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August 2025

Readers for August:

August 3rd - Katy Safarik
August 10th - Paula Safarik
August 17th - Debbie Matthys
August 24th - George Matthys
August 31st - Steve Morgan

Mission
Of The
Month



Church Financial Summary

	July	Annual/Cumulative
Monthly Budget	\$26,044	\$182,308
Monthly Contributions	\$26,288	\$171,102

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

Ready for a Cruise???

Get ready for a congregation cruise to the
Western Caribbean
January 29-February 2, 2026.



See Pastor's Report on Page 4 for more details.

Itinerary:

Day 1 - Departs Galveston
Day 2 - Day at Sea
Day 3 - Cozumel, Mexico
Day 4 - Day at Sea
Day 5 - Arrive back in Galveston

St. Paul Lutheran Child Development Center

Child Development Center Newsletter

Summer has been full of so many activities this year that June & July flew by.....or at least it feels that way to us and the kids. School will start on Wednesday, Aug 13th

The CDC will be closed on Monday, September 2 in observance of Labor Day.

We want to take this opportunity to thank everyone for the "extras" that you always do for the CDC, the kids definitely love the special field trips, snacks and extras that has been provided.



Bonzo Crunch came to visit the children and they LOVE Bonzo.



Joan with Small Wonders Puppet Theater came with her Farm puppets.

Little bit of puppets and a whole lot of dancing with the farm animal friends.

Kids enjoying their "new" dirt pile.



Slice of Heaven Educational Farm was another favorite field trip. Except "they didn't have any cows" said John Safarik. The children learned about different animals.



God bless you all and thank you for your continued prayers for us,
The CDC

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Church Statistics for July

Sunday Worship
 Average Attendance
 64

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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,

Mark your calendars for our Congregational Meeting on August 24, immediately following worship. We will be making final decisions on the Fellowship Hall roof repairs.

Summer vacations are in full swing and many of our youth are involved in summer sports. With vacations on our minds, I would like to suggest we consider a January option. **Rita Kelm and Patty Reiger have suggested that we take a congregation Western Caribbean winter cruise. Jason Richter has done some checking, and we can go with Royal Caribbean from Galveston leaving on January 29 and returning on February 2. The rate for two per interior room is \$491 per person (\$981.00 total cost which includes all fees and taxes). Other rooms are available for additional cost. There are special rates and activities for youth. (Earlier December and January sailings are listed at \$710.00 and \$664.00 per person.) We will be sailing on the Mariner of the Seas.**

The cruise fare includes **Complimentary dining:** Dining options for every meal and snack, brewed coffee, assorted teas, fruit juices, and iced water. **Onboard activities:** Multiple pools and hot tubs, slides, surf simulator, rock climbing wall, zip line, laser tag, 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. **Check out the entire package at: <https://www.royalcaribbean.com/itinerary/4-night-western-caribbean-cruise-from-galveston-on-mariner-MA04W196?country=USA¤cyCode=USD&sailDate=2026-01-29&packageCode=MA04W196> to make your reservations. Get your passport updated at the Post Office. Come join Elaine and me as we head for a weekend in the Western Caribbean. Questions? Give us a call at the church office Monday-Thursday 512-352-2327.**

I will be continuing my Hollywood and the Church movie series with two movies in August. On August 3 and 10 we will view *Angels and Demons*. On August 17, Gideons International will be with us for worship and Brunch. I am happy to report that I have completed the distribution of our outreach brochures to all newly completed housing developments in Taylor. Elizabeth and Steve and I will be providing youth activities during August – watch for email and bulletin announcements.

Hope you are enjoying the summer and preparing for school to start again on August 13. Please pray for our students and teachers as they begin the new school year. Remember, you can continue to support Texas flood victims through Lutheran World Relief marking your gifts for flood assistance. Please remember these families in your prayers.

It is always my joy to serve you and our community.

Blessings,

Pastor George



Mission Moment

by Pastor Bryce Formwalt
Director of Mission Growth



We Are Family

As I sit down to write this edition of the Mission Moment, final preparations are underway for the 16th Annual Texas District Gathering. This year marks my 11th Gathering, and I find myself reflecting on the gift of this family of faith that we have in Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ (LCMC). While it is accurate to refer to us as a “church body” or an “association,” I prefer the term “family” to describe what we are and should aspire to be.

While we find many metaphors for the church in the New Testament, family is a rich image for us. Consistently Jesus referred to his disciples as siblings, his brothers. After Jesus ascended, Jesus’ followers claimed this familial title as they referred to one another as brothers or sisters in Christ. Paul frequently used this language as he addressed Christ followers throughout his missionary journeys. And I believe that of all the biblical metaphors for the church, the image of family elevates for us God’s desire for our relational connection to and for one another.

For several years, I heard Mark Vander Tuig, retired LCMC Service Coordinator, say that “LCMC Gatherings were like family reunions... but with family you actually like!” While Mark’s comment always drew raucous laughter, no one can deny the truth beneath the punchline. LCMC is more than a church body or an association: We are family!

Today I had a conversation with someone who decided not to attend our Gathering. He shared with me that he felt like an outsider and that the Gathering was not for him. As he shared this, I hurt for this brother and his experience of disconnection. I did my best to dissuade him of this idea of being an outsider, encouraging him to give it a try and come and see. I see him as simply newer to the family than others. I hope in the future he and all who are a part of our body can see and experience for themselves the gift of being a part of the family.

