



Messenger

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Newsletter of St Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, La Grange TX

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For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing it is the gift of God – not the result of works... Ephesians 2:8-9

On October 31, 1517, Martin Luther posted the famous 95 Theses on a church door in Wittenberg Germany. They were 95 points he wanted to discuss that asserted God's grace apart from the works of people and the authority of the church. Because of that date, we celebrate the last Sunday in October as Reformation Sunday, this year that will be October 30. We will remember the fundamental teachings of our faith: The Sole Authority of Scripture, The Priesthood of All Believers, and Salvation by Grace Alone.

In addition, Adult Sunday School time during October will be devoted to the teachings and history of the Reformation. We refer to the Lutheran Confessions in sermons and our church constitution – do you know what they are? What started the split between Luther and the established church of the day? What is Lutheran Doctrine? Please join the discussion in the Friendship Room on Sunday mornings in October beginning at 10:30.

Through the generations we have had to remind ourselves that we cannot earn God's love and that is why we celebrate the Reformation of the sixteenth century. Martin Luther saw that the church had fallen into a complete dependance on "good works". Christians were given a list of things to do to make God love them. They were to pray particular prayers, donate money, depend upon their church leaders to intervene between them and God, and trust rules. Luther remembered the message of Jesus that God loves people by his grace, not because they keep the Law. It is all God's free gift of grace. We cannot trust our good works; only God's love is trustworthy.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Sappenfield



Hello All,

Fall is finally here! Some may say in Texas that doesn't mean much but I am embracing the new season and I hope you all are too. Your council met this past Tuesday, September 20th. Some months there are agenda items that require a great deal of attention and other months there are simply house keeping items acted upon. This was one of those meetings. Below you will find an account of items discussed.

Dianne Lude reported that on October 30th there will be a Sunday Fun Day pumpkin carving event.

Atlan Citzler gave an update on memorial funded projects. He said he will present a list of 2022 projects in its entirety at the next annual meeting in January.

Russell Dittrich shared there is soon to be a synod wide meeting regarding mission projects in Peru and elsewhere. The church we have contributed to in the past there has not responded to communications in the last year or more. We will look to the synod for guidance in this matter.

After a recent property committee meeting David Ehler shared a report outlining painting projects to be considered after bids are secured. Gutter cleaning, curbing the playground, contracting electrical work for both the church and the office are all projects that will be moving forward this fall. This month rental house issues were shared. A new dishwasher was purchased and rotting entry points through the basement area will need repair. Fencing will need to be replaced on another rental house. The largest project will be an extensive trimming of the oak trees on the property that will take place in October or November. The next property committee meeting will be October 11th to discuss bids and timelines for these projects.

Russell Dittrich let the council know that the new website is under production and is 80% completed. The next step is to decide who, what, where and how it will be maintained and updated after rolling out.

Ruth also brought her concerns about the ancient office copier. It was decided we would continue with the same company for services and lease a new one.

Work on reviving the nursery will be continuing in the next few weeks. We will let you and the young families of the congregation know when it is ready for littles.

As always, your council is here to serve our congregation. Please share any blessings or concerns with any of us. We want to thank all of you who worship with us on weekends and who volunteer throughout the month for making Saint Paul Lutheran a house where we all feel like God's family.

Shalom,

Karen B. Bellue, council president



Greetings from the Call Committee! Thanks to all who took time to complete the top five ministry tasks questionnaire. We will be sharing more information regarding this topic at a later date. The committee continues to meet every other Monday to work on the ministry site profile. This document addresses three areas including who we are, our vision for mission and our leadership needs. We asked that you continue praying for the call process, our next pastor and their family as we look forward to our future here at Saint Paul.

Members

Sylvia Jewell, Chair

Sandra Tekyl

Ashleigh Parks, Secretary

Hannah Bellue

Gary Anders

Tim Knesek

HONOR FLIGHT - Gilbert Freudenberg recently participated in the Honor Flight to Washington D.C. Gilbert was recognized as a Korea War veteran and went to Washington D.C. on September 16 and 17, Flight # 75. He caught the flight in Austin, Texas, where he and other veterans were greeted by a Military Honor Guard. In Washington, he stayed at the Sheraton Hotel, in view of the National Monument Mall. On Saturday they were bussed to the Mall and ceremonies began with a posting of the colors at the World War II memorial, followed by visits to memorials recognizing veterans of the Korean War and Vietnam War, as well as the Lincoln Memorial and the gravesite of Audie Murphy at Arlington National Cemetery. Later they were taken to the Air Force Museum, the Naval Museum, and the Tomb of the Unknown soldier. One of the other participants, the only World War II veteran on the trip, assisted in the placing of the wreath on the Tomb of the Unknown soldier. Upon return to the Austin airport, the veterans were greeted by a Military Honor Guard and an Austin Fire Department water salute.

