



Messenger

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Newsletter of St Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, La Grange TX

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Known Beyond the Borders

As we gather at St. Paul during the Season of Epiphany, let's remind ourselves that we are part of the whole world. In the past week you may have gotten computer advice from a technician in the Asian subcontinent, read about a funding debate to build a wall on the nation's southern border, and appreciated the low price of a jacket that was made in Poland. We are anxious to hear the familiar message of Epiphany: God's all-encompassing love and grace that knows no borders. But remember that a love that knows no borders has an impact on how Christianity views the world.

Back in the First Century, the formative debate of the Church (at least in terms of organization) was "Who gets to be a Christian?". Initially, Christianity was almost exclusively a religion of Palestinian Jews who followed Jesus. When non-Palestinian Jews began joining the movement, controversy ensued. (The meeting reported in Acts 15 describes the issue.)

Paul, with his "There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus" (Galatians 3:28) line of reasoning, won the day. However, like all relevant theological truths, just saying it doesn't get the job done. It takes a good deal of reminding to make a truth a belief.

Whether or not one is required to be a Palestinian Jew in order to be a Christian has not been debated at church meetings for some time. That question has been thoroughly settled – but the practice of exclusion lives on. The successful welcome of Gentiles into the Church may have lulled the faithful into a premature declaration of "Mission Accomplished" in the battle against exclusivity.

The Christian Church has not outgrown the problem; we've simply remodeled it to meet our ever-growing notion of who is an outsider. It has long ceased to astonish us that wise people from east of our borders might even be wise enough to worship Jesus, but "wise people from the east" is a narrow definition of an outsider. Today, we reject people based on their political persuasion, level of education, ethnicity, gender, income, entertainment preferences and a host of other labels to help us determine who is an outsider without having to think about it very much.

The Church still needs to celebrate the gift of diversity.

The message of Epiphany can light our congregations during the dark, short days of January. This holy season we celebrate ancient themes of illumination and universality.

Jeremiah's was one of many voices that promised a universal faith as a sign of the Messiah, "At that time Jerusalem shall be called the throne of the LORD, and all nations shall gather to it, to the presence of the LORD, in Jerusalem..." (Jeremiah 3:17) The coming of the wise men from the east is a sign that the age of the Messiah is at hand. Epiphany fixes hospitality for strangers in the annual discipline of the church year. And, with an ever-growing list of aliens, we have an ever-growing opportunity to be surprised by the gifts they bring to the Christ Child and his Church.

Pastor Sappenfield

We look back to thank God. We look forward and trust God. Happy New Year to all!

Your council looks forward to continuing to serve the ministry of Saint Paul in 2023. On Tuesday, December 20th the council met to wrap up 2022. The highlights of the meeting were visits from the Duke Hengst a member of the audit committee, as well as, Gary Anders and Ashleigh Parks, members of the call committee. Duke shared some recent findings when the committee reviewed procedures regarding the LYO account and made suggestions how to better manage those funds. He also made recommendations regarding insurance coverage of LYO members while on outings and trips to reduce liability for the church. This information was provided by our insurance carrier Church Mutual. Gary and Ashleigh shared the church profile to be submitted for consideration by potential applicants. After discussion and clarification, the council voted to accept the profile and move forward in this process. It was exciting to do so. We thank all members of the call committee for their dedication to this process and encouraged them to contact any of us if needed in the future.

The following items were also discussed.

Frank Macaulay reported that he is in talks with FayCo Printing working on a new design for a congregational t-shirt.

Members shared progress on some property committee projects. We have received 4 bids on the fence around one of the rent houses. Tree trimming continues but due to the recent rains and frigid weather coming it may not be done before Christmas as planned. All agreed that it was quality work and that takes time. The most excitement was the long-awaited arrival of the beautiful pew cushions. What a treat for Christmas services. Thank you also to Scott Toensing who weatherized the building before the freezing weather arrived.

Our new website is ready to be launched and the council voted to purchase a Website Maintenance Package costing \$100 per month to assist in the transition as well as ensure assistance with quality postings all year long.

Council voted to move a second maturing CD from the Mission Investment Fund to a local investor. This \$50,000 CD will mature January 25th. The interest rate will move from 0.499% to 5% according to Paul Mikula who is spearheading these efforts. All earnings from these accounts will flow into the general fund and the principle will continue to be used to fund mission projects.

A Memo of Understanding between the Peruvian mission churches, our synod, and churches within our synod was shared and after discussion the council voted that Saint Paul would continue to support these efforts through prayer and financial giving.

Finally, we accepted an amended 2023 annual budget to be presented for congregational approval at the upcoming annual meeting.

