

# 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.*

*And my God will meet all your needs according to  
his glorious riches in Christ Jesus.*

*Philippians 4:19*

I borrowed the following from another Pastor, which I would like to share with you.

Sometimes it seems that time comes in little boxes. Each box is called a day. Approximately 30 boxes make a carton – called a month. A shipment of 12 cartons is called a year.

On January 1, many think they get a whole new shipment of 365 days. What a lot of time to have. How rich we are in time! But think a bit. Are you sure you received a full shipment? What if your subscription to time ran out during the year? What if you opened a carton and found empty boxes? No more time! No more time?

But you may have a full shipment this year. Maybe you have many shipments arriving in the future. Yet will you say, “I have no time”? That is a strange statement. People who say, “I have no time,” always have time. Those who have no time are dead. The dead do not mention their lack of time. Only the living say, “I have no time.”

We all have the same amount of time – 24 hours a day. The difference is in how we use our time. When we say we have no time for something; we mean that the “something” is not important enough for our time. We have to spend our time. It won’t keep in a bank – not even with a lock on it. When you say you have no time to serve Christ; you are saying you would rather spend your time another way. Of course, you don’t want it to sound that way. You want to mean, “I’ll give time to God later; when I have



“I’ll bet it waits until after the geography test.”

more time.” But are you sure you will have more time? What if your next shipment is only partially full?

Your Pastor,  
Tim W Muehlbrad

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To St. Paul Lutheran,

I hope you all have a great holiday season. This time last year I was banging my head against my desk everyday because we had stopped running programs at our church.



Look at us now! We have come a long way and I am happy with how we have restarted everything. The youth ministry team is hard at work with our Christmas play. Like last year, this year's Christmas play will be filmed. Unlike last year we will not be all over the church property. This year we have scouted two locations with the church chancel being the primary spot. If you have older youth who would like to help with the background portion of the film, that would be highly appreciated. We are in need of a sound operator, camera operator, and we need artistic youth to help design backdrop(s). At some point we will fully return to the chancel, for now bare with us.

This is a very short letter but before I go and I want to put it out there I have slots to fill for the Christmas Eve service. Our 4PM and 8PM Christmas Eve service needs readers. Should you want your child to read please let me know. This is a first come first serve basis.

God Bless  
See you Sunday,  
Nicholas Lee  
Family & Youth Director



## ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

October 12, 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, Linda Peyton, Linda Hurta, Calvin Bruns, Michael Melanson, Jay Heil, Hope Jendrzey, and Kristin Schustereit. Nicholas Lee was also in attendance.
- 2) **DEVOTION** The devotion was given by Jay Heil.
- 3) **MINUTES** The minutes from September 14, 2021, were approved as printed with no corrections.
- 4) **REPORTS**
  - a) **Treasurer** – The balance in the General Fund as of September 31, 2021, was \$170,018.17. The balance in the Building Fund was \$6,953.89. Calvin Bruns made a motion to accept the treasurer's report as printed. Jay Heil seconded the motion. The motion carried. Calvin also noted enough funds have been collected to cover 100% of the remaining cost of the window restoration project.
  - b) **Stewardship** – Nothing to report.
  - c) **Parish Education** – Linda Hurta reported: Attendance continues to be average for this time of year. The Mom's devotion time during Sunday School is going well. It meets in the basement. Plans

for the Christmas Children's program have been made. Once again it will be a video production. A program has been chosen, practice times have been scheduled, and a date has been set for the viewing of the video program.

- d) **Youth** – There was nothing to add to the provided written report.
- e) **Family/Youth Director** – Nicholas Lee and Linda Peyton reported:
  - 1. Inside the church: Wednesday Chapel for TLG; Holiday writing cards.
  - 2. Outside the church: NALC District Youth Gathering planning.
- f) **Worship** – Jay Heil reported: They are working on the 2022 song list. Christmas Eve services for this year are planned for 4:00 and 8:00pm.
- g) **Evangelism/Outreach** – Hope Jendrzey reported: They have finalized two ads for the Yorktown News-View.
  - 1. Congratulations to DeWitt County on 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary.
  - 2. Salute to Katie Serrano, Rene Alvarez, and Jannette Stifflemire for the Women in Business section.

