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July 2024

Readers for July:

July 7th - Debbie Matthys

June 14th - George Matthys

July 21st - Steve Morgan

July 28th - Kathy Paulsen

Monthly Budget

Monthly Contributions

Mission Of The Month





Church Financial Summary

Thru 6/23/24 \$23,778 \$17,082 Annual/Cumulative \$142,668 \$152,207

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, August 3 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 • donartie@msn.com





Psalm 33:12

St. Paul Lutheran Child Development Center

July at St Paul CDC



Began the summer by giving the Library a donation from the CDC for all they do for the kids. Summer gives us the opportunity to have Chapel in the Church with most of the kids. The older kids are leading it.









Summer is here and we are off and running......

We will be closed on July 4^{th} & 5^{th} to give our teachers and the children time to spend with their families. Will open back up on the 8^{th} .

The students are participating in the Taylor Library summer reading program again so every Friday we walk to the library to make selections.

Some of the summer activities that the students have enjoyed so far this summer are Field Trips to Mt. Play more in Austin, eat at McDonalds and then go to the movie. Swimming every Tuesday at the Doris Roz Novak Aquatic Pool and recycling hamburger buns into tasty treats. We have bowling in Temple, field trips to All Abilities Park in Round Rock, Mt. Play more again, we will be going to Sweet Eats Farm on July 25th, crafts and staying cool still to do. Not to mention our foam party, Lego challenge and Olympics St. Paul style.



Cinnamon buns anyone...... Thank you to the Safarik family for the donation of the buns. We had so much fun making cinnamon buns, pepperoni pizzas and apple sliders out of them.

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Church Statistics for July

Sunday Worship Average Attendance

66

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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. July 2024 Page 4 Pastors Page

Dear St. Paul Lutheran Church Family,

With summer now upon us, and the expectation of various storms striking us, I have been asked to serve on the Taylor Disaster Preparedness Committee of the Greater Taylor Foundation. With the expectation for a major hurricane season complete with flooding and tornadoes hitting our area, we are working to be prepared. During our snow Armageddon and last winter's ice storm winter challenges, we learned as a community we would need to care for ourselves for at least 72 hours before county, state or national assistance would arrive. With this reality in mind, we are developing programs to provide shelter and assistance. The St. Paul Fellowship Hall will continue to be used as an extreme weather day shelter. St. James Episcopal Church, Our Lady of Guadalupe, 10th Street Methodist Church, and the Dickey Center are designated shelters for Red Cross use. Due to the challenges in establishing certified kitchens, several local restaurants and the Meals on Wheels Kitchen will be cooking food which would be provided to the shelters. I will keep you informed via Sunday bulletin and newsletter about volunteer training. My distribution of our outreach brochures to new housing developments continues in the early morning.

Steve Morgan and I are planning some special youth activities for the summer. More information will be released via emails to our youth and Sunday bulletins.

Olshan has completed the leveling of the foundations in our mechanical room and sacristy. The rusted-out HVAC duct work has been repaired and replaced, leading to better circulation in our sanctuary.

Our Child Development Center continues to care for children during the summer with VBS and special summer activities.

My thanks to all who assisted in providing food and support for Basketball in the Park at Robinson Park during the evening of June 27.

Beginning on June 30, I will be sharing with you on Sunday mornings the presentation by N. T. Wright on Ephesians recorded at South Main Baptist Church in Houston. This was the seminar I attended at the beginning of June. Grab your breakfast buffet and join me in the Conference Room. We will be reading through Ephesians in our lectionary from July 14-August 25.

May you all keep cool and safe as you share family summer activities. Remember to take advantage of the activities at the Taylor Public Library. Checkout <u>Taylor Public Library | Taylor, TX - Official Website</u> (https://www.ci.taylor.tx.us/25/Library). Lutheran Bible Translators is celebrating sixty years of outreach and translations this year. Take a look at their website to see their story and activities. <u>Lutheran Bible Translators (lbt.org)</u> It is always my joy to serve as your Pastor and to represent you in the Taylor community.

