



Messenger

November 2022

Newsletter of St Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, La Grange TX

A Member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

The Festival of All Saint's Day is celebrated every year on November 1. This year we will celebrate All Saints Sunday on November 6 as we have the opportunity to think of our relationship with God, living as the saints God has made us to be. The festival originated as a feast of All Martyrs, sometime in the 4th century. The celebration moved around the calendar until the 8th century when Pope Gregory III consecrated a new chapel in the Basilica of St. Peter on November 1 and fixed the date of the feast.

Is a "saint" a person who acts saintly or is a "saint" any person whom God loves? Saints are people who are sanctified and we will look back at the history of the church and celebrate those saints who have lived holy lives, provided examples, and left us later generations with a church that can continue to serve God. We will also celebrate that we can live as the saints God has created us to be. We will emphasize the "All" in All Saints Day and define a saint as anyone for whom Christ has died – a long list, indeed. Here at St. Paul Lutheran Church we will remember those members who have died in the past year and have been gathered into heaven with God.

A complete celebration will join the two emphasizes of All Saints Day. It will celebrate the history of those who have gone before and will commission today's saints to recognize their sanctity and use it in the service of the church. Join with all the other saints to worship God on Sunday, November 6.

Pastor Sappenfield



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This past Tuesday your council met for our monthly meeting. We continue to receive blessings on behalf of the congregation, as well as work diligently to ensure our facilities meet the needs of our ministries.

Kathy Toensing shared with the council what she learned from the quarterly meeting of churches who have supported missions in Peru. At this meeting Bishop Mike shared that the churches really want a relationship of prayer between themselves and their sister churches in America, not only offerings. Bishop Mike is working on a Memorandum of Understanding to be shared between the churches here and in Peru. This would outline what the building of relationships would look like and who offerings would be disbursed to when given. After the MOU is crafted Saint Paul will decide if we wish to continue our mission work in Peru.

Bishop Mike is organizing a trip to Peru August 2-6, 2023. If you are moved to join that group, please let Kathy know. I'm sure she will share more information about this topic as it develops.

The council received three gifts: a member, through a Thrivent account, gave a gift of \$5000 to the congregation, \$500 was given by United Evangelical Lutheran Church at Swiss Alp as an appreciation for our help in printing bulletins for a large funeral this past month, and Lincke Floor Covering gave a \$500 gift as is their practice when a congregation makes a purchase. We are eternally grateful for this generosity.

The contract was renewed for lawn maintenance. The contract will continue with Tanner Fritsch.

The council voted to have partners with Lutherhill Ministries for Vacation Bible School/Day Camp in the Summer of 2023.

Annette Citzler was voted in as the newest member to the audit committee. She will serve alongside Duke Hengst and Linda Anders. We thank all three for their commitment.

David Ehler shared the outcome of the property committee meeting from the week before. He reported Gary Anders is forming a Long-Range Facilities Planning Committee that will meet on November 1st at 6:00. If you are interested in joining, please let Gary or the office know.

Tatonka Tree Service submitted a bid for a large trimming and ball moss removal project this fall encompassing all areas of the property, which was accepted. \$16,000

The council accepted a bid from Kurt Hutton for the power washing and painting of the exterior of the church building which should happen in April 2023. \$29,390

It was also reported that Howard Bohot and Bradley Loehr have inspected the steeple. There are some immediate repairs with the roofing and asphalt sheeting to be done to prevent water damage should we receive a large storm. Within the next two years the steeple will need to be taken down, sand blasted, painted, and reinstalled with an approximate cost of \$20,000+. The last time this was done was 2005. This is a project that we can build a campaign to fund beginning now. If you have a wish to support this effort designate your donation "Steeple Renovation". More information will be shared at the Annual Meeting if not before.

Exciting things are happening at Saint Paul! Please join in however you can. Our goal is to make our congregation a place where all will want to gather for worship and fellowship. As always, contact any council member with joys or concerns.

Shalom,

Karen B. Bellue, council president



The Call Committee would like to take this opportunity to update our congregation on the call process. We continue to meet every other Monday and have now completed approximately 95% of the Church profile. Once complete, we will provide this information for review to Rev. Tracey Breashears, Bishop's Associate for Leadership. The Committee would also like to take this opportunity to update everyone on our polling of the congregation regarding our top ministry tasks here at Saint Paul. In no particular order, those top tasks were Youth and Family Ministries, Preaching/Worship, Pastoral Care and Visitation, Children's Ministry, Ministry with Seniors, and Administration. Thank you for your input in this process.

Please continue to pray for the call process, our future Pastor and their family. Thank you!

