

# News and Views



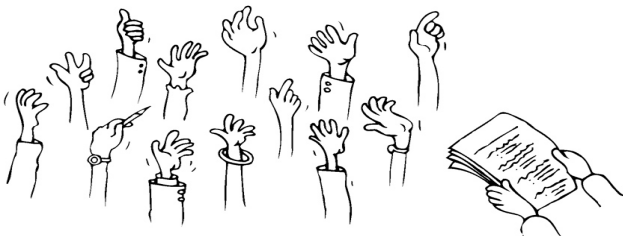
“JOURNEY’S” is an adult Sunday school class that focuses on building strong relationships. We believe that strengthening your relationship with Christ also strengthens your relationship to each other. As the Bible states: “Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken.” Ecclesiastes 4:12

If you are ready to rejoice in the spirit of the lord through strengthening your relationship with each other we would encourage you to join us each Sunday during the normal Sunday School hour. We are starting a new study using the daily devotional text, Draw Close by Willard and Joyce Harley. In our rushed and busy world, time is at a premium; however, a shared daily devotional can bring you closer to both God and each other. Join us as we start our Journey together.

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PASTOR VEIT’s article for February is his Pastor’s Report in the 2012 Book of Reports . Take time to read the report book for the Annual Meeting .

## FEBRUARY 12 is the ANNUAL MEETING



## LENT

Ash Wednesday – February 22

*Christ In The Strangest Places:  
Foreshadowed, Fulfilled, Forever*

Two tablets of stone, a few vessels of oil, simple markings, a small army, a remote field, a solemn oath—these are some of the strangest people, places and things through which God revealed himself to his people in the Old Testament. The Old Testament is chock-full of passion themes, from the serpent being crushed in Genesis 3:15 to Isaiah’s Fourth Servant Song. Yet this Lent we will look at some of the lesser-known Old Testament passion themes and focus on them by means of single words.

Ash Wednesday – “**Mine!**” – Exodus 20:17

Week 1 – “**Nothing**” – 2 Kings 4:1-7

Week 2 – “**Marked**” – Isaiah 44:5

Week 3 – “**Enlist**” – Judges 6:16

Week 4 – “**Invest**” – Jeremiah 32:25

Week 5 – “**Finish**” – 1 Kings 11:3

This year our services **ALL** move to 6:30 PM – for consistency sake. So on Ash Wednesday this year our service will be in the Sanctuary and it will have confession, the imposition of ashes and Holy Communion as we solemnly enter into the season of Lent. (There will be no dinner served.)

On the following weeks we will enjoy our dinner in the fellowship hall (as we have done in the past) and then at 6:30 sharp we will turn our attention to our service for the evening. We will enjoy the fellowship of worship right there in the Fellowship Hall.

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**WOMEN OF ST. PAUL**

During January and February items will be collected for **Personal Care Kits** (formerly called Health Kits). Each it includes the following items:

- 1 medium weight bath towel (appx. 52 x 27) dark color preferred.
- 2 bath size bars of soap (4 to 5 oz. size) any brand
- 1 adult size toothbrush in original package
- 1 sturdy comb
- 1 metal nail clipper

For a complete kit, wrap all items in the towel and tie with yarn or ribbon.

**SHOPPING CARDS**

Do you shop at HEB, Wal-Mart, Target? Do you eat at Chili's, TGIF, Applebee's or Texas Roadhouse?

If you answered yes, you need to buy a shopping from the school to use at these and other stores. When you buy a shopping card from the school, a percentage of the face value of the card is donated to the school. Shopping cards from Wal-Mart and HEB are always on hand in the school office. Others can be ordered and delivered in seven days. This is a great way to help the school and it won't cost you a cent. Each store donates the money to the school. A complete list of vendors is available online at <http://www.glscrip.com>. Just look in the left hand corner for the "Retailer List". Can't make it by the school? Call 365-6161 or email us at: [stpaulschool@austin.rr.com](mailto:stpaulschool@austin.rr.com).

The Lutheran Digest is coming free to St. Paul members in 2012. TLD is an inspirational quarterly magazine with stories and such. It is supported wholly through ads. Business people who would like to place an ad may call Dalton Noack, Lutheran Digest Agent at 512 569-0631.

