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# St. Paul Lutheran Church

## News & Views

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### May 2025

#### Readers for May:

May 4th - Randall Pick  
May 11th - Terry Richter  
May 18th - Chris Rohlack  
May 25th - Katie Safarik



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Of The  
Month



CHURCH FINANCES

#### Church Financial Summary

|                       | April    | Annual/Cumulative |
|-----------------------|----------|-------------------|
| Monthly Budget        | \$26,044 | \$104,176         |
| Monthly Contributions | \$31,369 | \$104,321         |

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

On June 1, 2025, St. Paul Lutheran Church in Taylor, TX will be hosting an introductory session for Thrivent's Money Canvas Program.

Area churches have been invited and a luncheon will be hosted by St. Paul, the introductory session will be conducted by Michael Gates, Associate Representative with Thrivent. The full Money Canvas Program is comprised of 3 free financial coaching sessions that help you see where your money is going, build better financial habits, and get more from your money. Following the introductory session, individuals can sign up for the full program on their own and at their leisure, meeting one-on-one over video with a Thrivent coach to review their unique financial position.

Luncheon at 1 pm (hot dogs and hamburgers)  
Introductory Session at 2 pm

If you like to attend, please RSVP with planned number of attendees to [office@stpaultaylor.com](mailto:office@stpaultaylor.com) by May 18th.

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# St. Paul Lutheran Child Development Center



## St Paul CDC Newsletter

The Easter Bunny came to the CDC on Thursday, April 16<sup>th</sup> to bring hugs and eggs to all the kids and some parents needed hugs too!!



Mother's Day will be celebrated on Sunday, May 11<sup>th</sup>. We want to wish a HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY to all the mothers out there. Being a parent or one that parents a child is a very important job and we are so thankful for all that take that blessing seriously and love God's children.

All the school age students are celebrating May because it is the last month of school!!! The last day will be on Thursday, May 22. Let the summer begin.

Thank you to all that prayer for our little ministry and for all the treats you give us.

Have a blessed month,

The CDC

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## Church Statistics for May

Sunday Worship  
 Average Attendance  
 84

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**DEADLINE**

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



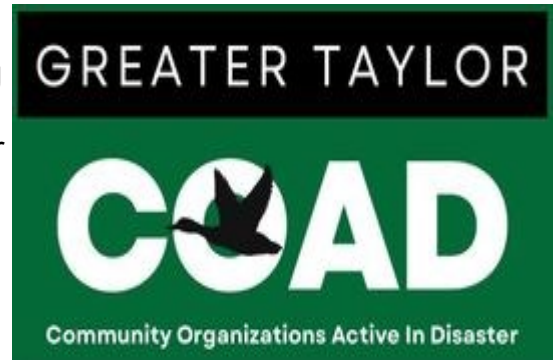
**St. Paul Church takes pictures  
 and videos which will be posted  
 on our social media, web pages  
 and printed material.**



Dear St. Paul Lutheran Church Family,

Thank you to all who made our Holy Week and Easter Sunday worship so inspiring and welcoming. It was wonderful to meet former members with a word of welcome and to see their expressions of happiness in being back at St. Paul. Special thanks to our organists and pianists - Debbie, Andrew, and Rhonda. Thanks also to Kenneth who ran our audio system, to all the church council who staffed the worship services and to our altar guild who provided all the window decorations and beautifully prepared altar.

As we look forward to May, our Youth Group will be meeting with Sunday activities, watch your emails for announcements. My Pastor's Bible study will be meeting again on Wednesdays at 2:00 PM in the St. Paul House Conference Room. You can visit me at the Taylor Fest on May 2. I will be at the Greater Taylor COAD (Greater Taylor Community Organizations Active in Disaster) booth from 10:00-Noon. You will be hearing more about our disaster preparedness group during the next several months. Our Mother's Day worship will held at 10:00 AM on May 11. I invite you to bring your family and friends for this celebration of love.



As I complete my online evangelism course through Institute of Lutheran Theology, I will be resuming my morning outreach visitations to new developments in Taylor. My thanks to Steve Morgan and Rita Kelm who distributed our outreach brochures and free popcorn at the Business EXPO on April 26. People new to our community learned about our ministries. Please remember the families of Jane Vorwerk and Elaine Oser as their families grieve the loss of their loved ones. Remember also in prayers our high school and college graduates as they begin their lives in the furthering their education or serving in military or joining the Texas workforce.

