



St. Paul Lutheran Church of Bulverde

The Epistle

www.redroofchurch.org

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Sunday Schedule

Worship Services	8:30AM & 10:45AM
Holy Communion	Every Sunday at both services
Adult Christian Education	9:40AM
Sunday School	9:40AM

St. Paul Lutheran Staff

Ministers	All People of St. Paul
Senior Pastor	Lee R. Harder
Visitation Pastor	Donald Ofsdahl
Children's Minister	Donna Zipp
Youth Coordinator	Denny Rosenfeld
Office Manager/Bookkeeper	Sherry Schneider
Christian Day School Director	Sandy Kantorak
Music/Media Team	Kyle, Sarah and Steve Schneider
Accompanist	Michael O'Loughlin
Facilities Manager	Ron Norman
Nursery Staff	Elizabeth Salazar & Karen Williams

2019 Council Members

President	Russ Griffith
Vice President	Greg Snell
Treasurer	Kelly Schumacher
Secretary	Robin Armke
	Vince Freiburger
	Chuck Knibbe
	Jerry Penschorn
	Mike Scott
	Dick Weitzel



On Sunday, January 20th, St. Paul will have only one worship celebration in the CFC at 9:30AM. Naturally, refreshments will be available prior to worship in Fellowship Hall. The reason is we will hold our congregational Annual Meeting following the worship service.

Annual reports will be available by Thursday, January 17th (if at all possible) in the church office or can be picked up before worship on Sunday, January 20th.

The single service Sunday will also kick off our 2019 spiritual Campaign. The sermon for the day will set the stage for the six week campaign and small group studies. Please check this month's newsletter for more information about our campaign. Mark your calendar and be there!

Also, Karen and I want to express our deepest and most sincere thanks to the people of St. Paul who are our friends in Christ Jesus. Our thanks for all your prayers as we have faced our physical challenges in Karen's knee surgery and my heart issues. We can't thank you enough for the cards, gifts and well wishes we received for Christmas and the New Year.

We feel truly blessed by God in being able to serve and know our family at St. Paul. May God bless you all!

In Christ,


Pastor Lee



Overflowing With Thanks



2019 Spiritual Campaign Coming Soon!



St. Paul started 2018 with a Spiritual Campaign entitled “Walking With God in the Desert” which featured video study lessons as a foundation for small group Bible studies and a sermon series. It resulted in the creation of about 30 small groups in the congregation that focused on each week’s theme. A wonderful, joyous result is the knowledge that many of the small groups created are still meeting in fellowship and study.

We want to start 2019 with a second campaign to build upon the first. The theme for this year is an even more important and powerful one.

The Christian Church is at war against the forces of evil no less threatening than what Jesus faced in the wilderness after His baptism. Unfortunately, the image of waging war is unpopular, unacceptable and unrecognizable in our modern day culture, especially in the church. We refuse to acknowledge its reality. This provides aid and comfort to the enemy we face.

The goal of our spiritual campaign entitle “The Dark Side” will serve two important purposes. First, it will clearly identify the enemy we are struggling with for our very souls. Second, we will discover the weapons and power God has made available for us to engage this enemy and win the battles we wage.

Let’s not fool ourselves into believing there is no satanic force of evil in the world that seeks to silence God’s Word of hope and salvation. Even as we celebrate the birth of our Savior, we dare not blind ourselves to the evil that sought to destroy the hope of the Christ child by the death of the innocents by Herod. Two thousands years have passed but evil still fights to win a war against each soul. This campaign can help us to see we do not fight unarmed.

We encourage you to join with one of our existing groups or better yet, get together with friends, family or neighbors and create a new one of your own. We will have sign ups available in the narthex and the CFC before and after our worship services from that Sunday on.

“SPOTLIGHT”

“St. Paul of Bulverde Website”



Every Sunday in 2019 we’ll be “Spotlighting” the Menu Items on our Church Website.

Starting on January 6th, we’ll be Spotlighting a different Menu Item each Sunday – since we have many of these Menu Items on the website, this will take most of calendar year 2019 to cover all of the Menu Items.

For the past several months, the “Website Committee” has been updating the Menu Items on the website, and we are now ready to draw attention to the website. We encourage the Congregation to go to the website on a frequent basis to keep up with the “goings on” in our Church, and to make recommendations for improvement.

We invite everyone to go to the Church Website, at:

www.redroofchurch.org

Any suggestions on how to improve the Website are welcomed. And, any suggestions for new Menu Items are also welcomed. Please help us improve our Website!

Please contact Sherry for any suggestions or comments – thanks.



THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY

We took off for the month of December so we could enjoy and celebrate Christmas. Now that we have begun a new year, it's time to fire up our Thursday Bible Study classes. Every Thursday, or just about, we have three class time of the same lesson material offered at 8:00 and 10:00AM with plenty of coffee and an evening class at 6:30PM. The classes meet in Fellowship Hall. You are invited to join in and be a part of a fellowship of St. Paul disciples growing in their understanding of God's will for us.

To help enrich our Spiritual campaign, we're going to dive into the **CORE BELIEFS** that define us as Lutherans and as Christians. Since we are at war with the evil, it might be a good idea for us to armed with a clear understanding of what we believe and why so we can respond when challenged. Note: we will be challenged, especially if we are serious about reaching out beyond ourselves to the communities that surround us with their untold numbers of unchurched people.

