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St. Paul Lutheran Church News & Víen



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### **August 2024**

#### **Readers for August:**

- August 4th - Sharon Naivar August 11th - Randall Pick August 18th - Terry Richter
- August 25th Chris Rohlack





# CHURCH FINANC

#### Church Financial Summary Thru July 21

Monthly Budget Monthly Contributions

\$23.778 \$14,066 Annual/Cumulative \$166.446 \$174,540

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

#### **Community Service**

St. Paul Lutheran Church CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER fants – Preschool – PreK 3 - PreK 4 Extend A Care - thru 5th Grade

In July St Paul served over 18 pizzas, 3 trays of watermelon. bunches of fruit snacks, and homemade cookies along with drinks to the participants at Thursdays "Basketball in the Park".

It was a great evening!

# 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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 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 Under the Sea puppets. Little bit of puppets and a whole lot of

Dancing with the sea friends. She is coming back in December.



Congratulations to Jana & James Wagner Jana is one of our treasured Pre-K 3 teachers. They were married on July 2.





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

67



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

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

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Dear St. Paul Lutheran Church Family,

As we return from summer vacations, August will see renewed activities. On Saturday, August 3, we will be assisting with food distribution at Shepherd's Heart from 7:30–10:00 AM. Steve and Elizabeth will be sending out email notices listing our Youth Group autumn opportunities. The trees surrounding the Child Development Center, Sanctuary and St. Paul House will be trimmed up. I will continue the N. T. Wright seminar on Ephesians as the Summer Sunday Adult Bible class.

Our Church Business Administrator, Jason Richter, has continued to update our website, along with adding some new digital offering opportunities. Check out the improvements at: <u>www.stpaultaylor.com</u>.

#### Make a donation; Thrivent will boost it!

Donate online to support disaster relief efforts; Thrivent will boost it! For every \$2 you donate through Thrivent's online giving platform to one of the organizations listed below, Thrivent will add \$1. Thrivent will also pay all the processing fees so 100% will go directly to the cause.

<u>Convoy of Hope</u> (https://thrivent.cotribute.co/events/989716/detail) <u>Mercy Chefs</u> (https://thrivent.cotribute.co/events/989717/detail)

#### Apply to lead a Thrivent Action Team

Jump into action and lead a <u>Thrivent Action Team</u> (https://www.thrivent.com/about-us/membership/ thrivent-action-teams) with your friends, family and co-workers. When you apply, input "Hurricane Beryl 2024" in the Promo code field to expedite the shipping of your Thrivent Action Team kit. Note: Apple or Google Pay users- choose the electronic credit card option on the application to receive the seed money within one business day of approval.

#### **Direct Choice Dollars®**

If you are an eligible Thrivent client, you may direct Choice Dollars to organizations helping with Disaster Response efforts by visiting https://www.thrivent.com/ and selecting "Log in" on the top right of the screen.

Shepherd's Heart has sent out a reminder regarding the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Bowls for Shepherd Heart on Saturday October 12 in Potter's alley. Artistic soup bowls will be available for purchase. Please mark your calendars for this popular event.

As we move into cooler autumn weather, Elaine and I are preparing some short trips for our Senior Outings. These will be announced in our Sunday bulletin.

My thanks to Daniel Janske for weekly preparing our church landscape for Sunday worship. He and Loren Dittmeyer have shared with the Church Council a need for a September/October Fall cleanup around the church as the summer heat dissipates. We will focus on some touch-up painting, clearing away old bushes, reviving our Prayer Garden with new plantings, and beautifying the area around the St. Paul House. A schedule of work activities will be listed in the Sunday bulletin. Keep your shovels, rakes and paint brushes handy!

With the various community back-to-school activities being held in early August, please uplift all our students and teachers in your daily prayers. I urge you to continue to pray for the protection of all political candidates as they campaign for our votes. **Remember to vote on Tuesday, November 5.** This will be a truly historic moment for our state and nation.

Thank you all for your prayers of support and words of encouragement as we continue together in our ministry to the Taylor community.

Blessings,

Pastor George



## **Recognize and Respond**

Back in 2019, leaders here in the Texas District took a leap of faith in creating Harvest Workers, our online ministry training program. The biblical inspiration came from Matthew 9 where we read about Jesus' daily ministry: he was teaching and preaching, healing, casting out demons, forgiving sins, and calling disciples. Day after day we read about this ongoing ministry among the ordinary people he encountered wherever he went. One of these days as he went about his work, he paused and surveyed the crowd. As he looked out upon the world that he was dwelling in, I believe he saw all of the problems: the hurt, pain, brokenness, issues, division, anger, addictions, and everything else. Jesus saw all of it!

And upon surveying the world and seeing the problems, Jesus wasn't depressed, angry, or hopeless. Nor did Jesus shame or blame people. Instead, Jesus was moved with compassion and speaks these words: "The harvest is abundant, but the workers are few. Therefore, pray to the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into his harvest."

I don't know about you, but when I pause to look around at the world, it is easy to see just how messed up so many things are. And the truth is that life is hard and full of complex problems. In the face of the magnitude of these problems, it would be easy to think that all we can do is pray. And certainly we should! But I believe God is calling us to also recognize and respond: to be sent out as Harvest Workers. The very next thing Jesus does after he said to pray to the Lord of the harvest to send out workers: He sends them out! The same people he just told to pray, his disciples, he sent out!

Are you a disciple of Jesus? Do you follow Jesus? Is Jesus your Lord and Savior? If so... then Jesus is calling you and me and every other follower of Jesus to not only pray for Harvest Workers... but also to BE Harvest Workers. So it is time to lace up your work boots, y'all! We have work to do... work that will never save us, but that we were saved for as Paul writes in Ephesians 2:8-10.

Day by day as we live our lives in this messy world may we be like Jesus and be moved with compassion and live out the Gospel and share Jesus' love. **#LoveWorks2024** 

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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#### We Remember in Prayer

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

#### **Our Members:**

Inez Sladek, Elaine Oser, Brunner Grau, John Harper, Kent Safarik, Pr. Michael Domenech.

Our Shut Ins: Dorothy Grimm, Grace Bulgerin, Lydia Dowling, Mary Miller, Lorene Prinz, Geraldine Steger, Joanne Rummel, Lomis Weber, Carol Lantzsch, Lisa Cox, Geraldine Cox, Carolyn Jacobson, Ella Kuhl.

#### Our family, friends, and loved ones:

Edward Morgan, Sandra Milner, Dora Brittian, Charlotte Vrana, Ryan Richey, Randell Duelm, Karter Selby, Alma Russell, Rachel Maloy, Tori Harris and baby, Andrea Carrizales, Melissa Balderas, Mary Perez, Iris Rangel and family, Kelly Clines Thompson, Rob Randig, Laurie Kirven, Gayla Lantzsch, Fred Bittner, Tommy Harrison, Rhonda Aikey, Walter Moldenhauer, Sandra Milburn

#### Assisted Living/Nursing Home:

<u>SPJST Assisted Living:</u> Geraldine Cox Grace Bulgerin Carol Lantzsch Lydia Dowling		<u>Taylor SPJST Nursing Home:</u> Geraldine Steger Mary Miller	<u>The Monarch:</u> Joanne Rummel Dorothy Grimm <u>Trinity Care Center (Round Rock):</u> Lorene Prinz	
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