

St. Paul Lutheran Church

APRIL 2024

“The Red Brick Church on Ave M”

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St. Paul Staff

Senior Pastor: Beverly Kelling

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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)

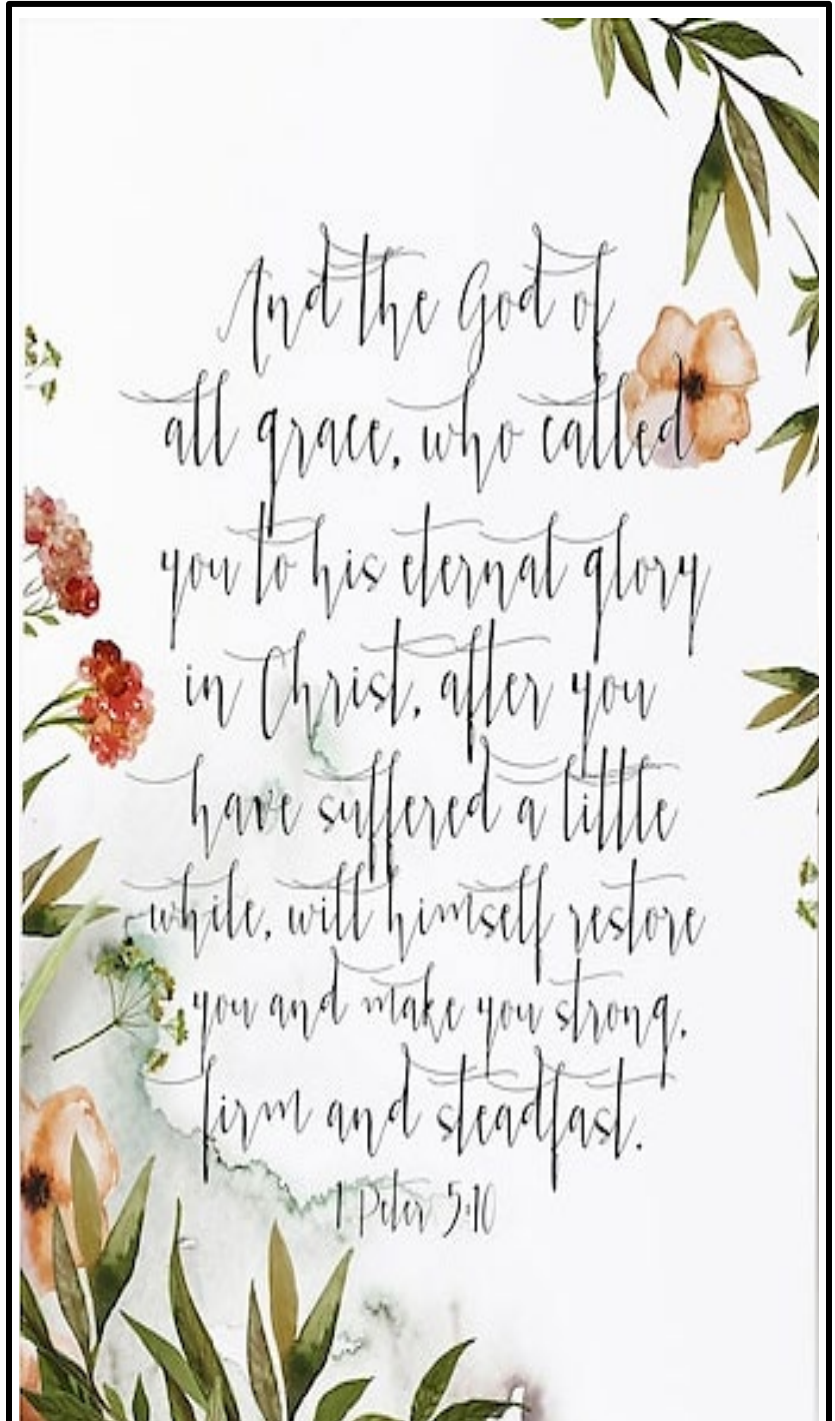
Facebook page: (St Paul Lutheran Church Hondo)

YouTube: (St Paul Lutheran Church Hondo TX)

Current and past Sunday services can be found here.

2023 Council Members

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The Red Brick Church on Ave M

My daughter-in-law's father is a Christian from Nigeria, with family still there, so I pay attention to the happenings in Nigeria. This morning, I read this from **Voice of the Martyrs**, said a prayer and asked: would this be my (our) response to such persecution?

