



The Epistle

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March 2018

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Sunday Schedule

Worship Services	8:30AM & 10:45AM
Holy Communion	Every Sunday at both services
Adult Christian Education	9:40AM
Sunday School	9:40AM

****One Worship Service, Sunday, February 18 at 9:30am in the CFC for our Celebration Party for the end of our bible study series, Walking with God in the Desert****

St. Paul Lutheran Staff

Ministers	All People of St. Paul
Senior Pastor	Lee R. Harder
Visitation Pastor	Donald Ofsdahl
Youth Minister	Andrew Cave
Children's Minister	
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Christian Day School Director	Sandy Kantorak
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Lenten Schedule

Our Lenten journey in March continues to seek God's Will for our lives. February saw us share in the experiences of Abraham and Sarah, Moses, and David. March will see us switch to some important persons of the New Testament in Mary, Paul, and Lydia. We invite you and your whole family to be a part of our Lenten worship fellowship. We serve our Soup & Sandwich dinner in the CFC beginning at 6:00pm and then move into the sanctuary for a worship celebration at 7:00pm each Wednesday.

Wednesday, March 7

God's Will & My Identity

In this service for Week 4 of Lent, we remember that, in humility, Mary dutifully accepted the role God had given her to become the mother of our Savior. That Son would later accept his role, faithfully following the path his Father had in mind for him to save us all.

Wednesday, March 14

God's Will & My Worldview

In this service for Week 5 of Lent, we remember that, on the road to Damascus, Paul had his worldview turned upside down when God called him to preach the name of the Christ he had been persecuting. We follow God's will by putting the crucified Christ at the center of our worldview.

Wednesday, March 21

God's Will & My Response

In this service for Week 6 of Lent, we remember that Lydia followed the will of God by responding in faith and hospitality when the Gospel message of Christ's sacrifice was preached to her. We follow the will of God by responding in love and service to one another in return for what Christ has done for us.



FROM THE PASTOR



As I was writing my articles for the March Epistle, I heard that Billy Graham had died. Truly, he was a milestone in the history of the church. I can't begin to imagine the number of lives he has touched by his witness to Christ our Lord. Growing up through the 50's and 60's, there were the periodic huge rallies where, empowered by the Holy Spirit, ten of thousands of people would come to believe in Jesus as Lord and Savior.

Graham was a dynamic, powerful speaker, as well a prolific writer. His influence in a variety of areas, including the political, brought him into contact with world and religious leaders. He will be missed.

Our prayers go out to his family at this time, but we do not grieve. Without being judgmental, which is not my call EVER, I sincerely believe that Pastor Graham is rejoicing in the presence of our Lord now. Yes, there is a sadness over our loss, but there is also joy over a life well lived and an eternal rest much deserved. His wisdom, passion for service in Christ's name, and devotion to sharing the good news is an example to all who believe in Jesus as Lord. God bless his memory.

Pastor Lee

The Walking With God in the Desert Spiritual Growth Campaign was a great success. We had over 170 people involved. This included both our own St. Paul disciples and others from outside our church family. The feedback from the small groups has been very positive. Several have indicated that they plan to keep meeting to continue bible study on a regular basis. What a wonderful blessing! Planning is already underway for another similar study next year. For all those who were involved: thank you and let's keep it going. For those who did not have the opportunity to participate: please get involved and enjoy the fellowship and spiritual growth available.

Let's make 2018 another great year as we continue to work together as disciples of St. Paul Lutheran Church: Loving God, Loving Others and Serving All.

In Christ,
Russ Griffith
Church Council President



Streaming Worship

It has been many months since we have had the means to broadcast our 10:45 worship celebration as a live stream on our church web site. We used to do it regularly. Now, we provide a podcast of the gospel and the sermon, but no more. The reason is an all too common one. When we got a new computer to do more, easier for this service, as we did for the stream in the sanctuary, we ended up making our camera equipment incompatible. To restore our live stream of the contemporary celebration, we need your help.

We know that many people looking for a church go to the internet to search out church web sites. One of the first things they check is what is offered by the church in worship. Whether traditional or contemporary, people want to find out the flavor of what is being provided. Currently, we can't do both.

The cost of a new camera to match our computer is about \$5,000.00. We think it's important to the continued growth of St. Paul. Apparently there are numerous disciples in the congregation who are of a like mind. So, we need your help. If you think it's important, please consider a gift for the purpose of getting our 10:45am celebration streamed. Make your gift out to St. Paul with camera in the "memo" using our orange bordered envelop or just drop your designated gift in offering. Remember, this gift is over and above your regular contributions, tithes and gifts to the ministry of St. Paul.

When the funds become available, so will the live streaming. Thanks for your help.



HOLY WEEK
Worship Services

Sunday, March 25th, is Palm Sunday. and the start of Holy Week. Throughout the week we will have special worship opportunities for us to gather in God's house of prayer to prepare ourselves to stand at the foot of His cross. Until we have done that, it will be difficult for us to fully appreciate or understand the full impact of the Resurrection on Easter morning. Please make Holy Week worship a part of your preparation for Easter.

Sunday, March 25th, 8:30 & 10:45am

God's Will Is That we Be Changed

In our Palm Sunday worship, we remember that we are not always willing to do what God asks of us, but in His Palm Sunday entry into Jerusalem, Christ reveals to us that even tough roads are worth traversing for the good of the Kingdom.

Maundy Thursday, March 29, 12:00 noon & 7:00pm

God's Will & Joyful Service

In this worship for Maundy Thursday, we remember that Christ asks His disciples to wash one another's feet, as He was washed theirs, for the joy that was set before him. Serving one another with joy is a tribute to Him who is the Servant of All.

