



Messenger

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Newsletter of St Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, La Grange TX

A Member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Worship, Learn, and Serve

Living your faith is not complicated. Sometimes it is demanding, but it is not complicated.

Worship: Every weekend the Body of Christ gathers to worship God. We need you with us. Whether you join with St. Paul in the church building or you worship online, the Body of Christ will be stronger when you add your voice to the hymns and your heart to the prayers. You will be stronger, too. Energized by those around you and strengthened by the Holy Sacrament, you will turn to the coming week renewed in your faith.

Learn: Our world and our lives constantly change, yet I know people who have not attended a Christian education opportunity since Confirmation Class. Even if we did remember everything we discussed in Confirmation (and we don't remember everything we discussed in Confirmation) have no new circumstances or events come your way since then? You have a family at St. Paul that shares your curiosity and your values. Join with them to learn God's purpose for our lives and for his creation.

Serve: God calls us to help people who are poor and hungry. That is a consistent message throughout Scripture. St. Paul provides opportunities to serve our community. Through our offerings we support ministries of the ELCA that stretch across the nation and around the world with schools, hospitals, and advocates for social advancement. In our own lives we can encourage people who need encouragement, listen to someone who is lonely, and say a word of appreciation to the friends we see every day.

To worship, learn, and serve is within the grasp of every one of us. We can do these things God calls us to do and the world will look more like his kingdom when we do them.

Pastor Sappenfield

Our Mission Statement:

Saint Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church,
in the name of Christ, cares, shares, and
provides Christian growth opportunity to
our community.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On Tuesday, July 19th your council held their monthly meeting. During that meeting we voted to accept as a new member, Camille Freytag Roselius. Mrs. Roselius was raised and confirmed in this church, and we welcome her return to membership since her life away from La Grange. A large part of the meeting was spent receiving reports on the projects that have been developing over the past few months.

Our new website has taken another step toward a posting. That committee is working closely with the company that is creating it to make sure it holds everything that Saint Paul wants to share with current, as well as potential members.

Pew cushions are coming any day now and the carpet has been installed. It gives the parlor and the sanctuary a fresh updated look. It's just beautiful! Gary Lincke has been asked to bid carpeting to match in the Friendship Room and the Library as well.

Office computers have been installed. Pastor and Ruth couldn't be happier.

Audio Visual Equipment and the stage have been installed at the rear of the church.

A new telephone system was installed Wednesday, July 20th in the office, bringing yet another aspect of the work done there up to date.

Dianne Lude and her VBS helpers were commended for the fantastic job they did bringing God's word to the young attendees.

An update to the Building Use Policy, last updated in 2011, is in progress.

Finally, potential members of a call committee were discussed. As is set out by the constitution the council hopes to vote on a group of agreeable members shortly. After that those members will be presented to the congregation for installation.

Thank you to everyone for continuing to support our ministry. Saint Paul is your church family and you are all encouraged to come home.

Shalom,

Karen Bellue, Council President



NOTICE : There will be no Children's Sunday School until public school resumes in the Fall.

QUILTING MONDAY

Monday Morning Quilters (Hand Quilting) meet every Monday at 9:00 a.m. in the Quilting Room in the Fellowship Hall.

TACKY TUESDAY will be August 16 !

Join Tacky Tuesday (*Lutheran World Relief*) on August 16 beginning at 8:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We pin quilts, tack quilts, cut batting, and iron fabric. No experience necessary! A potluck meal follows for everyone to enjoy and have further fellowship.

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

FISHERS OF MEN, our men's group, will not meet in August

HANDBELL CHOIR AND CHOIR - will not meet in August. They will resume meeting the first Wednesday after Labor Day (9/7).

PRAISE BAND - meets on Wednesday evening at 6:00.

Has your address or phone number changed? Do you no longer have your "land line"? Do you need to add an email address? We like to keep your information current and up to date. Please call the Church Office if you need to update your information. Office hours are Monday – Friday 8:00 – 5:00.



You can email to: stpaul@cvctx.com or you can call the office at: 979-968-5657. Office Manager Ruth Poncik will be happy to help you update your information.

Memorial Contributions

The new carpet in the sanctuary was paid for from contributions made in memory of Bradley Frerichs, Art Schneider, Elizabeth Schneider, Perry Bernshausen, Delores Oppermann, Cornelia Spacek and Shirley Spacek.

**St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church
2022 Second Chance Work Schedule**

August 9 - 15

Sept. 20-26 Nov. 1-7

*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

2022 AMEN volunteer schedule

**8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Mondays
(with La Grange Church of Christ)**

AUGUST 22

is St. Paul day to work at AMEN

Sept. 12 Oct. 10

Nov. 14 Dec. 12

St. Paul's AMEN Coordinator is Mannie Fritsch Schmid. Please contact her at 979-968-3382 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 grocery basket is located in the Narthex for your donations.

