So walk a little slower Daddy,
for you are leading me.

Someday when I'm all grown up,
you're what I want to be.
Then I will have a little child
who will want to follow me.

And I would want to lead just right
and know that I was true;
So walk a little slower, Daddy,
for I must follow you!"



Happy Father's Day!

Summertime and the giving is easy

Visit our website to set up recurring contributions.



Eucharist Ministry



The Eucharistic Ministry assists Pastor to bring Holy Communion to members who are homebound and in institutions. If you are interested in being a part of this team or if you would like us to bring Holy Communion to you, please contact the Church Office or Bill Klaevemann.

Funeral preparation -
St. Paul Lutheran Church has a historical record form that can be filled out for the purpose of relieving your family of confusion and get your preferences upon your death. Call the church office at 361-564-2135 for more information.



FUNERAL PREPARATION



Vacation Bible School will resume this year!!

PLEASE REGISTER YOUR CHILD!

VBS will be held JULY 12th-JULY 16, 2021 from 9 am to 12 pm. We are excited to have the opportunity to host VBS this year. First United Methodist and First Presbyterian Churches will join us. We are starting the pre-registration process with passing out registration forms thru the Sunday schools and will have registrations forms available at the respected churches. Feel free to use the registration form included also.

We are looking for adult volunteers to help us out throughout the week. If you would like to help during the day in any way, please contact me at 361-491-1625. We are looking forward to having new helpers help us this year.

Thank you,

Tina Boehm

SENIOR RECOGNITION will be Saturday, May 29, 2021 during the Saturday evening service at 5:00 pm in the Sanctuary. Please join us as we celebrate Christopher Johnson who is graduating from high school this year.





What's happening at The Learning Garden!!



The Learning Garden children, families, staff, and board members would like to thank everyone that supported our Scentsy Fundraiser and our Mother's Day Cookie Fundraisers. We appreciate everything that you do for all of us! Proceeds will go towards supplies needed.



Enrollment Fees WAIVED for the month of MAY and June!

Ages 6 weeks to 9 years old

* Hours of operation are 7am-6pm Monday thru Friday

* 3 and 5 Full Day Programs for every age

3 and 5 Half Day Programs for Preschool and Prekindergarten Classes

Contact Tracie today, phone: 361-564-9444

thelearninggardenyorktown@gmail.com

Open House:

Our date for our Open House will be on August 7th. We would love for the congregation to come to Open House to meet the staff and see the classrooms. So, continue to look for updates or for more information call The Learning Garden office.

Parent Orientation:

Our date for Parent Orientation is coming soon. All TLG parents are asked to be there so we can go over forms, introduce staff, and let the teachers discuss the upcoming school year.

Enrollment:

Current Enrollment ~ 59

Summer Enrollment ~ 51

Fall Enrollment ~ 48

Staff:

Current Staff ~ 16

Summer Staff ~ 17

Fall Staff ~ 18

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



In memory of Allen Joyce Baker – Stained Glass Windows

Arlen & Kathie Fehner

In memory of Dorothy Gohlke – Stained Glass Windows

Helen Breed

In memory of Kenneth Tam – Stained Glass Windows

Arlen & Kathie Fehner

Ronnie Afflerbach

In memory of Lavern Weischwill – Stained Glass Windows

Helen Breed

In memory of Lavern Weischwill – Building

Rodney & Donna Seidel

In memory of Lucille Klein – Stained Glass Windows

Helen Breed

William & Debra Niemeier

Arlen & Kathie Fehner

Ronnie Afflerbach

Jay & Sandra Heil

In memory of Lucille Klein – Building

Rodney & Donna Seidel

In memory of Marie Weischwill – Building

Joyce M. Lamprecht

In memory of Vera Butler – Building

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In memory of Vera Butler – Stained Glass Windows

Ann Adix

Carlton & Sandra Bolting

In memory of Arleen Weise – Stained Glass Windows

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In memory of Arthur Buendel – Stained Glass Windows