Good Friday, March 30th, 12:00 noon & 7:00pm

God's Will Is Done

In our Good Friday worship, we remember that on the cross Christ followed through with the will of God, crying out, "It is finished!" as He breathed His last. This ultimate sacrifice serves as a model to look at our lives as a holy sacrifice to Him.

Easter Sunday, April 1st, 7:00, 8:30 & 10:00am (Please note the new time for the late service)

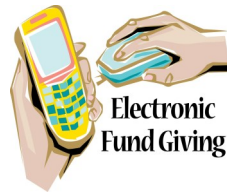
God's Will for the New Creation

April 1st is Easter Sunday — No fooling. Join us for special worship celebrations this Easter. In these services we remember that when Christ rose from the tomb, He opened the door to a new heaven and a new earth, where righteousness dwells. God's will for us as Easter people is to fix our eyes on the new creation of perfect paradise for us in heaven.

Besides worship, we will have our Easter Breakfast being served by WOW (Women of the Word) and activities for the children. Please make it a priority to gather with fellowship believers around the world and worship the Resurrected Lord, Jesus Christ.



Did you know that you can give electronically to St. Paul every month? You can set up to have automatic withdrawals from your checking or savings account. It's very easy to do and you won't have to worry about remembering your offering or dealing with offering envelopes! If you are interested, please fill out the form below, submit it to the office and you start this month! If you have any questions, please contact Sherry Schneider at 830-980-2813 or via email at stpaulbt@gvtc.com.



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TO FULLFILL YOUR CHURCH PLEDGE**

Company Name: St Paul Lutheran Church, Bulverde, TX

I/We hereby authorize St Paul Lutheran Church, Bulverde, TX, hereinafter called **COMPANY**, to initiate debit entries to my/our _____ Checking Account _____ Savings Account (select one) indicated below at the depository financial institution named _____ below, hereafter called **DEPOSITORY**, and to debit the same to such account. I/We acknowledge that the origination of ACH transactions to my/our account must comply with the provisions of U.S. Law.

Please attach a voided check to this form.

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This authorization is to remain in full force and effect until COMPANY has received written notification from me/us of its termination in such time and in such manner as to afford COMPANY and DEPOSITORY a reasonable opportunity to act on it.

Signature _____ Date _____

Signature _____ Date _____

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Texas District

Mission Moment

by Pastor Bryce Formwalt
Director of Mission Growth

A New Mindset

Several folks across the Texas District recently began reading and discussing Greg Finke's book, *Joining Jesus on His Mission - How to Be an Everyday Missionary*. At the end of chapter 1, Finke writes a short paragraph that caused me to pause and ponder: "Old mindset, old practices, old results. New mindset, new practices, new results." As I reflected on this statement, I asked myself, is this true? And if so, what does it mean?

Is it true? Well as the old saying goes, the definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results. And so it rings true that if we continue in the same old practices, we should expect the same old results. But what does it mean for the church today?

Well the obvious answer is we need to do things differently if we have any hope of being more effective at sharing the Gospel and reaching the lost, the left out and the next generation. But what struck me about Finke's statement is that it points to a deeper truth as well: the importance of having a new mindset. If all we do is try new things without a new mindset, we will likely undermine the new practices which therefore will not lead to the results we might have hoped for. True change, if it is to lead to the kind of positive new results that God desires for us, must be born out of new mindset.

And this is what Paul communicates in Romans 12:1-2: "*Therefore, brothers and sisters, in view of the mercies of God, I urge you to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God; this is your true worship. Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may discern what is the good, pleasing, and perfect will of God.*" To repent means to change one's mind (and heart) which leads to a change in action. Paul identifies that this requires presenting ourselves to God in a self-sacrificial way, willing to be transformed through repentance, by having our hearts and minds changed.

So the question we need to ask ourselves if we are to see new results in the church is are we willing to truly present ourselves to God ready to surrender everything (even that we hold near and dear with our church)? Are we willing to have our hearts and minds changed? We need to pray, "It's not mine Lord, it's yours. I'm sorry for the ways I've made church about what I like and what I want. And I'm sorry for the ways that I've neglected our true mission to go and make disciples. Change our hearts and minds and lead us

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The Adult Christian Education (ACE) Schedule for March 2018

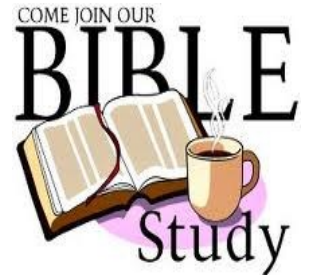
Sunday ACE classes meet at 9:40AM. Pastor Lee's Thursday Bible Study Classes will continue in March with comparing the Gospels at 8:00AM, 10:00AM and 6:30PM.

Sunday ACE Classes meet at 9:40am:

(Our leaders are dedicated and well qualified disciples that spend much time preparing for the classes. Please plan to attend at least one class of your choice.)

Class is led by Jeff Smith and meets in the ACE (Portable) Building

We are continuing a study looking at God's blessings, studying various scriptures. Great opportunity to count our Blessings.



Class is led by Dean & Kathy Krueger and meets in the Luther Room

Dean and Kathy's new Bible study topic is "Biblical Bad Girls and What We Can Learn from Them." Several books by this name and similar names have been written, but we will go directly to Scripture to discover lessons to be learned in the stories of Eve, Sarah, Lot's Wife, Lot's Daughters, Rebecca, Rachel, Potiphar's Wife, Tamar, Rahab, Delilah, the Witch of Endor, Bethsheba, Sheba, Jezebel, Herodias, Mary Magdalene, the Adulterous Woman, Sapphira and Revelation's Queen of Babylon. With some of these twenty women, you might be questioning their "badness." If so, join our class and defend them! Each Sunday's lesson will stand on its own, so if you miss a week, don't hesitate to return. Bibles and all materials are provided. There is an empty chair reserved just for you!

