

GOOD NEWS



2026

St. Paul Lutheran Church

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Director of Christian Education: Terry Carmichael

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN MISSION STATEMENT:

*Empowered by the Holy Spirit to make Christ known;
As we love one another, serve our neighbor, and grow in our Faith
through studying God's Word and Worshiping God.*

from the PASTOR



Long before anyone arrives at church, many hours have been invested on the part of the ushers, musicians, the custodian, those giving the children's sermon, the Altar Guild, the secretary, the pastor, and others to provide a valuable worship experience.

But each person in worship can also invest themselves to assure the most enrichment and meaningful experience possible.

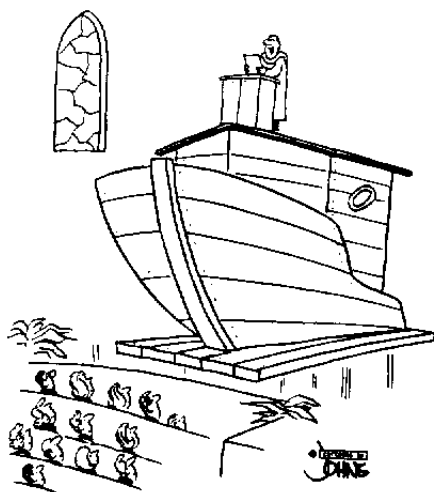
- Use the time during the prelude to prepare yourself for worship by carefully reading the prayers and the Scriptures for the day, or some Psalms in the hymnal, or the chosen hymns and songs for the day. Also pray for the worship and for all those leading the worship.
- Sing all of the hymns and liturgy with gusto and with thought. Ponder what you are singing so that your singing will be "unto the Lord."
- Speak silent, brief prayers for the minister and other participants in the service.
- During the sermon, listen carefully to discover just what the Word of God is saying to you about your faith and Christian living.
- During the offering, pray that God will multiply our gifts of love as Jesus multiplied barley loaves and fish.
- Make all the prayers offered at the altar your prayers by listening carefully and responding when asked.
- After the sacrament, thank God that He has given you the privilege to be a guest at such a special banquet. Ask God to help you live a more Christ-like life.
- After the service, thank God for all who have served you this day, including all of the other worshippers. When

you leave the sanctuary make it a point to greet as many people as possible and become acquainted with those whom you do not know well.

- Plan to be back the next time God's people gather for worship.

A service of worship is a rare privilege that many in our world do not have or do not know. You can help to make it all that God intended by making the most of every worship opportunity.

Your Pastor,
Tim W Muehlbrad



"I'd like to thank the following volunteers for helping to dramatize my sermon on 'Noah' this morning . . ."



DIRECTOR OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Sunday School Offering is the beginning of Stewardship

Each Sunday we collect an offering at our Sunday School Opening. The Bible asks us to be good stewards of our blessings. Offerings to the church are part of that and not only help with the costs of holding classes, and costs for the church, but they can help promote the work of the Lord in the world. Each week when we collect the offering, we offer a prayer over those gifts. It is...

"Bless these gifts we bring thee. Give them something good to do. May they help someone to love thee, and may we love thee too!"

For Lent we are asking all our children to instead of giving something up for Lent...

LET'S HAVE A "GIVING TIME FOR LENT!"

Let's see if we can each bring one dollar per child each Sunday. Then after Easter we will gather at the opening and decide upon a special organization or project to send our offerings to so they can help others!

So, get those dollar bills ready and let's fill the offering plate, fill our hearts with Stewardship, and help someone in the process!

Summer Camp Registration

We need to get our campers signed up for the spots we have reserved in the Pioneer Program. Our dates are July 12-17 at Camp Lone Star in La Grange TX.

This is done online on the Camp Lone Star website. For all age groups there is a special code you will need to register. If you have not received that code, or have misplaced the text with it in it, contact Terry. Note: it is a little different process for those who will turn 13 yrs old and are attending with our Confirmation campers in the Alpha program. It follows:

For those in Alpha Program (Confirmation) that will turn 13 by end of our camp dates:

Go to the camp website and set up a Pioneer account using the code.

1. Allow the registrar two working days to do the override
2. Then log in and complete the forms for registration (below is a copy of the registrars' email with those details)

Go to the website and the Pioneer Program registration. They first need to set-up an account with us so that I have a record to add the registration too. Once I know that they all have an account I can manually register them. They will then need to complete their forms, medical information, and add money to their trading post account to finish the registration process.