They have also completed an order for customized notepads, pens, and mugs for gifts for upcoming new members and to replenish our supply for future use. They are preparing for a cookie and coffee reception for the new members on Reformation Sunday, October 31<sup>st</sup>. The Fellowship Hall is reserved, so the small reception will be held on the patio in front of the church immediately following the service.

- h) **Social Concerns** – Cindy Parma reported: Assistance was requested and provided with an electric bill.

- i) **Christian Life** – No report.
- j) **Property** – Michael reported the following as of October 12, 2021:
  - 1. Called Skip's Restaurant for the Fellowship Hall Stove – pilot lights are not staying lit.
  - 2. Starting the install of the fire alarm.
  - 3. Breaker keeps tripping in gathering room at TLG. Rerouted the circuit.
  - 4. A/C was squeaking in the basement. Called Gohmert Air, and he replaced a belt.
  - 5. TLG called Buch Boyz Air Conditioning to fix the issues with A/C work.
  - 6. Martin Plumbing fixed the ladies' restroom in the Sanctuary.
- k) **Cemetery** – Nothing to report.
- l) **CEM** – Written report was provided.
- m) **Pastor** – Professional activities during September 2021 included: 8 worship services, 7 home visits, 8 educational events, 6 church meetings and events, and 1 burial. Pastor added he will be out of the office October 19-21 for the Texas NALC Pastor's Retreat in Belton, TX.

## 5) **OLD BUSINESS**

- a) **Covid** - Michael Melanson made a motion to remove the pew signs to make all pews available in the Sanctuary. Linda Hurta seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- b) **Committee budget proposals due October 25<sup>th</sup>** – These will be presented at the November council meeting.

## 6) **NEW BUSINESS**

- a) **Annual Congregational Meeting**
  - 1. **Set Date** – Jay Heil made a motion to have the Annual Congregational Meeting on Sunday, January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Linda Peyton seconded the

motion. The motion carried.

**2. Approve New Business Item: Ratification of NALC Constitutional Changes.** – Pastor will get more information out about these changes.

b) **Floor Maintenance** – Michael Melanson obtained an estimate for \$3,100 from Calvo's Janitorial Services to do maintenance on the floors in the Educational Building (clean, strip, wax, etc.). The work will be done in two days (Friday and Saturday). Michael Melanson made a motion for Calvo's Janitorial Services to conduct maintenance on the Educational Building floors for \$3,100.00, to be paid from the building fund. Jay Heil seconded the motion. 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 – Cindy Parma

YOUTH – Linda Peyton

EVANGELISM/OUTREACH – Hope Jendrzey

# Financial Report

GENERAL FUND	YTD 2021	BUILDING FUND	YTD 2021
Beginning Balance	41,107.24	Beginning Balance	23,173.31
Income	459,920.48	Income	45,943.34
Expenses	(463,751.95)	Expenses	(64,416.11)
Ending Balance	37,275.77	Ending Balance	4,700.54
Investment	138,338.55		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>175,614.32</b>		

Totals as of 10/18/2021

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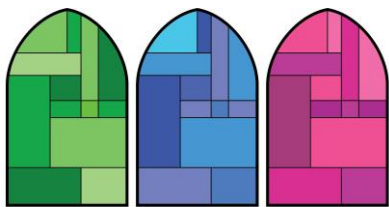
TURN IN  
YOUR ARTICLES  
**EARLY!**

R E M I N D E R:  
**DEADLINE FOR THE  
October  
NEWSLETTER  
ARTICLE IS**

***Tuesday,  
November 16, 2021***







Stained Glass Windows  
Restoration Update

## WE HAVE MET OUR GOAL!

Because of all of your generosity, we have enough money to pay off the Stained Glass Windows Restoration! It has been a long process, but we see the light at the end of the tunnel. By God's grace, the project should be completed by the end of the month. Special thanks goes to Bill Klaevemann for all of his hard work and dedication to oversee this project through completion.

