

St. Paul Lutheran Church

JULY 2024

"The Red Brick Church on Ave M"

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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

<u>Musicians</u>

Guitarist: Jody Jacobs & Ben Rath

Organist: Grace Reed

Drums: Rick Brickles & Jacob Kelling

Vocals: David Hershberger, Becky Burton &

Jeanette Rath

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.

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God, Have Mercy On America

IULY 8, 2015 BY **SONY ELISE**

A reader of my personal blog recently made the following comment: "Now to the Christian. Quit praying for God to bless America or any other country that does not honor God. Start praying for God to have mercy. Have mercy on the professing Christians who are being overcome by the cares of this world."

This is something that has been on my mind for a while. I love the song, "God Bless America," and yet America has turned her back on the Almighty God, so how can we continue to expect His blessings?

I am thankful to have been born in this country, and I'm grateful for the freedoms I have; yet, one by one, those freedoms are being taken away, and I believe this will continue to be the trend.

I am praying fervently for this country. I pray for God's mercy on this next election. More than anything, I pray for a leader who fears God and will seek Him. At the same time, I realize God may not answer my prayer. You see, many of those who call themselves Christians have forgotten their first love. They have allowed television, business, relationships, family, activities, even ministry to replace the God they used to love. They no longer have time for Him because there are too many other things that consume their time. How can God bless a country when His own people are no longer living Godly lives? As I write this, I am close to tears. I am so burdened for the state of the Church in America and, yes, I know that Revival must begin with me. I am not pointing fingers. I too have been guilty at times of "serving God" while neglecting the God I serve; yet I realize that, if I am going to survive in this ever-changing world, I must cry out to Him now like never before. I can't afford to "relax." This is a battle but one which, ultimately, must be won in the Spirit.

This weekend, while I thank God that I can still worship freely in the church of my choice, I am also sober-minded as I realize the day may come when this is no longer an option. In spite of Lee Greenwood's assumption, they CAN take our freedom away, and I believe they will continue to do so if God doesn't intervene.

So, this weekend, I am praying, "God, have mercy on America. Draw Your people back to You. Continue to show me the areas in my life that don't please You so that I can be a better witness and a Light while you give me breath. Help me not to waste my days but to spend them giving glory and honor to You and drawing ever closer to You continually. Thank You for allowing me to be born in this country. Please grant us a leader who will make decisions based on Your Word. Put our priorities where they need to be, with You at the center of everything we do, say, vote on, etc. Thank You, Father. You are so good to us, and I know that whatever happens in this next year or two will be for our eternal good and Your ultimate glory. Amen!"



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The U.S. Bill of Rights - The First Amendment:

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.

In America we advocate freedom of religion, yet if a teacher places a Bible on her desk, if a student bows his head to pray in school, or cheerleaders display Bible verses on their posters, they are accused of violating **separation of church and state**.

The phrase "separation of Church and State"
cannot be found in the Constitution or
the Declaration of Independence. The phrase first
appeared in a letter written by Thomas Jefferson to the
Danbury Baptist Association of Connecticut in 1801...
to reassure the Danbury Baptists that the First
Amendment prohibited the government from
trying to control religious expression. In short, the
First Amendment was intended to keep government out
of regulating religion, but it did not keep religion out
of government or the public square.

How does a student praying over his lunch mean the same thing as Congress making a law? The answer: it doesn't. The First Amendment meant Congress is limited from setting up a national denomination and Congress is limited from prohibiting the free exercise of religion. The First Amendment does not limit faith or the people, only the government.

The First Amendment was created by America's Founders because of their desire to avoid something like the government-run Church of England.

In fact, it was not just the government of England they longed to be different from, but they were also striving to be different from the way that churches and

We are so excited to Welcome to our St. Paul Family the Schweeers Family:
Jacob, Sadie, Sage, Gunner & Case
Please meet & greet this wonderful family the next time you see them!

government had operated across most of Europe for the previous thousand years, for most nations at that time had state-established and state-controlled churches.

The above are excerpts from David Barton, WALLBUILDERS, May 29, 2023

This important to know because just like in Daniel 10 where God's angel had to fight the prince (evil) of Persia, I believe America is deep in a spiritual fight. Part of this war is to weaken the people of God. Hosea 4:6 - 'My people perish for lack of knowledge.'

We must grow in truly knowing God & His Word.
We need to grow in our hunger & search for truth.
Jesus Himself tells us in John 8:32 - 'And you will
know the truth, and the truth will set you free.'
The Apostle Paul tells us in Galatians 5:1 - 'So Christ
has truly set us free. Now make sure that you stay free,
and don't get tied up again in slavery to the law.'