For Those 13 and older and have completed confirmation you will be registering under the older Omega group. You will set up your Pioneer account. The only difference is under the Pioneer Program you will be indicating it is for the Omega portion.

For those 12 and under register under the Pioneer Alpha program:

You will register in the "Pioneer Program" and the Alpha portion of the program.

FOR ALL the final Step and now due is to provide the church with a \$175 deposit that is refundable when your youth attends camp.

Let Terry know if you have questions or problems and we look forward to a great week together in July!



CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING
ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH
February 10, 2026 @ 6 PM

Empowered by the holy spirit to make Christ known; as we love one another, serve our neighbor, and grow in our faith through studying God's word and worshipping God.

1. **CALL TO ORDER-** The meeting of the Church Council of St. Paul Lutheran Church was called to order by Boyd Weise, President. Council members present for the meeting were Boyd Weise, Laurey Garcia, Larry Gohmert, Jay Heil, Ashleigh Peyton, Pam Hoefling, Susan Franke, Wade Bolting, and Pastor Tim Muehlbrad. Jeremy Kneese, Aydn Garcia, Linda Hurta, Terry Carmichael, and Amanda Rodriguez were also in attendance.
2. **DEVOTION-** Pastor Tim opened the meeting with a devotion on Matthew 18:15-22 and how that has shaped our conflict policy. It was requested by a council member to include the policy statement in the newsletter.
3. **MINUTES-** Wade Boling made a motion that was seconded by Pam Hoefling to accept the minutes from January 13, 2025, as presented. The motion carried.
4. **REPORTS-**
 - a. **Treasurer/Stewardship-** Calvin Bruns provided a written report.
 - b. **Parish Education-** No report provided.
 - c. **Youth Committee Report-**Laurey Garcia reported:
 1. We had 37 fathers and daughters attend the Father-Daughter Dinner. The menu consisted of barbecue brisket, baked mac-n-cheese, green beans, a roll, garden salad, and a choice of cheesecake or make-your-own sundae! Everyone seemed to have an enjoyable time. Thank you to Terry Carmichael for

putting the program together. Thank you to everyone who helped with decorating, cooking, serving, and cleaning! None of this would be possible without each of you!

2. The FFF youth have been invited to come and play bingo again with the residents at the Yorktown Manor, Saturday, 2/28 @ 2 PM. Please come and join us! The residents are so thankful and truly enjoy having us there!
3. This Wednesday, February 11, 2026, will be our last FFF until after Easter. I will be here in the parking lot to walk to each Lenten service with whoever would like to join us. We leave the parking lot at about 5:45 PM. Instead of giving something up for Lent, how about you add a walk to your week instead?
4. Our next committee meeting will be on Tuesday, February 24, 2026, @ 6 PM.
- d. **DCE-** Terry Carmichael reported
 1. Besides the normal duties (Childcare chapels, Sunday School, and other duties), the following were accomplished:
 - a. Have been providing elementary Sunday school teachers with downloading, then copying their new curriculum materials for the month, and then placing them in their binders in the classrooms.
 - b. Have been providing the 1st and 2nd grade classes with some supplemental ideas to go with their curriculum.
 - c. Have been working with the summer camping registration process at Camp Lone Star with the Pioneer Group's registration. We have 10 campers confirmed attending out of our original 17 spots reserved.
 - d. Assisted Pastor with teaching the Confirmation classes.
 - e. Attended the Father-Daughter Dinner on 2/4 and provided the programming for the evening.

- f. Will be assisting Pastor with the guitar classes on Wednesday evenings.
 - g. Attended multiple age groups' basketball games to support our youth on those teams.
 - h. Attended the Nordheim Stock Show on 1/31.
 - i. Assisted with weather preparations and preparations for the cancellation of services on the weekend of 1/24 and 1/25.
 - j. Attended the 1st 2026 VBS organizational meeting on the afternoon of 1/18.
 - k. Finished moving out of the office so that the carpet could be replaced in the DCE Office and Chapel. I am now in the process of moving things back in and reorganizing the office.
- e. **Worship-** Jay Heil reported:
- 1. Lenten services are set for Wednesday mornings and evenings.
 - 2. Order forms for Easter lilies.
- f. **Evangelism/Outreach-** No report provided.
- g. **Social Concerns-** Susan Franke reported:
- 1. Assistance was provided to 1 individual in January 2026.
 - a. Provided help for one individual with electric (\$100.00)
- h. **Christian Life-** No report provided.
- i. **Property-** Larry Gohmert Reported:
- 1. I have a correction to my estimate of last month about the date range of the certified letter that we will need to send to TKE Elevator about not renewing their maintenance contract. The range of dates during which the letter must be sent is August 2, 2026, to September 1, 2026, in order to fall within the stated 90 to 120 days prior to automatic renewal.
 - 2. As of this writing, I am still waiting to see if TKE is going to release its contractual claim on our elevator's maintenance. AmeriTex is ready to assume the maintenance duties, and I have sent them a signed contract dated February 1, 2026.

