St. Paul's Lutheran

The Epistle

September 2015

Birthdays

2 - Clarke Hoff
4 – Kevin Napier
6 – Daniel Barras
8 - Lorraine Patterson
12 - Alexandria Licklider
12 – Dana Smith
13 – Justin Roach
15 – Jim Hilton
18 – Mildred Crawford
20 – Walter Rein
22 – Ty Haro
23 – Jacy Barnes
24 – Carol Danklefsen
25 – Jennifer Carter
26 – Kevin Johnston
28 – Landon McNabb
29– Patrick Kluppel

Baptismal Anniversaries

1 – Stan White
1 – Karen Guthmiller
2 – Andrea Huerta
9 - Tori Rein
12 – Ben Vircant
16 – Brooks Bruner
16 – Glena Pfennig
19 – Elizabeth Elizondo
22 – Harold Pate
23 – Charles Ohm
27 – Steve Burns
27 – Justin Stevens
28 – Jakob Cordova-Combs
30 – Robert Barth

Wedding Anniversaries

4 – David & Lorrie Andrews
5 – Jon & Glena Pfennig
13 – Chris & Renee Napier
14 – Floyd & Sherry Eickenhorst
14 – Gary & Dana Smith
15 – Lee & Cindy Heselmeyer
21 – Dave & Donna Reavis
24 – Jerry & Helen Reavis
30 – Rolfe & Charlotte Wooten

Serving Our Country

Aaron Adams, Aaron Carlin,
Michael Giese, Paul Gomez,
Scott Gubbs, Corbin Haro,
Mike Hobbs, Amy Hoff and family,
Brandon Locha, Stephen McWilliams,
Aaron Molina, Christopher Paradowski,
Kaylyn Perry, Hannah Prague,
Chris Salo and family,
Cheryl Sisco and family,
Kyle Spence, Garrett Threadgill,
Austin Wilkinson, Sean Zarsky

In Our Prayers

Family of Beverly Blue- support
Shannon Blue- health concerns
Alice Bosart – health concerns
Charlotte & Leon Busby-support
Cindy Eschberger- shut-in
Ben Eppley- health concerns
Boo Boo Fojt- health concerns
Betty Ganske- health concerns
Barbara Garrett- health concerns
Virginia Hackfeld- health concerns
Dorothy Johnston- healing
Emily McCoy- healing
Lorraine Patterson- health concerns
Colleen & Ken Peting- health concerns
June Tieman- health concerns
Elaine Vircant- healing
Sherry White- healing
Sharon Zeiss- health concerns

THANK YOU

- To Bryce Barnes for replacing the power source on Jada's computer
- To Mike Pate for donating 2 wheel chairs to St. Paul's
- To Angie Ash for penning Harold's Confirmation certificate
- And to all of our Food Pantry volunteers. Your commitment is greatly appreciated.
- To all who donated school supplies to the After School Program
- To everyone who participated in the Church Workday
- To all the angels that worked in the office while Jada was vacationing
- To the Bread Bakers, Tellers, Sound System Technicians, Committee Members, Choir Members, Instrumentalists, Prayer Shawl Ministry, Eucharist Ministers, Card Writers, photographers and any volunteers not mentioned
- To all those that volunteer as Sunday morning worship leaders. You are appreciated!
- A special thank you to Don Eschberger for all the handyman work he does around the church
- To Hoya Ash, Sandra & James McGee, Don Eschberger, Chuck Ohm, and any others who work keeping our church grounds so beautiful.

New Address

Haley Perry
Texas A & M Corpus Christi
6515 Ocean Drive Unit 0753
Corpus Christi, Texas 78412

Welcome

Anais Garivo as an
Instructional Aide for
St. Paul's After School Program.

Special Thank You

Thanks to the St. Paul's congregation for all the prayers and remembrances. Prayer for our health, sympathy at the death of Colleen's brother David, and celebrating our 70th wedding anniversary. We are blessed. Thanks! Ken and Colleen Peting

Church Offices closed
Monday, September 7th
in observance of Labor Day.

