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July 2026

Readers for July:

July 5th - Katy Safarik
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Church Financial Summary

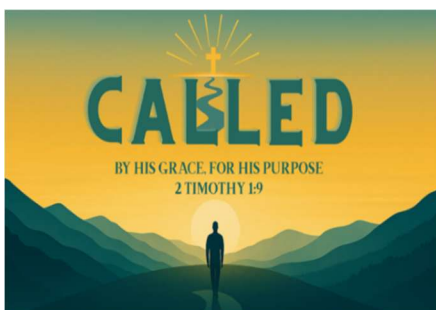


	June	Annual/Cumulative
Monthly Budget	\$26,388	\$158,328
Monthly Contributions	\$16,174	\$157,637

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250 YEARS
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The 2026 Annual Gathering of the LCMC Texas District will be held July 24-25 at St. Paul Lutheran Church in New Braunfels, Tx
Price is \$100/person

If you are interested in attending, please visit www.lcmctexas.org/events/ to register.

St. Paul Lutheran Child Development Center



CDC Newsletter

We have a full schedule for the month of July. It is always our busiest month because normally all our kids are here. The CDC will be closed on Friday, July 3rd to honor Independence Day. Bonzo Crunch the Clown will be here at the Fellowship Hall on July 16th at 9:30 a.m. The field trips that we have planned are the movies at Hooky in Hutto, Sweet Eats Farm on the 9th, where the children will enjoy touring the farm, feeding the large animals, doing all the activities they have planned for us and eating lunch with the chickens. We will be taking two groups to Mt. Playmore in Pflugerville on two different days. Bowling at Spare Time on July 21st and then the oldest class will have their end of the summer party at Gatti's on the 31st of July. We are doing the end of the summer party early because school starts on August 12th

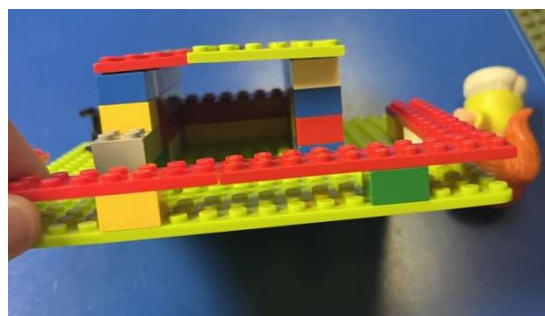
In June we had some minor repairs done at the CDC office and annex. Hope Construction replaced both front doors and they will be installing an emergency door in the annex. The office is on the schedule to be painted finally. Such a large job moving everything that we have put it off several times.

Everyone have a blessed and safe 4th of July.

We appreciate all the prayers and extra that everyone does for our children,

One of the classes was challenged to "create" an ark with whatever building supplies they wanted to.

These three pictures are their creations.



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Church Statistics for June

Sunday Worship

Average Attendance

63

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Please remember that the deadline for the monthly newsletter is the 20th of each month by 5:00 pm.



St. Paul Church takes pictures and videos which will be posted on our social media, web pages and printed material.

Dear St. Paul Lutheran Church Family,

Our Senior Outing to Corsicana was a huge success. We avoided the heavy rains and enjoyed fabulous Texas scenery. Our lunch was a bit of an adventure. We ate at a Mexican restaurant which had “romantic” lighting. We had to use the flashlight settings on our cell phones to read the menus! The food tasted great and the salsa was delicious. The visit to Collin Street Bakery was fun exploring all their various bakery items and fruitcakes. Unfortunately, there were no free samples. When we arrived at the Navarro University Planetarium, a new program had been installed. No trip to the Moon, but rather a new presentation about ancient astronomy. We were given a special price to tour of the University Civil War museum, their natural history museum with a collection of thousands of arrowheads, and their Western art gallery. I enjoyed viewing the Civil War artifacts from the Confederate viewpoint. We saw what life was like on the homefront for Confederate ladies and the various rifles used in battle. We even saw a mockup of a sniper setup to protect a Confederate position, complete with a cannon.

Scoutmaster Martin Oranday and I cut up a large box of retired flags as part of the Scout Flag Day flag retirement project. Most American and Texas flags are no longer made of cotton, but rather of nylon and polyester, so burning them produces black smoke and residual goo. The new official retirement method is to cut up the flags removing the blue shield of stars first and then cutting up the stripes and recycling the flags. We did find several small flags made of cotton and polyester, which our Scouts will respectfully retire by burning on their next camp out. Our Scout Troop had a wonderful trip to the Waco Mammoth National Monument. Look at all our Scout activities at: <https://www.facebook.com/Troop167ScoutsofAmerica/>

Come join me on Sunday mornings for my *Movies for a Sunday Morning with Pastor George*. We will not be having Brunch during July, but cookies and iced tea will be provided along with fresh popcorn. Here is the July and August schedule of the Biblical movies.