# Cross Walk



Well, it's already February! Hard to believe we're already on the verge of spring. I've still been waiting for that first extended cold front of the winter, and now we're already looking for that inevitable warming trend that signals the coming of spring! Central Texas weather has always puzzled me. After growing up in north central New Mexico and living for many years on the east coast, I cannot get used to the fact that I'm always *waiting* for the next season to arrive and wondering what happened to the season we were supposed to have just been through. Sometimes I just throw up my hands in bewilderment and think to the Texas sky, "Can't you just make up your mind?!"

This winter, like every winter it seems, I'm caught trying to guess what clothes I'll need the next day. Now I know I could just check the weather forecast (and I do on occasion!), but it seems even the weekly forecasts are wrong as often as not. I can't tell you how many times I've run the AC and the heater in my car in the same day—sometimes within a few hours of each other. How I long for the days when a winter was a *winter*, and you knew that every day when you woke up, it would be cold, and that when you went to bed, it would be cold. Cold, cold, cold! It seems like I can never enjoy today because I'm always comparing it to yesterday. Or I don't enjoy today because I'm worrying about what tomorrow will be like.

As is true with all of God's creation, Texas winters have something to teach those who care to take the time to listen. Our weather here is a lot like life. Life has a way of promising one thing, then delivering something else entirely. It offers the expectation of plenty of time, then delivers life-ending illness. It promises us financial improvement and the hope of gain—then delivers an unexpected crisis that takes everything we have. It promises us happiness and fun, then weighs us down with trials and difficulty. And many of us fall into the trap of focusing only on the promise ahead (forgetting Matthew 6:34), or being paralyzed by the failure of yesterday (forgetting II Corinthians 12:9-10). We become enslaved to the defeats of life, and live in every moment but the one God has given us—*now*.

Philippians 4:6-7 says "*Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*" The Bible tells us not to worry about the past or the future, but instead to pray, petition, thank, and present our requests to God. It's no accident that all of these action words are in the present tense. God tells us that we are to place the focus of our actions on *today*. Pray for today. Ask God today. Thank God for today. And Paul promises us that if we do, "*...the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*" Live for today!

In Christ,  
Ben

## "THE BLACKBOARD"

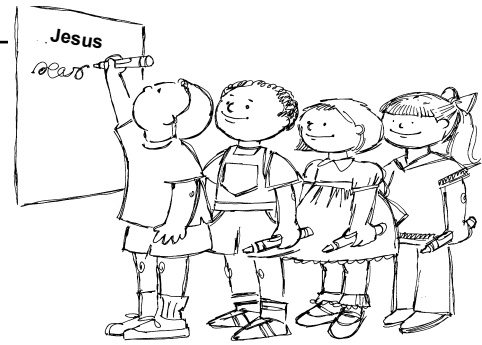
News from our St. Paul Lutheran schools

Child Development Center—Lorene Prinz, Director

(512) 352-2773

Elementary School—Sheila Debus, Principal

(512) 365-6161



### CDC News - -

#### Special holidays and celebrations include:

February 2 **Groundhog Day** – Will he see his shadow?

February 12 **Lincoln's Birthday** – Famous president and molded into the penny.

February 14 **Valentine's Day** – Party Time – The time to tell your family and friends you love them, share cards and eat candy. M-m-m-m.

February 20 **President's Day** – A day to honor the president's of the United States.

February 22 **Washington's Birthday** – A president who could not tell a lie.

February 24 **Sing for Seniors** – The 3 – 5 year old classes will sing at the Switzer Center.

February 29 **Leap Day** – A special day every four years. This year has 366 days.

**Busy Bees** – The CDC Master Gardener Group, directed by Ms. Grace Bulgerin, has gathered their radish harvest. They pulled, washed, and tasted the vegetables. It was a "bumper" crop and they were excited. Did you see the pictures in the Taylor Daily Press. Have you stopped to look at the beautiful flower bed at the end of the CDC building nearest the alley? Many people are enjoying it and commenting on the beautiful flowers and plants. Great job gardeners and Ms. Grace.

**CDC New Building Garage Sale** – March 16 & 17. Save all your unneeded items (from the house, garage, attic, barn, yard) for the big sale in the Fellowship Hall. We need homemade jams, jellies, pickles, baked items and plants (indoor, outdoor, just started, established). Everyone is anxious to start outdoor landscaping. Call 352-2773 – If it is useable – someone needs it and all profits go to the building fund. Come and shop.

