

# THE CHURCH ON THE HIGHWAY

*Where Life and Jesus Intersect*

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## St. Paul Lutheran Church

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### From Our Senior Pastor

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#### What Shall We Do?

When June rolls around on the calendar, it is typically a month when people of all ages are asking, "What shall we do?" The question may be related to summer vacation plans for families, summer job plans for high school and college students, or maybe even career plans for recent graduates of any different kinds of educational institutions. For some, the question may simply apply to the day ahead, e.g. "What shall I do today?"

"What shall we do?" While there may not be a standard answer to the question for the day-to-day activities with which we occupy our time, there is a standard answer to the question as it regards our spiritual life. That answer was given by the Apostle Peter on the day of Pentecost when he said to the people of Israel.

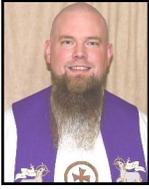
"Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified." Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brothers, **what shall we do?**" And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. (Acts 2:36-38, ESV)

In our spiritual condition, the answer to the question of "What shall we do?" is always one of repentance. We repent of our sins, receive the forgiveness offered through Christ Jesus, and power of the Holy Spirit. Martin Luther, in the first of his famed 95 Theses, wrote that the Christian life is one of repentance. "This is most certainly true."

Through repentance, the blessings of forgiveness, life and salvation fill us daily, be it the month of June or any time. As we celebrate Pentecost this month, it is my prayer that we may face each day with repentant and grateful hearts. As Martin Luther wrote in The Small Catechism regarding Baptism, which I will paraphrase, may "the Old Adam in us by daily contrition and repentance be drowned and die with all sins and evil desires, and a new man daily emerge and arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever." What a great way to respond to "What shall we do?"

Love God and love your neighbor,  
Pastor Krueger

**Worship With US**  
 8am & 10:30am  
 Bible Class/Sunday School  
 9:15am



## A Message From Our Associate Pastor

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### Jesus In The Psalms - Psalm 12 (ESV)

<sup>1</sup> Save, O Lord, for the godly one is gone; for the faithful have vanished from among the children of man. <sup>2</sup> Everyone utters lies to his neighbor; with flattering lips and a double heart they speak. <sup>3</sup> May the Lord cut off all flattering lips, the tongue that makes great boasts, <sup>4</sup> those who say, "With our tongue we will prevail, our lips are with us; who is master over us?" <sup>5</sup> "Because the poor are plundered, because the needy groan, I will now arise," says the Lord; "I will place him in the safety for which he longs." <sup>6</sup> The words of the Lord are pure words, like silver refined in a furnace on the ground, purified seven times. <sup>7</sup> You, O Lord, will keep them; you will guard us from this generation forever. <sup>8</sup> On every side the wicked prowl, as vileness is exalted among the children of man.

It is a classic story of boy meets girl, boy falls in love with girl, then she leaves him broken-hearted, wondering how all the words of love and affection she showered upon him could be false, as The Monkees would put it in their 1967 hit "Words:"

Now, I'm standing here, Strange, strange voices in my ears, I feel the tears,  
 But, all I can hear are those  
 words that never were true, just spoken to help nobody but you  
 Words with lies inside,  
 But, small enough to hide till your playing was through.

The boy has been deceived - now he is hurt and alone. In Psalm 12 David feels much the same, albeit under different circumstances. As he begins his Psalm he appears to have looked up to find himself surrounded by his enemies with all his allies gone. The trusted words of his allies were nothing but empty talk, smooth talk and double talk.

David was told he would be followed by responsible men who ended up lying to him. He was told to embrace those who supported, but it was only for their gain. When the going got tough they left David.

Most men would have re-examined their position in battle and in life. David though, seeks after God's own heart and cries for help. God replies, "I will place him in the safety for which he longs" (verse 5).

Satan is called the great deceiver, and for good reason - he is a one-trick pony who only knows how to lie and bend the truth in order to take our eyes off of Christ and His cross.

Where is Satan deceiving you today? What empty, smooth words is that double-talker using to try to convince you that you are not God's child? That your Christ didn't die for your sin? That the Holy Spirit is not leading and guiding you into works prepared in advance for you to do?

No matter what the words are, they are insipid, worthless junk. Whenever you hear them, run back to the Word of God. Jesus says in John 14:6, "I Am the Way, the Truth and the Life." In His words we find our identity, our forgiveness and our hope!

Soli Deo Gloria



## A Message From Our Deaconess

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### National Men's Health Month

You already know that June is noted for the third Sunday being "Father's Day." But did you know that June is also known as **National Men's Health Month**. The Men's Health Network has a wonderful book called "Blueprint for Men's Health: A Guide to a Healthy Lifestyle" by Armin Brott. This book has some great advice for men and women on how men's health should be viewed and observed to maximize a healthy lifestyle.