One of my personal joys is interacting with the Child Development Center. We are so blessed to have Rita Kelm and Patty Rieger serving as CDC administrators. Our CDC touches the lives of so many children and their families with the good news of Jesus. Your regular gifts to the CDC assist families in need and provide teaching materials and staff support.

As government grants are eliminated, I urge you to set aside regular gifts for Shepherd's Heart. Even small gifts help to purchase food and pay for operational expenses. As Shepherd's Heart expands its GED program offerings, the second story of the building needs to be renovated. You will be hearing more about volunteer opportunities during the summer.

As always, I rejoice as serving as your pastor. May the Holy Spirit continue to inspire you in your daily living to share the good news of Jesus' resurrection. We have new life and victory over death because of Easter Sunday. That's the story we need to keep telling our families and the Taylor community.

Blessings,

*Pastor George*



# Mission Moment

by Pastor Bryce Formwalt  
Director of Mission Growth



## Who's in Your Boat?

At the end of July, many of us will travel to Victoria, Texas for our Annual Gathering. This year's theme is "All in the Same Boat" and is based on Mark 4:35-41. In this story, Jesus' disciples were crossing the Sea of Galilee when a great windstorm arose and began swamping the boat. Fear struck the disciples, but Jesus was sleeping through it all. The disciples woke Jesus up: "Teacher! Don't you care that we are going to die?" Jesus then got up, rebuked the wind and calmed the sea. This story reminds us that we face tumultuous "storms" as we seek to navigate the journey of faith. This is true for individual followers of Jesus the same as it is for our congregations. And the storms that we face are scary, dangerous, and threaten to sink us. Over the next couple of months, we will unpack this story as we discover the hope that we find in Jesus through this timeless passage of scripture.

The first lesson for us to take note of is this: Who is in the boat? Were the disciples facing this perilous situation all by themselves? No. Jesus was in the boat with them the entire time!


One of our great temptations as we encounter difficulties in life is to believe that it all comes down to us... that we have got to "do something" about it! This is true whether facing an individual crisis or a congregation is facing a crisis that threatens the whole church. Either way, the temptation is to think that we need to find the strength and fortitude within ourselves to overcome the challenge all on our own. We often hope that it will simply all work out if we try our best and do what we can. And when we recognize that the threat exceeds our abilities to overcome it, we all too often live with the fear, worry and anxiety of the impending doom over which we have no control.

In other words, we forget that Jesus is in our boat! We overlook the fact that the one who does have the power and control is right there beside us and is in the storm with us. We are not alone, nor are we left to our own devices to weather the storms of life.

If you are facing a personal challenge that has got you overwhelmed or afraid or if your church is facing storms that threaten the congregation and its future, remember that you are not alone. First, we are all in the same boat! We share the journey of faith together. We are knit together as the Body of Christ to come alongside and encourage one another as we face similar storms in our lives. But most importantly, we remember that Jesus is with us, too. And that makes all the difference in the midst of the storm!

Our Annual Gathering is July 25-26 in Victoria, Texas. Register online:  
[www.lcmctexas.org/annual-gathering](http://www.lcmctexas.org/annual-gathering)

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](http://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](mailto:bryce@lcmctexas.org).