Class is led by Mike Scott and meets in the Choir Room

WHAT'S YOUR MISSION? God gave the assignment to His people thousands of years ago: to bring "lost sheep" back into the love and safety of His kingdom. He said to become a "Kingdom of Priests," and put God on display to show the world what He is like. It's still our task today. In this thirteenth volume of the That the World May Know ® film series, you'll glimpse the urgency and rewards of welcoming the strangers and prodigals the Lord longs to embrace. Discover the mission that can give your life - and the lives of those around you - greater meaning than you ever imagined. Join renowned teacher and historian Ray Vander Laan as he guides you through the lands of the Bible. In each lesson, Vander Laan illuminates the historical, geographical, and cultural context of the sacred Scriptures. Filmed on location in the Middle East and elsewhere, the That the World May Know ® film series will transform your understanding of God and challenge you to be a true follower of Jesus.

Class is led by Ingrid Lingle and meets in the Office Area Workroom

In March we will start a study on "The Ten Commandments" and what they mean in our life today. Everyone bring your Bibles!

Weekday ACE Class:

Connie Osborn leads a class in the choir room from 9:30AM - 11:00AM on Mondays

We will begin Volume 13 ISRAEL'S MISSION by Ray Vander Laan on February 26 and end on March 26. What's Your Mission? God gave an assignment to His people thousands of years ago: Bring lost sheep back into the love and safety of His kingdom. It's still our task today. You will glimpse the urgency and rewards of welcoming the strangers and prodigals the Lord longs to embrace.

Please contact Connie Osborn at hoppingfrog50@yahoo.com or 830-885-7592 for more information.

The Wisdom of God

The dictionary definition of wisdom is "the quality of state of being wise; knowledge of what is true or right coupled with just judgment as to action; sagacity, discernment, or insight.

However, in the biblical sense what does scripture say about God and his wisdom? To be wise is to use the knowledge you have in the holiest way with the best result for the highest purpose. We live in an age where one can hit a button and have instant information about a subject. Facts/knowledge is good, but wisdom far outweighs knowledge and God is the foundation of perfect wisdom.

Listed below are Bible verses to help you unlock the keys to gaining wisdom in your Christian walk. Find out what the Lord has to say about gaining knowledge and wisdom in your life.

- "If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you." James 1:5
- "Listen to advice and accept discipline, and at the end you will be counted among the wise." Proverbs 19:20
- "Blessed are those who find wisdom, those who gain understanding," Proverbs 3:13
- "Get wisdom, get understanding; do not forget my words or turn away from them. Do not forsake wisdom, and she will watch over you. The beginning of wisdom is this: Get wisdom. Cherish her, and she will exalt you; embrace her, and she will honor you. She will give you a garland to grace your head and present you with a glorious crown." Proverbs 4:5-9
- "Let not the wise boast of their wisdom or the strong boast of their riches, but let the one who boasts boast about this: that they have the understanding to know me, that I am the Lord, who exercises kindness, justice and righteousness on earth, for in these I delight," declares the Lord. Jeremiah 9:23-24
- "Who is wise and understanding among you? Let them show it by their good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom." James 3:13

Praise God for teaching us how to live the abundant life and for blessing us with the wise promises of Scripture. As you meditate and pray on these verses, may you begin to be filled with the wisdom that comes only from God and can lead to a more peaceful, abundant, and everlasting life!

In our Prayers

Thomas Miller
Evelyn Wittig
Evy Volbrecht
Jarrett Watts
Claudia Johnson
J.C. Mondelli Sr.
Carson Barnes
Seth Permenter
Carmen Rittimann
Douglas Klabunde

Krista, Trace & Cristian Bragg
Clifford Mincemoyer
Dorothy Crouch
Liz Joseph
Cassidy Peek
Sasha Zinsmeister
Rita Bywater
Nida Fischer
Marian Hull
James McNeill
Donny Tinsley

Bob Winship
Jordan Campbell
Chris Kimmell
Jerry Barnes
Helmut Kleve
Shirley Rimmert
Grace Kaeppel
Jimmy Cox
Debra Saur & Family
Lauren & Spencer Wilson
First Baptist Church of Sutherland Springs



PRAYER REQUESTS

We love to know your prayers and continued concerns. The prayer warriors are always in prayer!

Please contact Lucy Walker or the church office for your prayer requests: lwalkerblui@gvvc.com or stpaulbt@gvvc.com.

Prayer Warriors: Pastor Harder, Pastor Ofsdahl, Lucy Walker, Cindy 'Boo' Peek, Lynn Rosenfeld, Sharon Knibbe, Dagi Fischer, Stella Ross, Gloria Krueger, Marjorie Rothchild, Connie Osborn and Janice Walker.

Vacation Bible School 2018



Vacation Bible Soon 2018
Sunday, 6/24– Thursday, 6/28
Time—5:15-8:30pm
“A Family-Focused VBS”

We are in need of a team of volunteers to help make VBS possible this year. Andy Cave will be the head coordinator. He's looking to form a team of leaders to make this year's VBS a great one.

We are in need of a kitchen coordinator, decorations coordinator, craft coordinator, service project coordinator, and leaders for each age group. It takes a lot of dedicated volunteers to make this week possible.

June will be here before we know it. We need to start having meetings by the middle of March.

If you're interested in helping this year on the leadership team, or in any other way, please contact Andy Cave at stpaulyouth612@gvtc.com.



Children's Ministry March 2018 Newsletter



Minions



The Melodic Minions will practice on Monday, March 5 at 5:30pm. Dinner will be provided so parents please plan

to stay. We will sing on Sunday, March 11 at both services. Please contact Andy at

stpaulyouth612@gvtc.com to RSVP for dinner.