“Pastor Emmanuel Maigairi had just finished praying with his wife and mother-in-law when the sound of gunfire erupted outside their home in Nigeria's Kaduna state. Within minutes, nearly three dozen militant Fulani Muslims had burst into the house. The militants ripped the curtains from the windows and used them to bind and blindfold Emmanuel, his wife and mother-in-law. “You are going to suffer in the bush,” the group's leader said, “and if we like, we might kill you.”

But Emmanuel boldly replied, **“I have given myself over to God, and I am ready to die.”** The attackers then led their captives into the forest. By the grace of God, Emmanuel's wife, Ladi, and her mother were released during the difficult journey. Despite being beaten and cut by a machete, the women survived.

But Pastor Emmanuel was led to the militants' camp, where other prisoners were being held hostage. For more than a month, he endured violent beatings, a machete attack, and the deplorable conditions of the camp. Yet he would not renounce his faith in Christ.

“I had faith that God was there with me,” Emmanuel said. “I prayed constantly. If not for the help of God, I would have been beaten to death. If not for God's grace, I would have died.” After more than a month in the militants' camp, Emmanuel was finally released & returned to his family. It takes great courage and faith to openly worship and serve Christ in northern Nigeria. “Christians can no longer move about freely because kidnapping is on the rise. People are not even safe in their own homes, & people are traumatized every day because of the incessant kidnappings and violent attacks. ‘There was a day someone asked me to leave my station because of what happened,’ he recalled.

“But I said, ‘If I leave there, which pastor will want to serve in this community? If I can endure it, it will be an example to others.’” *Pastor Emmanuel*

And all that will live godly in Christ
Jesus, shall suffer persecution.
2 Timothy 3:12

May we be determined to grow in our faith & stand in our commitment to the One Who gave His life for us – Jesus the Messiah.

*‘Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord & in the power of His might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh & blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, & having done all, **to stand.**’* Ephesians 6:10-13

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

April 7: “Pressing Through the Crowd”

Psalm 27:1, 11, 13-14

Mark 5:21-43

***Confirmation Sunday**

April 14: “Responding to Rejection”

Proverbs 15:30-33

Mark 6:1-13

***Nursing Home Service**

April 21: “Guilt, Grudges & Grief”

Proverbs 17:15, 26-28

Mark 6:14-29

April 28: “2 + 5 = Satisfied”

Psalm 23:1-3

Mark 6:30-44

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

If you are interested in giving a Wednesday 'Come As You Are' message please let me know.

If you or someone you know needs & would like a home visit to include communion, please contact Beverly or Joann in the church office.

RESPONSIBILITIES

Date	<i>April 7th</i>	<i>April 14th</i>	<i>April 21st</i>	<i>April 28th</i>
Altar Flowers	Steve & Debra Zerr	Derlin & Roberta Hennig	Dianne Bradley	Chuck & Lynda Halbardier
Sanctuary Lamp	OPEN	Kim Anderwald	Lentz Family	Leonard & Jan Zinsmeyer
Head Ushers	Robin Green Pam Westbrook	Mark Nester Johnette Dixon	Deb Cleary Jay Reed	Wayne Scholtz Roberta Henning
Lectors	Westley Halbardier	Johnette Dixon	Bob Mayne	LeeAnn McReynolds
Acolytes	Bella Contreras. Adele Cortez	Laura & Trey Denman	Laken Deleon Emma Callis	Brooklyn Saathoff Witten Reus
Altar Guild	Andrea Bohmfalk & Marilyn Graff			

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



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|----------------------|------------------------|
| 4/01 Janice Wright | 4/19 Kristi Contreras |
| 4/02 Margie Mayne | Derlin Hennig |
| 4/03 Laura Denman | Cole Hay |
| 4/05 Scott Baxter | 4/20 Leonard Zinsmeyer |
| 4/06 Chris Porter | Lauren Scott |
| Jan Sprenger | Carol Hagen |
| 4/08 Dorothy Wells | 4/21 Michelle Brickles |
| Collin Sprenger | 4/23 LeeAnn Hart |
| 4/09 Lazerus Deleon | 4/24 Landon Cortez |
| 4/11 Brian Anderwald | Emily Favor |
| Travis Timberlake | 4/25 Myron Saathoff |
| 4/13 Dianne Graff | 4/26 Sam Anaya |
| 4/14 Ayelet Reus | 4/27 Chuck Halbardier |
| Pam Westbrook | 4/28 Wiley Reus |
| 4/15 Traci Koch | Holden Halbardier |
| Wyatt Koch | 4/29 Kim Hardy |
| 4/16 Jennifer Luedke | William Strait |
| 4/17 Stacy Saathoff | 4/30 Rick Brickles |
| 4/18 Ron Sprenger | |
| Joey Decker | |

