

The Epistle of St. Paul

OCTOBER 2023



ST PAUL
LUTHERAN CHURCH



"The Red Brick Church on Ave M"

1303 Avenue M; P.O. Box 58 Hondo, TX 78861

Telephone: (830) 426-3222 or 426-2343

Office Hours: Mon.- Wed. 9am-4pm; closed on Thursday; Fri. 9am-3pm

E-mail: stpaulhondo@yahoo.com Website: www.stpaulhondo.org

St. Paul Staff

Senior Pastor: Beverly Kelling

Children & Family Ministry: Laurie Lentz

Office Secretary: Joann Neuman

Financial Secretary: Erin Guenther

MDO Director: Annette Kammer

Music Ministry Coordinator: Jeanette Rath

Musicians

Guitarist: Jody Jacobs & Ben Rath

Pianist: Rhiannon Smith

Organist: Grace Reed

Drums: Rick Brickles

Vocals: Lynda Halbardier, Kathy Carrigan,
Jan Sprenger, & David Hershberger

Violinist: Jeanette Rath

Services

Sunday, 9:00am

Wednesday, 6:00pm

"Come As You Are" Contemporary Worship Service

Church Website: (stpaulhondo.org)

Facebook page: (St Paul Lutheran Church Hondo)

YouTube: (St Paul Lutheran Church Hondo TX)

Current and past Sunday services can be found here.

2023 Council Members

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LET US NOT BECOME
WEARY IN DOING
GOOD, FOR AT THE
PROPER TIME WE
WILL REAP A
HARVEST IF WE DO
NOT GIVE UP.



GALATIANS 6:9

Cast your
cares on
the Lord

and he will
sustain you;
he will

never let
the righteous
be shaken.



Psalm 55:22



The Red Brick Church on Ave M

Nailed to the door 506 Years Ago!

"For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith, just as it is written: The righteous will live by faith." Romans 1:17 CSB

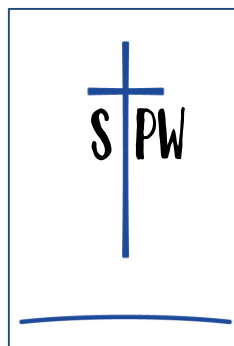
October 31, 1517, a man of faith & conviction nailed his '95 Theses' to a church door in Wittenberg. He was not trying to cause a controversy, but start a conversation. One verse changed his thinking; Romans 1:17. He came to understand that HE couldn't earn HIS righteousness (no matter how hard we try), but it was God Who imputes (bestows, gives) HIS righteousness on us through Jesus Christ Who took our sins upon Him & nailed them to the cross. As we commemorate Martin Luther and Reformation Sunday, may we always remember Jesus the Christ Who gives us the truth of His Word, the sacrifice of His life & the righteousness before God we could never earn on our own!

THANK YOU!!

To the Church Renovation, Color & Audiovisual Teams:

Rod Prewitt
Wayne Scholtz
Stewart Franke
Jenny Lessing
Paul Ott
Sarah Reus
Tony Westbrook
Debra Zerr
Becky Scott
Emma Baxter (and Cora)
Terri Stewart
Mark Kelling
Jeanette Rath, Jody Jacobs,
Rick Brickles, Rhiannon Smith

The Church is BEAUTIFUL!!!!



St. Paul Women –
You are invited to attend a
Women's Gathering:
October 7 from 11:00 –
1:00 in the Activity Center.
A great time to connect
with other ladies in our
church!!

Because the Time is Near: Revelation

October 1: First Resurrection, Final Revolt

Psalm 146:5-6, 8

Revelation 20:4-10

Matthew 22:29-32

October 8: The Great White Throne Judgment

Psalm 9:7-8, 10

Revelation 20:11-15

Matthew 12:33-37

***Nursing Home Service**

October 15: Making All Things New

Psalm 98:1-2

Revelation 21:1-8

Luke 4:18-21

***Confirmation: 2-6pm**

October 22: The Heavenly City

Psalm 27:1, 4

Revelation 21:9-27 *select verses*

John 8:12

***Annual Meeting – after church**

October 29: Righteous Because of Faith

Psalm 91:1-2, 5

Galatians 3:6-14

Mark 5:30-36

***Reformation Sunday**

***Fall Festival**

*Keep your eyes on Jesus, our righteousness!
In Christ & with love, Beverly <///>*

If you'd like to receive devotional texts or emails
during the week, please contact me [210-241-8800]
or the church office [830-426-3222].

