

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 Lee

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.*

What causes people to choose a particular congregation when they decide to join a church? In my reading I came across a couple of surveys. Here are the results of a survey done in the Houston area:

Why Do People Join a Particular Congregation?

3% - Pastor in the pulpit.

8% - Architectural beauty of the building.

12% - Prior denominational affiliation.

18% - Convenience of location.

20% - Influenced by the fact that there were people in the congregation whom they respected.

39% - Because their friends and neighbors invited them.

(In a national poll 9% joined because of the minister and 44% joined because they were invited by a member.)

The figures really show the importance of the ministry of each member for the growth and wellbeing of a congregation.

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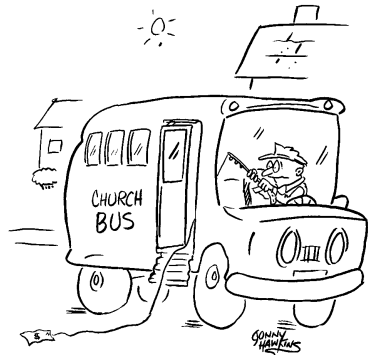
You are 12 times more important in getting people to come to church by your invitation than the sermon!

Your witness of a Christian Life is 6 times more important than the sermon!

Are we guilty of relying on our least effective means (the Pastor) and ignoring our most effective outreach resources (the members of our congregation)? How many guests have you invited and brought to worship this year?

You and your invitation and witness are very important in the outreach of the Gospel!

Your Pastor,
Tim W Muehlbrad



When Second Avenue Church members become Fishers of Men, they use live bait.



To St. Paul Lutheran,

Tomorrow is in your hands...

I have had a great time here at St. Paul. The only time I hated working here was between late March of 2020 and June 2021. Those covid months took a lot of momentum away from us. While it was

nice making YouTube videos for the lessons that would have been done in person, everything just felt so distant. It was another screen our kids would have to look at. Plus, there was a whole process of learning how to produce and edit videos together. It is a lot harder than you think. Audio control was the biggest headache. Those iPhone microphones pick up a lot more than I would have thought. For whatever reason that you would want to go see those videos you can search on the church's Facebook page.

I am not worried about what will happen in my absence because I know there is a great group of parents who will lead our youth program to success. Our high school class got their lessons from real world news. Ultimately, the high school group reads news stories and is asked what commandment the story is breaking and what they would do in that situation. I primarily taught this way so we can focus on the student's personal ethics.

I am also not leaving the congregation with nothing planned. Back in July the parents and I got together to plan out a list of events for the upcoming year. We made it as far as March of 2023. You will need to meet one more time, possibly, in the fall to fill out the rest of the 2023 year. You will have an amazing time at these events.

The LORD will be with you. HE will make HIS face shine upon you. May you be blessed and continue to confidently walk in HIS ways.

Peace,
Nicholas Lee



CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

August 9, 2022 – 7:00pm

- 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, Boyd Weise, Bill Klaevemann, Linda Peyton, Hope Jendrzey, Cathy Moritz, Nicholas Lee, and Kristin Schustereit. Katie Serrano was also in attendance.
- 2) **DEVOTION** Cathy Moritz gave the devotion.
- 3) **MINUTES** The minutes from July 12, 2022, were approved as printed with no corrections.
- 4) **REPORTS**
 - a) **Treasurer/Stewardship** – The Treasurer’s Report was reviewed.
 - b) **Parish Education** – No report.
 - c) **Youth** – Linda Peyton reported:
 1. Inside church: VBS 2022 Running groups; Summer Camp 2022 (Confirmation); Parent meeting for Family & Youth – Parents helped plan the Fall 2022 schedule. Plans were made until February 2023. A schedule will be sent out in a letter to parents; Two fundraiser events were planned by parents at the July meeting: Cash Envelope Fund and Superbowl LXVI Fundraiser. All proceeds are to going towards summer camp 2023.
 2. Outside church: Helped at YAM in July.

