



Paul Owens, Senior Pastor

“Christ is before all things, and in him all things hold together... See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ.” Paul in Colossians 1.17;2.8

My friend, Linda, fell captive to philosophy, the deceit of the devil, and couldn't get herself out of it. She was an intelligent, thoughtful, educated woman. She held a master's degree in education and was a school administrator, wife and mother, a Christian; regular in worship and she liked to paint. In her late 40's, things got sideways for her; trouble arose in her marriage; frustrations mounted. As her marriage struggle continued, she sought life in her work and she disappeared slowly, but quickly from worship. She saw her life fall apart and slid into depression. Her physical health OF COURSE suffered from her sin-sick soul. Linda withdrew; she lived in her bathrobe with the curtains drawn...for 13 years. She went to many doctors, treating her symptoms, and saw only modest improvement. Finally, one doctor said to her: “Linda, what good is it if we cure your body, but don't treat your soul? What if it's time for you to get back to Jesus and his people?” Now THERE is a doctor, a doctor who knows who the true Physician is... a doctor who understood his calling as a minister of Christ. The week after that beloved doctor pointed Linda to the true physician, Linda showed up in our pews. People welcomed her. Jesus welcomed her back. Slowly, but steadily, she reconnected, engaged. Jesus put her life back together. A couple years later I sat with Linda in her living room. She said “O pastor, I remember that day! I drove home from church singing out loud... and I opened all the curtains.”

You, dearly beloved, are a minister: forgiven, called and equipped to preach Christ, not karma, not philosophy, not human tradition... but Christ, the one in whom all things hold together. Your calling starts at home at your own dinner table and your child's bedside... and then ripples out from there into the neighborhood. As you give Christ to your neighbor, you may very well be rejected (don't let that discourage you one bit)... you will also be giving your neighbor reason to throw open all the curtains that the devil closed around them.

Your brother in Christ...Pastor Paul



Tex Brown, President

What a great summer we are in the middle of here in New Braunfels. The cool and wet Spring was awesome and the heat of the summer has yet to truly reach 100 degrees. Now our VBS in June was the best seen to date; our youth have enjoyed Camp Eagle this month and Men's Round Ups have continued to bring 125-150 men together for fellowship, food, and faith talks. Big thanks to all the men of SPLC who continue to be the largest contingency supporting the Round Up events. In June, we had 150 men turnout for retired Gen. Mark Welsh who spoke and challenged us to know "what do you stand for". Christ issues the same challenge to all His believers and His church. July, we had former SF 49er and two time Super Bowl winner, Bruce Collie, speak to over 120 men. Bruce told us about being born again and living a life with Christ at the forefront. We had 20-25 men there for the first time hearing God's word spoken from the podium.

In late June, we held the Congregational meeting in which we elected 5 new Board Chair persons and a new Vice President. Great thanks to the outgoing Board members who gave great service to our congregation the past few years. Kudos to: BJ Hageman, Brad Campbell, Chip Franck, Nancy Schlather, and Danny Zunker. Big welcome onto the Church Council to: David Doss, Nathan Bostick, Tim Cook, Chuck Dicker, Eric Schmidt, and Bobby Warnecke. Thank you for your willingness to serve our church and our Lord!! Many hands make for less work and we have SO many in our congregation who are ready and willing to volunteer their service to meet the needs and challenges of a vibrant church in the mission for Christ.

There are many ways to serve our church as we get ready for the Fall and the new school year. Choir will resume the first Wednesday in August and Jody is always looking for more singers for the choir. Worship Outside the Walls (WOW) this September will be bigger and better than ever as we truly look forward to an evangelistic experience in Landa Park. Also a new Discipleship class will be starting in September and sign ups have already begun. The biggest news is the approval of the additional construction to front of the building to add 6 more classrooms for Bible study and pre-school operations. The SPLC Foundation approved the award of contract and now permits and construction are the next steps. With many classes overflowing we need the space and capability to grow our study of God's word.

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

Rally Day

Mark your calendars! On Sunday, September 1, you will have the opportunity to meet the leaders of the small group Bible studies offered at St. Paul. Come to the Fellowship Hall during the Sunday Bible study time from 9:15 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. to check out all available classes, as well as all volunteer opportunities. You will be able to ask questions and decide where you would best fit.

