

# St. Paul Lutheran Church

## News & Views



February 2025

### Readers for February:

Feb 2nd - Debbie Matthys  
Feb 9th - George Matthys  
Feb 16th - Steve Morgan  
Feb 23rd - Kathy Paulsen

## Scout Troop 167

Mission  
Of The  
Month



### Church Financial Summary

	January	Annual/Cumulative
Monthly Budget	\$26,043	\$26,043
Monthly Contributions	\$17,642	\$17,642

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

**Congregational meeting will be held on February 23rd immediately following church service**

### Scouts on the move

The Scout troop has begun a process to re-establish their organization in 2025. They have taken steps to establish a new executive team to prepare for the 2025 year.

Under the current direction of Martin Oranday, the Scouts have also recently selected Heath Lombard as the new Cub Scout Leader.

Watch for more news throughout 2025 as they get back up and running!

# St. Paul Lutheran Child Development Center *February*



Hearts are everywhere, talk of God's love and we should love one another as ourselves is a constant. The kids show love in so many ways and bring love into our lives. We are blessed.

Class parties will be held on Thursday, Feb. 13<sup>th</sup> because Taylor ISD will have a teacher work day on the 14<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>. The Younger classes parties will be at 9 a.m. and the older will have theirs at 3:30 p.m.

CDC Garage Sale hopefully will be the first part of March. A notice will be in the bulletin.

Small World Puppet Theater came out on Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> to entertain the children, parents and several Church members. A great time was had by all.

Let us remember – Love one another as He has loved us.

God bless all,  
St. Paul CDC

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## Church Statistics for January

Sunday Worship  
 Average Attendance  
 56

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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,

I hope all of you are keeping warm during this cold snap in the Taylor area. Our St. Paul House continues to be used as an emergency warming center during the day at the request of the City of Taylor. We are the backup for people who are unable to be placed in hotel/motel housing during freezing temperatures. St. James Episcopal Church provides overnight shelter.

**Beginning on February 2 (if we do not have another blast of cold weather) our Sunday brunches will begin afresh, with Bo Stiles restarting his Sunday morning Bible Study. My Pastor's Bible study will begin again on February 5 with a three week focus on Archeology and Jesus** as we will join distinguished professor Dr. Craig A. Evans on a journey to some of the most significant New Testament archaeological sites. Filmed on-site in Israel's Galilee region, Dead Sea region, and Jerusalem, we will gain insight into first-century socioeconomic life and further our grasp the historical and biblical context of Jesus' ministry. You may join us online or in person at the conference room at the St. Paul House. Simply drop me an email ([pastor@stpaultaylor.com](mailto:pastor@stpaultaylor.com)) and I can add your name to our online class list. **The Lutheran Bible Translators Daily Bible Reading Guide (you can read the Bible through in one year) is available on our website. Daily Bible Reading Guide** (<https://www.stpaultaylor.com/daily-bible-guide/>). My thanks to Jason Richter for keeping our website up-to-date.

Scout Sunday will be celebrated as part of our festival of the Transfiguration of Lord on February 9. Join us as we visit with our renewed Scout pack 167 and our new Scout Master, Heath Lombard as they assist us with worship. In the evening, we can share family time with Super Bowl activities. Sadly, all my favorite teams were eliminated. Maybe next year Texas will be represented.

My thanks to all who assisted with worship and to Kenneth Kruse for preaching for me, while Elaine and I were gone on our cruise vacation. During February and March, I will be attending an online Evangelism training class provided by the Institute for Lutheran Theology, our LCMC seminary, **with Dr. Mark Mattes. I look forward to sharing insights with you as we further develop a team approach for outreach. The class will explore** strategies of evangelism that are workable in our own context.

Please remember the family of Ella Kuhl, our oldest member who died at the age of 102, in your prayers. I appreciate Pastor Warren from Condra Funeral Home presiding at the gravesite in my absence.