RESPONSIBILITIES

| | <i>October 1st</i> | <i>October 8th</i> | <i>October 15th</i> | <i>October 22nd</i> | <i>October 29th</i> |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Altar Flowers | Chuck & Lynda Halbardier | John & Carol Hathaway | Pat & Deb Cleary | Rick & Chrie McCue | Chuck & Lynda Halbardier |
| Sanctuary Lamp | OPEN | OPEN | Debbie Whitehead | OPEN | OPEN |
| Head Ushers | Wayne Scholtz Roberta Hennig | Stuart Franke Lynda Halbardier | Pam Westbrook Dianne Bradley | Mark Nester Johnette Dixon | Deb Cleary Jay Reed |
| Lectors | Joann Neuman | Bob Mayne | LeeAnn Mc Reynolds | Pam Westbrook | Jean Saathoff |
| Acolytes | Laura & Trey Denman | Emery & Kyleigh Brickles | Wesley & Clayton Nickols | Patrick Weimer Emma Callis | Adele Cortez Easton Beard |
| Fellowship | Dianne Bradley | Paulette Pyron | Patt Farness | John Massengale Kevin Dixon | Fellowship Team |
| Altar Guild | Janice Wright & Becky Scott | | | | |

Please sign up for Flowers & Sanctuary Lamp, charts are in the Education Building. If you would like for the church to order the flowers, they are \$60.00 please contact the office. Sponsoring the lamp is \$4.00.

BIRTHDAYS

10/01 Adele Cortez
 10/02 Thomas McReynolds
 10/04 Brittany Garcia
 10/05 Patricio Torres Jr.
 Bo Hardy
 10/06 Abbey Kelling
 Emery Brickles
 Stella Molleda
 10/07 Geoff Weimer
 Marlyn Mumme
 10/08 Missy Solbrig
 Rachel Cortez
 10/09 August Schueling Jr.
 Gladys Feller
 Elizabeth Campos
 10/11 Bear Williams
 Joann Neuman
 Wesley Favor



10/13 Lee Miles
 10/14 Cooper Molitor
 Andrew Smith
 10/16 Paul Ott
 Baylee Rogge
 10/17 Becky Burton
 Jody Jacobs
 Deb Zerr
 10/20 Cece Weimer
 Chloe Callis
 10/22 Mark Nester
 Kevin Christiansen
 10/23 Jason Sprenger
 10/24 Carter Jacobs
 10/25 David Hook
 Megan Favor
 10/28 Fred Graff
 10/29 Jane Johnson
 10/30 Mitchell Halbardier

October 2023

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|--|---|--|---|--|-----------|
| 1 9:00am Worship 10:00am Fellowship 10:30 am Sunday School | 2 Cornerstone 10am-2pm 6:00pm (A/C) Women's Study 7:00pm Men's Bible Study | 3 7:00am Prayer Warriors 6:00pm Journaling Study (Edu.Bldg.) | 4 9am Tacking Quilters 11:00 BSF (LLB) "Come As You Are" 6pm Worship Service Youth following service 7:00pm Bible Study | 5 Office Closed 1pm Hand Quilters | 6 | 7 |
| 8 9:00am Worship 10:00am Fellowship 10:30 am Sunday School 2:00pm Nursing Home Service 4:00pm Emmaus Gathering @ Lytle Methodist Church | 9 Cornerstone 10am-2pm Friends In Faith 1:30-3:00pm 6:00pm (A/C) Women's Study | 10 7:00am Prayer Warriors 6:00pm Journaling Study (Edu.Bldg.) | 11 9am Tacking Quilters 11:00 BSF (LLB) "Come As You Are" 6pm Worship Service Youth following service 7:00pm Bible Study | 12 Office Closed 1pm Hand Quilters | 13 | 14 |
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| 22 9:00am Worship 10:00am Fellowship 10:30 am Sunday School 2-6pm Confirmation | 23 Cornerstone 10am-2pm Friends In Faith 1:30pm -3pm 6:00pm (A/C) Women's Study | 24 7:00am Prayer Warriors 6:00pm Journaling Study (Edu.Bldg.) | 25 9am Tacking Quilters 11:00 BSF (LLB) "Come As You Are" 6pm Worship Service Youth following service 7:00pm Bible Study | 26 Office Closed 1pm Hand Quilters 7pm Band of Brothers Meeting | 27 | 28 |
| 29 Reformation Sunday 9:00am Worship 10:00am Fellowship Fall Festival Activities & BBQ Meal | 30 | 31 7:00am Prayer Warriors 6:00pm Trunk or Treat 6:00pm Journaling Study (Edu.Bldg.) | | | | |



