

St. Paul Lutheran Church

News & Views



March 2025

Readers for March:

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| Mar 2nd | - | Sharon Naivar |
| Ash Wed. Mar 5th | - | Sharon Naivar |
| Mar 9th | - | Randall Pick |
| Mar 16th | - | Terry Richter |
| Mar 23rd | - | Chris Rohlack |
| Mar 30th | - | Katie Safarik |

Mission
Of The
Month



Church Financial Summary

| | February | Annual/Cumulative |
|-----------------------|----------|-------------------|
| Monthly Budget | \$26,043 | \$52,086 |
| Monthly Contributions | \$28,227 | \$46,100 |

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



Looking for Volunteers

St. Paul will be serving at Shepherds Heart Food Pantry on Saturday, March 15th from 7:30 am to 10:30 am. Anyone who can help would be greatly appreciated. If anyone needs community service this is a great opportunity. The address is 121 East 2nd Street, but please enter from Porter Street.

For any questions please contact Don Artieschoufsky (512-923-0220)



March 5 - Ash Wednesday

Services conducted in the Sanctuary @ 6:30 pm

March 12, 19 & 26, 2025

- 1:00 pm - Lent Service - St. Paul House Conf Room
- 6:00 pm - Soup & Sandwiches - Fellowship Hall
- 6:30 pm - Lent Service - Fellowship Hall

Sign up sheet for Soup & Sandwiches is in the Narthex. Please indicate when and what you would like to bring.

St. Paul Lutheran Child Development Center



CDC NEWSLETTER

Annual CDC Garage Sale will be held on Feb. 28 & March 1st. Once again there are so many items to choose from. Hope that everyone can come out and find their treasure.

Spring Break will be March 10 – 14 for Taylor ISD so we have some fun activities planned for the school age children to help give them something to do on their school break. Movies on Tuesday and Mt. Playmore on Thursday. Monday, Wednesday and Friday will be for crafts, games and challenges here at the daycare.

Renovations on the CDC boys and girls bathrooms in the Fellowship Hall should be starting soon. We are having the stalls in the boys bathroom replaced, new tile for the floor, vinyl put up behind the commodes & urinals and new countertop. The girls bathroom will get new floor tile and new countertop.

Hopefully as March settles in we will have warm weather so the children can return to outside play and activities. They are tired of being inside.

Thank you to all that helped with garage sale and for all the donations we receive from the congregation.

We appreciate everything that you do for us.

Have a blessed month,

The CDC

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Church Statistics for January

Sunday Worship
 Average Attendance
 68

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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,

As I write this note, the temperature is 23 degrees with wind making it even colder. But I have good news – Spring is coming (March 20) and with it comes our Lenten services beginning with Ash Wednesday Services on March 5 at 12:00 Noon and 6:30 PM in the Sanctuary. Our midweek Lenten services will be held at 1:00 PM in the St. Paul House Conference Room and 6:30 PM in Fellowship Hall, with a Soup and Sandwich supper at 6:00 PM. There will be a soup and sandwich sign up sheet in the Narthex. My presentation this year is *Thus It Is Written*. In this series Mark, Luke and John tell us why they wrote about the Lord's Passion the way they did. I will be exploring themes and background information you may have wondered about in the differing viewpoints of the Gospel writers. Invite your friends to join us for our Lenten worship and presentations.

Thank you to all for your participation in our Congregational Meeting as we looked to future and touched up our church constitution.

Elaine and I deeply appreciate your prayers and support during these past weeks as she heals from her fractured left shoulder. As Elaine continues her recovery, feel free to give her a call at 512-352-0023. I appreciate the Church Council allowing me to adapt my work schedule to permit me to take her to medical appointments, and to keep checking on her during the day, along with doing administrative work from home. We were informed that Elaine will begin her physical therapy at the BS&W hospital in Taylor in a few more weeks.

As the weather moderates, I will be returning to my outreach visitation. Please keep Brunner Grau in your prayers as he finishes his rehabilitation in Round Rock, and Lydia Burows as she continues her recovery at home. May we always treasure our memories of Ella Kuhl. My thanks to Bo Stiles as he continues his Sunday morning Bible teaching, our Sunday School teachers for their presentations, along with the weekly outstanding Brunch provided by our Sunday morning volunteers. Many thanks to our musicians, acolytes, and worship and communion assistants for their work which make our Sunday worship such a joy.

I continue to learn new ideas in the online Evangelism course I am taking from the Institute of Lutheran Theology. Following our Easter celebration, I will be sharing these insights with you.

So, my friends, in the midst of cold weather, think Spring and be filled with assured hope for the future. Our Lord Jesus guides each of us. May we continue to discover his daily living presence with us as we read our Scriptures and reflection on our daily devotions.

Blessings,

Pastor George



In the Potter's Hands

This past month I had the privilege of hosting our fifth Harvest Workers Retreat. Ranging in age from 20-something to 70-something, a total of 24 ministry students, faculty, staff, and spouses came together from across Texas and around the country for three days of rest, instruction, worship, prayer, fellowship, and encouragement. While each retreat has been a delight in its own way, this year's retreat was extra special for me personally. I came away from this retreat overwhelmed with gratitude to God for the immense blessing it was—not only for me, but for so many of our students as well.

As I reflected on this fantastic weekend, I wondered what made this retreat so special. What was it that caused my heart to rejoice and feel so full of joy and thanksgiving? As I reflected, the lyrics of the song “Change My Heart, O God” by Eddie Espinosa flooded my mind: *Change my heart, O God; Make it ever true; Change my heart, O God; May I be like you; You are the potter; I am the clay; Mold me and make me; This is what I pray; Change my heart, O God; Make it ever true; Change my heart, O God; May I be like you.*

This beautiful song of repentance is born out of the words of Isaiah 64:8, *Yet Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we all are the work of your hands.* In this verse, we are reminded of the truth about our formation: that God desires to continue to mold, shape, and refine us throughout our lives. As long as we have breath in our lungs, God is not done with us!