| Sunday |  | Monday |   | Tuesday |   | Wednesday |  | Thursday |  | Friday |                      | Saturday |                  |
|--------|--|--------|---|---------|---|-----------|--|----------|--|--------|----------------------|----------|------------------|
| 27     | 9:00am Handbell Choir Practice - Sanctuary<br>10:00am Worship - Sanctuary<br>11:00am Brunch, Sunday School and Adult Education<br>12:00pm Radio - KRXT 98.5 FM | 28     | Church Office Closed<br>Pastor - Vacation                 | 29      | 8:00am Church Office - Open<br>Pastor - Vacation<br>6:30pm Scouts - Fellowship Hall   | 30        | 8:00am Church Office - Open<br>9:30am Folding Bulletins<br>1:30pm Prayer Time<br>2:00pm Pastor's Bible Study | 1        | 8:00am Church Office - Open<br>9:30am LCMC Pr Cluster Mtg  | 2      | Church Office Closed | 3        | Pastor's Day Off |
| 4      | 10:00am Worship with Holy Communion - Sanctuary<br>11:00am Brunch, Sunday School and Adult Education<br>12:00pm Radio - KRXT 98.5 FM                           | 5      | 8:00am Church Office - Open<br>10:30am Communion at SPJST | 6       | 8:00am Church Office - Open<br>9:30am LCMC Pr Cluster Mtg<br>6:30pm Scouts - Fellowship Hall  | 7         | 8:00am Church Office - Open<br>9:30am Folding Bulletins<br>1:30pm Prayer Time<br>2:00pm Pastor's Bible Study | 8        | 8:00am Church Office - Open  | 9      | Church Office Closed | 10       | Pastor's Day Off |
| 11     | <br>10:00am Worship - Sanctuary<br>12:00pm Radio - KRXT 98.5 FM             | 12     | 8:00am Church Office - Open                               | 13      | 8:00am Church Office - Open<br>6:30pm Scouts - Fellowship Hall  | 14        | Church Office Closed<br>9:30am Folding Bulletins<br>1:30pm Prayer Time<br>2:00pm Pastor's Bible Study        | 15       | Church Office Closed<br>9:30am LCMC Pr Cluster Mtg<br>11:30am Women of the Word - Sirlain Stockade | 16     | Church Office Closed | 17       | Pastor's Day Off |
| 18     | 10:00am Worship with Holy Communion - Sanctuary<br>11:00am Brunch, Sunday School and Adult Education<br>12:00pm Radio - KRXT 98.5 FM                           | 19     | Church Office Closed                                      | 20      | Church Office Closed<br>Newsletter Articles Due<br>9:30am LCMC Pr Cluster Mtg in Taylor<br>6:30pm Council Meeting - St. Paul House<br>6:30pm Scouts - Fellowship Hall | 21        | Church Office Closed<br>9:30am Folding Bulletins<br>1:30pm Prayer Time<br>2:00pm Pastor's Bible Study        | 22       | Church Office Closed   | 23     | Church Office Closed | 24       | Pastor's Day Off |
| 25     | 10:00am Worship - Sanctuary<br>11:00am Brunch, Sunday School and Adult Education<br>12:00pm Radio - KRXT 98.5 FM   | 26     | 8:00am Church Office - Open                               | 27      | 8:00am Church Office - Open<br>6:30pm Scouts - Fellowship Hall  | 28        | 8:00am Church Office - Open<br>9:30am Folding Bulletins<br>1:30pm Prayer Time<br>2:00pm Pastor's Bible Study | 29       | 8:00am Church Office - Open  | 30     | Church Office Closed | 31       | 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:

Kent Safarik.

### Our Shut Ins:

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

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

Randel Duelm, Fred Bittner, Wayne Schroeder, Rachel Elson, Richard Jansky, Felicia Garcia, Penny Dittman, Alan Debus, Robert Harty, Mackenzie Brewer, Loretta Simank, Authur Moreno, Jack Dismukes, Calvin and Rosalie Jechow, Edward Morgan, Sandra Milner, Dora Brittian, Ryan Richey, Alma Russell, Tori Harris and baby, Mary Perez, Iris Rangel and family, Melissa Balderas, 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

|                  |         |        |
|------------------|---------|--------|
| Janet Brinkmeyer | 5/20/29 | 96 Yrs |
| Shirley Evans    | 5/31/35 | 90 Yrs |
| Albert Hesemeyer | 5/3/36  | 89 Yrs |
| Dennis Richter   | 5/15/38 | 87 Yrs |
| Jeanie Schneider | 5/20/38 | 87 Yrs |
| Wandeen Sakewitz | 5/22/39 | 86 Yrs |

25th Anniversary:

None

30th Anniversary :

None

40th Anniversary:

None

50th Anniversaries & Above

None

1. Psalm 62-65
2. Exodus 27
3. Exodus 28
4. Psalm 66-68
5. Exodus 29
6. Exodus 30
7. Exodus 31
8. Exodus 32
9. Exodus 33
10. Exodus 34
11. Psalm 69-70

### Daily Bible Reading Guide May

12. Exodus 35
13. Exodus 36
14. Exodus 37
15. Exodus 38
16. Exodus 39
17. Exodus 40
18. Psalm 71-72
19. Judges 1-2
20. Judges 3

21. Judges 4-5
22. Judges 6-8
23. Judges 9
24. Judges 10-12
25. Psalm 73-75
26. Acts 1
27. Judges 13-14
28. Judges 15-16
29. Judges 17-18
30. Judges 19
31. Judges 20

# News & Views

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Above and Beyond!!

Many thanks to Kenneth Kruse and Kruse Electric for literally going 'Above and Beyond' to fix our safety light in the parking lot.



2025 LCMC TEXAS DISTRICT **ANNUAL GATHERING** & YOUTH GATHERING

*All in the*  
**Same Boat**

*Save the Date!*



**July 25-26**  
**Victoria, Texas**

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