Sunday School



We will have Sunday school on March 4, 11, 18 & 25.

Sunday school meets in the CFC from 9:40-10:35am. We now encourage all students to participate in the "love offering." We will pass around an offering basket for all Sunday school children & youth during the opening.

If you have questions, please contact Cari Anne Whitehead at carianne915@gmail.com.

Saturday Night Live

Saturday, March 24— This event will take place from 5-7pm. This event will consist of lively Worship, dinner, and competitive youth games for ages 3 yrs. to 12th grade. Come on out!!! We will also be packing the Easter eggs for the children's hunt on Easter Sunday. Please RSVP by Sunday, March 18 to Andy Cave if your child will be participating.

SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE

As we continue our search for a Children's Minister in 2018, we need to start thinking about Vacation Bible School for 2018. We will need a team to help

lead and organize VBS this year. If you are interested, please contact the church office at 830-980-2813 or by email at stpaulbt@gvtc.com.



Be like an Acacia tree in the Desert

Have deep roots in CHRIST to protect you from the wadis of this world.



Contact the Youth Minister if you have any questions.

Andy Cave

stpaulyouth612@gvvc.com

830-980-2813

MARCH YOUTH NEWS!!!

Sunday School in February

Sunday School will take place on the following dates.

March 4, 11, 18 & 25.

Sunday school meets in the CFC from 9:40-10:35am. We now encourage all students to participate in the "love offering." We will pass around an offering basket for all Sunday school children & youth during the opening.

Confirmation in March

Confirmation will take place on the following days from 9:40-10:35am in the Sanctuary.

March 11 and 18

Note: March 18 is the last day of class for the 7th grade Confirmation students.

Dinner & Devotion

Sunday, March 4— This event will take place at the Marburger's home. Dinner & Devotion will take place from 4-6pm this time. We will be meeting at a park in their neighborhood (weather permitting). Youth will be fed with a delicious meal and have time to play games at the park.

Mid-Week Lenten Services

Lenten services take place the following dates at 7pm. Dinner is always served prior to service at 6pm.

3/7, 3/14 and 3/21.



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Wild Wednesday

Wednesday, March 14— This event will take place immediately following the mid-week Lenten service in the CFC. It will go until 9pm.

The topic of the night will be to **"BE LIKE CRAIG"**

Relax: THERE WILL BE DESSERT!!! Come on out!!!

Youth Praise Band

Youth band is on break this month. It will continue in April.

St. Paul
Christian Day
School News

March News

We have begun registration for the 2018-2019 school year. If you haven't taken a tour yourself or told your neighbor, who is looking for a really fabulous preschool, now is the time. We are excited to welcome our new families to St. Paul Red Roof School! For those of you who are reading about us for the first time, we are an outreach ministry of St. Paul Lutheran Church. Our mission is to provide a Christian preschool program that encourages and develops our children into confident, capable little individuals. We want to help them grow and develop a love for learning. We enroll children ages 14 months through 5 years of age and hold classes Monday – Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. There are 2 day and 4 day openings available. All admission information and packets are available on-line at www.redroofschool.com or give us a call at 830-980-6771.

Preparing for registration did not slow us down; we blazed through February with Valentine's Day, Ash Wednesday, Q and U wedding, Rodeo Days, and the Zoo Man. We had a fantastic time. Check out our Facebook page for some snapshots.

March will begin with recognition of Dr. Seuss' birthday, he gave us so many fun pieces of literature to enjoy. The next week we will host an in-house Children's Museum. The kiddos will tour different classrooms to learn in depth about a specific topic of the teacher's choice. They will learn through books and crafts, our teachers make it fun for the kids, just like a kids museum.

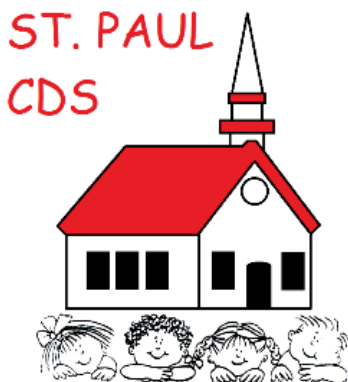
Spring Break is the week of March 12th this year, we hope everyone has a wonderful week with their family. We will be back Monday March 19th. For our Easter celebration we will teach the kids what the Bible tells us and what this means to Christians. However, no preschool Easter is complete without an Easter Egg Hunt so that will be another highlight of Easter week.

Lastly, we are starting to plan for our largest fundraiser of the year- Spring Carnival!! It will be held Thursday April 12th from 5-7 p.m. Please mark your calendars, it is fun for everyone. In preparation we are asking for donations of stuffed animals as well as any little toys that could be prize giveaways. If you have been waiting to clean out your child's playroom, now is the time. We are happy to take these items off your hands at any time. We are also collecting donation items from local businesses to either raffle off or place in a silent auction. Some items will be included in beautiful theme baskets and others will be raffled or auctioned separate. We will be selling raffle tickets and meal tickets in the CFC before and after church services on Sunday April 1st and Sunday April 8th. We will be bringing the food truck back to the Spring Carnival again this year. There will be kids meals and adult meals offered. Menu details will be at the ticket booth on those Sundays mentioned.

If anyone owns a local business and would like to contribute to our Spring Carnival or if you know someone that has a business and wouldn't mind asking for a donation, it would be much appreciated. If they would like a donation letter for tax purposes I would be happy to provide one. Please contact me, Sandy Kantorak, at 830-980-6771 or stpaulcds@gvtc.com.

Thank you all so much for your support of our wonderful preschool.

Blessings,



Train children in
THE RIGHT WAY,
and when old, they
WILL NOT STRAY.

