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Look What's Inside



Tradition can be extremely helpful or rather unhealthy.

Take for instance the U.S. standard railroad gauge. The distance between rails in our country is four feet, eight-and-one-half inches.

Where did they come up with such an odd number? Because that's the way they built them in **England**, and American railroads were built by British expatriates.

Why did the English adopt that particular gauge? Because the people who built the pre-railroad wagons on the road in the old world used that gauge.

Why were wagons that size?? Because that size matched old wheel ruts on the roads.

Where did these wheel ruts come from?? The oldest and some of the most traveled roads in Europe were originally built by Imperial Rome for the benefit of their legions. Many of the roads become gouged with ruts first made by Roman war chariots. These chariots were this size because four feet, eight-and-one-half inches was the width a chariot needed to be to accommodate the rear ends of two war horses.

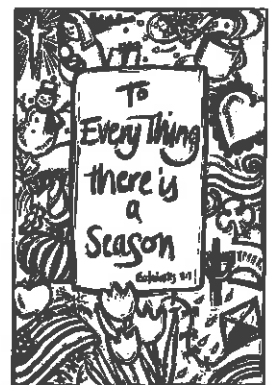
Twenty first century American rail road dimensions are founded upon the requirements of two horses' rear ends... because the Romans did it that way.

Sometimes we do things because... we just do them.

Churches that are built upon the healthy elements of their past enjoy a solid foundation that assures they will be well grounded in essentials. But this does not mean we should assume that *all* elements of the past are wise because "we have always done it that way." A church that cannot or will not change has erected an idol which offends the character of God.

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In the gospel of Mark Jesus is quoted saying to the Pharisees, "You have a fine way of setting aside the commands of God in order to observe your own traditions!" (Mark 7:9)

Again in Acts we see disciples scattering as far as Phoenicia and Cypress to proclaim Christ's message but **only to Jews**. God had called them to send His message to non-Jews as well – but not all followed those instructions. Because Jerusalem was mired in the mantra of we have always done it this way (we preach to Jews) these radical but obedient new believers ended up preaching to gentiles in far off Antioch. Their ability to change pleased God and eventually, the center of God's activity shifted from Jerusalem to Antioch. God's people were being called upon to do ministry a new way and He blessed them in it.

"That's the way it's always been" maybe true, and it **maybe** wise. But we need to ask ourselves is what is it that we **have been** doing and should **keep** doing it.

PRESIDENT'S NEWS

Dear St. Paul Congregation Members, Families and Friends:

As I sat down to consider my next chapter in the President's News, I had to consider what it is you may be interested in learning more about. Are you searching for meaning in your own life through your relationship with God? Maybe you look forward to connecting with others who equally share their love of Jesus? Some may find joy and contentment with reaching out to those in need and some, honestly are just trying to figure it all out. It should come with a high level of confidence you are not alone no matter where you are on your faith journey. Isn't that the most exciting part of getting to know Him? It's the continuous learning, growing, changing, shaking and moving that ultimately creates a burning fire in your faith toward a stronger and more devoted relationship with Jesus Christ, our Savior!

Speaking of shaking and moving, as you know, the Mission and Ministry Board of Directors have dedicated much of the last two years to better understanding policy-based governance and how it can be used at St. Paul to clearly define our organization and how we can be more intentional and efficient in our processes. This continuous educational opportunity was provided through dedicated guidance of past-president Paul Cook, Intentional Interim Pastor Mick Ista, and Joel Koerschen, the Director of Education at California Nevada Hawaii (CNH) District.

Pastor Northend has shared his vision and enthusiasm for what policy-based governance can do for our church, and has begun working with me to identify how this whole thing can work – and, aside from God, do you know what the common denominator has been in this faith equation?

It's you.

So, no matter where you are on that path to Christ, remember, you have an important role at St. Paul's. Share your gifts that God has given you.

Godspeed!

James Nardello
Mission & Ministry Board of Directors, President

Joy of Harvest (HMong Outreach) Ministries News

By Sue Xiong

HMong Language School in Merced

HMong Language School at St. Paul has been back in session, since February 4th. There are twenty-three students enrolled in HMong school this spring.

