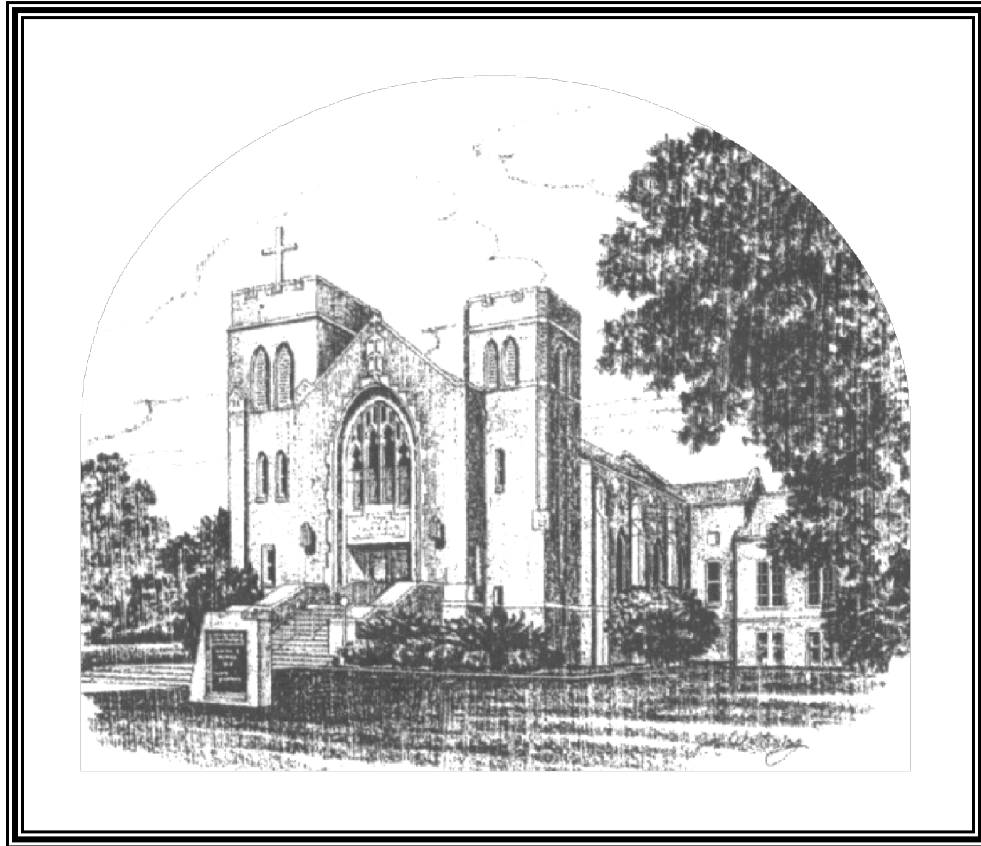


St. Paul Lutheran Church

Yorktown, TX



Saturday and Sunday

Holy Communion Services
3rd Sunday after Epiphany
January 25, 2026

Silent Prayer

O God who is beyond our reasoning, accept us as we are. Take our faith as it is, and move us to higher places. Teach us the truth, that we might be able to call on you in truth, where you are, and not just where we want you to be. Amen.

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS *Please take a moment to fill out an Attendance Card. You may leave them in the pew by the center aisle. (*) Indicates times in worship when you are invited to stand as you are able. (+) Indicates when it may be appropriate to make the sign of the cross.*

Chorus:

Shine, Jesus, shine,
Fill this land with the Father's glory;
Blaze, Spirit blaze, set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river flow, flood the nations
With grace and mercy, Send Forth Your Word,
Lord, and let there be light.

- 1 Lord, the light of Your love is shining --
in the midst of the darkness shining.
Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us
Set us free by the truth You now bring us,
Shine on me, shine on me. (Chorus)
- 2 Lord, I come to Your awesome presence.
From the shadows into Your radiance.
By the blood I may enter Your brightness,
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness,
Shine on me, shine on me. (Chorus)
- 3 As we gaze on Your kingly brightness,
So our faces display Your likeness
Ever changing from glory to glory,
Mirror'd here may our lives tell Your story,
Shine on me, shine on me. (Chorus)

***GREETING and DIALOGUE**

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

L: In the beginning was the Word,

C: And the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

L: In the Word was life,

C: And the life was the light of all people.