Youth and Children of St. Paul



FLAG FLYING HOLIDAYS
Election/Veterans Day (Nov) – put flags out on Sunday, Nov 5th and take down Mon, Nov 13th.
Please call or text me if you would like to lead a group – we need 4 groups each time! It is a lot of fun and NOT hard at all. We meet in the alley way of the Legacy Life Building. If there is someone who would like to take charge of this project for our church, please contact Laurie.

4-6th Grade Bible Study
Wed, Oct 4 & 18th from 4-5:15 pm. You can bring your own Bible. (1st & 3rd Wednesday of the month)

Kinder – 3rd Grade Fun Time
Wed, Oct 11 & 25th from 4-5:15 pm (2nd & 4th Wednesday of the month)

Junior/Senior Bible Study
Lunches are each Thursday during lunch. Come to the Activity Center – lunch will be ready and we will pray and then divide into our study. Bring a friend and your Bible. All are welcome! If you would like to help with meals please let me know.

Big Dates in 2023:
Every Wednesday
Worship 6 pm

Every Thursday →
HS Bible Study Lunch

October 4th & 18th →
4-6th grade Bible Study 4-5:15 pm

October 15th →
Confirmation 2-4 pm

October 11th & 25th →
Kinder-3rd Grade Fun Time 4-5:15pm

October 29th →
Fall Festival

October 31st →
Trunk or Treating in Act. Center 5:30-7pm

November 18th →
Christmas in God's Country Cake Wheel & Parade

December 3rd →
Christmas Program Rehearsal 5-6 pm

December 6th →
Christmas Program & 3rd graders receive Bibles 6 pm Worship

December 9th →
Breakfast with Santa 9-11 am

December 15th →
Christmas Movie Night



faith
→ OVER →
fear

Blessings to these 5th graders for celebrating their First Communion. Easton Hennessey, Laken Deleon, Elias Wright Bradshaw, Kinslee Anderwald, Trey Denman, Clayton Nickols, McKenzie Collins, Clair Bowman, and Easton Beard. Looking forward to watching these young people continue to grow in their faith.



Sunday School
growing together in Christ

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS ARE NEEDED FOR THE FALL OF 2023! CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE OR CONTACT CARRIE WEIMER! GOD DOESN'T CALL THE EQUIPPED, HE EQUIPS THE CALLED. BE A VOLUNTEER & YOU WILL BE BLESSED!

Happy Fall

Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.
GALATIANS 6:9



Trunk or Treating
Tuesday, October 31st
from 6 to 7 pm (set up starts at 5 pm) in the Activity Center.....Volunteers are needed to decorate tables and hand out treats to the children. Hot dogs will be served along with other goodies. A safe alternative to Halloween. Contact me if you are willing to participate in this fun event.
No spooky costumes please.

FALL FESTIVAL...
Sunday, Oct 29th

Lots of fun activities for the children – fishpond, games, inflatables, crafts, photo opportunities. Craft sale and Bingo will also be available. Invite a friend to come that Sunday. All activities start after worship.



Camp Eagle 2024 – week of July 15-20th
Information about camp is on the back of this page.....