God is good and He has always been with us from the beginning. I can't believe it but it is true that HMong school has been here for two years now. We have shared and reached out to more than two hundred students with the Good News of Jesus Christ. As we continue this third year, we pray that the Seed will continue to be planted in many more students here in Merced.

HMong Language School in Fresno

We are excited to announce that HMong Language School had expanded to Fresno and was successfully launched on February 4th. It is held every Saturday from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Redeemer Lutheran Church. It will run through May 13th, as well as the one in Merced. The structure of the school is very similar to the one here at St. Paul.

The students rally up together for Bible lesson, devotion, and song before having HMong lesson. HMong Language School in Fresno is not only interested to children and youth but also to adults too. Therefore, we have thirty students enrolled. Five of these students are adults.

As we were getting very close to launching the school, our helpers in Fresno backed out on us at the last minute. We had no choice but to proceed with it. After the first week of HMong school and lots of prayers, we are very thankful that God sent us one person to help Pastor Doua teach in Fresno. She is a parent of HMong school children and a Non-Christian. We also have two very helpful sisters and members of Redeemer Lutheran Church helping with snacks and activities.

I was very nervous when I first learned of the lack of helpers in Fresno. However, Pastor Doua reminded me with this verse from the tenth chapter of Luke: "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field". This then led me further to Psalm 121:2. I know that my "help comes from the Lord, Maker of heaven and earth". Thank God for His comforting and promising Word.



Youth Volleyball

Youth volleyball is scheduled to be begin again. It will be held on Friday nights starting March 3 from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Right now, we are scheduled to run through the end of May. All youth are welcome to come to volleyball night! We hope to see you there!

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Thrivent Action Teams Opportunity: We Need You

Calling all Thrivent Benefit Members and Thrivent Associate Members.

Did you know that you can apply for a Thrivent Action Teams visa gift card of \$250 for a ministry of your choice?

Did you know that you can support our youth volleyball ministry with your \$250 Thrivent Action gift card?

If you are a benefit member, you can apply twice a year and once every year for an associate member. "Use It or Lose It" is the phrase here. If you don't use your Thrivent Action gift card for your church ministries, Thrivent will give it away to other organizations.

Therefore, you can help to fill our needs. We are in need of volleyball equipment such as volleyballs and a volleyball net (outdoor). In addition, we will be providing refreshments for the youth during volleyball nights. Your Thrivent Action gift cards will benefit our youth ministry here at St. Paul in these areas.

Could you please call Thrivent at 800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Action Teams". Or go online at <https://www.thrivent.com/making-a-difference/living-generously/thrivent-action-teams/> to apply for your Thrivent Action gift card today and choose to support St. Paul's youth volleyball outreach ministry?

Your support through this avenue is greatly appreciated. Thank you!

Prayer Request

Please keep Pastor Doua and our two sons, Xufing and Kennedy, in your prayers as they continue to travel to Fresno every Saturday morning for HMong school. Please pray that God will continue to give them the strength they need for His ministry there. Pray for more HMong teachers in Fresno. Also, pray for the helpers who are currently helping Pastor Doua in Fresno.

In addition, pray for me and our two daughters, Faith and Gaolew, and our helpers as we continue HMong school here at St. Paul.

Sue Xiong



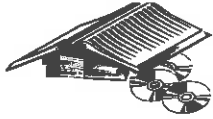
ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE -- 8 a.m. - 2 p.m., Saturday, April 1
HMONG OUTREACH MINISTRIES
ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH PARISH HALL, 2916 N. MCKEE RD.
MERCED

Spring Cleaning? Save those discards For our Annual HMong Outreach Rummage Sale on Saturday, April 1st.

Bring all items to the Parish Hall AFTER 6 P.M. until 8 P.M. ON FRIDAY, MARCH 31. We appreciate any volunteers to help set up tables and sort items.

On Saturday, volunteers are needed to cashier and monitor — call Jan Sorge at 769-1884 to volunteer.

