

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*



Life has changed. Many of the changes are temporary, but some of the ways we live our lives during the time of the pandemic will remain changed. If you want to make God laugh, tell him your plans.

When change happens, even temporarily, we grieve our losses. I miss all the people in worship. I miss hearing the children and playing guitar to hear them sing. I miss visiting people in their homes, or at the hospital, or in the office. I miss all the celebrations that we could not celebrate as we normally do: the Lenten services, Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter with the full church, Easter breakfast, and the Easter Egg Hunt. I miss the partaking of Holy Communion. I miss seeing my family.

But then I think, we are still in the Easter Season. Isn't Easter about change? I remember what Jesus and his followers went through during that first Easter and the events leading up to it: he was betrayed, arrested, denied, stood trial several times, beaten, whipped, tortured, condemned, hung on a cross, died, and was buried. The disciples were grief stricken. They were ashamed for the role they played and the loss of control. They were lost and did not know what to do. But then it all changed. Jesus rose from the dead and gave us the promise that we, too, will rise with him. Their grief was forgotten. Their world and their perspective of life changed completely.

Hopefully, you have been able to adjust to the new life changes even if they are temporary. We have the faith that no matter what happens, God still wins the final victory. We are filled with hope. Hope that a vaccine or cure will be developed to eradicate this pandemic. Hope that jobs lost and the economy will come back. Hope that we can have family gatherings again. Hope that we can

open the church up again for worship services. Hope that Christ is in our midst even though we can't be in the midst of each other.

We do have celebrations coming up and maybe we can come back together for them. The Day of Pentecost is on the last Sunday in May when we are reminded of the gift of the Holy Spirit and how the Spirit can work in all circumstances to do marvelous things, and the Celebration of the Holy Trinity is on the first Sunday in June. In the meantime, continue to pray, tune in the worship services on the radio or the website on Sunday mornings, do family devotions, stay connected to others over the phone or social media, find ways to do ministry safely, and look forward to the day when we can all join back together again.

Peace,
Tim W Muehlbrad



In the Old Testament, the Israelites were the weakest nation in all the world. The only way they ever survived was through the power of God. This is not some metaphorical or spiritual advice that I turn into saying "just pray more". I mean God was literally protecting His people as he led them out of Egypt. God was a pillar of smoke by day and a pillar of fire by night. (Exodus 13:21-

22). All you had to do was look up in the sky and there would be God.

Eventually, the Israelites made it to the Promise Land. Joshua took over for Moses as being the leader. Then after Joshua came the Judges. From the Judges came the prophets. Israel would sin, repent, and glorify God in a cycle. In the middle of their sin, God would always warn His people that one day they will not be able to worship in their Holy Temple. The Israelites did not listen, so when we read the book of Daniel we see a nation held in captivity.

It was these years where Israel would not be allowed to worship in their temple. I never knew what that would look or feel like. After all, we live in America. We are allowed to worship whatever, wherever, and whenever we would like. Except now. Now any gatherings over ten people are not allowed. It feels awful. St. Paul Lutheran is nearly empty for the last few Sundays. With everything happening the way it is, it almost feels hopeless.

And that is also what I believe the Israelites thought as well. We know we can worship anywhere we want but it does not feel the same being surrounded by people. Today I write to you telling you to stay in the word of God. Pray ever more fervently. Put your hope in the living God, our Lord Jesus Christ, and be prepared. One day soon, we will all be back at St. Paul Lutheran.

Peace,
Family & Youth Director
Nicholas Requejo



CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

April 7, 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, Michael Melanson, Jay Heil, and Kristin Schustereit. Also attending was Katie Serrano.
- 2) **DEVOTION** The devotion was given by Kristin Schustereit.
- 3) **MINUTES** The minutes from March, 2020, were approved as printed with no corrections.
- 4) **REPORTS**
 - a. **Treasurer** – The balance in the General Fund as of March 31, 2020, was \$240,183.03. The balance in the Building Fund was \$21,824.97. Calvin made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Kristin seconded the motion. The motion carried.
 - b. **Stewardship** – Nothing to report.
 - c. **Parish Education** – Linda Hurta reported: Palms for Palm Sunday were canceled. Sunday school materials had already been ordered. They will be mailed to children until further notice.
 - d. **Youth** – Linda Peyton reported: They held their meeting through email. An Easter celebration will be held at a later

date, to be determined. They hope to have their next meeting in person.