You already know that women outlive men by nearly 5 years. This is due to the facts that men do not take care of themselves as well as they should, do not go to the doctor as often or at all until there is a crisis situation, and do not take preventative measures as seriously as women do. They work in more dangerous types of occupation, have less or no medical insurance, and are more likely to engage in unhealthy types of behaviors. As a result, they live sicker and die younger in greater numbers than women. More than half of these deaths could be preventable, but how can they be prevented if you don't know they even exist.

Men's health issues are also women's health issues. Since women generally live longer than their counterparts, they watch their loved ones suffer and die more often. Nearly half of all widows were not in poverty until after their spouse died. The women in the men's lives can help watch for these preventable health issues. Some warning signs and symptoms are: changes in bowel or bladder habits, changes in color of stool or urine, impotence or erectile dysfunction, persist headaches, obvious changes in warts or moles, lumps, recurrent chest pain, bleeding, nagging cough, unexplained weight loss or gain, extreme fatigue, depression, over anxious, trouble sleeping, loss of interest in hobbies. If these signs or symptoms surface, see a doctor and have an exam.

There are many excuses a man can think of to avoid seeing a doctor. Nearly 7 million men have not seen a doctor in 10 years or more. The most threatening illnesses are: cancer, heart disease, and diabetes. The cost of medical insurance or no medical insurance is a huge factor in going to see the doctor. Establishing a good relationship with your doctor is essential and continuing that rapport is critical for your health partner. Don't wait until you're sick to see a doctor, establish a baseline when you're well. Give all information asked for, no matter how trivial. Be honest and follow the doctors advice. Keep appointments and see specialists when necessary. Report all symptoms, concerns, questions, family history, allergies, and be honest about your habits.

**Prevention is the name of the game for all men and women.** A healthy diet, plenty of exercise, protect yourself from excessive sunlight, maintain a healthy weight, drink plenty of water, limit alcohol use, don't smoke, practice safe sex, wear a seat belt, helmet on a motorcycle, manage stress, get help when needed, and for men be sure to have your PSA (Prostate Specific Antigen) test done regularly.

Stay Healthy!



**“The righteous cry out, and the Lord hears them;  
He delivers them from all their troubles.” Psalm 34:17**

## *Lord, Hear Our Prayers:*

- † We pray for continued healing for all those who have suffered physical problems in the last month, including: Forces (a complete list is available through the church office). We pray the Lord lay His healing hand upon them.
- † We pray for all who struggle with ongoing health concerns, including: Forces (a complete list is available through the church office). We pray the Lord keep His healing hand upon them.
- † We pray for all who are home-bound, in nursing care or assisted living facilities, including: Forces (a complete list is available through the church office). We pray the Lord give them comfort and peace with their living situation.
- † We pray for those who have lost loved ones in the last month, including: Forces (a complete list is available through the church office). We pray the Lord give them comfort in their time of sorrow.
- † We pray for those serving in our Armed Forces (a complete list is available through the church office). We pray the Lord keep them safe in their stead as they defend our freedom and safety.
- † We pray for those serving in the mission field ... may God continue to bless and keep them safe as they minister to the world as an extended outreach of St. Paul Lutheran Church, Waco, Texas.

Please contact the church office if you, someone in your family, or a family friend is in need of prayer. Please keep the church office advised of the status of those you add to the prayer list, so that our list remains up-to-date. If you have any questions, please contact the church office at 254.799.3211 or by email to: [wecare@splcwaco.com](mailto:wecare@splcwaco.com).



*How can we Pray for You?*

# Classes for All Ages

**Join us for Sunday morning Bible Classes at 9:15am each week:**

## **Adult Bible Class, in the Family Center**

This group is going through a study on the Epistle to the Hebrews.

## **Men's Bible Class, in the N4 Classroom**

This group is studying various topics, applicable to everyday life; utilizing archived sermons by Rev. Walter Albers.

## **Ladies Bible Class, in the Conference Room**

This group is going through the study: "God of Creation" a study of Gen. 1-11, by Jen Wilkin. Revisit familiar stories and historical figures, challenge your basic knowledge, and discover deeper meanings in the text. As God reveals Himself through Scripture, we can only begin to understand ourselves when we first glimpse the character, attributes, and promises of our Creator.

