

The Epistle of St. Paul



SEPTEMBER 2023





"The Red Brick Church on Ave M"

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Office Hours: Mon.- Wed. 9am-4pm; closed on Thursday; Fri. 9am-3pm E-mail: stpaulhondo@yahoo.com Website: www.stpaulhondo.org

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)

<u>Facebook page:</u> (St Paul Lutheran Church Hondo)

<u>YouTube:</u> (St Paul Lutheran Church Hondo TX)

Current and past Sunday services can be found here.

2023 Council Members

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The Red Brick Church on ave M

Still standing & serving for the Glory of God 115 Years Later!

"`And I also say to thee, that thou art a rock, & upon this rock I will build my assembly, & gates of Hades shall not prevail against it;" Matthew 16:18 YLT

1908, Jan – Rev. August Falkenberg of Quihi is authorized to help start a mission in Hondo

1908, August – 22 sign the membership list to charter SPLC. Worship is held first ay the County Courthouse, then at the Methodist Church

1910 – Construction of SPLC begins

1911 - SPLC is completed

1948 - Church Annex & Sanctuary addition dedicated

1959 - Education Building is built & dedicated

1964 - Youth Building is dedicated

1979 - Renovated Sanctuary is dedicated

1993 - Activity Cnetr is built & dedicated

2016 - Legacy of Life Building competed & dedicated

2023 – [Church interior renovated & dedicated]

As we celebrated St. Paul Lutheran Church's 110th Anniversary, the above dateline was gathered: This is ALL wonderful & part of our history, BUT, something is missing – our ministries & people. Here's a thought to consider... we gather history about our people, ministries & buildings. For example: when did we start the birthday cake ministry at Community Care Center? Mother's Day Out? When did the quilters start sending quilts for Lutheran World Relief? What do we know about Luther League? The Women of St. Paul? The Band of Brothers? When did we change from ALC to ELCA to LCMC? When did we start having church picnics & more? I would love to be able to scan pictures of some past weddings, baptisms, confirmations, First Communions, & other events for a "Shutterfly" type book for our 120th Anniversary. Our buildings are beautiful & necessary, but it's the people

who are St. Paul Lutheran Church! Thoughts?

Welcome into our St. Paul Family of Faith!

Chuck & LeeAnn Hart Bo & Kim Hardy Rick & Chrie McCue

All glory to God for His goodness in bringing you to us & blessing us with you!!!

Because the Time is Near: Revelation

September 3: The Prodigal Son

Psalm 116:5-7

Luke 15:11-32

*Message by Kerry (KT) Turner

September 10: Hallelujah!

Psalm 118:26-29

Revelation 19:1-5

Luke 1:46-55

*Tentative - Blessing of Sanctuary

September 17: The Wedding

Psalm 30:4-5, 11

Revelation 19:6-10

Matthew 22:1-14

*Tentative First Communion

September 24: The King's Advent

Psalm 33:4, 20-22

Revelation 19:11-18

John 1:1-5

*Confirmation Class – 2-6 pm

Keep your eyes on Jesus! He is our victory! In Christ & with love, Beverly <///>

First Communion Sunday is currently scheduled for September 10th during Church Service. [however the date may change depending on the completion of the Sanctuary]

Beverly will contact parents regarding training.

Reminder that we are looking for words to engrave on a sign to be placed above our Activity Center doors! If you have one, call the church office!

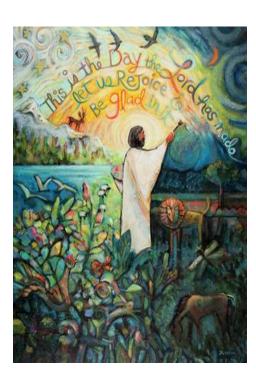
RESPONSIBILITIES

	September 3rd	September 10 th	September 17 th	September 24th	
Altar Flowers		Patt Farness	Joey & Lanell Decker	Paul & Pat Ott	
Sanctuary Lamp	OPEN	Patt Farness	OPEN	Debbie Whitehead	
Head Ushers	Pam Westbrook Lynda Halbardier	Stuart Franke Dianne Bradley	Mark Nester Johnette Dixon	Deb Cleary Jay Reed	
Lectors	Joyce Krenmueller	Westley Halbardier	Carol DeHaven	Johnette Dixon	
Acolytes		Ayelet Reus Joseph Weimer	MJ Neuman Brice Terrill	Hannah & Lauren Guenther	
Fellowship	Dianne Bradley	Paulette Pyron	Patt Farness	John Massengale Kevin Dixon	
Altar Guild	Andrea Bohmfalk & Marilyn Graff				