July 12 *Apostle Peter and the Last Supper* starring Robert Loggia as St. Peter.

July 19 *The 8 Gates of Jerusalem – A History of the Holy City Part One* Narrated by Richard Kiley

July 26 *The 8 Gates of Jerusalem – A History of the Holy City Part Two* Narrated by Richard Kiley

August 2 *The Story of Jacob and Joseph* starring Keith Michell and Tony Lo Bianco.

August 9 *The Story of David* starring Timothy Bottoms and Anthony Quayle Part One.

August 16 *The Story of David* starring Timothy Bottoms and Jane Seymour Part Two.

Please remember in your prayers the Groba (Schwenker) and Walton (Johnson) families at the death of their loved ones. I am continuing my outreach to the new housing developments during the morning hours.

According to the Taylor Press: Samsung's semiconductor facility is on track to begin full operations by the end of 2026, with limited production activities already underway. The \$17 billion project is built on about 1,200 acres at the edge of Taylor and is expected to create around 1,500 permanent jobs by the end of 2026, with potential to grow to 1,800 as additional fabs are built. This provides us with a great opportunity to share the Gospel of Jesus with lots of new people.

With the break in our sewer line under the Fellowship Hall and the continuing roof repairs, this is a great time to make a special donation to the St. Paul Lutheran Church Building Fund. After 50 years these types of repairs are to be expected. The Church Council will keep you updated on the progress of these repairs.

Please join Elaine and me in celebrating the 250th birthday of our nation. The City of Taylor is partnering with the American Legion Graham D. Luhn Post 39 for Taylor's annual 4th of July celebration! Here is the schedule of events:

- 9:00 a.m. — 4th of July Parade | Old Taylor High to Murphy Park
- 10:00 a.m. — Ice Cream Social | American Legion Hall
- 4:00 p.m. — Dale Watson's American Legion 4th of July Picnic | Murphy Park Pavilion
- 9:45 p.m. — Fireworks Show | Murphy Park

I hope you are enjoying your summer travels and vacation activities, along with the World Cup Soccer Games. Shepherd's Heart continues to provide for those in need around our community, thanks to a matching \$5000.00 grant from the Anna and Anton Olson Legacy Foundation. The Taylor Public Library is providing a host of summer activities for children and adults. Review their website at: <https://www.taylortx.gov/25/Library>. The LCMC Texas District Annual Gathering will be held at St. Paul Lutheran Church in New Braunfels on July 24-25. Check out their website <https://www.lcmctexas.org/annual-gathering/> for more information. When I attended the N. T. Wright Biblical seminar in Houston, I was again surprised by the number of people I met who knew about Taylor and the Taylor Ducks. We truly have a great history and an exciting future ahead of us. As always, Jason, Elaine and I rejoice at serving you in ministry for our Lord Jesus.

Blessings,

Pastor George



Mission Moment

by Pastor Bryce Formwalt
Director of Mission Growth



It's Gathering Time! #CALLED2026

Have you ever sensed God nudging you? Ever get the feeling that God had something more for you in this life? If so, you are in good company! Across Texas and around the world, God still calls ordinary people like you and me into his extraordinary Kingdom work. The key question for us is how do we recognize and respond to being called? This summer, we will be exploring this question together. On July 24-25, Lutherans from across Texas will gather in New Braunfels for our 17th Annual LCMC Texas District Gathering. I personally would like to invite you to join us.

Our theme this year is CALLED, based on 2 Timothy 1:9: "He has saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given to us in Christ Jesus before time began." This grounds our understanding of what it means to be called: not because we have earned anything, but by God's own purpose and grace. The truth proclaimed here once again is that God delights in calling ordinary, unfinished people to be equipped and commissioned for Kingdom mission and ministry.

To be clear, this Gathering is for everyone. This is not a pastors' conference; it is not a church assembly for voting delegates; nor is it only for church council members to attend. This Gathering is for you! This weekend is a divine invitation for you to join our church family reunion. Come and see, for it is good! Experience uplifting worship, faithful teaching, inspiring messages, and great food and fellowship. And through it all, we pray that each of us may be better equipped to discern how God is calling us.

