



Messenger

Newsletter of St Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, La Grange TX

June 2024

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PS – A WORD FROM PASTOR STAN

“Listen, God is Calling...was the theme of the synod assembly this year at Lord of Life Lutheran Church in The Woodlands. We heard call stories from many different people – deacons, pastors, congregations, members, and even our Bishop. Bishop Mike let us know that he is not hearing the call to be bishop after this year. So, next year in May in New Orleans, we will be electing a new bishop for the first time in 18 years. He is not sure yet where God is calling him and he is listening.

In the coming year, the synod will go through a process of discernment. We will be seeing who is hearing the call to run for bishop. We will likely get hear from a number of potential candidates before the assembly.

We heard wonderful stories of people in our synod who have heard and responded to the call of God to ministry in a variety of ways and settings. There is not just one way to minister in God’s world and to God’s people. We heard about a young man who has responded with a food truck ministry working to feed food-insecure people in one area of Houston.

In our own situation of in search of a pastor, we heard Pastor Tracey Brashears-Schultz report that last year at the assembly there were 17 churches in search of a pastor. During the year, there were 18 pastors called to churches in the synod, and there are still 18 churches in search, St. Paul included. Our hope is that the call of God and our calling for a pastor will be heard by the person God is calling to this place at this time.

Listen, God is calling all of us as well to ministry here in our setting. Helping at AMEN in May, we saw the need of our community and how we as the churches of this community have and continue to respond to that need with generosity and compassion. We do the same through our ministry at Second Chance

Listen, God is calling our young people to affirm their faith on Sunday, June 2nd. Two of our young people, Ashlynd Judy and Luke Wolff, will be affirming the baptismal vows made by their parents, sponsors, and the congregation at their baptisms.

Listen, God is calling many of you to help with the Lutherhill Day Camp at St. Paul in June. There are so many ways to help with camp and with the ministry of this church in our community. How is God calling you? What are your gifts that God is calling you to use in service to the community?

Listen, God is calling! That is the word we acknowledge and seek to respond to as God calls us and as the Spirit empowers and emboldens us to serve in God’s name.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

June 2024

Sincerely,

Paul Mikula,
Congregational Council President



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



Kay Dippel

Florence Otto, Monument Hill

Gladys Weber

Juanita Frels, Care Inn

Myrtle Friemel

Verlene Hobratsck, The Towers, Smithville

Edwin Votaw

AC and Annazell Von Minden, Jefferson Place

Annie and Wilburn Hackebeil

Grace Robilio, Jefferson Place

Jenelle Oeltjendiers

Marianne Williams, Jefferson Place

Dorothy Stolle

Betty Schmidt, Schulenburg Regency

Dogie Keith

Mary Ann Butler, Westminster, Austin

Hertha Kruse

Fay Braun, The Continental, Austin

JC Spacek

Gloria Baumbach, Holly Hall Center, Houston

Joy Skelton

Mel Cameron, Concordia, Bella Vista AR



St. Paul recognized graduating High School Seniors during the services on May 26, 2024. . The ladies of the church presented each of the seniors with a personalized quilt. This year the seniors are Brock Loehr, son of Bradley and Kay Loehr; Ella Pineda, daughter of John Pineda and Bonnie Busch; Brigham Kelley, son of Dan and Dawn Kelley; and Judith Almeida, daughter of Jose Hernandez and Nancy Almeida.

College Graduates:

Katie Anders graduated from Blinn College Summa Cum Laude (4.0 GPA) with an Associate of Applied Science Degree in Accounting. She is a member of the Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society. She is a fulltime employee of Fayette County Auditors office since 5/4/2020 where she hold title of Assistant Auditor.

Thomas John Williams, grandson of John D. and Kay Marburger graduated from University of Texas on 5/11/24 with a BS in Mathematics and a BS in Computer Science.

What's Happening at St. Paul!

