

The Epistle



Paul Owens, Senior Pastor

Have you sent your children off to school?

"If the scriptures and learning perish in our land, what will remain but a lawless horde... a multitude of wild beasts?" - Martin Luther, in his sermon "On the Duty of Sending Children to School"

In the last 2-3 weeks, many of us sent our children off to or back to school. So, it's timely for us to remember what the purpose of education is and what it is not. Education is NOT about hunting for letter grades, so that one can get into a good college, get a good job, and finally make lots of money (there is nothing wrong with making lots of money, but if that's your purpose for education, you've got it wrong... and it will bite you in the end.) The purpose of education is to better equip you to **glorify God and help your neighbor**.

And of course, whether you sent your children off to kindergarten or college, remember: you are their most impactful teachers. Your children – no matter what age they are – learn more from you than from any other human being. Here then is a particular encouragement for you from the Apostle Paul: "Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord." Ephesians 6.4 This will help prevent our land from becoming a lawless multitude of wild beasts ☺ .

Finally, Dad and Mom, here's a prayer for you to pray: Heavenly Father thank you for our son (daughter). You did not give him to us to be ours, but yours. Yours, he is by your grace through baptism into Jesus Christ. Thank you. Keep (name) in Christ this year and in the years ahead... Give him the slices of daily bread that are true Christian friends... Draw him and our whole family to you in prayer, daily Bible reading and weekly worship. Guard our son from all the slick traps Satan will set. Keep us praying for and talking with him often.

Father, you sent your own son into the world... now by your grace our son heads out into it as well. As you begin to open his calling to him, give him confidence and humility for it and diligence for his studies. Give each of us a great sense of humor... And lots of happy reunions right on time. I ask this in Jesus' name, amen.

Your brother in Christ,

Pastor Paul



St. Paul Staff – a 10 Year Celebration!

Thank you Michelle Kennedy for serving this congregation and the children and families of the St. Paul Lutheran Preschool. We appreciate your dedication and commitment to high quality Christian education.

Michelle was born and raised in New Braunfels and is a member of SPLC. She has a Child Development Associate Credential and a Para Professional Credential. Michelle was promoted this year to the Preschool Administrative Coordinator. She has three wonderful children, Amanda, Sarah and Jacob. Thank you Michelle for your devotion to our mission: Go and make disciples!

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*



John Magness, Congregational President

God is good! "Let me count the ways...."

We have had a great summer, - Vacation Bible School, Slumber Falls, hosting the LCMC Texas District Convention, Camp Eagle, youth attending the LCMC national convention in Des Moines, Birthday Buddies, Church van fully paid for, ... etc.

And upcoming events, - Meet the Teacher's Day on September 9, Worship Outside the Walls on October 14, LCMC National Convention October 6-9, Wednesday Night Youth Events starting soon, Congregation meeting in November, ... etc.

I would also thank you for tithing and gifting to St. Paul. As you may know, because of a shortage of finances in the last few years, it has been most difficult to plan recurring things such as painting, AC maintenance/replacement, events without the angst of "Will we have enough resources to cover the cost?". We are now in a financial position where we can plan ahead and your boards are doing just that. For example, the Property Board is compiling a maintenance/replacement plan in the out years for routine painting of the campus. Kindly continue to return a portion of what the Lord has given you.

Finally, look for people at church (who may need help in finding a Bible Study class or, even, the sanctuary) and in your neighborhood who are waiting to hear from you what Jesus has meant in your life. I pray God's peace to all of us.



September Flowers

September 2 Doy & Karen Mims
 September 9 Rodney & Sharon Bartels
 September 16 Open
 September 23 John & Gayna Wommack
 September 30 Benny & Carol Schumann



Confirmation Retreat

All 9th graders are invited to participate in the Confirmation Retreat on September 22 from 9:00 a.m. -3:00 p.m. in the Gym. Lunch will be provided. Confirmation Sunday is October 28 during 10:30 a.m. service.

