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News &
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September

Readers for September:

Sept 6th - Terry Richter
Sept 13th - Chris Rohlack
Sept 20th - Katy Safarik
Sept 27th - Paula Safarik

Lutheran Social
Mission
Of The
Services



Church Financial Summary



	Thru 8/23	Annual/Cumulative
Monthly Budget	\$26,388	\$211,104
Monthly Contributions	\$14,927	\$184,533

Organist Needed



We are looking for an organist to play during our 2nd and 4th service each month.
If interested, please contact Debbie Matthys at
(512)771-3914 · dkmatthys@gmail.com



26th Annual National Gathering
& Convention

October 4-7, 2026 ---
Lutheran Church of Hope
(West Des Moines, IA)

Registration info:
www.lcmc.net/annual-gathering

St. Paul Lutheran Child Development Center



September CDC News

Summer has officially come to an end and we are all settled back into full school mode.

The summer was full of a lot of activities. The end of the year party for the oldest group was held at Gatti's. What is more fun than eating and playing games? We thank all that gave us donations to help with the summer fun.

The CDC also went through a Texas Rising Star Reassessment, Texas Health and Human Service annual inspection, two different FP Assistance (food program) inspection and a sanitation inspection from Williamson Co. all in a few weeks. All of which we aced with flying colors. The one that we are the proudest of is our Texas Rising Star reassessment. There were two inspectors here for two days spending time in every classroom after going over all of the paperwork in the office. Have to brag a little so please excuse us but the assessor that came out to assess us for our Texas Rising Star rating told our mentor that if she had a child, she would want that child to come to St Paul CDC. We were the only daycare in Taylor that got a 4 on teacher-child interactions. Even without our teachers having higher education we were within a few points of receiving a 4-star status. Our mentor was ecstatic because how good our teachers did. We are so proud of the loving, nurturing and amazing women that God has sent our way to take care of Taylor's smallest citizens.

Lots of "fixing" up going on in the CDC wing of the Fellowship Hall. Painting and sprucing up has begun. Since we will no longer have a Pre K 4 class, we have moved the three-year-old class back over to the annex. All that will be in the Fellowship wing will be the Pre K – 5th grade afterschool children.

Workforce Capital Area and Workforce Rural Capital (which is our region) held a two-day Symposium at Kalahari in Round Rock. Friday's classes focused only on Business and support classes for Rita & Patty. Saturday was packed with amazing classes for all the teachers and support staff. This was an excellent opportunity for us to get the extended education that is not only required by the State but is so helpful in working with the children. Most people do not realize how many hours of extended education our teachers are required by the state to take to stay employed. The teachers are required to have 30 hours and Office personnel must have 36 hours. Proud to say that the majority of the staff at the CDC exceed this amount every year. We are proud to do our part to make a difference in a child's life.

Plans are being made for the fall Garage Sale and we will let everyone know the dates as soon as we have them.

The CDC will be closed on Monday, September 7th for Labor Day but back on the 8th for more CDC fun.

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

The CDC

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Church Statistics for August

Sunday Worship

Average Attendance

57

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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,

It is wonderful to see our young people back in church worship now that school has started. I hope you all had wonderful vacations. Our First Communion and Acolyte instruction will be held on September 20 for Rylen Burrow and Garryn Chandler. My thanks to all who helped with Acolyte duties this summer: Maddie Wilson, Jacob and Ben Gregory, Sunny Paulsen, Tayton Chandler, and Conley Paulsen, with special thanks to Ben Gregory for serving as our hymn player on non-communion Sundays.

We had a wonderful celebration of Glynda Vanecek's retirement on August 30. My thanks to Steve Morgan for helping me with the Business EXPO at the EXPO center on Saturday August 22. We distributed our outreach brochures and told people about St. Paul as they enjoyed our popcorn. Confirmation will begin on September 13 with Confirmands Conley Paulsen and Tayton Chandler. This will be my final Confirmation class before retirement. Confirmation is planned for Pentecost Sunday, May 16, 2027. Please pray for our Confirmands as they begin their studies of Luther's Small Catechism.