Church Archives



BACK IN HISTORY..... by **Theresa Lund, Historian**

From February 2007 St. Paul Lutheran Messenger

In January, 1942, The St Paul congregation made application for membership in the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Missouri, Ohio and Other States (Now LCMS).

March 24, 1942, the congregation resolved to request the District Mission Board to supply a resident pastor for Merced, and specified the Rev. Edwin Fritze as it's choice. He was called by the Mission Board. Rev. Fritze was ordained and installed on Cantate Sunday, May 3, 1942. Officiating was Rev. George C Jacobsen of Stockton. The sermon was preached by Rev. Arthur Brohm, Jr of Modesto. Others participating in the service were Rev. R Spannous, Rev. J F Bauermerate (spelling unclear) and Rev. H J von Renner as well as laymen Ray Menssen, Eldo Sprecher and E J Pohli (Spelling unclear).

The congregation purchased a parsonage, through FHA, at 51 Union Ave in the Pastor's name, in July.

Plans were drawn up for a church, but due to the war (WWII) and its restrictions, the idea was given up until more normal times. A building fund was established and invested in US Bonds.

Rev. Fritze left Merced in August 1943 to accept a teaching position at a Lutheran High School in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Rev. W B Struefert of Livingston served during the vacancy.

M&M NEWS

Greetings from your Mission & Ministry Board:

We had our recent meeting at 8:00 a.m. February 25th.

We welcome incoming president James Nardello and with very grateful hearts we thank our outgoing president Paul Cook. In attendance were Dick Homan, Marilyn Anderson, Paul, James, Pastor Bill and Mary Rahn. We began as always with prayer for wisdom and clarity. Reading over the reports in advance will help shorten the meetings. Old Business: Dick reported on the situation of solar at our facility. Getting 2-3 bids when you are a non-profit is not all that easy – he will continue. Websites are still in process; soon we hope to have all of them updated and connected. New Business: 1. The school finds it necessary to send letters to school families whose amounts owed to school are to be written off – voted yea. 2. Buildings are in need of attention: bathrooms and roofs and new issues with our kitchen. We will keep you posted as we are informed. The board is trying to look farther into the future (2-4 years) to plan where we will be at that time. As always, please contact any of your board members with questions and/or suggestions. Adjourned at 8:57 a.m.

NEWS AND NOTES FROM ST. PAUL SCHOOL**March 2017****By Amy Mello, Principal**

February was a month full of activity for students, teachers and parents. Students and teachers spent time preparing for Preview Night and Kindergarten Round Up - getting ready to show guest and visitors the best St. Paul has to offer. We ended the second trimester with reading, writing and math assessments to track our learning and look at how far our students have come. Parent Club scheduled a wonderful evening for dads and their daughters at the Father-Daughter Luau.

March begins with Auction preparations in full swing! Our annual auction is scheduled for March 25th and we can't wait to "Fiesta" as we celebrate Lutheran education in Merced. We hope that you will consider joining us! Table sponsorships are available and we welcome donations. We are also selling raffle tickets for this year's BIG raffle - a trip to Mexico. Tickets are \$20. Our goal is to raise \$150,000. Please see the school office for more information on how you can be a part.

Registration and enrollment for the 2017-2018 school year has begun! Please let us know if there is anyone you think might be interested in our school. We would love to give them a personal invitation!

St. Paul Preschool Happenings**By Angelique Faulkner, Preschool Director****March at the Preschool**

God has been so good and giving us much needed rain in our dry land. However, we are very grateful to get a break from it so that we can go outside and play! We are very blessed to have our Parish Hall to run around in but there is nothing like breathing in the fresh air, feeling the cool breeze and warming in sun.

This month is a fun month as some of our classes will be celebrating Dr. Seuss' birthday. Miss Kathy's class will no doubt be making "Green Eggs and Ham". And we will be reading, reading, reading! There are so many concepts that we can learn from reading his books such as: opposites, colors, rhyming, silliness and more.

We are also preparing for our big school auction coming up. Class projects are coming together and I can't wait to see the final products.

