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St. Paul Lutheran Church News & Views

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January 2025

Readers for Jan:

- Jan 5th - Terry Richter
- Jan 12th - Chris Rohlack
- Jan 19th - Katie Safarik
- Jan 26th - Paula Safarik

Summer camp
AND
Taylor Summer Recreation

Missions Of The Month



Church Financial Summary

	December	Annual/Cumulative
Monthly Budget	\$23,778	\$285,336
Monthly Contributions	\$30,706	\$286,759

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

As we usher in the new year, take time to reflect on all the blessings we experienced in 2024 and thank God for all he has done for us, the Taylor community, the great State of Texas and The United States of America.

We pray for continued blessings for each and everyone of you; you are all special to the St. Paul Lutheran Church family.

Thank you for your support during the 2024 calendar year, for your time, talents and contributions.



St. Paul Lutheran Child Development Center



St Paul CDC January Newsletter

As we welcome the new year, we want to extend our thanks and gratitude for all that we were blessed with in 2024. Thank you to Pastor George and the wonderful members of St. Paul Lutheran Church. The monetary gifts that were given to help make the Christmas' of several of our families was overwhelming. They received presents for all members of their family, food gift cards, snack baskets and lots of misc. items to make the holidays brighter. We were proud to tell them that due to the support that we receive from Pastor George, the congregation, St. Paul School Board, and St. Paul Council we were able to pass it along. We appreciate all that you do for our families and we are so proud of to be part of this church.

The CDC children collected Country Store items for the SPJST Nursing Home and dryer sheets for Skyline Cleaners. Those items have all been delivered and received with much gratitude.

All the school age children will return to school on the 9th. A special prayer for the teachers that will be trying to reach & teach these kids after a long break.

The CDC will be closed on January 20th in observation of Martin Luther King Day.

Dates are being looked at for the first garage sale of 2025 and they will be posted as soon as it has been decided.

God bless you and prayers for a blessed New Year for all,

St. Paul CDC

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Church Statistics for 2024

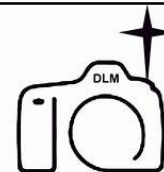
Sunday Worship
Average Attendance
78

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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,

Thank you all for your kind prayers and gifts through the Christmas Season. My thanks to Jason Richter for designing and printing all our worship materials and worship service PowerPoints. My thanks to all the ladies who volunteer each week to fold our church bulletins and newsletters, along with all the church council members, musicians, lectors, altar guild volunteers, audio system operators, Sunday School instructors, and other volunteers who made our Advent and Christmas services so joyful. Special thanks to Loren Dittmeyer for shepherding our boiler issues to correct operation and Daniel Jansky for keeping our church yards looking beautiful.

As we move into the new year, we will be celebrating the festival of Epiphany on Sunday January 5 and the baptism of Morgan Filla following worship on Sunday January 12. Bo Stiles will again lead our Sunday Adult Bible Class - Crossways beginning on January 12 at 11:15 AM in the Fellowship Hall Conference Room. My Pastor's Bible Study will begin with a new study focus on January 15 at 2:00 PM in the St. Paul House Conference Room. Our Scout troop 167 continues to meet monthly in Fellowship Hall for their activities. Scout Sunday and the box derby are on their 2025 agenda.

The community Martin Luther King celebration will be held on Monday January 20 at the Heritage Square Park. This will be the 20th annual celebration which will have a variety of special events. I will again be assisting with this celebration.

Please continue to remember the Dowling, Grimm, McCleery and Domenech families in your prayers as they grieve the loss of their loved ones.

It is a wonderful experience for me to weekly share the Gospel of Jesus with you. Creating Sunday sermons is one of my great joys and the weekly study always brings new insights to share. We truly have a great ministry together proclaiming our Lord Jesus to the Taylor community. I look forward to several more years of serving as your Pastor.

May you all enjoy your New Year celebrations with family and friends.

Blessings,

Pastor George



Mission Moment

by Pastor Bryce Formwalt
Director of Mission Growth



A New Command

As Jesus gathered with his disciples for his last supper, he not only communed with them, but he also served them in a unique way. Before the meal began, he took off his outer robe, knelt down with a basin of water and a towel, and washed their feet. It was a stunning act of service by the King of kings and Lord of lords! Then Jesus began to teach his disciples: “I give you a new command: Love one another. Just as I have loved you, you are also to love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.” (John 13:34-35)

This familiar text is a reminder of what sets Jesus’ followers apart: a self-sacrificing love for one another. Jesus did not say “it would be really neat if you would be nice to one another.” He was not asking his followers to tolerate or put up with one another. He did not offer his example of humble service as a suggestion among a buffet of options. He clearly states this as a new command that is a mark of every single disciple of Jesus. Jesus makes the clear connection that this love will be noticed by the world and is key to sharing Jesus’ love and bearing witness to the Gospel to the world. So, this loving one another thing is really important for our mission in the world!

But what does it mean to love one another? What does this look like in your local church and current ministry context? How do we relate to and connect with one another in ways that are loving, forgiving, serving, encouraging, and, in all ways, build up the body of Christ? As an association of Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ, I believe that it is essential to connect and relate to one another in ways that strengthen our mutual mission and ministry and lead to healthier churches in each of our communities.