- d) **Family/Youth Director** – Nicholas had no additions.
- e) **Worship** – Boyd Weise reported: Rally Day is set for August 28th. A VBS video will be presented. We will be borrowing risers from Yorktown ISD for the congregational picture. He will be meeting soon with Ressler's Nursery about Poinsettias.
- f) **Evangelism/Outreach** – Hope Jendrzey reported: An ad was placed in the Yorktown News-View for the 2022 DeWitt County Visitor's Guide and the 2022 Yorktown Football poster. An ad was purchased to support the Yorktown High School Cheerleaders' program.
- g) **Social Concerns** – Cathy Moritz reported: Assistance was provided to three individuals in July 2022 - \$80 for an electricity bill; \$77.71 for a water bill; and \$100 to assist with an electricity bill.
- h) **Christian Life** – Pam Hoefling provided a written report: On July 24th, a taco meal was hosted, consisting of crispy tacos, nachos, refried beans, nacho cheese, and avocado green sauce. Approximately 48 people were in attendance. The next event scheduled is Rally day on August 28th. Robin and Clay Caran have graciously donated the meat for the hamburgers on Rally Day.
- i) **Property** – Bill Klaevemann reported the following as of August 2022:
 - 1. Unclogged drain line on AC unit in the church.
 - 2. Toilet repaired for The Learning Garden classroom.
 - 3. Unclogged drain line on the refrigerator.
 - 4. Assembling post for mailboxes (Church and The Learning Garden).
 - 5. A-1, Triple D and the Fire Marshall approved the fire alarm system.
- j) **Cemetery** – Kristin Schustereit reported: All the digital mapping is almost complete for the cemetery digitizing project. The next step will be approval of the digital maps and training of the software, which should take about an hour.
- k) **CEM** – Written report was provided.
- l) **Pastor** –
 - 1. Professional activities during July 2022 included: 10

worship services, 1 hospital visit, 7 home visits, 8 educational events, 10 church meetings and events, 1 professional meeting, and 1 week of Vacation Bible School.

2. The Southwestern Tx. Mission District Convocation was held via zoom on July 9. Pastor Ralph Reitmeyer is the new Dean of our Mission District.
3. Term limits were changed to align with each other so that all leaders can be chosen at the Convocation.
4. NALC Convocation was held via Zoom meeting on August 5th. Elections were held, and the budget was passed for 2023.

5) OLD BUSINESS

- a) **Parish Education Council Position** – No updates.
- b) **Mailbox** – The mailboxes have been assembled, and they just need to be installed. The church will be Suite A, The Learning Garden will be Suite B.
- c) **Generator Project** – Coastal Bend Electric is still waiting to meet with AEP.
- d) **Cemetery Records** – After Kristin's approval of the digital maps, she and Boyd Weise will attend a training. The project is almost complete as far as getting set up.

6) NEW BUSINESS

- a) **Pastor Vacation: October 31 – November 6, 2022 & December 26 – January 8, 2023.** Bill Klaevemann made a motion to accept Pastor's requests for vacation for October 31 through November 6, 2022, as well as December 26 through January 8, 2023. Boyd Weise seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- b) **Nicholas' Resignation** – Bill Klaevemann made a motion to accept Nicholas Lee's resignation, effective August 31, 2022. Linda Peyton seconded. The motion carried.

- 7) **CLOSING** – Boyd Weise made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Bill Klaevemann seconded the motion. The motion carried, and the meeting closed with The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Kristin Schustereit

2022 COUNCIL MEMBERS

PRESIDENT – Clemens Waskow
SECRETARY – Kristin Schustereit

PARISH ED –

STEWARDSHIP – Cindy Parma

WORSHIP – Boyd Weise

CHRISTIAN LIFE – Pam Hoefling

PROPERTY – Bill Klaevemann

SOCIAL CONCERNS – Cathy Moritz

YOUTH – Linda Peyton

EVANGELISM/OUTREACH – Hope Jendrzej

Financial Report

GENERAL FUND	YTD 2022	BUILDING FUND	YTD 2022
Beginning Balance	44,295.10	Beginning Balance	33,153.48
Income	554,827.89	Income	59,478.48
Expenses	(582,172.20)	Expenses	(83,559.37)
Ending Balance	16,950.79	Ending Balance	9,072.59
Investment	137,459.10		
TOTAL	154,409.89		

Totals as of 8/22/2022

RELIEVE EDITORIAL STRESS:

**TURN IN
YOUR ARTICLES**

EARLY!