What made this year's retreat remarkable was how the participants seemed to be so incredibly humble, moldable, malleable, and teachable. God prepared the hearts and minds of those who gathered in his Spirit to receive all that he intended to give. It reminded me of the importance of our posture before the Lord: What kind of clay are we? Are we dry, hardened, and set in our ways? Or are we moist, malleable, and eager to be shaped in the hands of the master potter?

So, I give thanks to God anew for the blessings of Harvest Workers students across our association of churches: women and men of every age and stage who are eager to learn and grow, to continue to be molded and shaped by our Lord in order to serve him in different and new ways as he leads and calls. And through these students, the Lord reminds me personally that he also continues to call me (and you, too) to learn, grow, and be formed by him.

This year as we enter the season of Lent, I pray that each of us can offer ourselves in a spirit of humility before our Lord. I invite you to adopt the prayer of the song “Change My Heart, O God”, repenting with an eagerness to be formed in the Potter's hands.

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 | |
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| 23 | 9:00am Handbell Choir Practice - Sanctuary 10:00am Worship - Sanctuary (Annual Congregational Meeting following service) 11:00am Brunch, Sunday School and Adult Education 12:00pm Radio - KRXT 98.5 FM | 24 | 8:00am Church Office - Open CDC Garage Sale Set-up (All Day) - Fellowship Hall | 25 | 8:00am Church Office - Open CDC Garage Sale Set-up (All Day) - Fellowship Hall 6:30pm Scouts - Fellowship Hall | 26 | 8:00am Church Office - Open CDC Garage Sale Set-up (All Day) - Fellowship Hall 9:30am Folding Bulletins 1:30pm Prayer Time 2:00pm Pastor's Bible Study | 27 | 8:00am Church Office - Open CDC Garage Sale Set-up (All Day) - Fellowship Hall | 28 | Church Office Closed CDC Garage Sale - Fellowship Hall | 1 | CDC Garage Sale - Fellowship Hall Pastor's Day Off Sanctuary Use - St. James Episcopal Church for Deacon Ordination Time TBD |
| 2 | 10:00am Worship with Holy Communion - Sanctuary 11:00am Brunch, Sunday School and Adult Education 12:00pm Radio - KRXT 98.5 FM | 3 | 8:00am Church Office - Open 10:30am Communion at SPJST | 4 | 8:00am Church Office - Open 9:30am LCMC Pr Cluster Mtg 6:30pm Scouts - Fellowship Hall | 5 | 8:00am Church Office - Open 9:30am Folding Bulletins 12:00pm Lenten Service - Sanctuary 6:30pm Lenten Service - Sanctuary | 6 | 8:00am Church Office - Open | 7 | Church Office Closed | 8 | Pastor's Day Off |
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| 16 | 10:00am Worship with Holy Communion - Sanctuary 11:00am Brunch, Sunday School and Adult Education 12:00pm Radio - KRXT 98.5 FM | 17 | 8:00am Church Office - Open | 18 | 8:00am Church Office - Open 9:30am LCMC Pr Cluster Mtg 6:30pm Council Meeting - St. Paul House 6:30pm Scouts - Fellowship Hall | 19 | 8:00am Church Office - Open 9:30am Folding Bulletins 1:00pm Lenten Service 1:30pm Prayer Time 6:00pm Soup/Sandwiches followed by Lenten Service at 6:30 - Fellowship Hall | 20 | 8:00am Church Office - Open Newsletter Articles Due 11:30am Women of the Word - Sirloin Stockade | 21 | Church Office Closed | 22 | 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:

Jane Vorwerk, Inez Sladek, Elaine Oser, Brunner Grau, John Harper, Kent Safarik.

Our Shut Ins:

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:

Joan Wilson, Jackie Matthys Thomas, Felicia Garcia, Penny Dittman, Ben McCuk, Chad Cox, 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, Andrea Carrizales, 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

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| Gloria Bartosh | 3/25/29 | 96 Yrs |
| Kenneth George | 3/14/38 | 87 Yrs |
| Lonnie Raschke | 3/27/40 | 85 Yrs |

MARCH



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

25th Anniversary:

None

30th Anniversary :

None

40th Anniversary:

None

50th Anniversaries & Above

None

1 - Genesis 48
2 - Psalm 34-36
3 - Genesis 49
4 - Genesis 50
5 - Colossians 1
6 - John 1
7 - John 2
8 - John 3
9 - Psalm 37-38
10 - John 4
11 - John 5

Daily Bible Reading Guide March

12 - Colossians 2
13 - John 6
14 - John 7
15 - John 8
16 - Psalm 39-41
17 - John 9
18 - John 10
19 - Colossians 3
20 - John 11

21 - John 12
22 - John 13
23 - Psalm 42-44
24 - John 14
25 - John 15
26 - Colossians 4
27 - John 16
28 - John 17
29 - John 18
30 - Psalm 45-47
31 - I John 4

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Scouts Pinewood Derby Action



Pinewood Derby Winner



Dates to Remember for April - Plan Ahead

PALM  SUNDAY

Sunday April 13, 2025


MAUNDY
Thursday

Thursday April 17, 2025

 **Good Friday**

Friday April 18, 2025

 **Easter**
SUNDAY
He is Risen

Sunday April 20, 2025