

# St. Paul Lutheran Church



*“The Red Brick Church on Ave M”*

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## St. Paul Staff

**Senior Pastor:** Beverly Kelling

**Youth Ministry:** Jacob Kelling

**Children & Family Ministry:** Laurie Lentz

**Office Secretary:** Joann Neuman

**Financial Secretary:** Erin Guenther

**MDO Director:** Annette Kammer

**Music Ministry Coordinator:** Jeanette Rath

## Musicians

**Guitarists:** Jody Jacobs, Ben Rath & Robert Schildt

**Organist:** Grace Reed

**Drums:** Rick Brickles & Jacob Kelling

**Vocals:** David Hershberger, Becky Burton,  
Lilly Bendele, Jenny Bowman & Jeanette Rath

**Violinist/ Pianist:** Jeanette Rath

## Services

**Sunday, 9:00am**

**Wednesday, 6:00pm**

**“Come As You Are” Contemporary Worship Service**

**Church Website:** ([stpaulhondo.org](http://stpaulhondo.org))

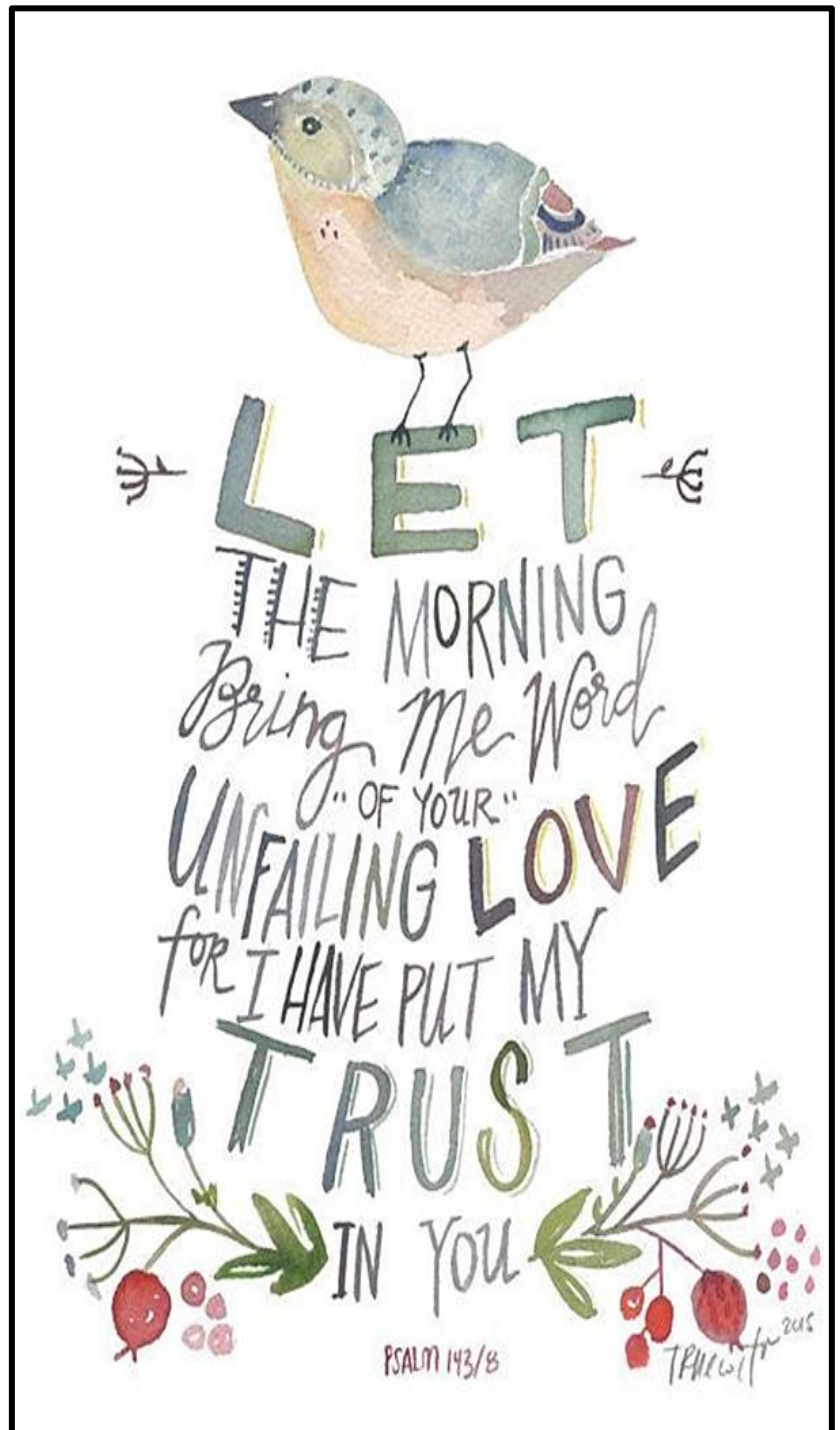
**Facebook page:** (St Paul Lutheran Church Hondo)