R E M I N D E R:

DEADLINE FOR THE

October

NEWSLETTER

ARTICLE IS

Monday,

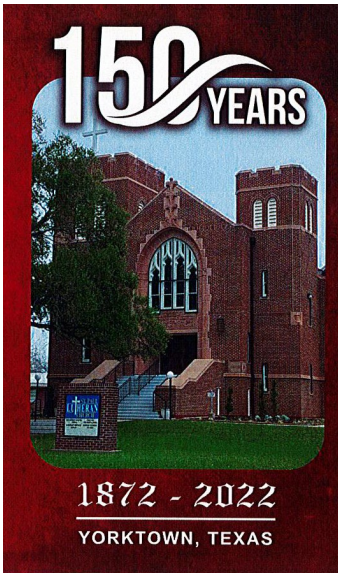
September 19, 2022



St. Paul has a new mailing address! Please address any church correspondence to:

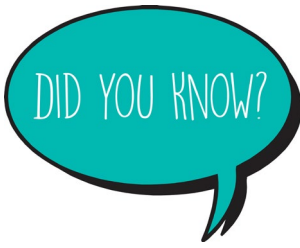
234 N. Gohmert St., Suite A.

Special thanks to Bill Klaevemann for constructing our new mailbox!



Congregational Group Picture

Our Congregational group picture date has changed. We will be taking our photo on the day of our 150th Celebration, October 30th.



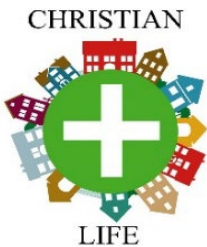
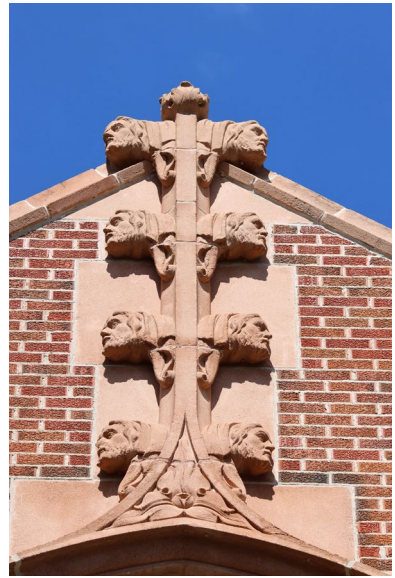
-Loans to be paid off for the 1872 church sanctuary had to be

paid off in gold and silver coin.

-There was a lawsuit against the founders for lack of loan payment in a timely manner.

-The eight heads represent the eight city churches St. Paul established

-The current church building was placed in service in 1931. There occurred the baptism of Wilbert Henry Sauermilch on June 7, 1931 in Sunday's church service. He is a 91 year old member currently residing in Victoria, Texas.



Please join us for a Potluck Lunch!! Christian Life is hosting a potluck on Sunday, September 18 at 11:30 am. Come and join in the fun! If you would like, you may bring a dessert.

See you then!



The Youth had a great time at their swim party!





Letters from Confirmation Youth to St. Paul Lutheran

Parker-I had a great time at camp! I had fun with my friends. I had fun swimming. I wish it was longer. I

would go back again . Thank you for giving me this opportunity. The staff was very nice and the counselor (Hannah) me and Allie had a fun time talking in her bunk. I wish there were animals. Thank you again.

Kaylor -Thank you for sending me to this camp. The swimming was very fun. It was fun when we played volleyball and all the other games.

Kendall-Thank you for sending me to the camp I am at. It was so much fun.

Kellan-Thanks for sending me to camp. It was very fun and full of experiences. My favorite activity was gaga ball. So thanks for sending me!

Palyn-Thank you for sending me and my friends to Camp Chrystalis. I had a great time learning about God. We enjoyed the games and activities we played. My favorite activity at camp was swimming in the creek. We had the opportunity to lead worship during the week. I had fun learning about God. Thank you again for giving me this opportunity.