2024 APRIL

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Cornerstone 10am-2pm 6:00pm Journaling Study 7:00pm Men's Bible Study	2 7:00am Prayer Warriors	3 9am Tacking Quilters 11:00 BSF (LLB) 4pm-5:15pm 4 th -6 th Bible Study "Come As You Are" 6pm Worship Service Youth following service 7:00pm Bible Study	4 Office Closed HighSchool BSF 1pm Hand Quilters	5	6
7 Confirmation Sunday 9:00am Worship 10:00am Fellowship 10:30 am Sunday School	8 SOLAR ECLIPSE No Cornerstone No Friends In Faith 6:00pm Journaling Study	9 7:00am Prayer Warriors	10 9am Tacking Quilters 11:00 BSF (LLB) No Funtime "Come As You Are" 6pm Worship Service Youth following service 7:00pm Bible Study	11 Office Closed HighSchool BSF 1pm Hand Quilters	12 Newsletter Deadline	13
14 9:00am Worship 10:00am Fellowship 10:30 am Sunday School 2:00pm Nursing Home Service 4:30 Emmaus Gathering Hondo Methodist	15 Cornerstone 10am-2pm 5:30pm-7pm Embrace Life 6:00pm Journaling Study 7:00pm Men's Bible Study	16 7:00am Prayer Warriors 7:00pm Council Meeting	17 9am Tacking Quilters 11:00 BSF (LLB) 4pm-5:15pm 4 th -6 th Bible Study "Come As You Are" 6pm Worship Service Youth following service 7:00pm Bible Study	18 Office Closed HighSchool BSF 1pm Hand Quilters	19	20
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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.)

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

Healing & Comfort:

Larry Stewart, Bobby Klein, Morris Faseler, Chris Porter, Margaret Reus, Buffie Rogge, Matthew Hook, Renee Ortiz, Henry Nietenhoefer, Jean Krenmueller, Lance Brucks, George Brucks, Diane Cooper, Sandi Schweers, Helen Ann Jones, Sharon Becksted, Ailyn Fernandez, Doug Newtwich, Maricella Frausto, Joleen Neuman, Patricia Welch, Jim Thompson.

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

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. Thank you Lord for our military.

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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. Currently in Zephaniah. Led by David Hershberger (Activity Center – In class next to the kitchen).

Children/Youth Bible Study Opportunities

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

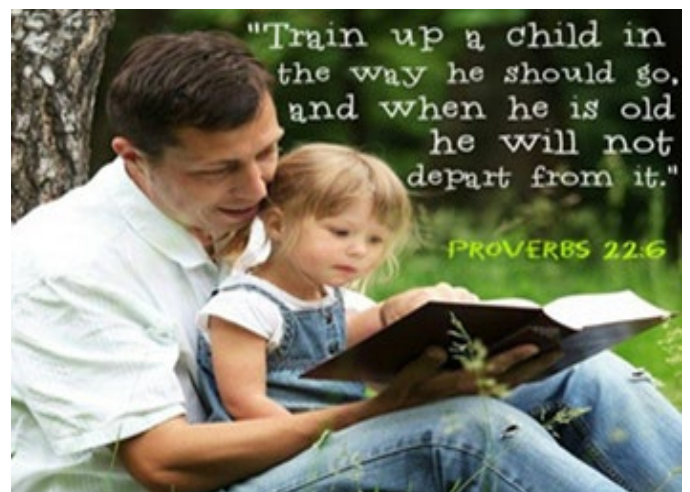
4th-6th Grade: 1st & 3rd Wednesdays

Thursday High School Junior/Senior Lunch Bible Study

11:10am -11:45pm - see the church calendar for dates

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

following Come As You Are Service.



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.



April 7th →
Confirmation Sunday
@ 10:30 am
Come support our Youth
as they share their faith

St. Paul Children & Youth who will be attending Camp Eagle - Summer 2024 will be having a Pizza Night @ Dominos on **Friday, April 26th 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.