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

July 7: "A Glimpse of His Glory"

Psalm 80 select verses

Mark 9:2-13

July 14: "WAR – We Are Responsible"

Psalm 86:10-12

Mark 9:14-29

*Nursing Home Service

July 15 – 20: Camp Eagle

July 21: "They Didn't Understand"

Psalm 109:26-28

Philippians 1:9-11

Mark 9:30-37

July 26-27: LCMC Texas District Meeting

July 28: "Salted with Fire"

Psalm 50:1-6

Mark 9:38-50

With Christ & in love, Beverly <///>

RESPONSIBILITIES

| Date | July 7th | July 14 th | July 21st | July 28th | |
|--------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------|----------------|--|
| | Chuck & Lynda | | Chuck & LeeAnn Joey & Lanell | | |
| Altar Flowers | Halbardier | Roberta Hennig | Hart | Decker | |
| | DeLaCruz | | | | |
| Sanctuary Lamp | Family | Faye Honig | OPEN | Roberta Hennig | |
| | Wayne Scholtz | Lynda Halbardier | Pam Westbrook | Johnette Dixon | |
| Head Ushers | Roberta Hennig | Stuart Franke | Robin Green | Mark Nester | |
| | | | | | |
| Lectors | Marilyn Graff | Erica Halbardier | Kim Anderwald | Dianne Bradley | |
| | Laken Deleon | Brooklyn Saathoff | Mackenzie Collins | MJ Neuman | |
| Acolytes | Witten Reus | Clayton Nickols | Claire Bowman | Easton Beard | |
| Altar Guild | Jean Saathoff & Jenny Lessing | | | | |

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

7/01 Monette Mumme Clayton Nickols

7/02 Audrey Denman Fowler Callis

7/04 Cy Barr

7/07 Fohn Bendele

7/10 Audrey Moncada

Andrew Franke

Sarah Bailey

Kelly Van Roekel

7/11 Adriana Campos

7/12 Adrian Mumme

7/13 Dalton Zipp

7/14 David Maddox

7/15 Robbie Graff

Pearl Schueling

Rev. Louis Balderach

7/16 Pat Gillig

Wesley Nickols

7/17 Bob Mayne

Elias Bradshaw

Paul Honig

Clay Patterson

7/20 Andrea Bohmfalk

7/21 Cody Koch

7/22 Tara Deleon

Julie Tarelton

7/23 Keldon Runnels

7/24 Emma Laporte

7/25 Haiden Wiley

7/26 Pye Haass

Robin Green

Cassidy Reus

7/27 Jamie Zinsmeyer

7/28 Cindy Sprenger

7/29 Lnda Hook

7/30 Harper Scott

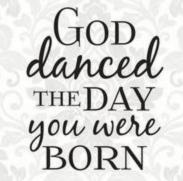
LeeAnn McReynolds

Paulette Pyron

7/31 Beverly Kelling

Dustin Izard





July 2024

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 100 | Cornerstone 10am-2pm 5:30pm-7pm Embrace Life 6:00pm Journaling Study 7:00pm Men's Rible Study | 7:00am Prayer Warriors | 9am Tacking Quilters "Come As You Are" 6pm Worship Service 7:00pm Bible Study | Office Closed 10am Book Study (LLB) 1pm Hand Quilters | 5 Office Closed | 6 |
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Youth and Children of St. Paul

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Changes are coming to Sunday School this coming Fall 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! If we have 12 people volunteer then each volunteer would only have to do one Sunday a month. The lessons are all planned out and easy to follow. Please let Carrie know if you would like to volunteer. Maybe this is where God is calling you to serve.

St. Paul Children & Youth will be having a Pizza Night @ Dominos on Thursday, June 6th from 5-8 pm. Bring pizza to the VBS Pool Party. We will receive 20% of all the sales when you mention St. Paul Lutheran when you order. Thank you in advance for your support. This is for the Hondo Location only.



Thank you to ALL the volunteers who made VBS such a success. Know you are appreciated for all you did. Thank you also for Carrie and her family for ALL their hard work for the last 14 years. You are a blessing to our church.

Congregation Appreciation Breakfast

The Youth and children will be having an appreciation breakfast for our congregation on Sunday, August 11th during Fellowship Time. Then during Sunday School those who attended Camp Eagle will share their experiences.