For this reason, I would like you to join me and others from across our association as we take two days to dive deeper into this topic. Our Winter Retreats will gather in beautiful Concan, Texas next month around the theme of “One Another”. There are two identical retreats being offered, so choose the one that best fits in your schedule: Sunday evening, February 2 through Tuesday noon, February 4 or Wednesday evening, February 5 through Friday noon, February 7. Each retreat will feature two teaching tracks. LCMC’s Coordinator for Leadership and Pastoral Development Christian Huntley will be teaching the Leadership Track while Texas District Council member Barbara Hoover will be leading the Devotional Track.

The retreat is open to all and is an affordable opportunity to grow in your walk with God and develop your relational capacity to love others as Jesus loves us. If you register by January 11, the retreat registration costs \$120 and includes the program, food, and lodging. To learn more and register online, go to www.lcmctexas.org/winter-retreat. Feel free to reach out with any questions as we are here to help: 512-942-7776 or info@lcmctexas.org.

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.

January 2025

St. Paul Lutheran Church, LCMCT

Sunday		Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday	
29	10:00am Worship - Sanctuary 11:00am Sunday School and Adult Education 12:00pm Radio - KRXT 98.5 FM	30	8:00am Church Office - Open	31	8:00am Church Office - Closed	1	8:00am Church Office - Closed	2	8:00am Church Office - Open 9:30am Folding Bulletins	3	Church Office Closed	4	Pastor's Day Off
5	10:00am Worship with Holy Communion - Sanctuary 11:00am Brunch, Sunday School and Adult Education 12:00pm Radio - KRXT 98.5 FM	6	8:00am Church Office - Closed Today	7	8:00am Church Office - Closed Today 9:30am LCMC Pr Cluster Mtg - St. Paul Lutheran Church will Host	8	8:00am Church Office - Closed Today 9:30am Folding Bulletins 1:30pm Prayer Time 2:00pm Pastor's Bible Study	9	8:00am Church Office - Closed Today	10	Church Office Closed	11	Pastor's Day Off
12	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	13	8:00am Church Office - Open	14	8:00am Church Office - Open 6:00pm Scout Committee Mtg - FH Conf Rm 6:30pm CDC Board Meeting - St Paul House	15	8:00am Church Office - Open 9:30am Folding Bulletins 1:30pm Prayer Time 2:00pm Pastor's Bible Study	16	8:00am Church Office - Open	17	Church Office Closed	18	Pastor's Day Off
19	10:00am Worship with Holy Communion - Sanctuary 11:00am Brunch, Sunday School and Adult Education 12:00pm Radio - KRXT 98.5 FM	20	8:00am Church Office - Open Committee Reports due for Annual Report Newsletter Articles Due	21	8:00am Church Office - Open 9:30am LCMC Pr Cluster Mtg 6:30pm Council Meeting - St. Paul House	22	8:00am Church Office - Open 9:30am Folding Bulletins 1:30pm Prayer Time 2:00pm Pastor's Bible Study	23	8:00am Church Office - Open Pastor out of office and unavailable	24	Church Office Closed Pastor out of office and unavailable	25	Pastor out of office and unavailable
26	Pastor out of office and unavailable 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	27	8:00am Church Office - Open Pastor out of office and unavailable	28	8:00am Church Office - Open Pastor out of office and unavailable	29	8:00am Church Office - Open Pastor out of office and unavailable 9:30am Folding Bulletins 1:30pm Prayer Time 2:00pm Pastor's Bible Study	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

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.

Our Shut Ins:

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

Our family, friends, and loved ones:

Robert Harty, Mackenzie Brewer, Loretta Simank, Authur Moreno, Jack Dismukes, Calvin and Rosalie Jechow, Edward Morgan, Sandra Milner, Dora Brittian, Ryan Richey, Randell Duelm, 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, Rhonda Aikey, Walter Moldenhauer, Sandra Milburn.

Assisted Living/Nursing Home:

SPJST Assisted Living:

Geraldine Cox
Grace Bulgerin
Carol Lantzsch

Taylor SPJST Nursing Home:

Geraldine Steger
Mary Miller

The Monarch:

Joanne Rummel

Will-O-Bell (Barlett):

Ella Kuhl

Brookdale Assisted Living:

Carolyn Jacobson

80th Birthdays & Above

Gladys Townsend 1/20/36 89 Yrs

25th Anniversary:

None

30th Anniversary :

None

40th Anniversary:

None

50th Anniversaries & Above

None

Daily Bible Reading Guide

January

The Daily Bible Reading guide has not yet been published by the Lutheran Bible Translators organization for 2025.

Once available we will continue to provide that daily guide to you. You may also watch for the release at www.lbt.org. Simply type 'daily bible reading guide' into the search bar to look for the 2025 guide.

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Christmas Wishes and Thanks from those we support!



Merry Christmas
&
Happy New Year!

Wishing you all the joys of the season and happiness throughout the coming year. Happy Holidays from your friends at Upbring!

You all are a blessing to Upbring + the children we serve!

♥
Katie Evans



Thank You
For Being
A Blessing

Jennifer Harris
President

Gratefully Celebrating
Our Savior With You This

Christmas

Dickey Museum
Board & Members



Members of St. Paul Lutheran
your generous donation
is very much appreciated.

This past Tuesday
Laundry Love serve 43 persons
and washed 350 loads of laundry.

This year we have had
about 60 people a month who
come to Laundry Love.

Again Thanks so much for
helping us with our non profit.

I wish all of you a
Very Merry Christmas and
a Happy New Year.

God Bless
Dinger Krueger Laundry
Love