BIRTHDAYS

9/01 George Brucks **David Jones** Patrick Weimer Carol Dehaven 9/02 Terri Stewart 9/03 Ty Longoria 9/04 Howard Saathoff Scott Saathoff Blair Terrill 9/06 Melody Torres 9/08 Jeanette Rath **Grayson Constante** 9/09 Chase Lee Velvet Diles Chelsea Sprenger 9/10 August Schuehling 9/11 Troy Haass 9/12 Augie Neuman 9/13 Vicky Anaya 9/14 David Jacobs

9/15 Jean Krenmueller



9/15 Penny Soliz Aliyah Pina Pat Lusk 9/16 Julius Cowan Will Winchester Summer Anaya 9/18 Garrett Scott Merlin Gonzales 9/19 Onnie Saathoff John Moye 9/20 Colton Wiemers John Massengale 9/21 Judge Christiansen Reagan Lee 9/23 Betty Ann Prewitt Clayton Reed **Kaylee Torres** Timothy Neuman 9/25 Travis Hay 9/26 Tony Callis 9/27 Cora Baxter 9/28 Carrie Weimer Carol Barlow **Bobby Kammer** 9/30 Jennifer Lessing

September 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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	4	7:00am	6 "Come As You Are"	7	8	9
9:00am Worship 10:00am Fellowship 10:30 am Sunday School	LABOR DAY OFFICE CLOSED 6:00pm (A/C) Women's Study 7:00pm Men's Bible Study	Prayer Warriors 6:00pm (LLB) Journaling Study	6pm Worship Service Youth following service 7:00pm Bible Study	Office Closed 1pm Hand Quilters		BIG EVENT Emmaus Gathering @ Hondo City Park #1 11am-1pm
Grandparent's Day 9:00am Worship 10:00am Fellowship 10:30 am Sunday School 2:00pm Nursing Home Service	Cornerstone 10am-2pm Friends In Faith 1:30-3:00pm 6:00pm (A/C) Women's Study	7:00am Prayer Warriors 6:00pm (LLB) Journaling Study	"Come As You Are" 6pm Worship Service Youth following service 7:00pm Bible Study	Office Closed 1pm Hand Quilters	Newsletter Deadline	16
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Youth and Children of St. Paul



FLAG FLYING HOLIDAYS

Labor Day (Sept 4th) – put flags out on Friday, Sept 1st and take down Wed, Sept 6th. Please call or text me if you would like to lead a group – we need 4 groups each time! It is a lot of fun and NOT hard at all. We meet in the alley way of the Legacy Life Building. If there is someone who would like to take charge of this project for our church, please contact Laurie.

Kinder – 3rd Grade Fun Time begins back up Wed, Sept. 27th from 4-5:15 pm (2nd & 4th Wednesday of the month)

4-6th Grade Bible Study begins back up Wed, Sept. 20th from 4-5:15 pm. You can bring your own Bible. (1st & 3rd Wednesday of the month) Junior/Senior Bible Study
Lunches will start back up on
Wednesday, August 30th.
Come to the Activity Center
– lunch will be ready and we
will pray and then divide into
our study. Bring a friend and
your Bible. All are welcome!
This year we will be studying
the Book of John.

Big Dates in 2023: Every Wednesday Worship 6 pm

August 30th →
HS Bible Study Lunch

Sept 10th →
First Communion
Class 10:15 - 1 pm

Sunday, Sept 17th →
First Communion
Sunday – during the
service

September 24th 4-6th grade Bible Study 4-5:15 pm

September 24th →
Confirmation 2-4 pm

September 27th→
Kinder-3rd Grade Fun
Time 4-5:15pm

October 29th→
Fall Festival

October 31st →
Halloween Event in
Act. Center 5:30-7pm

November 18th →
Christmas in God's
Country Cake Wheel
& Parade

December 3rd →
Christmas Program
Rehearsal 5-6 pm

December 6th →
Christmas Program
& 3rd graders receive
Bibles 6 pm Worship

December 9th →
Breakfast with Santa
9-11 am











Confirmation is off to a great start! Lots of fun by the pool getting to know each other. It is going to be a great year.

