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# St. Paul Lutheran Church News & Views

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## October 2024

### Readers for October:

- Oct 6th - Kathy Paulsen
- Oct 13th - Sharon Naivar
- Oct 20th - Randall Pick
- Oct 27th - Terry Richter

### Mission Of The Month

Lutheran  
Association of  
Missionaries and Pilots



Its time for 'Mums'.



If your would like to purchase 'Mums' to decorate the church for All Saint Days on November 3rd, see the order form on page 8. Orders are due by October 28, cost is \$12/ea.

### National Day of Service



# St. Paul Lutheran Child Development Center



## CDC NEWSLETTER

Oct 10 the Pre K3 and Pre K4 classes will be traveling by the CDC bus to the United Methodist Church to tour the pumpkin patch. It is one of their favorite things to do. The little one's love riding on the "big white bus" and the pumpkin patch is always decorated so cute. They will enjoy a story time before they pick out their very own pumpkin.

Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, St Paul Church will be celebrating their 110<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. The CDC Building will be open for anyone wanting to take a walk down memory lane. There have been numerous updates to "spruce" things up feel free to tour it on your own. We will be sending out a note to all parents inviting them to join in on the fun. There are a lot of activities being planned for an old fashion Church get together. The Church will provide Fried Chicken and Ham with the membership supplying all the sides and desserts.

Taylor ISD will be out of school on Oct. 11 & 14 but the CDC will be open as usual.

God bless all,  
The CDC

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### Church Statistics for Sept

Sunday Worship  
Average Attendance  
**61**

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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,

We had a wonderful turnout for the National Day of Service with more than 70 individuals in attendance. 14 knitted caps, 5 sewn bags and 321 tied T-Shirt bags were produced for Shepherd's Heart. Sunny and Conley Paulsen joined me with Elizabeth and Steve Morgan and Beverly Ash in producing T-Shirt bags. A good collection of canned and dried foods was gathered for the Shepherd's Heart Food Pantry. Our First Responders were honored and our speaker from the UT Law School gave us an insightful presentation on how social media is misleading us into thinking our country is deeply divided over politics.

Our Child Development Center continues to care for children and share the Gospel. We now have 50 students with 12 teachers. Special thanks to Rita Kelm and Patty Reiger for their continuing leadership.

We rejoice that the hot weather has finally cooled down and we can return to working on our outside projects around the church. During October, there will be a Church Workday focusing on restoring the Prayer Garden with new plantings and some touch up painting around our facility. There may be a second workday for the ramp project at the front door of the St. Paul House. Look for more details in our Sunday bulletins. My thanks to Loren Dittmeyer and Daniel Jansky for their ongoing work around the St. Paul Church campus.

With the improvement in the weather, Elaine and I are preparing for a Senior Outing on Monday October 21. Watch the Sunday bulletins for further information. We will leave the St. Paul House at 9:15 AM and return by 4:00 PM.

Our Youth Group has several autumn activities planned. Steve and Elizabeth Morgan will be contacting our youth via email and Sunday announcements.

**Reformation Sunday will be celebrated on October 27. We will celebrate the 110<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our ministry at St. Paul on October 20 with a special meal and gathering following Sunday worship. Watch the October Sunday bulletins for further details.**

Elaine and I enjoyed our trip to Marion, Iowa for the LCMC National Gathering. The breakout sessions were learning experiences, with excellent keynote speakers from various Lutheran ministries. You will be hearing more about the National Gathering during Sunday worship. Our LCMC now consists of 1000 total congregations, with 812 US congregations in 39 states and territories and mission congregations in 16 countries.

**Please make sure to vote on November 5.**

Thank you all for your prayers and support for our outreach to the Taylor community. Together we are making positive changes in people's lives in the name of Jesus our Savior.

Blessings,

*Pastor George*



# Mission Moment

by Pastor Bryce Formwalt  
Director of Mission Growth



## A Mission-Minded Lament

Last week I received the following email from a concerned church member offering a heartfelt and faithful lament for the mission of the church. I asked for his permission to share it with you anonymously:

I was going through some old documents at my parents' house today. I came across an old bulletin and I was at first amazed... and then scared. I grew up in a small town in Texas. Our Lutheran congregation was the big church in town, but not the only church. As I think back, everybody I knew went to some church.