Upcoming Important Dates

Breakfast during

Sunday, August 11th -

Fellowship/Camp Eagle

Sunday, August 18th -

Confirmation 2-6 pm

1 pm in the church Sunday, September 8th -First Communion Sunday & Sunday School Kick Off

Congregation Appreciation

Presentation during Sunday

School in the Activity Center

Confirmation Parent Meeting

Sunday, August 25th - First

Communion Training 10:30 -

10:30-11:15 in the church



Bible Study Opportunities end in July

Watch the bulletin and watch your texts.....Youth will continue for the 1st/3rd Wednesdays of the month.

Jacob has be helping with the Youth on Sunday mornings as well as on Wednesday evenings. His enthusiasm, energy, and love for Jesus is a great addition to our 2 other amazing volunteers Pat and Johnette. Exciting things happened so come be a part of it.



Welcome to Jacob Kelling.....





















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.)

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)

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.)

Thursdays 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).

"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, Lance Brucks, George Brucks, Diane Cooper, Sandi Schweers, Helen Ann Jones, Sharon Becksted, Ailyn Fernandez, Doug Newtwich, Maricella Frausto, Joleen Neuman, Patricia Welch.

*(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, Dylan 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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Children/Youth Bible Study Opportunities

Kinder-3rd Grade: 2nd & 4th Wednsdays
4th-6th Grade: 1st & 3rd Wednsdays

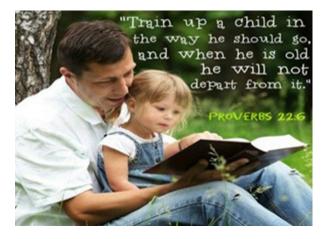
Thursday High School Junior/Senior Lunch Bible Study

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

Youth -7^{th} to 12^{th} grade every 1^{st} & 3^{rd}

Wednesday 7 to 8:15 pm

following Come As You Are Service.



HERE AT ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH



Camp Eagle 2024 July 15th - 20th

Please keep the campers and volunteers in your prayers as they embark on an adventure full of praise, worship, learning and fun!



Congratulations to Kyle & Ashley Anaya on the baptism of their son Sloan Steele Anaya.

Congratulations also to Mitch & Jennifer Winchester on the baptism of their son Cooper Fielding Winchester.

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

Community Care Nursing Home

2001 Avenue E Hondo, TX 78861 Brian Boehle Marian Lindeburg **Castroville Nursing Home**

913 US-90, Castroville, TX 78009

Mario Salazar

Shut-Ins (call office for address)

Gladys Feller Kathy Feller Elaine Eccles Cindy Sprenger

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St. Paul Lutheran Church The Shepherd's Flock Mother's Day Out Program Please welcome our newest St. Paul family members Jacob, Sadie, Sage, Gunner & Case Schweers. We are excited to have you joining us here!





St Paul Lutheran Church Shepherd's Flock MDO is accepting registration for children 9mos - 5yrs old for the 2024 - 2025 year.



"COME AS YOU ARE" 6pm Worship Service

July 3rd – Shulee Norris July 10th – Pam Westbrook July 17th – OPEN July 24th - Mario Luna

July 31st - Open Mic

JULY SPECIAL OFFERING - Mother's Day Out

I would like to thank you for allocating the Love Gift this month to supporting this ministry. Through song, stories, and fellowship we are able to share His love with many eager young minds every week. The program is designed to serve children who are 9 months old through the time they begin attending school. Please contact me, Annette Kammer or the church office for details. Thank you for your support and generosity to this ministry. I am looking forward to the opportunity of serving and working with our church to share the love of Jesus with these children.

"Therefore, since through God's mercy we have this ministry, we do not lose heart. For we do not preach ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake."

2 Corinthians 4:1,5

Blessings,

Annette Kammer

Annual Gathering



LOVE WORKS

LUKE 10:27



July 26 - 27, 2024 Zion Lutheran Church Kerrville, Texas

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS:

Greg & Susan Finke Authors of the *Joining Jesus* Book Series

FEATURING:

18 Breakouts to Choose From Designated Youth Track 20+ Exhibitors Great Food & Worship

Adult - \$75 thru 6/30 | \$100 after Under 21 - 50% off

lcmctexas.org/annual-gathering



Mission Moment



by Pastor Bryce Formwalt Director of Mission Growth

If You Build It ...?

Growing up in Eastern lowa in the late 1980s, it was big news when a major motion picture began filming a baseball movie on a family farm. In the movie, *Field of Dreams*, a mysterious voice is heard from beyond: "If you build it, he will come." As the story unfolds, the lead character plows under his crops midgrowing season to build a baseball field. Then from out of the cornfields beyond centerfield appeared a historic team from baseball lore.