**YouTube:** (St Paul Lutheran Church Hondo TX)

Current and past Sunday services can be found here.

## 2025 Council Members

<b>President</b>	Wayne Scholtz
<b>Vice President</b>	Johnette Dixon
<b>Secretary</b>	Jenny Lessing
<b>Treasurer</b>	Pam Westbrook
<b>Evangelism &amp; Mission</b>	Stephanie Laughinghouse
<b>Education Chair</b>	Jay Reed
<b>Fellowship Chair</b>	Robin Green
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<b>Lay Ministry Chair</b>	Deb Cleary
<b>Worship &amp; Music Chair</b>	Lynda Halbardier





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New Ministry Coming Soon!

**Let me start with a confession:** I love what I get to do... all of it! From studying & sharing God's Word to sharing the ups & downs of this life with you. It is my heart's desire to be available to visit, talk, pray & communion with everyone who calls St. Paul home. But the reality is, I am not able to keep up with visits to our members that are homebound and/or unable to join us during the week on a regular basis, as I want & need to do.

I have prayed about this dilemma, talked with council, the staff & Mark about how we can best meet the needs.

**I believe the answer is some of you reading this.**

But you wouldn't be doing this alone or on your own.

Coming soon I would like to offer a a ten-session, video-based lay caregiver training program that provides everything needed for our church to grow & train a team of caregivers to provide support, encouragement, & spiritual care to those in need. The program is called: **The Lifeline to Hope** offered by *Hope for the Heart* Ministry.

*Session 1: Introduction—The Biblical Basis for Caregiving*

*Session 2: Biblical Hope and Practical Help*

*Session 3-4: Effective Listening and People Helping Skills*

*Session 5: The Search for Significance*

*Session 6: Your Parents and You - Family Dynamics:*

*Session 7: Basic Helping and Crisis Intervention Skills*

*Session 8: Strongholds and Spiritual Warfare*

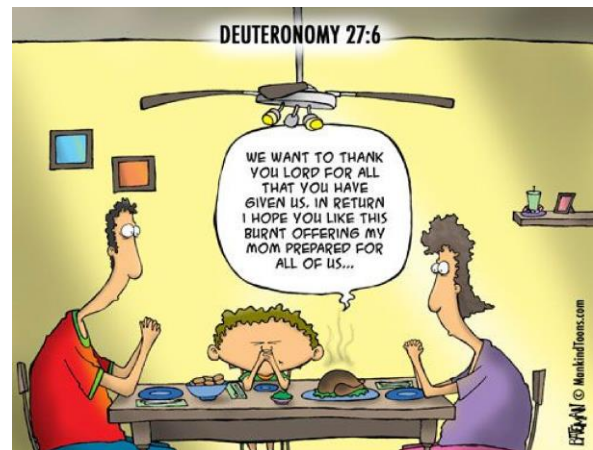
*Session 9: The Process of Change and Healing*

*Session 10: Ethics, Liability, and the Law*

*Bonus Presentation: When Helping You is Hurting Me*

I will train so I can facilitate & lead our group classes. The times & schedule of the classes will be determined based on those taking the class. My prayer is to have men & women of varying ages help in this ministry. We will also train to offer The Lord's Supper to those we see. We are all called to minister to those in need (Gal 6:10). Pray about helping & then let me know if (when) you feel the nudge to step out & into this new & needed ministry. Praising God even now for how He is & will be working!

JUST FOR FUN!