There are three questions we need to be able to answer: *What are we? What do we believe? How can we tell someone else?* We now live in a pluralistic, multi-cultural, and obviously post-denominational world. More and more people don't want the religious "professional" to be the one to tell them what they should believe.

Personally, I believe that the "professional model" (or "my guys" as I have referred to them) which has been the stable for the church over many generations has damaged the witness of the church. This idea that "You'll need to ask the pastor about that" never was a good approach. It is time for each Christian to be able to tell another what they believe and to be able to answer the questions why.

God calls us to reach out to others and share our faith — not just the pastors.

Well, we're going to take a straightforward look at the core of what we believe from a biblical, theological, historical, and confessional point of view. The topics we will study are:

God	Holy Spirit	Last Things	Sacraments
Jesus	The Church	The Bible	
Sin	Salvation	Christian Life	

These are the basics. When we're done, as Lent begins, we'll have a handle on what we believe and why.

I hope you'll make the commitment to join us at one of our Thursday classes as a support to our small group spiritual campaign or just to do a little personal growing. We'll be glad to have you come and join in.



LIVING CHRISTMAS 2018 --- was here and now gone.

It was many hours of planning and preparation and commitment but Living Christmas 2018 was a great success story once again. We had 227 cars go through the drive-thru presentation and we received \$456.00 in donations. Although, we may have been hoping for more cars like we typically do. I was told that the cars that did drive through had many people inside. I also heard numerous positive comments that were expressed by those experiencing the

drive. Also, I was reminded that numbers don't count. If we reached only one unchurched or only one looking for a closer relationship with God and we were able to touch that person then we did a job above and beyond what we can only imagine.

The night was a little chilly but "Thank God" we didn't have rain, sleet, or snow; so it was a good night. And even though we didn't have all the slots filled at the beginning of the night and it was chilly outside people stepped up and made all the scenes come to life including the last shift where we had 13 disciples so one disciple politely refrained from their acting position. (We really didn't want to confuse the public wondering "were there 12 or 13 disciples".) Oh the fun and excitement we have on the evening of Living Christmas; it's great. It's a time that we should be proud of and shine our light for all to see as we tell the story of the One we believe in.

The days and evening were a great time for fellowship and being servants of the Lord and working together to accomplish a task of spreading the news that Jesus' life is important to us and that ***Jesus is the True Reason for the Season.***

If you were there on Friday morning for setting up ---- we thank you!

If you were there on Saturday morning for setting up --- we thank you!

And if you were there in any capacity on Saturday evening ---- we thank you!

And whoever prayed for us that was most appreciated too --- we thank you!

I would also like to add a special thank you to Randy Fischer and H.L. Saur for tackling the garage. The garage was so cluttered that we had difficulty getting the scenes out of the garage. But after the cleanup by these two guys putting the contents back into the garage has a breeze. There was room to move around and things are in order and not just tossed every which way.

In closing I know I can not begin to name all the names of the people that helped so I would like to express my deepest and most sincere thanks to "everyone" (and you know who you are) that was involved in any capacity to make the 2018 presentation such a success and to keep the tradition going.

God Bless each and every one of you,

Robin Armke



Texas District

Mission Moment

by Pastor Bryce Formwalt
Director of Mission Growth

How Will You Be Remembered?



On September 20, my world was rocked with news that my mom had stage III-IV pancreatic cancer. While the doctor said her life could be extended through chemotherapy, her cancer was inoperable and likely terminal. Over the past three months, Mom has suffered through chemo with incredible grace. Even though the cancer and its treatment has taken so much from her, we are so grateful for the getting to spend some quality time with Mom since her diagnosis. However, the end of her life on this earth is very much on our minds.

During one of my recent visits, Mom asked if I would be willing to have a role in her memorial service. Suddenly my mind began to race as I thought about what to say about the woman who gave me birth; who changed my diapers and bandaged my wounds; who counseled me and coached me; who taught me about Jesus and living life with purpose; who always stood behind

me as I grew to be a husband, father, and pastor.

And then it struck me – check that – God smacked me in the noggin with the truth about Mom from His Word: *“We love because he first loved us.”* (1 John 4:19) As I reflected on my mom’s life, I realized that this verse is how she will be remembered. Through all of her life as a daughter, sister, wife, mother, grandmother, aunt, friend, co-worker, deaf educator, artisan, school volunteer, 4-H leader, refugee resettlement volunteer coordinator, MOPS mentor, and in countless other roles, Mom loved others with Jesus’ love because Jesus’ love for her had conquered her life in its entirety. The life she has lived she lived no longer for herself, but for Him! And all who have the privilege of knowing Glennis Paulson Formwalt can testify to this truth!

Now Mom would be the first to admit she is far from perfect and that she, too, is a sinner in need of God’s mercy and grace in Christ Jesus. But she lives with confidence in the face of death that through Jesus’ death and resurrection she will inherit eternal life as a child of God. And in every way throughout her life to this day, she simply wants everyone to know that she loves them because Jesus loves them, too.

