



Paul Owens, Senior Pastor

The Three Pulpits... and your beautiful feet

The Lord wants people to have faith - to fear, love, and trust Jesus above all else. Indeed, without faith in Jesus, we are lost. But does telling others they should trust Jesus give them faith? No more than telling someone they should eat bread gives them the bread of life.

So, if the Lord wants people to have faith, how in God's name does faith come to them? Well, our namesake Paul took up this very question: *"How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching?"* ¹⁵ *And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!"* ¹⁶ *But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?"* ¹⁷ *So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ."* Romans 10:14-17

There are three pulpits from which Christ gets preached:

1. The one you are most accustomed to: Sunday mornings in our sanctuary. In this one, the typically designated preacher is your pastor.
2. The second one is your dinner table...or your bed with your spouse...or the side of your children's bed. In other words, **the second pulpit is your home** and the primary preacher there is you.



3. The third pulpit is HEB...or the school cafeteria... or the bleachers at the football stadium. In other words, the third pulpit is **wherever the Holy Spirit sends you**. Here again the designated preacher is you. How about that!? In two of the three pulpits God has chosen, he sends you so people can have faith in Jesus Christ.

So preacher, what are you to preach? It doesn't really work to say to someone, "you have to trust Jesus," that just demands something from them that they don't have. What has worked for about 2,000 years is the good news of Jesus Christ. So, you are to preach the law without diminishment and the gospel without limit. To put it another way, simply let God's word

stand and do its work. Yes, God himself sends you, he uses your voice to expose sin and most importantly to forgive it... Again and again and again... until the cows come home. Did you know your feet were that beautiful?

Your brother in Christ...Pastor Paul

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

Tex Brown, President



The summer is gone and school is about to start. It's time for each of us to renew our commitments to church attendance and Bible study. There are lots of opportunities to serve our congregation. As we grow, even more volunteers are needed to usher, greet, sing, visit shut-ins, prepare communion, work with youth and children, etc. We even have a need for more teachers in our Sunday morning Bible study program. Yes, lots of way to serve our church and many hands make for less work so find your place and join us!

Many exciting events are coming up soon to include Rally Day and Family Worship in the Park. The Sanctuary Choir has come back after a summer break and will be singing several Sundays in the future. We still need new members to join us in the music of the church. See you on Sunday at SPLC!

St. Paul Lutheran Preschool earns 4-star rating from Texas Rising Star



Last month, the preschool received the highest rating - four stars from the Texas Rising Star accreditation system, a program of measuring quality childcare on providers participating in the Texas Workforce Commission's subsidized childcare program. The preschool is the only program in the city to participate in a high quality rating system.

The purpose of TRS's two to four-star rating system is to encourage institutions to reach for higher standards, reaching beyond the minimal requirements. To achieve this higher level, it comes down to the teachers and their interactions with the children. Our program concentrates on student-teacher ratio, cognitive development, literacy skills, science and social studies skills. In addition we also focus on physical, social and emotional well-being, which is where nutrition and free play become an important component.

A commitment to high quality is a never-ending process of striving to be and do our best for young children. Our preschool program prepares children for life long learning.

Wild Game Dinner 2020



The planning for the Wild Game Dinner 2020 has begun! In addition, the WGD Committee will be happy to start accepting donations for the auctions. This event is a great way to get involved with your church family and make new friends all while supporting your community. Please contact Garth Bielke at garth.bielke@minigrip.com if you are interested in serving on the committee or making a donation.

Love for the Least

Jerry and Stacy Kramer, Love for the Least (L4L) Ministries, will be sharing the latest with us on September 8, at 9:15 a.m. 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. Be sure to join them to hear all about this ministry.

In Loving Gratitude...

The family of Ryan Jay Bielke would like to thank the St. Paul Lutheran family for all your love and support, both during Ryan's battle with cholangiocarcinoma and in his passing. Words cannot adequately express our sincere appreciation for all the cards, calls, social media posts, food and memorial donations that were received. We also want to thank all that worked so unselfishly with parking, setup, greeting, food preparation, transportation and making sure everyone had a chance to visit with the family during the services.

During this time of sorrow we realized how much our friends and family mean to us. Your expressions of kindness and sympathy will always be remembered. In memory of Ryan and the realization of how short our time on earth can be, we encourage you to go outside, go for a walk/run, and practice random acts of kindness.

- Lance, Peggy and Gregory Bielke

Thank you all for the prayers, visits, cards and prayer blanket over the last four months. Jeannie's days were brightened by visits from her Sunday Bible study group, SPICE, hospital visitors, Eucharistic ministers and pastors.

- In loving memory of Jeannie Anderson

September Flowers

September 1 - Doy & Karen Mims
 September 8 - Rodney & Sharon Bartels
 September 15 - Dale & Julie Goos
 September 22 - Open
 September 29 - Open

Preschool Ministry

When was the last time you really looked at everything God made? When we take the time to look at this amazing world God made, we are filled with awe and wonder. It's that feeling of wonder we want our preschoolers to have as they learn about God's creation during the month of September. Our memory verse this month is "GOD SAW EVERYTHING HE HAD MADE, AND IT WAS VERY GOOD." Genesis 1:31



Our new school year has begun. We would greatly appreciate seeing more volunteers reading books, sharing Bible stories or singing songs with our Preschool classes. Please call 830-625-2044 or email mkennedy@nbstpaul.org if you are able to volunteer with us.

Fall Bible Studies

This month we begin new Bible studies on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings and Sunday mornings. Be sure to check the website at www.nbstpaul.org under Faith Formations for all Adult and Youth offerings! Make sure you are engaged in a small group!

Phase-1 Building Note

Thank you for your generous gifts to the Phase-1 Building Note. Because of gifts received from January through June, St. Paul has been able to pay the principal down by an additional \$55,957 in 2019!

**St Paul Youth News**

September 4 - Open gym from 6-8 p.m.
 September 11 - Meet in gym at 6 p.m.
 ARK event (Acts of Random Kindness) 6-8 p.m.
 September 14 - Confirmation retreat for 9th graders in gym from 9-3 p.m.
 (lunch will be provided)
 September 18 - Meet in gym at 6 p.m.
 BINGO @ Kirkwood from 6-8 p.m.
 September 25 - Family night at the fair 6-8 p.m. (details coming)



Goodbye Summer!



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>



FAMILY WORSHIP IN THE PARK

Landa Park—Dance Slab

September 22, 2019

10:45 AM

Join us for a family fun day in Landa Park! We are hosting games for all ages, worship service, music and food. We hope you will attend and bring your family!

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September 2019



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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