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May 2026

Readers for May:

- May 3rd - Paula Safarik
- May 10th - George Matthys
- May 17th - Debbie Matthys
- May 24th - Steve Morgan
- May 31st - Sharon Naivar



Mission Of The Month

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Church Financial Summary

	Thru April 19	Annual/Cumulative
Monthly Budget	\$26,388	\$105,552
Monthly Contributions	\$21,295	\$ 91,287

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

Dates to Remember in May



Sunday, May 10, 2026



Monday, May 25, 2026



Sunday, May 24, 2026



Sunday, May 31, 2026

St. Paul Lutheran Child Development Center



**St Paul CDC
May Newsletter
Happy Mother's Day to all.**

School is ending soon so the CDC is in full planning ahead mode. The last day of school will be May 21st. Summer months are exciting because we have so many things to do and so little time to do it in. Because before you know it school will be starting again. The older class is helping to plan the summer field trips. This time we are challenging them to use their consumer buying skills to use our budget and plan accordingly. As we say "get the most for our bucks". They are really great at helping with that.

During Chapel, Ms. Becky did an amazing job teaching the children about Lent and Easter. The Toddlers, Three yr. and 4 yr. old go every Wednesday to Chapel in the Sanctuary for a Bible lesson.



The CDC will be closed on Monday, May 25th for Memorial Day. When we come back on Tuesday the CDC Summer will begin!

Thank you to everyone for your support and prayers.

Have a blessed month!!!

The CDC

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Church Statistics for April

Sunday Worship
Average Attendance
93



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 trip to the Aggieland Safari in Bryan was a true adventure with a great lunch enjoyed by all. We observed many animals and even had the opportunity to feed several. Eight of us enjoyed the trip. We are discussing another Senior Outing for May/June before the weather gets too hot. Watch the Sunday bulletin for further details.

As we move into May we celebrate our High School Graduates: Avery Paulsen, Megan Wenzel, and Payton Basco. It is always my joy to see our youth moving on to new jobs, military service, and advanced education. We are blessed with faithful and intelligent students. During my ten years with you, I have been pleased with our graduates and their new jobs and relationships, which bode well for the future of Texas and our nation.

May is the month we celebrate Pentecost and this year we celebrate the baptism of Mason Schwettman. I encourage everyone to wear red on Pentecost Sunday – May 24. Mother's Day will be celebrated with flowers and special prayers. Make plans to take Mom out to lunch on May 10. Because of the faithful female leadership of our state and nation, we still hold and reflect basic Christian values. Our Moms mold our lives as children, teaching us the basics of life and providing us with words of wisdom and guidance when we stumble or are confused. Mother's Day is truly a celebration of the women in our lives who continue to keep us focused on the Gospel of our Lord, and show us love and understanding.

As we move toward the summer, Steve, Elizabeth and I will be arranging more activities for our youth. We have a special project of redecorating the Youth Room. Our Scouts are getting ready for their summer outings. Our Child Development Center is preparing for their Vacation Bible School and summer activities.

Please continue to remember the Robert Sovil family in your prayers, along with our parish members who have experienced various recent medical procedures. All are progressing well in their recoveries.

I am gearing up for my summer door to door visitation in the new developments, where I distribute our church invitational brochure. Please continue to do your invitations to worship as you meet new people when you are shopping or eating out at our local restaurants. We have been happy to participate in the financial assistance for Shepherd's Heart as they receive their matching Anton Olson Grant for summer provisions for food distribution. Our Palm Sunday food drive netted over \$1760.00 and pounds of canned and dried foods.

As we move into the summer months, let us commit to worshipping together. I look forward to hearing about your vacation trips. Let us continue to pray together for an end to the war with Iran while moving toward peaceful settlements in the Middle East.

As always, Elaine and I truly enjoy serving with you in proclaiming the Good News of Jesus' resurrection and the Easter joy of new life.

Blessings,

Pastor George



Mission Moment

by Pastor Bryce Formwalt
Director of Mission Growth



Who's Sitting in Your Pews?

Years ago, a pastor friend of mine invited me to consult with his congregation on vision and long-range planning. During this process, two younger men stepped up, full of energy and new ideas. Both felt called to do more than fill a pew. They were eager to help lead worship, give the announcements, and even willing to preach on occasion to mix things up. Here were two men already in the church who were ready to grow and go!

I could not have been more thrilled. What an opportunity my friend had to invest in and mentor these two young men! And, in my mind, one or both might end up being a pastor someday. But my friend was not thrilled. He didn't doubt the men or their gifts. Instead, he confessed that he couldn't get past wondering what people would think. He was insecure about his own role. He said, "If these young men are leading and preaching, people will start to wonder what we are paying the pastor for."