So what are you living for? How will you be remembered? These are questions that I’ve begun to ask myself as I reflect on Mom’s life and legacy. God has gifted each one of us with just one life to live here on earth, so let’s use it for the sake of the Kingdom of God, remembering that *“We love because he first loved us.”*

Pastor Bryce Formwalt is the Director of Mission Growth for the LCMC Texas District. Residing in Georgetown, Pastor Bryce is available to coach congregations on mission. Feel free to contact him with any questions or comments: 512-942-7776 or bryce@lcmctexas.org. Like us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/lcmctexas



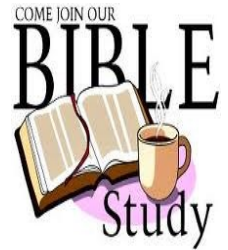
The Adult Christian Education (ACE) Schedule for January 2019

Sunday ACE classes meet at 9:40AM. Pastor Lee's Thursday Bible Study will resume on January 10, 2019. They meet in the fellowship hall at 8:00AM, 10:00AM and 6:30PM.

Sunday ACE Classes meet at 9:40am:

Our leaders are dedicated and well qualified disciples that spend much time preparing for the classes. Please plan to attend at least one class of your choice.

Class led by Jeff Smith meets in the ACE (Portable) Building
This class will resume on January 6, 2019. The class will be beginning a study of the book Revelation.



Class led by Dean & Kathy Krueger meets in the Luther Room
Dean and Kathy's new class topic for 2019 is "What We Will See and Do in Heaven." Scripture verses will answer questions such as: "What sights and sounds will there be in Heaven?" "Who will be in Heaven with us?" "Will we stay busy in Heaven?" "Have some people already had a glimpse of Heaven?" "Do Christians go to Heaven immediately at death?" "Will we know each other in Heaven?" "Will we be married or have families in Heaven?" "Do people in Heaven see what is happening on Earth?" "Where is Heaven today, and where will it be in the future?" You are invited to join us for Biblical answers to these and other Heavenly questions.

Class led by Mike Scott and meets in the Choir Room
A Clash of Kingdoms

Cultures in Conflict by Ray Vander Laan. LIFE AMONG PAGANS. How do you live in a culture where the worldview conflicts with Christianity? Learn from Paul as he presents his beliefs to the most powerful court in Athens and settles among the Greco-Romans of Corinth, who valued wealth and class, worship of multiple gods, and decadent pleasure seeking above all else. In this sixteenth volume of *That The World May Know*®, discover how to live in your own Athens or Corinth—a dechristianized Western world—in a way that glorifies God. Join renowned teacher and historian Ray Vander Laan as he guides you through the lands of the Bible. In each lesson, Vander Laan illuminates the historical, geographical, and cultural context of the sacred Scriptures. Filmed on location in the Middle East and elsewhere, the *That the World May Know*® film series will transform your understanding of God and challenge you to be a true follower of Jesus.

Class led by Ingrid Lingle meets in the Office Area Workroom
The class is continuing the minor prophets from Isaiah to Malachi. In January the lessons will be on the book of Daniel followed by the book of Hosea. Everyone bring your Bibles!

Women's Bible Study class led by Marge Rothchild and Harryette Coon from 9:00-11:00am in the Choir Room on Monday mornings
The class will be studying devotionals from The Lutheran Indian Ministries. This year, the devotions focus on the idea that "Wise Men Still Seek Him". Please join us! Please contact Harryette at 318-355-3402 or Marge Rothchild at 484-707-2308 if you have any questions.



Prayer Warriors

...are continually praying for you according to God's will in all circumstances through Jesus Christ. 1 Thessalonians 5:17

EVERY CONGREGATION – EVERY MEMBER – EVERY PASTOR

Three Days of Prayer – January 1-3 2019

For the last seven years the LCMC churches have come together into three days of prayers with our brothers and sisters in Christ across the country. We are a church body which is strongly rooted in the truth of God's Word and in the belief that God is fully alive and calling us to follow Him. Prayer is a way we can ALL come together to express our greatest joys or our deepest heartaches before the throne of God.

Take the time each day to pray for our church, our community, and our world. It is said that the church will never rise-up, until we first get down on our knees!

DAY ONE: CONFESSION This is a day focused on **confession**. We have made our lives, our relationships-and even the church-in our own image. We confess that the church belongs to Jesus and not to us.

Read and pray: Psalm 51 – David's confession for his sins; it is a great model for us to lay down our pride, and our agenda and ask the Lord for forgiveness.

"Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion; blot out my transgression, wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin." Verse 1

DAY TWO: PETITION This is a day focused on prayers for our congregations, for the pastor, for the leaders who carry out all ministries and for our missionaries in foreign lands. Pray for those in hospital and nursing homes and for all connected to your church that they might know God's redeeming love.

Read and pray: 1 Timothy 2: 1-4 Paul's request to Timothy to pray for all who are in authority.

"I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone – for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness." Verses 1&2

DAY THREE: VISION Pray the Holy Spirit will again move through the hearts and minds of leaders and pastors for God's vision for His church to be revealed and fulfilled. This is the time for prayers of revival.