### **Romans: Truth that Transforms Lives**

#### **February 2: Honoring Your Choice**

Psalm 91:14-16

Deuteronomy 30:15-19

**Romans 1:28-32**

Matthew 10:32-33

**\* Beverly & Mark Out**

**– Laurie to give message**

#### **February 9: Can We Not Judge?**

Psalm 7 select verses

**Romans 2:1-10**

Luke 6:37-38

**\*Nursing Home Service**

#### **February 16: 'Written in the Heart'**

Psalm 40:5-6, 8

Ecclesiastes 3:11

**Romans 2:11-16**

Luke 16:15

**\*Confirmation**

#### **February 23: "Walk the Talk"**

Psalm 51:12, 16-17

**Romans 2:17-29**

Matthew 3:8-9

*'May the God of hope fill you with all joy & peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.' Romans 15:13 With love, Beverly*

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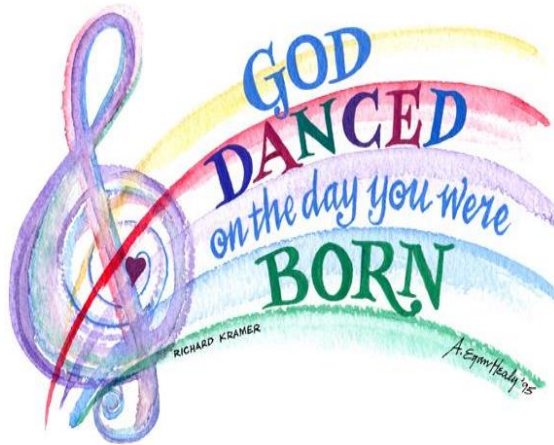
# RESPONSIBILITIES

Date	February 2nd	February 9th	February 16th	February 23rd
Altar Flowers	OPEN	Derlin & Roberta Hennig	Wendell & Laura Hethcock	OPEN
Sanctuary Lamp	Lentz Family	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN
Head Ushers	Wayne Scholtz Jenny Faseler	Lynda Halbardier Derlin Hennig	Pam Westbrook Robin Green	Johnette Dixon Stephanie Laughinghouse
Lectors	Kim Anderwald	Marilyn Graff	Bob Mayne	Erica Halbardier
Acolytes	Claire Bowman Baylee Graff	Easton Hennessey Luke Lamprecht	Chloe & Emma Callis	Kaylee Torres Laken Deleon
Altar Guild	Sarah Bailey & 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

2/01 Cynthia Patterson  
 2/02 Joseph Weimer  
     Lyla Zipp  
 2/04 Desiree Gilmer  
 2/07 Zachary Barnet  
 2/08 Gunner Schweers  
 2/10 David Lentz  
 2/11 Gary Krenmueller  
     Dianne Bradley  
     Tom Reed  
 2/12 Ann Halbardier  
 2/13 Gabe Cortez  
 2/14 Clancie Schueling  
     Jared Boultinghouse  
 2/15 Phillip Wright  
     Steve Zerr  
     Sadie Schweers



2/16 Caleb Ramirez  
 2/17 Rod Prewitt  
 2/21 Haley Richter  
 2/23 Kathy Carrigan  
     Robert Schildt  
 2/24 Kay Henry  
 2/25 Charles Mumme  
 2/26 Jennifer Molitor  
     Layne Summerlin  
 2/27 Brad Bendele  
     Caroline Bendele  
     Easton Beard  
 2/28 Annette Kammer  
     Megan Longoria  
     Westley Halbardier  
 2/29 Brandie Brucks

# 2025 FEBRUARY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2 9:00am Worship 10:00am Fellowship 10:30 am Sunday School	3 Cornerstone 10am-2pm 6:00pm Journaling Study 7:00pm Men's Bible Study	4 7:00am Prayer Warriors 5:30pm-7pm Embrace Life	5 9am Quilters 9:30 Adult BSF Youth BSF Lunch NO 4 <sup>th</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> Bible Study 6pm CAYA Worship Service Youth following CAYA 7:00pm Bible Study	6 Office Closed 5:30pm-7pm Embrace Grace	7	8
9 9:00am Worship TACO SUNDAY 10:00am Fellowship 10:30 am Sunday School 2pm Nursing Home 4:30pm Somerset Kiononia Gathering	10 Cornerstone 10am-2pm 1:30-3pm Friends In Faith 6:00pm Journaling Study	11 7:00am Prayer Warriors 5:30pm-7pm Embrace Life	12 9am Quilters 9:30 Adult BSF Youth BSF Lunch 4:15-5pm K-3 <sup>rd</sup> Bible Study 6pm CAYA Worship Service Youth following CAYA 7:00pm Bible Study	13 Office Closed 5:30pm-7pm Embrace Grace	14 Newsletter Deadline	15
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* DONATION DROP OFF DAYS *					RUMMAGE SALE	