- e. **Family/Youth Director** – Nicholas Requejo reported: Group was in the middle of a CS Lewis series. Sunday school for all grades has been canceled until further notice. He has been communicating with students through email. Project H has been paused and will resume when possible. Nicholas will hold on to the items collected thus far. Ten people were in attendance for the Texas State Aquarium trip.
- f. **Worship** – Nothing to report.
- g. **Evangelism/Outreach** – No report.
- h. **Social Concerns** – No report.
- i. **Christian Life** – Cathy Moritz reported: There were 33 in attendance for our Lenten meal on March 18, 2020. All further activities have been suspended due to COVID-19.
- j. **Property** – Michael Melanson reported: A thermostat cover was installed on the thermostat in the nursery dept. of TLG. Gohmert Air added Freon to the Altar A/C unit. Insulation was installed in the Educational Building on March 21 & 21, 2020. The playground has been disinfected. The organ has been tuned. The cemetery has been mowed. Our new stove has been ordered, but not sure of delivery date with COVID-19.
- k. **Cemetery** – Nothing to report.
- l. **CEM** – Clem, Pastor, and Tracie met April 7, 2020. TLG has applied for the Care Act, but they haven't heard back on approval as of yet. TLG board has asked for an announcement at church asking for members to consider giving monetary gifts to TLG. \$1,950.00 was given toward TLG in the offering this past Sunday.
- m. **Pastor** – Professional activities during March 2020 included: 12 worship services, 2 baptisms, 3 burials, 3 hospital visits, 4 home visits, 6 educational events, 3 church meetings and events, 3 professional meetings, and 3 community events.

5) **OLD BUSINESS**

- a. Insulation in Educational Building – Installed March 21 & 21, 2020.
- b. Stove – Has been ordered.
- c. Stained Glass Windows Repair – Pastor has talked to Bill Klaevemann about this. Bill has talked to two more companies and received bids. He is continuing to work on this project.
- d. Hand Sanitizers – Put a hold on these. Not many people are coming in to church now. We will revisit at a later date.

6) **NEW BUSINESS**

- a. **The Learning Garden Finances** – Discussed earlier in report section.
- b. **Coronavirus**

1. Help Families – We have not had any requests for assistance.

2. Drive-in Worship – Discussion was held concerning having a drive-in worship service. Discussion included: worship would be outside, set-up and tear down would have to be done each week. We decided to continue worship services as we have been – in the sanctuary & broadcast on the radio/online.

3. Holy Communion – Pastor has met with other pastors and had a webinar with the Bishop concerning communion distribution options. After discussing with council, it was decided to pause communion until face-to-face church resumes.

4. Share Radio Time with Other Churches – Discussion was held concerning sharing our radio time with some of the other churches that do not have a radio broadcast. Pastor will speak with the other churches to see if there is an interest.

5. Masks – Cathy is working on this. We would like to have some available to distribute to those who need them. We would like to have them individually bagged with instructions.

6. Grocery Pick-up – Nicholas reported he has gone on two grocery runs, and things are going well.

1. Contingency Plan if Pastor/Secretary Get Sick

a. **Pastor** – We have a couple of different options if Pastor is not able to conduct service: We could have Larry go back and replay a recording from years past, or laymen could conduct service.

b. **Secretary** – Katie explained Larry Gohmert is working on setting her up so that she could access her computer remotely. An option for the phones would be to have a TracFone set up for her to use if she had to work from home.

c. **Electronic Giving** – Katie Serrano was present to discuss the idea of electronic giving for offering. She recommends using Vanco Payment Solutions. There would be a \$10 monthly fee for the church, plus a small fee per transaction. She will check more into this, to see if there's a contract or if you are able to stop using their services at any time. We will revisit this topic again next month.

d. **Next Meeting** – We plan on holding the same type of meeting (meet in Fellowship Hall and spread out).

7) **CLOSING** Jay Heil made a motion to adjourn. Kristin Schustereit 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	222,976.12	Income	23,981.99
Expenses	* (245,640.27)	Expenses	(56,371.96)
Ending Balance	65,681.36	Ending Balance	14,191.32
Investment	240,183.03		Totals as of 4/21/2020
TOTAL	305,864.39		

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



Newsletter deadline is Monday, May 18, 2020. Make sure you get your articles in!

- Our office staff is working from home. If you are needing immediate assistance and no one is in the office, please feel free to give us a call:

Pastor Tim: 512-922-6217

Youth Director, Nicholas: 571-992-8655

Secretary, Katie: 361-491-1579



- Please stay home unless you have a specific leadership part in the worship service. Our Sunday service at 9:00 AM is broadcast at 100.1 FM, or you can listen to the livestream on the internet. The easiest way to get to the livestream is on our church website: www.stpaulykt.org and click on the link: Shoutcast Audio Stream at the bottom of the page. Please check for changes to the schedule on our Facebook page (St. Paul Lutheran Church Yorktown, Tx), our website: www.stpaulykt.org, or call the office (361-564-2135) or Pastor (512-922-6217).
- Worship bulletins and Announcements are available in two places: on our church website: www.stpaulykt.org and in the container on the porch at the Educational Building entrance.
- Yorktown City Hall is looking for volunteers for Meals on Wheels Drivers. Please contact John or Kelly at 361-564-2611.
- As a gesture of faith, the Presbyterian Church has started a ministry to provide home cooked meals for the staff at Yorktown Manor (approximately 25 people). If you are interested in helping, please

contact our office at 361-564-2135 and we will give you more information. Thank you!