Many hands make less work! A BIG thank you to the youth, children & adults who came to help! You are appreciated!

Sunday School

growing together in Christ

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS ARE NEEDED FOR THE FALL OF 2023! CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE OR CONTACT CARRIE WEIMER! GOD DOESN'T CALL THE EQUIPPED, HE EQUIPS THE CALLED. BE A VOLUNTEER & YOU WILL BE BLESSED!



Forms are in a folder outside of my office. Please read fundraiser page in this newsletter. Lots of information! And watch for

emails.

Camp Registration

Camp Eagle 2024 – week of July 15-20th



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We will be attending Camp Eagle July 15th -20th. The cost for camp is Rivers Edge \$549 and Headwaters \$725. (FYI - If you attended Headwaters on your own the cost would be \$1100.) emails will be going out and a contract along with a deposit will have to be required before your child's spot is reserved. If your child is interested in attending camp next summer please contact me. Plans are already starting. If you would like to be a group camp sponsor or sponsor a kid to go to Camp Eagle, please contact me. If we don't have enough sponsors we will not attend. Thanks for all the support. This week could make a huge difference in your life. Laurie – 210-213-2088 – Fundraisers starting in September.....Never to early to start planning!!

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St. Paul Lutheran Church - Camp Eagle Newsletter



Camp Eagle Information/Fundraisers

Laurie Lentz

(210) 213-2088 - lentz1to4@gmail.com - PO BOX 58 - Hondo, TX 78861

Camp Eagle 2024

The date has been set – July 15-20th, 2024. The cost will stay the same at \$725 for Headwaters (completed 1st – 6th grade) and \$549 for Group Camp (completed 7th – 12th grade). Registration forms are ready for you to sign up your child or children. A non-refundable deposit of \$150.00 is required to save your camper's spot. To assure your camper or campers have a spot please mail your deposit and registration form by Friday, October 13th.

You are more than welcome to make monthly payments for your camper. Your deposit, registration form, and monthly payments can be mailed to St. Paul Lutheran Church – PO Box 58 – Hondo, TX 78861 – attention Laurie Lentz.

If you need more information about Camp Eagle you can go to their website – www.campeagle.org

There are registration forms in a folder outside of my office door in the Education Building.



Fundraisers

Any camper who is attending Camp Eagle is welcome to participate in fundraisers that St. Paul Lutheran is having. Or your home church is more than welcome to have fundraisers to help support your camper as well.

Here is a list of the fundraisers we have tentatively scheduled....

Quilt Raffle – October 29th @ the Fall Festival

Cake Wheel – November 18th @ Christmas in God's Country

Breakfast with Santa – December 9th – 8:30-11 am

Dessert Auction – December 17th

Rummage Sale – March 1st & 2nd

Potato Bar – March 24th

Plant Sale – April 21st

Domino's Pizza – Monthly

Rent a Kid – throughout the year

Taco Sunday – monthly

St. Paul Lutheran will again give their church members \$200 to go towards camp. This money is not just a gift, when different community service projects need to be done at church it would be helpful to have children and youth help with these tasks – moving furniture, spreading mulch, watering plants, putting flags out for Flags Across Hondo, tasks like this.

If you would like to be in charge of a specific fundraiser please feel free to contact Laurie. New ideas or additions are always welcome.

If you have experience in writing grants – like a HEB or Walmart grant please reach out to me.

If you need financial assistance please ask sooner than later.

If you are an adult and would like to be a sponsor for Group Camp please let me know. Your camp registration fee will be paid by the church however, you will be expected to complete a background check as well as Child Protection Training through Camp Eagle.

As a sponsor at Group Camp, you will be required to stay with a group of campers in the cabin, participate in daily/night activities, and monitor the campers within our group to make sure curfews are kept and behavior is acceptable.