EDUCATION NEWS

Committee Meeting Sunday September 6th at 12pm

Elizabeth Circle

St. Paul's Women of the ELCA Bible Study
Every second Wednesday of the month, beginning
Wednesday, September 9, 2015
9:30 a.m., Music Library

All women are invited to attend.
"Slow Faith" by Rev. Liv Larson Andrews, published by Gather Magazine

A three month study:

September- Sabbath Keeping
October- Make Haste O Lord
November- Tempo Giusto "in exact time" or strict time or suitable time

Goals of this study: Women gather

1. to gain a sense of biblical times and the gifts of God's grace that unfold over time.
2. to share personal stories and deepen relationships.
3. to cultivate a few practices for biblical study.

Theme Verses "Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy." Exodus 20:8.
For copies of the Bible Study and questions:
Anna Maria Chauviere 281-422-7151

ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Inviting adults who have been baptized but have not yet had confirmation instruction, to attend upcoming Confirmation classes. Confirmation is an integral part of Christian faith development and instruction in the Lutheran Church. At the completion of the 5 classes, you participate in the Rite of Confirmation where you make a public affirmation of your Baptism, committing to living out your faith as a disciple of Jesus Christ and responsible member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church.
We encourage you and support you in this priority of Christian faith development and milestone of Confirmation. Please meet in the conference room. Any question, please contact pastor Nancy.

Classes:

Wednesday evenings, 5:30 p.m.,
Sep. 2, 9, 16, 30 and Oct. 7
OR
Sunday afternoons, 12:30 p.m.,
Sep. 6, 13, 20, Oct. 4, 18
Rite of Confirmation for adults completing the classes will be
Reformation Sunday, October 25,
at 10:30 service.

SUNDAY SCHOOL and CONFIRMATION CLASS 9:00 a.m.

Please join us, there's something for everyone. See bulletin board in entryway for your teacher and classroom.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Saturday, September 12th at 7 a.m.

Come enjoy breakfast, Bible study & fellowship. Talk with Ian Gillespie for more info.

a child shall lead them

THE TRUTH PROJECT

New Bible Study Group

This is a DVD based small group curriculum which will examine a systematic and comprehensive biblical world view in the lives of believers. Each lesson looks at life from a Biblical perspective, studying the very nature and character of God and how He has revealed Himself to us. **Beginning on Sept 16th at 6:30 p.m.** and every Wednesday until Advent. Ian Gillespie will facilitate discussion on this timely and interesting topic.

INREACH/OUTREACH NEWS

Committee Meeting, Monday, Sept. 28th at 1pm

GOLDEN GROUP NEWS

(50+ are welcome to attend)

Please contact Lorrie at 281-382-9770 for more info.

Monthly Luncheon

Wednesday, September 16th at 11:30 a.m.

At Rooster's Restaurant

Sign up sheet in the Fellowship Hall for events.

ACTIVE SHOOTER RESPONSE CLASS

All members of St. Paul's are invited to attend.

Redeemer Lutheran Church
1200 E. Lobit, Baytown
Monday, September 21st at 6:30 p.m.

Active Shooter Response - Please be advised that with all the occurrences of violence all around in the United states in which churches have not been exempt. The Stewardship Board at Redeemer Lutheran feels the need to have a program on what we as members need to know and what to do in the event we are confronted with such an incident.

They worked with the Baytown Police Department to set this program up and will have instruction by Assistant Chief David Alford. The program should last no longer than an hour depending on the number of questions that may be asked.

St. Paul's is strongly encouraging all members of the Church Council and ushers to be in attendance. All members of the congregation are also welcome and encouraged to attend.

God's Work. Our Hands.

September 13th is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America — one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor in ways that share the love of God with all of God's people. Our Inreach/Outreach team has planned several projects for us:

- **Bake cookies for our First Responders (Fire and Police Department)**
- **Make fall wreaths for our members in nursing homes**
- **8 cases of stuffed animals, donated by our Food Pantry, will be given to the Women's Homeless Shelter in Houston and the Krause House in Katy.**

On Sunday the 13th we will stay after church, eat some pizza and go to work on our projects. Everything will take place at church. Cookies will be baked in the kitchen and wreaths will be crafted in the Fellowship Hall. You can work on one project or both. Please signup for these projects so we can get a head count. Don't forget to wear GWOH t-shirts!