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Veterans Day has its roots in what was called Armistice Day, when a peace agreement ended World War I on November 11, 1918. President Wilson proclaimed that Armistice Day was to be marked with solemn pride in heroism and with gratitude for victory as well as the “opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice.” In 1954, the remembrance was renamed Veterans Day to honor all U.S. military personnel. It's a reminder to pray for and honor all who serve and sacrifice, to support and assist their families, and to pray that God will bring peace on earth.





## Thank Offering Service

The Women of the Church will lead the Annual ThankOffering service on November 21, 2021. We are asking each of you to give a special ThankOffering in response to God's blessings that you have received.

This year, all funds received will be divided between the NALC Disaster Response Fund and YAM. Disaster Response has been busy responding to the needs of the people affected by the West Coast wildfires, flooding in

Tennessee, the freeze in Texas, and most recently, Hurricane Ida in Louisiana. In fact, the warehouse in Rosenberg, Texas is now empty with the last of the supplies going to Louisiana. This fund depends on donations from NALC Congregations in order to operate. YAM, our local food pantry, provides food to over 150 families per month, which so far this year, amounts to over 86,000 lbs of food at a cost of \$16,400.00.

Let us be aware of our brothers and sisters in Christ who are in need of basic items to survive. You may use one of the pew envelopes, write a check and designate, "for ThankOffering" to be taken on November 21, 2021. You may also take your offering to the Church office at any time.

Please prayerfully consider and give generously.

Women of the Church

Following this service, a meal provided by the Women of the Church will be served at 11:30 am in the Fellowship Hall. Signup sheets for the meal will be posted in the Narthex, Annex, the basement of the church, and the fellowship hall. You may also call the church office. Please sign up by November 15, 2021.



We welcome into our Family of Faith.....

Hilary Gohmert  
11138 FM 237  
Meyersville, Texas 77974

Ryan & Debbie Riske  
P.O. Box 271155  
Corpus Christi, Texas 78427

Clayton Mayfield  
6567 W. FM 884  
Goliad, Texas 77963

Curtis & Kay Wild  
12121 FM 240  
Westhoff, Texas 77994

Wayne Sparck  
211 N. Simpson  
Yorktown, Texas 78164

Emiree Damian  
P.O. Box 647  
Cuero, Texas 77954



Be sure to greet these new members and invite them into the ministry opportunities of our congregation.



## ALL SAINTS SUNDAY IS NOVEMBER 7, 2021.

We remember the children of God who have left their earthly journey for their heavenly home this past year. We take this time to remember the blessings God has given us through each of them.

The SAINT'S of St. Paul who are now among the Saints Triumphant are:

**Kay Hilbrich, Joyce Lingo, Victor Riske, Larry Geffert,  
Genell Flessner, Lillie Mae Metting, Allen Joyce Baker,  
Lavern Weischwill, Lucille Klein, Alvin Stanchos Jr.,  
Gladys Wilhelmsen, Tony Machacek, Dorothy Hester, and  
Harlan Karnei**

Finally, we celebrate All Saint's Sunday because we, too, are counted as saints through the righteousness of Christ. Through the merits of His sacrifice and the promise of His resurrection, we shall one day also stand with all the saints in life!

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*God has blessed Clayton Mayfield and Jennifer Maroney as they were united in marriage Saturday, October 2, 2021. We pray them God's richest blessings as they begin their life together as husband and wife.*



IN MARRIAGE



The flags are flying again at our cemetery!  
Special thanks to Jay Heil, Bill Klaevemann, and  
Michael Melanson for getting the flag pole back  
up and working!!

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*just  
married!*

God has blessed Dustin Kirchoff and  
Kelsey Hilbrich as they were united  
in marriage on Saturday, October 9,  
2021. We pray them God's richest  
blessings as they begin their life  
together as husband and wife.