Read and pray: John's words in Revelation 4:1; and 22: 1-8; 22-26

"He said to me: 'It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End...'" Revelation 22:6

In our Prayers

Linda Larsen
Lynn Rosenfeld
Sonja Bourne
Pastor Shelton Ray
Johnson
Seth Permenter
Marge Kressner
Jenny and Don Jones
Kathy Krueger
Elizabeth & Jerry

Benavides
Evy Volbreacht
Angela Flechtner
Casey Benning
Nena Gutierrez
Julie, Courtney & Hunter
Collins
Velma Ried
Jean Miller
Jerome Beatty
Rita Bywater
Tucker King

Sandy Dickerson
Shelly Pascale
Baillie French
Julie Sutton
Clyde Coon
Jarrett Watts
Carson Barnes
Cassidy Peek
Nida Fischer
Marian Hull
Donny Tinsley
Jordan Campbell

Shirley Remmert
Grace Kaoppel



Prayer Requests

We love to know your prayers and continued concerns. The prayer warriors are always in prayer!

Please contact Lucy Walker or the church office for your prayer requests: lwalkerblui@gvtc.com or stpaulbt@gvtc.com.

Prayer Warriors: Pastor Harder, Pastor Ofsdahl, Lucy Walker, Cindy 'Boo' Peek, Lynn Rosenfeld, Sharon Knibbe, Dagi Fischer, Gloria Krueger, Marjorie Rothchild, Connie Osborn, and Paula McBride



December 23 No Sunday School (Christmas Break) 1 Service @ 9:30am

December 24 Christmas Eve Family Worship 5:00pm in CFC
Candlelight Worship 9:00pm in Sanctuary

December 30 No SS (Christmas Break) Have fun with Family and Friends!



January 6- **EPIPHANY SUNDAY FUNDAY**

SUNDAY SCHOOL RESUMES TODAY! 9:40-10:35.

Come experience through story, puppets, arts & crafts and games how **Three Kings' Day** honors the journey of *The Three Wise Men* to meet Jesus.

January 13- Regular Classes Resume-9:40-10:35am



January 12- We are having a First Aid class/CPR training at the church from 9:30am-12:00pm. I will attend. Let me know if you are interested.

After the training we will have lunch, then have a Children/Youth Sunday School Clean up that afternoon until 3:30pm. We will clean and go through the shelves in the Youth Room and Bible Sand Story room. I know there are hidden treasures waiting to be found in there! Youth can earn service hours, and then we will have a nice, clean children and youth area we can be proud to invite our friends and guests to.



January 18- **KIDZ OF FAITH DODGEBALL TOURNAMENT 2019** – No official team needed...All *Third through Fifth* Graders from the entire community and neighboring churches will be there to hook up with! *And*, you can bring friends. You must RSVP by January 6th to stpaulkids@gvtc.org. Admission is 2-3 cans of food, or either \$2-3.

January 18 YOUTH ALL NIGHT PRAISE AND PARTY @ FAITH LUTHERAN IN SEGUIN Grades 6 and up. *You must RSVP to Denny or Donna to attend no later than Sunday, January 6th.*



January 20- 9:30 One Service, no regular Children/Youth Sunday School Classes. Bible Sand Stories during the adult sermon.



St. Paul's "MELODIC MINIONS"

Notify Donna @ stpaulkids@gvtc.com or 979-332-2938

to get your name on the list if your child would like to be a Minion!
Children (4 years-5th grade) will resume rehearsals on Thursday, January 24 at 5:30pm.

High School Youth who would like to help, please get in touch with Donna @ 979-332-2938. The rehearsal (which will include supper!) is *required* the week before we sing. We will sing at both of the Sunday, January 27, worship services. Our Red Roof Kids (Minions) children's choir has been invited to participate in community-wide events...this is an exciting time to be one of God's Melodic Minions! Don't miss out! Invite your friends, too!

**I NEED
COOKIES!**

...for the Kids of Faith Dodgeball tournament. This is a community church event and St. Paul's is in charge of supplying cookies for the evening, plus additional cookies are needed for us to share at the January 18th Youth All Night Praise Party in Seguin. Cookies are needed for 300 kids! Your help is greatly appreciated! Please bring them on Sunday, January 13th to church, or drop them by the church office through Thursday, January 17th. Thank You!

**Upcoming
Events:**



Sunday, February 3rd

Church Family: Please bring food donations to worship today.

High School Youth and Children: We will enjoy the blessings of a lunch together, then take the food collected to Provisions to weigh and stock shelves.

Wear your favorite jersey to church today!



Tuesday, March 5 - 5:00 – 7:30pm

Minimum Donation \$5.00.

Proceeds go towards our camp fund. This year we will have two children and two adult sponsors attending Headwaters at Camp Eagle this year, July 14-20th.



Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!
Corinthians 5:17



Contact the Youth Coordinator if you have any questions.

Denny Rosenfeld

stpaulyouth612@gvtc.com

210-882-6006

YOUTH NEWS FOR JANUARY!!!

JANUARY CALENDAR

6th-Sunday School
9th-Wild Wednesday
13th-Sunday School & Confirmation
20th-One Service 9:30 CFC Congregational Mtg. No Sunday School.
Dinner and Devotion (location TBD)
23rd-Wild Wednesday
27th-Sunday School & Confirmation

Dinner and Devotions will resume January 20th. Time and location to TBD. Please plan to come and enjoy the meal to be served and the Word to be heard!