# Youth and Children of St. Paul



Never too early to start planning for VBS....Monday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> to Friday, June 6<sup>th</sup> from 9 am to Noon. We will have our VBS Pool Party Celebration on Thursday, June 6<sup>th</sup>. Contact Cynthia Patterson or Brandi Sprenger if you would like to volunteer

**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  
4-6<sup>th</sup> will be 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> –  
K-3<sup>rd</sup> will be 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>  
from 4 to 5:15 pm  
(You can always call the church office if you have a question about a date)

Do you have questions.....  
You can contact  
Laurie @ 210-213-2088 or  
Jacob@830-741-1045  
We are here for YOU!!!!



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**Camp Eagle 2025**  
The dates have been set- July 14-19<sup>th</sup> The cost will stay the same HW - \$725 and Group Camp - \$549 St. Paul will continue to help with the cost if you volunteer. Contact Laurie if you are interested in attending in 2025. You can email or text us.

**RUMMAGE SALE...** Mark your calendars, start your spring cleaning, and purge the stuff you don't need anymore or just want to get rid of. We will start collecting stuff on Sunday, Feb 23<sup>rd</sup> thru Thursday, Feb. 27<sup>th</sup>. Our sale will be on Friday, Feb 28<sup>th</sup> as well as Saturday, March 1<sup>st</sup>. This is our second time to be open on that Friday so please come help. This is a camp fundraiser so lots of help will be needed. If you bring clothes, please make sure it is washed.



**Palm Sunday is April 13<sup>th</sup>**  
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.

**TACO SUNDAY is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month. The youth and children thank each of you who support this fundraiser monthly.**

**Upcoming Important Dates**  
Feb 9<sup>th</sup> Taco Sunday  
Feb 23-27<sup>th</sup> Rummage Sale Drop off  
Feb 28 & Mar 1<sup>st</sup> – Rummage Sale  
March 5<sup>th</sup> – Ash Wednesday – Soup & Sandwiches begin  
March 9<sup>th</sup> -Taco Sunday  
April 13<sup>th</sup> -Taco Sunday  
April 13<sup>th</sup> – Palm Sunday/Easter Egg Hunt/ Potato Bar Fundraiser  
April 27<sup>th</sup> – Confirmation Sunday  
May 11<sup>th</sup> – Taco Sunday  
May 18<sup>th</sup> – Senior Sunday / Baccalaureate  
June 9-13<sup>th</sup> – VBS  
July 14-19<sup>th</sup> -Camp Eagle

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



Ash Wednesday is March 5<sup>th</sup> We will again have families and Sunday School classes bring food, help serve, and clean up for the Wednesday night meals. The schedule will be in the March newsletter. Please read it! This is a great time for families of the church to get to know each other.

Great Job to all who participated in the Medina County Livestock Show! You are all winners in my book. Each of you worked hard to make your project the best.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**  
**Confirmation Dates**  
Feb 16<sup>th</sup>  
March 16<sup>th</sup>  
April 27<sup>th</sup> Confirmation Sunday  
Remember to complete your sermon notes

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

### Children & Youth

3-5 yr. olds-LLB- Rotations

1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> – LLB - Rotations

3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> – LLB – Rotations

5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> – Ed. Bldg. - Geoff Weimer

7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades- (AC Upper Rooms) –

Jacob Kelling / Johnette Dixon / Pat Cleary



## Adult Small Sunday 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.)

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

## Children/Youth Bible Study Opportunities

**Kinder-3<sup>rd</sup> Grade:** 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays

**4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Grade:** 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays

**Wednesday High School Lunch Bible Study**

11:38am -12:18pm - see the church calendar for dates

**Youth** – See calendar & bulletin

Wednesday 7 to 8:15 pm

following Come As You Are Service.

