

St. Paul Lutheran Church

News & Views



February 2026

Readers for February:

- Feb 1st - Sharon Naivar
- Feb 8th - Randall Pick
- Feb 15th - Terry Richter
- Ash Wed - Terry Richter
- Feb 22nd - Chris Rohlack

Scout Troop 167

Mission
Of The
Month



Church Financial Summary

	January	Annual/Cumulative
Monthly Budget	\$26,388	\$26,388
Monthly Contributions	\$19,078	\$19,078

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

Scouts on the move

We will celebrate Scouts on Scout on Sunday February 8th during our 10:00 AM.

The Scouts are our February Mission of the Month.

The Scout troop has cranked up the new year and are looking for a great 2026 as membership continues to grow.

Watch for more news throughout 2026 as they continue their efforts.

St. Paul Lutheran Child Development Center *February*



Hearts are everywhere, talk of God's love and we should love one another as ourselves is a constant. The kids show love is so many ways and bring love into our lives. We are truly blessed. We want to thank the members of our congregation that faithfully remember us through their monetary offerings. We consider the CDC a ministry for Christ and your offerings allow us the ability to extend help to our parents and children because of you. Our children also wanted to thank you for all the special snack items that they are receiving. We appreciate all of the blessings that come our way.

Class parties will be held on Friday, Feb. 13th. The Younger classes parties will be at 9 a.m. and the older will have theirs at 3:30 p.m.

The children will begin observing Lent in Chapel on Wednesday, the 18th.

CDC Garage Sale that we normally have in March will have to be later because of Lent and Easter. A notice will be in the bulletin when the date has been decided.

Let us remember – Love one another as He has loved us.
God bless all,

St. Paul CDC

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St. Paul Congregational Leaders

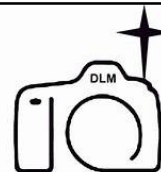
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Church Statistics for January

Sunday Worship
 Average Attendance
 35



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 Seniors traveled to the Dr. Pepper Museum on Monday, January 12, and had a wonderful time exploring the history of Dr. Pepper and the soft drink industry. We stopped for lunch and coffee at Sandra and Duane Stoll's Vintage Arts Coffeehouse and Bistro in Granger on our way home. In February the Seniors will travel to the Aggieland Safari in Bryan. Check out www.aggielandsafari.com for more information. Please contact Pastor George or Jason Richter at 512-352-2327 and tell us you wish to attend the Safari so we can purchase our tickets online for a discount.

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday Services on February 18 with services at 12:00 noon and 6:30 PM in the Sanctuary. Lenten Mid-week services will feature exploring Places of the Passion. We will discover new insights about the City of Jerusalem, Bethany, The Mount of Olives, Gethsemane, The Courtyard and Pilate's Judgment Hall. We will worship together at 1:00 PM in the St. Paul House Conference Room, 6:00 PM for Soup and Sandwiches in the Fellowship Hall with worship following at 6:30 PM. Please sign up in the Narthex to provide Soup and Sandwiches, and invite your friends to join us.

Due to inclement weather, our Annual Congregational Meeting has been postponed until Sunday, February 8, immediately following worship, which will also be the celebration of our Scouts on Scout Sunday at 10:00 AM. Please join us as we share the joys of Scouting, and plan for our future ministries.

Our Congregational Cruise to Cozumel was a great time for relaxation and wonderful food, along with interesting excursions. We look forward to next year's Congregational Cruise to the Caribbean. There are a variety of options available at: [Find 2 to 8 Night Cruises from Galveston | Search Cruises for 2026 & 2027](#)

Our projected calendar of food distribution at Shepherd's Heart is Saturday, March 21 – 7:30 – 10:30 AM and Saturday, August 29 – 7:30 – 10:30 AM.

As always, ministry at St. Paul comes with a variety of activities – from Sunday worship, to distributing food at Shepherd's Heart, to ringing bells with our Bell choir, to daily prayer and reading of Scripture, while sharing our faith in Jesus Christ as our Savior with those we meet in our daily lives. All these activities are like facets of a diamond glowing in the sunlight. We truly bring a sparkle to Taylor. Thanks for glowing with me! It is always my joy to serve our Lord Jesus with you.

Blessings,

Pastor George



One Spirit, One Team

The world is preparing to watch the 2026 Winter Olympics in Milan, Italy in just a few short weeks. Every four years, we are captivated by the extraordinary performances of elite athletes who have dedicated their lives to pursuing excellence in their respective sports. It is amazing and awe-inspiring to see them compete on the world stage, proudly representing their nations with skill and determination.


I love the Winter Games as they highlight sports you rarely get to see any other time. One of my favorite winter events is the 4-man bobsled. Four athletes climb into that sled, each with a specific role to play. The driver steers, the brakeman controls the finish, and the pushers provide explosive power at the start. To have a successful run, the team members each need to perform their task at peak performance and in perfect synchronization. The team members place absolute trust in one another as they set aside their individual pursuits for the team's shared goal. They train together, sacrifice together, and either succeed or fail together. When they cross the finish line in record time, it's not because one was great, it's because four athletes became one unified team.

This image of Olympic athletes striving together in pursuit of a common goal reminds me of Paul's words in Philippians 1:27-28a: "Just one thing: As citizens of heaven, live your life worthy of the gospel of Christ. Then, whether I come and see you or am absent, I will hear about you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind, working side by side for the faith that comes from the gospel, not being frightened in any way by your opponents."

