

St. Paul Lutheran Church

“The Red Brick Church on Ave M”

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Services:

Sunday, 9:00am

Wednesday, “Come As You Are” 6:00pm

Contemporary Worship Service

Facebook page:

(St Paul Lutheran Church Hondo)

YouTube:

(St Paul Lutheran Church Hondo TX)

Current and past Sunday services can be found here.

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Joy in the Resurrection

The concept of joy in the resurrection is a central theme in Christian theology, reflecting the profound hope and assurance that believers find in the resurrection of Jesus Christ and the promise of eternal life. This joy is not merely an emotional response but a deep-seated assurance rooted in the transformative power of the resurrection.

Biblical Foundation

The resurrection of Jesus is the cornerstone of Christian faith, as articulated by the Apostle Paul in [1 Corinthians 15:14](#), "And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is worthless, and so is your faith." The resurrection signifies victory over sin and death, providing believers with a living hope. In [1 Peter 1:3](#), it is written, "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By His great mercy He has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead."

Joy in the Gospels

The Gospels recount the initial reactions of fear and confusion among Jesus' followers upon discovering the empty tomb, which quickly turned to joy as they encountered the risen Christ. In [Matthew 28:8-9](#), the women who visited the tomb "hurried away from the tomb in fear and great joy, and ran to tell His disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, 'Greetings!' They came to Him, grasped His feet, and worshiped Him." This encounter illustrates the transition from despair to joy, a pattern that is echoed throughout the resurrection narratives.

Theological Implications

The joy of the resurrection is not limited to the historical event but extends to its theological implications for believers. [Romans 6:4](#) states, "We were therefore buried with Him through baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may walk in newness of life." This newness of life is a source of joy, as it signifies a break from the bondage of sin and the beginning of a transformed existence.

Eternal Perspective

The resurrection assures believers of their own future resurrection and eternal life, a promise that brings profound joy and hope. In [1 Thessalonians 4:16-17](#), Paul writes, "For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a loud command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ will be the first to rise. After that, we who are alive and remain will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will always be with the Lord." This expectation of eternal communion with Christ is a source of enduring joy.

Joy in Suffering

The joy of the resurrection also empowers believers to endure suffering and persecution. In [Philippians 3:10-11](#), Paul expresses his desire "to know Christ and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to Him in His death, and so, somehow, to attain to the resurrection from the dead." The resurrection provides a perspective that transcends present trials, offering a glimpse of the glory to come.

Communal Joy

The resurrection is celebrated collectively within the Christian community, particularly during Easter, which commemorates Christ's victory over death. This communal joy is reflected in worship, hymns, and liturgy, reinforcing the shared hope and assurance among believers. [Acts 2:46-47](#) describes the early church's response: "With one accord they continued to meet daily in the temple courts and to break bread from house to house, sharing their meals with gladness and sincerity of heart, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people."

Conclusion

The joy in the resurrection is a multifaceted theme that encompasses personal transformation, communal celebration, and the hope of eternal life. It is a joy that transcends circumstances, rooted in the historical reality of Christ's resurrection and the promise of future glory.



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Many Jewish people observe a Passover Seder. The Seder begins with children asking 4 questions to serve as a starting point to tell the Exodus story.

The 4 questions are known by their opening words, *Ma Nishtana* (“**what is different**”). What makes this night different from all other nights?

- 1) On all nights we need not dip even once, on this night we do so twice?
- 2) On all nights we eat chametz (*leaven*) or matzah, and on this night only matzah?
- 3) On all nights we eat any kind of vegetables, and on this night maror (*bitter herbs*)?
- 4) On all nights we eat sitting upright or reclining, and on this night we all recline?