## 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  
Currently in Hebrews

### Mondays at 6 PM

Journaling – Roberta Hennig (Education Bldg -turtle Room)

### Tuesdays at 6 PM

Topical Study: The Dragon’s Prophecy –  
Cynthia Nester (Lion’s Den)

### Wednesday at 7pm (Following CAYA)

Through the Bible teaching, studying about prophesy  
and much that has yet to be fulfilled. Currently in 1 & 2 Samuel  
led by David Hershberger (Activity Center – Behind the kitchen).

### Prayer Ministry

**Email–** Don Krumrey - [dkrum45@att.net](mailto:dkrum45@att.net)

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

**Contact:** Don Krumrey (830-741-9991)

Shirley Krumrey (830-931-4311)

## Healing & Comfort:

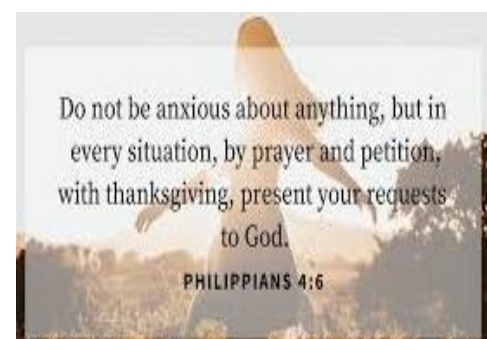
Dr. Bob Reed, Larry Stewart, Bobby Klein, Margaret Reus, Buffie Rogge, Josie Rendon, Howard Saathoff, Dick Eccles, Robby Beard, Henry Nietenhoefer, George Brucks, Diane Cooper, Sandi Schweers, Helen Ann Jones, Sharon Becksted, Cindy Sprenger, Debbie Southwell, Joleen Neuman, Patricia Welch, Sabrina Drake, Susan Bendele, Laurian Cosgrove & Ailyn Fernandez.

**\*(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, Clayton Reed, Larry & Teresa Sullivan, Adriel Schoenhals, Patrick Green, Andy Lynch, Riley Lynch, Les Armstrong, Collin Beazely, Heath Runnels, Sean Constante, Madelyn Acosta, Dylan Neuman & Jimmy “Sawyer” Rhodes.

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# HERE AT ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH



## “COME AS YOU ARE” 6pm Worship Service

February 5<sup>th</sup> – David Hook

February 12<sup>th</sup> – The Gideons

February 19<sup>th</sup> – Erica Halbardier

February 26<sup>th</sup> – Roberta Hennig

## Mark Your Calendar

Feb 23<sup>rd</sup> – Feb 27<sup>th</sup> – Begin dropping off donations for rummage sale (A/C)

Feb 28<sup>th</sup> – March 1<sup>st</sup> – Rummage Sale

March 5<sup>th</sup> – Ash Wednesday – followed by Lenten Meal & fellowship (A/C)

March 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> KAIROS PRISON MINISTRY (A/C)

March 5<sup>th</sup> - April 16<sup>th</sup> – Lenten Worship Services - Wednesdays @ 6pm  
followed by Soup & Sandwich Fellowship meals in A/C

### 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    Marian Lindeburg  
Elaine Eccles

Castroville Nursing Home  
913 US-90, Castroville, TX  
78009

Shut-Ins  
Gladys Feller  
Kathy Feller  
Pye Haass



## Baptisms

*Congratulations to Chase and Emily Jones on the baptism of their son Weston Charles Jones last month.*

*Congratulations to Jarod and Clair Boultinghouse on the baptism of their daughter Korbel Fae Boultinghouse last month.*

*Congratulations also to Judge and Cailey on the baptism of their daughter*

*Wren Tilden Christensen is*



## St. Paul Lutheran Church Rummage Sale

Our rummage sale proceeds benefit the  
St. Paul Lutheran Church -  
Youth & Children Camp Eagle Fund

Donations may be dropped off between  
Sunday, Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup> – Thur., Feb. 27<sup>th</sup>  
Rummage sale open to the public  
Friday, February 28<sup>th</sup> & Sat., March 1<sup>st</sup>

### DIRECTORIES ARE HERE!!!!

After a long process the directories are finally here. There are a few members whose families weren't able to get their photos done or did not submit one to the office, you are still able to pick up a directory. Please come by the office and grab your directory. Get ready to get acquainted!!!

Reminder next month we observe the season of Lent and Ash Wednesday is March 5<sup>th</sup>. We will have a worship service at 6pm followed by a meal with soups, sandwiches and desserts in the Activity Center. This is a fun time of fellowship and an opportunity to get acquainted with other members and families. Join Us!!!

