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St. Paul Lutheran Church News & Views



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December 2025

Readers for Dec:

- Dec 7th - Terry Richter
- Dec 21st - Katy Safarik
- Dec 24th - Katy Safarik
- Dec 28th - Paula Safarik

Missions Of The Month

Lutheran
Association of
Missionaries and Pilots



Church Financial Summary

	Nov Thru 11/23	Annual/Cumulative
Monthly Budget	\$26,044	\$286,484
Monthly Contributions	\$24,652	\$255,077

Monthly Contributions does not include funds received for dedicated purposes, only those funds received for budgeted operations.



**The Christmas Eve Hymn Sing will be 5:45pm - 6:00pm
immediately preceding our Christmas Eve Program and Communion in the Sanctuary**

Christmas Potluck



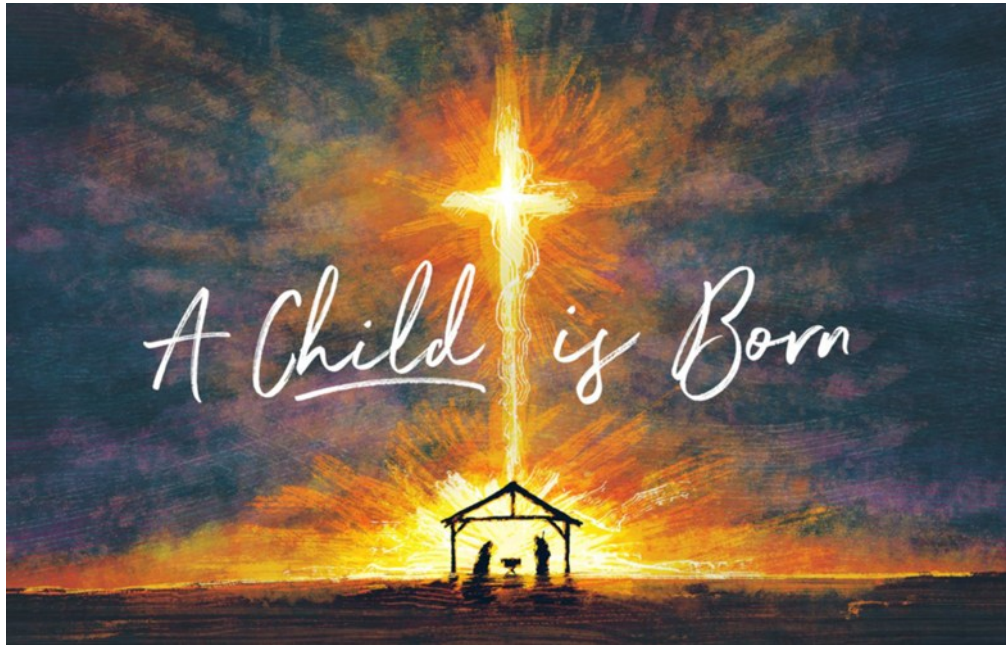
CHRISTMAS POTLUCK FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON HONORING NEW MEMBERS

Our Christmas Potluck Luncheon will be December 14th in the Fellowship Hall following the worship service. (Sunday School Christmas Program).

Ham and drinks will be provided. Members bringing a side dish and/or dessert to share can leave them in the Fellowship Hall prior to the Worship service and immediately before the meal.

New members who joined or were baptized in 2025
will be our honored guests.
COME ONE - COME ALL!

St. Paul Lutheran Child Development Center



St Paul CDC December Newsletter

This is the month of the birth of our Lord and Savior and we at St. Paul CDC are rejoicing.

We held a food drive in November and December to collect donation for the St. Paul Food Pantry Drive for Shepherd's Heart. Once again, our parents and families came through for us. We were able to donate two large carts full of food items.

Christmas Break is always a fun time for the older students because they are ready for that big break from school. Plus, we have more time to do "projects" at the center. The CDC will be closed on Dec. 24 – 26 and then again on Dec. 31 – Jan 2 to allow our teachers time with their own families.

