

The Epistle

Paul Owens, Senior Pastor

"I know of a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven..." wrote the apostle.

Who was this man?

He was so zealous for the religious traditions of his fathers that he was advancing in Judaism beyond many of his own age among his own people. He was running the religious race very well. Far more than just a member of the Adelsverien; his family went back much farther than those 500 Germans who came with Carl in 1845. He was a Jew's Jew, a Hebrew's Hebrew from the most zealous tribe. His father had him circumcised on the eighth day of his life, the proscribed day. Like his father before him, he was a Pharisee, thoroughly trained in the laws of Moses. He was also highly educated, intelligent, and fluent in several languages. For many legitimate reasons, he sat tall in the religious saddle of himself. Who was this man?

Read more at: <http://www.nbstpaul.org/articles/>

MORE RESOURCES FOR LENT:

Join us on Wednesday evenings for dinner, worship, and service. The schedule for Lent is as follows (March 7 and 14): Dinner at 5:45 p.m.; Worship at 6:30 p.m.; and Open Gym at 7:15 p.m. For March 21, we will go outside our walls... and deliver Easter barley soup in a jar to our neighbors. A perfect companion to our lent sermon series is the book "**Paul, A Novel**", by Walter Wangerin. This book combines the very best of Wangerin's skills: biblical knowledge, a sense of drama, unobtrusive scholarship, and the ability to tell a crackling good story.

<https://books.google.com/books/about/Paul.html?id=G8wKAQAAMAAJ>

On Easter, the feature film "**Paul... Apostle of Christ**" will be released in theatres. Cast includes William Faulkner as Paul, and Jim Cavaziel (Jesus in "The Passion of the Christ"). <http://www.paulmovie.com/site/>

Holy Week and Easter Schedule

Sunday, March 25 - Palm Sunday, services at 8:00 and 10:30

Thursday, March 29 - Maundy Thursday, service at Noon at St. Martin and 6:30 p.m. at St. Paul

Friday, March 30 - Good Friday, service at 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, April 1 - Easter Sunday, Sunrise service at 6:30 a.m., 8:00 and 10:30 a.m.

Please join us in the Fellowship Hall from 7:00 to 10:00 a.m. for Easter Breakfast.

Looking forward to seeing you there for fellowship and good food!

Congregational Life Board

Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, March 31

We will be collecting donations of individually wrapped candy March 4 through March 21. No eggs are needed. The Easter Egg Hunt will be Saturday, March 31 at 10:00 a.m.



March Flowers



March 4 Bonnie & Dixie Scheel
March 11 Open
March 18 Greg & Nancy Schlather
March 25 Open

Lenten Meals

March 7 - Chicken & beef fajita tacos & trimmings
March 14 - Baked potato bar (Mac-n-Cheese for children)
March 21 - Chili, beans, cornbread, & fruit cobbler or pie with ice cream

A giant **THANK YOU** from the SOS Foodbank for the generous 2017 donations from St. Paul worshipers. With your help, SOS distributed 297,869 pounds of food to over 5,000 families. Currently, in addition to monetary donations, the foodbank especially needs canned peas, diced tomatoes, pork & beans, and mixed vegetables.

Puppet Ministry

The Puppet Ministry will be sharing a special message with the Pre-school children in March. A special thank you goes to Pixie Hageman for organizing this meaningful ministry of St. Paul.

Birthday Buddies

The Council of St. Paul has begun integrating our Pre-school into our congregation. Our responsibility to go and make disciples starts here with our Preschool. One idea to begin this is through Birthday Buddies. Once a month we will have a birthday party for those having birthdays that month. The congregation and the Preschool are all invited. There will be a short, one hour party with refreshments, balloons, and pictures.

The first one for January and February birthdays was held February 9 and was attended by approximately 30 people, children and adults.

The March Birthday Buddies' party will be March 1 from 4:00-5:00 p.m. The rest of the year, the Parties will be on the first Thursday of the month. If you would like to participate by sharing your birthday, bringing cookies, or just coming to enjoy the fun, PLEASE DO!

We Welcome in Baptism

Kolcen Gunner Noble

Parents are Mark Noble and Kacey Hutchison. Sponsors are Mike and Amy Noble and Matt and Dawn Noble.



Financial Peace University will be offered on Tuesday and Wednesday nights from 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. beginning April 3 and ending May 30 in Room 212. Facilitators will be Tim Cook and Sandi Owens. Childcare will be provided. Online sign-up links will be available on the website.

The ANA class (All welcome, No one is perfect, All things are possible with Christ) is knee deep into Jen Wilkin's study of Genesis 1 - 11. In this video and homework study we are walking verse by verse, "tracing the themes of creation, fall, redemption, and restoration." Join us during Sunday School hour in Room 216!



