



Paul Owens, Senior Pastor

Spring Training

“Lent” means Springtime... and we could well say that Lent is like Spring cleaning for your soul and Spring training for the church. Every Spring, players on a baseball team come together to work on the basics, the foundations. Year after year, our faith in Christ needs the same. So, Christ gathers us... to his Father’s house and around your family table with an open Bible and the Catechism... the Holy Spirit gathers us for a refresher in the basics: what God expects of us (the 10 Commandments), what God has done for us (the Apostle’s Creed), how to get the help we need from him (Prayer), and how he gives himself to us (Baptism and the Lord’s Supper). The spring training that is Lent isn’t just a head game; nor is it some kind of spiritual batting practice so that you can hit “home runs for Jesus” by your own will or good works. When Christ Jesus has his way, he speaks death and resurrection for you: death to your old, sinful self and resurrection for the new you who fears, loves, and trusts him above all else. Lent is then a refresher by which the Holy Spirit makes a whole new you: head, heart and hands... under Christ’s Lordship and mercy.

Thanks be to God, Jesus has not left us depending on ourselves. In the Lord’s prayer, he teaches us to call on our dear Heavenly Father, our Papa, for the help we need in the good fight that is faith.

See you in camp.



David Doss, President

Lent in a Deep Freeze

Boy was it cold in February. You’d have to go a long way back in New Braunfels history to find a stretch of cold weather like we recently experienced. Lent began on Wednesday February 17. We all participated in a weather induced Lenten Fast, whether we chose to or not.

But, as all things seem to transpire, we again see that God works in mysterious ways. Though we all had some hardships, some more than others, we came out of this event stronger than we came in. For me, I realized that a lot of the physical “hardships” I face are merely “First World Problems”. The whole Snovid-21 puts a lot of things into perspective. There are people around the world that spend 365 days a year without any electricity or running water. Our house never lost water and we only spent a couple of days with rolling electricity outages.

Because of this seemingly catastrophic event there are some very good things that have surfaced. Once again, we’ve seen that neighbors will reach out to neighbors to help in tough times. The Love of Christ emitted from many. One thing at St. Paul is that our Stewardship board, chaired by Tim Cook, is working to develop an “Emergency Response Team” where members of St. Paul, and others, will have plans and personnel in place to react to future disasters. If you would like to be a part of this team, please contact Tim or other members of the Stewardship team.

During Lent we remember, daily, the great sacrifice Jesus made for us on the cross to pay for our sins. Lent is a good time to spread the Love and Word of Christ to our neighbors and show that the Kingdom we live in is not of this world. Also, there is plenty of room for even more.

Praise be to God!!

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.



Chip Reynolds, Pastor

Snowvid 2021

We will not forget that week for a long time. Some even called it a ‘100 year storm’ but as I am only 50 I couldn’t tell you if they are making that up or not.

But it gave me plenty of time to pause between no electricity and putting snow in the toilet and allowed me to reflect a little. It is amazing just how comfortable I can get. So comfortable that I can be thrown completely into a tailspin when the world goes crazy for just a bit.

I don’t think I am the only one who got jolted out of my comfort zone during that few days. But now, I am grateful that I had that moment, primarily because it was a good reminder of the need to stay diligent but also to spur me on toward what I should be doing to be ready for anything else.

I think the church universal has to have those reminders regularly as well. The Psalmist wrote:

The soul of the sluggard craves and gets nothing, while the soul of the diligent is richly supplied.

We must be on our game all the time; always looking for what God has for us and wants from us. If we don’t, we become complacent and complacency leads to nowhere. He is going to bless the work of our hands and He wants to do nothing more because when we are showing people the love of Christ we are fulfilling Jesus’ final command. His parting words to the disciples. Go! Make Disciples!

Don’t wait for a spiritual disaster to jumpstart your dedication to ministry. There are plenty of voices out there (and maybe even a few inside too) that are more concerned about things other than Christ’s calling. Unfortunately, ministry suffers because of their pushback against God calling and the distractions to what is most important.

Find that craving again that pushes you to do the work of Christ in this world. Be vigilant and always ready for what may come and your soul will be “richly supplied.”

AND if anyone sees snow shovels for sell in town...let me know. Thanks.

Masks???



While Governor Abbott has announced that beginning March 10, the state of Texas will no longer require masks to be worn, he has also stated that he is leaving it to individual businesses to make the decision that best fits their needs.

