

GOOD NEWS



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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.*



With school starting and all the extracurricular activities getting underway, many of us start focusing our attention to children. As parents, grandparents, teachers, and mentors we want the best for our children. We want to encourage all

children grow up healthy, smart, creative, and full in the wisdom of God. I came across the writing and would like to share it with you.

101 WAYS TO PRAISE A CHILD

Wow... Way to Go... Super... You're Special... Outstanding... Well done... Remarkable... I know you could do it... I'm Proud of you... Fantastic... Superstar... Nice work... Looking good... You're on top of it... Beautiful... Now you're flying... You're catching on... Now you've got it... You're incredible... You're on target... You're on your way... How nice... How smart... Good job... That's incredible... Hot dog!... Dynamite... Nothing can stop you now... Good for you... Remarkable job... Beautiful work... spectacular... You're daring... You're precious... Great discovery... You've discovered the secret... You figured it out... Fantastic job... Hip hip hooray... Bingo... Magnificent... Marvelous... Terrific... You're important... Phenomenal... You're sensational... Super work... Creative job... Super job... Fantastic job... Exceptional performance... Responsible... You learned it right... You are exciting... What an imagination... You're growing up... You tried hard... You care... Beautiful sharing... Outstanding performance... You're a good friend... You're a delight... I trust you... You're important... You mean a lot to me... You make me happy... You belong... You've got a friend... You make me laugh... You're a pleasure... You brighten my day... I respect you... You mean the world to me... Very clever... You have some fine qualities... You behaved well... You're reliable... Admirable Work... I knew I could count on you... You're great... Excellent... That's first rate... exemplary behavior... How considerate... I enjoy you... Spectacular... Tremendous... You are delightful... You're developing into a fine person... That's correct... You're a joy... You're a treasure... You're wonderful... You're Perfect... Awesome... A+ job... You're A-OK... My buddy... You make my day (Kiss)... I love you! (hug)...

And the most important --You are a child of God.

Remember a smile is worth a thousand words!

Your Pastor,
Tim W Muehlbrad

THE FAMILY CIRCUS



"We learned the fourth commandment:
'Honor thy father and thy mother.' "



DIRECTOR OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Rally Day Thanks!

Thank you to all the Rally Day helpers, youth and adult worship leaders, Sunday School Teachers, Fellowship workers in the kitchen, and Confirmation Parents for a great day together. Thanks, also, to the children and youth that brought backpacks to be blessed. The Summer Lone Star Campers want to thank you for your support in sending them to camp! We have “Rallied Around the Church and the Lord” and we are off to a great start!

A New Sunday School Curriculum!

Due to a change in the use of versions of the bible for our current curriculum choice, we will be changing our Sunday School curriculum for the coming year. We will be switching to curriculum from the SOLA Publishing Company which affiliates itself with the LCMC (Lutheran Churches in Mission for Christ). The Preschool will be using the “All God’s Critters” curriculum which covers Bible Stories that have animals in them. The Elementary classes will be using SEED (Sola Electronic Education Database). It will cover stories throughout the year from the bible in stories from Genesis to Revelation.

SOLA follows the ESV version (English Standard Version) of the bible which is considered a highly accurate translation to the original language of biblical texts.

We are looking forward to an exciting year with this curriculum and we look forward to sharing and enjoying the stories of the bible with the children!

A Brief Note on Pittsburgh

The Lutheran Week in Pittsburgh for the NALC was a good event. The Theological Conference concerned itself with, “How to be the Church in today’s society”. It had some interesting insights. Look for some of those insights next month!

NALC National Youth Gathering News!

One piece of information that came out of Pittsburgh was further information on the National Youth Gathering next Summer July 7-10 in Roanoke, Virginia. Some of it was a surprise as they are opening registration sometime in October (no specific date to start 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) It is for youth 12-18 years of age. 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 as soon as possible!



CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING
ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH
August 12, 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, Jay Heil, Larry Gohmert, Pam Hoefling, Jill Turner, Ashleigh Peyton, Susan Franke, and Pastor Tim Muehlbrad. Terry Carmichael was also in attendance.
2. **DEVOTION-** Larry Gohmert opened the meeting with prayer.
3. **MINUTES-** Pam Hoefling made a motion to accept the July 8, 2025, minutes as presented. Jay Heil seconded the motion. The motion carried.
4. **REPORTS-**

- a. **Treasurer/Stewardship-** Calvin Bruns provided a written report.
- b. **Parish Education-** Jill Turner reported:
 - 1. Vacation Bible school was July 21st through 25th. Both the Presbyterian and Methodist Churches participated. We averaged 74 kids: 54 big kids and 20 in the nursery. The Bible School offering was \$772 and was donated to the Kerrville flood victims.
 - 2. The new curriculum for Sunday School is in. Terry is working on getting a color printer for the basement, so the lessons can be printed out. The new curriculum will start on September 7th.
 - 3. Rally Day will be August 17th.
 - 4. The last day of summer Sunday School Classes will be August 24th.
 - 5. No Sunday School Class on August 31st for Labor Day weekend.
- c. **Youth Committee Report-** Laurey Garcia reported:
 - 1. The annual swim party at the Cuero pool and splash pad had approximately 40 people in attendance, 26 of whom were children. Adyn Garcia did the prayer before our meal. The kids had a blast swimming and running around on the splash pad.
 - 2. The Back 2 School Bash was Wednesday, August 6th, from 6:30-8:30 PM at the park. This was the first time FFF has been able to participate in the B2S Bash. Aydn Garcia, Molly, Abigail, and Baily Gaus handed out cotton candy for FFF. Mrs. Gaus and I handed out pencil bags (Evangelism/Outreach) and popcorn for St. Paul as Pastor, Terry, and Wade Bolting were attending the NALC Lutheran Week in Pittsburgh.
 - 3. Our next committee meeting will be on Tuesday, August 26, 2025, at 6 PM.
- d. **DCE-** Terry Carmichael reported:

1. Besides the normal duties (Childcare Chapels, Sunday School, and other duties), the following were accomplished:
2. Performed with PT & Friends on 7/27.
3. Attended Camp Lone Star in La Grange, TX from 7/13-7/18 with Ashleigh Peyton and a total number of 14 campers (2 boys and 12 girls). The campers will share some of their experiences at the 8/16 church service and then during Rally Day Worship on 8/17.
4. Have been preparing the summer Sunday School Curriculum, music choices, schedule, and have been copying all the lessons for all the Sundays in the summer.
5. Have been providing teachers who have signed up to lead the summer Sunday School sessions with materials and supplies.
6. Have been teaching several summer classes on Sundays when there were no teachers signed up to teach the classes.
7. Met with Jill Turner, the preschool teachers, and elementary school Sunday School teachers on some of the best curriculum choices for Sunday School. After reviewing three choices, they agreed they preferred the SOLA (LCMC Publishing House) Curriculum. The preschool will have books for the teachers, and the elementary school curriculum, called SEED, will be an online/downloadable curriculum. These will need to be downloaded.
8. Assisted with Vacation Bible School from July 21st-25th by leading the openings and closings with Sadie Schustereit and assisting Pastor and the music team with the music center.
9. Have been preparing for Rally Day on 8/17.
10. Attended the NALC Lutheran Week activities from August 4th-8th in Pittsburgh, PA. It was an uplifting event, and the weather was wonderful (highs in the

mid-70s and lows dipping into the 50s one morning).