New Braunfels Men's Round Up

SPLC is leading the way with a few other churches in setting up a New Braunfels Men's Round Up. This is a series of four nights about a month apart this Fall where men will gather for a buffet dinner and special guest speaker at the back of Krause's Cafe. This is an out reach event where we encourage men of our church to reach out and invite a man who does not go to church, but would enjoy hearing a special sports/military/public figure speak about his life and field of interest. The first event is Tuesday, September 11, at Krause's Cafe. Social hour begins at 6:30 p.m., 7:00 p.m. for buffet dinner, and 8:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. for keynote speaker. Kicking us off will be Brig Gen (Ret)/Astronaut Charlie Duke, who walked on the moon. The cost for dinner (to include tea/water) is \$20.00 and adult beverages are pay as you go. To purchase tickets, please follow this link: https://buy.ticketstothechity.com/purchase.php?event_id=6690



My Bible

My Bible Stepping Stone Class will begin Sunday, September 16 at 9:15 a.m. in Room 206. This class is designed for 3rd graders and their parents. This course will equip the student and parent with a working knowledge of the Bible.





St. Paul's Got Talent...

Dinner & Talent Show Saturday
September 15
6:00 to 8:00 p.m.
Tickets are \$15.00 each

...benefitting the Yezedi Orphan Project



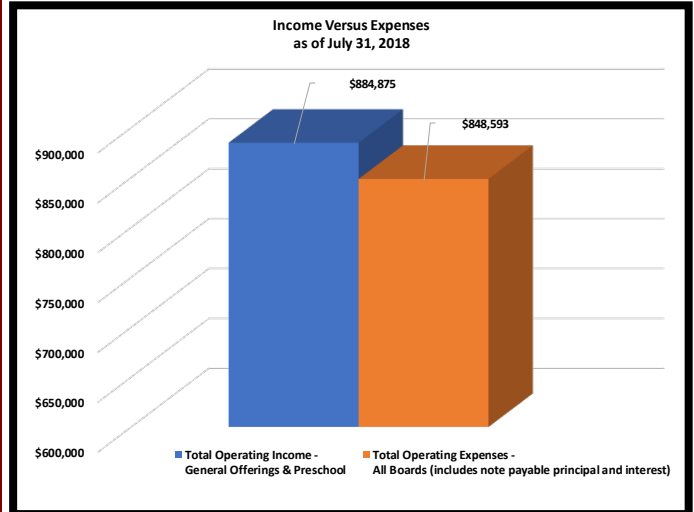
Jerry and Stacy (www.lovefortheeast.org) are St. Paul Lutheran--supported friends in northern Iraq. Working not only in Camp Charlie, home to 250,000 Syrian refugees, but now they've identified 360+ orphans from ISIS, along with 300+ widows and small children for whom they have assumed responsibility. *"We really need help with the orphan initiative at this time especially. The kids are in terrible shape emotionally and living conditions are awful. They've been living in tents for nearly four years now with no generator, 130+ degree temps and essentially no medical care. At present we are working on acquiring an abandoned facility in Camp Sandy for trauma counselling, art and play therapy, medical care, and more. The big nonprofits have left; the UN does nothing. This is where the Church steps up!"* The Craft Sale before the dinner of the Dinner and Talent Show on Saturday, September 15, will benefit the Yezedi Orphan Project. Please be generous in showing these who have nothing that the church is real and Jesus loves them.



Worship Outside Our Walls

October 14, 2018
Worship Service 10:45 A.M.
Landa Park Dance Slab/ Pavilions #4 & #5

8:00 a.m.. - Traditional Service - at St. Paul
9:15 a.m. - Sunday School & Bible Study Hour - at St. Paul
Lunch will be served immediately following the service
Make sure to invite a friend or neighbor!



Save the Date

Sunday, October 7th, excess office furniture will be available free to church members. Watch for more information in the bulletin.



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>



Financial Peace University

Sun., September 9 at 9:15 a.m.
(Room 204)
Thurs., September 13 at 6:30-8:00 p.m. (Room 212)

If you or someone you know would like to learn more about God's ways of handling money, we would love to have you join us. This course is a 9 week class. Sign up; links are now available on our website.

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

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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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