L: The Word became flesh and lived among us,

C: And we have seen his glory, full of grace and truth.

*** CONFESSION**

P: Build yourselves up on your most holy faith;

C: pray in the Holy Spirit.

P: Keep yourselves in the love of God;

C: look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ.

P: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:

C: Everything old has passed away; behold, everything has become new!

P: God has given us the ministry of reconciliation. Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another. Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

P: The almighty and merciful Lord grant us pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all our sins.

C: Amen.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

C: Almighty and eternal God, graciously look down on our weakness. Reach out to us with your majestic right hand, and satisfy us with his glory. We ask through the same Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

HYMN

“We Three Kings” WOV #646

We Three Kings of Orient Are



1 We three kings of O - ri - ent are; bear - ing
 2 Born a king on Beth - le - hem's plain, gold I
 3 Frank - in - cense to of - fer have I; in - cense
 4 Myrrh is mine; its bit - ter per - fume breathes a
 5 Glo - rious now be - hold him a - rise, King and



gifts we tra - verse a - far, field and foun - tain,
 bring to crown him a - gain; king for - ev - er,
 owns a de - i - ty nigh; prayer and prais - ing,
 life of gath - er - ing gloom; sor - rowing, sigh - ing,
 God and Sac - ri - fice; heav'n sings al - le -



moor and moun - tain, fol - low - ing yon - der star.
 ceas - ing nev - er, o - ver us all to reign.
 glad - ly rais - ing, wor - ship - ing God Most High.
 bleed - ing, dy - ing, sealed in the stone - cold tomb.
 lu - ia: al - le - lu - ia the earth re - plies.



Oh, star of won - der, star of night, star with roy - al beau - ty bright;



west - ward lead - ing, still pro - ceed - ing, guide us to thy per - fect light!

Text: John Henry Hopkins Jr., 1820–1891, alt.
 Music: THREE KINGS OF ORIENT, John Henry Hopkins Jr., 1820–1891

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 9:1-4

Lector: A reading from _____.

¹But there will be no gloom for her who was in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he has made glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. ²The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone. ³You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil. ⁴For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 27:1-14

¹The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

**²When evildoers assail me to eat up my flesh,
my adversaries and foes, it is they who stumble and fall.**

³Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear;
though war arise against me, yet I will be confident.

**⁴One thing have I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after:
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,
to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to inquire in his temple.**

⁵For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble;
he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high upon a rock.

**⁶And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me,
and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy;
I will sing and make melody to the Lord.**

⁷Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud; be gracious to me and answer me!

⁸You have said, "Seek my face." My heart says to you, "Your face, Lord, do I seek."

⁹Hide not your face from me. Turn not your servant away in anger,
O you who have been my help.

Cast me not off; forsake me not, O God of my salvation!

¹⁰For my father and my mother have forsaken me, but the Lord will take me in.

¹¹Teach me your way, O Lord,
and lead me on a level path because of my enemies.

¹²Give me not up to the will of my adversaries;

for false witnesses have risen against me, and they breathe out violence.

¹³I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living!

¹⁴Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!

SECOND LESSON: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Lector: A reading from _____.

¹⁰I appeal to you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment. ¹¹For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarreling among you, my brothers. ¹²What I mean is that each one of you says, "I follow Paul," or "I follow Apollos," or "I follow Cephas," or "I follow Christ." ¹³Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? ¹⁴I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, ¹⁵so that no one may say that you were baptized in my name. ¹⁶(I did baptize also the household of Stephanas. Beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) ¹⁷For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with words of eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power. ¹⁸For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God

***GOSPEL VERSE** *(Sung twice)*

1 He came down that we may have love; he came down that we may have love;

he came down that we may have love; hal-le-lu-jah for-ev-er-more.