As family we have much in common. Our DNA is our common confession of faith, our shared core values, and our mission to be and make disciples of Jesus. Yet as family we have great diversity, too. Each congregation and member lives out their faith in their own unique way. Like families we celebrate both that which we have in common as well as that which is unique and special about each individual family member. We love one another, pray for one another, encourage one another, and help one another. Even at times when we don’t agree with one another, we still respect and appreciate one another.

I invite you to join me in praising God for the gift of our family of faith of which we are a part. I pray that the gift of this family can be a source of strength for each member. If you have not been to one of our gatherings or retreats, I hope you will join us soon for one of our family reunions. By participating, connecting, and relating, I am confident that you will both be blessed... and a blessing to others!

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
27 10:00am Worship - Sanctuary 11:00am Brunch, Sunday School and Adult Education 12:00pm Radio - KRXT 98.5 FM	28 8:00am Church Office - Open	29 8:00am Church Office - Open 5:00pm Lions Club Meeting-Fellowship Hall	30 8:00am Church Office - Open 9:30am Folding Bulletins 1:30pm Prayer Time	31 8:00am Church Office - Open	1 Church Office Closed 9:30am Pasemann Funeral (9:30 Viewing, 10:30 Service)	2 Pastor's Day Off 7:30am Shepherd's Heart Workshop!!! 11:00am Fellowship Hall Rental - Arteschournsky
3 10:00am Worship with Holy Communion - Sanctuary 11:00am Brunch, Sunday School and Adult Education 12:00pm Radio - KRXT 98.5 FM	4 8:00am Church Office - Open 10:30am Communion at SPJST	5 8:00am Church Office - Open 6:30pm Scouts - Fellowship Hall	6 8:00am Church Office - Open 9:30am Folding Bulletins 1:30pm Prayer Time	7 8:00am Church Office - Open 9:30am LCMC Pr Cluster Mtg	8 Church Office Closed	9 Pastor's Day Off
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17 10:00am Worship with Holy Communion - Sanctuary 11:00am Brunch, Sunday School and Adult Education 12:00pm Radio - KRXT 98.5 FM	18 8:00am Church Office - Open	19 8:00am Church Office - Open 6:30pm Council Meeting - St. Paul House 6:30pm Scouts - Fellowship Hall	20 8:00am Church Office - Open Newspaper Articles Due 9:30am Folding Bulletins 1:30pm Prayer Time	21 8:00am Church Office - Open 9:30am LCMC Pr Cluster Mtg 11:30am Women of the Word - Sirloin Stockade	22 Church Office Closed	23 Pastor's Day Off
24 10:00am Worship - Sanctuary 11:00am Brunch, Sunday School and Adult Education 12:00pm Radio - KRXT 98.5 FM	25 8:00am Church Office - Open	26 8:00am Church Office - Open 6:30pm Scouts - Fellowship Hall	27 8:00am Church Office - Open 9:30am Folding Bulletins 1:30pm Prayer Time	28 8:00am Church Office - Open	29 Church Office Closed	30 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:

Dennis Richter, Diane Talley, Kent Safarik.

Our Shut Ins:

Gloria Bartosh, Carol Lantzsch, Inez Sladek, Grace Bulgerin, Mary Miller, Lorene Prinz, Geraldine Steger, Lomis Weber, Lisa Cox, Geraldine Cox, Carolyn Jacobson.

Our family, friends, and loved ones:

Kyle Vanecek, Hazel Chasak, Bill Cody, Randel Duelm, Rachel Elson, Felicia Garcia, Penny Dittman, Alan Debus, Robert Harty, Loretta Simank, Authur Moreno, Jack Dismukes, Calvin and Rosalie Jechow, Edward Morgan, Sandra Milner, Dora Brittan, Ryan Richey, Mary Perez, Kelly Clines Thompson, 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

The Monarch:

Joanne Rummel

Brookdale Assisted Living:

Carolyn Jacobson

80th Birthdays & Above

Olin Tiemann	8/9/36	89 Yrs
Elaine Qualley	8/21/36	89 Yrs
Juneva Randig	8/25/42	83 Yrs



25th Anniversary:
None

30th Anniversary :
None

40th Anniversary:
None

50th Anniversaries & Above

Bill and Pam Mikulencak 8/12 50 yrs

1. 1 Samuel 26
2. 1 Samuel 27-28
3. Psalm 105-106
4. 1 Samuel 29-31
5. 2 Samuel 1
6. 2 Samuel 2-3
7. 2 Samuel 4-5
8. 2 Samuel 6
9. 2 Samuel 7
10. Psalm 107
11. 2 Samuel 8

Daily Bible Reading Guide August

12. 2 Samuel 9
13. 2 Samuel 10
14. 2 Samuel 11-12
15. 2 Samuel 13
16. 2 Samuel 14
17. Psalm 108-110
18. 2 Samuel 15
19. 2 Samuel 16-17
20. 2 Samuel 18-19

21. 2 Samuel 20
22. 2 Samuel 21
23. 2 Samuel 22
24. Psalm 111-114
25. 2 Samuel 23
26. 2 Samuel 24
27. 1 Kings 1
28. 1 Kings 2
29. 1 Kings 3
30. 1 Kings
31. Psalm 115-118

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