Fall Sunday School

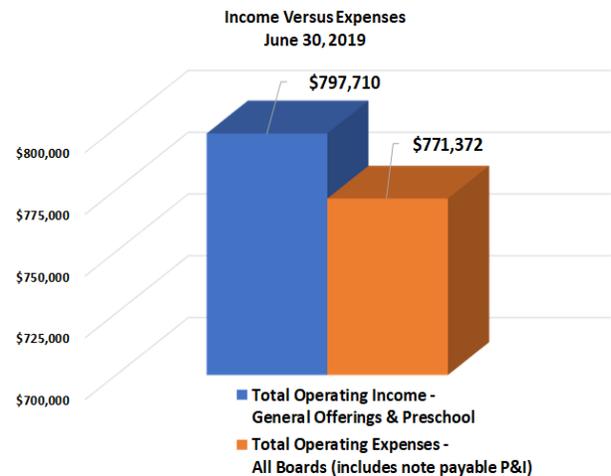
The 2019-2020 Sunday School year kicks off Sunday, September 8th, with an opportunity to meet your child's teacher! There will be games and refreshments. Parents will need to attend to sign-up their child and meet their child's teacher. We are looking forward to a great year!



Plan now to have your Kindergarten-5th grade age child participate in St. Paul's C.L.I.M.B. Kids Club. The kids club will be offered during the fall and spring semester of the school year. Each semester will offer a new 13-week adventure in discovering what it means to live courageously every day as God's disciple. C.L.I.M.B. Kid's Club will resume Wednesday, September 11th. Parents can email climb-kidsclub@gmail.com to request registration forms and receive information as the semester draws nearer.

Worship Outside Our Walls

Congregational Life is working with all church Boards to facilitate a great Worship Outside the Walls on September 22nd in Landa Park. This year we are planning to have many family friendly activities both before and after worship at 10:45 am. We've reserved 2 pavilions and the dance slab; have met for 2 months and have been busy making preparations. We will need several volunteers to help host this event. Our goal is to share the love of Jesus "outside our walls". If you, your Sunday School class or your church activity group would like to be part of this event, please contact M'Lissa Steel (830) 660-9065, any of the Board Chairs, or the church office to let us know. We need help with everything from blowing up balloons to handing out water bottles! Please SAVE THE DATE!



Special Sunday School Hour Event

Mark your calendars now for a very special event! **Jerry and Stacy Kramer, Love for the Least (L4L) Ministries, will be sharing the latest with us on September 8, at 9:15-10:15 in the Fellowship Hall.**

L4L shares the Good News of the Gospel with the least and unreached by making disciples of Jesus who makes disciples (2 Tim 2:2). And by helping to meet the physical needs of the poorest of the poor. The focus has always been on relieving suffering and building new lives among orphans and widows, and now refugees. There are more than 2,000,000 refugees from ISIS in Northern Iraq where L4L is presently serving and providing relief among 30+ refugee villages and many UN refugee camps. L4L's particular focus areas are strategic unreached portions of East Africa and the Middle East where God is moving.



L4L is multi denominational. In the field we make followers of Jesus with no predetermined affiliation. It is up to the Holy Spirit and the local Church as to how they will structure the indigenous Body. Our role is to root them in the Word, seek the Holy Spirit's guiding and teach/model deep discipleship. We define discipleship as following Jesus so closely you look like Him. Everyone who prays, loves, encourages and invests is part of the L4L Movement.

For more information about this amazing couple go to their website: www.lovefortheleast.org or contact Dotty Collins at dotty@postofficerealty.com

Thank You

My family and I would like to thank Pastor Paul and Pastor Chip, our Brothers and Sisters in Christ for the prayers, visits, telephone calls, and food during Ferdy (Jr's) final days in the hospital and nursing home. Also, thank you to the Bereavement Committee for the wonderful reception and everyone that donated the delicious food and helped with the funeral reception so that our family and friends could reminisce about a very special man. Thank you for the many donations, cards, and phone calls after the funeral. We are truly blessed. We are truly grateful and thankful to God for having wonderful Christian family and friends.