The CDC will have our Christmas program and meal for the parents on Tuesday, December 16 evening. Santa Claus will come early at 5:30 p.m. for kids to visit and take pictures with. The program will be at 6:15 p.m. followed by a Nacho bar with all the trimmings. And of course there will be a birthday cake for Jesus.

A HUGE thank you to all of those that always are so generous in giving the children & teachers all the special treats and snacks throughout the entire year. We can never express how special those "gifts" make the children & teachers feel.

Prayers that all that read this are blessed this Christmas season with the gift of peace, love and happiness.

Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year to all,
From the Children & Staff of the St. Paul CDC

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Church Statistics for November

Sunday Worship
 Average Attendance
 74

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DEADLINE

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,

As Advent began our new Church Year on November 30, we have set off for the adventure of the birth of Jesus. Every year for more than two thousand years, the church has reflected on the marvelous inbreaking of the Son of God into our world. In this Christmas Season may we pause to reflect on what Jesus means to each of us and how our lives are directly affected by His love and birth in Bethlehem.

On Sunday, December 14, we will celebrate in story and song our children telling us of the birth of Jesus and what He means to the whole world through the *Tale of Three Trees*. We will share our family Christmas potluck brunch following worship. A special Christmas Food Drive for Shepherd's Heart will be held at our St. Paul House Parking Lot in the afternoon from 4:00 – 5:00 PM. December 14 will be an exciting Sunday of song, story and food for all.

Our Christmas Eve Worship Service will begin on December 24 at 5:45 PM with a Christmas Carol Sing. Christmas Worship with Holy Communion will begin at 6:00 PM. Everyone should be at home by 7:30 PM for their family celebrations. **On December 28, we will share together our traditional Lessons and Carols at 10:00 AM.** Come join us as we sing our favorite Christmas Carols and hear again the story of our salvation through the promised Messiah.

I am looking forward to sharing the Christmas Gospel with you and our children. I will be distributing Christmas gifts to our shut-ins given by our Women of the Church, as part of my regular December Holy Communion distribution.

At our Congregational Meeting, we approved our 2026 Budget for Ministry and discussed our Fellowship Hall roof repair options. Thank you all for your ongoing support of our ministries.

Our Senior Outing is planned for January 19. A trip to Waco and the Dr. Pepper Museum will be our January excursion. I will organize a trip to the Wendish community in February, with a trip to Aggie-Land Safari in March.

As our students begin their Winter Vacation on December 22, Steve, Elizabeth and I are planning holiday youth activities. A workday will also be scheduled to redecorate the Youth Room. **We will visit the Living Nativity at Immanuel Lutheran Church on Sunday, December 14. Meet at the St. Paul House Parking Lot at 5:30 PM.**

Please keep all our newly baptized children, the Prinz family and Randy Bohls in your prayers during this Christmas season. Keep safe on all your holiday travels and shopping trips.

Due to new time requirements to load our worship service recording on radio, we will be eliminating the physical sharing of the peace, and our intercessory prayers will be slightly shortened. The worship service recording needs to be uploaded shortly after 11:00 AM.

Elaine, Jason, and I wish all of you a wonderful Christmas and New Year celebration with your family and friends. I thank you for your love and prayers, your direct sharing of the Gospel of Jesus, and your ongoing support for Shepherd's Heart. You all bring me great joy as I serve as your Pastor.

Blessings,

Pastor George



Texas District

Mission Moment

by Pastor Bryce Formwalt
Director of Mission Growth



HARVEST
WORKERS

Generosity: A Spiritual Discipline

I enjoy personal and organizational financial planning and take pride in managing financial affairs well in order to make the most of the resources available. When I think about stewardship, first and foremost in my mind is God's call to be wise and faithful managers. Yet within the realm of stewardship lies a practice that runs against the grain and can almost seem contradictory and foolish. This is the practice of generosity.

Generosity is freely giving resources away without any expectation of return or personal benefit. Biblically, we understand that generosity included sharing resources in common with other members of a local church; giving cheerfully to missions; tithing (giving a tenth of one's increase) to the local community of worship; and caring for the poor, the hungry, the orphans, and the widows. In our human way of thinking, it doesn't really make sense to give away that which we "worked hard for" or at least worked hard to manage well. But in God's economy, generosity is a key practice in a faithful, trusting walk following Jesus as his disciples.