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Thank you to all the families, members, and others who brought soup, sandwiches, salads, desserts, chips, and other goodies to make our Soup and Sandwich meals during Lent a success. Your generosity and help was greatly appreciated. The fellowship shared on Wednesday nights was also a lot of fun.

Let your light so shine
Matthew 5:16

Helping Hands Day
Your support and help would be greatly appreciated by partnering up with Hermann Sons Club by bringing a nonperishable food item to church on Sunday, April 28th. Then a youth or two is needed on Saturday, May 4th to deliver the can goods to the Food Pantry. Thanks in advance. More details to follow.



Quilt Raffle

Each Sunday and Wednesday night in April and May, you will have the opportunity to purchase raffle tickets for a beautiful handmade quilt made by our quilting ladies, as well as a donated painting. (both pictured below) The campers will be selling tickets with the proceeds going to help with camp funds. The tickets are \$1 each or 6 tickets for \$5.00. Thank you very much to the quilters for donating this beautiful quilt. The drawing will take place at the end of Fellowship on Mother's Day. What an amazing gift to give.



Bible Study Opportunities start back up April 3rd

Kinder-3rd Grade: 2nd & 4th
Wednesdays – 4-5:15 pm
(except April 10th)

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

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL

April Special Offering Medina County Food Pantry:

The Medina County Food Pantry is a faith-based non-profit organization that supplies food for those in need. It is located at 1031 Avenue Y, Hondo, Texas. The food pantry is supported by churches, business', organizations, and individuals of Medina County. Food distributions are on the last Friday of each month. Vouchers are available through the Human Services office, the Catholic Church's, the Cowboy Church, the Wesley nurse at the Methodist church, and through Cornerstone at St. Paul Lutheran Church. An average of 150 families are served each month. 'Pot Luck Pop-Up give aways' are each Monday from 10-1p. This is to give out fruits/vegetables/desserts; anything with a short expiration date. No vouchers are required - just come to the back door. Up to date information is available on Facebook, and someone is at the pantry during the week from 10-3p. Anyone needing emergency food can come to the back door and will be served. The Medina County Food Pantry has been in continuous operation for over 30 years with two founding members still on the board.

We thank the St. Paul Lutheran Church congregation for their generous support these 30 plus years, and in contributing to the building fund. It's our 3rd year in the new building. And a walk-in cooler has been added. God is so good to this pantry! We acknowledge His blessings every meeting. If you have any questions, or would like to volunteer for distribution days please contact Betty Ann Prewitt, 830-426-7037, SPLC representative, and board member. Thank you!

God Bless,
Betty Ann Prewitt



HERE AT ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

“COME AS YOU ARE”

6pm Worship Service

April 3rd – Pastor Beverly

April 10th – OPEN

April 17th – OPEN

April 24th – OPEN



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)



Our condolences to the Barlow families on the passing of Dorothy Wells.

Dorothy went to be with the Lord on March 19, 2024. Dorothy has been a long-standing member here at St. Paul who in recent years became homebound. Barlow families and friends you are in our thoughts and prayers.

HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS Endowment Committee Scholarships

College Scholarships are being offered for the 2024-2025 school year. The forms are available in the church office.

The applicant must be a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church and plan to attend a recognized institution of higher education pursuing a certification, an associate's degree or an undergraduate degree. Applications can be mailed or brought by the church office, but must be received by the Endowment Committee of St. Paul Lutheran Church no later than Monday, May 6th.

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

April 7th @ 10:30am

Please join us in the sanctuary as we witness our Confirmands affirming their faith in Jesus Christ.



Embrace Life Classes at St Paul

St Paul is launching a new ministry/small group called Embrace Life.

The Embrace Life curriculum and program are the next step in the Embrace Grace program for single moms. You don't have to have gone through the Embrace Grace program to join Embrace Life. Through the Embrace Life group, you will learn spiritual and practical ways to help you navigate your way through life while using the Holy Spirit as your compass.

The first class starts on April 15th, from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.

To sign up, go to EMBRACEGRACE.COM.

Please feel free to contact Deb Cleary at (210) 542-7563 (texting preferred) with any questions.