TACKY TUESDAY will meet Tuesday, June 11 which is a week early to avoid conflict with the Day Camp program. . Please join us as we pin hems, cut batting, and tie knots in quilts for Lutheran World Relief Quilts. No experience necessary. We will have a pot luck meal at 11:30 am. All are invited.

FRIENDS IN FAITH, our women's group, will not meet in June, July, and August.

FISHERS OF MEN, our men's group, will not meet in June, July, and August.

HANDBELL CHOIR and CHOIR—will not meet in June, July and August. They will resume practice in September. A new schedule will be announced at that time.

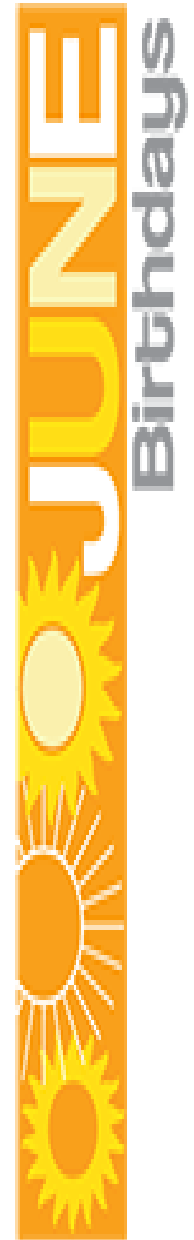
PRAISE BAND - will meet at 7:00 pm on Wednesdays in the sanctuary.

CHURCH COUNCIL— will meet Tuesday, June 18, 2024 at 6:00 pm in the Friendship Room.

LYO—our high school youth group, will not be meeting during the Summer. Meetings will resume in the fall after LGISD classes start. More information about the LYO summer trip will be posted in the July Messenger.

| St. Paul Financial Report as of April 30, 2024 | | | | | |
|---|--------------|--------------------|----------------------------|--------------|------------------|
| INCOME | April | AMOUNT | EXPENSE | April | Amount |
| Offering Envelopes | 4/1 | 6,020.01 | Benevolence | | 4,581.00 |
| Includes Rent | 4/8 | 5,382.00 | Salaries/Payroll Expense | | 13,829.13 |
| Includes LYO TRIP | 4/15 | 10,223.20 | Organ/Piano Maintenance | | 1,208.00 |
| | 4/22 | 2,532.00 | Landscape/Yard care | | 1,400.00 |
| | 4/29 | 1,418.00 | Office Supplies/Equipment | | 286.89 |
| | | | Easter Lilies | | 362.00 |
| | | | Altar Guild | | 103.62 |
| | | | Synod Assembly | | 615.00 |
| | | | Meals for St. Paul Friends | | 820.95 |
| | | | Outreach/Social Media | | 708.25 |
| | | | Memorial Expenditures | | 1,392.18 |
| | | | Accountant Expense | | 200.00 |
| | | | Circle of Love | | 1,437.21 |
| My Eoffering | | 8,547.03 | Postage | | 388.19 |
| Thrivent Grant | | 874.00 | Property/Roof Repair | | 10,731.69 |
| | | | Telephone/Internet | | 387.46 |
| Interest | | 7.77 | Utilities | | 924.35 |
| TOTAL | | \$35,004.01 | TOTAL | | 39,375.92 |

| DATE | NAME |
|------|---|
| 1 | Atlan Citzler, Jr. |
| 2 | Tyson Kurtz |
| 3 | Caleb Miller |
| 5 | Luke Wolff |
| 6 | Catherine Foley, Dawn Mirran |
| 7 | Elaine Brandt, Mack Fajkus |
| 10 | Mark Bage, Jarrett Skelton |
| 11 | Ethyn Wilson |
| 12 | Amanda Arlund, Shawn Raborn, Alexandra Shimek |
| 13 | Jett Fajkus, Tobias Hernandez, Kortney Schielack, Bonnie Sladek |
| 14 | Tanner Fritsch |
| 15 | Michael Powell, Aaron Prause |
| 16 | Myrtle Friemel, Diana Glynn, Susan Knesek |
| 17 | Jordan Weyand |
| 18 | Abby Morgan |
| 19 | Charles Friemel, Joe Lester |
| 20 | Caleb Arthur |
| 21 | Candice Blaskchke, Tyler Dockery, Faith Frerichs |
| | Kevin Grimes, Verlene Hobratschk, Bryce Moerbe |
| 25 | Austin Demny, Sharon Elias |
| 26 | Iva Wolff |
| 27 | Sherise Davis, Connie Jakobeit |
| 29 | Jamison Davis, John D. Marburger, John Psencik |
| 30 | Skyler Shimek |



