



Messenger

Newsletter of Saint Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, La Grange, Texas
September 2017

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's Work. Our Hands

W. O. W.
(Worship on Wednesday)
begins September 16!



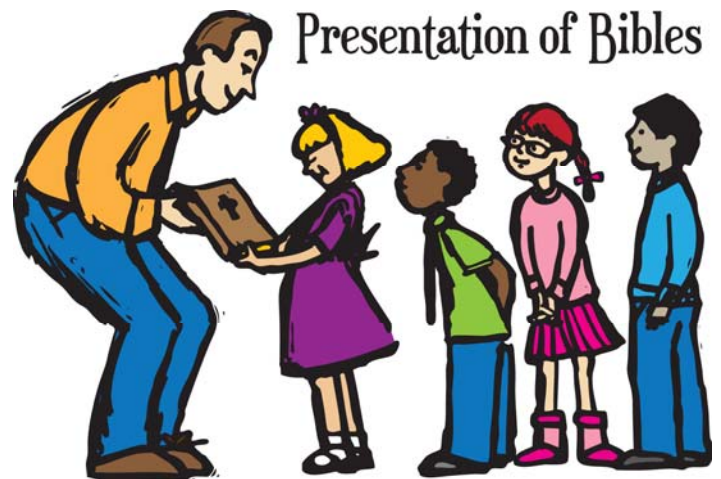
Confirmation CLASSES

Confirmation Class for 7th & 8th graders
begins with a Parents meeting on
Wednesday, September 6, 5:45 p.m. in the
Fellowship Hall.
See the confirmation class schedule inside.

First Communion and Bible Presentation for Second Graders

Pastor Candy will hold a First Communion Class on Sunday, September 24 during the Sunday School hour, 10:30 a.m. in the Confirmation Room (the room upstairs above the carport). Parents (and sponsors, if available) are encouraged to attend the class with their kids.

On Sunday, October 1 at the 9 a.m. service, the class will celebrate First Communion AND receive their Spark Gift Bibles!!



OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

**SAINT PAUL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH, IN THE NAME OF CHRIST,
CARES, SHARES, AND PROVIDES CHRISTIAN GROWTH OPPORTUNITY TO OUR COMMUNITY.**

A Message from your Pastor:

Where do I begin...

As I write this letter, we are less than a week after the events in Charlottesville, Virginia. I have, thus far, chosen not to speak about the racial divide we have in this country. I believe it's been out of my own cowardice that I have made this choice. I can't do that any more.

Some may say that this is a "political issue" and doesn't belong in the church. Just because we don't like a subject, or it's uncomfortable for us doesn't make it a "political issue" or "taboo" in the church. Racism is not a political issue, it's a social justice issue; and it's directly opposed to what this nation was intended to be, but more importantly, it's an affront to everything that God created us to be.

What happened in Charlottesville may have started as a rally to keep a statue in a park, but how it ended was far from that. A group of self-professed members of the KKK and other white supremacist groups gathered together with guns and shields and helmets and walked through the streets carrying signs that I won't repeat here. Suffice to say they weren't messages of love for their fellow human beings. This is not ok. It's not Christian—hate never is.

From the Evangelical Church in America Social Statement on FREED IN CHRIST: Race, Ethnicity, and Culture. Adopted on August 31, 1993 by a two-thirds majority at the third Churchwide Assembly in Kansas City, Missouri:

For us as members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America there is one God and one Lord, Jesus Christ, "... through whom are all things and through whom we exist" (1 Corinthians 8:6).

Scripture speaks of one humanity, created by God. It recounts our rebellion and enslavement to sin. Scripture tells of a diverse people reconciled to God through the blood of the cross, a people set free for the work of reconciliation. It heralds a new freedom and future in one Lord, one faith, one baptism.

Time and time again, Jesus himself confronts the issue of racism. He embraces the Samaritans, gentiles, and in the gospel reading for August 19-20, a Canaanite woman who seeks him out. (Matthew 15:21-28) In this reading, Jesus himself learns that a person's race does not separate them from God's love. If Jesus can learn, how about us?

No doubt, I will hear from some about how I should not address such things so publicly—that I'm being "too political". As a white Christian, I have the privilege to speak or not speak on these things. As a human being, I can no longer stay silent. As your Pastor and a baptized child of God, I am called to "work for justice and peace."

If you would like to talk with me about this, I welcome your dialogue.