3. Cathy's Carpet has completed the flooring in the Chapel, Terry's office, and the lounge. They have been paid.
4. Several members have expressed to me the thought that maybe we shouldn't replace the dead pecan trees at all, or that perhaps we should consider replacing them with a different kind of tree, like some sort of evergreen.
5. The Learning Garden has reported mold in the air conditioning ductwork in the two-year-old classroom. ServPro of Victoria has done this sort of cleaning for us previously, and they are scheduled to be here on Thursday, February 12, 2026, to check on it
- j. **Cemetery**- No report provided.
- k. **C.E.M.** Tracie Fielding provided a written report.
- l. **Pastor**-
 1. Professional activities during **January** 2026:
 - a. 5 Worship Services
 - b. 4 Hospital Visits
 - c. 3 Home Visits
 - d. 8 Educational Events
 - e. 6 Church Meetings and Events
 2. Official Acts during **January** 2026:
 - a. 1/11 Rite of Confirmation: Easton Lemke, Lainey Lemke, and Austin Schuckebrock
 - b. 1/18 Baptism of Ryker Krause
5. **OLD BUSINESS**
 - a. AC/Plumbing/Floor Projects are completed and paid for.
 - b. Youth Sports Complex- Down payment has been sent. Rafter J. is still working to finalize the building design.
 - c. Larry is still waiting on TKE to get back with him about terminating the elevator maintenance contract. AmeriTex is ready to take over elevator maintenance.

6. **NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Council Orientation- Binders were passed out and discussed with the new council members.
- b. Laurey Garcia made a motion to deposit the excess \$28,281.36 plus any additional funds collected from the AC/Plumbing/Flooring Fund into the building fund. Jay Heil seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- c. Pam Hoefling made a motion to approve Nelda Valdez as a member of our congregation. Laurey Garcia seconded. The motion carried.
- d. Boyd Weise read Amanda Rodriguez's resignation letter to the council. Laurey Garcia made a motion to accept Amanda Rodriguez's resignation letter. Pam Hoefling seconded the motion. The motion carried. Jay Heil moved to approve Katy Serrano as a temporary replacement, after Amanda's last day, until a replacement is hired and trained. Wade Bolting seconded. The motion carried. Church check signers were reviewed and will be updated at our next council meeting in March. Pam Hoefling made a motion to create a committee of four people to hire a replacement for Amanda. The committee will include the Council President, Pastor Tim, and two others who will be appointed by the President. Laurey Garcia seconded the motion. The motion carried.

7. **CLOSING-** Jay Heil made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Larry Gohmert seconded the motion. The motion carried, and the meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Ashleigh Peyton

2026 COUNCIL MEMBERS

PRESIDENT – Jeremy Kneese
SECRETARY – Ashleigh Peyton
PARISH ED – Erin Koopmann
STEWARDSHIP – Calvin Bruns
WORSHIP – Linda Hurta
CHRISTIAN LIFE – Kristin Schustereit
PROPERTY – Larry Gohmert
SOCIAL CONCERNS – Susan Franke
YOUTH – Laurey Garcia
EVANGELISM/OUTREACH – Wade Bolting
YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE – Aydn Garcia

Financial Report

GENERAL FUND	YTD 2026	BUILDING FUND	YTD 2026
Beginning Balance	\$26,640.79	Beginning Balance	\$97,219.18
Income	\$59,529.05	Income	\$41,694.64
Expenses	(\$61,876.10)	Expenses	(\$99,414.11)
Ending Balance	\$24,293.74	Ending Balance	\$39,499.71
Totals as of 2/17/2026			
Investment w/ LPL Financial:			
\$36,033.00			

WITH
sympathy

We keep in our prayers the family and friends of:

Helen Breed - who passed away February 3, 2026. Services were held February 9, 2026 at St. Paul Lutheran Church.

May the power of the resurrection continue to provide them assurance.

