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St. Paul Lutheran Church

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August 2026

Readers for August:

Aug 2nd	-	George Matthys
Aug 9th	-	Steve Morgan
Aug 16th	-	Kathy Paulsen
Aug 23rd	-	Sharon Naivar
Aug 30th	-	Randall Pick

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Church Financial Summary



	July	Annual/Cumulative
Monthly Budget	\$26,388	\$184,716
Monthly Contributions	\$12,467	\$169,338



26th Annual National Gathering & Convention

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

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

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

St. Paul Lutheran Child Development Center



Child Development Center Newsletter

Summer has been full of so many activities this year that June & July flew by.....or at least it feels that way to us and the kids. School will start on Wednesday, Aug 12th. Most of the kids feel that the summer was way too fast.

The PreK thru 5th graders went to Sweet Eats Farm on July 9th. Not sure which activity was their favorite but it was a close race between the huge pile of dirt that they dug in, or the water pump duck race or the big bounce pad. All three were huge hits. We arrived early to avoid the heat and came back to the center for lunch.

The children will be going in three different groups to make their own pizza's at Pizza Hut. The oldest group will be doing their end of the summer pizza party at Gatti's on Aug. 7th.

Trying to squeeze in all the summer fun we can before school starts.

The CDC will be closed on Monday, September 7 in observance of Labor Day.

We want to take this opportunity to thank everyone for the "extras" that you always do for the CDC, the kids definitely love the special snacks and extras that has been provided.

Our blessing to all,

The CDC

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Church Statistics for July

Sunday Worship

Average Attendance

54

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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 we move into the final month of vacation time and getting ready for school activities, I am continuing my Sunday Morning Movies. Steve, Elizabeth, and I are planning some back-to-school activities for our Youth Group. During the summer, many of our kids are active in various sports camps and training activities.

My thanks to the Ruth Circle for all their assistance with our funeral luncheons. We have a truly wonderful and faithful group of ladies who serve the Lord Jesus whenever there is a funeral luncheon requested.

We continue to explore ways of repairing our Fellowship Hall roof and the broken line under the Fellowship Hall floor. We are securing bids for the necessary repairs. We hope to have further information for you in August or early September.

Elaine and I will be operating the St. Paul Lutheran Church booth at the Wilco Business EXPO on August 22. Stop by at the EXPO Center and visit us. I will have the popcorn machine running. I have distributed many of our outreach brochures to the new Taylor housing developments and will have these brochures available at our EXPO booth.

My thanks to Daniel Jansky and Loren Dittmeyer for all their extra work around church during this summer. Daniel keeps the grass and shrubbery trimmed, while Loren has been working on a variety of repair jobs and cleaning up after roof leaks. Jason Richter continues his outstanding work in managing our church finances and business affairs.

Our Scout troop 167 has been sponsoring several family Cub Scout activities during the summer. In July, we held the Rain Gutter Regatta where we designed and built our own boats - (if it floats it can race was our motto). In mid-August, we will hold a Back-to-School Party.

I attended the LCMC Texas District Gathering in New Braunfels at St. Paul Lutheran Church on July 24-25. We are doing special support for the congregations affected by the Hill Country flooding. Elaine and I will be attending the 26th LCMC National Gathering at the Lutheran Church of Hope in West Des Moines, Iowa, from October 4-7. Come join us at this Gathering. [Annual Gathering](https://www.lcmc.net/annual-gathering) (<https://www.lcmc.net/annual-gathering>) The whole event will be live streamed.

I invite you to join me for the August Sunday Morning Movies. Here is the Sunday Schedule:

August 2 *The Story of Jacob and Joseph* starring Keith Michell and Tony Lo Bianco.

August 9 *The Story of David* starring Timothy Bottoms and Anthony Quayle Part One.

August 16 *The Story of David* starring Timothy Bottoms and Jane Seymour Part Two.

August 23 *1177 B.C. The Year Civilization Collapsed*, a presentation by Dr. Eric H. Cline.

During August, we will experience some new styles of Sunday worship from our Evangelical Worship hymnal. Make your plans to join us for the retirement celebration for Glynda Vanecek as our organist on August 30. A special potluck is planned following worship. Please continue to remember the Beran/Harrison and Johnson families in your prayers.