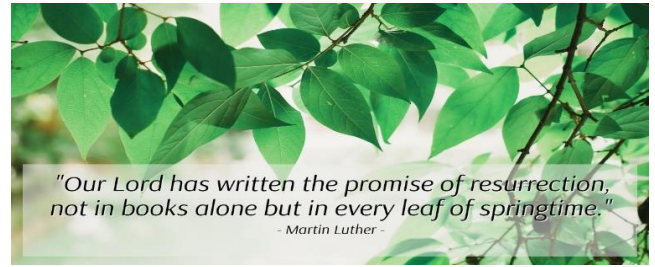
As each question is answered the story of the Israelites exodus from slavery to freedom unfolds. What about us? What is different about the Christian exodus from slavery (to sin) to freedom in Christ?

- ~ ‘What makes Jesus different from everyone else?’
- ~ What is different in Jesus’s death & resurrection?
 - ~ What is different about what Jesus has done?
 - ~ What is different about the freedom of a believer?

In celebrating Resurrection Sunday & Confirmation may we be reminded of our faith: Jesus is different:

- ~ *Jesus is the Begotten Son of God Who came to take away the sins of the world (John 3:16, 1:29)*
- ~ *Jesus’s death paid the penalty for sin & justified believers (Romans 4:25, 1 Peter 3:18).*
- ~ *Jesus’s resurrection defeated the power of death & Satan (1 Corinthians 15:55-57, Hebrews 2:14)*
- ~ *Jesus gives us peace, power, purpose, grace, forgiveness, hope, stability, blessings, direction, wisdom, discernment, insight, life, love & a future.*
- ~ *Because of Jesus: We can do all things through Him who strengthens us (Philippians 4:13)*
- ~ *We have peace & can be confident & courageous! For He has overcome the world. (John 16:33)*

‘Jesus Christ was God in human flesh... if we accept Him as our Lord & Savior then we can have eternal life ... you become a different person.’ *Charlie Kirk*



Congratulations 2026 Confirmands!

Klair Bradshaw ~ Patrick Weimer
Witten Reus ~ Adele Cortez
Bella Contreras ~ Emma Callis

Confirmation: Sunday, April 19
10:30am in St. Paul Church Sanctuary
ALL are invited to attend!

Realities after the Resurrection:

April 5: Realities The Resurrection of JC

Isaiah 52:13-13

John 20:15-31

Resurrection Sunday

April 12: Encountering Jesus

Psalms 16:8-11

Hebrews 10:19-23

Luke 24 *select verses*

*Nursing Home Service

*WWJSTX Gathering

April 19: Transformed, not Conformed

Proverbs 4:5, 11-12

Proverbs 4:13-26

Romans 12:1-2

Mark 9:2-3

*Confirmation Sunday

April 26: Use Your God-Given Gifts

Psalms 16 *select verses*

Malachi 3:10

Romans 12:3-8

Luke 21:1-4

‘Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me will live even if he dies.”’

In Christ, Beverly <///><

RESPONSIBILITIES

Date	April 5th	April 12th	April 19th	April 26th
Altar Flowers	LILLIES	Angel Tellez	Pat Lusk	OPEN
Sanctuary Lamp	OPEN	Kim & Brian Anderwald	David & Ollie Hershberger	Roberta Hennig
Head Ushers	Lynda Halbardier Derlin Hennig	Wayne Scholtz Paul Ott	Johnette Dixon Stephanie Laughinghouse	Deb Cleary Marilyn Graff
Lectors	7am Becky Burton 9am Audrey Moncada	Westley Halbardier	Klaire Bradshaw	Anna Weimer
Acolytes	7am Holden Halbardier 9am Bella Contreras Adele Cortez	Trey Denman Holden Halbardier	Easton Beard Addi Beard	Witten Reus Wyatt Voges
Altar Guild	Sarah Bailey, Klaire Bradshaw & Chrie McCue			

Please sign up for Flowers & Sanctuary Lamp, charts are in the Education Building. If you would like for the church to order the flowers, they are \$60.00 please contact the office. Sponsoring the lamp is \$4.00.