Sylvia Jewell, Chair

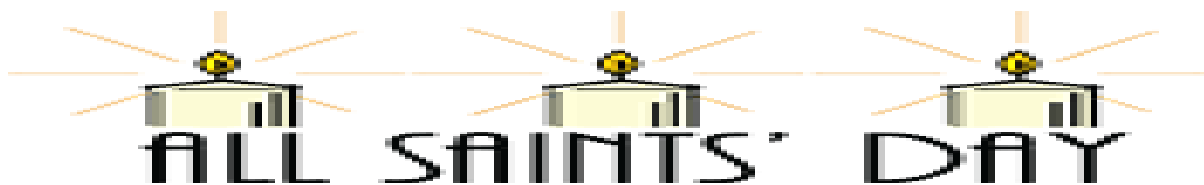
Ashleigh Parks, Secretary

Gary Anders

Sandra Tekyl

Hannah Bellue

Tim Knesek



Remembrance of the Faithful

Let us remember those who have departed this past year

Rose Hunger	November 21, 2021
Patsy Fowler	February 7, 2022
Calvin Kuehn	February 17, 2022
Nick Dokos	May 10, 2022
Delvin Zinglemann	June 13, 2022
William "Willie" Hunger	June 24, 2022
Henry Weber	July 27, 2022
Marjorie Hackemack	August 5, 2022
Verlene Noak	September 14, 2022
Wilburn "Wil" Kirsch	September 27, 2022
Lucille Warnken	October 4, 2022
Wallace Hobratchk	October 7, 2022



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



Kay Dippel

Juanita Frels

Myrtle Friemel

Annie and Wilburn Hackebeit

JoAn Heintschel

Eugene and Carolyn Hunger

Dogie Keith

Hertha Kruse

Joy Skelton

Edwin Votaw

Gladys Weber

Amalia Woolf

Bea Rost

Jenelle Oeltjendiers

JC Spacek

Elroy Zimmermann

Frankie Kopecky Monument Hill

Florence Otto Monument Hill

Aleyn Voss Monument Hill

Leon Heintschel Monument Hill

Grace Robilio Jefferson Place

Verlene Hobratschk Jefferson Place

Betty Schmidt Jefferson Place

Velrie Prause Jefferson Place

Barbara Gest Regency Nursing Schulenburg

Ruby Tielsch Regency Nursing Schulenburg

Claude Mertz Oakland Manor Giddings

Mel Cameron Concordia Nursing & Rehab

Bella Vista AR



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.

What's Happening at St. Paul!

QUILTING MONDAY—Quilters (Hand Quilting) meet every Monday at 9:00 a.m. in the Quilting Room in the Fellowship Hall. They are presently working on a quilt “Trip Around The World” for a St. Paul member. Proceeds from custom quilting go to Lutheran World Relief.

TACKY TUESDAY (tying quilts for Lutheran World Relief) will meet Tuesday, November 15 at 8:30 am. A Subway sandwich lunch will be provided at 11:45 am. No experience necessary, lots of great fellowship.

FRIENDS IN FAITH, our women's group, will meet Monday, November 7 at 7pm at the home of Mary Ann Butler; 451 N. Franklin, La Grange. All are welcome to join them.

FISHERS OF MEN, our men's group, will meet Monday, November 14 at 6:30 pm at the home of Glenn Davis; 370 Rose Mayer Loop; La Grange. Glenn and Lloyd Jewell will be 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. This is the high school ministry for youth in 9th—12th grade.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES— meet on Mondays from 5-6 pm in the Friendship Room. This is for students in 7th and 8th grades. Class schedule is coordinated with La Grange ISD calendar. Check the weekly bulletin for schedule.

BUILDING FACILITY COMMITTEE—will meet on Tuesday, November 1 at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Please see notice in this Messenger for more information.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE—will meet on Tuesday, November 8 at 6:00 pm in the Friendship Room. The group is working to address various tasks and repairs around the church property.

CHURCH COUNCIL— will meet on Tuesday, November 15 at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.



REMINDER— *it's time to set your clocks **BACK** one hour on November 5th before you go to bed.*

Daylight savings time ends at 2am on 11/6/2022.

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

Nov. 1-7

January 3-9, 2023

*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

November 14

is St. Paul day to work at AMEN

(Also Thursday November 17 to accept
food donations ONLY)

Next distribution day will be 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.

St. Paul donated a total of **1056 pounds of food** to **AMEN** as of 10/10 in 2022! Monetary donations for this year to AMEN are \$3,565.00.

The months of November and December are particularly busy at AMEN. Families want to enjoy the holidays and food supplies are limited. As always, please keep them in your thoughts when you shop; even a modest amount added to your personal shopping list can make a huge impact to someone in need.

The second weekend of each month is when we emphasize AMEN donations. In November this will be weekend of November 12 and 13. There is a cart in the Narthex, and green baskets are on the office porch and under the drive through. Monetary donations to AMEN are also welcome - just mark your envelope **AMEN**.

Thank you for your generous donations.



BUILDING FACILITY COMMITTEE—is being formed to develop a plan for St. Paul's current and future needs.