Together in God's grip of grace,

Pastor Candy

National Night Out at St. Paul's

St. Paul will host a National Night Out for the church and neighborhood Tuesday, October 3.

Mark your calendar and plan to attend. Watch for more details!!

Chillin' with Caleb

Hey there St Paul! It has been rather quiet since VBS ended here at St Paul however, with school starting up soon, that will all change quickly. In the realm of old business, I went and hung out with our confirmation kids at Lutherhill in late July. I can confirm they had a fun week of growing in their faith and experiencing new things. On August 27th, we had our kickoff for LYO and had a great day in Austin. We volunteered with Church Under the Bridge, a ministry for the homeless, that morning and then after lunch, we enjoyed a fun afternoon paddleboarding on Lady Bird Lake.

As for new business, I'm excited to announce that Worship on Wednesdays (WOW) is starting back up on September 13th. Registration forms can be found on the church website, www.stpaulg.org. I'm looking for some high school kids to volunteer so if you know any, send them my way. I'd love to talk to them about this wonderful opportunity. Our regular LYO schedule starts up on September 6th, with Agape and Wolfpack. Furthermore, we are starting a Young Adult Ministry at St Paul Lutheran Church and I'd like to invite anyone aged 18-30 to come be a part of it with us! For anyone interested, please contact me at (512) 944-7859.



Caleb was Installed as the Faith Life Leader at St Paul on June 25th. He graduated *Cum Laude* from Texas A&M University in May 2017 with a BA in History. He brings 5+ years of working with Youth through his past employment at Lutherhill Ministries as well as volunteering with Youth Groups in college. In his spare time, he enjoys exploring in the great outdoors and writing about himself in third person.

Caleb can be reached in person in the office Tuesday through Friday, via email at stpaulfaithlife@gmail.com, or via his cell phone at (512) 944-7859.

About Our Members




Newest Baptized Member!

Hudson Graham Mercer, son of Devin Mercer and Madison Knesek, was baptized into membership on July 30.

Hudson is pictured here with his parents, grandparents, Tim & Susan Knesek and sponsors, Jordan Knesek and Drew Lee.

In prayer we remember those who entered eternal rest:

 LaVerne Kalbow on August 23

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



HELP LOCAL FLOOD VICTIMS

If you would like to volunteer your time, please call 968-1809 and they will let you know when help is needed.

To donate money, please make your check to St. Paul and put "LG Flood" in the memo or on the envelope. All of these monetary donations will be given to the special Good Shepherd Disaster Relief fund solely for local flood victims. Another way to give is make your check to St. Paul and memo "Harvey" - all of these donations will be sent to the TX-LA Synod Disaster Fund.

AMEN has volunteered their new building at 851 Reynolds St. for Second Chance. Please bring your Second Chance/disaster recovery donations to the new Reynolds Street location Monday-Friday 9-5. Second Chance is closed September 1 & 2 for the Labor Day weekend. **For the month of September, Second Chance will operate as a disaster recovery distribution center ONLY.** Beginning October 6, Second Chance will resume as a resale shop selling to the public.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THE SUCCESS OF 2017 CELEBRATION SUNDAY!!

Once again, we are amazed at how we all come together for Celebration Sunday. As co-chairmen of the event, we feel very blessed to be members of an organization that is willing to go the extra mile for others. Preliminary estimate is \$21,646 - with \$20,000 going to St. Paul's General Fund and the remainder split evenly between Lutherhill Ministries, St. Paul LYO, and Emanuel Lutheran, Peru.

Thanks again,

Debbie Busch, Hayley Johnson, & Peggy Johnson

WINNERS AT 2017 CELEBRATION SUNDAY

TV (donated by Frank Macaulay) – **Diana Stevens**

Money Tree (donated by Erwin & Bonnie Sladek) – **Bonnie Busch Pineda**

\$500 Cabela's card (donated by Dudley & Cyndi Piland) – **Garrison Bage**

\$500 Local Gift Cards (donated by Paul Mikula & Linda Morrison) – **Kay Marburger**

Power Washer (donated by David & Janis Stancik) - **Camille Stancik**

\$500 Lone Star Rebel Gift Certificate (donated by Clay & Susie Morgan) – **Gary Anders**

7pc Dining Set (donated by Gary & Kathie Nitsche and Farmer's Lumber) – **Debbie Busch**

LYO NEWS

September 6 ~ (6:30 p.m.) Agape @ Fitzpatrick's; WolfPack @ TBA

September 13 ~ (6:30 p.m.) LYO Wednesday

September 20 ~ NO LYO - Community Pep Rally

September 24 ~ (6:00 p.m.) LYO Officers/Parents Meeting; (6:30 p.m.) LYO Meeting

September 27 ~ (7:00 a.m.) See You At The Pole, LHS Flagpole; (6:30 p.m.) LYO Wednesday

Friends are always welcome at LYO events and activities!