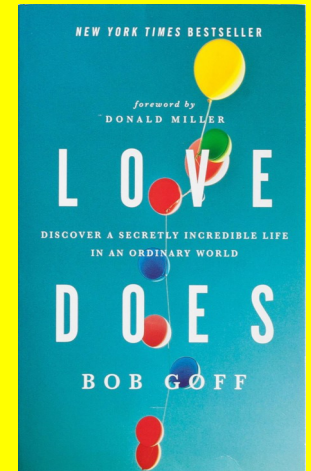


SUNDAY SCHOOL

The new year will kick off our Sunday School with a 5 week video study of the book "Love Does", by Bob Goff. Bob is a zany guy who shares the love of God around the world. His stories are hilarious and heart warming. Just read the preview below and be prepared to have a laugh or two in each lesson and learn how rewarding and fun sharing the Love of Christ can be!

As a college student he spent 16 days in the Pacific Ocean with five guys and a crate of canned meat. As a father he took his kids on a world tour to eat ice cream with heads of state. He made friends in Uganda, and they liked him so much he became the Ugandan consul. He pursued his wife for three years before she agreed to date him. His grades weren't good enough to get into law school, so he sat on a bench outside the Dean's office for seven days until they finally let him enroll.

When "Love Does", life gets interesting. Each day turns into a whimsical, hilarious, meaningful chance that makes faith simple and real. Each chapter is a story that forms a book, a life. And this is one you don't want to miss!



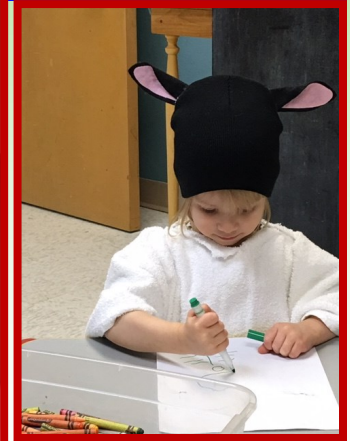
YOUTH MISSION TRIP

JUNE 23-29, 2019

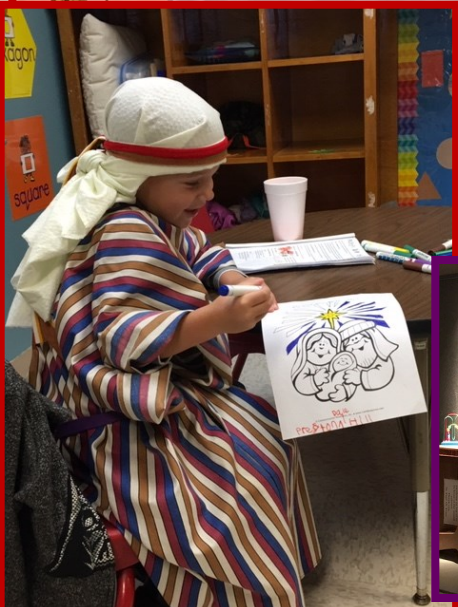
I hope everyone is excited about our trip in June! Our first payment has been made and it's time to submit your commitments and deposits to SPLC. We have committed to 20 youth and 5 adult chaperones. The commitment form and \$100 deposit is due on January 15 with the \$150 balance due in two payments if necessary, \$75 in March and \$75 in May. This is a great deal as the total cost is \$408 per person, St. Paul is paying the \$158 difference. Please speak to me if you have any questions or concerns. Blessings, Denny



Living Christmas and Sunday School Christmas Program



Advent by Candlelight



Youth Night of Praise & All Night Party!

This youth event will take place at Faith Lutheran in Seguin on Friday, January 18. The event will kick off at 7pm with dinner and powerful Worship. After Worship and prayer time, the lock-in will begin around 9pm. Activities such as 9-square, gaga ball, basketball, volleyball, video games, ping pong, and much more will be offered for the youth all night.

All food and snacks will be provided by Faith!

This event is completely free!



We need to RSVP by January 6 if we want to attend this event. Please contact Denny Rosenfeld at 210-882-6006 or stpaulyouth612@gvtc.com or Donna Zipp at 979-332-2938 or stpaulkids@gvtc.com if you want to go.



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Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ



St. Paul
Christian Day
School News

January News

Wow!! I think we knocked their socks off at our Christmas program last month. Our church family was very supportive, and the parents were amazing!! Thank you to everyone that was a part of it. We had a couple mini fundraisers this fall and all were such a hit. Thank you! We brought Kendra Scott and Beauty Counter in house and sold Delia's Tamales for the holidays. Thank you for supporting us. Those fundraisers were put toward purchasing playground equipment and school supplies as well as bringing in Magik Theater for the kids. We are already working toward our Spring Carnival where we will raffle off the beautiful baskets that our room parents create and auction off a few items as well. Mark your calendars for Thursday April 4th, 2019.

CDS will resume on Thursday January 8th, 2019 following the Comal ISD calendar. We will then be closed on Monday January 21st to honor Martin Luther King Jr. Lastly this month, January 16th and 17th are going to be tons of fun though as we come back with pajama day, complete with winter fun and games. We know how to enjoy school!