Allie-Thank you for sending us to camp! We really appreciate it. I know at least I had a great time here. I loved swimming and going down the slide that they had in the creek! We did some pottery and tie-dye. And I'm so excited to go to whatever camp that I go to next year! Whether we come back to this camp again or go to a different camp. Once again, thank you!



Kids come out and paint crosses in the fellowship hall on Sunday, September 11 from 2-4 pm. Light snacks and drinks provided. Sign up sheets are located in the basement or call the church office.

Dear, St. Paul
Thank you so much for giving me the opportunity to go to camp. I had so much fun! I made new friends and learned new skills such as archery, wood carving, how to tie-dye, and much more. The memories are some that I will never forget.

Thank you
St. Paul!!

♥ Piper Ruston

St. Paul Lutheran Church was represented at the Back to School Bash held at the City Park on August 11, 2022. Special thanks to Hope Jendrzey for organizing and to Penny Sievers, Linda Peyton and Pastor Tim for lending a hand!





Dear St. Paul Lutheran Church,

Thank you for the generous scholarship! I will put it to good use by obtaining my mathematics degree at UTSA. I would also like to thank the congregation members that donated extra money to the class of 2022 graduates. It is deeply appreciated and will help with our futures. Thanks again for supporting the congregational youth.

Sincerely,
Brooke Turner

Flu Shot Clinic



Kraege Drug Store and the Social Concerns Committee will be holding a Flu Shot clinic on Monday, September 26, 2022. More information to come in the weekly Sunday bulletins.



Youth Fundraiser

Camp offers a strong faith experience to the youth. The youth would like to try and raise the money for camp next year so more youth can attend. But we need your help. Starting Rally Day, be on the lookout for "THE MONEY WALL". You will find a poster with lots of envelopes labeled \$1-\$100. All

you will need to do is select an envelope and put at least that amount inside the envelope. We will also have blank envelopes if you want to make a special donation. Please make sure your name is on the envelope so that it may go towards your contribution statement. You can drop your donation envelopes in the offering plate or drop them off in the office. We will collect until Sept. 25th. If you have any questions, contact Kim Gaus.



I thank you to everyone who contributed food to the reception following Mom's funeral. It was greatly appreciated.

*Kimberly Hahn
Shirley Janssen Mueller
Bernice Geffert
Kathie Lehner
Lyn Janssen
Patricia Meeks
Courtney Kulik
Lorna Borgfeld
Karen Wiser
Laura Sanders
Velma Moritz*

Special thanks to the ladies who organized the reception and served our family: Lyn Janssen, Laura Sanders, Karen Wiser, and Kathie Lehner

**You made such a difference,
and it is so deeply appreciated.**



*God Bless each of you!
The family of
Mary Ann Pfeiffer*

The Learning Garden News!



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 or even Volunteer.
361-564-9444



THANK
YOU

The Learning Garden Children, Families, Staff, & Board would like to give a special thank you to Mr. Heil for taking the time to fix our benches on the playground. We really appreciate it and you did an

outstanding job. They look great!

Play, Learn, & Grow Summer Festival:

Thank you to everyone that came out to our Festival on July 30, 2022. There was a total of 5 organizations that came out to give resources to families and guests. Those organizations included the DeWitt-Lavaca Special Education Cooperative, Region 3 ECI, Mid-Coast Family Services, Maximus, Inc., & The Cuero-DeWitt County Health Department. K's Kitchen and Kona Ice were set up in the parking lot serving food and snow cones. We even had B. Bob and Bunny the Clowns doing face painting and making balloon animals. We had 21 door prizes and announced winners every hour. We also filled 5 large storage containers for the children of Uvalde that have been delivered. Our Bookfair sold a total of \$740.10 books. We received \$139.31 in Scholastic Dollars to purchase books for our classrooms. The Blood Mobile had a great turnout. 17 Heroes showed up and 14 were able to give blood. They collected 17 units in total on a goal of 20 for 85%. The event alone could help nearly 50 patients. This was the 2nd largest blood drive in all of South Texas on that Saturday. 3 of the units collected were O blood types and 3 donors were first timers!