Proverbs 22:6, NRSV

Bulverde/Spring Branch Pregnancy Care Center

17080 Hwy 46 West, Suite #113
(In the Faithville Shopping Center)
830-885-2277 (office)
830-446-9245 (text)

www.bulverdepregnancy.org

Hours: Tues 10AM-7PM; Th/Fri 10AM-4:00PM

Kim Barton, Director of Operations



The BSBPCC is in need of diaper bags to fill and baby items for the parents and families who earn them as they complete parenting classes. We also provide layettes to newborns and their families who are participating in our services. Below is a list of items we are most in need of at this time. *Please note that we have added infant/toddler Bibles to the list.

Wish List:

Crib Sheets

Bath Towel Sets

Plastic Utensil Sets

*Infant/Toddler Bibles

New/*Gently Used* Clothing Size 12 months –3T

New/*Gently Used* Shoes Size Newborn to 10

Items may be placed in the bassinet in the Narthex or taken by BSBPCC at the address listed above. There are brochures in the bassinet for anyone who would like more information...please take one.

Thank you for your generosity!

Our Annual Fundraising Celebration

Thursday, March 8, 2018

at

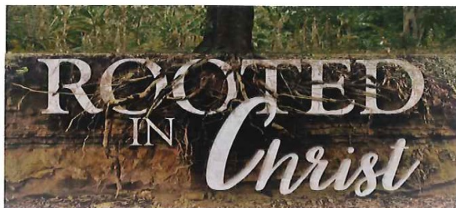
Bulverde Baptist Church

1331 Bulverde Road, Bulverde, TX

Seating at 6pm, Dinner & Program from 6:30-8:00

RSVP at bsbpcc-celebration2018.eventbrite.com

or to 830-885-2471 by March 1



Event and Dinner are complimentary
Please consider hosting a table of 8.
An opportunity to give to support BSBPCC
financially will be given.
Adults only, please, as seating is limited

Bulverde/Spring Branch Pregnancy Care Center
www.bulverdepregnancy.org

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ROOTED in Christ

Life Perspectives

Featured guest speaker

Dr. Frederick Brown is the retired
Co-Director of the Ob/Gyn Services in the CHRISTUS
Santa Rosa Family Medicine Residency Program
and a pioneer in ultrasound during pregnancy.

This year, the 45th anniversary of Roe v. Wade,
he will share how medical technology has changed
to support what we all know –
that God creates human life at conception.

*Please join us at this free event
to hear Dr. Brown's story.*

www.bulverdepregnancy.org

Threads of Love – Red Roof Satellite

Our satellite has many things to be thankful for and to celebrate! Our second anniversary was on February 20th. We started off with five women and met in my home twice a month to crochet. We are so thankful God had other plans and in two short years where He has led us. We now crochet, knit, sew, quilt, and make the following items: caskets, precious memory journals, and memory boxes. We meet every Tuesday and Wednesday from 9 am until noon in the blue portable building the church has graciously allowed us to make our home.

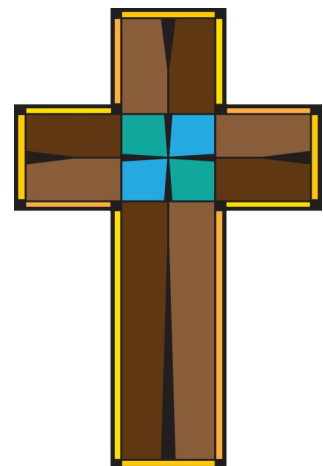
This leads to our year-end items made for 2017. Although we look at items made knowing some of what we make takes a lot longer to create than others, we know each item will be used in supporting the premature babies God has led us and allowed us to serve. For 2017 our total items made was 805! In 2016, our total was 699 and for both years, the grand total was 1,504. This includes many helping hands: Darlene Griffith's sewing circle devoted one month in sewing various projects for us and Connie White's quilting group also devoted a month in making so many beautiful quilts for our babies. We have also had help from individuals donating crocheted and knitted kangaroo blankets (square blankets) and hats and booties. Also, I am amazed by the generosity by our congregation in the plastic lid campaign and the donation of wedding dresses. Wedding dresses are a precious gift from the heart and used to line caskets and in making burial gowns. God uses all this to show His love and ease the pain of these families!

Due to illness this winter, our 2nd Anniversary Celebration has been delayed. We will be scheduling this with the church office and hope you will look forward to our display of the items we make and answer any questions you may have. And, of course, we will be serving cake as a small thank you to our congregation! We wouldn't be where we are without the tremendous support from all of you! You have been examples of Threads of Love Motto: Matthew 25:40 (NIV), "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did unto me."

Blessings,

Janice Walker

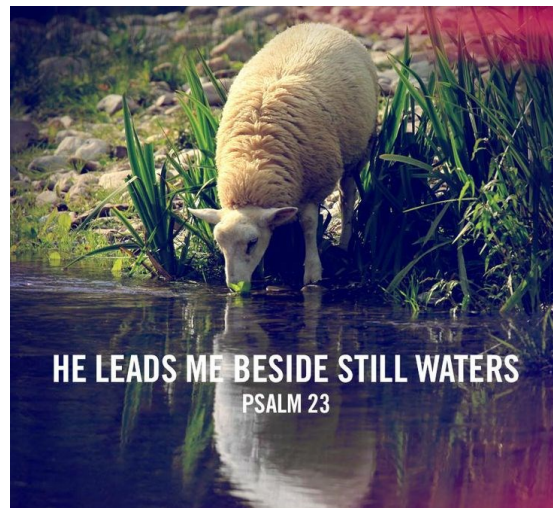
Threads of Love Red Roof Satellite Leader



W.O.W., Women of the Word of St. Paul Lutheran Church of Bulverde, Texas
Invites you to a Non-Denominational Women's Retreat

"Beside Still Waters"

A Study of the 23 Psalm



Friday, April 13, 2018 6:30PM to 8:30PM

&

Saturday, April 14, 2018 9:00AM to 3:00PM

St. Paul Lutheran Church Christian Faith Center
29797 U.S. Hwy 281 North Bulverde, Texas 78163

Registration cost, which includes a light breakfast & lunch on Saturday, is \$10.00.

