



Messenger

Dear Friend of MacArthur Park Lutheran Church and School,

“What does it mean that San Pablo is becoming a congregation of the ELCA?”

I was asked this question at the taco breakfast April 22 and think others may be asking the same question.

For several years, San Pablo has been classified as a Synod Authorized Worshiping Community (SAWC). This is an early stage of congregational development in which participants are not considered church members, but in this case are considered members of MacArthur Park until the group becomes an official congregation.

A SAWC also cannot choose its own pastor but has their pastor selected by the denomination. In turn, the denomination provides considerable funding for the developing congregation.

Becoming an official

congregation is something like a young person turning 18 years old. The person gets some additional privileges but must also assume some additional responsibilities.

In the case of San Pablo, the group will now be able to call its own pastor, but the group must also assume more responsibility for paying its bills.

Participants can now be members of the new congregation, but the congregation must assume more responsibility for keeping track of and caring for its members. MacArthur Park must also know our numbers will decrease in some ways as we no longer count the people at San Pablo.

The new congregation will be able to negotiate more contracts but must also assume greater responsibility for fulfilling its obligations in such contracts.

I am happy for Pastor Nelson Velázquez and the congregation of San Pablo for this step forward. I look forward to discovering

what the Holy Spirit has in mind for this group of believers.

Peace,
Pastor Paul



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MacArthur Park Lutheran School

Thank you to everyone who attended our annual fiesta. We had great weather and a super turn out. A huge thank you goes to Pastor Ziese for sitting in the pie toss booth. While it was great fun to throw pies, the best part was that we were able to contribute more than our goal in food items to the food pantry.

Thank you to everyone who has supported the school this year. Thank you for volunteering, contributing items, collecting box-tops and ink cartridges, buying fundraisers, praying for us and countless other things that are done for the school. The children and parents can see the strong connection of the church and school and especially experience the support and care the congregation gives to us.

Thank you also to all the families of MPLS. Our enrollment stayed at 70 students throughout this entire year. We are very blessed to have such great families and students.

Thank you to our dedicated staff. We have 13 employees who give their best everyday to care for and educate our students. Along with the school staff we are blessed to have both Pastors who are a huge part of our school. They lead chapel for us every Tuesday and care for our school families. Mr. Ott also helps take care of our

buildings and playground so that everything looks terrific.

Thank you to our full-time volunteers- Mrs. Pomykal, Mrs. Sweda, Mrs. Stowell, and Mr. Price who collectively have volunteered over 500 hours this year!

We are humbled and thankful to every person who has done so much for MPLS. We thank God for all of you!

The last day of school is June 1, but the school will be having summer camps the month of June. Enrollment continues for the 2018-2019 school year. There is still room in all our classes. Tours of the facility can be scheduled for weekdays.

MPLS Staff

*We always thank
GOD for all of you
and continually
mention you in
our prayers.*

I Thessalonians 1:2, NIV

Congregation Council Meeting Minutes ~ April 17, 2018

In attendance: Beth Borstad, Melissa French-Stephenson, Courtney Grove, James Vlasak, Sheryl Bierstedt, Hannah Hansen, Virginia Stowell, Pastor Paul Ziese, Pastor Heather Hansen

A brief devotional and prayer was led by Beth Borstad, and the meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m. The group reaffirmed its commitment to the Purpose Statement and Guiding Principles.

ACTIONS:

- The March 20, 2018 meeting minutes were reviewed. Pastor Paul noted the meeting with Pastor Nelson Velasquez on April 3 will be rescheduled. A motion to approve was made by Sheryl Bierstedt and seconded by Heather Hansen, and the minutes were approved as written.
- The March financial report was accepted.
- The following Pastoral Acts was received: Transfer of Robert Goodwin to Abiding Presence Lutheran Church on 4/16/18.
- Pastor Heather reported the annual review of inactive members for 2017 has been completed and includes the following: Abel & Dorothy Flores, Kay Griffin, Ted & Christine Macrini, Charles & Paige Marg, Joel Price and Zachary Steen. Virginia Stowell moved to accept this list and Courtney Grove seconded the motion. The council approved the designation of these individuals as Inactive Members.