Plans are ongoing for the upcoming annual congregational meeting scheduled for January 22, 2023. Please make plans to join us for a delicious meal and the planning of how Saint Paul's ministry fits into God's plan for his people.

Shalom,

Karen B. Bellue, president



Pray for our Shut-Ins and
those in nursing homes and assisted living.



Kay Dippel

Juanita Frels

Myrtle Friemel

Annie and Wilburn Hackebeil

JoAn Heintschel

Eugene and Carolyn Hunger

Dogie Keith

Hertha Kruse

Joy Skelton

Edwin Votaw

Gladys Weber

Bea Rost

Jenelle Oeltjendiers

JC Spacek

Dorothy Stolle

Elroy Zimmermann

Florence Otto Monument Hill

Aleyn Voss Monument Hill

Fay Braun The Continental Austin TX

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Betty Schmidt Jefferson Place

Velrie Prause Jefferson

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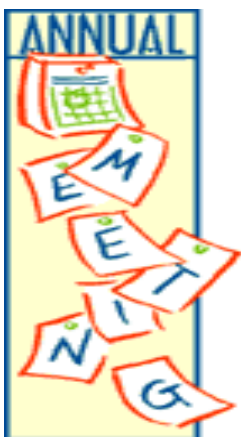
Bella Vista AR

The Altar Guild of St. Paul Lutheran met on Tuesday, December 13 to review the services and schedule for the next quarter of 2023. A schedule of services was shared; most of the dates were filled by members present. There are still quite a few open dates: if you are interested in assisting with this ministry, please call the Church office to be added to the schedule.

The Altar Guild would like to thank the LYO and their leaders for the recent work done to update the plant stands. The LYO cleaned up the stands and gave them a fresh coat of paint. The stands look very nice and refreshed after that work the LYO did. THANK YOU!

January Worship Assistants

	Saturday—5:00 pm	Sunday—9:00 am
Dec 31 & Jan 1		
Ushers	Billy & Christie Nietsche	Wayne Anders Family
Lectors	Open	Atlan Citzler
Altar Guild	JoLene & Gerald Hughes	JoLene & Gerald Hughes
Fellowship Refreshments		Linda Anders
Flowers	Open	Open
Jan 7 & 8		
Ushers	Richard & Danette Coufal	Frank & Lisa Moellenberndt
Lectors	Chloe Coufal	Praise Band
Altar Guild	Faye Bresan	Lisa Moellenberndt
Fellowship Refreshments		Open
Flowers	Open	Open
Jan 14 & 15		
Ushers	Bonnie Sladek/Annette Citzler	Tim & Susan Knesek
Lectors	Annette Citzler	Wendy McCredie
Altar Guild	Gloria Raschke/Ginger Muesse	Gloria Raschke/Ginger Muesse
Fellowship Refreshments		Annette Citzler
Flowers	Open	Open
Jan 21 & 22	ANNUAL MEETING SUNDAY	SERVICE at 10:00 am
Ushers	James & Sharon Elias	Caleb & Ashley Parks
Lectors	Sharon Elias	Praise Band
Fellowship Refreshments		NONE THIS WEEK
Altar Guild	Jackie Skelton	Janet Coronado
Flowers	Open	Open
Jan 28 & 29		
Ushers	John D. & Kay Marburger	Frank & Sandra Tekyl
Lectors	John D. Marburger	Ann Raborn
Fellowship Refreshments		Open
Altar Guild	Sharon Elias	Ashleigh Parks
Flowers	Annette Citzler	Annette Citzler



The Annual Meeting of the St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church will be held on Sunday, January 22, 2023. Services that day will be at 10:00 with a meal to follow in the Fellowship Hall being prepared by the St. Paul Cooking Crew. The meal will consist of Fried Chicken and delicious sides.

The meal will be served in the Fellowship Hall at 11:15 a.m. with the Annual meeting beginning at 11:45 a.m. Families are asked to bring a dessert to share. Please bring your copy of the Annual Report with you to the meeting.

Mailing of the Annual Report will be the week of January 4, 2023.

What's Happening at St. Paul!

QUILTING MONDAY—Quilters (Hand Quilting) meet every Monday at 9:00 am in the Quilting Room in the Fellowship Hall. They took a short break and will return to quilting on January 9.

TACKY TUESDAY (tying quilts for Lutheran World Relief) will meet on January 17, 2023 at 8:30 am. A pot luck lunch is shared by all with fellowship around 11:45 am.

FRIENDS IN FAITH, our women's group, will meet Monday, January 2 at 7 pm in the Friendship Room at St. Paul.

