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**Sunday morning worship at 8:00 and 10:30 a.m.**

**9:15 a.m. Bible Study Hour**

**We are continuing to live stream both services on our website and Facebook.**



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# *The Epistle*

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**Paul Owens, Senior Pastor**

As Pastor Chip has accepted the call to serve First English Lutheran Church in Victoria, we say a warm goodbye to the Reynolds family and pray God's peace for them. We will miss them, and yet we are very happy for them. Our church Council has already interviewed and approved an interim pastor. Pastor Dan Cave retired a few months ago and is in the process of moving from Michigan to Seguin, where he and his wife Kathy have two grandchildren. We hope to have Pastor Dan on board part-time by September 1.

Our Call Committee is a great group: Melissa Ewald, Tex Brown (vice chair), Paul Luckemeyer, Gary Steel, Becky Toepfich, James Walker, Chip Franck (chair). They are off to a strong start and have posted not one but two pastoral positions. I thank the Lord for both our Council and the Call Committee.

Please pray with me: *Great is your faithfulness, O Lord; for nearly 100 years your living Word has continued to be sufficient for the people whom you call to be St. Paul Lutheran Church. You have brought us to this day and you have won eternity for us in Christ. Thank you! Now we humbly ask for ears and decisions that heed your guidance so that we may walk with confidence in the way that you have already prepared for us, helping more families follow Jesus; in His name we pray. Amen.*



**David Doss, President**

We'll Miss You Pastor Chip

July 25, 2021 is the day we said farewell to Pastor Chip. He has now moved on to his new congregation in Victoria. What a blessing it was that God allowed Pastor Chip to spend the time he did with St. Paul Lutheran before calling him to spread the Gospel in another place. We are sad to see him go but when God calls, we all better be ready to answer. Running the other way didn't turn out so well for Jonah-a good lesson to learn.

I've spoken to some members of the congregation that are upset that he is leaving. That is understandable. Change is not always easy. However, I also looked at some Facebook posts that were posted by the congregants in Victoria. They are overjoyed with the excitement and anticipation of Pastor Chip leading them. Their joy gave me a whole new perspective on what we've done at St. Paul and what we'll continue to do: Help Families Follow Jesus. We're not only doing it here in Comal County but we're now doing it in Victoria! Praise God!

In Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians, chapter 8, he commends the church in Corinth on their generosity. Sharing our wealth (whether it be time, money, talents, or expertise) is what we're called to do. St. Paul Lutheran used our Spiritual Gifts to help Pastor Chip grow his God given talents. He is now able to pastor a flock in Victoria.

Well done, good and faithful servants of St. Paul. Let's do it again!! (Foot stomping and listening for an "Amen!")

The church now has a Call Committee formed and we're also in the process of bringing in an interim pastor.

These are exciting times here at St. Paul and for Christ's Church overall. With God's Grace we can keep this momentum going!

*As a Christ-centered, Gospel-driven Congregation, we are called by our Lord Jesus to go and make disciples of all nations. We will be a congregation that engages people in order to help families follow Jesus.*

- \* Promote a culture of family ... supporting home prayer & Bible study with parents as key teachers
- \* Increase our outreach and mission presence outside our walls\* Strive for excellence in spiritual leadership



### Surviving Adolescence Faith Stepping Stone



Sundays  
August 8, 15 and 22  
9:15-10:15 a.m.  
Chapel

Surviving Adolescence  
Faith Stepping Stone  
is for incoming 6th graders  
and their parents.



### Simply Engaging Sunday

Sunday, August 29  
9-10:30 a.m. and 11:30-Noon

Mark your calendar for Simply Engaging Sunday. Snacks will be served. Simply Engaging Sunday kicks-off learning about new classes offered and places where you can plug in and get involved. Come discover more about:

- Sunday School
- Meet the teacher for children
- Volunteer opportunities
- Small groups

### Slumber Falls



What a great time at Slumber Falls! We had 50 children and 15 volunteers learning how they are built for a purpose. "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope." -Jeremiah 29:11

We developed relationships with each other and with God through activities such as: Bible adventures, science activities, games, gaga ball and swimming.

### Chip Reynolds, Pastor



There are not enough words to say "Thank You" for the outpouring of love that you have shown me and my family in the last few weeks. We are so grateful for our time here and we will keep you in our prayers. We ask that you do the same for us. Until we see each other again.

In His arms,  
PC

### Grandma's Stocking Guild



Although Grandma's Stocking Guild will not be hosting a workshop this August, we will still be making stockings for foster children throughout Central Texas. If you can hand-sew or machine-sew stockings, please call Suzi Casey at (830) 708-3621 or Elsie Albritton at (830) 629-4958. We can arrange for you to pick up stocking kits.

### August Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God by:



August 1 - Ken & Joyce Voss  
August 8 - Open  
August 15 - Scott & Jenna Collinsworth  
August 22 - Rebecca Krogness  
August 29 - Open

If you are interested in providing altar flowers, please check the flower calendar on the bulletin board in the Lobby for available dates or you can call the church office at (830) 625-9191. Thank you!

### SPLC Special Women's Event

## *A Celebration of Joy*

Sunday, August 15, 2021

4 PM-6:30 PM

Bring a friend or two!

RSVP: [www.nbstpaul.org/joy](http://www.nbstpaul.org/joy)

Light Meal Served/Childcare will be provided

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### Birthday Greetings

The St. Paul Staff began sending birthday cards in July to our congregants that are 90(+) years young. We are so happy to celebrate you. If you are turning 90 (+) years, please call the church office so we can update your birthday in our records. Then wait for a greeting to come your way. If you have questions, please call Alison in the church office at (830) 625-9191.



*Happy Birthday*

### Men's Roundup



August 10  
6:00 p.m.  
Krause's Café

Dr. Kendrick Kahler, Guest Speaker

Tickets available:  
[www.mensroundup.org](http://www.mensroundup.org)

### Calling All Prayerful Congregants



We are looking for more congregants to join our In-person Prayer Group. This group has been established for 20 years and it is vital to our ministry at St. Paul. We gather to pray for our church, community, and others. It is about 1 hour of your time each week. The group can decide the day and time to meet. For more information, please contact Alison in the church office at (830) 625-9191. "For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them." - Matthew 18:20 NIV