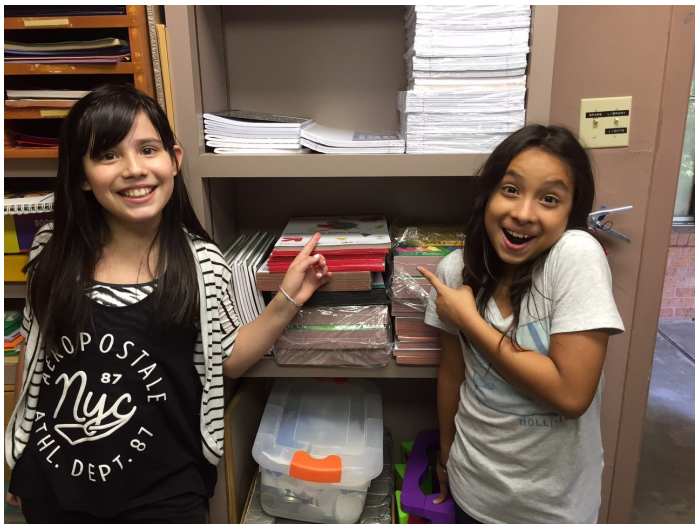
A special thank you to Helen Fojt and Elvie McCullough for buying us a "God's Work. Our Hands" banner.

YOUTH & FAMILY NEWS

Committee Meeting Sunday, September 6th at 11:45 a.m.

Thank you!

With donations from St. Paul's people and seed money from Thrivent Action Team, the Youth & Family Committee was able to supply the After School Program with ample school supplies. You really helped kick off the new school year in a great way! Thanks!



Community Inreach/Outreach

BILINGUAL CLASS RESUMES

Sundays at 2pm, beginning September 20th

CUB SCOUTS

Every Sunday at 2:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

Youth Day at the Houston Zoo

Saturday, September26th

The sign up sheet is in the fellowship hall. We will meet at the zoo that day and have a picnic lunch. Times and a schedule of the day will be discussed at the **Y & F Committee meeting September 6** and posted in the bulletin. Please contact Donna Reavis with any questions.

HOUSTON ZOO

save the date

German Dinner

October 17th

5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Tickets are $15/includes 2 drink tickets.

Rick is providing the music.

Pork tenderloin, bratwurst,

German potato salad,

dessert and more!!

Tickets on sale soon.

All proceeds benefit Camp Hope

Mark your calendars

Pet Blessing

Saturday, October 24th
at 10:00 a.m.

STEWARDSHIP NEWS

Lutheran Foundation of the Southwest

God's Work in the World has spoken to your heart...

But where do you begin?

St. Paul's Lutheran Church is hosting a Legacy Gift Seminar for learning about end-of-life life stewardship planning. Join us and learn how to turn your passion for others into a plan that blesses many, including your family. Put your stewardship desires to work for you!

Date: **Sunday, September 27, 2015**

Location: **Fellowship Hall**

Time: **11:45 a.m.** (after worship service)

Details: **Session lasts about one hour; light lunch served while you learn about end-of-life-legacy gift planning. Contact Debbie.gillespie@gmail.com for more information.**

Lizbeth C. Johnson, Ed.D
Regional Gift Planner, Lutheran Foundation of the Southwest

The gift planner assigned to the TLGC Synod is available at no charge or obligation to churches, groups, and individual members. Private and confidential consultation scheduled by contacting her at 713.775.1595 or lcjohnson@lfsw.org.

To learn more: www.lfsw.org

PROPERTY NEWS

Committee Meeting
Sunday, September 6th at 12pm

WORSHIP & MUSIC NEWS

Committee Meeting
Sunday, September 20th at 12pm

Prayer Shawl Blessing
Sun. September 27th during worship.

