

St. Paul Lutheran Church



"The Red Brick Church on Ave M"

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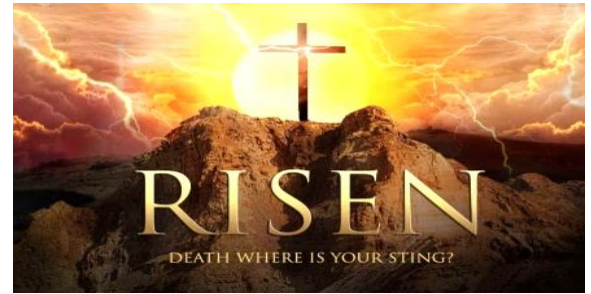
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MARCH 2024



St. Paul Staff

Senior Pastor: Beverly Kelling

Children & Family Ministry: Laurie Lentz

Office Secretary: Joann Neuman

Financial Secretary: Erin Guenther

MDO Director: Annette Kammer

Music Ministry Coordinator: Jeanette Rath

Musicians

Guitarist: Jody Jacobs & Ben Rath

Pianist: Rhiannon Smith

Organist: Grace Reed

Drums: Rick Brickles

Vocals: Lynda Halbardier, Kathy Carrigan,
Jan Sprenger, & David Hershberger

Violinist: Jeanette Rath

Services

Sunday, 9:00am

Wednesday, 6:00pm

"Come As You Are" Contemporary Worship Service

Church Website: (stpaulhondo.org)

Facebook page: (St Paul Lutheran Church Hondo)

YouTube: (St Paul Lutheran Church Hondo TX)

Current and past Sunday services can be found here.

2024 Council Members

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This Easter Season Two Things to Ponder:

"Get rid of your bitterness, hot tempers, anger, loud quarreling, cursing, and hatred. Be kind to each other, sympathetic, forgiving each other as God has forgiven you through Christ." Ephesians 4:31-32

As we were cleaning out the workroom in the Education Building in time for the rummage sale the thought came to mind of how WE need to 'get rid of' some habits and sins that pile up and fill to the brim some places that we need to free up for God to fill. Some things are truly 'junk' other things may have been a part of our old life, and now crowd out the better things we are in Christ. *What is cluttering up your mind, your time, your space? What do you need to get rid of to make space for more of Jesus?*

"He saved other people, but He can't save Himself! People say he is the King of Israel! If He is the King, then let Him come down now from the cross. Then we will believe in Him." Matthew 27:42

Unbelievable! After ALL the healings, ALL the teachings, ALL the demons cast out and the wisdom poured in. After ALL His authority and love shown they still wanted MORE before they **say** they would believe! Here's the point they missed...

Jesus did not come to save Himself; He came to save us!!! He didn't need redemption – *WE DO!* *Where are you wanting more from Jesus before you will fully believe Him? What would it take for you to truly receive the forgiveness He went to the cross for?* *'He is not here. He has been raised, just as He said.'*

Thank You Debra Zerr for all your time & work to update our Bereavement Teams & for hosting the Confirmation Retreat!!!

Mark your Calendars:

April 7 – Confirmation Sunday, 10:30am

May 6 – Women's Jubilee Gathering, 11-2p

Welcome Mike & Trudy Williams to our family here at St. Paul! SO thankful for you both!!

The Gospel of Mark ~ C.I.A. – Christ In Action

March 3: "A Farmer's Story"

Psalm 23:5-6

Mark 4:1-20

March 10: "More or Less"

Proverbs 9:10-12

Mark 4:21-34

***Nursing Home Service**

March 17: "Tell What Jesus Has Done for You"

Psalm 16:8-11a

Mark 5:1-20

***Confirmation**

March 24: "What Will You Do with Him?"

Psalm 55:12-14

***Mark 15:12-24**

***Palm Sunday**

March 31: 'The Son has Risen & is Going Before You'

Psalm 20:1, 4-8

***Mark 15:42-16:8**

***Resurrection Sunday**

***Services at 7:00am and 9:00am**

Lent Sermon Series: One Long Night

Lent series focus on the night of Jesus' betrayal, trials, denials, prayers, persecution & pain. Services are at 6:00p with Soup & Sandwich Fellowship on Wednesdays.

