GOOD NEWS



St. Paul Lutheran Church

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Pastor: Tim W. Muehlbrad

Director of Christian Education: Terry Carmichael

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.



There was a time in our pioneer society when a person was born and lived and died in the same community, the same congregation and was sustained by the same order of values. That person seldom traveled more than 40 miles from home. The little news received from the world was often weeks or months old by the time it was heard.

This day is no longer here.

Our children are growing up in a world of swift change. When they grow up, they live and work in many parts of the world. Their friends and associates may have convictions and values utterly different from theirs. They are caught up in the many forces that seek to dislodge the convictions and values that they learned as children. They need to be confident in their own faith.

As never before, it is important that we give them a faith to live by, values to uphold, and a meaningful life to live. It is not enough that we give them skills and knowledge or money and property. They will need the strong roots of faith, the ability and willingness to listen to their conscience, and the underlying vision of an undying hope. They need God!

In our Christian Education programs, many dedicated teachers, staff, and volunteers become allies of Christian homes in the important task of opening children's minds and hearts to the riches of a life with God. It is a mission

more important than fighting wars or reaching new planets. It is the supreme task of the Church.

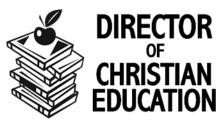
Floods may come, winds may blow, fires may burn, pandemics may spread, but the life that has its roots deep in an abiding faith in God will not be destroyed. We will walk firm and strong in this life and will inherit everlasting life.

Support our Christian Education programs with prayers, time, service and cooperation and keep the faith strong in your homes.

Your Pastor, Tim W Muehlbrad



"Be careful of the new teacher. She gets you interested in the lesson before you can disrupt the class."



Sunday School Parents...

We want to make sure your child's experience in Sunday School is a good one and that we are trying to provide a great place for that to happen. Children may have special needs or situations that we need to be aware of. We want to make sure we have current and correct emergency/Parent contact information on file.

We would like your help in letting us know of any of those things by filling out a Student Information Form for each of the children attending our Sunday School. Please take the time to come in and fill out these important pieces of information for each of your children attending. These will be available in your child's classrooms and on the big table in the center of the basement. Just ask the teacher or look on the table for one.

Please do this even if you filled one out last year. Phone numbers may change and situations with your child may have also changed. Help us provide the best experience for you and your children by taking a short time to fill out this form!

Christmas Program Director Needed!

We are in need of someone to lead our children and youth in presenting our annual Christmas Program on Sunday Dec. 14th. We can help you with providing programs to choose from and will be there to assist you with anything you need. We just need someone in charge to lead the program and practices. If you are interested or have questions please contact Terry, Jill Turner, or the church office. Thanks and please prayerfully consider how you can help!

Sunday School News!

Banner Class: The class with the largest percentage of attendance each month will get to display a Luther Rose banner on their door! The class who has the most banners awarded by the end of the year

will receive a special party for their efforts! So, plan on making as many classes as you can!

BFS Sundays: On certain Sundays scheduled throughout the year, we will have a "Bring a Friend Sunday" (BFS). IF you bring a friend on those days, you and your friend might get a little gift (it is for someone who is a first-time visitor...not a brother, sister, or someone who already visited). So, start thinking about who you can ask and watch for those days!

Offerings Making a Difference (OMD!)

Each month our Sunday School Offerings will make a difference in the lives of others or through our North American Lutheran Church (NALC) mission partners! This past month they went to Friends of Madagascar Mission. Our September gifts will go towards digging a well for water in a village!

In October we will support Child Outreach International, which is one of our church's mission partners. The funds may be used for items that help these undeveloped areas of the world. They may take the form of work gloves for workers, glasses to help children with reading, to blankets to keep warm.

Bibles Will Be Presented to 2nd graders!

Those who are in 2nd grade this year will be presented with a special gift from the church at our 9:00 a.m. Reformation worship service on Sunday, Oct. 26th. Parents will be provided by our Sunday School with a bible to present to their child. This is to assist the parent with the part of the promise made at the child's baptism to... "place in their hands the Holy Scripture." You should receive a letter about this soon and we hope you can make plans to be here on the 26th with your 2nd grader!