- Grocery Pick up--Given recent events, we here at St. Paul Lutheran are offering a missional opportunity for our congregation. Should anyone need groceries but do not feel comfortable with going outside please let St. Paul know so Nicholas, or a volunteer, can go shopping on your behalf. Nicholas can be reached through the church phone (361-564-2135), email, (dcanicholas@gmail.com) or through FB messenger on our Facebook Page. What is needed is your complete shopping list, money to pay for the items, and access to a phone. We will send your shopper to your address to pick up the list. There you will work with your shopper so you can explain certain items on your list. (Ex: picking a certain type of apples, or certain ripeness in bananas) Please limit the shopping list to a maximum of 20 items. Be mindful of items that may not be in stock such as Germ-X and toilet paper, or items that can be purchased in limited quantities such as water. Appointments will be scheduled as they are called in. You can also tell us on a certain day when you would like us to go shopping on your behalf (Ex: Next Tuesday, 12:30PM, at HEB) Places Nicholas, and volunteers will go: HEB, Lowes, and Wal-Mart. If any member would like to help out as a shopper please call the church so we can get you more information.
- Face Masks--Several of our members have started to sew Face Masks for area health workers. We also hope to have some available for

our members to use. Please call the church office if you wish to help sew or if you would like to have a face mask.



The Women's Bible Study Groups have all been canceled for the month of May.

Cradle Workshop has been cancelled for the month of May.



Dear Members of St. Paul,

Our VBS Date has been changed to July 20-22, 2020. With the Spread of COVID-19, I feel that for the health and safety of our little ones and volunteers, it is best to push VBS for this year further into the summer.

We will also do a shortened version as we transition back into group gatherings again. This year VBS will be from 10 am-12 pm. Although this year will be a little different, we WILL get back to the full week of VBS next year spreading the word of God.

If you would like to help in any way, please let me know calling (leave a message) or texting Tina Boehm at 361-491-1625. Also if you have questions, or concerns or even suggestions, please feel free to call Tina.

Blessings and prayers during this time,

Tina Boehm and VBS Volunteers

*All things
bright and beautiful,
all creatures
great and small,
All things
wise and wonderful...
the Lord God
made them all.*

CECIL FRANCES ALEXANDER



*Dear St. Paul,
So thankful
that the Lord made you—
So thankful
for your kindness, too!
Thank you for all
your cards, prayers
and concern for me.
And thanks to Pastor
Tim for his meaningful
visits. You are all special.
Beth*



What's happening at The Learning Garden!!

TLG Update:

Since March 16th we have been on an emotional rollercoaster. COVID-19 has taken a toll on us and we wish we knew when things would go back to normal or if that will even happen. Since this has all started, we have had a decrease in enrollment and miss those children that are not attending currently. We are trying to keep our routines so that those that are attending have some normalcy. Mrs. Donna, Mrs. Fay, and Mrs. Janice are staying home currently to stay healthy. Mrs. Donna sends us her lessons so that the teachers can continue to provide learning structure for the Prekindergarten class. We love The Learning Garden and we will keep doing everything we can to stay healthy, keep those here safe, and teach like we always have. I continue to monitor emails daily to keep up with changes and/or policy updates. If you have any questions, please let me know.

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: Spring 2020

Current 2020

Classroom	Children	Children	Children Not Attending*	Children Withdrew	New Enrollments
Infant Room (6 weeks -12 mths)	8	5	1	2	0
Toddler (13 mths ~ 23 mths)	9	5	1	3	0
Twos Room (2s)	13	4	1	8	0
Preschool (3s)	13	7	1	5	0

Prekindergarten Room (4s)	17	5	1	10	1
After School (5 yrs. ~ 9 yrs.)	9	6	3	3	3
Total	69	32	8	31	3

*These children have not withdrawn they are CCS and are a leave of absence since their parents are not essential workers. We are still getting paid even though they are not attending currently.

We have 21 staff members. 3 are out currently until COVID-19 is under control. This leaves us with 18 that are still working. Hours have changed for those that volunteered to go part time.