- e. **Worship-** No report provided.
- f. **Evangelism/Outreach-** Wade Bolting reported:
 - 1. Since our last meeting, I have mailed out two postcards to visitors to our church.
 - 2. Laurey Garcia passed out pencil bags, which contained a pencil, a little spiral notebook, an eraser, and a bookmark at the Back to School Bash.
 - 3. A ¼-page football program ad was purchased from the school advertising St. Paul.
 - 4. We purchased a Booster Club Sponsorship for \$600.00 for banners on the football field and the softball field that advertise St. Paul. With the sponsorship, we also receive 12 free passes to games throughout the year, a cap, a visor, and a wildcat flag.
 - 5. I went to the NALC Convocation in Pittsburgh, PA with Pastor, Terry, and Mary Lea Pfenninger, and Walter Pfenninger.
- g. **Social Concerns-** Susan Franke reported:
 - 1. Assistance was provided to 3 individuals in July 2025.
 - a. Provided help for two individuals with water bill (\$200.00)
 - b. Provided help for one person with rent (\$100.00)
- h. **Christian Life-** Pam Hoefling reported:
 - 1. We enjoyed “Coffee and Donuts” on the plaza after the July 20th service.
- i. **Property-** Larry Gohmert Reported:
 - 1. Schroeder Air Conditioning has received the equipment needed to replace the failed air conditioner in the church. They are currently very busy due to the August heat and the start of school. If we reach the point where we need the new equipment installed immediately, they will move us to the head of the line. But for now, they are

asking us to be patient while they work through their backlog.

2. The elevator is still out of commission. I must admit to being totally unimpressed by the technicians who are being sent to “maintain” it and repair it. Not certain where we go from here, but we have sure had a lot of downtime.
- j. **Cemetery**- No report provided.
- k. **C.E.M.** Tracie Fielding provided a written report.
- l. **Pastor**-
 1. Professional activities during **July** 2025:
 - a. 8 Worship Services
 - b. 2 Hospital visits
 - c. 5 Home Visits
 - d. 5 Educational Events
 - e. 6 Church Meetings and Events
 - f. 3 Professional Meetings
 - g. 1 Week of Vacation Bible School
 2. Official Acts during **July** 2025
 - a. 7/3 Wedding of Colin Metting (nm) and Jessica Beltran (nm)
 - b. 7/19 Memorial Service of Dianne Moore (nm)

5. **OLD BUSINESS**

- a. The elevator continues to be out of commission. Stephen Hoefling spoke to the last elevator service repairman, who suggested analyzing the itemized list in the bid provided by the elevator company to see what parts need to be replaced.

6. **NEW BUSINESS**

- a. No new business to report.

7. **CLOSING**- Jay Heil made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Larry Gohmert seconded the motion. The motion carried, and the meeting closed with the Lord’s Prayer.

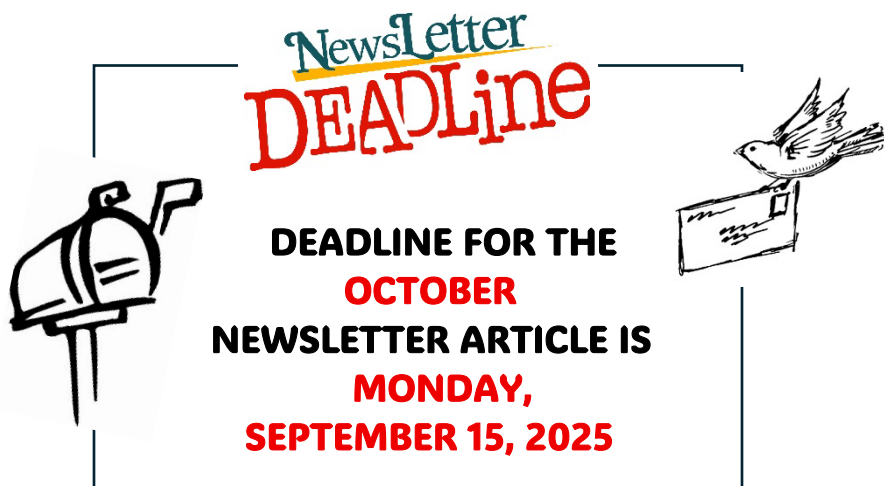
Respectfully submitted,
Ashleigh Peyton

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

Financial Report

GENERAL FUND		YTD 2025	BUILDING FUND		YTD 2025
Beginning Balance		\$43,881.83	Beginning Balance		\$112,059.71
Income		\$393,548.00	Income		\$59,982.36
Expenses		(\$399,982.93)	Expenses		(\$120,565.63)
Ending Balance		\$37,446.90	Ending Balance		\$51,476.44
Totals as of 8/19/2025					
Investment w/ LPL Financial:					
\$104,494.33					