Blessings,

Pastor George



Mission Moment

by Pastor Bryce Formwalt Director of Mission Growth



If You Build It ...?

Growing up in Eastern lowa in the late 1980s, it was big news when a major motion picture began filming a baseball movie on a family farm. In the movie, *Field of Dreams*, a mysterious voice is heard from beyond: "If you build it, he will come." As the story unfolds, the lead character plows under his crops mid-growing season to build a baseball field. Then from out of the cornfields beyond centerfield appeared a historic team from baseball lore.

The cultural impact of *Field of Dreams* was significant. Visionary leaders seized upon the infamous movie line and adapted it for their own organizations: "If you build it, they will come." Even pastors and churches adopted the mantra as ministries scaled bigger and better programs and church facilities, trusting in the idea that new and bigger would attract more people. To some extent, this approach seemed to work! As churches engaged in expanding and improving their ministries and facilities, more people were attracted to it and began engaging with churches in news ways.

Despite these successes, there were also unintended consequences. Fast forward two decades and churches discovered that what once worked was no longer working. Successful ministries needed to be constantly refreshed and renewed with the latest and greatest programs or building renovations to keep people coming. A consumer mentality crept into the church as church attendees began "church shopping" and congregations felt the urge to "compete" with one another.

Church growth began to feel like chasing after a pot of gold at the end of a rainbow. How many churches "built it" but the people did not come? While God certainly used the church growth movement, we now recognize the ways it detracted from an authentic faith journey of following Jesus.

What if the church adopted a new mantra based upon an old idea: "If you love them..." How would you complete that sentence? What do you think the result of sharing Jesus' love might be? For me it would be this: "they will know they are loved by God." I believe that God is calling us to shift our focus from building better programs and facilities just to entice people to come to the church to hear the Good News towards equipping and mobilizing the people of the church to love people and engage in Gospel mission in their everyday lives. **#LoveWorks2024**

Join us for **LOVE WORKS**, our LCMC Texas District Gathering, July 26-27 in Kerrville. Learn more: 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

St. Paul Lutheran Church, LCMC†

July 2024

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 30 10:00am Worship - Sanctuary 11:00am Brunch 12:15pm Radio - KRXT 98.5 FM | 8:00am Church Office - Open 6:00pm Scout Den Meeting K-3rd Fellowship Hall | 2 8:00am Church Office - Open 9:30am LCMC Pr Cluster Mtg 1:30pm LCMC Pastors Text Study 7:00pm Prayer Garden Wedding | 3 8:00am Church Office - Open 9:30am Folding Bulletins 1:30pm Prayer Time | 4 8:00am Church Office - Closed for Holiday | 5 Church Office Closed | 6 Pastor's Day Off |
| 7 10:00am Worship with Holy Communion - Sanctuary 12:15pm Radio - KRXT 98,5 FM | 8:00am Church Office - Open 6:00pm Scout Den Meeting K-3rd Fellowship Hall | 9 8:00am Church Office - Open 1:30pm LCMC Pastors Text Study 7:00pm Scout Committee Mtg - FH Conf Rm | 8:00am Church Office - Open 9:30am Folding Bulletins 1:30pm Prayer Time | 11 8:00am Church Office - Open | 12 Church Office Closed | 13 Pastor's Day Off 11:00am Family Reunion Artieschoufsky |
| 14 10:00am Worship - Sanctuary 11:00am Brunch 12:15pm Radio - KRXT 98.5 FM | 8:00am Church Office - Open 6:00pm Scout Den Meeting K-3rd Fellowship Hall | 16 8:00am Church Office - Open 1:30pm LCMC Pastors Text Study 7:00pm Council Meeting - St. Paul House | 8:00am Church Office - Open 9:30am Folding Bulletins 1:30pm Prayer Time | 18 8:00am Church Office - Open | 19 Church Office Closed | 20 Newsletter Articles Due Pastor's Day Off |
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| 28 10:00am Worship - Sanctuary 11:00am Brunch 12:15pm Radio - KRXT 98.5 FM | 8:00am Church Office - Closed Today 6:00pm Scout Den Meeting K-3rd Fellowship Hall | 30 8:00am Church Office - Closed Today 1:30pm LCMC Pastors Text Study | 31 8:00am Church Office - Closed Today 9:30am Folding Bulletins 1:30pm Prayer Time | 1 8:00am Church Office - Closed Today | 2 Church Office Closed | 3 Pastor's Day Off 7:30am Shepherd's Heart Workday!!! |