Chapel days are something the kids have come to look forward to. They love singing and learning about God's love and what Jesus has done for us. We have started a new DVD series called "Lil'K". It is a fun interactive way for the kids to learn biblical principals. We are currently learning about living "Big". Our lessons have been on "Loving Big", "Listening Big" and "Helping Big". This month we will add "Thanking Big" and "Sharing Big". We are having so much fun!

Be Blessed,

Miss Angelique, Preschool Director

LUTHERAN WOMEN IN MISSION

(LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE) also called Lutheran Women in Mission.

Monday, March 27th will be the next meeting for our Lutheran Women in Mission at 1– 3 p.m. in the church library. Devotions "Light for Darkness" and a short Bible Study "Taking Pleasure in Dance" from the Quarterly plus fellowship and friends – come get acquainted with your Sisters in Christ! Women's Sewing Circle at the same time – sew while you listen - All women are welcome!

Mission Grant Recipients Current Biennium 2016-2018 (Partial List)

6. Community Café Rural Outreach: Nourishing Body and Soul, Our Savior's Lutheran LWML, Caruthers, CA - **\$6,200**
7. Creatively Sharing God's Word with People who have Intellectual and Developmental disabilities, Bethesda Auxiliary, CNH UNIT, Cupertino, CA (RSO) - **\$9,000**
8. Gospel Hands VBS for Deaf Children, Lutheran Friends of the Deaf (RSO) - **\$3,000**
9. Joy of Harvest HMong Language School, Joy of Harvest Ministry, St Paul, Merced, CA - **\$10,000**

KEEP SAVING YOUR COINS AND PUT THEM IN A MITE BOX – OR IN THE BIG MITE BOX IN THE NARTHEX – EVERY COIN COUNTS TO COMPLETE THESE PROJECTS!

NEW LWML ZONE PROJECT: Save those old prescription bottles, take the labels off and we will send them to the medical missionaries to have bottles to give their patients. A huge need in foreign countries! Put empty bottles in plastic tub in the parish hall.

SAVE MAGAZINES FOR THE HOSPITAL: Take your labels off and put in the plastic tub in the parish hall. They are delivered to the hospital lobby desk to be distributed to waiting rooms on each floor plus the Cancer Center.



WE HAVE A REHAB HOUSE! Inspections are being done and as soon as they are finished, our volunteers can step in and get started! Our construction crew is analyzing just what needs to be done and up to date information will be on our website www.hfhmerced.org or our Facebook page. Check it out! Call us at 726-0850.

NEW VOLUNTEERS CAN ATTEND AN ORIENTATION ON THURSDAY, MARCH 23RD AT 7 P.M. AT ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH LIBRARY, 2916 N. MCKEE RD. MERCED.

Brush with Kindness applications are available online and we will be doing more projects as we have volunteers available. Homeowners, who aren't physically able to do small projects, should call us at 726-0850. Don't hesitate to call – this is a great opportunity!!

We are seriously looking at a possible site for a ReStore. Watch our website for up to date information. Many volunteers will be needed to get it up and running. Go to www.hfhmerced.org or call the Habitat phone 209-726-0850 and you can get involved. There's many opportunities in researching, marketing, publicity, shelving, connecting with possible donors.

If you have some expertise to share and would like an application so an interview can be arranged to be considered to be a board member, please check our website hfhmerced.org or call 726-0850 and have one mailed to you. We are looking for someone interested in fundraising, computer skills and legal expertise. Each member of our board is responsible for a task, so it is a working board and together we work as a team to accomplish the goals we have agreed upon.

If you would like to visit one of our board meetings to see if this is what God has planned for you to do, please call me to add you to our agenda.

Jan Sorge, President & Church Relations Chair, 209-769-1884 or merced-hostel@juno.com



Our Annual Habitat parking lot Vendor sale is coming up Saturday, April 1, 2017 at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 2916 N. McKee Rd. Merced. Hours 8 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Rent two parking spaces for \$10 and do your own yard sale. Bring your own table, chairs, canopy and whatever you need.