DISCUSSIONS:

- Pastor Heather proposed ending the Saturday evening services with the April 29 event with no additional action to be taken until further discussion by the Worship Task Force and Congregation Council. This service, underway for one year, requires significant resources and attendance is very light.
- Pastor Heather provided updated Funeral Guidelines. A copy will be stored electronically in the policies folder.
- Pastor Paul noted that San Pablo will celebrate their acceptance as a full-fledged ELCA congregation at a service on April 29 at 1:00 p.m. He suggested Mac Park recognize and congratulate San Pablo in some way. The group agreed a card signed by Mac members and a monetary or physical gift would be appropriate. Beth Borstad to research and arrange this.
- Pastor Paul suggested the council view the Synod video on Cooperative Ministry at a future meeting.

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- Mission Team reports were received. Sheryl, Inviting Chair, asked council members for feedback on the ongoing stewardship focus and noted terms will end in August for three members of the Endowment Committee. Virginia, School Board, reported 29 children registered for next school year, 2 more than last year at this time. Carla still needs assistance at the 4/20 Fiesta. A person has been recommended to assist with billing/deposits through the end of the school year and interviews will be conducted in June for a bookkeeper. Beth will follow up with Carla. Pastor Paul noted the ELEA National Conference will take place in Texas in 2019. James, Support Chair, requested that three agenda items concerning needed property repairs be placed on the May agenda.
- Hannah, Youth Representative, reported that the youth raised \$344 for the National Gathering at the Easter breakfast and will raise additional funds through the Taco Breakfast on 4/22 and by assisting Grace Lutheran in helping set up and tear down chairs for two Fiesta parades. She also noted that the youth really enjoyed participating in the Bright Sunday activities.
- Council discussed there is a sense of urgency in identifying and using a portion of the Rooted and Growing funds. Some ideas for use may result from a report by the Building Use Task Force.

The meeting adjourned with closing prayer at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Sheryl Bierstedt
Inviting Chair

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Beginning **Sunday, May 27** and going through **September 16**, we will have *just one service at 9:30 am*. Food, fellowship and Christian Education will follow the service at 10:30 am.



Bearing Fruit for Jesus...with JOY!

As we enter the month of May, we conclude our 2018 stewardship focus, *Bearing Fruit for Jesus...with JOY!* Jesus said, “I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing.” (*John 15:5 NRSV*)



Thank you to all who contributed with JOY to the weekly collection of canned fruit for the Place of Grace Fellowship Food Pantry. What a great demonstration of generosity to our local community. As of this writing, over 80 items had been donated, with two Sundays still to go! I look forward to seeing the baskets at the altar overflowing by the end of April!

Also, kudos and thanks to Suzette Price, Carla Lockett and Pastors Paul and Heather for their informative and enjoyable temple talks on how our commitment to Mac Park supports ministries within Mac and in the larger church.

As a reminder, if you have not yet turned in your commitment card, please drop it in the box at the back of the church by May 15. You may also mail it or drop it off at the church office.

May God continue to bless us as we faithfully steward our lives and all the blessings that have been entrusted to us.

With JOY,

Sheryl Bierstedt
Inviting Chair

News Around Mac Park and Our Community

- ♦ **Our Christian sympathy to** Carol and Dale Couffer on the death of her sister Sylvia Sieberns; and to Patsy Lee on the death of her husband Edward on April 16.
- ♦ **We are extremely grateful to MacArthur Park Lutheran School** for purchasing a new phone system for our entire campus. This is a very generous gift and we are sincerely grateful. Our old phone system was 20+ years old!
- ♦ **Sunday morning coffee and snacks:** Did you know there are a number of ways you can sign-up to help with the coffee and snacks on Sunday mornings? You can provide the snacks yourself or invite a friend to help you, or you can sponsor the snacks and Suzette will shop for you. If you are interested in signing up, please contact Suzette Price at thewriteprice@gmail.com or 210-655-3833.



Salad supper and bunco fellowship set

Women's group will meet May 10

The MacArthur Park Lutheran Church women's group will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 10 in the Fireside Room for a salad supper and bunco fellowship event.

Women from Shepherd King Lutheran Church are invited as guests. Of course, all Mac Park women are invited and encouraged to attend.

Mac Park women's group members will provide the meal.

Two rounds of bunco will be played with prizes awarded for each round. The rounds will be timed, and the event will be over by 9 p.m.



Suzette Price, facilitator, Mac Park women's group



Years ago hospitals would notify church offices when their members were admitted to a facility. Now because of federal regulations, we do not have that information unless you or a family member contacts the church office or one of our pastors. If you would like a pastoral visit or call while in the hospital, or want us to know of an upcoming hospitalization or concern, please contact the church office with that information. You can give the hospital the name of your church and the hospital chaplain has the authority to call the church about your hospitalization. Thank you!