Questions may be referred to

Trece Meuth by email trece.meuth@yahoo.com or by phone 210-385-0564

or

Lucy Walker by email lwalkerbluei@gvtc.com or by phone 210-379-4707

Please send your \$10.00 check and completed registration form to St. Paul Lutheran Church,
Attn. Trece Meuth, 29797 U.S. Hwy 281 North, Bulverde, Texas 78163

Name _____

Address _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Additional registration forms are available at the St. Paul Lutheran Church office.



JOIN US FOR A BABY SHOWER

Honoring

BSBPCC

Bulverde Spring Branch Pregnancy Care Center

Monday, March 19, 2018
6:30-8:30 in the evening
St. Paul Lutheran Church
29797 US Hwy. 281 N., Bulverde, Texas
HOSTED BY W.O.W.

RSVP To the Church Office
830-980-2813

Wish List for the Bulverde Spring Branch Pregnancy Care Center:

- New diaper bags
 - Crib sheets (blue or green)
 - Bath towel sets
 - New clothing sizes NB-3T
 - New shoes sizes NB-10
 - Infant shampoo, soap, lotion
 - Bibs
 - Infant/Toddler Bibles (English or Spanish)
 - Diapers size 5 or 6
 - Wipes
- We will also have a box for monetary gifts.

Speakers for the evening:

Kim Barton, Director of Operations
Kristen Bodoczy, Nurse Volunteer
Mary Jane Jahnsen, Bible Teacher;
Surrendering the Secret

*Meal will be provided (please RSVP)
Thank you for your generosity and
support of this important outreach
program.*



STAFF POSITIONS AVAILABLE



We're looking for individuals with a heart for the LORD, who feel called to partner with Options for Life to share the love of Jesus with those facing an unplanned pregnancy or needing education about sexual purity.

RESOURCE CENTER MANAGER

As an ambassador of Jesus Christ, the Resource Center Manager oversees the Resource Center operations and volunteers, Car Seat program, and implements other necessary Resource Center programs to meet client needs.

SOME of the QUALIFICATIONS:

- Be a Certified Car Seat Technician or willing to be certified to serve as one at the Center
- Have a bachelor's degree, preferably in a helping field, or related experience equivalent
- Have one year of experience in a helping profession serving in a dynamic position requiring initiative and self-motivation

31 HOURS per WEEK:

M, Tu – 9:45AM – 7:00PM, W, Th – 9:45AM – 5:00PM

STI NURSE MANAGER

The STI Nurse Manager is an ambassador of Jesus Christ, responsible for STI testing and medical services operations, provides training and management of volunteers on STI Testing matters and works with the Executive Director and Medical Director to implement necessary programs to meet client needs.

SOME of the QUALIFICATIONS:

- Be licensed as a registered nurse in the state of Texas
- Bachelor's degree, preferably in nursing or a helping field
- Have one year of experience in Ob/Gyn nursing preferred
- Have experience performing ultrasounds or willing to be trained to perform them

21 HOURS per WEEK:

M, Tu – 11:00AM – 7:00PM, Th – 11:00am – 5:00pm

All Options for Life Staff members must exhibit strong commitment and dedication to the pro-life position, sexual purity and agree with and be willing to uphold the Statement of Principle, Statement of Faith and policies of Options for Life.

For more information, please contact Beverly Ewald at (830) 629-7565 or email at Bewald@optionsforlifefnb.org

Announcements



The family of Eldred Schneider wishes to thank the disciples of St. Paul for their prayers and kind words. It has meant so much to our family during this time. God bless, Vercille Triesch

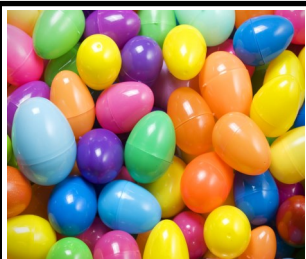
Thank you for all the wonderful birthday cards and wishes. I have never received so many beautiful cards. You made my birthday very special. In Christ, Maria Mickan

Honoring Our Elders

On March 18, 2018, a long time St. Paul Elder Disciple will celebrate her 98th birthday.

Carmen Rittimann
710 Rittimann Road
Spring Branch TX 78070

Please join in the celebration of this Elder's birthday by honoring her with a birthday card! Sign your name and member of St. Paul Lutheran Church, if you do not know her personally.



On Easter Sunday, April 1, there will be an Easter Egg for children ages infant through 5th grade at 9:30am. We are in need of donations of plastic eggs and individually wrapped candy or faith based trinkets that can fit in a plastic Easter egg. There will be containers in the narthex and

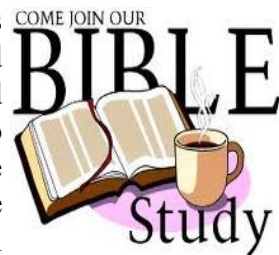
CFC where you can leave your donations. All children are invited to attend the Easter Egg Hunt and please remember to bring your Easter basket. Contact the church office for more information.



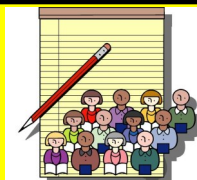
Pastor's BLOG

Each week Pastor Lee offers some thoughts on a variety of subjects, issues and concerns that we are challenged by as Christians. Mixed in with those are some personal anecdotes and humorous observations. Why not stop by the St. Paul web site and check things out.