Applications available on our website www.hfhmerced.org or call 726-0850 to have one mailed to you. **MAIL APPLICATION AND CHECK MADE OUT TO HABITAT TO P.O. BOX 423, ATWATER CA 95301**

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Thank You to all Thrivent Choice Dollar Donors!

We would like to thank every Thrivent member who has designated St. Paul Lutheran Church as the recipient of their Choice Dollars.

Reminder: You have until March 31, to designate your 2016 Choice Dollars. Contact Thrivent by calling 1-800-847-4836 and when prompted, say, "Thrivent Choice." Please remember to continue to support St. Paul through your Choice Dollars in 2017.



CHURCH WOMEN UNITED will hold their World Day of Prayer on Friday, March 3, 2017 at the Church of the Latter Day Saints, McKee Rd. Merced just south of Bear Creek on the left hand side, starting at 9:30 a.m.

until noon. The Theme is "Am I Being Unfair to You?" This year's program was written by the women in the Philippines. Light refreshments will be served and a freewill offering taken. A young woman from their church will share her experiences growing up in the Philippines. Items for Valley Crisis Center to give to Human Trafficking victims are welcomed. For further information, please contact Jan Sorge 769-1884.

LWML SPRING RALLY

Zone 3 LWML will hold it's Spring Rally at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Tracy on March 18. Registration is \$13 pre-registration or \$15 at the door which includes a continental breakfast and lunch.

A freewill offering will be taken. The theme is: "From God's Heart to Our Hands. . To Serve Him with Joy" Maggie Priebe, President of the Bethesda Auxiliary will be the speaker and the Ingathering will be for the Tracy Pregnancy Resource Center Baby items or pampering items for new Moms. 9:30 am - 3:00p.m. We'll carpool from the church leaving at 8 a.m. and should return by 4:30 p.m. Call Jan Sorge to make reservations and prepay 769-1884.



CHILDREN'S OUTREACH MINISTRIES

Do you know a middle school secretary shared with me that she had a call wondering where our Bible clubs were this year????God is calling us to fill this need – let's do it!!

Help us reach more kids to tell them about Jesus

- Curriculum provided
- Bibles provided
- Snacks provided
- Check in kids
- Distribute Bibles
- Distribute snacks

Mondays 1-2 p.m. Cruickshank Middle
Tuesdays 1-2 p.m. Rivera Middle
Thursdays 1- 2 p.m. Hoover Middle
Fridays – 1 -2 p.m. Tenaya Middle

Let's the FINISH THE NEW YEAR RIGHT WITH BIBLE STUDY GROUPS BACK IN OUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS!!!

EVERY STUDENT IS GIVEN A BIBLE and encouraged to read it every day. Bible verses are learned every week.

Three volunteers at each school site is ideal. Learn on the job with an experienced leader.

Call Jan Sorge, Coordinator at 769-1884 or email: merced-hostel@juno.com.



DON'T FORGET that Daylight Saving Time starts at 2:00 a.m. Sunday, March 12. It is time to spring forward! Remember to set your clocks ahead one hour before you go to bed Saturday night.

LENTEN WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Wednesday, March 1
Ash Wednesday Worship, 7:15 p.m.

Wednesday, March 8
Lenten Soup Supper 6:15 p.m.
Lenten Worship Service 7:15 p.m.

Wednesday, March 15
Lenten Soup Supper 6:15 p.m.
Lenten Worship Service 7:15 p.m.

Wednesday, March 22
Lenten Soup Supper 6:15 p.m.
Lenten Worship Service 7:15 p.m.

Wednesday, March 29
Lenten Soup Supper 6:15 p.m.
Lenten Worship Service 7:15 p.m.

Wednesday, April 5
Lenten Soup Supper 6:15 p.m.
Lenten Worship Service 7:15 p.m.



