



Messenger

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June 2020

Newsletter of Saint Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, La Grange TX

A Member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

May 20, 2020

Members of the Body of Christ at St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church,

Your Congregational Council has been meeting together since the very beginning of this crisis. From the outset, we wanted to do our best to ensure that our members have a safe environment in which to worship; particularly considering our large number of worshipers who are considered “at increased risk.” We made the decision in mid-March not to worship together for the remainder of the month, which turned into all of April, which has now turned in to most of May.

With the loosening of restrictions by state and local government, churches are now faced with how to safely resume in-house worship and other activities in our facilities. We asked the Worship Committee and the Property Committee to formulate plans that meet state and local governmental guidelines and comply with insurance requirements. These plans were presented at our May 19 meeting.

At the meeting, each member of Council took time to express their concerns and their level of comfort in resuming in-house worship. They talked to other St. Paul members to assess their comfort levels. After hearing from the committees, input from the staff members, and Pastor Candy, we have decided to begin parking lot worship on June 7, 2020. Details will be forthcoming as soon as they can be worked out.

In addition, the Council also voted to not allow functions (to include meetings, bible studies, etc.) to happen in our facility unless prior approval is obtained by the Council. Again, this is to maintain safety and to reduce sanitizing that must happen after each event.

The council will reevaluate in-house worship at a Special Called Council Meeting on June 9. Please contact one of the Council members or the church office with any questions or concerns on this matter.

Please continue to pray for each other and our leadership as we navigate these difficult waters.

St. Paul Lutheran Church Council and Staff

2020 Graduates

	College
	Justin Anders (Dec 2019)
High school	Riley Fisbeck
Katie Anders	Blake Ann Fritsch
Marley Grimes	Ty Koether (Dec 2019)
Colby Jochen	Amber Loehr
Dawson Loehr	Cole Morgan
Lindsey Schneider	Destiny Psencik
Maddie Stevens	Jackson Rau
	Ashleigh Reid

SECOND CHANCE EMPORIUM

will re-open Monday, June 1, at 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. to accept donations.

June 1-6 is also St. Paul's week to work, so please let Linda Morrison know when you can help!

VBS NEWS.....

At this time, VBS is on hold. We are monitoring the situation. Stay tuned for more information!

Please bear with us as we follow the CDC recommendations - our main focus is to keep our members safe and healthy.

If you need groceries, medications, or supplies, please call the church office, 979-968-5657, Pastor Candy, 979-966-2459, or Melinda, 979-820-8793. We have a list of volunteers willing to make deliveries.

Offerings can be mailed to St. Paul, PO Box 567, La Grange, Texas, 78945 or dropped off in the mailbox next to the office door. You may also donate online by going to www.stpaulg.org and clicking "**Donate Now.**" You will be directed to MyEofferings where you can register to give online. You choose the frequency of giving - you may make a one time offering or schedule when you prefer.

Weekly bulletins are in a box outside the double doors under the drive through on Walnut Street. Christ in our Homes for April-June are also in the box. You are welcome to pick them up at your convenience.

Here is a list of what we offer online or radio:

- ~ Listen to our weekly services on KVLG/KBUK 104.9 FM Sundays at 10 a.m.
- ~ Sunday worship service will be livestreamed on FB at 9 a.m. at

<https://www.facebook.com/stpaulg/>

You **DO NOT** have to have a Facebook account to watch!

- ~ Listen to our 9 a.m. worship service at www.stpaulg.org. (Click Listen)
- ~ Click on the Weekly Services tab to watch Sunday services anytime
- ~ Click on the Bulletins tab to view our weekly bulletins in PDF.

June Birthdays & Anniversaries

1	Atlan Citzler, Jr.
2	Tyson Kurtz
3	Caleb Miller, Dee Miller
5	Luke Wolff
6	Dawn Mirran
7	Elaine Brandt, Mack Fajkus
10	Mark Bage, Jarrett Skelton
11	Ethyn Wilson
12	Amanda Arlund, Declan McAuliffe, Shawn Raborn, Ali Shimek
13	Jett Fajkus, Tobias Hernandez, Kortney Schielack, Bonnie Sladek
14	Tanner Fritsch
15	Breanna Huebel, Mike Powell, Aaron Prause
16	Myrtle Friemel, Diana Glynn, Susan Knesek, Jennifer Psencik
17	Paul Brown, Jordan Weyand
18	Abby Morgan, Amy Prause
19	Charles Friemel, Joe Lester
20	Caleb Arthur
21	Candice Blaschke, Tyler Dockery, Faith Frerichs, Kevin Grimes, Verlene Hobratschk, Bryce Moerbe
24	Rebeka Jaster
25	Austin Demny, Sharon Elias
26	Tory Bennetsen, Iva Wolff
27	Sherise Davis, Connie Jakobeit
29	Jamison Davis, John D. Marburger, John Psencik, Paulette Sturrock, Katy Weyand
30	Skyler Shimek

Ronnie & Sherry Huebel	June 1	35 years
Armin & Regina Keilers	June 4	37 years
Donnie & Kay Dippel	June 5	49 years
Michael & Martha Powell	June 5	38 years
Steve & Deanna Toddy	June 5	27 years
Odis & Peggy Pfeiffer	June 6	50 years
Glenn & Margaret Roscher	June 6	22 years
David & Sandra Weyand	June 7	34 years
B. J. & Catie Moerbe	June 8	7 years
Craig & Lisa Oltmann	June 8	29 years
Clayton & Tara Childs	June 9	8 years
Kevin & Lisa Grimes	June 13	28 years
Wess & Dawn Blackwell	June 13	22 years
Russ & Shelly Fisbeck	June 15	24 years
Lummus & Agnes Hannes	June 15	57 years
Garrett & Valerie Hinze	June 15	7 years
Garrett & Dianne Lude	June 15	29 years
John D. & Kay Marburger	June 15	52 years
Andrew & Amanda Arlund	June 20	11 years
Dudley & Cyndi Piland	June 21	46 years
Don & Charlotte Hagemann	June 23	59 years
Royce & Elva Keilers	June 25	59 years
Brian & Katy Adams	June 27	16 years
Mark & Candice Blaschke	June 28	12 years
Bradley & Kay Loehr	June 29	24 years
David & Janis Stancik	June 30	41 years



Our Christian Condolences to the families of:

† Lorine Kopecky, who died April 24

† Verlene Citzler, who died April 29

Rest eternal grant them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine on them.

Saint Paul 2020 Congregation Council

Jackie Skelton, President

Karen Bellue, Vice-President

Linda Anders, Secretary

Peggy Pfeiffer, Treasurer

Russell Dittrich, Mission/Peru Outreach

Tyler Dockery, Stewardship/Finance/Endowment

David Ehler, Property

Larry Faldyn, Parish Education/Youth

Ginger Friemel, Worship/Technology

Frank Macaulay, Outreach/Social Ministry

During this time, the office is not open regular hours.
Please call 968-5657 if you need to come in. Offerings
can be left in the box to the left of the office door.
Very soon, a mail slot will be installed in the office
door as well.

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Paul Mikula, *Stephen Ministers*

Our Mission Statement:

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

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