The cultural impact of *Field of Dreams* was significant. Visionary leaders seized upon the infamous movie line and adapted it for their own organizations: "If you build it, they will come." Even pastors and churches adopted the mantra as ministries scaled bigger and better programs and church facilities, trusting in the idea that new and bigger would attract more people. To some extent, this approach seemed to work! As churches engaged in expanding and improving their ministries and facilities, more people were attracted to it and began engaging with churches in news ways.

Despite these successes, there were also unintended consequences. Fast forward two decades and churches discovered that what once worked was no longer working. Successful ministries needed to be constantly refreshed and renewed with the latest and greatest programs or building renovations to keep people coming. A consumer mentality crept into the church as church attendees began "church shopping" and congregations felt the urge to "compete" with one another.

Church growth began to feel like chasing after a pot of gold at the end of a rainbow. How many churches "built it" but the people did not come? While God certainly used the church growth movement, we now recognize the ways it detracted from an authentic faith journey of following Jesus.

What if the church adopted a new mantra based upon an old idea: "If you love them..." How would you complete that sentence? What do you think the result of sharing Jesus' love might be? For me it would be this: "they will know they are loved by God." I believe that God is calling us to shift our focus from building better programs and facilities just to entice people to come to the church to hear the Good News towards equipping and mobilizing the people of the church to love people and engage in Gospel mission in their everyday lives. **#LoveWorks2024**

Join us for LOVE WORKS, our LCMC Texas District Gathering, July 26-27 in Kerrville. Learn more: www.lcmctexas.org/annual-gathering. 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.

Scholarships Awarded for 2024-2025

Each year the Endowment Committee has the responsibility to issue scholarships to members of the congregation. Our committee consists of four elected members: Chair-Margaret Reus, Recording secretary-Bob Mayne, Committee treasurer-Paul Honig, Member-Janice Wright, Council representative-Johnette Dixon, Congregational treasurer-Pam Westbrook.

We had four **GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS** apply this year. On May 19, 2024, they were each awarded a \$1000 scholarship to attend a college or university:

Danica Lopez-SWTJC

Cooper Molitor-Tarleton State University

Cambry Reus- TAMU

Haiden Wiley- Texas Tech

Sam and Modine Meyer Scholarship: In 2003, the heirs of Sam and Modine Meyer set up a scholarship fund in their parent's name. The fund is given out each year in a \$500 scholarship. This year we are awarding the 19^h and final scholarship given in their names. This year the \$500 Scholarship is awarded to Cambry Reus.

The committee was impressed with the applications from 10 **Currently Enrolled College Students**. Many students don't follow through with their original goals, so when they have the tenacity to keep up their grades and continue their studies, we think they should also be commended. Each were given a \$1000 scholarship:

Jennifer Cowan – Texas Tech

David Cowan- Texas Tech

Jules Cowan-Texas Tech

Coy Jacobs- TAMU

Kolten Lentz -TAMU

Kaden Lentz - TAMU

Cassidy Reus-TAMU

Garrett Scott-Texas State Tech. College

Anna Weimer-SWTJC

Jamie Zinsmeyer-TAMU-CC

Without the generosity of the congregation, we would not be able to award these scholarships. As the Fund grows, we receive more earnings and dividends.

May - June 2024 Memorials

| <u>Gerald Adametz</u> | <u>Lillian Pittman</u> | Endowment Fund | \$ 230.00 |
|-----------------------|------------------------|---------------------|--------------|
| Zella Mae Mumme | Chuck & LeeAnn Hart | Youth Ministry | \$ 80.00 |
| | | Children/Youth Camp | \$ 75.00 |

 Rosie Aelvoet
 Bernice Seifried

 Morris & Sandy Faseler
 Zella Mae Mumme

 Steve & Debra Zerr
 Joyce Krenmueller

Blane Hutto

Joyce Krenmueller

Morris & Sandy Faseler

Charles & Alice Mumme

<u>Jean Krenmueller</u> Morris & Sandy Faseler **Doroth**

Morris & Sandy Faseler
Steve & Debra Zerr

Doroth Wells
Charles & Alice Mumme

THthanky 0!

Dear friends at St. Paul Lutheran,

Thank you very much for your recent
envelope donation of continued support
through your April suday School opening.

Inowing you value the work we do
at Restore Reproductive Health is a
great excouragement to us of is vital
to our success in this mission.

We pray that God blesses you as you
partner with us!

Sincerely,
Franchosgiore
Executive Director

Dear faithful priends at St. Paul hutheron, Please accept our sincere grational for your recent check for your May Sunday School Officings. Jour support is so appriciated and is very vital to our mission to help people in difficult Situations in our area.

May God bless you & yours this Summer and always, as you partner with his to serve him. Siane Cospore, like Dir. Restou Reproduct Health

385.00