**St. Paul Lutheran School's
18th Annual Dinner and Auction
Saturday, March 25, 2017 - 5:00 pm
Merced County Fairgrounds Pavilion**

Our annual auction is coming up and we would love to have you join us for the fun! There are many ways you can offer support:

- We are looking for items for our silent and live auctions. Perhaps you own a business, make handcrafted items, have special event tickets or a cabin or beach house to share.
- Would you or your business like to be a sponsor? Table sponsorships begin at \$400.
- BIG raffle tickets are available for \$20 each. This year's prize is a trip for two to Mexico.
- Come and have a fun evening! Individual tickets are \$40 each.

Please stop by the school office, call 383-3302 or talk to Marianne or Amy for more details.

BIBLE CLASSES AND SUNDAY SCHOOL



HMong Bible Classes
10:30 a.m.

Bible Song (Sunday School)
9:15—10:15 a.m.

The classes meet on
Sunday in the
Church Library and OMC.

Meet in the Parish Hall and walk
over to the classroom in the
OMC.

Bible Class
Thursday 10:00 a.m.
Church Library

March 2017 Servants

BIRTHDAYS

March 3	Lonn Boyer
March 4	Charles Garner
March 14	Phil Rahn
March 19	Karen Kelleher
March 20	Greg Bishop
March 21	Heidi Hayes
	Olivia Blaylock
March 22	Annika Cook
March 24	MarylN Tessmer
	Jake Mognis
March 26	Elaine Kock
	Carolyn Daberkow
March 27	Karen Wagner
March 31	Barbara Hayes

ANNIVERSARIES

March 18	Kent & Lori Harstad
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BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS

March 1	Clark Kellogg
	Adam Hogston
March 19	Lonn Boyer
March 20	Jaret Mello
March 24	Jeff George
March 25	Charles Garner
March 30	Gary Hogston
	Kathy Hogston
March 31	Greg Bishop



GREETERS

March 5 (8:45 am)	Phil & Mary Rahn
March 12 (8:45 am)	Lorry & Dolores Hutton
March 19 (8:45 am)	Greg & Sandy Bishop
March 26 (8:45 am)	Russ & Irene Pearson

COMMUNION SET UP

Hershel & Marion West

COMMUNION SERVERS

March 5 (8:45)
March 5 (10:30)
March 19 (8:45)
March 19 (10:30)

READERS

March 1 (7:15 pm)	Melinda Price
March 5 (8:45 am)	Irene Broughton
March 5 (10:30 am)	Guilliana Nardello
March 8 (7:15 pm)	Melinda Price
March 12 (8:45 am)	Marj Hoffmann
March 12 (10:30 am)	
March 15 (7:15 pm)	Bethany Bogle
March 19 (8:45 am)	Irene Pearson
March 19 (10:30 am)	Bethany Bogle
March 22 (7:15 pm)	Melinda Price
March 26 (8:45 am)	Melinda Price
March 26 (10:30 pm)	
March 29 (7:15 pm)	Melinda Price

FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTS

In order to assure we have some group serving every Sunday to have a Fellowship Hour to invite guests to and enjoy fellowship with congregational members, the following groups have consented to be responsible for these Sundays each month:

First Sunday – Christensens – Barb Christensen -723-5846
Second Sunday – Youth – Marilyn Anderson – 631-8965
Third Sunday – LWML – Jan Sorge – 722-6101
Fourth Sunday – HMong – Sue Xiong – 314-203-6582
Fifth Sunday –

If you have a special event and want to provide refreshments for a particular Sunday, contact the group contact person and let them know.

MARCH 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Ash Wednesday 7:15 pm	2 Bible Class 10:00 am	3 Youth Volleyball 6:30 p.m.	4 HMong Language School 9:00 am
5 8:45 am Worship 9:15 am Bible Song 10:30 HMong Bible Study 10:30 Worship 11:45 HMong Worship 6:30 Confirmation	6 Elders Meeting 6:00 pm	7	8 Soup Supper 6:15 pm Worship 7:15 pm	9 Bible Class 10:00 am	10 Youth Volleyball 6:30 p.m.	11 HMong Language School 9:00 am
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WORSHIP SERVICES
 8:45 a.m. (Traditional)
 10:30 a.m. (Contemporary)
 Communion 1st & 3rd Sundays
 11:45 a.m. HMong Worship Service

March 2017

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