March 6: 'Betrayed & Deserted' – Don Krumrey

March 13: 'No Real Evidence Needed' –

Derlin Hennig

March 20: 'When Words Won't Help' –

Laurie Lentz

March 28: *Maundy Thursday

March 29: "Nailed to the Cross" - *Good Friday

Keep Believing, Your Savior is on His Way!

In Christ & with love, Beverly <////><

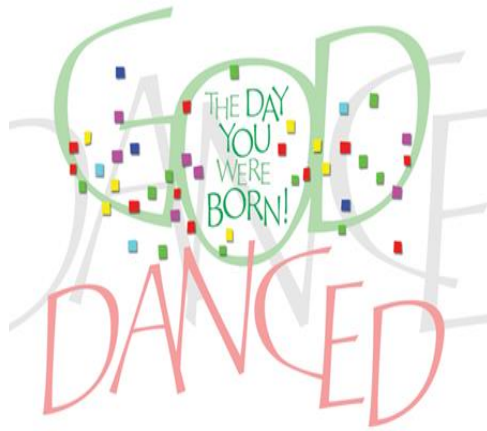
RESPONSIBILITIES

Date	March 3 rd	March 10 th	March 17 th	March 24 th	March 31 st
Altar Flowers	Chuck & Lynda Halbardier	Debbie Whitehead	Tim & Joann Neuman	Chuck & Lynda Halbardier	OPEN
Sanctuary Lamp	Audrey Moncada	Lentz Family	Lentz Family	Debbie Whitehead	Kim Anderwald
Head Ushers	Robin Green Pam Westbrook	Johnette Dixon Mark Nester	Deb Cleary Jay Reed	Wayne Scholtz Roberta Hennig	Stuart Franke Lynda Halbardier
Lectors	Debbie Whitehead	Kim Anderwald	Dianne Bradley	Don Krumrey	7am Joann Neuman 9am Carol DeHaven
Acolytes	Brice Terrill Easton Hennessey	Wesley & Clayton Nickols	Mackenzie Collins Claire Bowman	Lauren & Hannah Guenther	7am Brooklyn Saathoff Laken Deleon
Altar Guild	Jean Saathoff & Jenny Lessing				9am Joseph Weimer Emery Brickles

Please sign up for Flowers & Sanctuary Lamp. The charts are in the Education Building or call the office. If you would like for the church to order the flowers, they are \$60.00 please contact the office.

BIRTHDAYS

03/02 Jared Sprenger
 03/05 Valencia Winchester
 Reenie Beard
 Gladys Williams
 03/08 J.J. Silva
 03/09 Olivia Zapata
 Truett Timberlake
 03/10 Beth Lewis
 03/13 Alex Contreras
 03/14 Morris Faseler
 Lynda Halbardier
 Addison Halbardier
 03/16 Steve Carrigan



03/19 Jason Guenther
 03/20 Billie Hustede
 Eddie Hagen
 03/21 Elane Franke
 Kim Anderwald
 03/22 Henry Nietenhoefer
 Lance Saathoff
 03/24 Shirley Krumrey
 Brooklyn Saathoff
 Kasey Koch
 03/26 Glennetta Saathoff
 Wyatt Koch
 03/27 Gail Saathoff
 03/30 Laurie Lentz

Laurie's Letter for Youth and Children of St. Paul

Never too early to start planning for VBS....Monday, June 3rd to Friday, June 7th from 9 am to Noon. We will have our VBS Pool Party Celebration on Thursday, June 6th. Contact Carrie if you would like to volunteer. Our theme this year will be Star Wars.

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April 7th →
Confirmation Sunday

St. Paul Children & Youth who will be attending Camp Eagle - Summer 2024 will be having a Pizza Night @ Dominos on Friday, March 8th from 5-8 pm. We will receive 20% of all the sales when you mention St. Paul Lutheran Campers when you order. Thank you in advance for your support. Who doesn't love a Family Pizza Night! This is for the Hondo Location only.