OPPORTUNITIES TO HELP OUR COMMUNITY

SAVE THE DATE

Lutherhill Fundraiser sponsored by Shared Lutheran Ministries and St. Paul Lutheran will be on Saturday, August 6 at Carby Chapel at Lutherhill. The event will begin at 6:00 and include a meal made by Weldon Hartmann and Crew, The menu will be Fried Chicken, Scalloped Potatoes, Green Beans and Corn. There will be a dance with music by the Back Porch Boys, and a small auction. This will be a Free Will Donation and you can bring a dessert to share with the meal and your own beverages.

Service in support of Queen of the Holy Rosary Catholic Church

The community worship service will be Sunday, August 14, at the KC Hall. 3:00-4:00 Fellowship, 4:00-6:00 worship. A number of speakers and musical groups will participate. To participate in the community choir, please contact Nancy Hajek at (979)966-8068 or nancy.hajek@lgfumc.org. There will be one practice for the choir on Wednesday, August 10, at 7:00 pm at the Methodist Church, 1215 N. Von Minden. Admission is free; donations are encouraged. All proceeds will go to Queen of the Holy Rosary Parish. Refreshments are provided by HEB and the hall is provided by the Knights of Columbus.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS	
DATE	NAME
1	Dawson Loehr, Bamba Scott
2	Gloria Raschke, Ashleigh Parks, Tori Shimek
3	Linda Morrison, Shelly Pietsch, Glenn Eilert
4	Zoey Staal
7	Brianna Janda, Tim Knesek, Kay Marburger, Cole Wolff
8	Abigail Roscher, Colton Roscher, Amber Schneider
10	Don Koether, Cody McGraw
11	Janet Bayer, Steve Toddy
16	Cody Hengst
17	Laken Grimes, Kara Koether
20	George Eilert, Dudley Piland, Jackson Rau, Landon West
21	Anna Karisch
22	Dorothy Stolle
23	Tony Miori, Lizzie Placke
24	Jean McHenry, Tommy Neuman
25	Anita Barnett
26	James Elias, Kendall Rohde
27	Kyndal Kutac
28	Brenda Ahlschlager, Soledad Radcliff
30	Ann Raborn
31	Jackson Wolff

August Anniversaries		
NAME	DATE	YEARS
David & Patty Ehler	Aug. 3	48 years
Tony & Tracye Jones	Aug. 3	37 years
Kevin & Amanda Lamza	Aug. 3	20 years
Darrell & Lori Moerbe	Aug. 15	35 years
Shawn & Ann Raborn	Aug. 15	35 years
Gary & Kathie Nitsche	Aug. 17	47 years
Atlan & Jeanette Citzler	Aug. 19	50 years
Wilburn & Carol Kirsch	Aug. 21	62 years
Todd & Melissa Oehlke	Aug. 22	2 years
Chris & Danna Radcliff	Aug. 22	24 years
Melvin & Dorothy Schilling	Aug. 22	68 years
Ronnie & Bonnie Schielack	Aug. 24	48 years
Herb & Elaine Friemel	Aug. 30	36 years



School Kits Ministry --- Now is the time to buy supplies for school kits!!! Please call Carolyn Bennetsen to **help make this Ministry happen.** 979-966-8104 (Carolyn) or call the Church Office 979-968-5657. We need several volunteers!!! Thank you!! This is a Lutheran World Relief project!!

SERVANT PAGE

	5:00 p.m.	9:00 a.m.
August 6 & 7		
Ushers	Don Koether, Jackie Skelton	David & Patty Ehler
Lectors	Don Koether	Praise Band
Altar Guild	Faye Bresan	Faye Bresan
Flowers	OPEN	
August 13 & 14		
Ushers	Dennis & Nancy Zbranek	Lloyd & Sylvia Jewell
Lectors	Dennis Zbranek	Ann Raborn
Altar Guild	Sharon Elias	Ginger Muesse/Gloria Raschke
Flowers	OPEN	
August 20 & 21		
Ushers	James & Sharon Elias	Billy & Christy Nietsche
Lectors	Candace Halpain	Praise Band
Altar Guild	JoLene and Gerald Hughes	JoLene and Gerald Hughes
Flowers	Annette Citzler	
August 27 & 28		
Ushers	Richard & Danette Coufal	Tim & Susan Knesek
Lectors	Chloe Coufal	Susan Knesek
Altar Guild	Faye Bresan	Ashleigh Parks
Flowers	OPEN	

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Lutheran Youth Organization—High School Ministry of St. Paul

We will return from our summer trip to California on July 23. Please join us at our Stockholder's Dinner, Saturday, August 13, 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We will share with you what we've been doing this year and about our trip!

St. Paul 2022 Congregation Council

Karen Bellue, President (979)966-2889 call or text

Paul Mikula, Vice-President

Ginger Friemel, Secretary

Donnie Dippel, Treasurer

Russell Dittrich, Mission/Peru

Atlan Citzler, Jr., Stewardship/Finance/Endowment

David Ehler, Property

Frank Macaulay, Outreach/Social Ministry

Michael Mach, Worship/Technology

Dianne Lude, Youth/Parish Education

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Monday—Thursday

9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

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(512) 825-0842

Sherise Davis, *Organist*

Jean McHenry, *Organist*

Kathy Toensing, *Adult Choir/Praise Band Choir*

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

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