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November 2026

Readers for November:

Nov 1st	-	Sharon Naivar
Nov 8th	-	Kathy Paulsen
Nov 15th	-	Randall Pick
Nov 22nd	-	Chris Rohlack
Nov 29th	-	Terry Richter

Mission Of The Month

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CHURCH FINANCES

Church Financial Summary

	October	Annual/Cumulative
Monthly Budget	$26,388	$263,880
Monthly Contributions	$12,595	$221,440

PREPARED TO GIVE THANKS

The Church office will be closed on November 26th and 27th in observance of Thanksgiving.

St. Paul Lutheran church wishes you and your family a blessed and joyful Thanksgiving as we thank God for His endless love and mercy.

IMPORTANT

There will be a congregational budget meeting on November 15th immediately following the worship service. Proposed 2027 Budgets will be available in the Narthex Beginning November 1st.

St. Paul Lutheran Child Development Center

CDC November Newsletter

Just the thought of November brings the thought of Thanksgiving to mind. We have so much to be thankful for here at the CDC. First our families and the wonderful children they allow us to spend time with.

The CDC Garage sale dates have been set. They will be Friday, November 13th and Saturday, November 14th. Once again if you have free time and would love to help put things out please get with Rita.

The CDC will be closed on Thursday, November 24 and Friday, November 25 in order for us to spend time with our families.
Wanted to share some pictures of some of the October activities that the CDC children were able to do.

Fire Prevention Month.






Sparky and the Firemen told the children the importance of Stop, drop and roll. The children that wanted to were able to practice. Then of course we had to take a picture of all of them with the fire engine.

First United Methodist Pumpkin Patch







We took three groups to the Pumpkin Patch this year. Two of the younger groups had stories read to them then picked out their pumpkins. The oldest group participated in a “Seek and Find” amongst the pumpkins to locate all the hidden pictures on sticks. They had a really good time.

Have a blessed Thanksgiving,
The CDC

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Church Statistics for October

Sunday Worship
Average Attendance
69

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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.

Thank you all for your prayers while I was struggling with the virus I picked up in West Des Moines, Iowa, during the LCMC National Gathering.

As we look forward to November and the cooler temperatures, watch the Sunday bulletin for announcements regarding our next Senior Outing. Steve and Elizabeth have plans for our Youth Group which will be emailed to our youth. Our Annual Congregational Budget meeting will be held on November 15, immediately following worship. Please make plans to attend. The proposed budget will be available in the Narthex on November 1.

Here is a summary of the LCMC National Gathering in West Des Moines:

2026 Highlights
Throughout the four day experience, participants had the opportunity to hear from speakers, take part in a service project, join together for both contemporary and traditional worship, and explore mission, ministry, and educational organizations in our exhibitor area.

David Zahl, Tara Beth Leach, and **Mike Housholder** keynoted the event, helping participants think more deeply about what we are free from, what we are free for, and what we are free to do.

The opening and closing worship services were preached by **Nathan Anenson** and **Andrea Taphorn** respectively, and Bible studies on Galatians were led by **Sarah Stenson.**

One exciting addition to this year's program was the launch of breakout session tracks as part of an ongoing effort to make the Annual Gathering more accessible and engaging for all types of ministry leaders. Sessions were taught by experienced ministry leaders from the LCMC community and geared towards different areas of service within the church.

Monday evening's fellowship dinner highlighted many of LCMC's international congregations and ministry partners. Participants dined on various dishes from countries where LCMC has congregations or ministry partners present, shared stories, and prayed together.

On Tuesday afternoon, LCMC teamed up with the nonprofit organization **Convoy of Hope** to package hygiene kits for people around the world who have been displaced by natural and humanitarian disasters. Together, volunteers packaged a total of 5,760 bags, which amounted to 400 boxes (8 pallets) worth of kits.

During the closing worship service on Wednesday, participants were invited on stage to sing a hymn as part of an Annual Gathering choir led by Aaron Deutsch.