# THANK YOU!

St. Paul's Lutheran  
Hondo Texas

Thank you for your generous donation to St. Paul's Lutheran, Elma, NY. The love and support of our LCMC sister congregations is deeply appreciated. Your donation will help us rise from the ashes;

We are filled with hope!

Sincerely,  
The Congregation of  
St. Paul's Lutheran  
Church



DEAR ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH,  
  
THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH FOR  
THE DONATION TO OUR ROOF FUND.  
YOU ARE A BLESSING FROM ABOVE!

Pastor Jane

Dear faithful friends at St. Paul,  
Our staff, volunteers, and board members are so grateful for your continued support for Restore Reproductive Health through your Sunday School offerings. Please accept our sincere thanks for this and all the ways you provide for this ministry.

We remember you in our prayers as we continue to work for God's great glory with His truest + most helpless.

Sincerely,  
Diene Cosgrove  
Executive Director

\*Several more thank you letters are available to read in the office, too big to include in the newsletter.



## February Special Offering – Band of Brothers

### **Band of Brothers**

Band of Brothers is a group of men from St. Paul and surrounding churches that meets once a month here at St. Paul to fellowship and discuss the needs of assistance in our community. These needs in the community are identified by referral or an application submitted by the person or family needing help. Our group in the past has built multiple wheelchair ramps, done to comply with ADA code, fences, yard work, cleared brush and many other projects. At the end of every project the Band of Brothers gathers in prayer with the individual or family. Band of Brothers purchases all the necessary materials for the project or ramp if the family is unable to. Your donations allow us to offer these projects at no cost to the family or individual in need. We are truly grateful for the support St. Paul has shown us and we look forward to helping countless others in the future.

Sincerely,

Tim Neuman





*Texas District*

# Mission Moment

by Pastor Bryce Formwalt  
Director of Mission Growth



**HARVEST**  
WORKERS

## God's Extraordinary Work

In my days as a pastor of a congregation, one of my joys was planning sermon series during the different liturgical seasons of the church calendar. One year I stumbled upon the idea of doing a summer series called "Characters of the Bible." Each Sunday after Pentecost, we started walking through the Old Testament and studied the men and women of God that we read about in the Bible. For many adult congregation members, this was the first time these stories had been revisited since their childhood days when they were taught in Sunday School classes.

Unfortunately, these stories are often not the topic of the regular preaching during Sunday morning sermons.

Through this sermon series, we began to focus on a theme that we find throughout the Old and New Testaments of the Bible: that God uses ordinary people like you and me to do his extraordinary work! Sometimes we remember the Sunday School stories of these Bible characters and imagine them as superheroes. As we stand in awe at what God does in and through their lives, sometimes it is easy for us to forget that the bible character themselves was a sinful human being just like us.

For some people, learning that the person God used in a mighty way as an instrument of his activity in the world is also an imperfect sinner can somehow be seen as a stain, as if it makes the story less powerful. Perhaps this is why the undesirable or scandalous parts of these stories are often glossed over. But I truly believe that the fact that God works through sinful men and women like you and me is by God's own design and demonstrates that the power is not of man, but of God. Because of this fact, it displays God's power even more! As Paul writes in 2 Corinthians 4:7, *Now we have this treasure in clay jars, so that this extraordinary power may be from God and not from us.* We who minister in Jesus' name are mere sinners: imperfect, broken vessels who are tasked with delivering the perfect and powerful Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Therefore, no one should be overly impressed with the messenger and our hope ought not be placed in a pastor. When we place pastors or any church leader on a pedestal, we inevitably will be disappointed when we realize that they, too, sin and fall short. Pastors and all church leaders are called to lead not perfect lives, but to walk honestly and humbly, confessing their sin before God and one another and receiving the forgiveness of sins we all need.

The church is often attacked when the sin of a church leader is exposed... as if it somehow invalidates the many ways God worked through that person for Kingdom good. While it is true that the church is hurt whenever sin goes unconfessed or covered up, God continues to perfectly move, display power, proclaim the Word, and deliver grace and blessing in the sacraments of baptism and communion through the work of imperfect vessels in the church. Despite our sinfulness and brokenness, God still does extraordinary work through ordinary people like you and me.

*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).*