SAVE THE DATE!

LYO Stockholder Meal

August 10, 2024

In the Fellowship Hall

Invitation postcards will be mailed in July

The youth will share stories at the meal

about their adventures on the

Summer LYO Trip



| NAME | DATE | YEARS |
|--------------------------|------|-------|
| Regina & Armin Keilers | 6/4 | 41 |
| Kay & Donnie Dippel | 6/5 | 53 |
| Martha & Michael Powell | 6/5 | 42 |
| Deanna & Steve Toddy | 6/5 | 31 |
| Peggy & Odis Pfeiffer | 6/6 | 54 |
| Margaret & Glen Roscher | 6/6 | 26 |
| Sandra & David Weyand | 6/7 | 38 |
| Catie & B.J. Moerbe | 6/8 | 11 |
| Lisa & Craig Oltmann | 6/8 | 33 |
| Tara & Clayton Childs | 6/9 | 12 |
| Lisa & Kevin Grimes | 6/13 | 32 |
| Shelly & Russell Fisbeck | 6/15 | 28 |
| Valerie & Garrett Hinze | 6/15 | 11 |
| Dianne & Garrett Lude | 6/15 | 33 |
| Kay & John D. Marburger | 6/15 | 56 |
| Amanda & Andrew Arlund | 6/20 | 15 |
| Charlotte & Don Hagemann | 6/23 | 63 |
| Elva & Royce Keilers | 6/25 | 63 |
| Candice & Mark Blaschke | 6/28 | 16 |
| Sylvia & Lloyd Jewell | 6/29 | 39 |
| Kay & Bradley Loehr | 6/29 | 28 |

Congratulations to the following St. Paul Seniors who were presented scholarships during scholarship ceremony at LHS.

Ella Pineda – DAR Good Citizenship, Nick Ramirez, Sr. Memorial Golf, A+ Federal Credit Union, La Grange Baseball Association, Jeff Rohde Memorial Golf, Erwin A. & Bonnie Sladek, La Grange High School Student Council, La Grange Board of Trustees Integrity, Marian B. Busch Memorial, and Rotary Club of La Grange.

Brigham Kelley – Woodman Life Chapter 302, Fayette Community Foundation Technical Education, and Fayette Electric Cooperative Trade & Technical School.

Judith Hernandez Almeida – Sampuesana 7 and St. Paul Lutheran LYO.

Brock Loehr – Fred H. Oppermann Memorial, Erwin A. & Bonnie Sladek, La Grange Evening Lions Club Michael Smalley Memorial, La Grange Optimist Club, St. Paul Lutheran LYO, La Grange Baseball Association, and Texas Statewide Telephone Cooperative, Inc.