This year we are blessed to welcome three dynamic keynote speakers. Ben Griffin is the CEO of LINC and lives in Dallas. Ben is a former church planter and pastor with a heart for equipping leaders for creative kingdom ministry. Nathan Hoff will also be joining us from Trinity Lutheran in San Pedro, California where he serves as pastor and leads an internship program that invests in the leadership development of young adults. And finally, we are also privileged to have our Service Coordinator for LCMC, Julie Smith, join us from St. Peter, Minnesota. All three speakers will challenge and help us grow in our understanding of what it means to live out our calling in Christ.

And this Gathering isn't just for adults. Our Youth Gathering and Lock-In for students grades 6 through 12 will take place right alongside the main Gathering. The Youth will also be studying the same verse from 2 Timothy and will have engaging teaching time with youth leaders and our keynote speakers. Students will get the chance to participate in a service project and will have tons of fun that's planned just for them!

Our mission is to multiply disciples and churches. Through intentional relationships, we are equipping leaders, strengthening congregations, and inspiring mission. Our Gathering each year exemplifies this focus as our church family comes together to encourage and love one another for the sake of mission. See you in New Braunfels!

Pastor Bryce Formwalt is the Director of Mission Growth for LCMC Texas District and Program Director of Harvest Workers, an online ministry training program (learn more at www.harvestworkers.net). Residing in Georgetown, Pastor Bryce is available to coach congregations on mission. Please contact him with any questions or comments: 512-942-7776 or bryce@lcmctexas.org.

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28 10:00am Worship - Sanctuary 11:00am Brunch, Sunday School, Confirmation and Adult Education 12:00pm Radio - KRXT 98.5 FM	29 8:00am Church Office - Open	30 8:00am Church Office - Open	1 8:00am Church Office - Open 8:30am Folding Bulletins 1:30pm Prayer Time	2 8:00am Church Office - Open 9:30am Ruth Circle Meeting	3 Church Office Closed Pastor's Day Off	4  Pastor's Day Off
5 10:00am Worship with Holy Communion - Sanctuary 11:00am Sunday School, Confirmation and Adult Education 12:00pm Radio - KRXT 98.5 FM	6 8:00am Church Office - Open 10:30am Communion at SPJST	7 8:00am Church Office - Open 9:30am LCMC Pr Cluster Mtg - Taylor	8 8:00am Church Office - Open 8:30am Folding Bulletins 1:30pm Prayer Time	9 8:00am Church Office - Open	10 Church Office Closed Pastor's Day Off	11 Pastor's Day Off
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We Remember in Prayer

If someone needs to be removed from the prayer list please call the church office

Our Members:

Cynthia Beran, Barbara Schiller, Diane, Katy Safarik, Mark Lindell, Olin Tiemann, Kent Safarik.

Our Shut Ins:

Wandeen Sakewitz, Glenn Minzenmayer, Aileen Bunge, Mary Miller, Cynthia Beran, David Kuempel, Gloria Bartosh, Carol Lantzsch, Inez Sladek, Grace Bulgerin, Geraldine Steger, Lomis Weber, Lisa Cox.

Our family, friends, and loved ones:

Glynda Vanecek, Lee Dominguez, Naomi Ochoa, Rick Mosley, Don Williams, Bill Cody, Randel Duelm, Penny Dittman, Alan Debus, Robert Harty, Jack Dismukes, Calvin and Rosalie Jechow, Sandra Milner, Dora Brittian, Ryan Richey, Mary Perez, Rob Randig, Gayla Lantzsch, Tommy Harrison, Walter Moldenhauer.

Assisted Living/Nursing Home:

SPJST Assisted Living:

Wandeen Sakewitz

Taylor SPJST Nursing Home:

Geraldine Steger
Mary Miller
Carol Lantzsch
Gloria Mae Bartosh
David Kuempel

Falcon Ridge:

Glenn Minzenmeyer

80th Birthdays & Above LaVerne Rohlack 7/8/37 89 Yrs LaVerne Richter 7/2/40 86 Yrs		25th Anniversary: None 30th Anniversary : None 40th Anniversary: None 50th Anniversaries & Above <table> <tr> <td>Wayne & Rita Kelm</td> <td>7/2</td> <td>55 yrs</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Johnny & Linda Zuehlke</td> <td>7/8</td> <td>53 yrs</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mark & Rebecca Krueger</td> <td>7/29</td> <td>52 yrs</td> </tr> </table>	Wayne & Rita Kelm	7/2	55 yrs	Johnny & Linda Zuehlke	7/8	53 yrs	Mark & Rebecca Krueger	7/29	52 yrs
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Scouts Cross-Over Ceremony; Cub Scouts transition into new Ranks



Avery Paulsen (2026 recipient of the St. Paul Women's Scholarship)