The goal is to develop a 1-5 year plan to address current and future facility needs for St. Paul. Some of the items to be considered are the church office, the rental properties, use of the education wing, and the property on the corner of Pecan and Washington streets. And as the Call Committee has been working on the process of calling a full time pastor, the need for a long range plan for Pastoral housing has become apparent. These are just a few of the needs that can be included. Please call Gary Anders at 979-481-3610 if you are interested or have suggestions or concerns. The committee will meet Tuesday, November 1, at 6:00 in the Fellowship Hall.



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

DATE	NAME
1	Clarence Mahlmann
2	Hannah Bellue, Tanya Psencik
3	Julian Mirran, Justin Oehlke, Chris Raborn, Sandra Teykl
4	Lillian Fuller, Edward Halpain, Rylan Rigden
5	Mannie Fritsch-Schmid, Jo Ann Mueller
8	Dennis Ahlschlager, Jarrett Fajkus
9	Garrett Lude, Vernon Oehlke, Abbey Weyand
10	Debbie Hinkley, Katrina Kurtz
11	Katy Adams, Shelley Neuman, Scott Toensing
12	Ally Canada, Becky Wessels
13	Clinton Lueders, Peggy Pfeiffer
14	Allison Grimes, Matthew Miori, Branson Moerbe, Kenneth Weber
15	Gary Anders, Neal Miller, Emily Schmidt, Kathy Toensing
16	Donald J. Wilson
19	Hunter Hengst, Gene Jaster, Dianne Lude
20	Brian Adams, Sheryl Jaster
22	Clinton Rohde
24	Blake-Ann Fritsch
25	Dorothy Schilling
26	Jackie Gest
27	Jessica Demny, Cynthia Goehring, Sophia Mirran, Clay Morgan



November Anniversaries		
Couple	Date	Years
Marilyn and Delbert Gest	11/7	63
Susan and Sid Roden	11/10	49
Emily and Kaleb Schmidt	11/12	6
Donna and Robert LeBlue	11/14	7
Kathy and Mark Carter	11/18	43
Laura and Brett Wolff	11/20	29
Linda and Morris Albers III	11/27	44
JoAn and Leon Heintschel	11/30	59

November Worship Assistants

	5:00 p.m.	9:00 a.m.
Nov 5 & 6		
Ushers	Rhonda Koether, Bonnie Sladek	JoLene & Gerald Hughes
Lectors	Bonnie Sladek	Praise Band
Altar Guild	JoLene & Gerald Hughes	JoLene & Gerald Hughes
Fellowship Refreshments		Linda Anders
Flowers	Annette Citzler	
Nov 12 & 13		
Ushers	James & Sharon Elias	Faye Bresan, Janet Coronado
Lectors	Sharon Elias	Frank Teykl
Altar Guild	Dennis Zbranek	Ginger Friemel
Fellowship Refreshments		Annette Citzler
Flowers	OPEN	
Nov 19 & 20		
Ushers	Jackie Skelton	Caleb & Ashleigh Parks
Lectors	To Be Determined	Praise Band
Altar Guild	Jackie Skelton	Ashleigh Parks
Fellowship Refreshments		OPEN
Flowers	In Memory of Sanford Schmid by	Mannie Fritsch-Schmid
Nov 26 & 27		
Ushers	Richard & Danette Coufal	Wayne Anders Family
Lectors	Chloe Coufal	Hannah Bellue
Altar Guild	Faye Bresan	Faye Bresan
Fellowship Refreshments		OPEN
Flowers	Annette Citzler	

GOTCHA TAMALE?

It's that time! The annual **LYO Tamale Sale** has begun. Orders may be placed until Sunday, November 6. The tamales are \$12.00 per dozen for either Spicy or Mild pork tamales. Payment at order time is greatly appreciated. The tamales will be delivered on Tuesday November 22, 4-6 pm at the St. Paul Fellowship Hall. The LYO will also be having a bake sale the day of tamale pick up. Sounds like a opportunity for a complete meal that day – tamales and dessert!

If you are interested in placing an order, contact any LYO member or call Ashleigh Parks at 409-201-5489. The tamale sale is a mandatory fundraiser for those LYO members wishing to participate in the summer trip or apply for the LYO scholarships available. All LYO members are encouraged to participate in the fundraisers as funds generated are used for: LYO Wednesday evening fellowship, LYO summer trip, LYO Sunday activities and community outreach donations.

NOTE: Members and their parents—your help will be needed on Tuesday 11/22 to help sort the orders starting at 12:30 that day. If the customer can not pick up their order it is the responsibility of the LYO member to make sure their orders are sorted, paid for and delivered.



St. Paul 2022 Congregation Council

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

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Atlan Citzler, Jr., Stewardship/Finance/Endowment

David Ehler, Property

Frank Macaulay, Outreach/Social Ministry

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Dianne Lude, Youth/Parish Education

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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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