“Thank you so much for your generous donation of \$197 from the bake sale. It is only with the help of others like you that help us serve those here in the northeast. ~The Agape Ministry”



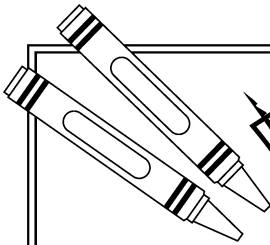
“Thank you so much for helping to prepare and offering the Easter sunrise service at the Arneson River Theater. I was in San Antonio for the NCAA tournament and took the opportunity to attend your service and it was the highlight of my trip. God bless your congregation, Kevin Hardy” (from Grand Junction, CO.)

Carol and Dale Couffer thank everyone for their cards and expressions of sympathy upon the death of her sister Sylvia Sieberns.



Our sincere thanks to our choirs and music/choir directors: Leigh Anne Seitter, Carla Lockett and Melissa French-Stephenson for their faithful dedication to praise God with beautiful music in our worship services. Enjoy your summer break!

Sincere thanks also to our worship assistants, sextant and assistant sextant: Jean Schriever and Sara Milam who serve year round in many different ways. We could not do it without each of you!



PUZZLE

WORTHY OF RESPECT

On Mother's Day, we celebrate our moms and everything they do for us. How does God tell us to treat our moms?



Directions: Using the key below, fill in the blanks to complete Deuteronomy 5:16, NIV.

A	C	D	M*	N*	O*
E	F	G	P*	R*	S*
H	I	L	T*	U*	Y*

" _____ your _____
and your _____ , _____
the _____ your _____ has
_____.
_____ 5:16, NIV

Answer: "Honor your father and your mother, as the LORD your God has commanded you." Deuteronomy 5:16, NIV

HEART LIGHT

This Mother's Day, make a bright gift for someone special in your life.



What you need:

- Scissors
- Cardstock
- Tape
- Mason jar
- Primer paint
- Acrylic paint (3 colors)
- Paintbrushes
- Battery-operated tea light
- Paper and pen
- Hole punch
- Twine

What you do:

1. Cut out two cardstock hearts and tape them to the jar sides, near the bottom.
2. Paint the entire jar with primer paint. Let dry.
3. Paint splotches of acrylic paint over the primer. Let dry. Remove the heart shapes.
4. Place the tea light in the jar.
5. Write a note that says, "Mom, you're the light of my life!" Punch a hole in one corner of the note, thread twine through the hole and tie the note around the jar's neck.

Stitches from the Quilters



Quilter of the Month Mary Alice Rupard

She became truly, personally active at about 14 years of age when she and her sister, Caroline started singing in the choir. She attended Girl Scouts at the church. She was in the Luther League during her teenage years. She and her sister were still teenagers when they became the first nursery attendants in the church.

She and Jack were married in St. Paul's on June 25, 1950. They started going to the First Methodist Church in Masillon in 1951. After the children were born, she became President of the Mothers' Group at First Methodist. She continued to be active in the Methodist Church until she and Jack came to San Antonio, Texas.

(Part VI in June)



"Log Cabin Afghan"

Here we see Pat Richmond, Rosie Giglio and Mary Rupard displaying the next item to go up for sale!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Mary and Pat crocheted this afghan entirely from donated yarn!!!!!!

This afghan will go up after Easter and the money will go to the Mac Park School!!!! The tickets will be \$1 donation for 1 ticket, but \$5 for 7 tickets!!!!!!

The ticket will be drawn in the Fall of 2018. That will be just right for cool weather!!!



"Kumfert Kwilts"

Here we see Rosie Giglio ready to take some of our kumfert kwilts to her Meals on Wheels people. These people really appreciate anything that is given to them!!!!



"Surprise project":

Here are Bob Milliman and Pat Richmond holding up part of a project she is doing for Bob. The money will go to Mac Park School!!!!!!

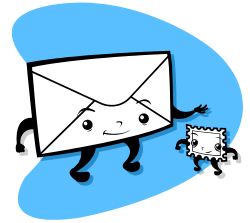
***Yours in Christ,
Mary Alice Rupard
and Pat Richmond***

“Post”-ings from the Stamp Group

May 4, 2018

6:15-Juniors

7:30- “Show and Tell”- bring something to share with the club



May 5, 2018

9:30 a.m. – Saturday Bourslette – Small bourse- Senior Bldg-#6

May 11, 2018

7:00 – Auction – Come find some great bargains!!!!!!