It is an awesome experience and I guarantee you will get as much out of attending camp as the youth do.





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:

1 & 2 Timothy, then Titus 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)

Tuesdays at 6pm (LLB)

Journaling & Illustration led by Roberta Hennig

Wednesday at 7pm (Following CAYA)

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

"And never stop praying." ~ 1Thessalonians 5:17

Healing & Comfort:

Chris Porter, Jairus Bailon, Patricia Welch, Martha Murphy, Bill Reus, Margaret Reus, Mark Reus, Dr. Ronald Balderach, Buffie Rogge, Dorothy Wells, Terri Mumme, Elaine Eccles, Nora Luna, Billie Lawrence Thompson, Matthew Hook, Mario Salazar, Victor "Renee" Ortiz, Diane Cooper, Henry Nietenhoefer, Jean Krenmueller & Sandi Schweers.

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.

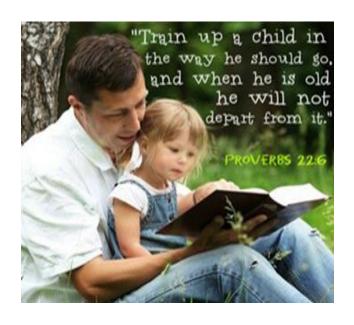
Children/Youth Bible Study Opportunities

Kinder-3rd Grade: See the church calendar 4th-6th Grade: See the church calendar

High School Junior/Senior Lunch Bible Study

11:40am-12:20pm - see the church calendar for dates

Youth – 7th to 12th grade every Wednesday 7 to 8:15 pm following Come As You Are Service.



HERE AT ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

NEW MEMBER

Join us in welcoming our new members of the St. Paul Family:

Chuck & LeeAnn Hart

Bo & Kim Hardy

Rick & Chrie McCue

We are so glad you are here!!

"COME AS YOU ARE" 6pm Worship Service

September 6th – Robin Green

September 13th – Shulee Norris (PG-13)

September 20th - St. Paul Council

September 27th - OPEN

Friendly reminder to scholarship recipients -

Please bring in required documents to the church office as soon as you have them available.





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St. Paul Women's gathering, more details soon. Save the date: October 7, 2023 11am-1pm

We will be moving back into the sanctuary very soon and tentatively resuming worship on September 10th. We will need a lot of help to place the pews in numerical order and make minor repairs while they are still in storage. The week following Labor Day we will need volunteers to help with the loading, unloading and fastening of those pews back into the sanctuary, moving chairs into the annex, and other odds and ends. Please contact Rod Prewitt or Wayne Scholtz if you are able to help in any of those areas.

Cakes at Community Care Center Nursing Home

A Birthday Party for Community Care residents is held every second Thursday of the month. Each month 4 cakes are baked by volunteers and brought to the center by 1pm. If you are interested in providing a cake, please call Margie Mayne at (830)426-3563. We invite you to send an encouraging word to our nursing home members and homebound.

<u>Community Care Nursing Home</u> 2001 Avenue E Hondo, TX 78861

Brian Boehle Marian Lindeburg

Shut-Ins (call office for address)

Renie Knape Gladys Feller Kathy Feller Cindy Sprenger

Elaine Eccles



Bible Study Fellowship

BSF will be starting up again
Wednesday, September 13, 2023.
This year's study will be over
the book of John.

For more information contact Shannon Windrow at (830)931-4205.

Our heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of Euona Rathjen who went to be with the Lord August 17th.

We also extend our condolences to Chuck & LeeAnn Hart on the passing of Chuck's father

Louis Hart August 18th.

Please know your families are in our thoughts and prayers.

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We deeply appreciate your help in providing for these unfortunate children.

Thank you for your generous donation to HANK, Inc. (Helping Abused & Neglected Kids). It's people like you who make a real difference in a child's life.

Your donation will be spent wisely on a well-descruing child.