Soup and Sandwich Meals will continue each Wednesday night at 6:45. Please have your food item to the Activity Center by 6 pm. If you can set up or clean up it would be greatly appreciated. The List of who was responsible for each week was in last month's newsletter. If you have questions call Laurie or the church office. All are welcome to bring food.

Bible Study Opportunities start back up April 3rd

Kinder-3rd Grade: 2nd & 4th
Wednesdays - 4-5:15 pm

4th-6th Grade: 1st & 3rd
Wednesdays - 4-5:15 pm

High School Junior/Senior
Lunch Bible Study 11:10-11:45
every Thursday

Youth - 7th to 12th grade every
Wednesday 7 to 8:15 pm

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Palm Sunday is March 24th

8:50 am - Meet in the Annex for Palm Processional

10:30 am - Sunday School

11:30 am - Baked Potato Bar Fundraiser

12:00 pm - Easter Egg Hunt



This year we have decided to do our Camp Baked Potato Bar Fundraiser the same day as our Easter Egg Hunt so families don't have to rush to get or bring food. Bring your own Easter Basket but no need to bring eggs. Campers and Parents are asked to help with this Potato Fundraiser. Cynthia Patterson is the one in charge of this fundraiser. Thank in advance.

RUMMAGE SALE.... Your support and help is greatly appreciated. Thanks to all who shopped, set up and cleaned up.

Changes are coming to Sunday School for grades 1st-4th. We are going to try 3- 15-minute rotations to include the Bible Lesson, a hands on project, and music. A fun new twist!

In a world full of bad things, always remind your children to be KIND. We never know what tough times others are going through. CHOOSE KINDNESS

THANK YOU!

Dear faithful friends at St. Paul,
Thank you for continuing to support
Restore Reproductive Health through
your monthly Sunday School offerings.
Knowing your gifts are designated
to help our clients gives us such a
boost in our spirits!

God bless you as you bless us.

In His Service,
Diane Cosgrove, Exec. Dir.

March 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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					RUMMAGE SALE	
3 9:00am Worship Taco Sunday 10:00am Fellowship 10:30 am Sunday School	4 Cornerstone 10am-2pm 6:00pm Women's Study 6:00 Journaling Study 7:00pm Men's Bible Study	5 7:00am Prayer Warriors	6 9am Tacking Quilters 11:00 BSF (LLB) Lent Worship Service 6pm Soup & Sandwiches 7:00pm Bible Study	7 Office Closed High School BSF 1pm Hand Quilters	8	9
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10 9:00am Worship 10:00am Fellowship 10:30 am Sunday School 2:00pm Nursing Home	11 Cornerstone 10am-2pm Friends In Faith 1:30pm-3pm 6:00pm Women's Study 6:00 Journaling Study	12 7:00am Prayer Warriors	13 9am Tacking Quilters Lent Worship Service 6pm Soup & Sandwiches 7:00pm Bible Study	14 Office Closed 1pm Hand Quilters	15	16
17 9:00am Worship 10:00am Fellowship 10:30 am Sunday School 2pm-6pm Confirmation 4:30pm Emmaus Gathering @ Somerset	18 Cornerstone 10am-2pm 6:00pm Women's Study 6:00 Journaling Study 7:00pm Men's Bible Study	19 7:00am Prayer Warriors 7:00pm Council Meeting	20 9am Tacking Quilters 11:00 BSF (LLB) Lent Worship Service 6pm Soup & Sandwiches 7:00pm Bible Study	21 Office Closed High School BSF 1pm Hand Quilters	22	23
24 Palm Sunday 9:00am Worship 10:00am Fellowship 10:30 am Sunday School	25 Cornerstone 10am-2pm Friends In Faith 1:30pm-3pm 6:00pm Women's Study 6:00 journaling Study	26 7:00am Prayer Warriors	27 9am Tacking Quilters 11:00 BSF (LLB) CAYA Worship Service 6pm Soup & Sandwiches 7:00pm Bible Study	28 Office Closed High School BSF 1pm Hand Quilters 6:00pm Maundy Thursday Service	29 6:00pm Good Friday Worship Service	30
31 Resurrection Sunday 7:00 am Sunrise Service 9:00am Worship Service						