***GOSPEL: Matthew 4:12-25**

P: The Holy Gospel according to _____, the _____ chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹²When {Jesus} heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee. ¹³And leaving Nazareth he went and lived in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: ¹⁵“The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles — ¹⁶the people dwelling in darkness have seen a great light, and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death, on them a light has dawned.” ¹⁷From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” ¹⁸While walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon (who is called Peter) and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. ¹⁹And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.” ²⁰Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them. ²²Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him. ²³And he went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the people. ²⁴So his fame spread throughout all Syria, and they brought him all the sick, those afflicted with various diseases and pains, those oppressed by demons, those having seizures, and paralytics, and he healed them. ²⁵And great crowds followed him from Galilee and the Decapolis, and from Jerusalem and Judea, and from beyond the Jordan.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

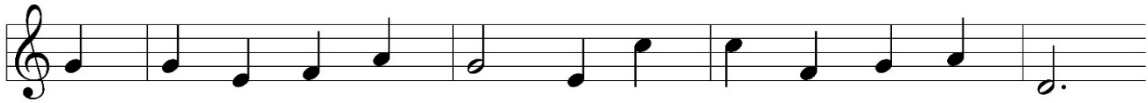
CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SERMON

HYMN of the DAY

“Lead On, O King Eternal” **LBW #495**

Lead On, O King Eternal!



1 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal! The day of march has come;
2 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal, till sin's fierce war shall cease,
3 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal: we fol - low, not with fears,



hence-forth in fields of con - quest your tents will be our home.
and ho - li - ness shall whis - per the sweet a - men of peace;
for glad-ness breaks like morn - ing wher - e'er your face ap - pears.



Through days of prep - a - ra - tion your grace has made us strong;
for not with swords loud clash - ing, nor roll of stir - ring drums,
Your cross is lift - ed o'er us; we jour - ney in its light;



and now, O King e - ter - nal, we lift our bat - tle song.
but deeds of love and mer - cy the heav'n - ly king - dom comes.
the crown a - waits the con - quest; lead on, O God of might!

Text: Ernest W. Shurtleff, 1862–1917
Music: LANCASHIRE, Henry T. Smart, 1813–1879

***CONFESSION OF FAITH**

P: In Christ, you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.

C: We believe in him and are marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit.

P: Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.
Through Him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven;
by the power of the Holy Spirit**

**He became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.
For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate;**

He suffered death and was buried.
 On the third day He rose again in accordance with the scriptures;
 He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
 He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
 and His kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
 With the Father and the Son He is worshiped and glorified.
 He has spoken through the prophets.
 We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
 We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
 We look for the resurrection of the dead,
 and the life of the world to come. Amen.

***PRAYERS**

P: ... Lord, in your mercy, C: hear our prayer.

OFFERING

***OFFERTORY**

The musical score is written for two parts, 1 and 2, on a grand staff (treble and bass clefs) with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The first system contains two lines of music with the following lyrics:

1 We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;
 2 May we thy boun - ties thus as stew - ards true re - ceive,

The second system also contains two lines of music with the following lyrics:

all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.
 and glad - ly, as thou bless - est us, to thee our first-fruits give.

***OFFERING PRAYER**

L: Let us pray. Merciful God,

C: in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you embrace our lives with your great love for humanity. With joy and gladness we ask that these gifts may be for many a sign of that love, and that we may continue to share in your divine life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

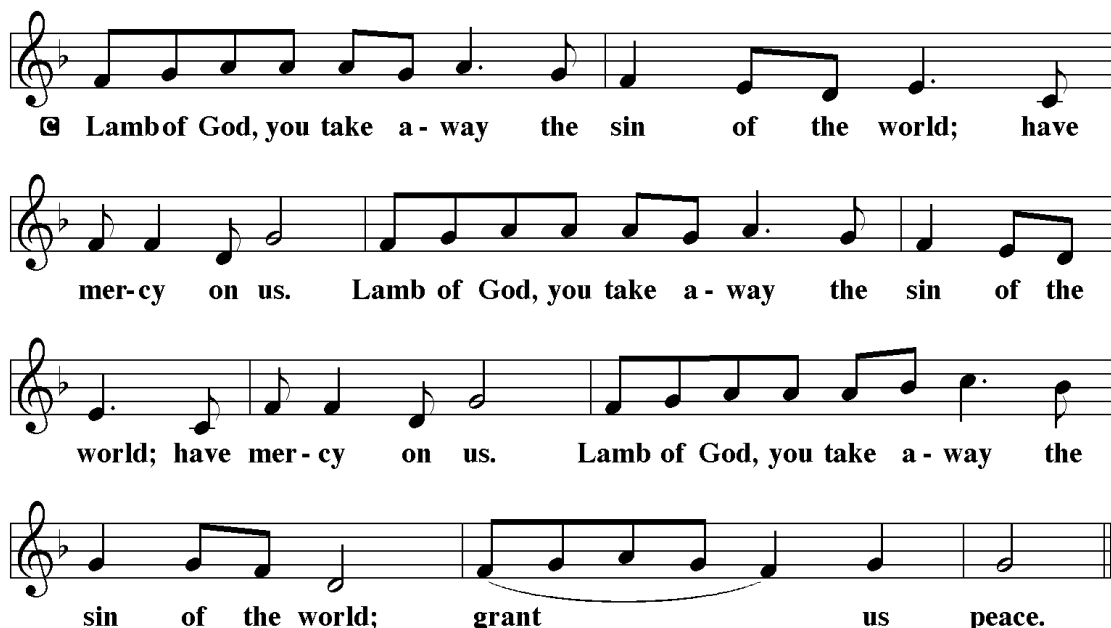
***LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