Congratulations on the birth of Mila Colin, born on Monday, January 29, to Jessica and Rene Colin; grandparents are Barbara and Rodger Johnson.

Breaking Bread Together



Do you enjoy food, fun and fellowship? Do you want to know your fellow worshipers better? Then join a **Breaking Bread** gathering! New groups have formed for the January through May time period. But it's not too late to jump into the fun. No experience required. Sign-up forms are available through the office or contact Dotty Collins at Dotty@postofficerealty.com or call her at 830-629-5129 for further details. Do it now! Procrastinators will go hungry.

Preschool Ministry

The Preschool Ministry had a very busy February! We enjoyed a crafting party with families and our annual Valentine's card exchange. We served our community by providing care for foster and adoptive families while they attended a training with Chosen Care. Monthly, we are partnering with the Christian Ed board and celebrating birthdays with a Birthday Buddies Party. We hope you have an opportunity to visit the Preschool and see all the wonderful activities the children are involved in daily. We ask for your blessing and prayers as we continue to serve the St. Paul mission of making disciples and supporting families in following Jesus!



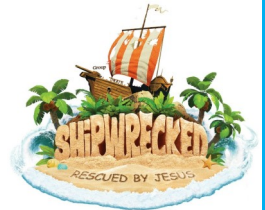
Save the date!!

St Paul Lutheran Women's Retreat, April 27-29. Register to attend the SPLC Women's Retreat April 27-29 on a beautiful ranch near Stonewall, TX. Enjoy SPIRIT filled music & worship, quietude, fabulous food, fellowship, crafts, hiking, games and other activities. Register to spend one or two nights or come for the day Saturday. Accommodations and meals are included in the registration fee. Full Retreat-\$50; Saturday -day only - \$25. The registration form is available on St. Paul's website (nbstpaul.org) or in the church office. **COME-ENJOY! Praise, Silence, Service and Thanksgiving!**



Camp Eagle 2018 - June 17-22, 2018 - for all current 6th -12th grade students. Monthly payments as low as \$50.00 are being accepted now in the church office. Make checks payable to SPLC and in the memo notate "Camp Eagle 2018 - child's name ". Each camper pays \$255.00 out of the \$420.00 registration fee. Total amount of \$255.00 is due by June 1, 2018.

Vacation Bible School is scheduled for **June 25-29, 2018**. Come venture with us as we go to an uncharted island where kids will survive and thrive with Jesus. Kids will learn that Jesus will carry them through all of life's storms. This fun filled week will be amazing. **Please keep an eye out for registration dates and opportunities to volunteer.** Shipwrecked – Rescued by Jesus will be a week to remember!!



Youth Gathering in Des Moines, Iowa - **July 16-21, 2018** - for all current 9th – 12th grade youth. Space is limited, so reserve your space now by making monthly payments as low as \$50.00. Each attendee is responsible for \$300.00 out of \$520.00 registration fee. Make checks payable to SPLC and in memo notate "Youth Gathering 2018 - child's name."

A New Mindset

Several folks across the Texas District recently began reading and discussing Greg Finke's book, Joining Jesus on His Mission - How to Be an Everyday Missionary. At the end of chapter 1, Finke writes a short paragraph that caused me to pause and ponder:

<http://www.nbstpaul.org/articles/>



Mission Moment

by Pastor Bryce Formwalt
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Board & Committee Reports can be found on the website at <http://www.nbstpaul.org/resources/board-reports/>