Helen Breed

In memory of Benny Kyrisch Sr. – Stained Glass Windows

Helen Breed

In memory of Frieda Kyrisch – Stained Glass Windows

Helen Breed

In memory of Billy Franke – Stained Glass Windows

Ronnie Afflerbach

In memory of David Moczgamba – Stained Glass Windows

Caroline M. Blain

In memory of Eda J. Rice – CEM

Arlen & Kathie Fehner

In memory of Jean Gohmert – Building

Rodney & Donna Seidel

In memory of Leona Berckenhoff – Stained Glass Windows

Ronnie Afflerbach

In memory of Mary Gail Kerlick Wise – Building

Beth K. Sievers

In memory of Lillie Mae Metting – Stained Glass Windows

Harvey & Shirley Mueller

In memory of Lana Podsim – Building

Renae Pierce

In memory of Sharon Salyer – Building

Margie Bolting

In memory of Sharon Salyer – Stained Glass Windows

Carlton & Sandra Bolting

**Gifts in memory and in honor of are as of May 17, 2021.*

SCRIPTURE READINGS

JUNE 2021

Sunday, June 6, 2021 – 2nd Sunday after Pentecost

First Lesson: Genesis 3:8-15

Psalm: Psalm 130

Second Lesson: 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

Gospel: Mark 3:20-35



Sunday, June 13, 2021 – 3rd Sunday after Pentecost



First Lesson: Ezekiel 17:22-24

Psalm: Psalm 92:1-4, 11-14

Second Lesson: 2 Corinthians 5:6-10 [11-13]
14-17

Gospel: Mark 4:26-34

Sunday, June 20, 2021 – 4th Sunday after Pentecost

First Lesson: Job 38:1-11

Psalm: Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32

Second Lesson: 2 Corinthians 6:1-13

Gospel: Mark 4:35-41



Sunday, June 27, 2021 – 5th Sunday after Pentecost

First Lesson: Lamentations 3:22-33

Psalm: Psalm 30

Second Lesson: 2 Corinthians 8:7-15

Gospel: Mark 5:21-43



PRE-REGISTRATION FORM TILL JUNE 13,2021.



**St. Paul Lutheran, First United Methodist, First
Presbyterian Churches of Yorktown Texas
Vacation Bible School Registration Form
Monday, JULY 12th – Friday, JULY 16th
9:00 am – 11:30 am (3yrs-kinder)
9-12 pm (kinder-5th grade)
Ages 2(w/parent/guardian)-5th grade
Shirt Size: _____**

Child's Name (One Form Per Child): _____

Date of Birth: _____ **Age:** _____ **Grade completed** _____

Parent/Guardian Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____ **Phone #:** _____

Secondary Phone #: _____ **Email Address:** _____

Persons who can pick my child up from VBS:



EMERGENCY INFORMATION AND MEDICAL AUTHORIZATION

Emergency Contact Name: _____ **Phone #:** _____

Purpose of the following information: To enable parents and guardians to authorize the provision of emergency treatment for children who become ill or injured while under church authority, *when parents or guardians cannot be reached.*

In the event reasonable attempts to contact me at (phone #) _____ have been unsuccessful, I hereby give my consent for: (1) The administration of any medical treatment deemed necessary by (physician) Dr. _____ at phone # _____ or (Dentist) Dr. _____ at phone# _____, or in the event the designated preferred practitioner is not available, by another licensed physician or dentist; and (2) the transfer of the child to (preferred hospital) _____ or any other hospital reasonably accessible.

Facts concerning the child's medical history including allergies, medications being taken and any physical impairments to which a physician should be alerted:

☐ Yes I give my permission for my child to be photographed for the sole purpose of church use, crafts, and newspaper articles.

☐ No I do not want my child photographed. I understand there will not be a completed craft due to my decision.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____
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*Please return registration form to the church office or mail to Tina Boehm at 74 Heinzeville Rd. Yorktown TX 78164.
Please call Tina 361-491-1625 if have any questions or would like to volunteer!
You may also email to tinaboehm@sbcglobal.net

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