Years ago, I attended church men's group where a member of my congregation shared something profound. When we were talking about tithing, he shared that he believed that God chose 10% completely on purpose to develop our trust in God. He reasoned that had God called us to give a smaller percentage, our human self-reliance would likely kick-in with the Devil leading us to think we could "handle it" on our own. But this isn't the case with a call to give 10%. The call to tithe compels us to trust God. It is too much for us to do apart from trusting God each day to give us our daily bread. The spiritual discipline of generosity helps to break us from our sin of self-reliance.

There are many other good things that come about when we practice generosity. Another that comes to mind is how God tends to multiply our offerings, sometimes in miraculous ways. Consider the story of the feeding of the 5,000. Jesus took the gift of one boy's lunch and then instructed the disciples to be generous with it and share the food with the crowds. In their faithful generosity, the Lord multiplied the small offering and created an abundance that to this day still amazes us. But this is what God does with our generosity.

Friends, I would like to encourage you to be good stewards and manage your financial affairs with wisdom and faithfulness. And I also invite you to consider anew Jesus' call to the spiritual discipline of generosity: Tithe to your local church, give cheerfully to missions and causes that align with your faith, and care for the basic human needs in your local community and beyond as the Lord gives you opportunity.

Giving Tuesday is December 2, a day dedicated to celebrating and encouraging generosity. This is a great time to make new commitments to grow in generosity. If you would like to contribute to the mission of LCMC Texas District or Harvest Workers, go to www.lcmctexas.org/giving-tuesday to find out how to double your donation.

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.

Sunday		Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday	
30	10:00am Worship - Sanctuary 11:00am Sunday School 12:00pm Radio - KRXT 98.5 FM	1	8:00am Church Office - Open	2	8:00am Church Office - Open 9:30am LCMC Pr Cluster Mtg - Cameron 6:30pm Scouts - Fellowship Hall	3	8:00am Church Office - Open 9:30am Folding Bulletins 1:30pm Prayer Time 2:00pm Pastor's Bible Study	4	8:00am Church Office - Open CDC Fellowship Hall all Day	5	Church Office Closed Pastor's Day Off	6	Pastor's Day Off
7	10:00am Worship with Holy Communion - Sanctuary 11:00am Brunch, Christmas Program Practice and Adult Education 12:00pm Radio - KRXT 98.5 FM	8	8:00am Church Office - Open 10:30am Communion at SPJST	9	8:00am Church Office - Open 6:30pm Scouts - Fellowship Hall	10	8:00am Church Office - Open 9:30am Folding Bulletins 1:30pm Prayer Time 2:00pm Pastor's Bible Study	11	8:00am Church Office - Open CDC Fellowship Hall all Day	12	Church Office Closed Pastor's Day Off	13	Pastor's Day Off
14	10:00am Worship - Sanctuary (Children's Christmas Program) 11:00am Brunch (Pot Luck), Sunday School 12:00pm Radio - KRXT 98.5 FM 4:00pm Food drive hosted by the St. Paul Lutheran Church for the benefit of Shepherd's Heart Food Pantry - St. Paul House Parking Lot	15	8:00am Church Office - Open	16	8:00am Church Office - Open 9:30am LCMC Pr Cluster Mtg - Thrill 6:30pm Council Meeting - St. Paul House 6:30pm Scouts - Fellowship Hall	17	8:00am Church Office - Open 9:30am Folding Bulletins 11:30am Women of the Word - Sinton Stockade 1:30pm Prayer Time 2:00pm Pastor's Bible Study	18	8:00am Church Office - Open	19	Church Office Closed Pastor's Day Off	20	Newsletter Articles Due Pastor's Day Off
21	10:00am Worship with Holy Communion - Sanctuary 11:00am Sunday School and Adult Education 12:00pm Radio - KRXT 98.5 FM	22	8:00am Church Office - Open	23	8:00am Church Office - Open 9:30am Folding Bulletins 6:30pm Scouts - Fellowship Hall	24	8:00am Church Office - Closed for Holiday  5:45pm Christmas Eve Hymn Sing - Sanctuary 6:00pm Christmas Eve Program and Communion - Sanctuary	25	8:00am Church Office - Closed for Holiday 	26	Church Office Closed Pastor's Day Off	27	Pastor's Day Off
28	 10:00am Worship - Sanctuary 11:00am Brunch, Sunday School and Adult Education 12:00pm Radio - KRXT 98.5 FM	29	8:00am Church Office - Open	30	8:00am Church Office - Open 6:30pm Scouts - Fellowship Hall	31	8:00am Church Office - Closed for Holiday 9:30am Folding Bulletins 1:30pm Prayer Time 2:00pm Pastor's Bible Study	1	8:00am Church Office - Closed for Holiday 	2	Church Office Closed Pastor's Day Off	3	Pastor's Day Off