DISTRIBUTION of the ELEMENTS

All those who are baptized and believe that Christ is truly present in the sacrament are welcome at His table. Those who are unable to receive communion, for any reason, may come forward to receive a blessing, and may indicate this by crossing their arms over their chest. Parents, please indicate if children are to receive communion. If they are not yet receiving communion, children are encouraged to come to the table to receive a blessing. Available in the center of each tray is juice for those choosing not to drink wine. If you are unable to come to the altar and wish to receive communion, please inform the ushers so that the sacrament may be brought to you.

COMMUNION HYMN: "Lamb of God"



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

***POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

P: Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O God, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

***BLESSING:**

Benediction (tune: Edelweiss) By Jean Spencer

May the Lord, mighty Lord, Bless and keep you forever.

Grant you peace, perfect peace, Courage in every endeavor.

Lift your eyes, and see His face And His grace forever.

May the Lord, mighty Lord, Bless and keep you forever.

***CLOSING HYMN**

“We Are Marching in the Light of God” WOV #650

We are marching in the light of God,

We are marching in the light of God.

We are marching in the light of God,

We are marching in the light of God,

2 Dancing

We are marching in the light of God,

3 Praying

We are marching, We are marching,

4 Singing

We are marching in the light of God,

5 Marching

We are marching, We are marching,

***DISMISSAL**

P: As you go forth into the world to serve God with gladness; be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor all people; love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. As you leave, you are invited to share the peace of the Lord with those around you. Go in peace and serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

* Indicates times in worship when you are invited to stand as you are able.

ANNOUNCEMENT BULLETIN

3rd Sunday After Epiphany

Sunday, January 25, 2026

HELPING with WORSHIP SERVICES:

JANUARY 25, 2026 – 9:00 AM SERVICE

3rd Sunday after Epiphany

Presiding Minister: Tim W. Muehlbrad

Reader: Piper Peyton

Acolytes: Kollin & Korbin Kerlick

Children's Sermon: Terry Carmichael

Musicians: PT & Friends

Sunday: PT & Friends/Luellen Smiley

Saturday Altar Guild: Laura Kaiser

FEBRUARY 1, 2026 – 9:00 AM SERVICE

4th Sunday after Epiphany

Presiding Minister: Tim W. Muehlbrad

Reader: Johanna Warwas

Acolytes: Landrey Koopmann & Maesen Foerster

Musicians: Beverly Bruns

Sunday: Beverly Bruns

Saturday Altar Guild: Patsy Ibrom

Helping with Worship during the month of January:

Head Usher: Jay Heil

Ushers: John Frels, Braden Hahn, Chad Hahn, Scott Stevenson, Brandon Lemke

Saturday Usher: Albert Metting

Altar Guild: Laurie Stevenson & Sharon & Callen Matejek

Helping with Worship during the month of February:

Head Usher: Ricky Hilbrich

Ushers: Larry Gohmert, Jesse Hurta, Marley Hurta & John Rippamonti

Saturday Usher: Albert Metting

Altar Guild: Judy Hilbrich & Krista Kerlick

FLOWERS: The flowers at the Altar are given to the Glory of God in memory of Gerry Riske on her 82nd birthday by her children.

KNOWN HOSPITALIZED DURING THE WEEK:

Thank you to all who have been helpful in keeping the Pastor informed of members who are hospitalized.