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Camp Eagle Information/Fundraisers

Laurie Lentz

(210) 213-2088 - lentz1to4@gmail.com - PO BOX 58 - Hondo, TX 78861

Camp Eagle 2024

The date has been set - July 15-20th, 2024. The cost will stay the same at \$725 for Headwaters (completed 1st - 6th grade) and \$549 for Group Camp (completed 7th - 12th grade). Registration forms are ready for you to sign up your child or children. A non-refundable deposit of \$150.00 is required to save your camper's spot. To assure your camper or campers have a spot please mail your deposit and registration form by Friday, October 13th.

You are more than welcome to make monthly payments for your camper. Your deposit, registration form, and monthly payments can be mailed to St. Paul Lutheran Church - PO Box 58 - Hondo, TX 78861 - attention Laurie Lentz.

If you need more information about Camp Eagle you can go to their website - www.campeagle.org

There are registration forms in a folder outside of my office door in the Education Building.

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Fundraisers

Any camper who is attending Camp Eagle is welcome to participate in fundraisers that St. Paul Lutheran is having. Or your home church is more than welcome to have fundraisers to help support your camper as well.

Here is a list of the fundraisers we have tentatively scheduled....

Quilt Raffle - October 29th @ the Fall Festival

Cake Wheel - November 18th @ Christmas in God's Country

Dessert Auction - December 17th

Rummage Sale - March 1st & 2nd

Potato Bar - March 24th

Plant Sale - April 21st

Domino's Pizza - Monthly

Rent a Kid - throughout the year

Taco Sunday - monthly

If you would like to be in charge of a specific fundraiser please feel free to contact Laurie. New ideas or additions are always welcome.

If you are an adult and would like to be a sponsor for Group Camp please let me know.

As a sponsor at Group Camp, you will be required to stay with a group of campers in the cabin, participate in daily/night activities, and monitor the campers within our group to make sure curfews are kept and behavior is acceptable.

St. Paul Lutheran will again give their church members \$200 to go towards camp. As a thank you, you are asked to help at some of the following events - approx. 20 hours. Here is a list of activities you can help with:

- National Night Out - Tuesday, October 2nd @ need face painters!
- Fall Festival - Sunday, Oct. 29th
- Breakfast with Santa - Dec. 9th - 8:30-11 am
- Flags Across Hondo
- Vacation Bible School
- Easter Egg Hunt
- Halloween Night Event in the Activity Center
- Spreading Mulch/Moving

If you have experience in writing grants - like a HEB or Walmart grant please reach out to me.

If you need financial assistance please ask sooner than later.

Camp Eagle 2024 - week of July 15-20th

We will be attending Camp Eagle July 15th-20th. The cost for camp in Group Camp \$549 and Headwaters \$725. A completed registration form along with a \$150 deposit is required before your child's spot is reserved. If your child is interested in attending camp next summer please contact me. If you would like to be a group camp sponsor or sponsor a kid to go to Camp Eagle, please contact me. Thanks for all the support. This week could make a huge difference in your life. Laurie - 210-213-2088 - Fundraisers starting in NOW. Never too early to start planning!!



Sunday School(10:30am-11:15am)

3yr old-12th grade:

3-5 yr. old's—LLB— Annette Kammer / Lynda Hook

1st & 2nd – LLB - Jennifer Molitor /Sarah Reus

3rd & 4th – LLB – Becky Burton / Laurie Lentz

5th & 6th – Ed. Bldg. - Geoff Weimer

7th-12th grades- (AC Upper Rooms) –

Pat Cleary/Johnette Dixon

Adult Small Groups:

1 & 2 Timothy, then Titus

led by Bob Mayne (O.W.L.S., Act. Center)

“Come and See” led by Ron Sprenger

(Lion’s Den, Legacy Life Bldg.)

“Studying the Books of the Bible”

led by Rod Prewitt (Turtle Room, Ed. Bldg.)

“1 Corinthians” (YAK Class Rm, Ed. Bldg.)

“And never stop praying.” ~ 1Thessalonians 5:17

Healing & Comfort:

Chris Porter, Jairus Bailon, Patricia Welch, Martha Murphy, Bill Reus, Margaret Reus, Mark Reus, Dr. Ronald Balderach, Buffie Rogge, Dorothy Wells, Terri Mumme, Elaine Eccles, Nora Luna, Billie Lawrence Thompson, Matthew Hook, Mario Salazar, Victor “Renee” Ortiz, Diane Cooper, Henry Nietenhoefer, Jean Krenmueller, Sandi Schweers, Zach Smith, Meleah & Mason Plummer.