### St. Paul Elementary School

This year is quickly slipping by...and we are not standing by idly! This is a busy time of year for us – we celebrated the 100<sup>th</sup> day of school on Jan 31<sup>st</sup>; we're are off for a brief three day weekend on Monday Feb 20<sup>th</sup>; registration opens to church members and current students on Feb 27<sup>th</sup> (opens to the general public on March 5<sup>th</sup>); our after school activities include Choir, the Jr. Master Gardener's Club, and Basketball; our ACSI events are in full swing – finishing up the Spelling Bee, Math Olympics on the 17<sup>th</sup>, and preparation for the Speech Meet at the end of March....

Also, our pledge drive (called **Fill the Kid**) so far has yielded about \$900 – (Thank you, Jesus!), and we are thankful to all contributors to this cause! And, it's not too late – if you would like to make a monthly pledge, or a one-time donation to the school, please contact the school office.



**Go WARRIORS!**



**PRAYER :** Gracious God, source of healing and author of life, renew wholeness in our bodies, minds, spirits and in all our relationships. Bless our words and deeds that they may touch the heart of another. We pray not for our own, but for the many who also need your healing in their lives. Guide us in our daily living. We pray in the name of Jesus, our companion and Savior. Amen .

**Members:** Elinor Brinkmeyer, Rose Meadows, Vickie Hall, Wayne Kelm, Gussie Arledge, Emma Heselmeyer, Steven Scruggs, Shirley Evans, Nema Bohls, Randall Bohls

**Family, friends, and loved ones:** our nation, Betty Wilson, Pamela Morton, Robert Garrett, Larry Rydell, Evon Higgins, Gail Matthys, Eric Richardson, David M. Bulgerin, Mike Parry, Jessica Golden, Cole Riddle, Jim Ferrier, Alton Peters, Carole Byler, Margaret Smith, Kimberly Jones, Lee Schaefer, Gladys Lindgren, Diana Beran, Jennifer Neddeau, Dara Rozell, Lizzie Tennyson, Loraine McCarty, Karen Hyer, Brian Gross, Christi Davidson, Lou Ann Maddox, John Brown, Keith Sowers, Samantha Munkowsky, Marilyn & Donna DeMari, Abby Alderete, Gay Keys, Josie Mowers, Elisabeth Skrovan, Sylvia Slagle, Trent Holmstrom, Trishia Mueller, David Click & Family, Marie Davis, Betty Cruz, Wilma Hoerig, John Graff, Abigail Alexander, Luke David Jackson, Joshua Bockerstette, Julie Johnson, Susan, Erin & Heather Shores

**Military:** Thomas Teggeman, Afganistan

**Asst. Living/Nursing Home:**

**Grace Place-** Hannah Hays, Dorothy Rhea

**Court of Round Rock-** Aline Kautz

**Cottages of Chandler Creek-** Helen Scruggs

**SPJST AL-** Geraldine Cox, Lisa Cox, Abby Johnson, Lena Leschber

**SPJST NH-** Hattie Becker, Mamie Danek, Olga George, Ruth Preston, Bernice Schroeder

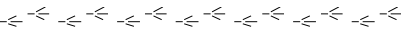
**Granger Villa-** Alma Heselmeyer, Emma Heselmeyer, Frances Moehnke, Desy Mueller, Edna Werchan

**Will'O'Bell-** Gussie Arledge, Erwin Teggeman

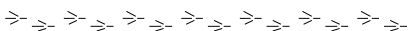
**Pflugerville Care Ctr-** Susie Priesmeyer

**Regency, Temple -** Willie Pokorny

**Trinity Care Ctr-** Rylie Brewer, Annie Schernik, Pauline Sorenson



"I have found the paradox, that if you love until it hurts, there can be no more hurt, only more love."  
~ Mother Theresa



Fourth Monday  
Domino Day at St. Paul's

**Date:**

Fourth Monday  
of every month

**Time:**

2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**Place:**

St. Paul Education Bldg.





**Meals on Wheels Drivers Needed!** Our church has accepted responsibility for covering three delivery routes on **Mondays** for Meals on Wheels. At present, we have openings. Besides Mondays, we also have folks that deliver on other days. It only takes an hour. Be at the Nutrition Center at 10:30, deliver 15 – 20 meals (you don't have to stay and talk with each client), return the supplies, and be on your way. If you can help deliver meals, call the church office at 352-2327. For more information, call the Center at 352-5539.

