St. Paul Lutheran Church News & Víen Online Giving: Website: **April 2024** Luther an Congregations in Mission for Christ **Readers for April:** Mission Apr 7th Chris Rohlack OfThe Apr 14th Katie Safarik Radio Fund Month Apr 21st Paula Safarik Apr 28th **Debbie Matthys** -Church Financial Summary March thru 3/24 Annual/Cumulative Monthly Budget \$23.778 \$71.334 Monthly Contributions \$22,629 \$94,726 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, April 6th 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) Special Thanks to the Rinderknecht family for their recent donation of a new mower! It along with our super duper Dan "The Lawn Man" will keep us looking good for years to come!!! - Dan "The Lawn Man"

New Mower!!!

St. Paul Lutheran Child Development Center April is NATIONAL AUTISM



CDC NEWSLETTER

The CDC school age had "Spring Break" in March and the following are pictures from our three days of adventures. We were on a mission to determine some of the fun things that we want to do this summer.



Wednesday, we went to Dinosaur Park in Cedar Creek for exploring and a picnic lunch.

Monday was a stay at the center day,

Tuesday, we loaded up and went to Temple to Spare Time for bowling &

Thursday, we went to Round Rock to the All Abilities Park on A.W. Grimes. An amazing playground for children and it is free. We enjoyed a picnic lunch and Kona Ice.



Friday, we stayed at the center for movies and popcorn. And, relaxing!!! Mostly for us teachers!

April 8th is the Eclipse but the kids will sleep through it and wake up to a snack of Moon Pies and fruit punch. The week of the Young Child will be April $8^{th} - 12^{th}$. We have planned a daily activity for each to celebrate our children, their parents and the community. The week is to make awareness of Early Childhood Education and its importance. In this week we will also celebrate our teachers that make this all possible. God bless all.

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Church Statistics for March

Sunday Worship Average Attendance 79



Please remember that the deadline for the monthly newsletter is the 20th of each month by 5:00 pm.

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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,

Many thanks to all the musicians, ushers, lectors, communion assistants, altar guild, and staff for all the extra work and assistance which made our Holy Week and Easter Services a truly wonderful worship experience.

Our Confirmands will be preaching their sermonettes on April 7 addressing the question: *Why am I a Christian?* Like our Confirmands, we all need to prepare our answers when we are asked a question about our faith and trust in the Lord Jesus.

We will be holding a Congregational Meeting on April 21 - immediately following our worship service to discuss and approve the expenditure for leveling the concrete foundation for the Sacristy and mechanical room. Pilings were not installed when this addition was built, and the concrete foundation is sagging causing cracks in the walls. Following our Church Council review, it has been recommended that we hire the Olshan Company. They performed prior work on a portion of our church in the late 1990's. There have been no additional issues with the repaired area. Our new foundation work, like the prior work, will be fully warranted.

Please join us for our Service Day at Shepherd's Heart on Saturday, April 6 beginning at 7:30 AM. This is our opportunity to directly assist Taylor individuals in need. We will be distributing grocery bags of food until 10:30 AM.

Looking ahead to June 27, we will be assisting with Midnight Basketball at Robinson Park. Please mark your calendars and join us in cooking hot dogs as well as distributing love and food to our community youth. We will work with John Matthews from Taylor ISD in this Youth Outreach evening.

With the new projected Sunday worship bulletins, we are in need of AV Assistants who will move the Power Point images. This can be done from your seat in the pews. Simply follow along with the bulletin and press the remote-control button to change the projected image. Many thanks to Kenneth Kruse and Rhonda Ochoa for setting up our new equipment.

Jason Richter has been working with the Church Council to update our membership and attendance records. We now have 77 average attendance and a total membership of 339. Jason has also re-established our online giving portal which allows for a variety of options. Please check the information at our updated website <u>www.stpaultaylor.com</u>, the pew rack cards (coming soon), and the sign in at the Narthex for online offering information.

I encourage you to regularly check our updated website for announcements and devotional materials. You will find direct access to our recorded worship services on Facebook and the 10:00AM Sunday live stream. Our daily devotions and Bible reading schedules are also listed, along with our Sunday bulletins and monthly newsletters. You will also find links to: LCMC, LCMC-Texas District, Lutheran Bible Translators, World Mission Prayer League, LAMP, Institute for Lutheran Theology, Lutheran World Relief, the Tartu Academy of Theology in Estonia, Upbring - Lutheran Social Services, and Shepherd's Heart.