Silent Auction Basket Winners:

Infants: Ladies Night In ~ Morgan Cano

Toddlers: Sweet & Salty ~ Johanna Warwas

Twos: Family Game Night ~ Mallie Stanchos

Preschool: Movie Night ~ Shannon Franke

School Age: Spa Day ~ Megan Fielding

Office: Everything's Better When You're Tailgating ~ Tracie Fielding

Thank you for your continued support for The Learning Garden.

Registration:

The Learning Garden is currently enrolling for the Fall. If you are interested in sending your child or know someone who would like to send their child have them contact the Learning Garden office.

Parent Orientation:

Our date for Parent Orientation will be September 6th @ 6:30pm. 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.

TLG Closed for Staff Development Day:

We will be closed Friday, September 2nd for a staff development day. Our staff will be in trainings, meetings, and working in classrooms this day.

Scheduled trainings for the day are: Stop the Bleed Training, Active Shooter Training (Lock Down Training), and Family/Personnel Handbook Training.

TLG Closed for Labor Day:

Dear God, on this Labor Day, we give You thanks for all those who work in stores and markets, in mines and fields, on ships and planes, in the armed forces, in factories and warehouses, in hospitals and churches, in offices and classrooms. God, we benefit from the labor of so many people, many of whom we



never see. Thank You for their good work and faithful service. And thank You for our market economy that provides jobs and benefits to so many people. May our work always glorify You. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Happy Grandparent’s Day:



Dear Lord,
We thank you for our grandparents who have played such an important role in our lives. We remember with joy all of the time we spend together doing simple things like fishing, puzzles, baking, taking a walk, reading a story, and learning about life. Thank you for the privilege of hearing their stories of life in another time and place that inspires us to work hard, be patient, courageously endure hard times and to dare to follow our dreams. We are forever grateful for the wisdom and stability they provide when we felt our world was falling apart. They are a great gift and we are so thankful for our grandparents. Amen

Enrollment: 48 (Waitlist 5)

Class	Enrolled	Waitlist	Teachers
Infants	6	3	Samantha Daulley, Emily Julian, Leticia Pena, & Melissa Coley
Toddlers	10	1	Brianna Guerra, Tracie Dennis, & Cyara Valdez
Twos	10	0	Megan Valdez, Destiny Felan, & Amy Rodriguez
Preschool	9	1	Megan Fielding, Cathy Morehead, & Andi Wolf
Prekindergarten	5	0	Cassandra Slade
After School	9	0	Leticia Pena

Staff:
Director: Tracie Fielding
Assistant Director: Shawn Williams
Cook: Debbie Navarro

Substitutes: Virginia Naranjo
Housekeeping: Elida Cruz



We keep in our prayers the family and friends of:

Joyce Hoefling – who passed away July 29, 2022. Services were held August 3, 2022.

Mary Ann Pfeifer – who passed away August 3, 2022. Services were held August 7, 2022.

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

★ A SPECIAL ★
DEDICATION

In honor of Aggie Arnold's Birthday– Oromo Mission Fund
Jesse & Linda Hurta



In memory of Belinda Afflerbach – Building

Jerry & Debbie Yount and Family

In memory of Richard Boerm – Building

Kermit & Doris Koehler

In memory of Christian Buendel Family – Parking Lot

Helen Breed

In memory of Alice Deason – Building

Kermit & Doris Koehler

In memory of Michael Fanelli – Parking Lot

Helen Breed

In memory of Joyce Hoefling – Building

Ricky & Judy Hilbrich

Tommy & Eva Stehling

Beth K. Sievers

Ann Adix

Gerald & Shirley Karnei

Hope Jendrzey

In memory of Joyce Hoefling – Building, cont'd

Charles & Wanda Styra	David & Patsy Ibrom
Rick & Peggy Savage	Mary Lee Kozielski
Barbara Carson	Joseph Jendrzey
Mandy Hahn & Matt Carlsen	Margie Sims
Lambert & Verda Mae Styra	Bill & Carolyn Bargmann
Caroline M. Blain	Douglas & Wanda Franke
Dennis Henze	The Larry Serold Family
Betsy Schulze	Redbird Ranch
Kermit & Doris Koehler	Angie Stepanski
Renae Pierce	Dorothy Mayfield
James & Wanda Rohan and Family	Mary Hilbrich
Ronnie Afflerbach	Boyd & Pam Weise
Jerry & Debbie Yount and Family	Bill & Debbie Niemeier
Bryon & Barbara Cramer	Barbara Kerlick
Aaron & Erin Koopmann	Don & Susan Wieland
Ruby Warzecha	
Joseph & Danette Respondek and Sons	