Active Military:

Larry & Teresa Sullivan, Adriel Schoenhals, Joshua Fair, Rebecca Bryant, Patrick Green, Andy Lynch, Chelsea Lynch, Riley Lynch, Briana Jernigan, Marc Proctor, Kephren Adams, Kendle Adams, Clayton Reed, Les Armstrong, Kelly Driskill, Desiree (Warner) Pointer, Ethan Kammer, Heath Runnels, Collin Bezely, Jessie Philip, Rachel Morgan, Sean Constante, & Jimmy Sawyer Rhodes.

Children/Youth Bible Study Opportunities

Kinder-3rd Grade: See the church calendar

4th-6th Grade: See the church calendar

High School Junior/Senior Lunch Bible Study

11:10am -11:45pm - see the church calendar for dates

Youth – 7th to 12th grade every Wednesday 7 to 8:15 pm

following Come As You Are Service.

Weekday Bible Study Opportunities:

First and Third Mondays at 7 PM

Men’s Bible Study (LLB) led by Don Krumrey

Second and Fourth Mondays 1:30pm-3:00pm

Friends In Faith (Education Building) led by Pastor Beverly

Mondays at 6 PM

Women’s Bible Study (Education Building)

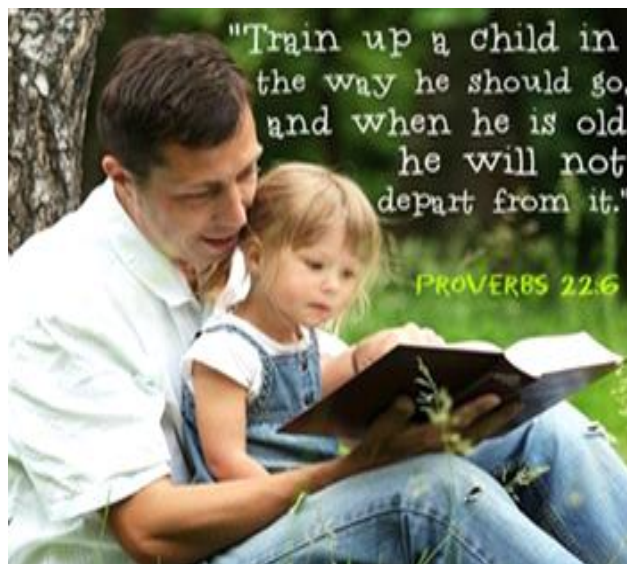
Tuesdays at 6pm (except 3rd Tuesday - Edu. bldg.)

Journaling & Illustration led by Roberta Hennig

Wednesday at 7pm (Following CAYA)

Through the Bible teaching, studying about prophesy and much that has yet to be fulfilled.

Led by David Hershberger (Activity Center – In class next to the kitchen).



HERE AT ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

"COME AS YOU ARE"

6pm Worship Service

October 4th – Robert Norris

October 11th – OPEN

October 18th – Robin Green

October 25th – Cynthia Nester

Cakes at Community Care Center Nursing Home

A Birthday Party for Community Care residents is held every second Thursday of the month. Each month 4 cakes are baked by volunteers and brought to the center by 1pm. If you are interested in providing a cake, please call Margie Mayne at (830)426-3563.

We invite you to send an encouraging word to our nursing home members and homebound.

Community Care Nursing Home
2001 Avenue E Hondo, TX 78861

Brian Boehle Marian Lindeburg

Shut-Ins (call office for address)

Renie Knappe Gladys Feller
Kathy Feller Cindy Sprenger
Elaine Eccles

Bible Study Fellowship

BSF has started up again
Wednesdays 11:00am in the LLB
This year we are studying
the book of John.
For more information contact
Shannon Windrow at (830) 931-4205.

If anyone is interested or in need of grocery pick-up and delivery to your home, call or text me. I am offering this service to your home for a small fee to cover my time and fuel only. Let me know if I can help you out.

