

St. Paul Lutheran Church

News & Views



March 2026

Readers for March:

- Mar 1st - Paula Safarik
- Mar 8th - Debbie Matthys
- Mar 15th - George Matthys
- Mar 22nd - Steve Morgan
- Mar 29th - Kathy Paulsen

Mission
Of The
Month



Church Financial Summary

	February	Annual/Cumulative
Monthly Budget	\$26,388	\$52,776
Monthly Contributions	\$32,004	\$51,428

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 21st 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 4, 11, 18 & 25, 2026

- 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



March 8th the time will be changing.....so be ready to spring forward. March 8th is also Scout Sunday at St. Paul Lutheran Church.

Spring Break will be March 16 - 20 for Taylor ISD which is always a fun time with the school age children because we have full days to do fun activities.

St Patrick's Day will be on March 17 so we will be celebrating everything green on that day.

March 18th is pizza party. March 20 the kids will be walking to the Library to see the Truck Petting Zoo.

We will continue preparing for Easter thru daily class lessons and Chapel every Wednesday.

The annual garage sale has been postponed till later in the spring because of the way Lent and Easter fell.

The three's are having fun with their sensory bins and then a little bit of t-ball while the weather is good.



Have a blessed month,
The CDC

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St. Paul Congregational Leaders

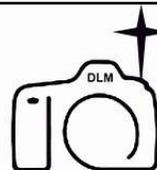
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Church Statistics for January

Sunday Worship
Average Attendance
65



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,

During 2026 Lenten Season, we will be exploring the Places of the Passion as we make our pilgrimage to the cross and the empty tomb. Our travels to Bethany, the Mount of Olives, Gethsemane, the Courtyard of the High Priest and Pilate's Judgment Hall will give us opportunities to explore these places together through art, historical reflections and various contemporary images. We will explore the meaning behind each of these places for the Passion of Jesus. I was most pleased with the many individuals who joined us for Ash Wednesday Holy Communion services. It was truly a time for reflection on who we are as God's people.

We rejoice with Debbie and Michael Peschel at the recent renewal of their wedding vows. It is always my joy to celebrate anniversaries of lives committed to serving and worshipping our Lord Jesus.

Our Annual Meeting celebrated the accomplishments of 2025 and looked forward to preparing for continuing ministry to Taylor in 2026. We discussed increasing the amount of money the Church Council can use in case of an emergency. Several suggestions have been received and will be discussed at the March Church Council meeting.

Please join us for the celebration of Troop 167 as we celebrate Scout Sunday on March 8. Our troop has been revived, and we are growing with new Cub Scouts. The annual Pinewood Derby is coming up during March. All are invited to attend and watch our Scouts in action. Watch the Sunday bulletins for the Pinewood Derby announcement in March. Our troop will celebrate its 100th anniversary in early 2028. I look forward to celebrating this ministry milestone with you as I move into retirement.

We all had a great time on our Congregational Cruise with Royal Caribbean. Unfortunately, Elaine and I picked up Influenza A on our last day of the cruise, so we were both real tired and sick as we disembarked in Galveston. The cruise had wonderful food, great Broadway style shows and ice skating. Watch for further information regarding our next Congregational Cruise.

I was happy to bring the invocation for the Annual Chamber of Commerce Banquet and Rotary Citizen of the Year presentation. As we celebrate the 150th Anniversary of the founding of the City of Taylor, we have a great opportunity to reflect on what the Lord has done in our community and the new possibilities before us.

As we move together through Lent, may we focus on how we can each share the great good news of Jesus' death and resurrection. Help us to pray with those in need and listen to those facing issues in their lives. May we continue to help those struggling with daily life issues through our help and participation in Shepherd's Heart ministries.

Blessings to you all as we continue to serve our Lord Jesus together in new ways.

Blessings,

Pastor George



A Lenten Invitation: Set Free to Witness

Each year in the season of Lent, Christians are invited to a familiar rhythm: slow down, reflect, repent, and return to the Lord. For many, Lent can feel like a somber season as it is often marked by fasting, self-examination, and reflection. Lent is all these things. But I also think that Lent can also be a critical season of preparation for our mission in the world.

As Christians begin their Lenten journeys around the world on Ash Wednesday, millions focus their attention on Psalm 51. Here King David pours out his heart before God in one of the most raw and honest prayers recorded in scripture. For context, David's sin with Bathsheba had just been exposed. Confronted with his failure, he does not hide from the truth, minimize what he has done, or make excuses. David simply comes before God broken, exposed, and seeks God's mercy and grace. And he prays, "God, create a clean heart for me and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not banish me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me. Restore the joy of your salvation to me, and sustain me by giving me a willing spirit. Then I will teach the rebellious your ways, and sinners will return to you."

Notice the pattern: David first begins in honest confession, then pleads for God to cleanse and restore him. But notice where he ends up: "Then I will teach the rebellious your ways, and sinners will return to you." The journey from repentance leads David not inward and further into himself, but outward towards others who need God's grace and forgiveness, too. Repentance is not the destination; in it we find freedom to witness to others.