Sunday School (10:30am-11:15am)

3yr old-12th grade:

3-5 yr. old's—LLB— Annette Kammer / Lynda Hook

1st & 2nd – LLB - Jennifer Molitor /Sarah Reus

3rd & 4th – LLB – Becky Burton / Laurie Lentz

5th & 6th – Ed. Bldg. - Geoff Weimer

7th-12th grades- (AC Upper Rooms) –

Pat Cleary/Johnette Dixon

Adult Small Groups:

Study of Hebrews

led by Bob Mayne (O.W.L.S., Act. Center)

“Come and See” led by Ron Sprenger
(Lion's Den, Legacy Life Bldg.)

“Studying the Books of the Bible”
led by Rod Prewitt (Turtle Room, Ed. Bldg.)

“1 Corinthians” (YAK Class Rm, Ed. Bldg.)

Weekday Bible Study Opportunities:

First and Third Mondays at 7 PM

Men's Bible Study (LLB) led by Don Krumrey

Second and Fourth Mondays 1:30pm-3:00pm

Friends In Faith (Education Building) led by Pastor Beverly

Mondays at 6 PM

Women's Bible Study (Education Building)

Journaling & Illustration led by Roberta Hennig (Edu.Blg.)

Tuesdays at 6pm

Topical Study led by Cynthia Nester (LLB)

The Josiah Manifesto - TBA

Wednesday at 7pm (Following CAYA)

Through the Bible teaching, studying about prophesy and much that has yet to be fulfilled. Led by David Hershberger (Activity Center – In class next to the kitchen).

“And never stop praying.” ~ 1Thessalonians 5:17

Healing & Comfort:

Chris Porter, Margaret Reus, Buffie Rogge, Dorothy Wells, Matthew Hook, Rene Ortiz, Diane Cooper, Betty Barlow, Henry Nietenhoefer, Jean Krenmueller, Sandi Schweers, Lance Brucks, Bobby Klein, Patricia Welch, Helen Ann Jones, Cindy Sprenger, Ailyn Fernandez, Dough Newtwich, Maricela Frausto.

Active Military:

Larry & Teresa Sullivan, Adriel Schoenhals, Joshua Fair, Rebecca Bryant, Patrick Green, Andy Lynch, Chelsea Lynch, Riley Lynch, Briana Jernigan, Marc Proctor, Kephren Adams, Kendle Adams, Clayton Reed, Les Armstrong, Kelly Driskill, Desiree (Warner) Pointer, Ethan Kammer, Heath Runnels, Collin Bezely, Jessie Philip, Rachel Morgan, Sean Constante, Jimmy Sawyer Rhodes, Dawson Brumbelow & Ben Rath. Thank you Lord for our military.

*(Please help us to update, if we need to add or remove someone from the list above please contact the office.)

Children/Youth Bible Study Opportunities

Kinder-3rd Grade: 2nd & 4th Wednesdays

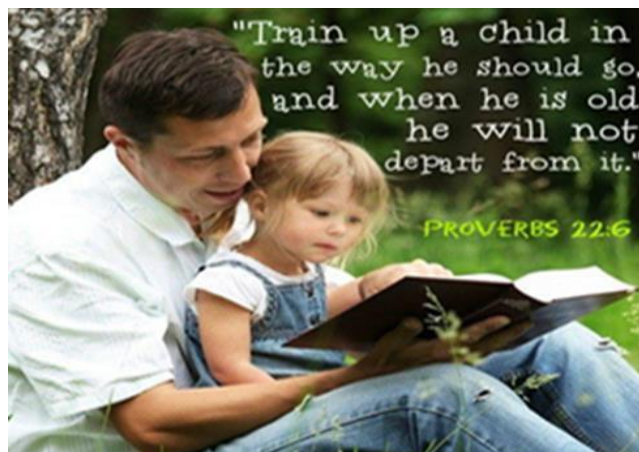
4th-6th Grade: 1st & 3rd Wednesdays

Thursday High School Junior/Senior Lunch Bible Study

11:15am -11:45pm - see the church calendar for dates

Youth – 7th to 12th grade every Wednesday 7 to 8:15 pm

***Check your messages from Laurie or call the office with questions**



HERE AT ST. PAUL LUTHERAN

"COME AS YOU ARE"