Want to receive LYO reminders by text.....

for LYO parents: text 81010 with this message: @lyop

for all LYO kids: text 81010 with this message: @lyok

for girls/Agape: text 81010 with this message: @lyoa

for boys/Wolfpack: text 81010 with this message: @lyow

Also, be sure the LYO sponsors have your complete contact information.

Email stpaullyolg@gmail.com if you have any questions or concerns.



Join us at St Paul for WOW

Worship On Wednesday

Every Wednesday starting

September 13, 2017

NO WOW on Special Wednesdays

November 22

December 20 or 27

January 3, 2018

February 14

March 14 or 28

Who: Everyone is Welcome

PreK-6th grade

When: Wednesday 3:30-5:00 p.m.

Where: St Paul Lutheran Church

110 West Walnut Street

La Grange, TX 78945

968-5657 stpaulg.org

WHAT: Snacks, Games,

Fellowship, Singing, Learning about GOD

SIGN US UP!

(cut here please)

Child's Name _____

Age _____ Grade _____ Allergies _____

Parents' Name _____

Contact information Phone (s) _____

Email(s) _____

St Paul's requests \$10 each semester to help pay for snacks and supplies.

_____ (initial) I give my permission to St Paul Lutheran Church and its representatives to take pictures that include my child. These photos may be posted to Facebook or the church website and/or printed in the newsletter or other medium.

_____ (initial) I also give my permission for St Paul Lutheran Church and its representatives to take my child around the community (example: town square, nursing homes, assisted living, etc)

Confirmation 2017-2018

(Confirmation Class is Wednesdays from 5:45-7:00 p.m. unless otherwise noted)

September 6 (Parent and Student's Meeting) @ 5:45 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall - Parents were sent an email in August with details. At least one parent must attend the meeting to discuss Confirmation expectations.

September 13 - NO CONFIRMATION (Pastor's vacation)

September 20

September 27

October 4

October 11

October 18

October 25

November 1

November 8

November 15

November 22 - NO CONFIRMATION (Thanksgiving)

November 29 - Advent Worship (6:30 p.m.)

December 6 - Advent Worship (6:30 p.m.)

December 13 - Advent Worship (6:30 p.m.)

December 20 - Advent Worship (6:30 p.m.)

December 27 - NO CONFIRMATION (Christmas Break)

January 3 - NO CONFIRMATION (Christmas Break)

January 10

January 17

January 24

January 31

February 7

February 14 - NO CONFIRMATION (Ash Wednesday - service at 6:30 p.m.)

February 21 - Lenten Worship (6:30 p.m.) (Confirmation Lenten Meal @ 5:45 p.m.)

February 28 - Lenten Worship (6:30 p.m.)

March 7 - Lenten Worship (6:30 p.m.)

March 14 - NO CONFIRMATION (Spring Break) Lenten Worship (6:30 p.m.)

March 21 - Lenten Worship (6:30 p.m.)

March 28 - NO CONFIRMATION (Holy Week)

April 4 - NO CONFIRMATION (Easter Break)

April 11

April 18

April 25 - Year review (8th graders turn in Faith Statements)

May 2 - Confirmation Service Practice (8th Graders)

May 6 - Confirmation Service (9 a.m.)