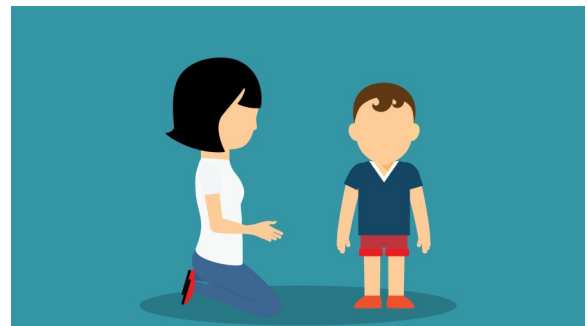
That being said, Council is scheduled to meet Monday, March 15 and will discuss and make a determination on what best fits the needs of St. Paul.

In addition, the Preschool will wait for further direction from the State of Texas Licensing to further determine what is in the best interest of the Preschool in regards to licensing and requirement guidelines.

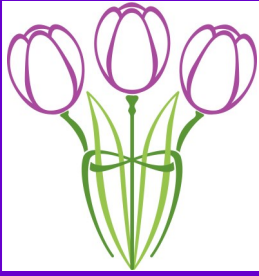
We appreciate your patience and will be sure to let the congregation know what St. Paul plans to do as soon as possible, until that time, we will continue using and implementing our same safety guidelines. Thank you for your understanding.

Life Skills Class

Child Discipline & Guidance (for ages 0-18)
Wednesdays March 10, 17 & 24
5:45 - 6:15 p.m.



Parents please join us for this 3-part life skills class that will enable you with important and practical skills to help discipline and guide your children. These skills are applicable for ages 0-18. Come get a dinner plate and join us for this short class. To sign-up, email the church office at Jennifer@nbstpaul.org.



March Altar Flowers

March 7 - open
March 14 - Arno & Jimmie Becker
March 21 - Sharon Harrington/Beth Zipp
March 28 - open

If you are interested in providing Altar flowers, please check the flower calendar on the bulletin board in the Lobby for remaining available dates in 2021. Thank you!

March Wednesday Family Dinner:



March 3 – Pizza, fresh fruit, veggies, brownies
March 10 – Beef Stroganoff, canned peaches, green beans, roll and rice crispy treat
March 17 – Sloppy Joe Sandwich, raw carrots with ranch, chips, cookies
March 24 – Beef Enchilada Casserole, tossed salad, pinto beans, tortillas, pudding
March 31 – no meal/no service

Lent/Easter Schedule:

5:30 p.m. Wednesday Family Dinner
 6:00 p.m. Rise Up with Jesus
 6:30 p.m. Worship

Holy Week:

6:30 p.m. April 1 - Maundy Thursday Worship
 6:30 p.m. April 2 - Good Friday Worship

Easter Morning:

Sunday, April 4
 6:30 a.m., 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Worship

Women's Retreat

T Bar M
 Saturday, March 27
 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

- Meals provided
- Child care offered at the church
- Singing, praying, visiting
- Studying the Word is the plan of the day with "Love Never Fails" (1 Cor 3:18)



Enjoy great fellowship, praise and worship, Bible study, delicious food and indoor/outdoor activities at the beautiful T Bar M Ranch. The retreat includes breakfast, lunch, and snacks in a comfortable and sanitized meeting facility, as well as outdoor activities for only \$40 per person. There will be plenty of opportunity to relax as well - dress comfortably! In addition to your Bible, please bring a mask and wear or bring walking shoes.

A special daycare-camp for mom's attending the retreat will be provided at St. Paul for children up to 12 years old. Reservations required. You may reserve a place when you register. Reserve your spot today! **Deadline to register for the retreat is March 16!** Go to the church website for details. <https://www.nbstpaul.org/faith-formation/adults/>

Holy Communion Classes

March 14, 21, & 28

First Communion will be on April 1 during the Maundy Thursday worship service. Please contact Kimberly Wunderlich at kimberly@nbstpaul.org if your 4th grader is ready to participate in this next stepping stone.



Treasured VBS

We need YOU for Treasured VBS on June 21-25! Volunteers are needed to lead activities, lead groups, prep, decorate and plan. Join us for volunteer planning April 11 at 11:30 a.m. in Room 212; or you may contact Kimberly Wunderlich at kimberly@nbstpaul.org with questions.



Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 3
 10:00 a.m.
 Courtyard

We are asking for donations of non-chocolate candy to fill the eggs. Please drop off candy no later than March 24. Thank you!

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March 2021



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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, Face Book and YouTube.



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