I offered prayer at the August Chamber Luncheon with Judge Steven Snell as the guest speaker. He spoke about the future of Williamson County with a focus on roads, water and electricity. Here is the link to his presentation. Judge Steve Snell - Taylor Chamber of Commerce Presentation - August Luncheon.pdf

I will be starting my Pastor's Bible Study in October 14 following my return from the LCMC National Gathering. During September, I will focus on distributing our outreach brochures in the new Taylor housing developments. The Castlewood 1 development has been completed. Steve and Elizabeth Morgan will be offering fresh Youth Group activities during September. Watch for emails and bulletin announcements. Our Senior Outings will begin when the weather cools off – probably in October.

Please continue to pray for the Stiles family.

I always enjoy telling the St. Paul Lutheran Church story and the Gospel of Jesus to new people I meet. As we begin our 11th year together in ministry at St. Paul, Elaine and I are honored to serve the Lord Jesus in your name.

Blessings,

Pastor George



Mission Moment

by Pastor Bryce Formwalt
Director of Mission Growth



To the Ends of the Earth

Recently I spent three days in meetings with LCMC leaders from across our association. While we discussed many important topics, one stood out from the rest. Service Coordinator Julie Smith and Mike Wind, from our Global Mission Fellowship, put forth this question: What does it really mean for LCMC to become a truly global church?

For most of our history, we have been a largely North American association that included a minority membership of congregations on other continents. We currently have 1049 total congregations with 876 here in North America. Over the past year, global interest in our association has sky-rocketed! For example, Lutheran leaders of more than 1,500 congregations across the African countries of Liberia, Congo, and Nepal have expressed interest in joining our LCMC family. This is a thrilling development, but not without its challenges. In 2001, the 25 charter congregations of LCMC dared to dream of a global church body. Now, 25 years and over 1000 congregations later, we are on the verge of living into that reality in a whole new way!

I appreciated how Mike and Julie named the tension before us: We are now asking questions we have never had to ask ourselves before. But LCMC does not have to become a different association in order to welcome an influx of international congregations because we were designed for that in the beginning and our DNA is strong: We are Free in Christ, Accountable to One Another, Rooted in the Scriptures and the Lutheran Confessions, and Working Together to Fulfill Christ's Great Commission. These core values guide how we operate as an association. The challenge before us is to discern which parts of how we operate are essential to the Gospel and which are culturally American. Mike reminded us that our LCMC DNA may get lived out and look different in Uruguay or Myanmar than it does in Texas. I agree with Mike's assessment and therefore do not view these potential new congregations as a threat to who we are, but instead as a gift because of the Gospel taking root in new soil.

And this development is the fruit of faithful mission that began long ago and continues to this day. From Jesus' ascension, He commissioned his disciples to make disciples of all nations (Matthew 28:19) and declared that we would be His witnesses to the ends of the earth (Acts 1:8). For generations, Lutheran missionaries have traveled the world over and proclaimed the Gospel to new people where it has taken root and flourished in ways we can be jealous of. And these recent developments are a gift to our association: we have brothers and sisters the world over that have found us and are interested in joining us in our shared mission!

So how do we LCMC Lutherans in Texas prepare to receive our brothers and sisters abroad? First, we pray for those facing persecution, especially in India, Nepal, and Myanmar. In addition, I would encourage individuals and congregations to build relationships and consider adopting a sister LCMC congregation in a foreign land. And finally, we need to begin opening ourselves to how Lutherans around the world live out our LCMC DNA in a diversity of contexts. A day may soon come when we have far more congregations outside of North America than within. And thanks be to God for the gift of these global congregations.

I'd like to leave you with a final thought from our friend Mike Wind: "Every healthy church should become a blessing beyond itself." Our Texas District mission is to multiply disciples and churches. May we embrace this calling with renewed boldness, encouraged by our international brothers and sisters in Christ.