The family of Ferdy (Jr.) Jung

August Flowers



August 4 - Eldon & Pamela Henderson
 August 11 - Matt & Michelle Rivera
 August 18 - Pat & Kathy Quade
 Harvey & Erna Haas
 August 25 - Larry & Sue Schwab

Service to St. Paul

We would like to thank the following employees for their years of service and dedication to St. Paul Lutheran Church.

Jennifer Burrows – 7/5/2011 - 8 years
 Stacy Garcia – 7/19/2010 - 9 years
 Michelle Martin – 7/29/2008 - 11 years

Happy Anniversary!!!



St Paul Youth News

SURVIVING ADOLESCENCE
 RETREAT

We will be hosting a retreat for all incoming 6th graders and parents on Saturday, August 17, from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. with lunch provided. Key issues facing teens and their parents and how these issues can place a tremendous strain on their relationship with one another will be addressed. Please make plans to attend with your 6th grader.

For August youth activities, please subscribe to our remind but texting @9k4ce9 to 81010.



Mission Moment

Texas District

by Pastor Bryce Formwalt
 Director of Mission Growth

To read Pastor Bryce's latest article in its entirety, please go to:

<http://www.lcmctexas.org/mission-moment>

Breaking Bread

What's Breaking Bread all about? Building relationships! Sharing a meal with a small group provides a sense of connection and belonging. You may have considered joining, but have just been too busy. Tell me, when does life slow down? So, just jump in and do it. It's not about fancy dinners or impressive homes or any of the material belongings. It's just about meeting fellow church members in a more informal setting.



As I form the groups, I pray and trust the Lord to assign a Host Home with about 4 to 6 others. The group has total control over when, where, how, times, etc. Some meet in the park, some in restaurants, most in homes. We'll start meeting in September and run through December (some chose not to meet that last month because it's so busy). The idea is to rotate homes or venues, share meal responsibilities, and really get to know your group members. With the right number of hosts, we can keep the groups at about 6 so that each group can invite someone else who might be new to church or a neighbor or friend who doesn't have a church home.

Forms for registering will be offered before church August 4, 11, and 18. For more information, contact Dotty Collins at dotty@postofficerealty.com or (830) 708-5198.

Preschool Ministry



Mining for gold has been around ever since humans discovered that first glittering speck of rock. But, there's something that is even better than gold. It's the Bible! The Bible is better than gold! It teaches us that God loves us all the time. It teaches us that God loves us so much He gave us Jesus to be our friend forever. It teaches us how to live our best life. And, it teaches us how to share our belongings. The teachings in the Bible are worth more to us than thousands of pieces of gold and silver. At the end of the day, learning how God, our Creator, wants us to live is worth way more than anything money can buy. The Preschool is going on a treasure hunt! We want to begin to uncover some nuggets of truth and set our preschoolers on a lifelong search for treasure—the kind of treasure that is better

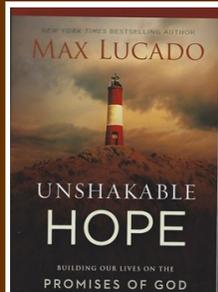


Dave Ramsey's

Financial Peace UNIVERSITY

Financial Peace University (FPU) courses are returning this Fall. Sign up links are now available on our website. Classes will be offered in Room 204 on Sunday's from 9:15 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. and Wednesday's from 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. beginning September 15 & 18 and ending November 10 & 13. Childcare will be available.

Women's Fall Bible Study



The Wednesday evening fall Women's Bible Study will begin Wednesday, September 4 at 6:15 p.m. in Room 216. This 12 session Bible study will be Unshakable Hope, Building Our Lives on the Promises Of God by Max Lucado. There will be a short DVD presentation by Max Lucado, followed by class discussion of the lessons in the study guide. The hard copy book and study guide are \$20.00 for both. Please contact Ola Fischer at (210) 215-9460 (text preferred) if you wish to join us for this study.

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Please join us on Sunday mornings for worship and the Bible study hour:
Traditional Worship 8:00 a.m.; Bible study hour 9:15-10:15 a.m.; Informal Worship 10:30 a.m.



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