**Monday, February 6**

- LaVerne & Dennis Richter
- Open - Volunteer needed
- Open - Volunteer needed

**Monday, February 20**

- LaVerne & Dennis Richter
- Open - Volunteer needed
- Open - Volunteer needed

**Monday, February 13**

- Naomi & Bobby Pasemann
- Mark Krueger
- Marilyn & Lonnie Raschke

**Monday, February 27**

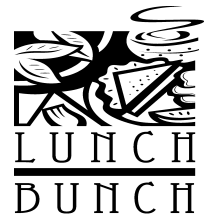
- Marilyn & Lonnie Raschke
- Open - Volunteer needed
- Open - Volunteer needed



**Senior Adult Ministry**

The **Senior Ministry Committee** The Senior Ministry Committee meeting will be Wednesday, February 29th at 10:00 am in St. Paul House.

**The Lunch Bunch** will get together for lunch at 11:30 on Monday, February 13th, at Sirloin Stockade for good food and good conversation. Please come and bring a friend. Everyone is invited.

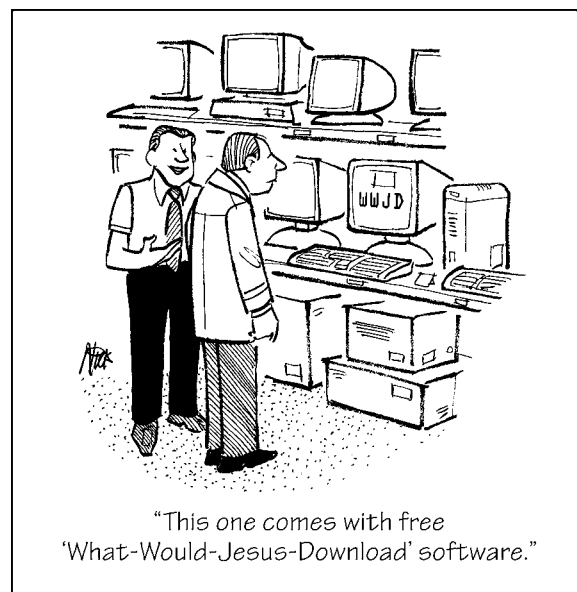


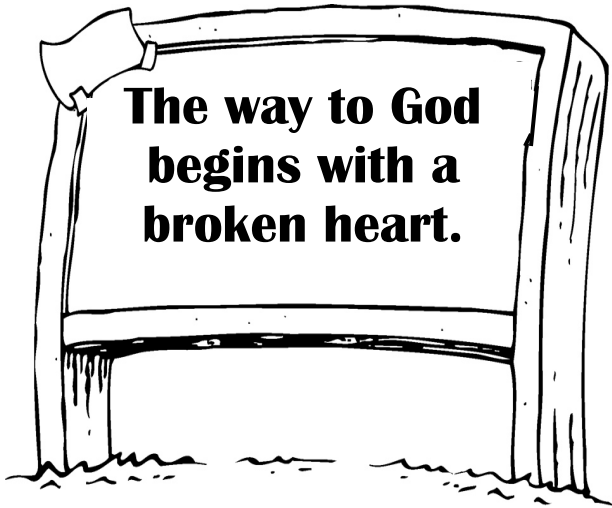
**FEBRUARY Mission of the Month**  
Down Home Ranch

**SOUPER BOWL OF CARING  
TO ASSIST SHEPHERD'S HEART**

February 5 & 12

Please bring non-perishable items to fill the shopping cart that will be set out in the Narthex. We hope the cart will be filled to overflowing on both Sundays!





**Church Statistics  
December  
2011**

Sunday Worship ave. Attendance: 112  
 Sunday School ave. Attendance: 48

**Income & Expenses:**

**Monthly**

Income	\$28,280.09
Expenses	\$22,833.31
<b>Income Minus Expenses</b>	<b>\$5,446.78</b>
<i>Transfer this mo. from ded. acct. - Sakewitz</i>	<i>\$4,000.00</i>
<b>Final Total</b>	<b>\$9,446.78</b>

**Year-to-Date**

Income	\$268,129.69
Expenses	\$267,562.81
<b>Income Minus Expenses</b>	<b>\$566.88</b>
<i>Transf. from Spring Fest &amp; Sakewitz</i>	<i>\$9,676.23</i>
<b>Final Total</b>	<b>\$10,243.11</b>

**Benevolence**

<i>Goal for 2011</i>	<i>\$13,000</i>
Received for the month	297.00
Received YTD	\$5,195.00

**Mission of the Month:**

Habitat for Humanity	\$302.00
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*Hannah Hays* will turn 96 years young February 14th.  
*Walter Miller* will turn 81 years young February 14th.  
*Lorena Hejl* will turn 92 years young February 17th.  
*Peggy Sullivan* will celebrate her 80th birthday February 19th.  
*Mildred Eschberger* will turn 87 years young February 24th.  
*Vivian Harkins* will turn 87 years young February 25th.  
*Aline Kautz* will turn 86 years young February 28th.