We are looking at starting the Music Ministry Programs again:

**Adult Chimes:** could meet during the Sunday School Hour or Wednesday Afternoon from 4:45 — 5:15 pm.

**Children's Music Ministry**  
Tuesday afternoons 4.:15-4:45 pm.  
Please call the church office if interested or Beverly Bruns.

Number of interested is important in order to begin rehearsing Christmas Music.



We had the privilege of witnessing the living out of the commitment made to children at their baptism last Sunday, October 10, 2021. Emma Bargmann, Abigail Gaus, Bailey Gaus, and Cinley Kulik received their own bible.

When a child is baptized in the Lutheran faith the parents and sponsors make many commitments. One of those commitments is to "... put into their child's hand the Holy Scriptures". May this day be an ongoing reminder of this promise and an opportunity to continue to grow with their children as they study the Holy Scriptures.



# Christmas Program

## CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM SCHEDULE

The Christmas children's program practice and videoing schedules are as follows:

Practices: Nov. 7<sup>th</sup>, Nov. 14<sup>th</sup>, and Nov. 28<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. at the church. These practices will last only 1 to 1 ½ hours each.

### **NURSERY DOES NOT NEED TO BE AT THESE PRACTICES**

Reading and character parts and costumes will be assigned during Sunday school prior to the Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> practice.

Videoing of the children's songs will be on November 14<sup>th</sup> during Sunday school. Please dress in your Christmas attire. Nursery and the Elementary will each be singing two songs. The songs will be practiced at Sunday school in the weeks prior to the Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> videoing.

Videoing of the program will be December 5<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. at the church. Costumed characters please arrive 15 minutes earlier. **This will be the only videoing for the program.**

Viewing of the Children's Christmas program will be on the weekend of December 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> during the church services.

Please contact Linda Hurta, Linda Peyton or Nicholas Lee for additional information.



# Thank You for Being Awesome

Thrivent Action Teams



Dear Friends!

Thank you so much for all the quilts that were donated to the Rosenberg Disaster Response Warehouse! These beautiful quilts will bring many smiles to people affected by disasters. It will help them know that someone cares! Thanks again for your servant hearts + generosity!

God Bless You All!

Michael + Pat  
Sietrich

Rosenberg DR Warehouse





Michael Dittrich is one of the coordinators of the NALC Disaster Response. He is pictured with the 48 quilts that St. Paul Lutheran Church donated.

Flood buckets are ready to go for the next disaster.





Jay Heil is pictured carrying the donated quilts into the NALC Disaster Warehouse.

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### *Landscaping Committee*



Our landscaping committee is working on a project to enhance the appearance of our church. If you would like to donate to this project, please designate your donation to landscaping. We appreciate your help in beautifying our church.



# What's happening at The Learning Garden!!

## **Employee Spotlight:**

Every month we will introduce two of our staff members to you all. We want you to get to know us and why we love what we do!

### **Meet Brianna Guerra**



- **Title:** Toddler Assistant Teacher
- **Education:** High School Graduate
- **Been with TLG Since:** December 2020
- **Family:** Baby A
- **Favorite Part of the Job:** Being with the kids
- **Hobbies:** Sleeping
- **Favorite Quote or Motto:** “Live Life!”

### **Meet Destiny Felan**

- **Title:** Two-Year-Old Assistant Teacher
- **Education:** High School Graduate
- **Been with TLG Since:** May 2021
- **Family:** Mom and Sister
- **Favorite Part of the Job:** The kids!
- **Hobbies:** Sleeping, watching Netflix, & Make-up
- **Favorite Quote or Motto:** “Live, laugh, and love”



**Enrollment: 55**

Class	Number of Children	Waitlist	Staff
Infants	4	5	Taylor & Destiny S.
Toddlers	13	1	Samantha, Megan V., Brianna, & Leticia
Twos	13	0	Shawn, Amy, Denise, & Destiny F.
Preschool	12	2	Megan & Cathy
Prekindergarten	5	0	Donna & Cassandra
After School	8	0	Virginia