My thanks to Debbie Matthys for leading our Alleluia Bell Choir and for overseeing our worship services. Andrew will be leaving us as organist, to take up the full-time organist position at Hutto Lutheran Church. We wish him well in his new position.

A first meeting with Bryce Formwalt of the Texas District has been held as we plan for calling a new pastor.

If you have wondered about the role of the prophets in the Old Testament, join the Pastor's Bible Study on Wednesdays at 2:00 PM in the Conference Room at the St. Paul House. We will be studying all the prophets individually during the next months.

Jason, Elaine and I wish you all safe travels and wonderful dinners during the Thanksgiving Holiday. Our parish office will be closed on Thursday, November 26.

As always, Elaine and I rejoice at serving our Lord Jesus with you.

Blessings,

Pastor George



Overflowing in Thanksgiving

In early October, I had the opportunity to drive across the Midwest. Abundant summer rains have produced beautiful, lush green grass and fields of crops bursting with promise for the coming harvest. Here in Central Texas, harvest time has come and gone. Growing up in Iowa, I learned that October-November was harvest season: first the soy beans, then the corn. By Thanksgiving, the combines had rolled through the fields and the grain bins were full. Every farmer knows that the harvest each fall depends on the seed planted in the spring. No farmer hoping for a crop leaves their seed sitting in the barn. Abundant harvests require first generously sowing the seed. Despite knowing this, there is something scary about letting go of what you have in the hopes that it may produce more.

The Apostle Paul understood this. In 2 Corinthians 9:6, he encourages the church in Corinth to give generously toward an offering for the church in Jerusalem. Paul writes, The person who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the person who sows generously will also reap generously. Paul is not handing out a formula for how to get rich. Instead, he simply reminds the church of this basic agricultural understanding. The churches across the region were being called to give generously for an abundant harvest in Jerusalem where there was need.

And Paul grounds his appeal for generosity in God's grace: And God is able to make every grace overflow to you, so that in every way, always having everything you need, you may excel in every good work (2 Corinthians 9:8). We do not give to earn God's grace; we give because we have already received it in abundance.

Paul goes on to point out where generosity leads: Now the one who provides seed for the sower and bread for food will also provide and multiply your seed and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for all generosity, which produces thanksgiving to God through us (2 Corinthians 9:10-11). God multiplies the gift, increases the harvest, and produces praise and thanksgiving to God among the givers. When God's people give generously, needs are met, ministry multiplies, and voices are raised in praise to God.

In this season for many of our congregations, budgets for 2027 are being planned. Church councils and finance committees gather around spreadsheets, make decisions about ministries, staff, buildings, and mission support. A church budget is far more than numbers on a page; it is a statement of what a congregation believes God is calling it to do in the year ahead. So, what does your church's budget say? Does it reflect a congregation that sows generously? Does it provide faithfully for the shepherd God has given you? Does it invest in equipping leaders and making disciples? Does it look beyond your own walls to outreach in your community, planting new churches and partnering in Gospel mission around the world? Remember: healthy congregations do not hold tightly to all they have. Healthy congregations trust God to let God's grace overflow through them to others.

And every congregation's budget is actually the sum of the faithful budgets of its members. Individuals and families also make their own plans to give generously to the work of the Lord in their own church and beyond. Each one of us should remember Paul's invitation and prayerfully consider how God may be calling us to sow generously in the year ahead, trusting God to multiply the gift and gather an abundant harvest, and filling our hearts with joy which leads to praise ang thanksgiving. Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift! (2 Corinthians 9:15). The Lord of the harvest is still at work, multiplying disciples and churches through the generosity of his people. May our giving in the year ahead overflow in thanksgiving to God and produce a bountiful harvest!