September Birthdays & Anniversaries

1	Georgia Hartley, Hunter Johnson	David & Sara Koehl	Sept. 7	15 yrs
2	Coy Magness	Ralph & Marjorie Hackemack	Sept. 9	39 yrs
3	Riley Fisbeck	Richard & Rella Gardiner	Sept. 10	68 yrs
5	Brittini Keilers, Carson Rau, Frank Teykl	Tyson & Katrina Kurtz	Sept. 12	6 yrs
6	Chuck Bellue, Ronnie Huebel	Elton & Ruby Jochen	Sept. 12	68 yrs
7	Rocky Rau, Jackie Skelton	Dennis & Stephanie Jurek	Sept. 13	14 yrs
8	Brooke Oehlke	Salar & Dawn Mirran	Sept. 14	20 yrs
9	Lawrence Bade, Mary Ann Miller, Darrell Moerbe, Bruce Speckels	Dennis & Brenda Ahlschlager	Sept. 16	28 yrs
10	Audrey Jackson, Marsha Pyle, Delfina Rohde	Wayne & Linda Anders	Sept. 26	19 yrs
11	Tracy Mach			
12	Ralph Rigden, Shannon Tienert			
13	Linda Anders, Debbie Busch, Jaston Davis, Raygen Pyle, Carolyn Roitsch			
14	David Butler, Kristina Pestana			
15	Peyton Jaster, Albert Loehr			
16	James Stolle			
17	Maddi Mach, Karen Richter			
19	Bonnie Freudenberg, Lucille Voelkel			
20	Glenn Heinecke			
21	Doug Fritsch			
22	Diane Berger, Barrett Kay, Marianne Williams			
23	Matthew Halpain			
24	Melanie Gilliam, Bernice Hengst, Thomas Johnson, Sr., A.C. von Minden			
25	Jordan Knesek, Madison Knesek, Emileigh Richter			
26	Tyson Roscher			
27	Christopher Anders, Dorothy Drab, Kaine Fajkus			
28	Michael Mahlmann			
29	Annette Citzler, Matthew Mayer, Nate Schielack			
30	Anna Hajek, Zachry Karisch, Bradley Loehr			

A.M.E.N. St. Paul Volunteer Schedule

Monday (9-11 a.m.); Thursday (1-3 p.m.)

October 9 & 12; December 11 & 14

Second Chance St. Paul Volunteer Schedule

Tuesday - Saturday, (9 a.m. - 3 p.m.); Monday, (8 a.m.)

September 26-October 1 and November 1-6

Please pray for our neighbors
and everyone affected by
Hurricane Harvey.



AMEN FOOD PANTRY BUILDING CAMPAIGN

St. Paul has designated September to support this campaign. Special envelopes will be in the Narthex or make your check payable to St. Paul - memo check/envelope "AMEN Building." Please note this is a separate AMEN offering - all donations marked "AMEN Building" will only go to this campaign, all other AMEN offerings will be sent to the AMEN food fund.

Saint Paul Organizations & Groups

If your group has a special event planned, let us know by the 20th of the month for inclusion in the newsletter.

Any of these organizations and groups would be pleased to have you become a part of their ministry and activities. Make plans to attend the next gathering or meeting! Call the church office with questions.

Afternoon Circle meets the first Tuesday, **September 5**, 2:00 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall.

Fishers of Men meet **September 18**, 6:30 p.m. at the home of Chuck Bellue. All men are welcome!

Friends in Faith meet Monday **September 11** at 7:00 p.m. in the home of Carolyn Bennetsen. Plan now to attend for an evening of great fellowship. All ladies are invited and encouraged to attend!!

Ladies Aid meets the third Tuesday, **September 19**, 2:00 p.m. in the Friendship Room.

Tacky Tuesday meets the third Tuesday, **September 19**, at 8 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. All ages, all genders are welcome to help tie knots in quilts to get them ready for shipment for Lutheran World Relief next April. Our regular scheduled Tacking Day is always the third Tuesday. **We need more help!!!**

Hand Quilting takes place every Monday morning, 8 a.m., in the Quilting Room. The Quilters welcome anyone interested to join in - come observe and/or learn to hand stitch quilts! We quilt for the public and charities!! All proceeds go to Lutheran World Relief.

Cut-Ups meet Wednesday mornings **September 6 and 13** at 8:00 a.m. Join us on the first and second Wednesday of every month beginning at 8 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall – to iron fabric, cut squares, assemble quilt top kits, cut backing, cut batting and visit. You can come whenever it works for you and stay as long as you can. (No experience necessary!)

The Altar Guild meets quarterly. Their next meeting is Tuesday, **October 10**, 4:00 p.m., in the Friendship Room.

LUTHERHILL MINISTRIES
CORDIALLY INVITES YOU TO THE TENTH ANNUAL
*S'mores and
Champagne Gala*

Saturday, September 9, 2017

6:00 PM

The Woodlands Waterway Marriott

Funds raised at the 2017 S'mores and Champagne Gala make it possible for Lutherhill to continue to provide an affordable experience for everyone who wants to attend.