We Remember in Prayer

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

Our Members:

Bob Grimm, Olin Tiemann, Kent Safarik.

Our Shut Ins:

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

Our family, friends, and loved ones:

Karen Parker, Rick Mosley, Don Williams, Hazel Chasak, Bill Cody, Randel Duelm, Felicia Garcia, Penny Dittman, Alan Debus, Robert Harty, Loretta Simank, Authur Moreno, 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:

**Geraldine Cox
Grace Bulgerin**

Taylor SPJST Nursing Home:

**Geraldine Steger
Mary Miller
Carol Lantzsch
Aileen Bunge**

The Monarch:

Joanne Rummel

Brookdale Assisted Living:

Carolyn Jacobson

Trinity Care Round Rock

David Kuempel

80th Birthdays & Above

Mary Miller	12/28/36	89 Yrs
Wilbert Vorwerk	12/16/38	87 Yrs

DECEMBER



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

25th Anniversary:
None

30th Anniversary :
None

40th Anniversary:
None

50th Anniversaries & Above

Gary & Bebe Beran	12/4	59 Yrs
Kenneth & Bonnie George	12/17	59 Yrs

1. Revelation 22
2. Luke 1
3. Luke 2
4. Luke 3
5. Luke 4
6. Luke 5
7. Psalm 140-142
8. Luke 6
9. Luke 7
10. Luke 8
11. Luke 9

Daily Bible Reading Guide December

12. Luke 10
13. Luke 11
14. Psalm 143-145
15. Luke 12
16. Luke 13
17. Luke 14
18. Luke 15
19. Luke 16

21. Psalm 146-148
22. Luke 18
23. Luke 19
24. Matthew 1
25. Matthew 2
26. Luke 20
27. Luke 21
28. Psalm 149-150
29. Luke 22
30. Luke 23
31. Luke 24

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Do you dream of sea winds, lazy days with nothing to do but enjoy the scenery and relax to the gentle sounds of the ocean?

Well dream no more!

Join the congregational cruise departing January 29, 2026 from Galveston Tx. You can find out more about the cruise and see current pricing by visiting the below link or visiting the Announcement section of our webpage (stpaultaylor.com/announcements/). The prices are changing regularly, so keep checking.

Where we going? The 4 night cruise Itinerary includes:

Day 1 Galveston, Texas	Departs At 4:00 PM
Day 2 Cruising	Day At Sea
Day 3 Cozumel, Mexico	From 7:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Day 4 Cruising	Day At Sea
Day 5 Galveston, Texas	Arrives At 7:00 AM

What all is included?

Complimentary dining: Dining options for every meal, snacks, brewed coffee, assorted teas, fruit juices, and iced water.

Onboard activities: Multiple pools and hot tubs, slides, surf simulator, rock climbing wall, zip line, fully equipped fitness center, sports court, ice skating, and mini golf.

Shows: Great stage and ice show entertainment, movies, live music at multiple onboard venues, themed dance parties and karaoke.

There is shopping in the port at Cozumel, along with a variety of optional tours for additional cost. You will also need to arrange for parking at the port of Galveston, there are a number of options with lot and covered parking.

<https://www.royalcaribbean.com/itinerary/4-night-western-caribbean-cruise-from-galveston-on-mariner-MA04W196?country=USA¤cyCode=USD&sailDate=2026-01-29>