May 18, 2018

7:00 – Bourse – Philatelic Flea Market!!!- Buy, Sell, Trade

May 25, 2018

NO MEETING—MEMORIAL DAY



San Antonio Urban Service Plunge

Go deeper into your relationship with God as you serve the community! The San Antonio Urban Service Plunge is a Sunday to Tuesday mission trip that will give you the chance to explore faith in action. Stay at a church within walking distance to the Alamo and discover the city with a deep cultural beauty all its own.

Faith, service immersion and heart of the city tourism come together when you take the plunge!

Urban Service Plunge ~ Completed grades 8 - 11

Cost: \$150 (Sunday to Tuesday)

Week 3 : June 24-26

Week 7: July 22 - 24

Register at Cross Trails website:

<http://crosstrails.org/summer-camp/urban-plunge>

or call (830) 257-6340

RECORD OF ATTENDANCE

Service	Apr 1	Apr 8	Apr 15	Apr 22	TOTAL
8:30am	90	48	54	52	244
10:45am	136	64	60	61	321
Offering	\$5,299.00	\$7,208.30	\$3,645.95	\$3,438.20	\$19,591.45
Sunday School	Easter Breakfast	21	18	15	54

NOTE: The offering totals listed above are the amounts received at the worship services. They do not reflect contributions received through the *Simply Giving* program or automatic bank drafts.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for the following: Annice Guenther, Carl Hansen, Rod Nelson, Ryan Nunn, James Peters, Virgil Peterson, Emily Ross, and David VanLydegraf

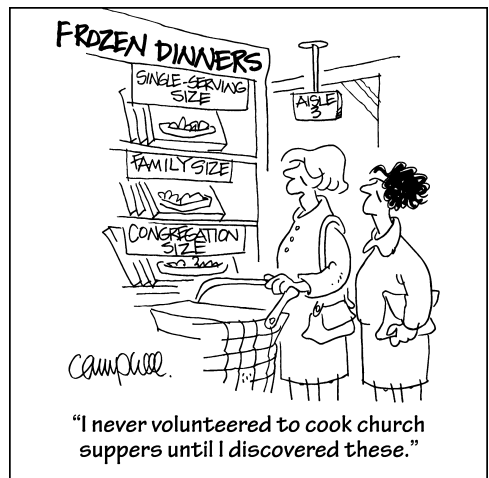
Those undergoing chemo and/or radiation treatments: Collin Cash; Miriam Miller; and Rob Milliman, Jr.



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MEMORIALS

SYLVIA SIEBERNS: Dale and Carol Couffer



Welcome to MacArthur Park Lutheran Church and School

† MacArthur Park invites you for Sunday worship. †

Our Worship Schedule

8:30 ~ 9:30 am 1st Service with Holy Communion

10:45 ~ 11:45 am 2nd Service with Holy Communion

† Christian Ed opportunities for grade 1 – adult at 9:45 am †

Our Summer Worship Schedule Begins May 27

9:30 am Worship Service with Holy Communion

† Christian Education opportunities for ages 2 – adult at 10:30 a.m. †

† Our School has a Christian environment for students **ages 18 months–1st Grade** †

Lutheran Hispano-Latino Spanish services at 9:30 am with Holy Communion every Sunday in our chapel. All Spanish speaking (first or second language) welcome to share the joy of the Spirit. Website: www.pilhlsa.com/home

2017 — 2018 Congregation Council

Beth Borstad, President

Melissa French Stephenson, Vice President

Ellen Bridges, Secretary

Maureen Folkerts, Treasurer

Hannah Hansen, Youth Rep

Jeanette Pierce, Sending Chair

James Vlasak, Support Chair

Sheryl Bierstedt, Inviting Chair

Courtney Grove, Equipping Chair

Virginia Stowell, School Mission Team

Church & School Staff

Senior Pastor: Paul Ziese

Associate Pastor: Heather Hansen

School Director: Carla Lockett

Music Director: Leigh Anne Seitter

Choir Director: Carla Lockett

Youth Choir Director: Melissa French-Stephenson

Property Manager: Kevin Ott

Care Coordinator: Betty Pomykal

Sextant: Jean Schriever

Assistant Sextant: Sara Milam

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**Deadline for June.
2018 newsletter is:
Tues., May 22, 2018**

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