Debbie Southwell HANK, Inc. Dear friends at St. Paul hutheran,
We becieved your check today
for the monthly sunday School
donation with great JOY! what wordened
dedicated supporters you are for
Restore Reproductive Health! May God
bless you abundantly as you share
Nis blessings with this ministry!
Sincerely,
Liane Copyron
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SEPTEMBER SPECIAL OFFERING: CASA Bluebonnet Center

The Bluebonnet Children's Advocacy Center (BCAC) is a neutral, child-friendly agency that facilitates a multi-disciplinary approach in the prevention, detection investigation and treatment of child abuse. Their mission is to protect and enhance the quality of life for abused and neglected children in Medina, Real and Uvalde Counties. The CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) program speaks up for abused and neglected children in order to ensure a safe, permanent home with an adult caregiver. Volunteers are appointed by a judge to provide on behalf of a child who has been removed during the legal process with Child Protection Services. Bluebonnet Children's Advocacy Center also provides a Rainbow Room which is an emergency resource room, stocked with clothing, undergarments, shoes, socks, coats, infant/toddler items, hygiene items school supplies and other items. BCAC



Mission Moment



by Pastor Bryce Formwalt Director of Mission Growth

Mission: More Than a Middle Name

As an association of congregations, I love our name: Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ. It brilliantly captures our aspirations: a network of autonomous congregations united by a Lutheran theological foundation and a common commitment to a greater mission for Jesus Christ in the world!

We recognize four core values that shape our association. We are 1) Free in Christ, 2) Accountable to One Another, 3) Rooted in the Scriptures and Lutheran Confessions, and 4) Working Together to Fulfill Christ Great Commission to Go and Make Disciples of All Nations. While all values are important, it is the fourth one that defines our purpose... our mission.

Yet as I survey our congregations, this fourth value is far less obvious. If you were to ask someone to observe our member congregations and describe our association based on what our churches are doing and how they are spending time and resources, I doubt that our mission to go make disciples of all nations would be noted as our clear and obvious purpose.

This realization has grown clearer to me in recent months. I came across an LCMC congregation's website that publicly claims the first three of our association's core values while completely omitting any mention of the fourth! Additionally, during a meeting of LCMC pastors, a colleague stated that a Lutheran understanding of mission is simply the proper proclamation of the gospel and administration of the sacraments. I respectfully challenged this notion, expressing that although fulfilling the Great Commission includes proper gospel proclamation and sacrament administration, these actions alone do not equate to going and making disciples of all nations. We need to take Jesus' words in Matthew 28 seriously.

I lament that, in an association that professes the centrality of our mission for Christ in its name and beautifully articulates how we are working together to carryout Christ's Great Commission as the fulfillment of this mission, mission may be little more than a middle name to us!

So, I ask you, pastors and churches: what does your church's mission look like? If an unbiased observer were to spend time within your community to draft a report describing who you are as a church and what your church is about, what would it say? How is your church working together to fulfill Christ's Great Commission to go make disciples of all nations?

This, my friends, is our mission... our purpose. I pray that we don't forget it, dumb it down, or drop it off the list. Mission is more than our middle name!

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.

July - August 2023 Memorials

Del Austin

George & Evelyn Brucks Kevin & Tina Christiansen Joyce Krenmueller

Kenneth Bendele

Morris & Sandy Faseler George & Evelyn Brucks Kevin & Tina Christiansen Joyce Krenmueller Starr Schuehle

Pat Dunn

Bill & Helen Halliburton

Vernon Gorbrecht

Joyce Krenmueller

Doris Gorden

Paul & Faye Honig SPLC Women Joyce Krenmueller

Robert J. Graff

Morris & Sandy Faseler Phillip & Janice Wright George & Evelyn Brucks Kevin & Tina Christiansen Joyce Krenmueller

Ronald & Loretta Johnson

Morris & Sandy Faseler

Dorman "Buddy" Kruse

Zella Mae Mumme

Norman Kuebel

Montie & Teresa Mumme Bill & Helen Halliburton

Chad Philipp

George & Evelyn Brucks

Robert Van de Walle

George & Evelyn Brucks Morris & Sandy Faseler Joyce Krenmueller

Endowment Fund	\$ 815.00
Building Fund	\$ 155.00
Missions	\$ 20.00
Band of Brothers	\$ 50.00
Total Memorials	\$ 1,040.00