Registration for next school year will be coming up in February. If you or someone you know would like more information, we would be happy to give you a tour and discuss our school program with you. Both 2 day and 4 day slots will be available. Our hours of operation are Monday-Thursday 9:00am to 2:00pm. Current CDS families will have priority enrollment and then we will open it up to the public for registration.

Parents wishing to enroll their child(ren) are encouraged to call 830-980-6771 to set up a tour of the facility or to register your child. Thank you for considering St. Paul Lutheran Christian Day School for your child's early childhood education!

"Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it."
Proverbs 22:6 (KJV)

Blessings,

Sandy Kantorak
Day School Director
stpaulcds@gvvc.com
www.redroofschool.com





ITEMS NEEDED:

- toilet paper (4-roll packs work best)
- toothpaste
- shampoo
- adult women's diapers (e.g., Depends or similar)
- adult wipes (e.g., Charmin wipes or similar)
- feminine hygiene products (pads, tampons)
- bar soap
- disposable razors
- shaving cream



Provisions has a shortage of toiletries, canned tomatoes, stew and non-perishable ready-to-eat meals and needs our help!

Please bring your donations to church

Sundays January 20th, 27th —

Sunday Feb. 3rd

***Please no bulk/economy items**

Bulverde/Spring Branch Pregnancy Care Center

17080 Hwy 46 West, Suite #113
(In the Faithville Shopping Center)
830-885-2277 (office)
830-446-9245 (text)
www.bulverdepregnancy.org
Hours: Tues 10AM-7PM; Th/Fri 10AM-4:00PM
Kim Barton, Director of Operations

The BSBPCC is in need of diaper bags to fill and baby items for the parents and families who earn them as they complete parenting classes. We also provide layettes to newborns and their families who are participating in our services. Below is a list of items we are most in need of at this time. *Please note that we have added infant/toddler Bibles to the list.

Wish List:

- Crib Sheets
- Bath Towel Sets
- Plastic Utensil Sets
- *Infant/Toddler Bibles
- New/Gently Used Clothing Size 12 months –3T
- New/Gently Used Shoes Size Newborn to 10



Items may be placed in the bassinet in the Narthex or taken by BSBPCC at the address listed above. There are brochures in the bassinet for anyone who would like more information...please take one.

Thank you for your generosity!



**WOW Fundraiser
Wash Tub Savings
Books**
\$15.00 each
Retail Value of
\$34.99



Includes coupons for:

- (1) - Free Full Service Gleam Wash**
 - (3) - \$5.00 Off Coupons**
 - (1) - \$10.00 Off Detail Coupon**
- Available for sale in the church office. They make great gifts!*

Upcoming WOW Events:

January 21—BUNCO and Potluck at 6:30-8:30pm in the fellowship hall. Please RSVP to the church office by that morning so we know how many will be playing.



Thank you to all who helped with Advent By Candlelight! It was an amazing night and we couldn't have done it without Michelle Smith! Thank you to Michelle for all that she did to make the night special!



Thank you to all who helped with the cookie assembly and care packages. Whether you donated cookies, help to assemble and deliver packages, or went caroling to three of our Elder disciples: your help was appreciated and we couldn't have done it without you. Also, thank you to all who helped decorate at St. Jude's Ranch in Bulverde. The children & staff really appreciated it!



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Announcements

As the new year begins, there are many exciting things underway at St. Paul. In addition to the many ongoing programs and ministries, our youth are planning a mission trip in June to Houston. What a great opportunity for service and growth. Denny has the planning well underway and will be reaching out for support soon. Be ready to respond to assist in their wonderful outreach. The newly formed Long Range Planning Committee has been busy and will be proposing a goal for approval during the January 20th Congregational Meeting. Please come to that meeting to hear the exciting plans they have and to see the 2019 proposed budget. The 2018 Walking with God Spiritual Growth Campaign was very successful and is being followed up in 2019 with another Spiritual Growth Campaign, The Dark Side, which will again be connected to sermons during the program. Please get involved in this wonderful small group study program. There are many opportunities for everyone to get involved. Let's work together to greatly increase the typical percentage of church member involvement to a much higher level of disciple involvement at St. Paul Lutheran Church by: Loving God, Loving Others and Serving All.



Russ Griffith, Council President
Council President



**Honoring
Our Elders**

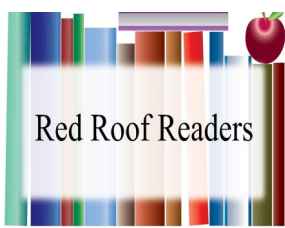
January 02, 2019, a faithful St. Paul Elder Disciple celebrates her 86th birthday.

Maria Mickan
30750 Bridlegate
Bulverde TX 78163

January 20, 2019 a long time St. Paul Elder Disciple celebrates his 83rd birthday.

Woody Miller
909 Misty Water Lane
San Antonio TX 78260

Please join in the celebration of these Elder's Birthdays by honoring them with a birthday card! Sign your name and member of St. Paul Lutheran Church if you do not know them personally.