NewsLetter
DEADLine

DEADLINE FOR THE
OCTOBER
NEWSLETTER ARTICLE IS
MONDAY,
SEPTEMBER 15, 2025



Upcoming Christian Life Events:

September 21, 2025 – Potluck lunch

October 26, 2025 – Potluck Lunch

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!



Guitar Lessons

Pastor Tim will be offering a class for those who would like to learn to play guitar. The class is open to adults and children. Students need to be strong enough to press and hold the strings on a guitar and be committed to practicing. We will meet once a week for half an hour starting on Wednesday, August 27 at 5:30 pm. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Pastor Tim.



YOUTH CHAT

SEPTEMBER 2025

GRANDPARENTS DAY

WE LOVE OUR
GRANDPARENTS!
LET THE YOUTH CELEBRATE YOU!
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH

@ 10:15

JOIN US IN THE FELLOWSHIP
HALL

??NEED SOME HELPING
HANDS??

Help the youth meet
their goal by letting us
help you!

If you need a little
assistance at your
place give Mrs. Laurey
a call or text,
(361)319-3130, so we
can schedule a time to
come and give you a
hand!

YOUTH WORK DAY

Calling all youth!

Come help clean and polish the
pews in our sanctuary! We will
beautify our church while
making money to build our
sports court!
Saturday, September 27th @
10AM.

FFF MENU

9/3 - Chicken Fried Rice,
egg rolls & dessert

9/10 - Chicken Alfredo,
corn & dessert

9/17 - Pizza, crazy bread &
dessert

9/24 - Chicken quesadillas
w/ sides & dessert



YOU ARE INVITED TO
A GRANDPARENTS DAY

CELEBRATION

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH

10:15 A.M.

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN FELLOWSHIP HALL

Please join us for a light breakfast
hosted by the youth to show our love and
appreciation for all our grandparents! We
give thanks for each and every one of
you!



St. Paul Lutheran Church,



Thank You

for hosting the Yorktown Community
VBS "Road Trip"! What an amazing
week being "On the Go with God".
First Presbyterian Church sincerely
appreciates all the time, work,
and effort put in for this
wonderful event.

Laurel + Roland Burns

Curtis + Terilyn Zeng

Jeffery + Marlene Klein + family

Cy, Cayla + Paisley Strieber

Lane + Jacque Strieber

Cady Adrienne Hazel Emmett Wrenly Schendel

Norma Schendel

Pastor Michael + Amy Smith

Bobby + Patty Strieber + Annie



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Dear Church Members,

I want to thank every member for the more than generous scholarship you awarded to me. My scholarship monies have helped me with the fall, 2025 tuition at Texas A&M University.

St. Paul Lutheran Church will always be my home church and I look forward to returning for services in the near future. Again, thank you all for giving me the 2025 scholarship.

Regards,

Trent Foerster

Trent Foerster



VBS 2025





























Camp Lone Star 2025













In memory of James Autrey – Youth Building

Jay & Sandra Heil

In memory of Laurie Barfield – Senior Scholarship

Oleta Pattillo

In memory of Jenny Hilbrich – Building

Mary Hilbrich & Family

In memory of Alvin Sturm – Building

Barbara Kerlick

~Gifts in memory and in honor of are as of August 19, 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: 64

Class	Number of Children	Waitlist	Staff
Infants	4	2	Stacie & Leticia
Toddlers	8	0	BeVianna & Cyara
Twos	12	0	Hailey & Lily
Preschool	15	0	Brianna & Tamara
Prekindergarten	0	0	Cassandra & Audrey
After School	14	0	Jasmine & Megan
Drop Ins	11	0	