This is something we may understand but don't always do. We know and celebrate that confession and forgiveness are central to our life of faith and cherish the freedom that comes in honestly naming our sin and hearing again the promises of God's forgiveness spoken over us. But do we take the step that David takes and commit to telling others the Good News? When we stop pretending to have it all together and honestly acknowledge our own brokenness and need for grace, we become the kind of authentic and compelling witnesses to the Gospel that the world needs. Those who need Jesus aren't looking for perfect people to show them the way. Instead, the world needs real people who have found real hope in Christ Jesus to share the Good News.

In this Lenten season, embrace the invitation to repent in the spirit of David in Psalm 51. This is not an obligation to check off, but an opportunity to experience again God's mercy. May the Holy Spirit work in you to create a clean heart and may the joy of your salvation be restored not only to you, but also through you. Like David, may the joy of the Lord's salvation overflow out of you with a willing spirit that points others toward the God who forgives, restores, and renews. You are set free to witness.

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
1 10:00am Worship with Holy Communion - Sanctuary 11:00am Brunch, Sunday School, Confirmation and Adult Education 12:00pm Radio - KRXT 98.5 FM	2 Church Office - Closed 10:30am Communion at SPJST	3 Church Office - Closed 9:30am LCMC Pr Cluster Mtg - Paige 6:30pm Scouts - Fellowship Hall	4 Church Office - Closed 8:30am Felling Bulletins 1:00pm Lenten Service - St. Paul House Conference Room 1:30pm Prayer Time 2:00pm Pastor's Bible Study followed by Lenten Services at 6:30 - Fellowship Hall	5 Church Office - Closed	6 Church Office Closed Pastor's Day Off	7 Pastor's Day Off
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	9 8:00am Church Office - Open	10 8:00am Church Office - Open 6:30pm Scouts - Fellowship Hall	11 8:00am Church Office - Open 8:30am Felling Bulletins 1:00pm Lenten Service - St. Paul House Conference Room 1:30pm Prayer Time 2:00pm Pastor's Bible Study followed by Lenten Services at 6:30 - Fellowship Hall	12 8:00am Church Office - Open	13 Church Office Closed Pastor's Day Off	14 Pastor's Day Off
15 10:00am Worship with Holy Communion - Sanctuary 11:00am Brunch, Sunday School and Adult Education 12:00pm Radio - KRXT 98.5 FM	16 8:00am Church Office - Open	17 8:00am Church Office - Open 9:30am LCMC Pr Cluster Mtg - Manor 6:30pm Council Meeting - St. Paul House 6:30pm Scouts - Fellowship Hall	18 8:00am Church Office - Open 8:30am Felling Bulletins 11:30am Women of the Word - Sirbin Stockade 1:00pm Lenten Service - St. Paul House Conference Room 1:30pm Prayer Time 2:00pm Pastor's Bible Study followed by Lenten Services at 6:30 - Fellowship Hall	19 8:00am Church Office - Open	20 Church Office Closed Newspaper Articles Due Pastor's Day Off	21 Pastor's Day Off 7:30am Shepherd's Heart Workday!!!
22 9:00am Handbell Choir Practice - Sanctuary 10:00am Worship - Sanctuary 11:00am Brunch, Sunday School and Adult Education 12:00pm Radio - KRXT 98.5 FM	23 8:00am Church Office - Open	24 8:00am Church Office - Open 6:30pm Scouts - Fellowship Hall	25 8:00am Church Office - Open 8:30am Felling Bulletins 1:00pm Lenten Service - St. Paul House Conference Room 1:30pm Prayer Time 2:00pm Pastor's Bible Study followed by Lenten Services at 6:30 - Fellowship Hall	26 8:00am Church Office - Open	27 Church Office Closed Pastor's Day Off	28 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:

Diane, Glenn Minzenmayer, 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:

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

Gloria Bartosh	3/25/29	97 Yrs
Kenneth George	3/14/38	88 Yrs
Lonnie Raschke	3/27/40	86 Yrs



25th Anniversary:
None

30th Anniversary :
None

40th Anniversary:
None

50th Anniversaries & Above
None

Dates to Remember - Plan Ahead



Sunday March 29, 2026



Thursday April 2, 2026



Friday April 3, 2026



Sunday April 5, 2026

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401 W. 7th Street
Taylor, TX 76574



Name: _____

Phone: _____

I want to give _____ (number) of Lily plant(s) to decorate our church for Easter. The plants are \$12 each, and must be ordered **by Monday, March 30 at noon**. Please include payment with this order.

My Easter Lily is given in memory of: _____

AND/OR

My Easter Lily is given in honor of: _____

AND/OR

My Easter Lily is given in thankfulness to God.
(Only the person's name who is giving the plant will be listed.)

Number of lilies ordered: _____

x \$12

Total enclosed _____

You may put this form in the offering plate, give it to an usher, or mail it to the church, 401 W. 7th St., Taylor, 76574.



Cruising FUN! Just a few pictures from the 1/29/26 - 2/2/26 congregational cruise .