CELEBRATION!!! The Red Roof Readers are beginning their 7th year together so if you have ever thought of a time to become of a reading group, this can be your year. We will be reading this year for our first month, The Pecan

Man by Cassie Dandridge Selleck. The book takes place in the south in 1976 about a homeless man, the neighborhood children call Pee-can Man, is accused of a murder and convicted for life. The tale of this twisted story goes on to prove his innocence 25 years later and how truth becomes the final victor.

Come join us on Monday evening at 6pm in the Fellowship Hall on January 14th. There is always a lot of laughter, food, and fellowship, besides a great discussion!



Thank you to all our talented musicians and vocalists who worked so hard during this Christmas season to

enhance our worship experience here at St. Paul. Thank you to our Praise Team, Choir, Handbells, Gospel Group and to everyone who did solos. Thank you to our Men's Life for their gift of song. To our AV/Media team; Sarah, Kyle & Steve Schneider who makes sure everyone sounds wonderful. And to our accompanist Michael O'Loughlin for all his time and dedication with each of our musical groups.



Our Altar Guild group is in need of help for both services for the new year. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Lisa Neubauer at neubauer@gvtc.com or 210-844-2284 for the 8:30am service or Jane Wanke at wanke@gvtc.com or 210-259-1946 for the 10:45am service. Training will be provided!

Announcements



Join us for our next Tired and Retired meeting on Wednesday, January 30! We will meet in the Fellowship hall at 10:00am for fellowship, games and a potluck lunch.

Anyone 55 and older is invited to attend. Contact Benny Havens at benandphyl@yahoo.com or Dean & Kathy Krueger at krueghunt@gmail.com for more information.



Men's Life will be back to its regular schedule in January. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, January 15 at 6pm. We hope everyone enjoyed the party in December. It was a fun night for all! Please contact Randy Fischer for more information for our January meeting. Please RSVP via email at rfischer@gvtc.com or by phone at 210-827-1683.

Dear St. Paul Disciples,

Thank you for all the wonderful prayers and well wishes for my recent surgery. Thanks to the prayers and a good surgeon, the surgery went well and the recovery was easier than I expected.

I truly appreciate all of you.

Love,

Jackie Oldfield



St. Paul disciples,

The Ross family is grateful to everyone for the many expressions of Christ's love you have shown during our time of bereavement.

We were truly blessed by the wonderful meal prepared for our family. It helped make the gathering extra special. The cards sent with the memories of how David touched lives meant a lot us.

Your continued prayers, support, comfort and time are blessings treasured in my heart.

Stella Ross

David Ross' Memorial Website

<https://www.forevermissed.com/david-alan-ross/#about>



Thank you for all the cards, the visits and for all your love and support for me and my family during this time. For who all attended Ricky's visitation and funeral, thank you from the bottom of my heart. Your kind words and hugs were very much appreciated.

With love,

Vercille Triesch



Thank you to our facilities manager, Ron Norman for making sure all the activities that happened during Christmas were set up and taken down. Moving all those tables and chairs is not an easy task and we are so grateful to have Ron here.

Also we would like to thank our faithful nursery staff, Elizabeth Salazar and Karen Williams. They provide wonderful care for all of our little disciples and we are so blessed to have both of them on staff at St. Paul.



The CPR/First Aid class is scheduled for Saturday, January 12 from 9:30 to noon in the CFC. Please contact the church office or Vince Freiburger at vincsuef@yahoo.com if you are interested. We still have space available. Fees are \$15 for no certification, \$25 for state certification and \$38 for Red Cross certification.



Discipleship Commitments



	<u>January 6</u>	<u>January 13</u>	<u>January 20</u>	<u>January 27</u>	
Ushers 8:30	<p><i>Please check out our new sign up sheets in the fellowship hall and the CFC for volunteering opportunities each Sunday morning. We are in need of ushers, communion assistants and volunteers for coffee and donuts. These are all wonderful ways to serve, meet and greet disciples of St. Paul. Training is available. You can contact Randy Fischer and Denny Rosenfeld for ushering. Pastor Lee or the church office for communion assistants and for volunteering for coffee and donuts.</i></p>				
Ushers 10:45					
Communion Assistants 8:30					
Communion Assistants 10:45					
Fellowship					
Worship Assistant 8:30	Connie White	Weldon Smith	Jim Vantine	Larry Bodoczy	
Altar Guild 8:30	Gloria Gass Vercille Triesch	Gloria Gass Vercille Triesch	Gloria Gass Vercille Triesch	Gloria Gass Vercille Triesch	
Altar Guild 10:45	Jane Harrell Jane Wanke	Jane Harrell Jane Wanke	Jane Harrell Jane Wanke	Jane Harrell Jane Wanke	
Altar Flowers			Brian and Trece Meuth		

Love God!

Love Others!

Serve All!