In memory of Joyce Hoefling – CEM

Steven & Debbie Kneese	Gail Riedesel
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In memory of Joyce Hoefling – Cemetery

Bernice Geffert

In memory of Joyce Hoefling – Landscaping

Clay & Robin Caran

In memory of Joyce Hoefling – Oromo Mission Fund

Jay & Sandra Heil

In memory of Joyce Hoefling – Parking Lot Fund

Laurie Barfield	Michael & Kim Blaschke
Mallie Stanchos	Jesse & Linda Hurta
Arlen & Kathie Fehner	Jim & Judy Noster

In memory of Joyce Hoefling – Radio

Dr. & Mrs. John Frels

In memory of Joyce Hoefling – Senior Scholarship Fund

Charles & Bonnie Riedesel

In memory of Joyce Hoefling – Youth Summer Camp

John Dale Hurst

In memory of Michael Janssen – Building

Kermit & Doris Koehler

In memory of Don Jones – Building

Helen Breed

In memory of Emma Koehler – Building

Helen Breed

In memory of Lenny Moore – Building

Dennis Henze

In memory of Mary Ann Pfeifer – Building

Angie Stepanski

Donna Karnei

Alex Bock

Robert & Lorene Migura

Robert & Dorothy Ckudre

James & Brenda Nash

Boyd & Pam Weise

Kay W. Johnson

In memory of Mary Ann Pfeifer – Oromo Mission Fund

Jay & Sandra Heil

In memory of Mary Ann Pfeifer – Parking Lot Fund

Mallie Stanchos

Arlen & Kathie Fehner

Michael & Kim Blaschke

Helen Breed

Jim & Judy Noster

In memory of Mary Ann Pfeifer – Radio

Dr. & Mrs. John Frels

In memory of Leo Semper – Cemetery

Sherry Metting

In memory of Leo Semper – Parking Lot Fund

Helen Breed

In memory of Manuel Serrano – Building

Ricky & Judy Hilbrich

In memory of Manuel Serrano – Oromo Mission Fund

Jay & Sandra Heil

In memory of Manuel Serrano – Parking Lot Fund

Michael & Kim Blaschke

Jim & Judy Noster

In memory of Frank Simecek – Building

Renae Pierce

In memory of Lynn Von Dolen – Building

Connie & Aggie Arnold

In memory of Gregario Yanez – Parking Lot

Jim & Judy Noster

In memory of JoAnn Young – Building

Kermit & Doris Koehler

~Gifts in memory and in honor of are as of August 22, 2022.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

SEPTEMBER 2022

Sunday, September 4, 2022-13th Sunday after Pentecost

First Lesson: Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Psalm: Psalm 1

Second Lesson: Philemon 1-21

Gospel: Luke 14:25-33



Sunday, September 11, 2022-14th Sunday after Pentecost

First Lesson: Exodus 32:7-14

Psalm: Psalm 51:1-11

Second Lesson: 1 Timothy 1:12-17

Gospel: Luke 15:1-10



Sunday, September 18, 2022-15th Sunday after Pentecost

First Lesson: Amos 8:4-7

Psalm: Psalm 113

Second Lesson: 1 Timothy 2:1-7

Gospel: Luke 16:1-13



Sunday, September 25, 2022-16th Sunday after Pentecost

First Lesson: Amos 6:1a, 4-7

Psalm: Psalm 146

Second Lesson: 1 Timothy 6:6-19

Gospel: Luke 16:19-31



Puzzle!

Search for and circle all the bold words from Psalm 18:2, which reminds us where we find our strength.

The **LORD** is **MY ROCK**, my **FORTRESS** and my **DELIVERER**; my **GOD** is my rock, in whom I **TAKE REFUGE**. **HE** is my **SHIELD** and the **HORN** of my **SALVATION**, my **STRONGHOLD**.

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