We Remember in Prayer

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

Our Members:

Inez Sladek, Elaine Oser, Brunner Grau, John Harper, Kent Safarik, Pr. Michael Domenech.

Our Shut Ins:

Dorothy Grimm, Grace Bulgerin, Lydia Dowling, Mary Miller, Lorene Prinz, Geraldine Steger, Joanne Rummel, Lomis Weber, Carol Lantzsch, Lisa Cox, Geraldine Cox, Carolyn Jacobson, Ella Kuhl.

<u>Our family, friends, and loved ones:</u>
Dora Brittian, Charlotte Vrana, Ryan Richey, Randell Duelm, Karter Selby, Alma Russell, Rachel Maloy, Tori Harris and baby, Andrea Carrizales, Melissa Balderas, Mary Perez, Iris Rangel and family, Kelly Clines Thompson, Rob Randig, Laurie Kirven, Gayla Lantzsch, Fred Bittner, Tommy Harrison, Rhonda Aikey, Walter Moldenhauer, Tanuya Ellard, Sandra Milburn, Ben McCuk, Adam Eubank, Jessica Hall, Brandi Oliver.

Assisted Living/Nursing Home:

SPJST Assisted Living:

Geraldine Cox Grace Bulgerin Carol Lantzsch Lydia Dowling

Taylor SPJST Nursing Home:

Geraldine Steger **Mary Miller**

The Monarch:

Joanne Rummel **Dorothy Grimm**

Will-O-Bell (Barlett): **Trinity Care Center (Round Rock): Brookdale Assisted Living:**

Ella Kuhl Carolyn Jacobson **Lorene Prinz**

80th Birthdays & Above

Ella Kuhl 7/25/22 102 Yrs **LaVerne Rohlack** 7/8/37 87 Yrs **Carolyn Jacobson** 85 Yrs 7/12/39 **LaVerne Richter** 7/2/40 84 Yrs **Fred Bittner** 7/9/41 83 Yrs



25th Anniversary:

None

30th Anniversary:

None

40th Anniversary:

None

50th Anniversaries & Above

Wayne & Rita Kelm 7/2 53yrs Johnny & Linda Zuehlke 7/8 51 yrs Mark & Rebecca Krueger 7/29 50 yrs

| Daily Bible Reading Gui | ae |
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| 1 - Proverbs 11 | July |
| 2 - Proverbs 12 | 12 - Proverbs 21 |
| 3 - Proverbs 13 | 13 - Proverbs 22 |
| 4 - Proverbs 14 | 14 - Psalms 81-83 |
| 5 - Proverbs 15 | 15 - Proverbs 23 |
| 6 - Proverbs 16 | 16 - Proverbs 24 |
| 7 - Psalms 78-80 | 17 - Proverbs 25 |
| 8 - Proverbs 17 | 18 - Proverbs 26 |
| 9 - Proverbs 12 | 19 - Proverbs 27 |
| 10 - Proverbs 19 | 20 - Proverbs 28 |
| 11 - Proverbs 20 | |
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21 - Psalms 84-86

22 - Proverbs 29

23 - Proverbs 30

24 - Proverbs 31

25 - Ecclesiastes 1-2

26 - Ecclesiastes 3-4

27 - Ecclesiastes 5-6

28 - Psalms 87-889

29 - Ecclesiastes 7-8

30 - Ecclesiastes 9

31 - Ecclesiastes 10

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You are invited to join us in Kerrville on July 26-27, 20241