As we move into warmer weather, I am continuing to explore outings for our Seniors. Please watch the bulletins and website for announcements. Our Youth Group gathered on the evening of Palm Sunday for a trip to Round Rock. Special summer youth activities are being planned.

May we each be empowered to share the Good News of our Resurrected Lord Jesus through our words and actions in the days ahead. I will be out making home visits to new movers to Taylor during the spring and summer months. I look forward to sharing our church and its ministries in the Name of Jesus to community visitors. We have an exciting time of sharing God's Love before us as the Samsung plant and their associated industries move into full operation.

Thank you for your prayers and support of all our outreach ministries. It is a joy to serve you and the Lord Jesus.

Blessings, Pastor George



Speaking Truth in Love

"But speaking the truth in love, let us grow in every way into him who is the head-Christ." - Eph. 4:15

I was recently asked my opinion regarding how churches, pastors and followers of Jesus should talk about difficult, hot-button topics in a way that is faithful but also does not exacerbate the divisions that often exist between us and the very people we are called to reach with the Gospel. This is an excellent question and is worthy of thoughtful reflection and conversation. I hope that this might spur-on thoughtful dialogue for you and your church as each of us wrestles with the tension between being faithful to what we know to be true and honoring God by loving those who do not share our faith or worldview.

While homosexuality happened to be the topic of interest for this person, similar questions have been asked about abortion and gender identity as well as other contentious topics where a biblical morality and a sense of personal freedom collide. Regardless of what the hot-button topic is, effectively communicating the Gospel is an ongoing challenge for any follower of Jesus. So how do we handle these sensitive topics while being mindful of our mission? We need to speak the truth in love.

Relationships are key to transformational love. The adage "people don't care about what you know until they know that you care" rings true. I don't think anyone had their worldview or moral systems rearranged because they were argued into agreement. Our priority must be to get into a position to influence another person. This happens best by building an authentic, loving relationship with people who order their beliefs differently than we do. How do we do this? We find a common interest, make an investment of time, and ask questions of genuine curiosity all while enjoying and celebrating the gift of sharing time. At some point, your new friend will likely reciprocate with curiosity and interest in you and what you believe. Eventually, God will give you opportunities for sharing the Gospel, opening the door for authentic transformation.

Attentive to the work of the Holy Spirit in these moments, courageously meet your new friend right where they are with the truth spoken in love. Recall the compassionate love of God that meets you in your sin, brokenness, and the arrogance of your better ideas. Draw upon that well, seeking to reflect God's love in your own relationship with the person you are ministering to. Embodying the love of Jesus is critical as we share biblical truth and introduce the Gospel of salvation. With patience, persevere in loving those who see things differently. Remember: they are not an enemy to be conquered... they are the prize to be won!

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 <u>www.harvestworkers.net</u>). Residing in Georgetown, Pastor Bryce is available to coach congregations on mission. Please contact him with any questions or comments: 512-942-7776 or <u>bryce@lcmctexas.org</u>.

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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:

Elaine Oser, Dorothy Grimm, Janell Rohlack, Brunner Grau, John Harper, Kenneth George, Kent Safarik, Pr. Michael Domenech.

Our Shut Ins:

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

Our family, friends, and loved ones:

Alma Russell, Rachel Maloy, Tori Harris and baby, Andrea Carrizales, Christi Williams, Melissa Balderas, Mary Perez, Iris Rangel and family, Wayne Ging, 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:

<u>SPJST Assisted Living:</u> Geraldine Cox Grace Bulgerin Carol Lantzsch Lydia Dowling	<u>Taylor SPJST Nursing Home</u> Geraldine Steger Mary Miller	<u>: Poet's Walk:</u> Joanne Rummel
<u>Will-O-Bell (Barlett):</u> Ella Kuhl	<u>Brookdale Assisted Living:</u> Carolyn Jacobson	<u>Trinity Care Center (Round Rock):</u> Lorene Prinz
80th Birthdays & Above Grace Bulgerin 4/28/31 93 Yrs Joanne Rummel 4/11/33 91 Yrs Janell Rohlack 4/25/33 91 Yrs Robert Pasemann 4/19/35 89 Yrs		
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Rev. Lisa Kipp Director, Congregational Engagement

We will persist until your love reaches every neighbor.



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