Our Thursday Bible Study classes will continue to explore and compare the Gospels. We've laid the groundwork. Now it's time to dig into what each of the evangelists had to say about the ministry of our Lord. March will see us complete our examination of what each said on Jesus and move into a look at the parable and miracles.



Classes meet each week on Thursdays at 8:00 and 10:00am and at 6:30pm in Fellowship Hall. It's not too late to start your own study of Scripture. Check out one of the classes soon.



New Disciple Class

We've had numerous visitors coming to worship with us since the holidays. It's possible that some would like to make St. Paul their spiritual home. Following our worship celebration on Sunday, March 18 at 12:00 noon in the Fellowship Hall we will have the first New Disciple Class for 2018.

If you have knowledge of individuals or families that are considering becoming a part of the St. Paul family, please encourage them to contact the church office and register for the class. We provide lunch as we introduce our new disciples into a little of St. Paul's history, an awareness of what makes us LCMC, and a look at some of the key doctrinal foundations of our faith as Lutherans. All that and we promise to have the class back on the road headed home by 3:00pm. If child care is needed, please let us know at the time of registration.

St. Paul would very much like to be the kind of spiritual home where God's Word is heard clearly and truthfully. If you know someone looking for that, ask them to join the class.



You are invited to join your fellow disciples of St. Paul in the CFC at 6:00pm for our Lenten Soup & Sandwich Supper. It's a great time to gather as a community of believers and share in fellowship prior to our evening worship service. There's always plenty to eat, the conversation relaxing and friendly, and what better way to get ready for coming together in God's house for worship.

Lenten Supper Schedule:

March 7—Men's Life

March 14—Choir, Gospel Group & Adult Praise Team

March 21—WOW & Ladies BUNCO Group

Announcements



Join us for our next Men's Life Meeting on Tuesday, March 20 at 6pm at the Knibbe Ranch. Please RSVP to Randy Fischer at rfischer@gvtc.com or by cell at 210-827-1683 by Tuesday morning at 10am so we know how much food to prepare.



I would like to "Thank" everyone who has been praying and expressing concern over the past couple of months for my mother. To date, she is doing much better but recovery is slow; we are having to exercise our patience.

At this time, she is at a private facility, Komfort Haus, 2113 Dragon Trail in New Braunfels. Your continued thoughts and prayers would be greatly appreciated.

God bless,

Robin Armke and family

TIRED AND RETIRED BUNCH

Our next Tired and Retired gathering will be on Wednesday, March 28 from 10am-2pm. We have a potluck meal, so please bring a dish to share. Join us for an afternoon of fun, food and fellowship.



The Red Roof Readers are reading the New York Times best seller *A Man Called Ove* by Fredrik Backman for the month of March. Ove is described as a curmudgeon who points at people he dislikes, has staunch principles, strict routines, and a short fuse. However, behind this exterior is a story and a sadness, but Ove is befriended by new neighbors and their two chatty young daughters and life changes drastically for Ove.

Come and join us on Monday, March 12th in the Fellowship Hall at 6:00 for a lively discussion of this book. We always have fun, food, and laughter-so come and be part of this fun group (even if you haven't read the book)!



February Meeting—Praise Painting!!



Thank you Karen Williams for leading us! It was a fun night for all!!

Upcoming Events:

- **Monday, March 19 at 6:30pm**—Baby Shower for the Bulverde Spring Branch Pregnancy Care Center. We will have Speakers and food will be provided.
- **Sunday, April 1** — Easter Breakfast—WOW Fundraiser
- **Friday, April 13 and Saturday, April 14**—Women's Retreat at St. Paul in the CFC. The theme will be the 23rd Psalm.
- **Monday, April 16 at 6:30pm**—Movie Night
SAVE THE DATE - SATURDAY, MAY 5, 2018—ANNUAL SPRING LUNCHEON AND STYLE SHOW

WOW Fundraiser
Wash Tub Savings Books
\$15.00 each
Retail Value of \$34.99
Includes coupons for:

- (1) - Free Full Service Gleam Wash
- (3) - \$5.00 Off Coupons
- (1) - \$10.00 Off Detail Coupon

Available for sale in the church office or the first Sunday of each month after both services. They make great gifts!



For Easter Services on Sunday, April 1



We have 60 Easter lilies for purchase. If you would like to dedicate one to a loved one, please email the church office. The cost is \$10 per plant and your check can be made to St. Paul to cover costs. Please note "Easter lily" in the memo section.

You can place your check in the weekly offering. You may take your plant home after our Easter services.

Discipleship Commitments



	<u>March 4</u>	<u>March 11</u>	<u>March 18</u>	<u>March 25</u>	
Ushers 8:30	Bob & Kathy Bowie	Bob & Kathy Bowie	Bob & Kathy Bowie	Bob & Kathy Bowie	
Ushers 10:45	We need ushers for the 10:45am service! Please prayerfully consider signing up!				
Communion Assistants 8:30	Shawn & Jennifer Sande	Shawn & Jennifer Sande	Shawn & Jennifer Sande	Shawn & Jennifer Sande	
Communion Assistants 10:45	Jim & Lucy Walker Will Laubach	Jim & Lucy Walker Will Laubach	Jim & Lucy Walker Will Laubach	Jim & Lucy Walker Will Laubach	
Fellowship	Vince & Sue Freiburger		Jackie Oldfield Will Laubach Joyce Lux		
Worship Assistant 8:30	Judy Wemmert	Connie White	Larry Bodoczy	Jim Vantine	
Altar Guild 8:30	Karen Kublank Sandy Chapman	Karen Kublank Sandy Chapman	Karen Kublank Sandy Chapman	Karen Kublank Sandy Chapman	
Altar Guild 10:45	Elaine Been Jane Wanke	Elaine Been Jane Wanke	Elaine Been Jane Wanke	Elaine Been Jane Wanke	
Altar Flowers	Gordon & Jana Tate	Tibby & Robin Armke	Bob & Kathy Bowie	Vince & Sue Freiburger	

Love God!