Thank you,
Tina Christiansen
(830)931-5298

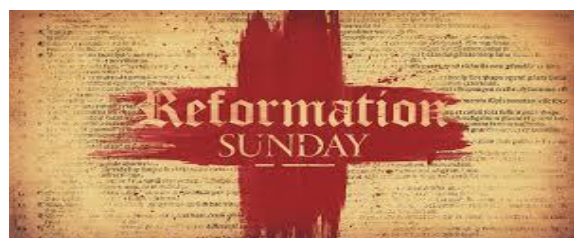
We extend our heartfelt condolences to Terri & Larry Stewart on the passing of Terris's father and longtime member Richard Lynch. Please know your family is in our thoughts and prayers.

Laurie Lentz is looking for someone to take over the Flags Across Hondo Project starting in January 2024. She has all the info saved and is very willing to train the next person who would like to take over this ministry.



All are invited to join a video study of the Reformation at location sites all over Europe and wrapping up in North America. There's much more to the story than the pivotal role played by Martin Luther, both before and after his critical involvement in this process. The likes of Saint Patrick of Ireland, William Tyndale of England and many more who were connected to the Reformation and a number were martyred in the process. Did you know there was a Counter-Reformation launched from Rome?

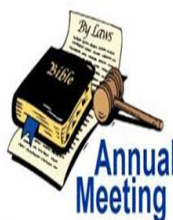
See you at 6 pm on Tuesdays in the LLB starting October 3, 2023.
Call Cynthia Nester with questions (210) 862-0038
(FYI - There are no books or study guides to purchase for this class).



Reformation Sunday/ Fall Festival
October 29th, celebrate with us!
We will provide a BBQ meal. Please bring your favorite dessert to share. We will have games, and activities. The Women of the church will also have a variety of goods for sale.



St. Paul Women –
You are invited to attend a
Women's Gathering: October 7th
from 11:00 – 1:00 in the Activity
Center.
A great time to connect with other
ladies in our church!!



Annual Church Meeting with the election of officers will take place following the worship service on October 22nd. Please join us!

THANK YOU!!

Dear friends at St. Paul,
THANK YOU!! for your
continued dedication to
the success of Restore
Reproductive Health! We
are so thankful for your
prayers & support. May
God bless you as you
partner with us to help
hurting people in our area.

Sincerely,
Jiane Cogswore
Executive Director

Dear Friends at St. Paul,
Greetings from Botswana! Our
Bible translation projects are going well.
The Shetgagagari New Testament is at the
printer now. We are so excited to
see it in the hands of the people! Thank
you for your faithful prayers and
support for our ministry. We are
grateful for you!

God's Peace,
Carl & Kelsey Burke

To: St. Paul Lutheran Church

On behalf of the Medina County Food Pantry,
thank you for your generous contribution.

130 pounds this spring & summer

It's people like you who make a real difference in helping
those of all ages in our community who are hungry.

Thank you again.

With Sincere Gratitude,

the MCFP Board of Directors & Volunteers

Thank you so much for your continued
financial support & food donations.
Sincerely, Betty Ann Pruitt

Matthew 25:35

St Paul Lutheran Church,

Please accept this
offering for my
appreciation of your Wednesday
evening service. You all are
so welcoming. Thank you -
Robin (Guleis friend)

Dear Endowment Committee,

Thank you for awarding me with this scholarship. I sincerely appreciate everything that the St. Paul Lutheran Church has done for me. The support and love that I have been shown has truly been a blessing. This scholarship will help me buy my books and parking for this upcoming year. Thank you again for your support!

Sincerely,
Baylee Rogge

St. Paul Family,

Thank you so much for my generous scholarship. Your generosity will help me continue my education at TAMUCC this fall. I am so grateful for your continued support.

God Bless,

Kallie Brucks

I appreciate this scholarship to help me pursue a career I love, and help me accomplish my dreams! I am so grateful to receive this. I am very blessed. Thank you.
From, Ericka Navarro

Dear St. Paul,

Thank y'all very much for the generous amount of money to help further my academic career. This church has been such a great foundation for my life and has given me something to love and hold-on to for the rest of my life. Please give everyone my gratitude and appreciation for this generous scholarship. Thank you again!