March 2018 Service Calendar

		Sun., March 4	Wed., March 7	Sun., March 11	Wed., March 14	Sun., March 18	Wed., March 21	Sun., March 25	Thurs., March 29	Fri., March 30
Altar Guild Vicki Holling		Kay Magness								
Lay Minister Fred Terry		BJ Harnegman	BJ Hageman	Lanelle Rudolph	Paul Finley	Paul Finley	Rodger Johnson	Rodger Johnson	Jerry Hamilton	Fred Terry
	8:00	Miss Steele	Youth	Presley Wirebaugh	Youth	Kristi Wirebaugh	Youth	Stewart Wirebaugh		
Scripture Readers Leslie Wellbrock	10:30	Jerry Hamilton		Chip Franck		Carol Schorn		Sarah Sjamken		
	8:00	Team 13 Bob Warnecke	Team 14 Reno Engel	Team 13 Bob Warnecke	Team 2 Berno Engel	Team 2 Berno Engel	Team 1 Harvey Borgfeld	Team 2 Berno Engel	Team 1 Harvey Borgfeld	Team 3 Russell Stollewerk
Ushers Ed Berich	10:30	Reno Engel		Team 14 Reno Engel	Team 2 Berno Engel	Team 1 Harvey Borgfeld		Team 1 Harvey Borgfeld		
	8:00									
Acolytes signupgenius	8:00									
	10:30									
Audit Tech Geg Schlatler	8:00 & 10:30	James Walls	David Wagner	Christian Reynolds	James Walls	Mark Sohn	Christian Reynolds	Paul Luckemeyer	Mark Sohn	Paul Luckemeyer
	8:00	Greg Schlatler		Lorrie Cook		Greg Schlatler		Joe Clayburne		
Visual Tech Geg Schlatler	10:30	Rodger Johnson	Joe Clayburne	Lorrie Cook	Rod Mueller	Greg Schlatler	Rodger Johnson	Joe Clayburne	Greg Schlatler	Greg Schlatler
	8:00	Mary Ann Woody Karen Woody				Pat & Kathy Quade				
Communion Preppers Lydia Baese	10:30	Ken & Martha Joyce				Minnie Allum Pixie Hageman				
	8:00	Staron Schroeder Cindy Wilson				John & Kay Magness				
Communion Servers Lydia Baese	10:30	Paul & Pam Finley				Fred Terry Marl Poley				
	8:00	Phil & Kim Moore		Benny & Carol Schumann		Don & Kathy Stevens		Ann Stollewerk Shirley Wilson		
Greeters Nancy Becker	8:00			Lance & Peggy Bielke		Chris & Audra Boxsom		Greg & Cookie Campbell		
	10:30	Spiffy & Holly Aichele								
Friendly Visitors Carolyn Zunker		Craig & Vicki Holling								
Coffee Crew Carolyn Zunker		Janice Vader Harvey & Erna Haas		Wes & Jessica Zunker		Brian & Heather Kneisch		Glenn & Leslie Wellbrock		
Paw Pals Tracy Granada		Date & Julie Goos		Grandao's & Kelly King		Quade Team			Hildy Socurn	
Hospital Visitors Nancy Becker		Gern Wellbrock		Kay Magness		Dotly Collins & Kathy Lamon			Nancy Becker	

Sundays

8:00 am Traditional Service
 9:15 am Bible Study Hour
 9:30 am Covenant Choir
 10:30 am Informal Service

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 1:00pm Bridge 4:00pm Birthday Buddies' 6:00pm Congregational Life	2 7:00am Prayer Group	3
4 COMMUNION ***Sec Above***	5 6:30pm Youth & Family	6 9:00am Quilters 9:00am Crafting Ministry 12:00pm Two Communications 6:30pm TNT'S	7 7:30am Mastercraftsmen 11:00am Staff 5:45pm Lent Meal 6:30pm Worship 7:15pm Choir 7:15pm Youth Open Gym	8 2:00pm Our Place Memory Cafe 7:00pm Evangelism Bd	9 7:00am Prayer Group 5:00pm Eat Out Friends	10
11 ***Sec Above***	12 5:00pm Personnel Bd	13 9:00am Quilters 9:00am Crafting Ministry 12:00pm Two Communications 1:30pm Mah Jongg 4:00pm Executive Comm 6:30pm Property Bd 6:30pm TNT'S	14 11:00am Staff 5:45pm Lent Meal 6:30pm Worship Service 7:15pm Choir 7:15pm Youth Open Gym	15 10:00am Crocheters 1:00pm Bridge 6:00pm SPICE	16 7:00am Prayer Group	17
18 COMMUNION ***Sec Above***	19 7:00pm Council Meeting	20 9:00am Quilters 9:00am Crafting Ministry 12:00pm Two Communications 6:30pm TNT'S	21 11:00am Staff 3:00pm Eden Home Devo 5:45pm Lent Meal 6:30pm ARK for All 7:15pm Choir	22 4:30pm St. Martin Comm	23 7:00am Prayer Group	24 8:00am LCMC Tx District 6:00pm Domino Friends
25 Palm Sunday ***Sec Above*** 11:30am VBS Volunteer Information	26	27 9:00am Quilters 9:00am Crafting Ministry 12:00pm Two Communications 1:30pm Mah Jongg 5:30pm Worship Bd 6:30pm TNT'S 7:00pm Stewardship Bd	28 11:00am Staff 3:00pm Kirkwood Devo	29 12:00pm Maundy Thursday Service at St. Martin 6:30pm Maundy Thursday Service at St. Paul	30 7:00am Prayer Group 6:30pm Good Friday Service	31 10:00am Easter Egg Hunt

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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



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