Church Council 2015
Rip Clanton: President/Property
Debbie Gillespie: Vice President
Kim Holle: Treasurer
Tena Burgess: Secretary

Members at Large
Lorrie Andrews (Inreach/Outreach)
Beverly Tomsic (Worship & Music)
Renee Napier (Education)
Donna Reavis (Youth & Family)

The Houston Chronicle recently printed an article entitled, "It's best to talk about end-of-life issues." The author, Claudia Feldman indicated, "Thinking about end-of-life planning as smart decision making. When you buy a car, you also purchase insurance. You wear a seatbelt. You lock it. You hope for the best, but you are also prepared if things go negative. "So it is with our lives. Plan ahead."

The **Lutheran Foundation of the Southwest** provides a regional gift planner now for the **Texas Louisiana Gulf Coast Synod.** Our church has the advantage a full-time planner who can meet with individuals for a custom designed plan. The gift planner, Liz Johnson, can help pre-plan for Wills, legal trusts, gift annuities, and guide bequests. There is no charge or obligation for the service if individual congregation members include any Lutheran ministry and other charitable intent in the plan. Whether you need an end-of-life plan or already have one, the information she shares is beneficial to everyone. Her contact information is lcjohnson@lfsw.org or 713.775.1595.

On **Sunday, September 27** immediately following the worship service, St. Paul's will sponsor a **Legacy Gift Planning Seminar** with information on this topic. There will be a light lunch served for those who can stay for the seminar. Sign up to attend on a sheet in the Narthex of the church. This information is valuable for you and your family. The concept of "End-of-Life Stewardship" is a wonderful way to bless others with Lutheran heritage in future generations. Debbie Gillespie is the local contact for this event.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church
Church Council Meeting Minutes
August 13, 2015

Present:
Lorrie Andrews, Tena Burgess, Rip Clanton, Debbie Renee Napier, Donna Reavis, Pastor Nancy Simpson, Beverly Tomsic, Kim Holle

The Council heard a presentation by Liz Johnson, a Gift Planner with the Lutheran Foundation of the Southwest. Her presentation was on leaving monetary gifts to the church as an endowment. She will be making a presentation to the congregation after church September 27, 2015.

Minutes from the June meeting were approved as published.

Pastor's Report –Tena Burgess has agreed to be the LSPS Seminary Advocate for St. Paul's.

Treasurer's Report — Kim Holle – Giving is down this past month, July. This is most likely due to people being on vacation and out of town.

Rip reported that work will begin again in September on updating the constitution. A meeting is scheduled for September 21st at 5:30.

New Business:
Red Book Review for milestones for September were reviewed. The driver's license blessing will be August 2nd.

Zonia Zamudio has been hired as the nursery attendant on Sundays. She will begin August 23rd and the hours will be 8:45 – 11:45.

The audit committee will be Ian Gillespie and Vernon Caninenberg.

Ian Gillespie will begin leading a Bible study on Wednesday nights from 6:30 – 7:30. The classes will start September 16, 2015.

Meeting adjourned.

Women of the ELCA
Annual Convention
La Grange, TX
Sept. 18th-19th
Registration Forms
in Fellowship Hall.

Michael Mathews participated in the Striders of Galena Park this summer. At the regional track meet in Beaumont he placed 2nd in the 400 meter, 1st in the 100 meter, 2nd in the 200 meter and 1st in the shotput. Mike's godparents, Jada Hylton and Jake Fojt, are very proud of him. Superstar!

Lauren Perry participated in the Baytown Summer Track Program. She won 1st place in the shotput at regionals in Texas City for the 10 and under age group. Way to hustle Lauren!

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SUNDAY SCHEDULE:
Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
Nursery available

STAFF:
Rev. Nancy Simpson, Pastor
Rick Falconi, Director of Music Ministries
Sharon Mathews, Director of After School Program
Jada Hylton, Director of Office Ministries
Nursery Attendant: Zonia Zamudio

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work.
Our hands.

Congratulations Harold Pate on the Affirmation of your Baptism, celebrated Sunday, August 23rd, 2015