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St. Paul Lutheran Church

News & Views

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June 2025

Readers for June:

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

Mission
Of The Month



Church Financial Summary

| | May | Annual/Cumulative |
|-----------------------|----------|-------------------|
| Monthly Budget | \$26,044 | \$130,220 |
| Monthly Contributions | \$15,756 | \$120,276 |

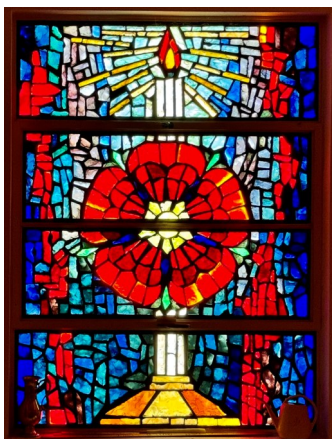
Monthly Contributions does not include funds received for dedicated purposes, only those funds received for budgeted operations.



*Don't Forget
Father's Day is June 15th*

Community Involvement

St Paul Community Service and St Paul Kitchen Sisters will be serving pizza, watermelon, snacks, and drinks in service with TISD Family Service (John Matthews) at "Summer in the Park" on Thursday, June 26 from about 6pm - 8pm. All are welcome to attend.



*Congregational meeting on June 8, 2025
to discuss restoration and preservation of
stained glass windows in the sanctuary and elect new
Council members.*

St. Paul Lutheran Child Development Center



St Paul CDC News

School is out and fun begins.....favorite time of the year for all of our school age students. A lot of activities have been planned and we are excited about what we are doing and where we are going. We have planned Vacation Bible School for June 16 – 20 for the CDC children only. It will not be opened to public because of our licensing restrictions. The Taylor Library has Movie Mondays that we will support as well as some of the activities that the city has planned for in the park. We will be going to All Abilities Park in Round Rock with three different ages groups which is the most requested field trip.

The older children are also going to have a fundraiser on Friday, June 20 from 3:30 – 5:00 p.m. They will be making cookies and lemonade to serve as a free will offering to those that want to come thru the alley and pick up. They want to help the Taylor Animal Shelter out with a donation of a large fan for the summer for the dogs. Service to others is something that we want to help them to understand so goals were thought of, game plan put into motion and with the Lord's help they will reach their goal.

Thank you for all the prayers and support you give.

Everyone have a blessed June,

The CDC

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Church Statistics for June

Sunday Worship
 Average Attendance
 64

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DEADLINE

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,

With 100 degree temperatures arriving, we know our Texas summer is upon us! I invite you to join me for Sunday worship in our air-conditioned Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall, whenever you are in town. Please remember to pick up a bulletin or card from any churches you visit, and we will post them on our Narthex bulletin board.

I look forward to you joining us for our Congregational Meeting on June 8 – Pentecost Sunday immediately following our worship service. We will be electing Church Council members and approving the replacement of the Lexan coverings on our stained-glass windows, along with several other painting and maintenance repairs for the exterior and interior of our Sanctuary. With the completion of these repairs, all our major maintenance projects will be completed. These projects will be totally paid for out of our Property Fund.

My thanks to all of you as you continue your regular financial support of our parish, and to Jason Richter and Kathy Paulson for their outstanding management of our church funds. During the summer months, I will be visiting the new housing developments and new movers to Taylor, sharing our outreach brochure in the mornings from 10:00 -11:30 AM to avoid the heat. Please remember in your prayers the families of Jane Vorwerk and Fred Bittner at the death of their loved ones, along with Matthew and Alyzabeth Schwettman at the birth of their son Mason Eugene and Darren and Rini Stout at the birth of their daughter Aniti.

Our Alleluia Bell Choir will be presenting their final worship presentation for the summer on June 8. They will be taking a summer break. During the summer, we will be introducing some new hymns from the *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* and the new worship supplement, *All Creation Sings*. Andy Simon and Duane Stoll will be leading us in learning the new hymns.

I will be in Houston on the afternoon of June 8 through June 11 for a seminar on Isaiah 40-55 with N. T. Wright at South Main Baptist Church. It is always a learning experience to hear Dr. Wright lecture, and the church setting is magnificent. The entire program will be recorded, and I will be able to share this seminar with you as a video adult class later in the autumn.

You will find included in this newsletter our funeral preparation form. I urge you to complete this form and drop it off at the church office. It will be a great help to your family to have your specific wishes for hymns and Scripture noted in preparing the funeral sermon and bulletin.

During the summer, I will be leading an adult class which will view several films such as *The Conclave* which focus on the church and religious themes. More information will be found in the Sunday bulletins. Come join me for this after worship service experience following the conclusion of Bo's Adult Bible Class in mid-June. Our Youth Group has several outings planned for the summer. Watch your emails and Sunday bulletins for further details. I am happy to report that Cheryl Kruckemeyer has completed her term of missionary service in Tanzania and is heading home.