(Honor Flight is a non-profit organization that provides this service free of charge, with staffing mostly by volunteers. This was the 10th anniversary of the flights departing from Austin.)



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



Kay Dippel

Juanita Frels

Myrtle Freimel

Annie and Wilburn Hackebeil

Leon and 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

Lucille Warnken Care Inn

Frankie Kopecky Monument Hill

Florence Otto Monument Hill

Aleyn Voss Monument Hill

Aleyn Voss Monument Hill

Wallace Hobratschk Monument Hill

Grace Robilio Jefferson

Verlene Hobratschk Jefferson Place

Betty Schmidt Jefferson Place

Velrie Prause Jefferson Place

Barbara Gest Regency Nursing Schulenberg

Ruby Tielsch Regency Nursing Schulenberg

Claude Mertz Oakland Manor Giddings

Mel Cameron Concordia Nursing & Rehab

Bella Vista AR

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS—recently met to review the members of St Paul that receive communion in their home or living facility. If you would like to be a part of this important ministry please contact the church office. The group brings communion to parishioners that are homebound and those that are living in a nursing home or assisted living. This ministry is very important to keep those that cannot attend services feeling that they are still a part of the church family and a valuable member of the St. Paul Family.

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, October 18, at 8:30 am. There will be a pot luck lunch at 11:45, bring the dish of your choice. No experience necessary, lots of great fellowship.

FRIENDS IN FAITH, our women's group, will meet Monday, October 3 at 7pm at the home of Ann Raborn, 198 Charles St., La Grange. They will be looking at and discussing resources for their future meetings. All are welcome to join them.

FISHERS OF MEN, our men's group, will meet Monday, October 10 at 6:30pm at the home of Scott Toensing, 115 Rolling Hill Drive, La Grange. Scott Toensing, Frank Moellenberndt and Jim Boyd will be the hosts for the group.

HANDBELL CHOIR - meets on Wednesdays at 6:00

CHOIR—meets on Wednesdays at 7:00

PRAISE BAND - meets on Wednesdays at 8:00

LYO, our high school youth group meets on Wednesday at 6:30 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.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE—will meet on Tuesday, October 11 at 6:00 in the Fellowship Hall. The group is working to address various tasks and repairs around the church property.

SCHOOL KITS— will be assembled Wednesday, Oct. 12 in the Fellowship Hall at 7 pm. We will also pack the kits as well as the quilts this same evening. The LYO will be participating in this event as well as all members/friends who have expressed interest in the assembly of kits and packing for Lutheran World Relief. All help is welcome and appreciated.

All boxes containing the school kits and quilts will be delivered to St. John Lutheran Church, Ruttersville parking lot on Saturday, November 5.

Thanks to all who gave money to the School Kits LWR Project. As of Sept. 19 we received **\$1.188.00.**

CHURCH COUNCIL— will meet on Tuesday, October 18 at 6:00 in the Fellowship Hall.

SUNDAY FUNDAY—will be on October 30 from 3-5 at St. Paul in the Fellowship Hall. Children ages 3 and up are welcome. They will be carving pumpkins.

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

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)**

October 10

is St. Paul day to work at AMEN

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.

AMEN DONATIONS

St. Paul donated a total of **962 pounds of food** to **AMEN** as of 9/13 in 2022! That is **AMAZING!** But that amount is lower than the same time in 2021 by **300 pounds**. Monetary donations for this year to AMEN are \$2900.00. **AMEN has struggled in recent months with supply chain issues from their supplier. Please keep them in your thoughts when you shop, even a modest amount 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, but we are happy to take them all month long! There is a cart in the Narthex, and green baskets 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.





OCTOBER Birthdays



DATE	NAME
1	Frank Moellenberndt, Shayleigh Staal
2	Richard Howard
3	Avery Blaschke
4	Jenson Kurtz, Lisa Oltmann
5	Carol Hernandez
6	David Karisch, Natalie Wood
9	Kathy Brewer, Jo Ann Friemel
11	Dale Kutac, Craig Oltmann, Richard Stolle
12	Neal Frerichs, Colton Miori
13	Velrie Prause, Jacob Wolff
14	Ryan Jaster
15	Richard Coufal, Hadley Ehler, Barbara Greenwood, Michael Mach
16	Kenna Lamza
17	Lauren Schmidt
18	JoLene Hughes
19	Ralph Frerichs, Annie Oppermann
20	Kim Neuendorff, Tammy Oehlke
21	Madi Adams
22	Mark Carter
23	Willa Childs, Frank Macaulay, Gary Nitsche
26	Avery Koehl
27	Tamara Blaha, Billy Nietsche
28	Jarrold Gross, Regina Keilers
29	Debra Byler, Lena Gross, Janet Schmidt
31	Bonnie Busch, Cyndi Piland, Elroy Zimmermann