BIRTHDAYS

4/01 Janice Wright
 4/02 Margie Mayne
 4/03 Laura Denman
 Michael Williams
 4/05 Scott Baxter
 4/06 Chris Porter
 Jan Sprenger
 4/09 Lazerus DeLeon
 4/11 Brian Anderwald
 Travis Timberlake
 4/13 Dianne Graff
 4/14 Ayelet Reus
 Pam Westbrook
 4/15 Garrett Koch
 4/16 Jennifer Luedke
 4/17 Kinslee Anderwald
 Stacy Saathoff
 4/18 Joey Decker
 Ron Sprenger



4/19 Kristi Contreras
 Cole Hay
 Derlin Hennig
 4/20 Carol Hagen
 Laren Scott
 Leonard Zinsmeyer
 4/21 Michelle Brickles
 4/23 LeeAnn Hart
 4/24 Landon Cortez
 Emily Favor
 4/25 Myron Saathoff
 4/27 Chuck Halbardier
 4/28 Holden Halbardier
 Nelson Reus
 Wyatt Voges
 4/29 Kim Hardy
 Bill Strait
 4/30 Rick Brickles

April 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Women's BSF Tack Quilters Highschool BSF Lunch 4pm-5:15pm 4th - 6th Bible Study 6pm CAYA Service Youth following 7pm Bible Study (A/C)	2	3 Office Closed	4
5 RESURRECTION SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES 7:00am & 9:00am	6 Cornerstone 10am-2pm 7:00pm Men's Bible Study 7:00pm Bible Journaling	7 7:00am Prayer Warriors	8 Women's BSF Tack Quilters Highschool BSF Lunch 4pm-5:15pm K-3 rd Bible Study 6pm CAYA Service Youth following 7pm Bible Study	9	10 Office Closed Newsletter Deadline	11
K A I R O S						
12 9:00am Worship 10:00am Fellowship 10:30 am Sunday School 2pm Nursing Home 4:30pm WWJSWTX @ Devine Wesleyan Church	13 Cornerstone 10am-2pm 1:30 Friends In Faith 7:00pm Bible Journaling	14 7:00am Prayer Warriors	15 Women's BSF Tack Quilters Highschool BSF Lunch 4pm-5:15pm 4th- 6th Bible Study 6pm CAYA Service Youth following 7pm Bible Study (A/C)	16	17 Office Closed	18
19 CONFIRMATION SUNDAY 9:00am Worship Fellowship 10:30am Sunday School	20 Cornerstone 10am-2pm 7:00pm Men's Bible Study 7:00pm Bible Journaling	21 7:00am Prayer Warriors 7pm Council Meeting	22 Women's BSF Tack Quilters Highschool BSF Lunch 4pm-5:15pm K-3 rd Bible Study 6pm CAYA Service Youth following 7pm Bible Study (A/C)	23 7pm Band of Brothers (A/C)	24 Office Closed	25
26 9:00am Worship 10:00am Fellowship 10:30am Sunday School	27 Cornerstone 10am-2pm 1:30pm Friends In Faith 7:00pm Bible Journaling	28 7:00am Prayer Warriors	29 Women's BSF Tack Quilters Highschool BSF Lunch NO Bible Study 6pm CAYA Service Youth following 7pm Bible Study (A/C)	30		

Do you have questions.....
You can contact
Laurie @ 210-213-2088 or
Jacob @ 830-741-1045

Youth and Children of St. Paul



Bible Study Opportunities

Youth Sunday School is in full swing with a Bible Lesson each Sunday morning. Wednesday Night Youth is also in full swing with a Bible Lesson from 7 to 8:15 pm . Bible Study Lunches each Wednesday
After School Bible Studies
4-6th will be 1st & 3rd –
K-3rd will be 2nd & 4th from 4 to 5:15 pm

College Scholarships

Scholarship Applications are in the church office ready to be picked up and filled out. Applications are due May 5 2026
If you are a graduating high school senior please send a picture and a brief write up of your plans after high school to Joann at stpaulhondo@yahoo.com by April 20th so our church can celebrate you in the May newsletter.

Thank you to everyone who brought soup and sandwiches to make our Lenten Meals and fellowship lots of fun. Each of you are greatly appreciated. From set up to clean up to all the help and food. Thank you very much. We have one amazing church with amazing members.