In the event of a major disaster, our Fellowship Hall will be the Red Cross administrative, day shelter, and packaged food distribution center. St. James Episcopal Church will be providing meals, along with designated restaurants, as well as overnight shelter. A mobile showering unit is now available for use by the homeless and others in need. I am working with other churches in Taylor to expand sheltering opportunities. The Williamson County EXPO Center will be the main shelter for our area. My thanks to all of you who have volunteered to assist me. Additional sign-up sheets are available on the white table in the Narthex.

Looking ahead to this summer and Texas District Activities. Our Texas District Gathering will be held in Victoria on July 25-26. You can check for more information and register at: <https://www.lcmctexas.org/annual-gathering/>. The 25th LCMC National Gathering will be held at Hosanna Lutheran Church in Lakeville, Minnesota, a suburb of Minneapolis. You can review additional information and register at: <https://www.lcmc.net/annual-gathering> The entire Gathering will be livestreamed.

As always, it is exciting to work and worship with you in our ministry together serving our Lord Jesus. May you all have a most blessed and safe summer filled with family travels and activities.

Blessings,

Pastor George



Mission Moment

by Pastor Bryce Formwalt
Director of Mission Growth



Has Jesus Fallen Asleep?

As we look forward to our Texas District Annual Gathering in Victoria at the end of July, we continue to look at the story of Jesus calming the seas in Mark 4:35-41. In this story, Jesus' disciples were crossing the Sea of Galilee when a great windstorm arose and began swamping the boat. Fear struck the disciples, but Jesus was sleeping through it all. The disciples woke Jesus up: "Teacher! Don't you care that we are going to die?" Jesus then got up, rebuked the wind and calmed the sea.

This year's theme is "All in the Same Boat." We all face challenging "storms" both as individual followers of Jesus as well as communities of disciples gathered into our local congregations. In this series of Mission Moment articles, we are unpacking this Bible story as we discover the hope we have in Jesus through every time of trouble. Last month we focused on our first lesson, that Jesus was in the boat with the disciples the entire time! At no point were they alone in their situation. But that raises an important second question: Has Jesus fallen asleep? Let this be our wake-up call (pun intended). Our second lesson to learn from this story: Keep Jesus awake!


I think it is great that scriptures record moments like this. It reminds us that Jesus was fully human: Jesus would get hungry and so he ate. He would get tired and so he slept. But I also love it as a metaphor for the state of our relationship with Jesus. Have we left Jesus alone and disengaged with him? Has our faith become sleepy and are we taking Jesus' presence for granted? Have we forgotten about him? Do we have an attitude perhaps like the first disciples: "We got this... after all we are fishermen and are the experts!" And as the storm raged around them, Jesus was right there. But because the disciples left Jesus to drift off to sleep, it was almost as if he wasn't.

One of our common mistakes in the life of faith is to not activate Jesus. While Jesus is right there, so often we drift off to do our own things in life and leave Jesus be. We neglect reading the Bible or spending time in prayer or listening for him to speak. We approach our lives as if we are the experts and are in control and only call on Jesus in a panic when all seems to go wrong. We cry out "Don't you care!" Of course, Jesus cares. But the Lord also wants our faith to be active and engaged, not sleepy and withdrawn.

Living as a disciple is seldom easy. And ministry as a congregation is full of new challenges. And we remember that we are All in the Same Boat! And Jesus is with us... but have we left him to fall asleep? As we seek to weather all the storms of life, I pray that we remember to keep Jesus awake. And as we live more deeply into an intimate walk with Jesus, we will not ever doubt the Lord's care for us in perilous situations.

Our Annual Gathering is July 25-26 in Victoria, Texas.
Register online: 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 |
|---|---|--|--|--|---|-------------------------------|
| 1 10:00am Worship with Holy Communion - Sanctuary 11:00am Sunday School and Adult Education 12:00pm Radio - KRXT 98.5 FM 2:00pm Thrivent Money Canvas Seminar - Fellowship | 2 8:00am Church Office - Open 10:30am Communion at SPJST | 3 8:00am Church Office - Open | 4 8:00am Church Office - Open 9:30am Folding Bulletins 1:30pm Prayer Time 2:00pm Pastor's Bible Study | 5 8:00am Church Office - Open 9:30am LCMC Pr Cluster Mtg | 6 Church Office Closed | 7 Pastor's Day Off |
| 8 9:00am Handbell Choir Practice - Sanctuary 10:00am Worship - Sanctuary - Congregational Meeting Immediately following services 11:00am Brunch, Sunday School and Adult Education 12:00pm Radio - KRXT 98.5 FM | 9 8:00am Church Office - Open Pastor out of office for NT Wright Conference | 10 8:00am Church Office - Open Pastor out of office for NT Wright Conference | 11 8:00am Church Office - Open Pastor out of office for NT Wright Conference 9:30am Folding Bulletins 1:30pm Prayer Time 2:00pm Pastor's Bible Study | 12 8:00am Church Office - Open | 13 Church Office Closed | 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 6:30pm Council Meeting - St. Paul House | 18 8:00am Church Office - Open 9:30am Folding Bulletins 1:30pm Prayer Time 2:00pm Pastor's Bible Study | 19 9:30am LCMC Pr Cluster Mtg 11:30am Women of the Word - Sirloin Stockade | 20 Church Office Closed Newsletter Articles Due | 21 Pastor's Day Off |
| 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 | 24 8:00am Church Office - Open | 25 8:00am Church Office - Open 9:30am Folding Bulletins 1:30pm Prayer Time 2:00pm Pastor's Bible Study | 26 8:00am Church Office - Open 6:00pm Summer in the Park - Hosted by St. Paul Lutheran Church | 27 Church Office Closed | 28 Pastor's Day Off |
| 29 10:00am Worship - Sanctuary 11:00am Brunch, Sunday School and Adult Education 12:00pm Radio - KRXT 98.5 FM | 30 8:00am Church Office - Open | 1 8:00am Church Office - Open | 2 8:00am Church Office - Open 9:30am Folding Bulletins 1:30pm Prayer Time 2:00pm Pastor's Bible Study | 3 8:00am Church Office - Open 9:30am LCMC Pr Cluster Mtg | 4 Church Office Closed | 5 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:

Diane Talley, Debbie Brinkmeyer, Carol Lantzsch, Kent Safarik.

Our Shut Ins:

Inez Sladek, Terri Abert, Grace Bulgerin, Mary Miller, Lorene Prinz, Geraldine Steger, Lomis Weber, Lisa Cox, Geraldine Cox, Carolyn Jacobson.

Our family, friends, and loved ones:

Lance Pavlicek, Bill Cody, Randel Duelm, Wayne Schroeder, Rachel Elson, Richard Jansky, Felicia Garcia, Penny Dittman, Alan Debus, Robert Harty, Mackenzie Brewer, Loretta Simank, Authur Moreno, Jack Dismukes, Calvin and Rosalie Jechow, Edward Morgan, Sandra Milner, Dora Brittan, Ryan Richey, Alma Russell, Tori Harris and baby, 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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|------------------|---------|--------|
| Geraldine Steger | 6/30/39 | 86 Yrs |
| Ann Janke | 6/16/44 | 81 Yrs |



25th Anniversary:
None

30th Anniversary :
None

40th Anniversary:
None

50th Anniversaries & Above

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|----------------------------|------|--------|
| Logan & Deborah Brinkmeyer | 6/7 | 56yrs |
| Robert & Marilyn Grimm | 6/28 | 56yrs |
| Bo & Patricia Stiles | 6/13 | 55 yrs |

1. Psalm 76-78
2. Judges 21
3. Ruth 1
4. Ruth 2
5. Ruth 3
6. Ruth 4
7. Acts 2
8. Psalm 79-81
9. Acts 3
10. Acts 4
11. Acts 5

Daily Bible Reading Guide June

12. Acts 6
13. Acts 7
14. Acts 8
15. Psalms 82-84
16. Acts 9
17. Acts 10
18. Acts 11
19. Acts 12

20. Acts 13
21. Acts 14
22. Psalm 85-88
23. Acts 15
24. Acts 16
25. Acts 17
26. Acts 18
27. Acts 19
28. Acts 20
29. Psalm 89-91
30. Acts 21

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Also Available on the Church website under the Announcements section.

Funeral Information / Planning

At the time of death, a family is often left with the difficult task of gathering information, writing the obituary for the newspaper, planning the funeral service, etc. It would be much easier if all this information were in one place.

Please fill out this form, make copies (the church office will be glad to make copies for you,) and distribute the copies to trusted family members, the pastors, and the church office, and keep a copy with your important papers. Your family will be very grateful you did! Please furnish as much information as you want or are able.

Full name _____ Today's date _____

Place of birth _____ Date of birth _____

Father's name _____

Mother's maiden name _____

Date and place (church) of Baptism _____

Date and place (church) of Confirmation _____

Confirmation verse _____

Date and place (church) of marriage _____

Spouse's full (maiden) name _____

Children (names, where living, phone numbers) _____

Names and places of churches you belonged to before joining St. Paul Lutheran: _____

Date you joined St. Paul Lutheran _____

Involvement in St. Paul Lutheran (choir, Sunday School teacher, Council, etc.) _____

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Military history _____

Educational history _____

Employment history (occupation, company, location, title/position, number of years, etc.) _____

Community involvement and activities _____

I would like my funeral service to be in the church _____ at the funeral home _____.

Favorite hymns (if not in the green hymnal, please attach a copy) _____

Favorite Bible passages _____

I would like to be remembered for: _____

My most important accomplishments / contributions in life are: _____

What I want my children / grandchildren to remember is: _____

Instead of flowers, I would like memorials to be given to: _____

Additional comments, Special instructions (use additional pages if necessary): _____

All submissions to the church office will be kept strictly confidential.