Paul reminds all followers of Jesus of our calling to live out our faith together with the same kind of unity, commitment, and shared mission that we see demonstrated by world-class Olympians pursuing a team victory. As followers of Jesus gathered into local congregations, we are called to stand firm in one spirit and with one mind, working side by side for the mission of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. And like athletes on an Olympic team, we each have different roles and bring different gifts, abilities, and strengths to the body of Christ. But working together and setting aside our individual agendas for the sake of the Gospel mission, we share in the victory of God's kingdom among us. As we pray, may God's kingdom come and will be done, here on earth, as it is in heaven.

Friends, as you tune into the Winter Games, remember that God calls us to work together for Gospel mission. This is a key reason why the Lord gathers us into communities of faith. We are Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ. As we witness Olympic athletes inspire us with their dedication and teamwork, I pray that you and everyone in your church can remember God's call to set aside individual pursuits in order to work together in love and pursue the mission that Jesus has given your congregation! One Spirit...one team.

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
<p>1 Congregational Cruise 10:00am Worship with Holy Communion - Sanctuary 11:00am Sunday School 12:00pm Radio - KRXT 98.5 FM</p>	<p>2 8:00am Church Office - Open Congregational Cruise</p>	<p>3 8:00am Church Office - Open 9:30am LCMC Pr Cluster Mtg - Bertham 6:30pm Scouts - Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>4 8:00am Church Office - Open 8:30am Fokling Bulletins 1:30pm Prayer Time 2:00pm Pastor's Bible Study</p>	<p>5 8:00am Church Office - Open</p>	<p>6 Church Office Closed Pastor's Day Off</p>	<p>7 Pastor's Day Off</p>
<p>8 9:00am Handbell Choir Practice - Sanctuary 10:00am Worship - Sanctuary 11:00am Brunch, Sunday School, Confirmation and Adult Education 12:00pm Radio - KRXT 98.5 FM</p>	<p>9 8:00am Church Office - Open</p>	<p>10 8:00am Church Office - Open 6:30pm Scouts - Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>11 8:00am Church Office - Open 8:30am Fokling Bulletins 1:30pm Prayer Time 2:00pm Pastor's Bible Study</p>	<p>12 8:00am Church Office - Open</p>	<p>13 Church Office Closed Pastor's Day Off</p>	<p>14 Pastor's Day Off</p>
<p>15 10:00am Worship with Holy Communion - Sanctuary 11:00am Brunch, Sunday School, Confirmation and Adult Education 12:00pm Radio - KRXT 98.5 FM</p> 	<p>16 8:00am Church Office - Open</p>	<p>17 8:00am Church Office - Open 9:30am LCMC Pr Cluster Mtg - Walburg 6:30pm Council Meeting - St. Paul House 6:30pm Scouts - Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>18 8:00am Church Office - Open 8:30am Fokling Bulletins 11:30am Women of the Word - Sirloin Stockade 12:00pm Ash Wednesday Service - Sanctuary 1:30pm Prayer Time 2:00pm Pastor's Bible Study 6:30pm Ash Wednesday Service - Sanctuary</p>	<p>19 8:00am Church Office - Open</p>	<p>20 Church Office Closed Newsletter Articles Due Pastor's Day Off</p>	<p>21 Pastor's Day Off</p>
<p>22 9:00am Handbell Choir Practice - Sanctuary 10:00am Worship - Sanctuary 11:00am Brunch, Sunday School, Confirmation and Adult Education 12:00pm Radio - KRXT 98.5 FM</p>	<p>23 8:00am Church Office - Open</p>	<p>24 8:00am Church Office - Open 6:30pm Scouts - Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>25 8:00am Church Office - Open 8:30am Fokling Bulletins 1:00pm Lenten Service - St. Paul House Conference Room 1:30pm Prayer Time 2:00pm Pastor's Bible Study 6:00pm Soup/Sandwiches followed by Lenten Service at 6:30 - Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>26 8:00am Church Office - Open</p>	<p>27 Church Office Closed Pastor's Day Off</p>	<p>28 Pastor's Day Off</p>

We Remember in Prayer

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

Our Members:

Katy Safarik, Mark Lindell, 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.

Our family, friends, and loved ones:

Donald Aldridge, Karen Parker, Rick Mosley, Don Williams, Hazel Chasak, Bill Cody, Randel Duelm, Penny Dittman, Alan Debus, Robert Harty, 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

Trinity Care Round Rock:

David Kuempel

80th Birthdays & Above

None

FEBRUARY



25th Anniversary:
None

30th Anniversary :
None

40th Anniversary:

Michael & Deborah Peschel 2/1

50th Anniversaries & Above

Donald & Ann Janke 2/5 61 Yrs

Don & Marilyn Artieschoufsky 2/1 51 yrs

**Daily Bible Reading Guide
February**

The Daily Bible Reading guide has not yet been published by the Lutheran Bible Translators organization for 2026.

Once available we will continue to provide that daily guide to you. You may also watch for the release at www.lbt.org. Simply type 'daily bible reading guide' into the search bar to look for the 2026 guide.

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Things to Know for February

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING ON FEBRUARY 8th IMMEDIATELY AFTER SERVICE



February 18

6:30 – 7:30 in the Sanctuary



Our Lenten Midweek Worship Services schedule:

February 25 March 4, 11, 18, 25

1:00 pm - Lent Service - St. Paul House Conf Room

6:00 pm - Soup & Sandwiches - Fellowship Hall

6:30 pm - Lent Service - Fellowship Hall