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
30 10:00am Worship - Sanctuary 11:00am Retirement Brunch for Glynda Varacek 12:00pm Radio - KRXT 98.5 FM	31 8:00am Church Office - Open	1 8:00am Church Office - Open 9:30am LCMC Pr Cluster Mtg - Prince of Peace 6:30pm Cub Scouts 167 - Fellowship Hall	2 8:00am Church Office - Open 8:30am Folding Bulletins 1:30pm Prayer Time	3 8:00am Church Office - Open 9:30am Ruth Circle Meeting	4 Church Office Closed Pastor's Day Off	5 Pastor's Day Off
6 10:00am Worship with Holy Communion - Sanctuary 12:00pm Radio - KRXT 98.5 FM	7 8:00am Church Office - Closed for Labor Day 	8 8:00am Church Office - Open 6:30pm Cub Scouts 167 - Fellowship Hall	9 8:00am Church Office - Open 8:30am Folding Bulletins 1:30pm Prayer Time	10 8:00am Church Office - Open	11 Church Office Closed Pastor's Day Off	12 Pastor's Day Off
13 10:00am Worship - Sanctuary 11:00am Brunch, Sunday School, Confirmation and Adult Education 12:00pm Radio - KRXT 98.5 FM	14 8:00am Church Office - Open	15 8:00am Church Office - Open 9:30am LCMC Pr Cluster Mtg - Giddings 6:30pm Council Meeting - St. Paul House 6:30pm Cub Scouts 167 - Fellowship Hall	16 8:00am Church Office - Open 8:30am Folding Bulletins 11:30am Ruth Circle Birthday Lunch - Siftloin Stockade 1:30pm Prayer Time	17 Church Office - Closed	18 Church Office Closed Pastor's Day Off	19 Pastor's Day Off
20 Newsletter Articles Due 	21 Church Office - Closed Pastor-Out Today	22 Church Office - Closed Pastor-Out Today 6:30pm Cub Scouts 167 - Fellowship Hall	23 Church Office - Closed Pastor-Out Today 8:30am Folding Bulletins 1:30pm Prayer Time	24 Church Office - Closed Pastor-Out Today	25 Church Office Closed Pastor's Day Off	26 Pastor's Day Off
27 10:00am Worship - Sanctuary (112th Church Anniversary) 11:00am Brunch, Sunday School, Confirmation and Adult Education 12:00pm Radio - KRXT 98.5 FM	28 8:00am Church Office - Open	29 8:00am Church Office - Open 6:30pm Cub Scouts 167 - Fellowship Hall	30 8:00am Church Office - Open 8:30am Folding Bulletins 1:30pm Prayer Time	1 8:00am Church Office - Open 9:30am Ruth Circle Meeting	2 Church Office Closed Pastor's Day Off	3 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:

Loren Dittmeyer, Diane, Katy Safarik, 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:

Joe Gamez, Dave Martinka, Andrea Carrizales, Janie Luna, Tim Vanecek, Richard, Glynda Vanecek, Naomi Ochoa, Rick Mosley, Don Williams, Bill Cody, Randel Duelm, Penny Dittman, 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:

SPJST Assisted Living:

Wandeen Sakewitz
Shirley Evans

Taylor SPJST Nursing Home:

Geraldine Steger
Mary Miller
Carol Lantzsch
Gloria Mae Bartosh
David Kuempel

Falcon Ridge:

Glenn Minzenmeyer

80th Birthdays & Above Lydia Burow 9/16/25 101Yrs Carol Lantzsch 9/17/38 88 Yrs Sue Seggern 9/03/42 84 Yrs Rose Lee Heselmeyer 9/25/42 84 Yrs		25th Anniversary: None 30th Anniversary : None 40th Anniversary: Michael and Margaret Miller 9/16 40 Yrs 50th Anniversaries & Above None
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Over time, folks have moved away from landlines, changed cell phone numbers or moved. Please help us to stay in touch with you and your family.

To update our records, please complete the below information and place in the offering plate, return it to the church office at 401 W. 7th St Taylor TX 76574 or email the information to office@stpaultaylor.com

Name: _____

Address: _____

Preferred contact number: _____

Preferred email address: _____

News & Views

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This summer, the Scouts participated in the Raingutter Regatta, a racing event for Cub Scouts in the Boy Scouts of America that is the sailboat equivalent of the pinewood derby.

Sailboats are made from balsa wood hull with a mast, sail, rudder, and keel. The boats are raced in a ten feet Regatta raceway filled to the top with water. The boats are propelled by blowing on the sail, the boat cannot be touched with hands or the straw. The first boat to reach the end of the gutter is the winner.

Loads of fun were had!!!

Building Boats



Ready to race!



....and they are off!



We have a winner!!