## **Nursery - Kindergarten (classrooms), Grades 1-6 in Parish Hall & classrooms**

These classes use the BUZZ curriculum which has a unique theme every quarter that teaches a mix of classic and uncommon Bible stories that kids haven't heard before—which impacts their faith and changes their lives. Music time uses song to reinforce the lessons and allows children to share their faith through occasional performances for the congregation.

## **Grades 7-12, in the Youth Room**

This age group is going through a tech-based Bible study.

## ***Other Bible Study Opportunities:***

## **Men's Tuesday Morning Bible Class, in the Parish Hall**

This group works through selected studies, meeting every Tuesday morning at 6:30am.

## **College Student Evening Bible Study/Fellowship**

This group will resume meeting in the Fall semester.

## **Young Adults Bible Study**

This group meets on Thursday evenings at 6:30pm, at Panera at the Central Texas Marketplace.

## **Ladies Wednesday Morning Bible Class, in the Conference Room**

This group meets on the first and third Wednesday of each month.

## **Tuesday Evening Ekklesia Bible Study**

This group meets for Bible study and fellowship on Tuesday evenings at 7:00pm at The Fountain (10102 China Spring Rd., Suite #110, China Spring).

## **Sunday Evening Bible Studies**

These groups will resume meeting in the Fall.

## **Youth Confirmation/Catechesis Training**

These classes will resume meeting in the Fall.

***There's a place for EVERYONE to be immersed in God's Word and fellowship with other Christians!***

**ST. PAUL SENIOR ADULTS** will come together on Wednesday, June 12, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. for Worship (with Holy Communion) followed by a fellowship luncheon in the Family Center. Everyone is invited to join us.

## ST. PAUL SENIOR ADULTS JUNE BIRTHDAYS

A complete list of member birthdays is available in the church office.

We do not publish this information on our Web site out of respect for the privacy of our members.

# Servants for June 2019

Out of respect for the privacy of our servants, they will be identified by the initial of their first and last name only. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

### Acolytes

#### *8:00am Worship*

June 2 - C. E.  
June 9 - T. L.  
June 16 - K. T.  
June 23 - R. H.  
June 30 - C. G.

#### *10:30am Worship*

June 2 - J. S.  
June 9 - C. G.  
June 16 - H. H.  
June 23 - L. K.  
June 30 - J. S.

### Nursery Volunteers

#### *8:00am Worship*

June 2 - L. K. J.  
June 9 - A. P.  
June 16 - J. & R. R.  
June 23 - W. V./N. V.  
June 30 - M. & B. G.

#### *10:30am Worship*

June 2 - A. & J. T.  
June 9 - K. & M. S.  
June 16 - J. & R. R.  
June 23 - D. & P. R.  
June 30 - K. D.

### Sunday Morning Greeters

#### *8:00am Worship*

June 2 - T. & L. H.  
June 9 - F. & D. K.  
June 16 - W. & S. K.  
June 23 - J. & K. L.  
June 30 - J. & B. S.

#### *10:30am Worship*

June 2 - R. F.  
June 9 - T. & L. J.  
June 16 - J. & M. L.  
June 23 - L. O.  
June 30 - M. & J. L.

### Ushers for the Month

#### *8:00am Worship, Group 3*

L. P., Hd.  
E. K., Asst.  
M. L.  
S. S.  
B. L.

#### *10:30am Worship, Group 4*

K. K., Hd.  
J. K., Asst.  
B. H.  
W. H.  
B. K.  
T. J.



**Texas District Church Extension Fund:**

How can you save for tomorrow and help save souls for God with the same dollar? Invest that dollar with the Texas District Church Extension Fund (CEF). Every dollar you invest with CEF earns a competitive rate of return and provides low-cost construction loans to Texas congregations for buildings that help enlarge God’s kingdom of believers. Your investment is a wise personal savings plan that allows CEF to make loans that serve others and show God’s love actively.

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Three Year CD	2.52%APY	2.40%APY
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Flex Savings		1.00%APY
Cong. Savings		1.26%APY



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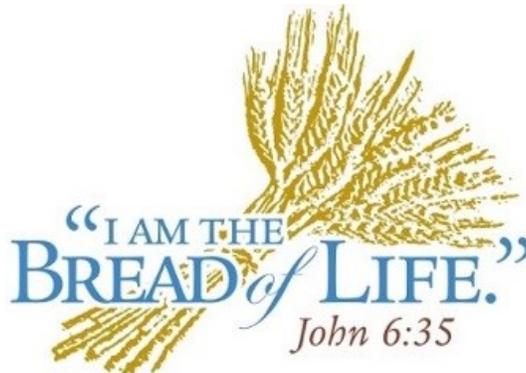


**Attendance and Offering for May 2019**

**A complete list is available in the church office.**

**Official Acts for April/May 2019**

**A complete list is available in the church office.**





**All-Church  
POTLUCK**  
**June 30, 2019**

Everyone is invited to join us in the Family Center on Sunday, June 30, for a 5th Sunday Congregational Potluck immediately following the 10:30am worship service.