**I am looking forward to our Annual Congregational Meeting which will be held immediately following worship on February 23. Please come and join us as we plan for the future.**

Now that Elaine and I have experienced the refreshment of a cruise, we come back with renewed energy. We will be preparing for a Spring CDC Garage Sale, Mid-week Lenten worship services and visitation with new movers into Taylor. Elaine and I look forward to these activities as we work together with you to serve our Lord Jesus and proclaim his message to our community. As our nation begins a new presidency, may we all pray for our national, state and local leaders. May they be blessed with wisdom, patience, and faithfulness.

Blessings,

*Pastor George*



## God's Extraordinary Work

In my days as a pastor of a congregation, one of my joys was planning sermon series during the different liturgical seasons of the church calendar. One year I stumbled upon the idea of doing a summer series called "Characters of the Bible." Each Sunday after Pentecost, we started walking through the Old Testament and studied the men and women of God that we read about in the Bible. For many adult congregation members, this was the first time these stories had been revisited since their childhood days when they were taught in Sunday School classes. Unfortunately, these stories are often not the topic of the regular preaching during Sunday morning sermons.

Through this sermon series, we began to focus on a theme that we find throughout the Old and New Testaments of the Bible: that God uses ordinary people like you and me to do his extraordinary work! Sometimes we remember the Sunday School stories of these Bible characters and imagine them as superheroes. As we stand in awe at what God does in and through their lives, sometimes it is easy for us to forget that the bible character themselves was a sinful human being just like us.

For some people, learning that the person God used in a mighty way as an instrument of his activity in the world is also an imperfect sinner can somehow be seen as a stain, as if it makes the story less powerful. Perhaps this is why the undesirable or scandalous parts of these stories are often glossed over. But I truly believe that the fact that God works through sinful men and women like you and me is by God's own design and demonstrates that the power is not of man, but of God. Because of this fact, it displays God's power even more! As Paul writes in 2 Corinthians 4:7, *Now we have this treasure in clay jars, so that this extraordinary power may be from God and not from us.* We who minister in Jesus' name are mere sinners: imperfect, broken vessels who are tasked with delivering the perfect and powerful Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Therefore, no one should be overly impressed with the messenger and our hope ought not be placed in a pastor. When we place pastors or any church leader on a pedestal, we inevitably will be disappointed when we realize that they, too, sin and fall short. Pastors and all church leaders are called to lead not perfect lives, but to walk honestly and humbly, confessing their sin before God and one another and receiving the forgiveness of sins we all need.

The church is often attacked when the sin of a church leader is exposed... as if it somehow invalidates the many ways God worked through that person for Kingdom good. While it is true that the church is hurt whenever sin goes unconfessed or covered up, God continues to perfectly move, display power, proclaim the Word, and deliver grace and blessing in the sacraments of baptism and communion through the work of imperfect vessels in the church. Despite our sinfulness and brokenness, God still does extraordinary work through ordinary people like you and me