We keep in our prayers the family and friends of:



Roman Baacke – who passed away March 28, 2020. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Henry Borgfeld – who passed away March 29, 2020. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Elorine Domann – who passed away April 11, 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 Roman Baacke – Radio

Dr. John & Kathy Frels

In memory of Roman Baacke – Cemetery

Velma Lee Moritz	Steven & Debbie Kneese
Victor Riske	Jesse & Linda Hurta
Bernice Geffert	Allen & Patty Kolodziejcyk
Jarron, Nicole & August Stepanski	Peggy Cowey
Shannon, Kenny, Katelynn, & Morgan Kegebein	

In memory of Roman Baacke – Building

Jay & Sandra Heil	Dennis Henze
Roland & Gail Riedesel	Gaylon & Laura Kaiser
Dorothy Mayfield	Joyce M. Lamprecht
Manroy & Gracie Wolpman	Ricky & Judy Hilbrich
Ann Adix	Bill & Carolyn Bargmann
Glen & Judy Henze	Charles & Bonnie Riedesel
Larry & Kristy Serold and Family	Scott Hensley and Family
Jim & Judy Noster	

In memory of Henry Borgfeld – Radio

Dr. John & Kathy Frels

In memory of Henry Borgfeld – CEM

Alvin & Mallie Stanchos	Jesse & Linda Hurta
Lyn Janssen	

In memory of Henry Borgfeld – Cemetery

Steven & Debbie Kneese	Bernice Geffert
Victor Riske	

In memory of Henry Borgfeld – Building

Arlen & Kathie Fehner	Joyce M. Lamprecht
John Dale Hurst	Sonny & Betty Ann Seifert
Manroy & Gracie Wolpman	Velma Lee Moritz
Jay & Sandra Heil	Dennis Henze
Roland & Gail Riedesel	Dorothy Mayfield
Earlen Jalufka	Arvid & Kitty Sievers

In memory of Henry Borgfeld – Building, cont'd

Clay & Robin Caran	David & Patsy Ibrom
John Wilkerson	Mr. & Mrs. Bruce Straube
DeWayne & Janice Curry	Tom & Dorothy Trevilion
Shirley Ibrom	Caraway Ford
Charles & Bonnie Riedesel	Melissa Stolle & Boys
Caroline Blain	Glen & Judy Henze
John Dale Hurst	William & Debra Niemeier
Robert & Margie Culpepper	Carlton & Sandra Bolting
Jim & Judy Noster	

In memory of Gary Podsim – Cemetery

Velma Lee Moritz

In memory of Gary Podsim – CEM

Lyn Janssen

In memory of Gary Podsim – Building

Rodney & Shirley Karnei	Carl & Sharon Matejek
Jay & Sandra Heil	Manroy & Gracie Wolpman
Ann Adix	Gaylon & Laura Kaiser
Earlen Jalufka	Carlton & Sandra Bolting
Melissa Stolle & Boys	Glen & Judy Henze
Caroline Blain	

In memory of Nelda Winslette – CEM

Jesse & Linda Hurta	Lyn Janssen
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In memory of Nelda Winslette – Cemetery

Victor Riske	Bernice Geffert
Steven & Debbie Kneese	

In memory of Nelda Winslette – Building

Dorothy Mayfield	Bill & Carolyn Bargmann
William & Debra Niemeier	Larry & Elaine Henze
Sonny & Betty Ann Seifert	Manroy & Gracie Wolpman
Mary Lou Gerhardt	Laurie Barfield
James & Brenda Nash	Harlen & Patricia Merks
Mary Hilbrich	James & Wanda Rohan
Ann Adix	Gaylon & Laura Kaiser
Roland & Gail Riedesel	Dennis Henze
Jay & Sandra Heil	Ricky & Judy Hilbrich
Oleta Pattillo	Lana Krietsch
Larry & Kristy Serold & Family	Anderson University

SCRIPTURE READINGS MAY 2020

Sunday, May 3, 2020 – Fourth Sunday of Easter



First Lesson: Acts 2:42-47

Psalm: Psalm 23

Second Lesson: 1 Peter 2:19-25

Gospel: John 10:1-10

Sunday, May 10, 2020 – Fifth Sunday of Easter

First Lesson: Acts 7:55-60

Psalm: Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

Second Lesson: 1 Peter 2:2-10

Gospel: John 14:1-14



Sunday, May 17, 2020 – Sixth Sunday of Easter



First Lesson: Acts 17:22-31

Psalm: Psalm 66:7-18

Second Lesson: 1 Peter 3:13-22

Gospel: John 14:15-21

Sunday, May 24, 2020 – Seventh Sunday of Easter

First Lesson: Acts 1:16-14

Psalm: Psalm 68:1-10, 33-36

Second Lesson: 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

Gospel: John 17:1-11



Sunday, May 31, 2020 – Day of Pentecost



First Lesson: Acts 2:1-21

Psalm: Psalm 104:25-35, 37

Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

Gospel: John 20:19-23

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