NALC National Youth Gathering

The NALC National Youth Gathering will be held this coming Summer July 7-10 in Roanoke, Virginia. This event is for youth who will be 12-18 years of age by June 30, 2026. Registration materials will arrive sometime in October (no specific date has been given yet) and it will end April 15th OR until full. Note the OR in that last sentence. They only have a 350 person capacity and the location for

this year places it within an area with many NALC churches and many large ones. They feel it will fill up quickly. (To give you an idea the attendance at the first Gathering in Boerne had 300 there). Another twist this year is that each group will be responsible for finding their own accommodations for the stay (hotels, etc.). We know everyone's schedule can be busy that time of year. But, as you can see we really need to have our registrations ready to go ASAP to be ready to register in October when that date is made available. We, also, need our number going to the event so we can work on Transportation and housing.

It is a fun event filled with worship, a service project event, bible study, fun, and a chance to meet fellow NALC youth from around the world (there are a lot of NALC youth from Canada and other countries). There is a ratio of one sponsor per 7 youth going so we will need an additional adult sponsor or maybe two depending on our numbers.

If you are interested in attending, or need more information, please let Terry know ASAP!



CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH September 9, 2025 @ 6 PM

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.

1. **CALL TO ORDER-** The meeting of the Church Council of St. Paul Lutheran Church was called to order by Boyd Weise, President. Council members present for the meeting were Boyd Weise, Calvin Bruns, Wade Bolting, Laurey Garcia, Larry Gohmert, Pam Hoefling, Ashleigh Peyton, Susan

- Franke, and Pastor Tim Muehlbrad. Terry Carmichael and Amanda Rodriguez were also in attendance.
- 2. **DEVOTION-** Susan Franke opened the meeting with prayer.
- 3. **MINUTES-** Laurey Garcia made a motion to accept the August 12, 2025, minutes as presented. Pam Hoefling seconded the motion. The motion carried.

4. REPORTS-

- a. **Treasurer/Stewardship-** Calvin Bruns provided a written report.
 - 1. The budget was explained.
- b. Parish Education- No report was provided.
- c. Youth Committee Report- Laurey Garcia reported:
 - 1. Our Grandparents' Day Celebration went well. All of the kids showed up and helped! The day was a success!!
 - 2. Events for the rest of 2025 are now on the events schedule posted throughout the church, Fellowship Hall, and basement. Check it out! I hope everyone marks their calendar and does their best to attend. When our youth see our adult participation, it encourages theirs!
 - 3. FFF started on August 20, 2025, with over 20 teens and tweens! That is a great start to fall! Looking forward to a great 25-26 FFF year!
 - 4. I wrote the required letter requesting funds from the Endowment Committee for the youth sports court. I mailed the letter to each committee member, since there is not a chairperson. Those members are Kurt Foerster, Christopher Gohmert, Chad Hahn, Pam Weise, and Allen Machost.
 - 5. Our next committee meeting will be on Tuesday, September 23, 2025.
- d. DCE- Terry Carmichael reported:
 - 1. Besides the normal duties (Childcare Chapels, Sunday School, and other duties), the following were accomplished:
 - a. Assisted pastor with plans for Rally Day Worship with the summer campers on Sat. 8/16 and Sunday 8/17.

- b. Have been preparing the summer Sunday School Curriculum, music choices, schedule, and copying of all the lessons for all the Sundays in the summer.
- c. Have been providing teachers who have signed up to lead the summer Sunday School sessions with materials and supplies.
- d. Have been teaching several summer classes on Sundays when there were no teachers signed up to take the classes.
- e. Led the opening and games for Rally Day on 8/17.
- f. Assisted Pastor with preparing the Confirmation schedule for the coming year.
- g. Met with the Parish Ed. Board and Sunday School teachers on 8/24 with the schedule for the year for Sunday School, the implementation of the elementary curriculum, the preschool's new curriculum, and other housekeeping matters.
- h. Have downloaded and organized the first month of curriculum for the elementary classes.
- i. Will be assisting Pastor with the Guitar classes on Wed. evenings.
- j. Attended several Volleyball games, a football game, and scrimmage.
- e. Worship- No report provided.
- f. Evangelism/Outreach- Wade Bolting reported:
 - 1. Ordered supplies for Trunk or Treat
 - 2. Working on a St. Paul Lutheran Church card to pass out for Western Days
- g. Social Concerns- Susan Franke reported:
 - 1. Assistance was provided to 2 individuals in August 2025.
 - a. Provided help for two individuals with water bill (\$100.00)
 - b. Provided help for one person with electric bill (\$100.00)
- h. Christian Life- Pam Hoefling reported:

- Christian Life hosted Rally Day on August 17, 2025. Hamburgers and fixings were served along with an ice cream bar with peach cobbler for dessert. Approximately 72 people attended.
- i. Property- Larry Gohmert Reported:
 - 1. Schroeder Air Conditioning plans to get our church air conditioning unit replaced this month. I did contact them about adding a sump pump for the removal of the condensate water, and they indicated that doing so would present no problem.
 - 2. The elevator is back in operation. I spoke with the technician who repaired it, and he considered it ready to return to use.
 - 3. I have communicated with Mary Ressman about replacement pecan trees, and she says the optimum time frame for planting new trees is mid-November through February. I will stay in touch with her as that time fame approaches.
 - 4. On top of the bell tower of the church, there is damage to the covering of an air vent. That damage may be allowing a small amount of water to enter the building. I have contacted a roofer about repairs to the air vent.
 - 5. I received a phone call from Jamie with M.E. Plumbing, one of the bidders on our plumbing replacement project for the Educational Building. He was just keeping in touch, letting me know that they are still interested in doing the project when the time comes.
- j. Cemetery- No report provided.
- k. C.E.M. Tracie Fielding provided a written report.
- 1. Pastor-
 - 1. Professional activities during August 2025:
 - a. 8 Worship Services
 - b. 9 Home Visits
 - c. 8 Educational Events
 - d. 6 Church Meetings and Events
 - e. Attended NALC Theological Conference and Convocation

- 2. Official Acts during August 2025
 - a. 8/2 Burial of Patsy Wyth (nm)
 - b. 8/16 Burial of Trenton Newman (nm)
 - c. 8/23 Confirmation of Connor Saunders

5. OLD BUSINESS

a. Larry made a motion to proceed with hiring ME Plumbing to replace the plumbing under the Educational Building for an approximate price of \$39,000. Wade Bolting seconded the motion. The motion carried.

6. NEW BUSINESS

- a. The Nominating Committee was discussed.
- b. Deadline for all committee budgets for the 2026 year is October 14th.
- c. The council set our next church annual meeting for Sunday, January 25, 2026.
- d. Pam Hoefling made a motion and Laurey Garcia seconded to approve the revision of the General Policies for the Use of the St. Paul Facilities. The motion carried. Amanda Rodriguez will be responsible for the Fellowship Hall rental. The Church Custodian will be responsible for making sure the checkoff list is complete before the deposit is refunded. The Facility Coordinator will continue to be responsible for other rentals that include the Sanctuary.
- e. Pam Hoefling made a motion to approve Pastor's continuing education retreat from Oct 21-26. Wade Bolting seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- f. Pam Hoefling made a motion to approve Pastor's Vacation dates from Nov 3-9 and Dec 29 Jan. 4. Wade Bolting seconded. The motion carried.
- 7. **CLOSING-** Pam Hoefling made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ashleigh Peyton seconded the motion. The motion carried, and the meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Ashleigh Peyton

2025 COUNCIL MEMBERS

PRESIDENT – Boyd Weise
SECRETARY – Ashleigh Peyton
PARISH ED – Jill Turner
STEWARDSHIP – Calvin Bruns
WORSHIP – Jay Heil
CHRISTIAN LIFE – Pam Hoefling
PROPERTY – Larry Gohmert
SOCIAL CONCERNS – Susan Franke
YOUTH – Laurey Garcia
EVANGELISM/OUTREACH – Wade Bolting



GENERAL FUND	YTD 2025	BUILDING FUND	YTD 2025			
Beginning Balance	\$43,881.83	Beginning Balance	\$112,059.71			
Income	\$428,074.96	Income	\$64,678.35			
Expenses	(\$440,626.67)	Expenses	(\$123,628.04)			
Ending Balance	\$31,330.12	Ending Balance	\$53,110.02			
		То	tals as of 9/16/2025			
Investment w/ LPL Financial:						
\$104 959 42						



Upcoming Christian Life Events:

October 26, 2025 - Potluck Lunch





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DEADLINE FOR THE
NOVEMBER
NEWSLETTER ARTICLE IS
MONDAY,
OCTOBER 20, 2025

CHURCH FACILITIES NEED REPAIR:

Council has discussed 3 main concerns that need attention. One of the AC units needs to be replaced at the church for approximately \$43,000. We need to have the plumbing re-piped in the educational building for approximately \$39,000. The buckled flooring and water-damaged carpet needs to be replaced in the chapel with a bid of



\$12,147.20. If you would like to make a donation to this project, please label your offering "AC/PLUMBING/FLOOR". Any help is greatly appreciated!