FISHERS OF MEN, our men's group, will have their weekend retreat on January 26-29—Thursday—Sunday at Meiners Ranch. Royce Keilers and ALL Fishers of Men are hosts.

HANDBELL CHOIR - meets on Wednesdays at 6:00 pm.

CHOIR—meets on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm.

PRAISE BAND - meets on Wednesdays at 8:00 pm

LYO, our high school youth group, meets on Wednesday at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. They took a short break and will resume January 11, 2023.

BUILDING FACILITIES COMMITTEE—will meet on Tuesday, January 9 at 6:00 pm in the Friendship Room.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE—will meet on Tuesday, January 10, at 6:00 pm in the Friendship Room.

CHURCH COUNCIL— will meet on Tuesday, January 17, at 6:00 pm in the Friendship Room.



The Call Committee has recently completed our work on the church profile and it has been submitted to the Church Council for their input and approval. The next step will be to submit the finished product to the Synod for their review and **posting**. **We are excited for our future and eager to start interviews in 2023. Thank you for your support and please continue to pray for everyone involved in the call process. Merry Christmas!**

The Call Committee

Sylvia Jewell, Chair
Ashleigh Parks, Secretary
Gary Anders

Sandra Tekyl
Hannah Bellue
Tim Knesek

St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church

2023 Second Chance Work Schedule

January 3-9 February 14-20 March 28–April 3 May 9 –15

June 20-26 August 1-7 September 12-18 October 24-30 December 12-18

Second Chance hours: Tuesday-Saturday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

& Mondays, 8 a.m.

Tuesday-Thursday are spent receiving, pricing and putting items out to sell; Fridays and Saturdays are the days the store is open to the public; and Monday mornings are for straightening up the store for the next volunteers.

***Thank you to all volunteers and
we always welcome new volunteers!***

St. Paul Coordinators: Carolyn Buchanek, Patty Ehler, JoLene Hughes, Linda Morrison,
Ginger Muesse and Gloria Raschke

2023 AMEN volunteer schedule

8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Mondays

February 6,

is St. Paul day to work at AMEN

**(Also Thursday February 9 to accept
food donations ONLY)**

St. Paul's AMEN Coordinator is Rebecca Dittrich. Please contact her at 713-254-3306 if you would like to volunteer.

REMINDER— The second Sunday of the month is designated for collections for the AMEN food pantry. Green baskets are at portico entrance and porch of the church office. And a grocery basket is located in the Narthex for your donations.

2023 AMEN Volunteer Schedule

March 20 May 22 July 1 August 28 November 6

COUNCIL POSITIONS: It is once again time to find members to run for Congregation Council positions for 2023. If you are interested, please let the office know.

***Council positions are elected for 2 year terms at the annual meeting.
The Annual Meeting will be Sunday, January 22, 2023***

Please consider serving on Congregation Council. Meetings are only once a month and these leadership positions are very important in helping St. Paul in its Mission Statement to "care, share and provide Christian growth opportunities."

JANUARY Birthdays

1	Sarah Ehler
2	Laurie Schneider
3	Caitlin Morgan, Sadie Schielack
4	Matthew Jaster, Brantley Koehl, Patti Weber
7	Caroline Wolff
8	Hayley Saunders, Cole Stork
9	Tammy Kutac
11	Charlotte Hagemann, Hertha Kruse
12	Gail Cook, Dannie Coufal, Glenn Davis, Amber Picard
13	Justin Anders, Elaine Halpain
14	Mark Brown, Alex Schielack
16	Rhonda Koether
17	Marilyn Gest
18	Todd Keilers, Cindy Schwertner
19	Tara Childs, Amalia Woolf
21	Darby Mueller, Michelle Martin, Edwin Votaw
22	Sydney Fritsch
23	Patrick Raborn, Deanna Toddy
24	Todd Oehlke
26	Bradley Schielack, Laurie Stork
27	Kloe Kutach, Grace Robilio
28	Leroy Bennetsen
29	Alex Toensing
30	Laurie Boehm, Kate Fitzpatrick, An'Na Jaster, Claude Mertz
31	Stephanie Fitzpatrick



NAME	DATE	YEARS
John Pineda and Bonnie Busch	1/8	23
Leroy and Carolyn Bennetsen	1/13	46
Bert and Jackie Gest	1/26	10

JoAn Heintschel and family wish to express their thanks to the Hospitality Ministry that served at Leon Heintschel's memorial luncheon.