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Camp Eagle 2026

The dates have been set - Tuesday, June 2nd Saturday, June 6th Yes VERY different dates than in years past. The cost will HW - \$625 and Group Camp - \$480.
WE ARE FULL FOR 2026
If you would like to help a kid with camp payments please let me know.

Upcoming Important Dates

April 5th – Easter Sunday NO SUNDAY SCHOOL
April 19th – Confirmation Sunday NO SUNDAY SCHOOL
May 17th – Senior Sunday / Baccalaureate
June 2-6th – Camp Eagle
June 15-19th -VBS
June 28th – Youth Lead Worship Service
Make sure to read the text block that has the Bible Study

Congratulations to Jacob and Jessica on their wedding. May God continue to bless you both as you begin your married life together. The Youth had fun celebrating these two special people with a wedding shower during Sunday School.



St. Paul Lutheran Church
Vacation Bible School
June 15-19, 2026

Please use the QR code to register your children and to register as a volunteer



Extra Extra
We need lots of help to make our VBS a success. Please pray about volunteering to help children learn about Jesus. Always an amazing week. Contact Laurie if you are interested.



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

Children & Youth

3-5 yr. olds-LLB- Rotations

1st & 2nd – LLB - Rotations

3rd & 4th – LLB – Rotations

5th & 6th – Ed. Bldg. - Geoff Weimer

7th-12th grades- (AC Upper Rooms) –

Jacob Kelling / Johnette Dixon / Pat Cleary



Adult Small Sunday Groups:

Study of Hebrews

led by David Hershberger (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.)

Study of “Romans” (YAK Class Rm, Ed. Bldg.)

Children/Youth Bible Study Opportunities

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

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

Wednesday High School Lunch Bible Study Fellowship

Youth – See calendar, bulletin and texts.

Normally Wednesdays 7pm to 8:15 pm,
following Come As You Are Service.

Prayer Ministry

Email– Don Krumrey - dkrum45@att.net

One – on – One Prayer – offered at the end of service

Contact: Don Krumrey (830-741-9991)
Shirley Krumrey (830-931-4311)

Adult Bible Study Opportunities:

First and Third Mondays at 7 PM

Men’s Bible Study (LLB) led by Don Krumrey - Hebrews

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

Friends In Faith (Education Building) led by Pastor Beverly
In the book of James.

Mondays at 7 PM

Journaling – Roberta Hennig (Education Bldg -turtle Room)

Wednesday at 7pm (Following CAYA)

Through the Bible teaching, studying about prophesy
and much that has yet to be fulfilled.

Led by David Hershberger jump in & join in anytime
(Activity Center – Behind the kitchen).

Healing & Comfort:

John Massengale, Larry Stewart, Bobby Klein, Cassidy Reus, Bill Reus, Margaret Reus, Buffie Rogge, Fred Graff,
Henry Nietenhoefer, Helen Ann Jones, Sharon Becksted, Mike Thompson, Claude Cosgrove, Sherri Grell & Emiliano Mireles.

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

Active Military

Ethan Kammer, Ben Rath, Larry & Teresa Sullivan, Adriel Schoenhals, Patrick Green, Riley Lynch, Les Armstrong,
Collin Beazley, Heath Runnels, Sean Constante, Madelyn Acosta, Will Winchester & Jimmy Rhodes.

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Before we face a fallen world that features a relentless scheming enemy, we need to **be fully suited up and ready** for whatever battle we might face.

Robyn Rison Chapman



HERE AT ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Looking Ahead

- April 2nd – Maundy Thursday - Seder Meal @6pm in the Activity Center
- April 3rd – Good Friday 6pm Worship Service
- April 5th – Resurrection Sunday - 7am & 9am Services
- April 19th – Confirmation Sunday
- May 5th – Scholarship Application Deadline
- May 7th – National Day of Prayer
- May 17th – Senior Sunday
- May 24th – Pentecost Sunday
- June 2nd – 6th - Camp Eagle
- June 15th – 19th - VBS

Honduras Mission Trip 2026 How can you help?