Baptism

Jaxon Allen Bruns, son of Cory and Samantha Bruns, was baptized on September 6, 2025.



Connor Ray Saunders, the son of Dennis Saunders Jr. and Shannon Saunders, was baptized on February 24, 2008 at St. Paul Lutheran Church by Pastor Patti Byrne. Connor's sponsors are Garrett & Debbie Rice, Heather Noster and K.C. Clinkscales.

Connor's confirmation verse: Romans 8:31

"What shall we then say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?"





Oromo Evangelical Church

An invitation was sent to mission congregation Pastors along with one or two council leaders to join in a property tour, Oromo lunch and a ground breaking service. Pastor Tim and council member Pam Hoefling traveled to Rosenberg, Texas September 13, 2025.

Oromo Pastor Kamiso gave a brief history of their past twelve years along with a gracious acknowledgement to St. Paul Lutheran Church Yorktown and Thank Yous to everyone else in attendance. About 7 churches were represented along with the SE TX Mission District, NALC Dean, Pastor Jared Stillions, St. Peter Lutheran Church, Hallettsville.

Originally some acreage was purchased and a building plan was made. Along the years cost of things have risen and so an opportunity came along for them to sell the property and make a nice profit. An old banking facility was purchased and plans to renovate are in the process now. They have set up a worship area and are holding services now. Once renovations are complete, a dedication service will be held.











Oromo Evangelical Church

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Announcement to NALC Congregations

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Warm greetings from the Oromo Evangelical Church. As we reflect on the past twelve years of our journey with the North American Lutheran Church, our hearts overflow with gratitude. Your encouragement, moral and physical support, steadfast prayers, and generous financial contributions have allowed our congregation to flourish more than tenfold. Through this blessed partnership, we have grown as a worshiping community devoted wholly to Jesus Christ.

Now, by the grace of Almighty God and after nearly a decade of perseverance and prayer, we are overjoyed to share that we have purchased our first dedicated worship facility in Rosenberg, Texas. This marks a pivotal new chapter for our church.

Our new home 4911 Mustang Avenue Rosenberg, TX 77471



Facility Details

Building Size: 6,382 square feet

Land Area: 2.14 acres (approx. 93,000 sq ft)

Purchase Price: \$980,000

Down Payment: \$456,000 (40% equity)

· Loan Amount: \$539,000 at 8.5% interest, amortized over 20 years



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We deeply thank the NALC congregations throughout Texas for their unwavering support. Your generosity has been instrumental in making this vision a reality and propelling us forward in our mission to "go and make disciples of all nations."



As we settle into this new space, we face important challenges. We must meet ongoing mortgage payments and raise between \$275,000 and \$325,000 to renovate the facility so that it can serve our worship and ministry needs. We humbly ask for your continued prayers, wisdom, and support during this season of transition and growth.

Join us in laying the foundation for a vibrant and lasting Lutheran presence among Oromospeaking Christians. With God's grace and your partnership, we are confident that we will reach our goals.

We embrace this next season with hope and boldness, declaring our motto for the year: "NOT FINISHED, JUST BEGUN — IN 2025."

Thank you for walking with us. Should you wish to connect or learn more, we warmly welcome you to reach out.

In Christ's service, Pastor Kamiso Boru

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We keep in our prayers the family and friends of:

Mike Stern - who passed away August 21, 2025. Services were held August 29, 2025.