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 Pastor out of office and unavailable 9:00am Handbell Choir Practice - Sanctuary 10:00am Worship - Sanctuary 11:00am Sunday School and Adult Education 12:00pm Radio - KRXT 98.5 FM	27 8:00am Church Office - Open Pastor out of office and unavailable	28 8:00am Church Office - Open Pastor out of office and unavailable 6:30pm Scouts - Fellowship Hall	29 8:00am Church Office - Open Pastor out of office and unavailable 9:30am Folding Bulletins 1:30pm Prayer Time	30 8:00am Church Office - Open Pastor out of office and unavailable	31 Church Office Closed Pastor out of office and unavailable	1 Pastor out of office and unavailable
2 10:00am Worship with Holy Communion - Sanctuary 11:00am Brunch, Sunday School and Adult Education 12:00pm Radio - KRXT 98.5 FM	3 8:00am Church Office - Open	4 8:00am Church Office - Open 9:30am LCMC Pr Cluster Mtg 6:30pm Scouts - Fellowship Hall	5 8:00am Church Office - Open 9:30am Folding Bulletins 1:30pm Prayer Time 2:00pm Pastor's Bible Study	6 8:00am Church Office - Open	7 Church Office Closed	8 Pastor's Day Off
9 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	10 8:00am Church Office - Open	11 8:00am Church Office - Open 6:30pm Scouts - Fellowship Hall	12 8:00am Church Office - Open 9:30am Folding Bulletins 1:30pm Prayer Time 2:00pm Pastor's Bible Study	13 8:00am Church Office - Open	14 Church Office Closed	15 Pastor's Day Off
16 10:00am Worship with Holy Communion - Sanctuary 11:00am Brunch, Sunday School and Adult Education 12:00pm Radio - KRXT 98.5 FM	17 8:00am Church Office - Open	18 8:00am Church Office - Open 9:30am LCMC Pr Cluster Mtg 6:30pm Council Meeting - St. Paul House 6:30pm Scouts - Fellowship Hall	19 8:00am Church Office - Open 9:30am Folding Bulletins 1:30pm Prayer Time 2:00pm Pastor's Bible Study	20 8:00am Church Office - Open Newsletter Articles Due 11:30am Women of the Word	21 Church Office Closed	22 Pastor's Day Off
23 9:00am Handbell Choir Practice - Sanctuary 10:00am Worship - Sanctuary (Annual Congregational Meeting following service) 11:00am Brunch, Sunday School and Adult Education 12:00pm Radio - KRXT 98.5 FM	24 8:00am Church Office - Open	25 8:00am Church Office - Open 6:30pm Scouts - Fellowship Hall	26 8:00am Church Office - Open 9:30am Folding Bulletins 1:30pm Prayer Time 2:00pm Pastor's Bible Study	27 8:00am Church Office - Open	28 Church Office Closed	1 Pastor's Day Off Sanctuary Use-St. James Episcopal Church for Deacon Ordination- Time TBD

## We Remember in Prayer

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

**Our Members:**

Jane Vorwerk, Inez Sladek, Elaine Oser, Brunner Grau, John Harper, Kent Safarik.

**Our Shut Ins:**

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

**Our family, friends, and loved ones:**

Ben McCuk, Chad Cox, Alan Debus, Robert Harty, Mackenzie Brewer, Loretta Simank, Authur Moreno, Jack Dismukes, Calvin and Rosalie Jechow, Edward Morgan, Sandra Milner, Dora Brittian, Ryan Richey, Alma Russell, Tori Harris and baby, Andrea Carrizales, 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

Jane Vorwerk    2/25/45    80 Yrs

## FEBRUARY



### BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

25th Anniversary:

None

30th Anniversary :

None

**40th Anniversary:**

None

**50th Anniversaries & Above**

Donald & Ann Janke                      2/5 60 Yrs

Don & Marilyn Artieschoufsky 2/1 50 yrs

- 1 - Genesis 25
- 2 - Psalm 19-22
- 3 - Genesis 26
- 4 - Genesis 27
- 5 - Genesis 28
- 6 - Genesis 29
- 7 - Genesis 30
- 8 - Genesis 31
- 9 - Psalm 23-26
- 10 - Genesis 32

**Daily Bible Reading Guide**  
February

- 11 - Genesis 33
- 12 - Genesis 34
- 13 - Genesis 35
- 14 - 1 John 3
- 15 - Genesis 36
- 16 - Psalm 27-30
- 17 - Genesis 37
- 18 - Genesis 38

- 19 - Genesis 39
- 20 - Genesis 40
- 21 - Genesis 41
- 22 - Genesis 42
- 23 - Psalm 31-33
- 24 - Genesis 43
- 25 - Genesis 44
- 26 - Genesis 45
- 27 - Genesis 46
- 28 - Genesis 47

# News & Views

## **St. Paul Lutheran Church**

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### **The Vegetable Garden**

*First plant five rows of peas:*

*Patience*

*Promptness*

*Preparation*

*Perseverance*

*Purity*

*Next plant three rows of squash:*

*Squash gossip*

*Squash criticism*

*Squash indifference*

*The plant five rows of lettuce:*

*Let-us be faithful to duty*

*Let-us be unselfish*

*Let-us be loyal*

*Let-us be true to obligations*

*Let-us love one another*

*And no garden is complete without turnips:*

*Turn-up for important meetings*

*Turn-up with a smile*

*Turn-up with good ideas*

*Turn-up with determination to make everything good and worthwhile*

*Submitted by Annie L. Peachey*