Best, Kaiten Lentz

Dear St. Paul,

Thank you so much for the generous scholarship! I plan to use it towards my first year's tuition at Texas Tech University! I really appreciate all of the love and support that St. Paul has given me throughout the years! Thank you!

With love,

Jennifer Cowan

Dear St. Paul Lutheran Church,

Thank you very much for my scholarship. It will greatly help my family this next year. I truly appreciate all the prayers, love, and support from my church.

God Bless,

Kaden Lentz

Dear St. Paul Lutheran Church,

I would like to thank you for the \$1000 scholarship. This is my second year to receive a scholarship and I appreciate the confidence you have in my ability to earn my degree and make a positive difference in the world we live in. I am finishing up my first year at TAMU-CC where I am majoring in kinesiology. I am in the EC-12 education program currently and I am also taking my prerequisites for a Master's in Athletic Training. My goal is to work in a school district where I can be an athletic trainer and a math teacher. Knowing that

I have the backing of this congregation through scholarship and prayer means so much that I cannot express it accurately in this note. You are truly making a difference in my life.

Thank you again,

Jamie Zinsmeyer

Dear St. Paul Lutheran Church family,
Thank you all for the scholarship! It is so cool that I get to be a part of a church that takes the time to help support college students like me. I am going to use the scholarship money to pay for my school books.

Thank you again, Anna Weimer

GWS

Dear St. Paul Lutheran Church,

Thank you for the scholarship. I am very excited to study diesel mechanics. Thank you for supporting me as I further my education.

Sincerely, Yvonne Saez

Dear St. Paul Lutheran Church Family,

I feel honored and grateful to have been selected as a recipient of the

St. Paul Lutheran scholarship.

Thank you so much for your generosity in funding this scholarship. It will be put to use as I head to TSTC in Waco, to pursue my welding certificate and my associates degree.

Thank you,

Jacob

Bailor

Dear St. Paul

Thank you very much
for giving me this scholarship!
It will help tremendously with
my tuition as I continue my
studies at Texas Tech University.
Thank you for all your support
and encouragement!!

dules Cowan

Thank you for the generous scholarship.
This will help greatly with the cost
of college. Thank you to the congregation
for the continued love + support, and for
helping me grow in my faith. I am
really thankful for the blessing of a great
church family. Thank you + God Bless

- David Cowan

Thank you ST. Paul Lutheran church for
awarding me with a \$1,000 scholarship. I
will do my best to make the money back
in the near future and donate a lot back to
the church.

Thank you for everything you do,
Coy Jacobs

OCTOBER SPECIAL OFFERING:

LCMC Mission for Christ in Nicaragua

We don't choose where or when to be born. We don't choose where or when to die. But we can choose to help others or turn away. We can choose to do nothing or do something. It is best to do what God wants of us. He will let you know what that is if you are open to finding out.

St. Paul Lutheran Church has been so caring and giving to the Nicaragua that many great projects have been completed since 2013. And I thank God every day for all the support from this congregation.

- * 5 deep water wells
- * 5 new LCMC church buildings, 3 restored, dorm kitchen added 9 LCMC in total
- * 5 Playgrounds for children
- * Road repair to school, computer and multiple school supplies to the community schools and English classes
- * Materials for the community sewing ladies
- * Food, clothing and medicine for the elderly and needy
- * Medical supplies to the Hospital, University in Somotillo and area Medical Clinic
- * Bibles and Teaching materials.
- * Retreats for Pastors and Church Leaders and Women Retreat in 8 locations.
- * Roof projects and much more
- * Educational classes to Pastors, community leaders and Women Retreats