- 1) Pray for the mission team and the Hondurans we serve.
- 2) Provide financial sponsorship in any amount for the project. Donate online, Venmo or checks payable to:
St. Lukes Episcopal Church (memo - Honduras Mission 2026)

Endowment scholarship applications are available in the office and are due back by Monday, May 5th. Applications are open to graduating high school seniors and students currently enrolled in college or a recognized institution of higher learning. Call the office with any questions.

We invite you to send an encouraging word to our nursing home members & homebound.

Community Care Nursing Home

2001 Avenue E Hondo, TX 78861
Brian Boehle Elaine Eccles

Castroville Nursing Home

913 US-90, Castroville, TX 78009
Mario Salazar

Changing Seasons

1687 Old Hwy 90
Castroville, TX 78009
Henry Nietenhoefler

Shut-Ins mailing address

Gladys Feller
8358 Slippery Rock
San Antonio, Tx 78251

Kathy Feller
385 N Ranch Rd 187
Sabinal, TX 78881

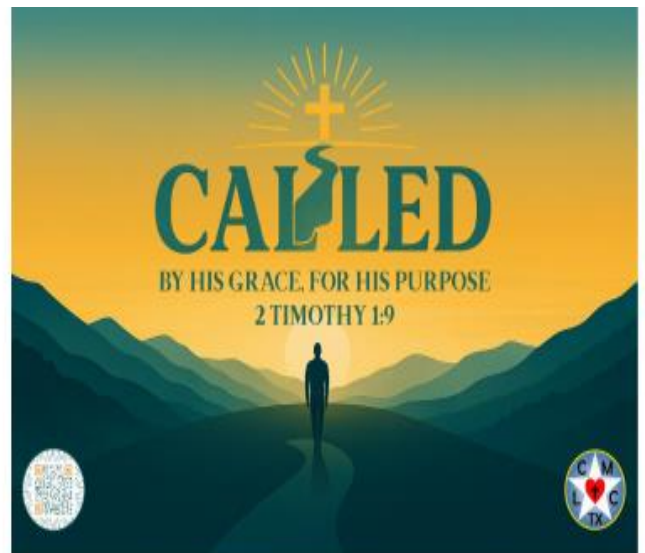
Rosa "Pye" Haass
135 Plaza Drive Apt#307
Kerrville, TX 78028

"COME AS YOU ARE"

6pm Worship Services

- April 1st – David Hershberger
- April 8th – Kairos
- April 15th – OPEN
- April 22nd - Pastor Beverly – Islam
- April 29th – Open Mic

There is an interest in other churches to bring back the "Big Event" if you are interested in participating on behalf of St. Paul call the office and let Joann know.



Join us for Annual Gathering 2026

"He has saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given to us in Christ Jesus before time began." -2 Timothy 1:9 CSB

We come together for great food and fellowship with brothers and sisters in Christ to learn about ministry opportunities, receive powerful teaching, and worship the Most Awesome God!

 **FRIDAY & SATURDAY**
July 24-25, 2026

 **SAINT PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH**
New Braunfels, TX

MORE INFO & REGISTRATION COMING SOON!

 Website
www.lmcausa.org/about-gathering

 Phone Number
512-542-7776

April Special Offering ~ Women of the Church

St. Paul's Women's ministry is built and focused on Biblical Hospitality (Romans 15:1-7)

Our ministry supports woman in building a Christ Centered Community. A Place where woman can connect, find emotional and practical support, identify and develop their God-given spiritual gifts to serve their families, the church, community all while building meaningful relationships with one another and God.

Our goal is to serve one another, our church community, and most importantly our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Our Servants Prayer:

*Father, help me to live this day to the full,
Being true to you in every way.*

*Jesus, help me to give myself away to others,
being kind to everyone I meet.*

*Spirit, help me to love the lost,
Proclaiming Christ in all I do and say.*



March 17, 2026

St Paul Lutheran Church
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Dear St Paul Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your generous gift of \$20.00 (Check#15037) received on March 16, 2026. Words cannot express my gratitude enough.