"Thank you goes to Carolyn Bennetsen, Rhonda Koether, Annette Citzler, Susie Morgan, JoLene Hughes and Sharon Elias who served the luncheon and brought food. And thank you to {other} church ladies who also brought food for the luncheon – Shelly Pietsch, Janet Coronado, Ashleigh Parks, Ginger Friemel, Jackie Gest, Laurie Stork, Dannie Coufal, Ann Raborn and JoAnn Mueller.



Each January First, we begin using a new box of contribution envelopes. As the newest member of one of the two teams of offering counters, I here beg to offer a few suggestions that will assist us in our work. We are all unpaid volunteers, trained and sworn to confidentiality, but volunteers nevertheless. We want very much to credit your offerings correctly to your record, and to count the total offerings correctly with a minimum of mix-up and re-counting.

First, be certain you put the total amount of the money enclosed (whether check or cash) on the outside of the envelope. That helps us to reconcile the total sum of money in all the envelopes with the total sum of money we have counted. One member of the counting team counts the cash, another totals the checks, and another totals the envelopes. The cash plus checks has to equal the envelopes total. If you don't write on the envelope how much is enclosed, we must stop and write it on each envelope ourselves, which slows down the counting process.

Second, please put your name on your envelope. Even if the envelope has a unique number that you have been assigned, the name is a helpful guide for us to confirm against the record in the database. It is also needed for the Audit Committee's work later.

Third, use the special offerings envelopes for NON-general fund donations. If you can, use a separate check for that envelope. All offerings to different categories for that envelope can, however, be lumped together in that check.

Fourth, make ALL CHECKS payable to St. Paul Lutheran Church. Please, DO NOT PUT checks made out to AMEN or Lutherhill Ministries or ELCA HUNGER into the offering. Instead, make those checks payable to St. Paul, and note in the memorandum line the designation for AMEN or Lutherhill or ELCA Hunger, or whatever. St. Paul is the only way we can endorse your checks, and St. Paul is forwarding these funds to the proper destination monthly in any case.

Fifth, if you do not have a set of envelopes, please request a set from the office. Meantime, feel free to use plain envelopes to place your check or cash into the offering if you wish, but put name and amount on the outside please. If you do put a loose check into the offering, put your envelope number on the check, if you can recall it. That will help us a good deal to be certain the contribution is credited to the correct database record.

We appreciate your generosity in supporting our congregation's general fund needs and all the special funds our congregation supports. Thank you for helping us to assure your offerings are properly credited to the various St. Paul accounts and to your own giving records!

Annette Citzler, for the St. Paul Offering Counters

An Invitation from the Adult Sunday School Class

For some weeks during November and December, St. Paul's Adult Sunday School class has been studying the draft of a forthcoming ELCA Social Message on *Earth's Climate Crisis*. Regular participants in these discussions have included Linda Albers, Carolyn Buchanek, Mary Ann Butler, Mannie Fritsch-Schmid, Joyce Kolbe, Wendy McCredie, Bill Sappenfield, and Leonard Schulze.

ELCA "Messages" are not intended as directives, but as resources to support individuals and congregations as they respond faithfully to critical issues.* The rationale for this particular message is succinctly presented in its Introduction: "God gives a sacred responsibility to human beings in *Genesis*: to care for and *keep* God's creation for future generations. God made humans to be *keepers* of the garden, God's earth (Genesis 2:15)."

In the three decades since the ELCA's 1993 Social Statement *Caring for Creation: Vision, Hope, and Justice*, the urgency of environmental crises has, in the judgment of many people around the globe, risen exponentially. The current situation prompts the *Climate Crisis* Message to pray that "the Spirit [of God] *renew* this church's sense of *emergency* and *empower us to faithful and fervent action...*" Our Sunday School class affirms this call to renewal and urges members of St. Paul to engage family members, friends, and fellow congregants to share their understandings of the climate crisis, and to explore how they might be called to respond to it not only as concerned citizens, but explicitly as confessing Christians.

We also invite you to contemplate how St. Paul *as a congregation* can take faithful and fervent *action* to respond to the crisis. The draft Message identifies opportunities such as:

- Promote creation care through preaching, worship, and educational resources

- Witness publicly to the crisis and "walk the talk" by

 - Investing in energy efficiency and renewable energy systems

 - Becoming an "anticipatory community" to model climate resiliency

- Promote scientific literacy and instruction about global warming and climate change

- Engage in public advocacy at all levels of government

- Join with ecumenical, interfaith, and secular partners working to address the climate crisis—with an emphasis on local needs and actions

With St. Paul's longstanding commitment to partnerships like Second Chance Emporium and Amen, might we explore the readiness of other churches in La Grange to work together on responding to the climate crisis locally? Perhaps you can identify other opportunities for collaborative work?