Everyone please bring your favorite dish, casserole, salad, and/or dessert to share and stay after worship to enjoy fellowship and fun with our church family!



## **Mite Box Sunday Sunday, July 7, 2019**

LWML continues having regular Mite Box Sundays each quarter (January, April, July, and October). Please bring the contents of your mite box and place it in the display located in Mission Central in the church foyer. We suggest that you place your donations in a Ziploc bag. This way you can keep your mite box. Don't have a mite box? You can pick up one at our display.

Your mite box funds mission grants in Texas, the US and globally. One ministry receiving a mission grant is Multi-Ethnic Ministries of North Texas. This ministry reaches out with the saving grace of the Gospel among the thousands of refugees from Africa and other oppressed nations as their physical and social needs are met as they come to the greater Dallas-Plano area.

## **Directory Updates**

**A complete list of updated contact information  
is available in the church office.**

Please contact the church office if your contact information should be updated and shared in an upcoming newsletter.



The next planned trip to Guatemala is scheduled for July 27-August 3, 2019. If you have an interest in being a part of God's work happening in these villages, please contact Pastor Hardaway as soon as possible, as space is limited (mobile: 254.723.2373 or email: [pastorhardaway@splcwaco.com](mailto:pastorhardaway@splcwaco.com)).

**DEADLINE to sign-up for this trip is Sunday, June 9**, to obtain airfare and be sure everyone has the necessary medical requirements for travel.

## Stewardship Story

During the April Bi-Annual Congregation Meeting, Stewardship Chairman Gene Bode shared about our mission offerings to the LCMS Texas District. Everyone should know how some of that money has benefited Texas. In the last 15 years, approximately 130 new congregations were planted in Texas! That averages out to one new congregation every 6 weeks for the last 15 years. Our congregation has helped to make that happen!

If you have any questions or would like to learn more, please feel free to contact Gene Bode or one of the pastors for more information.



**It is that time again for the annual LWML  
Bake Sale on Father's Day, June 16.**

**We hope you will find your way to purchase  
goodies for yourself or your loved ones and  
use this as a mission opportunity. Surely you  
know someone who needs a baked good.**

**It could be a great open door to sharing  
the Gospel of Christ!**

**You know it will be good! Yum!**

**Donation of baked goods is  
greatly appreciated.**

**All proceeds will be used to support  
mission opportunities.**



# ***Congratulations to the Class of 2019***

**A complete list of graduates is available  
in the church office.**



# Children & Youth Activities

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**VBS**  
June 16-19, 2019  
5:30-8:00pm



Children ages Nursery - 6th Grade are invited to join us! This epic African adventure engages the whole herd. At Roar, kids explore God's goodness and celebrate a ferocious faith that powers them through this wild life.

Dinner will be served nightly, with a free-will offering collected to offset expenses.

Please visit the church Web site ([www.splcwaco.com](http://www.splcwaco.com)) to register your children or to volunteer to serve!



Calling all high school youth! Bring your friends out to float the Frio River and enjoy a day off in San Marcos with your crew!

Bring money for lunch and dinner. Transportation will be provided.

Staff from St. Paul, Trinity and Peace will be joining the kids; however, additional adult chaperones are needed. Please contact Jerry Tucker with questions or to volunteer to chaperone.

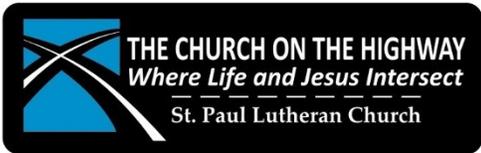
**THRIVENT MEMBERS:** Vacation Bible School is approaching and now would be a great time for you to use an Action Team! We are needing 5 Thrivent members who would like to use one of their Action Teams to purchase food, décor, supplies, curriculum, and advertisements. Each Action Team will provide VBS with a \$250 Visa credit card to purchase items needed in the category of your choice.

If you are interested in helping and would like to learn more, please contact Brandon Kubitzka at the local Thrivent office (254.772.8957).

## SAVE THE DATE

- 🔊 June 1 - Circuit High School Youth Floatilla (San Marcos River)
- 🔊 June 16-19 - VBS
- 🔊 July 11-15 - National Youth Gathering (Minneapolis, MN)

If you have questions, would like to volunteer to help with events, or have ideas to share for possible future events...please stop by the Sunday School office.



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