Director: Tracie  
Assistant Director: Shawn  
Cook: Estela

Housekeeping: Elida  
Floaters: Melissa, Paige  
Substitutes: Anne

**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 Thomas Smiley – Stained Glass Windows**

Mary Russell

Maria Russell

Kenney & Ellery Russell Veldhaizen

**In memory of Bobby von Roeder – Building**

Melissa Stole & Sons

**In memory of Dorothy Hester – Building**

Ronnie Afflerbach

Iona Mae Buchhorn & Family

**In memory of Werner E. Metting – Stained Glass Windows**

Sherry Metting

**In memory of Margie Alvarez – Stained Glass Windows**

Ricky & Judy Hilbrich

**In memory of Priscilla Goehring – Cemetery**

Jay & Sandra Heil

**In memory of LeRoy Ruppert's 95<sup>th</sup> Birthday-Windows**

Lela Ruppert

**In memory of Tony Machacek – Stained Glass Windows**

Martha Geffert

**In memory of Virgie Webb – Building**

Bill Klaevemann

**In memory of Maezie Schwab – Building**

Bert & Barbara Biemer

**In memory of Gladys Wilhelmsen – Building**

Bert & Barbara Biemer

**In memory of Norma Apple – Building**

Bert & Barbara Biemer

**In memory of Paul Menn – Building**

Bert, Barbara, & Jason Biemer

**In memory of Harlan Karnei – Building**

Kevin & Eliz Wilson

Darryl & Shirley Mueller

Renae Pierce

Charles & Wanda Styra

Gilda Rogge & Family

Donna Karnei

**In memory of Harlan Karnei – Stained Glass Windows**

David & Patsy Ibrom

**In memory of Elorine Domann – Building**

Edroy & Norma Schroedter

**In memory of Mary Ann Book – Building**

Velma Lee Moritz

**In memory of Margie Smith – CEM**

Steven & Debbie Kneese

**In celebration of Robert & Marilyn Meischen's 51<sup>st</sup> Anniversary**

Martha Geffert

**In honor of Dustin & Kelsey Kirchoff's Marriage**

Byron & Barbara Cramer

Ricky & Judy Hilbrich

*\*Gifts in memory and in honor of are as of October 18, 2021.*

# SCRIPTURE READINGS

## NOVEMBER 2021

### **Sunday, November 7, 2021-All Saints Sunday**



First Lesson: Isaiah 25:6-9

Psalm: Psalm 24

Second Lesson: Revelation 21:1-6a

Gospel: John 11:32-44

### **Sunday, November 14, 2021-25<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

First Lesson: Daniel 12:1-3

Psalm: Psalm 16

Second Lesson: Hebrews 10:11-14 [15-18] 19-25

Gospel: Mark 12:1-8



### **Sunday, November 21, 2021-Christ the King**



First Lesson: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

Psalm: Psalm 93

Second Lesson: Revelation 1:4b-8

Gospel: John 18:33-37

### **Sunday, November 28, 2021 – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent**

First Lesson: Jeremiah 33:14-16

Psalm: Psalm 25:1-9

Second Lesson: 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

Gospel: Luke 21:25-36





## **HONOR OR REMEMBER A SPECIAL PERSON IN**

**YOUR LIFE** by having Poinsettias placed in the Sanctuary during the Christmas Season. Please complete the form below, make out a check to St. Paul Lutheran Church, and place this form and your check in the offering plate or drop it by the church office.

☐ **Make a Donation to the Building Fund \$\_\_\_\_\_**

☐ **POINSETTIA (cost is \$14.50 each)**

~ In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

~ In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

~ To the Glory of God, by: \_\_\_\_\_

Please **PRINT** clearly.

Additional forms are available in the Annex, Narthex, and the Educational Building.

**Please don't delay – Order today!**

**The office *will not*  
be able to accept orders after  
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2021.**

*Poinsettias may be picked up after the  
Christmas Eve Worship Service.*

*Any Poinsettias left in the sanctuary by the end of that week will be  
removed.*

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