October Anniversaries		
NAME	DATE	YEARS
Debbie & Harvey Busch	10/1	40
Peggy & David Johnson	10/2	40
Holly & Richard Howard	10/3	35
Barbara & Gary Anders	10/6	32
Cynthia & Duke Hengst	10/6	38
Lena & Jerrod Gross	10/15	17
Rebeka & Ryan Jaster	10/15	6
Tracy & Michael Mach	10/15	34
Candace & Edward Halpain	10/20	3
Carolyn & Eugene Hunger	10/21	60
Marsha & Larry Pietsch	10/21	27
Charity & Tyler Dockery	10/22	6
Cynthia & Ray Goehring	10/27	38
Annie & Wilburn Hackebeitl	10/29	45

Would you like to be a part of St Paul's Children's Ministry? There is a need for Sunday School teachers. One of the topics mentioned during Pastor Bill's conversations with parishioners is the desire to have families and children active in the church. Providing a Sunday School program could help encourage this participation. If you are interested, please call Karen Bellue or Dianne Lude.

SERVANT PAGE	5:00 p.m.	9:00 a.m.
Oct 1 & 2		
Ushers	Billy & Christie Nietzsche	Kenny & Patti Weber
Lectors	Sharon Elias	Dianne Lude
Altar Guild	Sharon Elias	Ashleigh Parks
Flowers	OPEN	
Oct 8 & 9		
Ushers	Don Koether/ Jackie Skelton	Don & Joyce Steinmann
Lectors	Jackie Skelton	Praise Band
Altar Guild	JoLene & Gerald Hughes	JoLene & Gerald Hughes
Flowers	OPEN	
Oct 15 & 16		
Ushers	Billy & Christie Nietzsche	Frank & Sandra Teykl
Lectors	To Be Determined	Ann Raborn
Altar Guild	Ginger Muesse/Gloria Raschke	Ginger Muesse/Gloria Raschke
Flowers	In Memory of Frankie Friemel by Family	
Oct 22 & 23		
Ushers	George Eliert/Gary Anders	John D & Kay Marburger
Lectors	Sharon Elias	Praise Band
Altar Guild	Sharon Elias	Janet Coronado
Flowers	In Memory of Charles Rau by Faye	Rau and Family
Oct 29 & 30		
Ushers	Richard & Danette Coufal	David & Patty Ehler
Lectors	Chloe Coufal	David Ehler
Altar Guild	Pastor Sid & Susan Roden	Pastor Sid & Susan Roden
Flowers	In Memory of Arthur Friemel by Family	

Sunday Morning Refreshments

First and foremost, I would like to Thank all of the members who have provided refreshments for our Sunday morning coffee time and all of those who have made monetary contributions. We are always looking for more volunteers to help with this ministry. On Sunday mornings there is a calendar on the kitchen counter where you can sign up to bring refreshments. When you sign-up please include your cell phone number in case I need to get in contact with you. The calendar for the current month will be now posted on the bulletin board in the kitchen. From time to time, we have had members who have had events such as reunions, bake sales or other fund raisers and have left overs that they would like to share for our coffee time on Sunday mornings. In this event please check the calendar on the bulletin board in the kitchen or call me to see if that Sunday is open or not. If you need to contact me with questions or if you would like to sign up you can call or text me. My cell number 979-966-2325.

Thanks Again and your help is greatly appreciated.

Linda Anders

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2 9:00 am Worship Children and Adult Sunday School following Services	3 9:00a Quilters 5:00 pm Confirmation Class 7:00 pm Friends in Faith Services	4 6:00 pm Property Committee	5 8:30 Community Bible Study 6:00 pm Handbell Choir 6:30 pm LYO 7:00 pm Choir 8:00 pm Praise Band	6	7	8 5:00 pm Worship
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16 9:00 am Worship Children and Adult Sunday School following Services	17 9:00 Quilters 5:00 Confirmation Class	18 8:30 am Tacky Tuesday LWR Quilts 6:00 pm Church Council	19 8:30 Community Bible Study 6:00 pm Handbell Choir 6:30 pm LYO 7:00 pm Choir 8:00 pm Praise Band	20	21	22 5:00 pm Worship
23 9:00 am Worship Children and Adult Sunday School following Services	24 9:00 Quilters 5:00 Confirmation Class	25	26 8:30 Community Bible Study 6:00 pm Handbell Choir 6:30 pm LYO 7:00 pm Choir 8:00 pm Praise Band	27	28	29 5:00 pm Worship
30 REFORMATION SUNDAY 9:00 am Worship Children and Adult Sunday School following Services 3-5 Sunday Funday	31 9:00 Quilter NO CONFIRMATION CLASS					

St. Paul 2022 Congregation Council

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

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David Ehler, Property

Frank Macaulay, Outreach/Social Ministry

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