For more details and to register for the Gala, go online
<http://lutherhill.org/support/gala/>



Thank you for all the prayers and well wishes that I have received the last few months. I hope to reach my goal of walking again someday, although my path to recovery is not easy nor will it be quick.

Please keep me in your prayers,
Dorothy Koether

Sept 2 & 3	5:00 p.m.	9:00 a.m.
Greeters		
Ushers	Jackie Skelton Gary Anders	Wayne Anders Family
Lectors	Annazell von Minden	
Acolytes		Kloe Kutac
Altar Guild	AC & Annazell von Minden	Lisa Moellenberndt
Flowers		Altar - Frank & Norma Adams
Sept 9 & 10		
Greeters		
Ushers	Don Koether Rhonda Koether	Howard & Phyllis Bohot Frank & Sandra Teykl
Lectors		
Acolytes		Nikki Porter
Altar Guild	James & Kathy Brewer	Janet Coronado
Flowers		Altar - Annette Citzler
Sept 16 & 17		
Greeters		
Ushers	Richard & Danette Coufal	Wess Blackwell Family
Lectors		
Acolytes	Clay Wolff	
Altar Guild	Gloria Raschke	Gloria Raschke
Flowers		
Sept 23 & 24		
Greeters		
Ushers	James & Kathy Brewer	Diane Berger Fay Bresan Carolyn Buchanek Janet Coronado
Lectors		
Acolytes	Garrison Bage	Caleb Jochen
Altar Guild	Hertha Kruse, Myrtle Friemel	Liz Tannler
Flowers		Altar - Ronnie & Bonnie Schielack
Sept. 30 & Oct 1		
Greeters		
Ushers	Edmund & Betty Anders	Anita Barnett Delores Bayer Chuck & Karen Bellue
Lectors		
Acolytes	Clay Wolff	
Altar Guild	Janice Homeyer	Tanya Psencik
Flowers		Altar - Arlin & Brittani Keilers

SEPTEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 8:30 AM LYO Kickoff Trip 9:00 AM Worship 10:30 AM Sunday School 3:30 PM Care Inn Worship 4:15 PM Monument Hill Worship	28 8:00 AM Quilters	29	30 8:30 AM Comm. Bible Study	31	1	2 5:00 PM Worship
3 9:00 AM Worship 10:30 AM Sunday School	4 8:00 AM Quilters 7:00 PM Friends in Faith	5 11:00 AM Kalbow funeral 2:00 PM Afternoon Circle	6 8:30 AM Comm. Bible Study 5:45 PM Confirmation Parents Meeting 6:30 PM Agape/Wolfpack	7	8	9 Lutherhill's Smores & Champagne Gala 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM Baby Shower in Fell. Hall 5:00 PM Worship
10 9:00 AM Worship 10:30 AM Sunday School	11 8:00 AM Quilters 6:30 PM Fishers of Men	12	13 8:30 AM Comm. Bible Study 3:30 PM WOW 6:30 PM LYO Wednesday	14	15	16 5:00 PM Worship w/ Rev. Gary Hilfiger
17 9:00 AM Worship w/ Rev. Gary Hilfiger 10:30 AM Sunday School	18 8:00 AM Quilters 6:30 PM Fishes of Men	19 8:00 AM Tacky Tuesday 2:00 PM Ladies Aid	20 8:30 AM Comm. Bible Study 3:30 PM WOW 5:45 PM Confirmation Class	21 4:00 PM Spanish Service in Fellowship Hall	22 4:00 PM Spanish Service in Fellowship Hall	23 5:00 PM Worship
24 9:00 AM Worship w/ New Member Recognition 10:15 AM New Member Welcome Reception 10:30 AM 2nd Grade First Communion Class 10:30 AM Sunday School 4:00 PM Evening with the Bishop (in Brenham) 6:00 PM LYO Office/Parent Mtg 6:30 PM LYO Meeting	25 8:00 AM Quilters	26 9:00 AM 2nd Chance 6:00 PM Council Meeting	27 8:30 AM Comm. Bible Study 9:00 AM 2nd Chance 3:30 PM WOW 5:45 PM Confirmation Class 6:30 PM LYO Wednesday	28 9:00 AM 2nd Chance	29 9:00 AM 2nd Chance	30 9:00 AM Second Chance 5:00 PM Worship

Saint Paul 2017 Congregation Council

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Parish Office Hours:

Monday 1:00-5:00 p.m.

Tuesday-Thursday

(closed for lunch noon-1 p.m.) 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Friday 8:00 a.m.-noon

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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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