Love Others!

Serve All!

March Birthdays

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| 2 Dalton Laumer | 24 Richard Schmalz |
| 3 Chuck Knibbe | 25 Freddie Biesenbach |
| 4 Elise Almquist | 26 Joan Bass |
| Audrey Schwanenberg | 28 Susan McConnell |
| 5 Jessica Corn | Robert Miller |
| Jon Jackson | 29 Fernando Chavez |
| Chris Schroeder | Ryan Krause |
| 8 Courtney Rawe | 31 Sharron Jay |
| Gordon Tate | Hailey Meurin |
| 10 Connor James | Christina Slowey |
| Mason McClellan | Katie Soileau |
| Patrick Sims | Ashley Williams |
| Luke Snell | |
| Janice Walker | |
| 11 Charles Schumacher | |
| Kelli Sims | |
| 12 Shelly Pascale | |
| 13 Lacie Dobbins | |
| Jason Lingle | |
| Colton Miller | |
| 17 Brian Ehler | |
| Spencer Miller | |
| 18 Sarah Harrell | |
| Carmen Rittimann | |
| Charles Schumacher | |
| 20 Teri James | |
| 22 Meagan Bridgewater | |
| 23 Shane Dobbins | |
| Weldon Smith | |
| 24 Denny Rosenfeld | |



March Anniversaries

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| 8 | Seth & Kelly Armke |
| | Ron & Suzanne Reyes |
| 13 | Greg & Desi Snell |
| 18 | Eric & Jennie Scott |
| 21 | Jason & Anna Kaiser |
| 29 | Chuck & Cindy Reeh |
| 30 | Vince & Sue Freiburger |





2018

Color Key:
 Education Ministry Evangelism Stewardship Fellowship Worship

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 Monday & Friday 9:00am to Noon Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 9am to 4pm	<div style="border: 2px solid black; background-color: yellow; padding: 5px;"> <p>ALL EVENTS AND MEETINGS at the church must be scheduled through the church office. This helps to prevent groups from meeting at the same time and location. Please contact Sherry Schneider at 830-980-2813 or stpaulbt@gvtc.com.</p> </div>			1 Bible Study 8 & 10am CDS 9am-2pm Gospel Group 5:00pm Choir Practice 6:15pm Bible Study 6:30pm Praise Team 7:30pm 	2 Bulverde Networking Group 8:30-10:30am Church office closed at noon Los Ninos Weekend Meals 2pm	3
4 Traditional Worship 8:30am in the Sanctuary Sunday school, Confirmation & ACE Classes 9:40-10:35am Contemporary Worship 10:45am in the CFC Youth Dinner & Devotion 4:00-6:00pm 	5 Women's Bible Study 9am CDS 9am-2pm Church office closed at noon Melodic Minions Practice & Dinner 5:30pm 	6 Threads of Love 9am-12pm CDS 9am-2pm CDS Chapel 9:30am Staff Mtg. 10:30am Worship Committee 5:30pm Hand Bells 7pm 	7 Threads of Love 9am-12pm CDS 9am-2pm CDS Chapel 9:30am BUNCO 12:00-2:00pm Soup & Sandwich Supper 6pm Service 7pm 	8 Bible Study 8 & 10am CDS 9am-2pm Gospel Group 5:00pm Choir Practice 6:15pm Bible Study 6:30pm Praise Team 7:30pm 	9 Bulverde Networking Group 8:30-10:30am Church office closed at noon Los Ninos Weekend Meals 2pm	10 
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18 Traditional Worship 8:30am in the Sanctuary Sunday school, Confirmation & ACE Classes 9:40-10:35am Contemporary Worship 10:45am in the CFC New Disciple Class 12pm	19 CDS 9am-2pm Women's Bible Study 9am Prayer Team 11am Church office closed at noon WOW 6:30pm (Baby Shower for BSBPCC) 	20 Threads of Love 9am-12pm CDS 9am-2pm CDS Chapel 9:30am Staff Mtg. 10:30am Prayer Shawls 1:30pm Men's Life 6:00pm Hand Bells 7pm Deadline for April Epistle 	21 Threads of Love 9am-12pm CDS 9am-2pm CDS Chapel 9:30am Soup & Sandwich Supper 6pm Service 7pm	22 Bible Study 8 & 10am CDS 9am-2pm Gospel Group 5:00pm Choir Practice 6:15pm Bible Study 6:30pm Praise Team 7:30pm	23 Bulverde Networking Group 8:30-10:30am Church office closed at noon Los Ninos Weekend Meals 2pm	24 Saturday Night Live Family and Youth Event 5-7pm 
25 Traditional Worship 8:30am in the Sanctuary Sunday school, Confirmation Interviews & ACE Classes 9:40-10:35am Contemporary Worship 10:45am in the CFC 	26 Women's Study 9am CDS 9am-2pm Church office closed at noon 	27 Threads of Love 9am-12pm CDS 9am-2pm Staff Mtg. 10:30am Hand Bells 7pm	28 Threads of Love 9am-12pm CDS 9am-12pm Tired & Retired 10:00am-2:00pm Wild Wednesdays 7:30-9:00pm	29 CDS 9am-2pm Service 12pm Gospel Group 5:00pm Choir Practice 6:15pm Service 7pm Praise Team 7:30pm 	30 Bulverde Networking Group 8:30-10:30am Service 12pm Church office closed at noon Los Ninos Weekend Meals 2pm Service 7pm 	31 