6pm Worship Service

Lenten Meal following these Worship Services

March 6th - Don Krumrey

March 13th – Derlin Hennig

March 20th – Laurie Lentz



Church Rummage Sale

March 1st & 2nd

Friday 8am – 4pm

Saturday 8am -12pm

Newsletter Update

We recently found out we do not meet the criteria for bulk mailing. This means our cost for mailing the newsletter out monthly has almost doubled. So we recently looked at some other ways to get the monthly newsletter to you. One way is you can get on our emailing list and you will be able to receive it sooner. To do this you may call Joann @ (830)426-3222 or email her at stpaulhondo@yahoo.com. The second way is to pick yours up the first Sunday of the month after church, please let the office know you would like this option by calling or emailing Joann at the above phone number or address so she will have an accurate count available. Lastly you can choose to continue to receive yours through the mail and to choose this you do nothing and you will continue to receive it.



Our condolences to the families of Jane Johnson who went to be with the Lord on Monday, February 19th.

Jane was a member here at St. Paul and was for many years the nursery care worker and loved by many kids and their parents. We extend our love and prayers to her family and friends.

Welcome our newest members

Mike & Trudy Williams!

We are so glad you have chosen St. Paul to call your church home.



This Month's Special Offering – Children & Youth - Camp Eagle:

Camp Eagle - Where we encounter Christ through God's people and creation.

Some of our St. Paul Youth and Children will attend Camp Eagle again this July.

This camp is filled with daily Bible Studies, worship, campfires, swimming, canoeing, rock climbing and many faith developing activities. For the past 10 years the curriculum has been centered around reading through the Bible. The cost of camp is \$ 549 for Rivers Edge and \$725 for Headwaters per camper, and we have families who need an extra "gift of love" to be able to send their child or children to camp.





Texas District

Mission Moment

by Pastor Bryce Formwalt
Director of Mission Growth



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Remembering What We Were Made For

Just like many of you, I recently attended an Ash Wednesday service to mark the beginning of another Lenten season. The message of Ash Wednesday is an important reminder of our identity: that we are mortal beings created out of dust who will return to dust at the end of our natural lives. Even though we realize that God will resurrect the dead in faith to eternal life with him and dust we will not remain, we cannot escape the present reality of the fleeting nature of our lives lived here on earth.

The Lenten season draws us into deep reflection as to who we are, whose we are, and what we were made for. As followers of Jesus Christ, we acknowledge that our identity is shaped not by our accomplishments, wealth, social status, talents, or even our personality. Our identity is shaped by God: our creator, redeemer, and sanctifier. We belong to He who made us, redeemed us, and guides us in our daily living. But what exactly were we made for?

As Lutheran Christians we are fond of what Paul writes in Ephesians 2:8-9: *“For you are saved by grace through faith, and this is not from yourselves; it is God’s gift—not from works, so that no one can boast.”* These verses shaped the Reformation and emphasize that good works can never save us. It is God’s grace that rescues us from sin, death, and the power of the devil. It cannot be earned; this ever will only be a free gift of God!

Yet we often miss the very next verse. Paul in Ephesians 2:10 continues: *“For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared ahead of time for us to do.”* During these 40 days, I pray that we can remember again what we were created to do in this life we’ve been given to live on this earth. From the time that God breathed life into you until the time that your body returns to the earth, God has created and saved you for a purpose: to do good works!

So how is God calling you to steward your time, your gifts and abilities, your relationships, and your finances for the Kingdom? How is God calling you to return to the very basic life orientation of loving God and neighbor? A church member recently suggested that sometimes we forget that God is in charge; that He is Lord, and we are not. As we reflect this Lent on Jesus’ journey to Jerusalem, the cross, and His sacrifice that saves us, may we also remember what we were made, and saved, for.

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.