Director: Tracie

Cook: Debbie

Summer Helpers: Malaysia

Assistant Director: Shawn

Substitutes: Melissa

Curriculum:

Week of	Toddlers/Twos	Preschool	Prekindergarten	Bible
9/1/2025	All About Me: My Face	Awesome Me: Physical Me	My School & Me: This Way to Pre-K!	We Worship God/How and Why We Worship Psalm 100:1
9/8/2025	All About Me: My Senses	Awesome Me: Feeling Me	My School & Me: Physical Me	God Creates Night Day, Sun, Moon, Stars Creation 1 Genesis 1:10b
9/15/2025	All About Me: Arms, Hands, and Fingers	Awesome Me: Social Me	My School & Me: My Senses	God Creates Land and Water Creation 2 Genesis 1:10b
9/22/2025	All About Me: Legs, Feet, and Toes	Awesome Me: Curious Me	My school & Me: I Think, I Feel	God Creates Vegetation Creation 3 Genesis 1:10b

Activities for the Month:

- September 1st: Labor Day/TLG Closed
- September 5th: Reading with Grandparents
- September 7th: Grandparents Day
- September 11th: Patriot's Day
- September 22nd: First Day of Autumn



SCRIPTURE READINGS

SEPTEMBER 2025

Sunday, September 7, 2025 – 13th Sunday after Pentecost



First Lesson: Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Psalm: Psalm 1

Second Lesson: Philemon 1-21

Gospel: Luke 14:25-35

Sunday, September 14, 2025 – 14th Sunday after Pentecost

First Lesson: Ezekiel 34:11-24

Psalm: Psalm 119:169-176

Second Lesson: 1 Timothy 1:[5-11] 12-17

Gospel: Luke 15:1-10



Sunday, September 21, 2025 – 15th Sunday after Pentecost



First Lesson: Amos 8:4-7

Psalm: Psalm 113

Second Lesson: 1 Timothy 2:1-15

Gospel: Luke 16:1-15

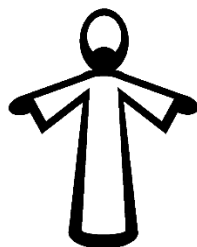
Sunday, September 28, 2025 – 16th Sunday after Pentecost

First Lesson: Amos 6:1-7

Psalm: Psalm 146

Second Lesson: 1 Timothy 3:1-13

Gospel: Luke 16:19-31



Puzzle!

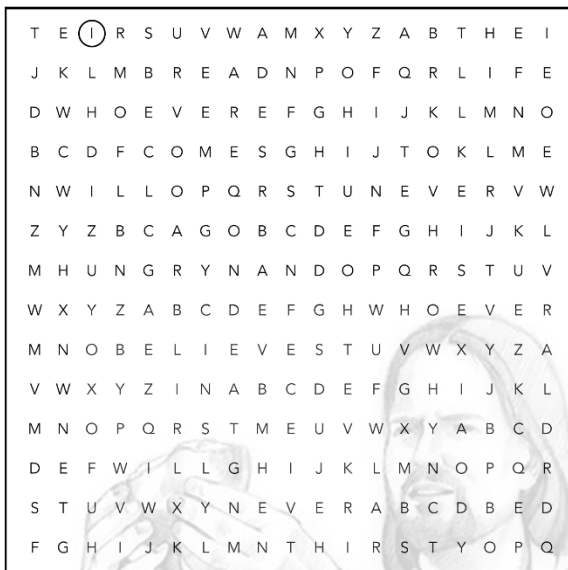
Find and circle all the words horizontally. Then, starting on the top line and moving across from left to right, read John 6:35 (NIV). Put the words in order on the spaces below to complete the Bible verse.

JOHN 6:35

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WORD LIST

am and be believes bread comes in whoever
hungry go life me me never to never the the of will
will thirsty whoever



"I _____

_____."

- John 6:35, NIV

Answer: "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty." John 6:35, NIV

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