January Birthdays

- 2 Kathy Branaum
- 4 Darlene Griffith
- 5 Dakota Marshall
- 6 Emma Schmidt
- 7 Vince Freiburger
Edwina Whitehead
- 9 Carol Robalin
- 10 Jack Labo
- 16 Aurora O'Connell
- 19 Tammy Schroeder
Judi Sims
- 20 Woody Miller
- 21 Freddy Laumer
- 22 Katie Snell
- 23 Margaret Kaysa
Shelby Whitaker
- 24 Tim Allen
Karen Harder
Auberly Reed
- 25 Libye Nuernberg
- 26 Claudia Johnson
- 27 Griffin Johnson
Estee Kuhn
John VanAusdall
- 30 Sue Freiburger
Desi Snell
Stacy Sprows
- 31 Richard Curran
William Flessner
Kurt VonBuettner



January Anniversaries

- 3 Robert & Judy Marburger
- 7 Gerald & Darlene Larsen
- 9 Matt & Susan McConnell
- 10 John & Marian VanAusdall
- 18 Jerry & Bonnie Barnes



January

2019

Color Key:

Education Ministry Evangelism Stewardship Fellowship Worship

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>St. Paul CDS Hours of Operation Monday-Thursday 9:00am-2:00pm September-May</p> 	<p>Hours of Operation Monday & Friday 9am-noon Tuesday-Thursday 9am-4pm</p>	<p>1 Church office closed</p>	<p>2 Lion's Club Meeting 7:30pm</p>	<p>3 Praise Team 7:30pm</p>	<p>4 Bulverde Networking Group 8:30-10:30am Church office closed at noon</p>	<p>5</p>
<p>6 Traditional Worship 8:30am in the Sanctuary Sunday School & ACE Classes 9:40-10:35am Contemporary Worship 10:45am in the CFC</p>	<p>7 CDS closed Women's Bible Study 9am Church office closed at noon</p> 	<p>8 CDS 9am-2pm Staff Mtg. 10:30am Council Meeting 5:30pm Gospel Group 6pm Hand Bells 7pm</p> 	<p>9 CDS 9am-2pm Threads of Love 9am-12pm Worship Committee Meeting 5:30pm Living Christmas Evaluation Meeting 6:30pm Wild Wednesday 7:30-9:00pm</p>	<p>10 Bible Study 8 & 10am CDS 9am-2pm Choir 6:15pm Bible Study 6:30pm Praise Team 7:30pm</p> 	<p>11 Bulverde Networking Group 8:30-10:30am Church office closed at noon Weekend Care Packages 1-4pm</p> 	<p>12 CPR Class 9:30-noon in the CFC 12:00-3:30pm Sunday School Lunch and Workday</p>
<p>13 Traditional Worship 8:30am in the Sanctuary Sunday School, Confirmation & ACE Classes 9:40-10:35am Contemporary Worship 10:45am in the CFC Installation of New Council Members at both services</p>	<p>14 Women's Bible Study 9am CDS 9am-2pm Banner Committee 9:30am Red Roof Readers 6pm Church office closed at noon</p> 	<p>15 CDS 9am-2pm Chapel 9:30am Staff Mtg. 10:30am Men's Life 7pm Gospel Group 6pm Hand Bells 7pm Deadline for February Epistle</p>	<p>16 CDS 9am-2pm Chapel 9:30am Threads of Love 9am-12pm Lion's Club Meeting 7:30pm</p>	<p>17 Bible Study 8 & 10am CDS 9am-2pm Choir 6:15pm Bible Study 6:30pm Praise Team 7:30pm</p> 	<p>18 Bulverde Networking Group 8:30-10:30am Church office closed at noon Weekend Care Packages 1-4pm Lock-in @ Faith Lutheran, Seguin 7pm (MS/HS Youth)</p>	<p>19 Kidz of Faith Dodgeball Tournament for 3-5 graders</p>
<p>20 ONE Worship Service at 9:30am in the CFC Annual Congregational Meeting after service— Kickoff for "The Darkside" Youth Dinner & Devotion (time & location TBD) Bring donations for Souper Bowl of Caring</p>	<p>21 Church office and CDS Closed Prayer Team 11am WOW-BUNCO Night 6:30pm</p> 	<p>22 CDS 9am-2pm Chapel 9:30am Staff Mtg. 10:30am Gospel Group 6pm Hand Bells 7pm</p> 	<p>23 CDS 9am-2pm Chapel 9:30am Threads of Love 9am-12pm Wild Wednesday 7:30-9:00pm</p>	<p>24 No Bible Study today CDS 9am-2pm Melodic Minion Practice 5:30pm Choir 6:15pm Praise Team 7:30pm</p>	<p>25 Bulverde Networking Group 8:30-10:30am Office closed at noon Weekend Care Packages 1-4pm</p>	<p>26</p>
<p>27 Traditional Worship 8:30am in the Sanctuary Sunday School, Confirmation & ACE Classes 9:40-10:35am Contemporary Worship 10:45am in the CFC Bring donations for Souper Bowl of Caring</p>	<p>28 CDS 9am-2pm Women's Bible Study 9am Church office closed at noon</p>	<p>29 CDS 9am-2pm Chapel 9:30am Staff Mtg. 10:30am Gospel Group 6pm Hand Bells 7pm</p>	<p>30 CDS 9am-2pm Chapel 9:30am Tired & Retired 10am-1pm</p> 	<p>31 Bible Study 8 & 10am CDS 9am-2pm Choir 6:15pm Bible Study 6:30pm Praise Team 7:30pm</p>	<p>ALL EVENTS AND MEETINGS at the church <u>must</u> be scheduled through the church office. This helps to prevent groups from meeting at the same time and location. Please contact Sherry Schneider at 830-980-2813 or stpaulbt@gvtc.com.</p>	