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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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1  9:00am Handbell Choir Practice - Sanctuary 10:00am Worship with Holy Communion - Sanctuary 11:00am Brunch, Sunday School, Confirmation and Adult Education 12:00pm Radio - KRXT 98.5 FM	2 *8:00am Church Office - Open* 10:30am Communion at SPJST	3 *8:00am Church Office - Open* 9:30am LCMC Pr Cluster Mtg - Immanuel Taylor 6:30pm Cub Scouts 167 - Fellowship Hall	4 *8:00am Church Office - Open* **8:30am Folding Bulletins** 1:30pm Prayer Time 2:00pm Pastor's Bible study - St. Paul House Conf Room	5 *8:00am Church Office - Open* 9:30am Ruth Circle Meeting	6 **Church Office Closed** Pastor's Day Off	7 CDC Garage Sale set-up - Fellowship Hall Pastor's Day Off
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15 CDC Garage Sale clean-up - Fellowship Hall Congregational Meeting after Service - Budget 10:00am Worship with Holy Communion - Sanctuary 11:00am Brunch, Sunday School, Confirmation and Adult Education 12:00pm Radio - KRXT 98.5 FM	16 CDC Garage Sale clean-up - Fellowship Hall *Church Office - Closed* 6:00pm Handbell Choir Practice - Sanctuary	17 CDC Garage Sale clean-up - Fellowship Hall *Church Office - Closed* LCMC Pr Cluster Mtg - Rockdale 6:30pm Council Meeting - St. Paul House 6:30pm Cub Scouts 167 - Fellowship Hall	18 *Church Office - Closed* **8:30am Folding Bulletins** 11:30am Ruth Circle Birthday Lunch - Sirloin Stockade 1:30pm Prayer Time 2:00pm Pastor's Bible study - St. Paul House Conf Room	19 *Church Office - Closed*	20 **Church Office Closed** Newsletter Articles Due Pastor's Day Off	21 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:

Larry Robbins, Casey Anderson, Carol Wilson, Diane, Mark Lindell, Kent Safarik.

Our Shut Ins:

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

Our family, friends, and loved ones:

Roger Wilson, Teresa Talley, William Shelton, Joe Gamez, Dave Martinka, Andrea Carrizales, Richard, Glynda Vanecek, Rick Mosley, Don Williams, Bill Cody, Randel Duelm, 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:

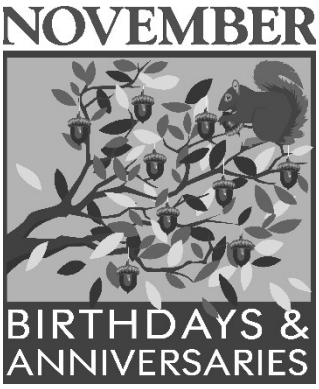
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Geraldine Steger
Mary Miller
Carol Lantzsch
Gloria Mae Bartosh
David Kuempel

Falcon Ridge:
Glenn Minzenmeyer

80th Birthdays & Above

Lomis Weber	11/15/29	97Yrs
Verlyn Huber	11/2/37	89Yrs
Elfie Rinderknecht	11/25/39	87Yrs
Kenneth Heselmeyer	11/1/43	83Yrs
Carmen McCleery	11/17/43	80Yrs



25th Anniversary:
None

30th Anniversary :
None

40th Anniversary:

None

50th Anniversaries & Above

LaVerne & Dennis Richter 11/26 66 Yrs

Alleluia Ringers

The St. Paul handbell choir will be practicing from 9-9:45 am (unless otherwise noted) on the following dates:

Nov 1, 16 (6pm-7pm), 22 (also performing on the 22nd) **Dec** 13 (also performing on the 13th)

The handbell choir is always looking for new members. Please contact Debbie Matthys (512)771-3914· dkmatthys@gmail.com or come to practice if you are interested in joining!

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Thank you to Andy Simon for six years of wonderful music!

Andy Simon started playing the piano for our congregation in October, 2020. For the past six years, we have been blessed with his wonderful music every 1st and 3rd Sunday. He has also played for our Christmas Eve service every year since 2021. He helped introduce us to a new setting of the liturgy and has introduced several new hymns with our song leaders.

His last Sunday with us is Nov. 1 and he has graciously agreed to also play for the Christmas Eve service one more time this year. Andy will be missed by all of us! We wish him well in taking over as full time church musician at Hutto Lutheran Church.

Don't forget to fallback one hour when you go to bed on Saturday October 31st!