The bulletin dated December 2, 1956 showed the attendance the previous Sunday had been a whopping 255 people! And this was no fluke: the attendance on Thanksgiving Day was 212! The 1960 census population for the town was a little over 600 people. In other words, this Lutheran church had regular worship attendance of more than 40% of the whole town's population while numerous other churches thrived nearby. Fast forward to today and that same church reports an average worship attendance in the 80s while the town's census population grew by 30% between 1960 and 2020. Today, about 10% of the community's population is in worship at this church. In 67 years, the attendance fell by 65% and the attendance as a percentage of population fell by 75%!

The attendance figures in my hometown church struck me to my core. Are we (the Church) doing something wrong? How do we deliver the Good News (law and gospel) to this generation? Are we missing some huge opportunity to get people to listen? For, if they do not hear, how can they believe?

I know that we can never bring back the past, but the Gospel can change the future and make it even better. Many people today feel hopeless, helpless, and numb. The news constantly talks about the divide among people: liberals and conservatives, skin colors and nationalities, rich and poor, religious people and the unchurched. Many people do not acknowledge their sin, are not willing to forgive and cannot comprehend faith, grace or salvation.



Contrary to the news reports and popular opinion, I believe that love, hope and joy exist in this world and are prevalent in the Church. The real Church is not angry old people criticizing sinners; nor is it Puritans conquering Satan. The true Church is the fellowship of saints who have grievously experienced sin, mercifully accepted forgiveness, and found the love, hope and joy that abounds within them as a gift of God's grace. And they freely and joyfully share these gifts with others (especially those different than themselves) through their everyday lives.

If this was how the Church was known in the world, do you think people would want to listen? How do we (including the whole LCMC) become that kind of Church? Any ideas? Lots of prayers and contemplation. Enough for now.

*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](http://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](mailto:bryce@lcmctexas.org).*

October 2024

St. Paul Lutheran Church, LCMC†

Sunday		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday						
29	LCMC National Gathering (Marion, Iowa) - Pastor Out 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 LCMC National Gathering (Marion, Iowa) - Pastor Out 9:30am LCMC Pr Cluster Mtg Study 1:30pm LCMC Pastors Text	2	8:00am Church Office - Open LCMC National Gathering (Marion, Iowa) - Pastor Out 9:30am Folding Bulletins 1:30pm Prayer Time	3	8:00am Church Office - Open LCMC National Gathering (Marion, Iowa) - Pastor Out	4	Church Office Closed LCMC National Gathering (Marion, Iowa) - Pastor Out	5	Pastor's Day Off		
6	10:00am Worship with Holy Communion - Sanctuary 11:00am Brunch, Sunday School and Adult Education 12:00pm Radio - KRXT 98.5 FM	7	8:00am Church Office - Open	8	8:00am Church Office - Open 1:30pm LCMC Pastors Text Study 7:00pm Scout Committee Mtg - FH Conf Rm	9	8:00am Church Office - Open 9:30am Folding Bulletins 1:30pm Prayer Time 2:00pm Pastor's Bible Study	10	8:00am Church Office - Open	11	Church Office Closed	12	Pastor's Day Off
13	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	14	8:00am Church Office - Open	15	8:00am Church Office - Open 9:30am LCMC Pr Cluster Mtg Study 1:30pm LCMC Pastors Text 7:00pm Council Meeting - St. Paul House	16	8:00am Church Office - Open 9:30am Folding Bulletins 1:30pm Prayer Time 2:00pm Pastor's Bible Study	17	8:00am Church Office - Open	18	Church Office Closed	19	Pastor's Day Off
20	 Newsletters Articles Due 10:00am Worship with Holy Communion - Sanctuary 11:00am Brunch, Sunday School and Adult Education 12:00pm Radio - KRXT 98.5 FM	21	8:00am Church Office - Open 9:15am Sr. Outing (Specifics TBD)	22	8:00am Church Office - Open 1:30pm LCMC Pastors Text Study	23	8:00am Church Office - Open 9:30am Folding Bulletins 1:30pm Prayer Time 2:00pm Pastor's Bible Study	24	8:00am Church Office - Open	25	Church Office Closed	26	Pastor's Day Off
27	 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	28	8:00am Church Office - Open Orders for Mums Due today by Noon	29	8:00am Church Office - Open 1:30pm LCMC Pastors Text Study	30	8:00am Church Office - Open 9:30am Folding Bulletins 1:30pm Prayer Time 2:00pm Pastor's Bible Study	31	8:00am Church Office - Open	1	Church Office Closed	2	Pastor's Day Off 10:00am Fellowship Hall Rented-R, Kelm