Harvey Mueller, Kermit Koehler & Cathy Moritz

PRAYERS FOR GOD'S PEOPLE Below is a list of individuals Pastor has been asked to include in our prayers during worship. We list these people in our bulletin to encourage you, the members, to include them in your daily prayers. *Names will remain on the list for 4 weeks unless the request is renewed.*

Joe Barnes	Bridget Innocenti	David Norrell
Caroline Blain	Joanna Ivy	Nick Picard and family
Carlton Bolting	Earlen Jalufka	Jeannine Robinson
Wade Bolting	Kate Janis	Pam Roth
Warner Borth	Alberto Jimenez, Jr.	Joan Smith
David Brucker	Clinton Kaiser	Lori Nelson Stenger
Virginia Buesing	Mary Kanuch	Alma Suggs
Julie Dupree	Ray Lange	Judy Taylor
Kathryn Gloor	Janet Lemke	Chandler Vaclavik
Tiffany Godby	Elaine Malina	Baby Mae Weischwill
Daniel Goehring	Lin Migura	Mark Weischwill
Amber Gloor	Lanie Milliff	Ron & Marjorie Wilhelmsen
Rosa Horton	Cathy Moritz	Glenwood Willms
Keith Ibrom	Larry & Carole Mueller	

ST. PAUL OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK:

Sunday (25th) 9:00 am Worship with Holy Communion
2026 Annual Congregational Meeting
No Sunday School
After Meeting Meal in the Fellowship Hall
11:30 am **Confirmation Class**

Tuesday (27th) 6:00 pm **Youth Committee Meeting**

Wednesday (28th) 9:15 am TLG Chapel
5:30 pm Guitar Lessons
6:00pm FFF

Saturday (31st) **9:30-11:30 am 1st Communion Class**
5:00 pm Worship with Holy Communion

Sunday (1st) 9:00 am Worship with Holy Communion
10:15 am Sunday School

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held **today**, immediately following the Worship Service. There will be no Sunday school. Christian Life is hosting a meal in the Fellowship Hall after the meeting.

A FIRST COMMUNION CLASS will be held on Saturday, January 31, 2026 for all 2nd graders and older who have not had a Communion Class before. The class will be 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. in the meeting room. Parents are welcome in the class if you choose to stay. The actual First Communion will be at our regular Sunday morning worship on February 1, 2026. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Tim.

YOUTH SPORTS COURT:

At the Called Congregational meeting in July, the youth sports complex was approved. We have now collected 65% of the funds and can start on the complex, but we still need to collect the rest to pay for the whole project. The original bid was \$130,700 and we are currently at \$112,976. If you would like to donate to complete this project, please label your offering envelope "Youth Sports Court".

Upcoming Christian Life Events:

January 25, 2026 - After Congregational Meeting Lunch – meat is provided, congregation is asked to bring a vegetable or dessert.

February 17, 2026 – Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

March 11, 2026 – Midweek Lenten Supper at St. Paul at 6:00pm

Upcoming Youth and Family Events:

February 4, 2026 – Father Daughter Dinner 6-8pm

March 1, 2026 – Crazy Crafts with Snacks 2-4pm

Upcoming Area Events:

DeWitt County Gabriel Project Meeting

Would you like to offer help, hope and healing to women faced with crisis pregnancies? Join us at our next meeting on January 26th at 5:00 pm at First Baptist Church in Cuero (Fellowship Hall) to learn more about the Gabriel Project.

The Gabriel Project of the Crossroads invites you to join us for the 5th Annual **Let's Taco 'Bout Babies Fundraiser** - Dinner, Bingo, Silent & Live Auctions

Thursday March 5th at 5:30 PM at Our Lady of Victory Cathedral Center

\$60 General Admission Ticket (Reserved Tables are also available.)

Visit victoriagabrielproject.org, contact Lori Kneese or see the flyer posted on the bulletin board in the Educational Building for more information.

(Click on the link at the top of the webpage to purchase tickets.)

Thank you for supporting pregnant mothers in need!

WNALC South Texas Mission District Gathering will be Saturday, April 11, 2026, at St. John's Lutheran Church in Goliad, Tx. Deadline to register is Wednesday, March 25th.

Forms may be sent by a group or individual. Registration is \$20 per person.

Registration forms can be picked up at our Church office or call 361-564-2135 to request a copy emailed to you.

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