Mission Moment

by Pastor Bryce Formwalt
Director of Mission Growth



Speaking Truth in Love

“But speaking the truth in love, let us grow in every way into him who is the head—Christ.” – Eph. 4:15

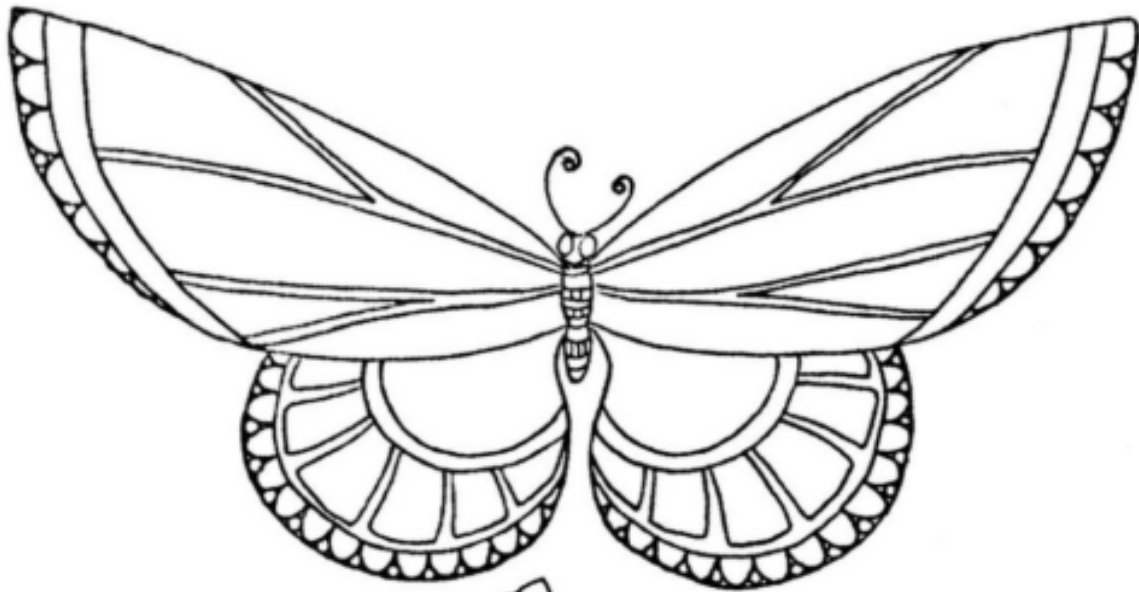
I was recently asked my opinion regarding how churches, pastors and followers of Jesus should talk about difficult, hot-button topics in a way that is faithful but also does not exacerbate the divisions that often exist between us and the very people we are called to reach with the Gospel. This is an excellent question and is worthy of thoughtful reflection and conversation. I hope that this might spur-on thoughtful dialogue for you and your church as each of us wrestles with the tension between being faithful to what we know to be true and honoring God by loving those who do not share our faith or worldview.

While homosexuality happened to be the topic of interest for this person, similar questions have been asked about abortion and gender identity as well as other contentious topics where a biblical morality and a sense of personal freedom collide. Regardless of what the hot-button topic is, effectively communicating the Gospel is an ongoing challenge for any follower of Jesus. So how do we handle these sensitive topics while being mindful of our mission? We need to speak the truth in love.

Relationships are key to transformational love. The adage “people don’t care about what you know until they know that you care” rings true. I don’t think anyone had their worldview or moral systems rearranged because they were argued into agreement. Our priority must be to get into a position to influence another person. This happens best by building an authentic, loving relationship with people who order their beliefs differently than we do. How do we do this? We find a common interest, make an investment of time, and ask questions of genuine curiosity all while enjoying and celebrating the gift of sharing time. At some point, your new friend will likely reciprocate with curiosity and interest in you and what you believe. Eventually, God will give you opportunities for sharing the Gospel, opening the door for authentic transformation.

Attentive to the work of the Holy Spirit in these moments, courageously meet your new friend right where they are with the truth spoken in love. Recall the compassionate love of God that meets you in your sin, brokenness, and the arrogance of your better ideas. Draw upon that well, seeking to reflect God’s love in your own relationship with the person you are ministering to. Embodying the love of Jesus is critical as we share biblical truth and introduce the Gospel of salvation. With patience, persevere in loving those who see things differently. Remember: they are not an enemy to be conquered... they are the prize to be won!

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.



See,
I am doing a
new thing!

Now it springs up;
do you not perceive it?
I am making a way in
the wilderness and
streams in the
wasteland.

Isaiah 43:19 NIV