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



In memory of Aubrey Breed - Building

Helen Breed

In memory of Fred Broll - Building

Barbara Cramer

James & Joan Urban

Renae Pierce

In memory of Fred Broll - FFF

Ricky & Judy Hilbrich

In memory of Fred Broll – Scholarship

Barbara Kerlick

In memory of Junell Goehring - Building

Helen Breed

In memory of Carlton Hoefling - Building

Joyce & Holly Lamprecht

In memory of John Dale Hurst - AC/Plumbing/Floor

Bette Carruthers

In memory of Shirley Jendrzey - Scholarship

Barbara Kerlick

In memory of Shirley Karnei - Records Restoration

Jim & Judy Noster

In memory of Shirley Karnei – Senior Scholarship

David & Patsy Ibrom

Martha Geffert

In memory of Bennie & Frieda Kyrisch - Building

Helen Breed

In memory of Sammie Kyrisch - Building

Helen Breed

In memory of Warren Lemke - Building

Brandon & Crystal Lemke

In memory of Hampton McAda – FFF

Ricky & Judy Hilbrich

In memory of Hampton McAda – Senior Scholarship

Martha Geffert

In memory of Lorri Schroeder - Records Restoration

Jim & Judy Noster

In memory of Mike Stern - FFF

Spence & Rebecca Innocenti

In memory of Mike Stern - Landscaping

Charles & Jan Ruppert

In memory of Mike Stern - Radio

Dr. & Mrs. John Frels

In memory of Mike Stern – Records Restoration

Jim & Judy Noster

In memory of Mike Stern - Senior Scholarship

David & Patsy Ibrom

In memory of Mike Stern - Youth Building

Jay & Sandra Heil

In memory of Ralph Stock - Landscaping

Charles & Jan Ruppert

In memory of Scott Sullivan – FFF

Ricky & Judy Hilbrich

In memory of Scott Sullivan - Senior Scholarship

Steven & Debbie Kneese

In memory of Arleen Weise - Building

Melissa Stolle

~Gifts in memory and in honor of are as of September 15, 2025.

Please remember to write on your OFFERING ENVELOPE a specific fund for your memorial offering to go to. It defaults to building fund unless it is noted.



What's happening at The Learning Garden!!

Enrollment: 57

Class	Number of Children	Waitlist	Staff
Infants	3	2	Stacie & Leticia
Toddlers	8	0	Cassandra, Amy, & Megan
Twos	13	0	Hailey & Cyara
Preschool/Prekindergarten	12	0	Brianna & Tamara
After School	11	0	Audrey
Drop Ins	10	0	_

Director: Tracie Cook: Debbie Housekeeper: Briana Barfield Assistant Director: Shawn Substitutes: Melissa Summer Helpers: Malayshia

Floaters: Jasmine (Mondays and Tuesdays) & BeVianna (Days available)

Curriculum:

Week of	Toddlers/Twos	Preschool/Prekindergarten	Bible
9/29/2025	Family & Home: Immediate Family	My Family & Friends: Immediate Family	God Creates Animals Creation Day 4 Genesis 1:10b
10/6/2025	Family & Home: Extended Family	My Family & Friends: My Relatives	God Creates Male and Female Creation Day 5 Genesis 1:10b
10/13/2025	Family & Home: Pets	My Family & Friends: Pets	Nosh & The Rainbow God keeps Nosh safe in storm Geneses 6:22 & Genesis 9:13
10/20/2025	Family & Home: Homes	My Family & Friends: Homes	The Baby in the Basket God takes Care of us always. Exodus 3:12

Activities for the Month:

- October 13th: Columbus Day
- October 31st: Halloween



HAPPY PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH PASTOR TIM!



DeWitt County Life Chain

Take a Stand for Life!

Life Chain is an annual nationwide peaceful, prayerful hour of silence on public sidewalks supporting the dignity of and right to life.

Please join us to pray for our nation, for the protection of women & children, and for an end to abortion.

Sunday, October 5th, 2025 2:00-3:00 PM

We will gather at 103 E Broadway Street in front of First Baptist Church (Cuero, TX)

For additional info, contact: cheesmanbj@gmail.com





Join us for a silent prayer vigil where we will prayerfully display signs which state the truth about abortion. It is an opportunity for local churches to unite in praver and to stand for the rights of the unborn. All who believe in the protection of unborn children and their mothers are invited to participate.

Bring the whole family!

Bring your lawn chairs, umbrellas, and strollers.

Rain or Shine!

Try to come a little early. Signs will be provided.

SCRIPTURE READINGS OCTOBER 2025

Sunday, October 5, 2025 – 17th Sunday after Pentecost



First Lesson: Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

Psalm: Psalm 62

Second Lesson: 2 Timothy 1:1-14

Gospel: Luke 17:1-10

Sunday, October 12, 2025 – 18th Sunday after Pentecost

First Lesson: Ruth 1:1-19a

Psalm: Psalm 111

Second Lesson: 2 Timothy 2:1-13

Gospel: Luke 17:11-19



Sunday, October 19, 2025 – 19th Sunday after Pentecost



First Lesson: Genesis 32:22-30

Psalm: Psalm 121

Second Lesson: 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

Gospel: Luke 18:1-8

Sunday, October 26, 2025 – Reformation Sunday

First Lesson: Revelation 14:6-7

Psalm: Psalm 46

Second Lesson: Romans 3:19-28

Gospel: John 8:31-36



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