*William & Pearl Pokorny* will celebrate their 65th wedding anniversary February 9th.



"My whole family's giving up something for Lent. Mom's giving up cookies, Dad's giving up cake, and I'm giving up squash."

**February 2012**

## FEBRUARY WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

### **February 5, 2012**

Asst. Minister: Dave Kinnaman  
Council Ushers: Mel Bullock, Dave Kinnaman, Greg Buetikofer  
Altar Set-up: Carol Lantzsch, Naomi Pasemann, Kathie Preece Altar Asst: Rhonda  
Altar Clean-up: Marilyn Raschke, Beverly Ash, Elaine Oser

Greeters: Amanda Prinz, Jody Prinz  
Asst. Ushers: Thomas Rohlack, Katy Safarik  
Reader: Randall Pick  
Acolytes: Jessica Lundgren, Ryan Talley

### **February 12, 2012**

Council Ushers: Bob Grimm, Buddy Townsend, Mark Stoll

Greeters: Lorene Prinz, Taylor Prinz  
Asst. Ushers: Paula Safarik, Chris Scheffel  
Reader: Lorene Prinz  
Acolyte: Aaron Prinz

### **February 19, 2012**

Asst. Minister: Jewel Kruse  
Council Ushers: Rose King, Pat Erwin, Chris Koehne  
Altar Set-up: Marilyn Raschke, Beverly Ash, Elaine Oser Altar Asst: Marilyn G.  
Altar Clean-up: Marilyn Grimm, Janet Brinkmeyer

Greeters: Juneva Randig, Kenneth Randig  
Asst. Ushers: Jack Stolle, Byron Townsend  
Reader: Lynn Prinz  
Acolytes: Colton Schiller, Christian Stoll

### **Feb. 22 Ash Wednesday**

Altar set up: Marilyn Grimm, Janet Brinkmeyer Altar Asst: Sheila  
Altar clean up: Sheila Bullock, Rhonda Ochoa, Tracy Richter

### **February 26, 2012**

Council Ushers: Michael Schwettman, James Preece, Sharon Pick

Greeters: Marilyn Raschke, Dennis Richter  
Asst. Ushers: Dylan Townsend, Kim Townsend  
Reader: Marie Richter  
Acolyte: Rosie Morgan

## MARCH WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

### **March 4, 2012**

Asst. Minister: James Preece  
Council Ushers: Mel Bullock, Dave Kinnaman, Greg Buetikofer  
Altar Set-up: Sheila Bullock, Rhonda Ochoa Altar Asst: Kathie  
Altar Clean-up: Carol Lantzsch, Naomi Pasemann, Kathie Preece

Greeters: LaVerne Richter, Jeff Rinderknecht  
Asst. Ushers: Jennifer Townsend, Kim Townsend  
Reader: Christine Rohlack  
Acolytes: Wesley Stolte, Kenneth Kruse

### **March 11, 2012**

Council Ushers: Bob Grimm, Buddy Townsend, Mark Stoll

Greeters: Tracy Richter, Sarah Richter  
Asst. Ushers: Jaci Basco, Susan Basco  
Reader: Katy Safarik  
Acolyte: Carolyn Gauthier

### **March 18, 2012**

Asst. Minister: Allison Erwin  
Council Ushers: Rose King, Pat Erwin, Chris Koehne  
Altar Set-up: Carol Lantzsch, Naomi Pasemann, Kathie Preece Altar Asst: Rhonda  
Altar Clean-up: Marilyn Raschke, Beverly Ash, Elaine Oser

Greeters: Janell Rohlack, Thomas Rohlack  
Asst. Ushers: Janet Brinkmeyer, Colbey Bullock  
Reader: Paula Safarik  
Acolytes: Katie Stolte, Richard Reed

### **March 25, 2012**

Council Ushers: Michael Schwettman, James Preece, Sharon Pick

Greeters: Joanne Rummel, Nathan Scheffel  
Asst. Ushers: Sean Bullock, Sheila Bullock  
Reader: Donna Wilson  
Acolyte: Jackson Rohlack

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