Your loyal commitment to the growth and development of Medina Senior Center / Meals on Wheels Medina County is essential to our mission, and helps us achieve our vision to promote the dignity, value, health and security of homebound Medina County seniors in need of nutritious meals, friendly companionship and related resources.

Through your support of Medina Senior Center Inc., you ensure the needs of seniors in our community are met. We are forever grateful for your kindness and generosity.

Warm Regards,



Barbara Losack

With a
Thankful
Heart



In the last year at Restore Reproductive Health, your special envelope donations and Sunday School offerings helped us to provide to our clients at no charge:

- 121 Pregnancy Tests
- 98 Ultrasound Exams
- 128 Pregnancy Options conversations
- Over 700 dozen diapers... and so much more!

We provided car seats, cribs, bassinets, strollers, play pens, walkers, high chairs, and hundreds of maternity + baby clothes items, along with personal hygiene items, prenatal vitamins, burp cloths, blankets, bibs, booties, baby wash/shampoo, bath tubs, and the list goes on + on. Men received encouragement from our DA Advocates + most were prayed with as welcome.

Dear friends at St. Paul Lutheran, you are making a difference in God's Holy Name + we are grateful for Y-O-U!!

Blessings,
Diane Cosgrove, Rec. Dir.



Mission Moment

by Pastor Bryce Formwalt
Director of Mission Growth



Too Good to Keep Locked Up

It has been more than a decade since I pastored a church and experienced the special blessing it is to lead a community of faith in the Resurrection celebration on Easter morning. If you are a pastor, then you likely know what I mean. I remember fondly the anxious anticipation for crowds of people to gather and worship the risen Lord. As many pastors do, on Saturday night I would sit alone in an empty sanctuary and pray for God to fill the church and bring together those who needed to hear the Easter story anew. Sunday dawn would rise and with it, excitement as the church filled with all the familiar faces and many new ones, too. The greetings would ring out: "Christ is Risen! – He is risen indeed! Alleluia!" Easter lilies adorned the sanctuary and special music triumphantly proclaimed God's glory. For those of us entrusted to preach, it is a special privilege to share the greatest story ever told to a full room of eager listeners. All around the church on Easter Sunday there is a joy that is so powerful and uplifting.

But just seven days later, on the Second Sunday of Easter, I would often wonder, "What happened?" What happened to the joy and enthusiasm? What happened to the crowds and the packed sanctuary? What happened to all that was special the week before? For those who follow the lectionary, the Second Sunday in Easter centers on the story of Jesus breaking in on the disciples who gathered together on Easter evening. After the crucifixion and the discovery of the empty tomb, the disciples were confused and afraid. They had heard the reports from Mary Magdalene, but the fear had not yet become faith. So, they locked themselves in the Upper Room.

And then Jesus appeared. He stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." He showed them his hands and his side. John tells us simply that the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. But Jesus was not only there to comfort them amid their fear and confusion. And he wasn't just there to prove that he was alive. Jesus was also there to send them out. He said it again: *"Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, I am also sending you."* And he breathed on them: *"Receive the Holy Spirit."*

On Jesus' word, the locked room was transformed from a place of hiding into a place of sending. The peace Jesus spoke did not only quiet their fears, it redirected them with a mission. The disciples who were paralyzed by what happened to Jesus were now mobilized to share the Good News of Jesus to the world. But this is the part of the Easter story that is so easy to miss: The resurrection is not only an event to celebrate; it is the Good News we are sent to proclaim. Just as the Father sent Jesus, Jesus sends us. And he sends us not with our own courage or confidence, but with his peace, presence, power, and purpose.

In Lent we embark on an inward journey of repentance that leads us outward – set free to witness. In Easter, we celebrate the fulfillment of our freedom in the death and resurrection of Jesus. The empty tomb confirms the Good News of sins forgiven, death defeated, and new life in Christ – news too good to keep behind locked doors.

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.

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