I have never forgotten that conversation. My friend wasn't a bad pastor; he was a faithful shepherd. But his confession made me think about all the fears pastors have that stifle leadership development: the over-functioning pastor who artificially limits how much ministry laity can do; the large-church pastor who keeps staff from attending LCMC retreats or gatherings to prevent them from connecting with others which could lead them to be called away; or the driven pastor who only develops his or her own people to serve only that congregation.

I understand these fears because in my years of pastoring congregations, I confess that I, too, was focused on raising up leaders for my own local congregation only. I did not have a Kingdom mindset. Like many driven pastors, I developed tunnel vision focusing on my church's mission, and lost sight of a broader Kingdom mission. Pastors need the prayer, support, and encouragement of congregations to equip leaders for Kingdom mission.

Leadership development is not just a pastor problem to solve. It is something the whole congregation is called into. In 2 Timothy 1:9, Paul reminds Timothy that God has saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given to us in Christ Jesus before time began. God's calling is not ours to dispense or withhold. The Lord of the harvest calls, equips, and sends. Our job is never to limit the call but to pray for it, look for it, see it, bless it, and help it grow.

So, who is sitting in your pews? Who is God already calling, already gifting, already nudging toward greater service in his Kingdom? And what fears might be keeping your congregation or pastor from seeing them, blessing them, and sending them? What a joy it is to equip and release leaders for mission and ministry in God's Kingdom!

Our 2026 LCMC Texas District Annual Gathering is July 24-25 in New Braunfels, and our theme is CALLED, based on 2 Timothy 1:9. Register by June 30 for early-bird pricing at 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). 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>26 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>27 Church Office - Closed</p>	<p>28 Church Office - Closed 6:30pm Scouts - Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>29 Church Office - Closed 8:30am Folding Bulletins 1:30pm Prayer Time 2:00pm Pastor's Bible Study</p>	<p>30 Church Office - Closed</p>	<p>1 Church Office Closed Pastor's Day Off</p>	<p>2 Pastor's Day Off</p>
<p>3 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>4 8:00am Church Office - Open 10:30am Communion at SPJST</p>	<p>5 8:00am Church Office - Open 9:30am LCMC Fr Cluster Mtg - Plungerville 6:30pm Scouts - Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>6 8:00am Church Office - Open 8:30am Folding Bulletins 1:30pm Prayer Time 2:00pm Pastor's Bible Study</p>	<p>7 8:00am Church Office - Open 9:30am Ruth Circle Meeting</p>	<p>8 Church Office Closed Pastor's Day Off</p>	<p>9 Pastor's Day Off</p>
<p>10  9:00am Handbell Choir Practice - Sanctuary 10:00am Worship - Sanctuary 11:00am Sunday School, Confirmation and Adult Education 12:00pm Radio - KRXT 98.5 FM</p>	<p>11 8:00am Church Office - Open</p>	<p>12 8:00am Church Office - Open 6:30pm Scouts - Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>13 8:00am Church Office - Open 8:30am Folding Bulletins 1:30pm Prayer Time 2:00pm Pastor's Bible Study</p>	<p>14 8:00am Church Office - Open</p>	<p>15 Church Office Closed Pastor's Day Off</p>	<p>16 Pastor's Day Off</p>
<p>17 10:00am Worship with Holy Communion - Sanctuary (Congregational meeting immediately following services) 11:00am Brunch, Sunday School, Confirmation and Adult Education 12:00pm Radio - KRXT 98.5 FM</p>	<p>18 8:00am Church Office - Open</p>	<p>19 8:00am Church Office - Open 9:30am LCMC Fr Cluster Mtg - Caldwell 6:30pm Council Meeting - St. Paul House 6:30pm Scouts - Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>20 8:00am Church Office - Open Newsletter Articles Due 8:30am Folding Bulletins 11:30am Ruth Circle Birthday Lunch - Siripin Stockade 1:30pm Prayer Time 2:00pm Pastor's Bible Study</p>	<p>21 8:00am Church Office - Open</p>	<p>22 Church Office Closed Pastor's Day Off</p>	<p>23 Pastor's Day Off</p>
<p>24  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>25  8:00am Church Office - Closed for Holiday</p>	<p>26 8:00am Church Office - Open 6:30pm Scouts - Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>27 8:00am Church Office - Open 8:30am Folding Bulletins 1:30pm Prayer Time 2:00pm Pastor's Bible Study</p>	<p>28 8:00am Church Office - Open</p>	<p>29 Church Office Closed Pastor's Day Off</p>	<p>30 Pastor's Day Off</p>
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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:

Larry Wilson, Lydia Burow, Diane, Glenn Minzenmayer, Katy Safarik, Mark Lindell, Olin Tiemann, Kent Safarik.