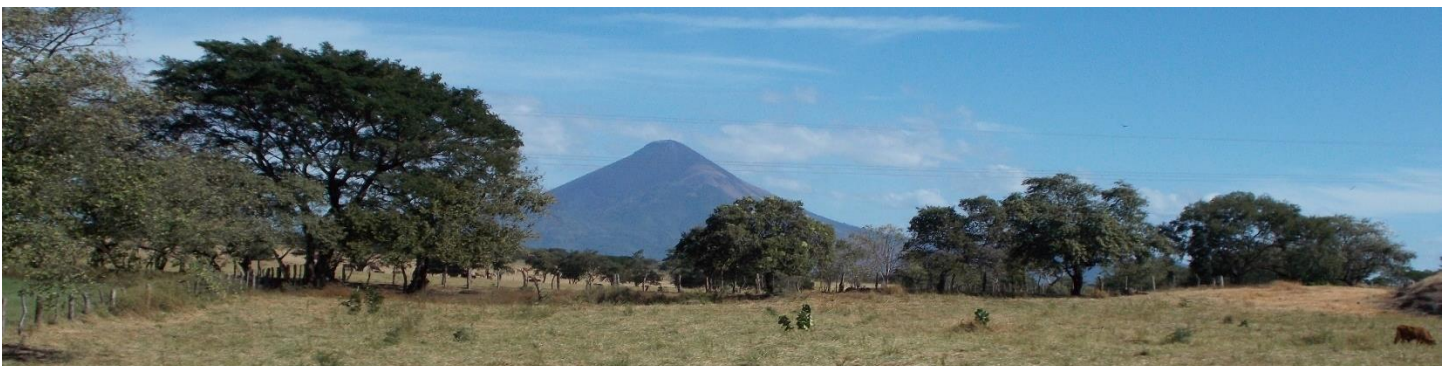
Thank you for being a part of these mission projects. Blessings to you, Maggie Skalka

Mathew 25:40 The King will reply" I will tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me."

Wanted: The Nicaragua Mission Advisory Committee invites a missionary – minded person that would like to travel to Nicaragua and work with the LCMC church leaders and small villages in Nicaragua on the Nicaraguan/Honduras border and Managua area. Communication with the leaders in this area have already been involved. Individual should have good computer and communication skills. This is not just a one-time assignment but will be ongoing.

Please contact Pam Westbrook or Pastor Beverly.

For more information, please call Maggie at 832-795-6177





Mission Moment

by Pastor Bryce Formwalt
Director of Mission Growth



Lord, Open Our Eyes!

Have you ever found yourself reading a familiar Bible story when suddenly you are struck with a revelation? Isn't it a joy to read and receive Good News in fresh ways?!

Recently I was reading Matthew 20 and read once again the story of Jesus healing two blind men along the road outside of Jericho. Jesus performed so many miracles and healings that we are prone to sometimes gloss over them and miss the magnitude of what is happening. Compared to his many other miracles, this one can seem mundane.

In this particular story, the two blind men had heard that Jesus was going to be passing by on the road. So, they began crying out to Jesus: "Lord, have mercy on us, Son of David!" While the crowds sought to shush them, the blind men were persistent in their cries. Hearing their persistence, Jesus calls out to the blind men, "What do you want me to do?" The men replied "Lord, open our eyes." Jesus healed their sight and immediately they followed Jesus.

I wonder how much spiritual blindness we suffer from and simply have not had the faith, wisdom, or courage to cry out with any persistence "Lord, have mercy" to our miracle-working, sight-giving Lord. All too often we endure a less than abundant, faith-filled life, unable to see God and his activity in the world in order to both delight and participate in it.

All around our District I meet devoted church members and leaders who earnestly desire the church to be healthy, strong, and often return to a day of former vitality. Yet I am convinced more than ever that the journey of following Jesus includes the courage of blind men and women crying out to Jesus, "Lord, have mercy on us!" And when the pressures from within the church and out in the world both conspire to silence the faithful pleas for mercy, we are called to persist with an expectant, hopeful faith.

I believe that Jesus will hear the cries of the faithful. When he asks, "What do you want me to do?" I pray that we can have the simple and pure faith to ask for vision: "Lord, open our eyes." Open our eyes to see you for who you are... to see ourselves for who we are... to see your kingdom... to see our neighbors... to see the least, and the lost, and the left out. Jesus is faithful and will answer that prayer and give new vision.

Just imagine the life-giving renewal that Jesus could usher in through humble, honest, and faithful congregations following Jesus into their future with clarity of vision and purpose!

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