June Worship Assistants

| | |
|---|-------------------------------|
| June 2, 2024 | Confirmation Sunday |
| Ushers | Atlan Citzler, Don Koether, |
| Bradley Loehr, David & Patty Ehler | |
| Lectors | Leonard Schulze |
| Altar Guild | Ashleigh Parks |
| Fellowship Refreshments | Dianne Lude |
| Flowers | Annette Citzler |
| | |
| June 9, 2024 | |
| Ushers | Dianne Ludee, Faye Bresan |
| Janet Coronado, Ginger Muesse, Wendy McCredie | |
| Lectors | Wendy McCredie |
| Altar Guild | Faye Bresan |
| Fellowship Refreshments | Wendy McCredie |
| Flowers | Open |
| | |
| June 16, 2024 | |
| Ushers | Glenn Eilert, Gary Anders, |
| Katy Anders, George Eilert | |
| Lectors | Praise Band |
| Altar Guild | JoLene & Gerald Hughes |
| Fellowship Refreshments | Open |
| Flowers | Open |
| | |
| June 23, 2024 | |
| Ushers | Michael Mach, Kenneth & Linda |
| Diers, Kenny & Patti Weber | |
| Lectors | To Be Determined |
| Altar Guild | Janet Coronado |
| Fellowship Refreshments | Open |
| Flowers | Open |
| | |
| June 30, 2024 | |
| Ushers | Todd Oehlke, Gloria Raschke |
| Bonnie Sladek, JoLene & Gerald Hughes | |
| Lectors | Praise Band |
| Altar Guild | Ginger Muesse |
| Fellowship Refreshments | Open |
| Flowers | Open |

**St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church
2024 Second Chance Work Schedule**

June 4—10

July 16-22; August 27-31

October 8-14; November 19-25

Second Chance hours: Tuesday-Saturday, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

& Mondays, 8 a.m., Address: 841 S. Reynolds St.; La Grange

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
CONTACT NUMBER: 979-249-6328

2024 AMEN volunteer schedule

8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Mondays, Address: 851 S. Reynolds St.; La Grange

July 1

is St. Paul day to work at AMEN

(Also Thursday to accept food donations ONLY)

10:00 am—12:00 pm

Other Dates for St. Paul at AMEN in 2024:

August 5, October 21 and December 2

St. Paul's AMEN Coordinator is Rebecca Dittrich. Please contact her at 512-762-1276 if you would like to volunteer. Or you can email Rebecca at: rebecca.dittrich11@gmail.com.

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.

June 2024

| | SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
|----|--|--|--|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----|
| | | | | | | | 1 |
| 2 | 9:00 Worship Confirmation Service 10:30 Adult Education 4:00 pm Jen Kindsvatter | 3 4 St. Paul @ Second Chance | 5 8:30 am Bible Study 7:00 pm Praise Band | 6 7 | 8 | | |
| 9 | 9:00 Worship 10:30 Adult Education | 10 St Paul @ Second Chance | 11 8:30 am Tacky Tuesday | 12 8:30 am Bible Study 7:00 pm Praise Band | 13 14 | 15 | |
| 16 | 9:00 Worship Children's Education Meeting after Service 10:30 Adult Education | 17 8:30—noon DAY CAMP thru FRIDAY | 18 DAY CAMP 6:00 pm Church Council | 19 DAY CAMP 7:00 pm Praise Band | 20 DAY CAMP | 21 DAY CAMP | 22 |
| 23 | 9:00 Worship 10:30 Adult Education | 24 | 25 | 26 8:30 am Bible Study 7:00 pm Praise Band | 27 | 28 | 29 |
| | 30 9:00 Worship 10:30 Adult Education | | | | | | |

St. Paul 2024 Congregation Council

Paul Mikula, President (phone 979-250-3362)

Scott Toensing, Vice-President

Donnie Dippel, Treasurer

Bamba Scott, Secretary

John Acosta, Mission/Peru

Atlan Citzler, Jr., Stewardship/Finance/Endowment

Glenn Eilert, Outreach/Social Ministry

Michael Mach, Worship/Technology

Dianne Lude, Youth/Parish Education

Todd Oehlke, Property

Parish Office Hours:

Monday—Friday

8:00 a.m.– 5:00 p.m.

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Ruth Poncik, *Office Manager*

Sherise Davis, *Organist*

Jean McHenry, *Organist*

Cindy Pundt, *Organist*

Kathy Toensing, *Adult Choir/Praise Band*

**Carolyn Bennetsen, Mannie Fritsch-Schmid,
and Paul Mikula, *Stephen Ministers***

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