Our Shut Ins:

Wandeen Sakewitz, Aileen Bunge, Mary Miller, Cynthia Beran, David Kuempel, Gloria Bartosh, Carol Lantzsch, Inez Sladek, Grace Bulgerin, Geraldine Steger, Lomis Weber, Lisa Cox, Geraldine Cox.

Our family, friends, and loved ones:

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
Wandeen Sakewitz

Taylor SPJST Nursing Home:

Geraldine Steger
Mary Miller
Carol Lantzsch
Gloria Mae Bartosh
David Kuempel

80th Birthdays & Above

Janet Brinkmeyer	5/20/29	97 Yrs
Shirley Evans	5/31/35	91 Yrs
Albert Hesemeyer	5/3/36	90 Yrs
Dennis Richter	5/15/38	88 Yrs
Jeanie Schneider	5/20/38	88 Yrs
Wandeen Sakewitz	5/22/39	87 Yrs

25th Anniversary:
None

30th Anniversary :
None

40th Anniversary:
None

50th Anniversaries & Above
None

Mother's
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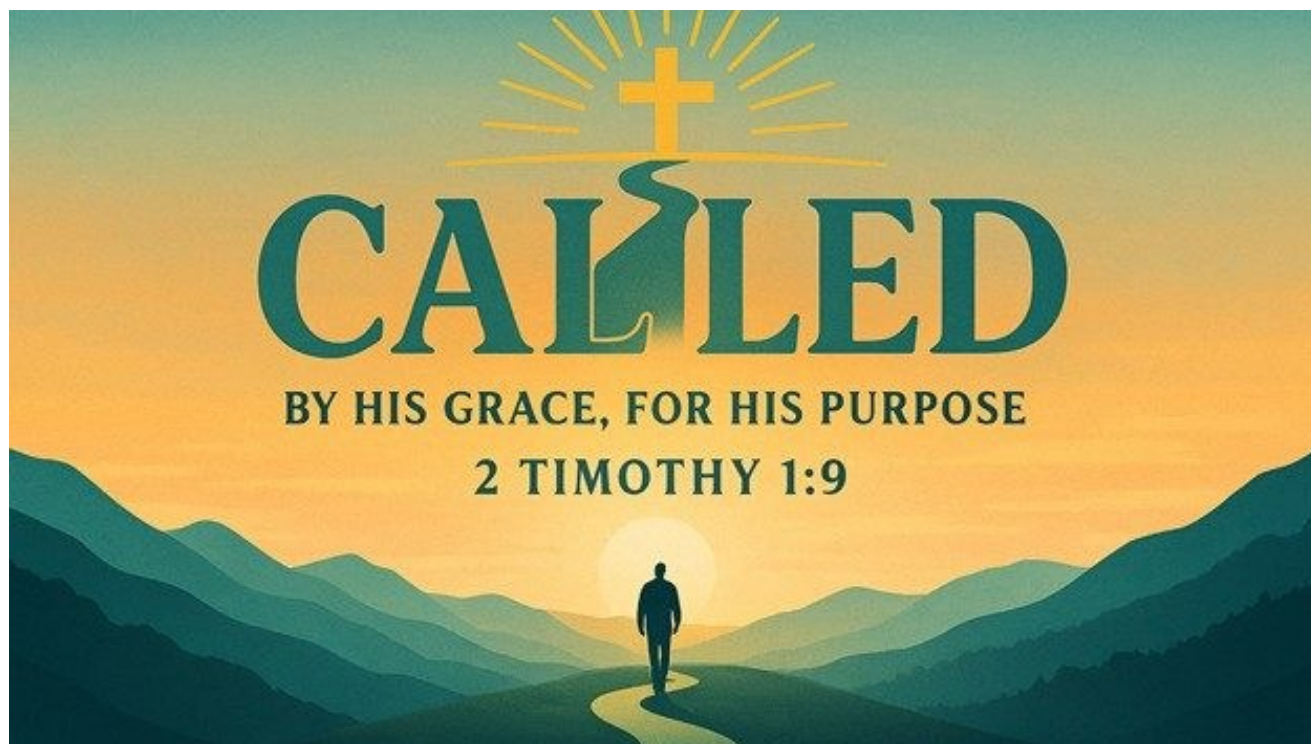
Don't forget,
Mother's Day is on
Sunday May 10th!

News & Views

St. Paul Lutheran Church

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There will be a congregational meeting immediately after service on May 17th. The purpose is to review proposed changes to our constitution and by-laws. Copies of the proposed changes are available upon request from the church office (office@stpaultaylor.com or 512-352-2327)



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