Blessings,

Pastor George



Mission Moment

by Pastor Bryce Formwalt
Director of Mission Growth



A New Season of Learning

As we prepare to flip the calendar to August, there is no denying it's back-to-school time! Stores are showcasing all the school supplies front and center. Moms and Dads are taking their kids shopping for new clothes and shoes and backpacks and a never-ending list of things that every parent hopes will help their son or daughter learn and grow in the new school year. Soon churches will be blessing backpacks, praying for schools, and teachers, as the buses begin to roll. For many, the end of summer is a reminder of fresh starts and new learning.

What if this became a life-prompt for our discipleship journey? As I write this, we will soon be gathering in New Braunfels around the theme CALLED. Together we are exploring 2 Timothy 1:9 and are reminded that God saves us and calls us with a holy calling, not because of anything we have earned or accomplished, but according to his own purpose and grace. That is where the Christian life begins. Yet Paul does not leave Timothy, or us, there. In 2 Timothy 2:2 he instructs young Timothy what those who are called are to do next: *What you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, commit to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.*

Notice the sequence Paul describes here: He taught Timothy. Timothy is then to entrust that same teaching to other faithful people. Then those faithful people are in turn to teach others. That is four generations of discipleship referenced in a single verse! This is how the gospel moves through history: from one disciple to another, passed down from one generation to the next. Every follower of Jesus is simultaneously a learner and a trainer: We never graduate from Jesus' discipleship training, always both learning from those who are ahead of us and teaching those who are coming after us. With that in mind, let me ask you two questions to ponder:

First, how is God calling you to keep on learning? Perhaps you join a small group or Bible study, or ask another believer to meet with and mentor you for a while. The One who called you longs to keep forming you by His grace and for His purpose. So how is God calling you to continue to grow and mature in your faith life in this new season?

Second, whom will you teach? You do not need a theology degree to be faithful to the call in 2 Timothy 2:2. You need only to faithfully pass on what you yourself have received. Teach a child, mentor a new believer, or open your home and your Bible to a neighbor. Invest in someone who will receive the Word of truth from you in the hope that in the same way one day they may invest in another.

This is the very heart of our shared mission as a District: to multiply disciples and churches. Through intentional relationships we seek to equip leaders, strengthen congregations, and inspire gospel mission. When we gather each year in July, it is never our finish line. Rather this is the starting line for a new season of learning and growth in faith. I pray that we may be hungry and eager learners and diligent, humble and faithful teachers, so that the good news we have received keeps on multiplying and being handed down from one generation to the next.

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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26 10:00am Worship - Sanctuary 11:00am Sunday School and Adult Education 12:00pm Radio - KRXT 98.5 FM	27 8:00am Church Office - Open	28 8:00am Church Office - Open	29 8:00am Church Office - Open 8:30am Folding Bulletins 1:30pm Prayer Time	30 8:00am Church Office - Open	31 Church Office Closed Pastor's Day Off	1 Pastor's Day Off
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St. Paul will be serving at Shepherd's Heart Food Pantry on Saturday, August 29th from 7:30 am to 10:30 am. Anyone who can help would be greatly appreciated. The address is 121 East 2nd Street, but please enter from Porter Street.

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

We Remember in Prayer

If someone needs to be removed from the prayer list please call the church office

Our Members:

Loren Dittmeyer, Barbara Schiller, Diane, 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:

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

Taylor SPJST Nursing Home:

Geraldine Steger
Mary Miller
Carol Lantzsch
Gloria Mae Bartosh
David Kuempel

Falcon Ridge:

Glenn Minzenmeyer

Pegasus Landing of Round Rock

Shirley Evans

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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: _____

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News & Views

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Senior Outing

In June, the Senior group visited the Navarro College Planetarium



Scouts Flag Retirement Ceremony

The ceremony is a solemn, respectful event where worn or damaged U.S. flags are retired, typically by burning, with Scouts performing specific roles and reciting symbolic readings.



A Message from Pastor George

Please ignore and delete any phone, text or email messages from me requesting the purchase of gift cards or any monetary assistance. The Texas District was hacked, and the gift card/money requests are a SCAM. Save your money. Thanks, Pastor George