## We Remember in Prayer

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

**Our Members:**

**Carl Beran, 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**

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

Terri Abert, Authur Moreno, Jack Dismukes, Calvin and Rosalie Jechow, Edward Morgan, Sandra Milner, Dora Brittian, Charlotte Vrana, Ryan Richey, Randell Duelm, 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, Sandra Milburn

## *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):**

Ella Kuhl

**Brookdale Assisted Living:**

Carolyn Jacobson

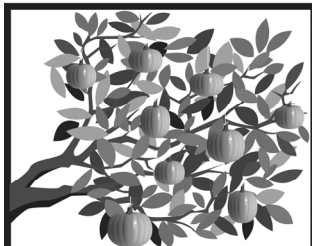
**Trinity Care Center (Round Rock):**

Lorene Prinz

### 80th Birthdays & Above

Inez Sladek	10/25/30	94 Yrs
Lorene Prinze	10/18/37	87 Yrs
Eloise Brackenridge	10/22/39	85 Yrs
Loren Dittmeyer	10/21/40	84 Yrs
Donald Janke	10/5/42	82 Yrs

## OCTOBER



## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

25th Anniversary:  
None

30th Anniversary :  
None

40th Anniversary:  
None

**50th Anniversaries & Above**  
Dan & Glenda Jansky    10/2    53 Yrs

### Daily Bible Reading Guide October

- 1 - Isiah 6
- 2 - Isiah 7
- 3 - Isiah 8
- 4 - Isiah 9
- 5 - Isiah 10
- 6 - Psalm 117-118
- 7 - Isiah 11
- 8 - Isiah 12
- 9 - Isiah 13
- 10 - Isiah 14
- 11 - Isiah 15
- 12 - Isiah 16

- 13 - Psalm 119:1-88
- 14 - Isiah 17
- 15 - Isiah 18
- 16 - Isiah 19
- 17 - Isiah 20
- 18 - Isiah 21
- 19 - Isiah 22

- 20 - Psalm 119:89-176
- 21 - Isiah 23
- 22 - Isiah 24
- 23 - Isiah 25
- 24 - Isiah 26
- 25 - Isiah 27
- 26 - Isiah 28
- 27 - Psalm 120-121
- 28 - Isiah 29
- 29 - Isiah 30
- 30 - Isiah 31
- 31 - Isiah 32

# News & Views

**St. Paul Lutheran Church**



## Birthday Recognition

**BIG SHOUT OUT** to our oldest congregational member.

Ella Kuhl turned 102  
on July 25.



**Empty Bowl Project \$20.00**

Each ticket for \$20 purchases a handmade bowl from an expert potter.

**OCTOBER 12, 2024, 11:30AM-2:00PM**

**Location: Will take place in the alleyway (Potter's Alley) right behind the Timmerman Building at 2nd & Main. Entry to the event will be off Main St.**



I would like \_\_\_\_\_ (number) of Chrysanthemum plant(s) to decorate our church for All Saints Day. The plants are \$12.00 each and the order deadline is:

**Monday, October 28, 2024**

Please include payment with this order form.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

My Chrysanthemum(s) is given in memory of:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Number of Chrysanthemum(s) ordered \_\_\_\_\_

X \$12.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Total Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

*You may put this form in the offering plate, deliver it to the church office between 8:00 Am to 1:00 PM, or mail to: St. Paul Lutheran Church, MUM order enclosed, 401 W 7th ST., Taylor, TX 76574.*