Please share any questions you may have about the Social Message itself, as well as any recommendations or suggestions you have, with Pastor Sappenfield.

* During its 34-year history, the ELCA has produced 13 "Social Statements" and 15 "Social Messages." "Statements" are defined as "teaching and policy documents that provide broad frameworks to assist us in thinking about and discussing social issues in the context of faith and life." "Messages" are meant to help communities and individuals with moral formation, discernment and thoughtful engagement with current social issues as we participate in God's work in the world."

The full text of the Message on the climate crisis is available at https://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/DRAFT-Social_Message_on_Climate_Care.pdf. We encourage the people of St. Paul to familiarize themselves with it, as well as the 1993 Social Statement on *Caring for Creation*, available at <https://elca.org/Faith/Faith-and-Society/Social-Statements/Caring-for-Creation>

A Review of 2022 at St. Paul

- January 23 The Congregational Meeting approved our budget and installed our new Church Council: Karen Bellue, President; Paul Mikula, Vice President; Ginger Friemel, Secretary; Donnie Dippel, Treasurer; Atlan Citzler; Russell Dittrich; David Ehler; Dianne Lude; Frank Macaulay; and Michael Mach.
- February 4-6 Fishers of Men retreat.
- February 13 Adult Sunday School restarted with fourteen in attendance.
- February 16 The funeral of Patsy Fowler.
- February 20 The baptism of Lila Halpain.
- February 20 Nine elementary age kids enjoyed pizza and a movie at church.
- February 22 The funeral of Calvin Kuehn.
- April 14 The Circle of Love luncheon honored 33 people 80 years old or older.
- April 14 Audrey Jackson, Lillie Jackson, Jaxon Kurtz, Shay McCord, Connor Paden, McKynzie Payne, Landon Wagner, and Ryder Wagner celebrated Holy Communion for the first time.
- April 30 Bicyclists with the MS150 ride stayed overnight in the Fellowship Hall.
- May 1 Chloe Coufal affirmed her baptism in the Rite of Confirmation.
- May 2 Ruth Poncik began her duties as Office Administrator.
- May 8 12 High School Seniors were recognized at worship and given the gift of a quilt.
- May 18 The funeral of Nick Dokos.
- June 20 The funeral of Delvin Zingelmann
- June 24 The church got new computers.
- June 27-July 1 50 children, 16 counsellors and assistants, and ten adults participated in Vacation Bible School.
- June 30 The funeral of William Hunger.
- July 11 Carpet installation began.
- July 16 – 23 LYO trip as Hunter Sabo, Meadow Taylor-Marklin, Judith Almeida, Hannah Burnham, Bryn Colon, Gunner Jurek, Rory Halpain, Hailey Kelly, Jarron Fejkus, MiLisa Gaertner, Ashleigh Parks, and Caleb Parks went to California.
- July 31 The Call Committee was installed. It included Gary Anders, Hannah Bellue, Sylvia Jewell, Tim Knesek, Ashleigh Parks, and Sandra Teykl.
- August 2 The funeral of Henry Weber.
- August 13 Share Holders dinner for the Lutheran Youth Organization as members showed pictures and shared their experiences from their trip to California.
- August 14 The baptism of Stella Schielack.
- September 16 The funeral of Marjorie Hackemack.
- October 11 The funeral of Lucille Warnken.
- October 12 The funeral of Wallace Hobratchk.
- October 30 Sunday Funday had children painting and carving pumpkins in the fellowship hall.
- November 14 Rebecca and Russell Dittrich began as St. Paul's AMEN coordinators after years of faithful leadership by Mannie Fritsch-Schmid.
- November 20 New members joined the church: John Acosta & Lynette Boyd, Chad & Kylie Childs, Ken & Linda Diers, Boots Jewell, and Wendie McCredie & Leonard Schulze.
- November 22 Tamale Delivery Day. The Lutheran Youth Organization sold 700 dozen tamales to 224 people. \$8,400 was raised and 15 kids helped throughout the day.
- December 10 Memorial service of Leon Heintschel.
- December 12 Fishers of Men and guests sang Christmas carols at homes and care centers.
- December 19 New pew cushions were delivered to the church.

January 2023

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

1 9:00 am Worship No Sunday School	2 No Confirmation 7:00 pm Friends in Faith In Friendship Room	3 St. Paul @ Second Chance January 3—9 >>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>	4 8:30 am Community Bible Study 6:00 pm Handbell Choir 7:00 pm Choir 8:00 pm Praise Band NO LYO	5 >>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>	6 St. Paul @ Second Chance >>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>	7 5:00 pm Worship >>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>
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