DEADLINE

Reminder:

**DEADLINE FOR THE
April
NEWSLETTER
ARTICLE IS
Monday,
March 16, 2026**



*In everything
give thanks.*

I THESSALONIANS 5:18

To Pastor and Church Congregation:

I acknowledge and appreciate
your prayers for my recovery
from brain surgery at S.A.M.C.
and my receiving God's
grace and blessings of the
miracle of healing and
complete recovery.

Thank you for prayers
and may God Bless you all!
Sincerely,

Carlton A. Boltup



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



On Sunday, February 1, 2026, we celebrated with 5 of our young people as they received their First Communion. These young people are:

***Levi Saunders, Corbin Bloch, Charles Flores,
Nat Flores & Bennett Rohan***

May God bless them as they continue to share in this Holy Meal.

There are sign-up sheets in the Educational Building, Narthex and Annex for our Lenten Supper that will be held on March 11, 2026 at St. Paul.



POLICY ON DEALING WITH QUESTIONS, CONCERNS, SUGGESTIONS AND COMPLAINTS

(adopted February 2006)

1. That all members affirm their right to express their opinions about Life and Ministry in the congregation.
2. The congregation operates with a “direct democracy” form of government which allows members to share their opinions directly with the church council and at congregational meetings.
3. When members of the congregation express an opinion to a member of the council, the council person shall ask, “What would you like me to do with this information?”
 - A. If the member desires to have the information transmitted to the council, the member shall be invited to personally bring the information to the next council meeting. The time and date shall be given.
 - B. If the member does not wish to appear in person, the council member shall ask the member for permission to use their name in reporting. If permission is not given then the council member shall say, “I am sorry, but I will not be able to report to the council since we do not deal with anonymous letters of comments.”

If permission is given the council member shall report the information to the council and use the member’s name.
4. The only council member who shall not be available to bring such reports to the council is the congregational president. The president shall refer members to other members of the council.
5. Each question/concern/suggestion/complaint shall be placed on the agenda and written in the minutes along with the action taken by the council. Action may include: “Received as information”, “Pastor and President to visit member and report at next meeting”, etc.
6. All questions/concerns/suggestions/complaints may be shared in writing with the council and shall be handled in the above mentioned manner if the letter or statement is signed.

THE LEARNING GARDEN NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2026

What We Are Learning

Toddler & Two-Year-Olds

This month, we are finishing up our Shapes and Signs theme with Hearts and Stars. We will then move into our Nursery Rhymes theme. We will learn about Nursery Rhymes with Eggs & Cats, Tufflets & Haystacks, and Hills & Hens.

Preschool

We are wrapping up our Creative Me theme with Designing/Building. Our next theme is On The Go. We will learn about Places Kids Go, Wheels, and Wings.

Bible

This month our children are learning how Jesus Blesses the Children, Ash Wednesday, Jesus Feeds Many Friends, Jesus and Zaccheus, Jesus Teaches Us To Love Our Neighbor (Good Samaritan), and Jesus Teaches Us About God's Love (The Lost Sheep).

Enrollment/Staffing

Children: 50
Teachers: 11
Administrators: 2
Support Staff: 2

Upcoming Events

- March 9th-13th: Middle of the Year Teacher Conferences
- March 16th-20th: ISD Spring Breaks
- March 20th: TLG Closed for Spring Break

Contact Info

Email: thelearninggardenyorktown@gmail.com
Phone: 361-564-9444
Website: learninggardenykt.com



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!



Women of the
NORTH AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH

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.



Join us after church on Palm Sunday for...

A Taste of the Seder

Everyone is invited to meet in the Fellowship Hall on March 29th immediately following the Palm Sunday Service. We will learn about the traditional Passover Seder Meal celebrated by the Jewish people and how it relates to our faith as Christians. Traditional Seder foods will be provided.

Help needed:

1. High School and Junior High youth are needed to serve as table leaders for the Seder Meal. They will assist with the foot washing and serve drinks/food at their table.
2. Adult volunteers who can help with food preparation, kitchen help during the meal, or clean-up following the meal are also needed.
3. New this year - We need your voice! We will practice the songs for the Seder Meal on March 12th and 26th from 6:00 - 7:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. If you love to sing and would like to help lead the music during the Seder Meal, please join us. Youth and adults are welcome.

If you are interested in helping please contact Lori Kneese or the church office to sign up.

Thank you!

Youth CHAT

Perfect Attendance
January 2026

Shelby Arguellez
Gavin Naranjo

Aydn Garcia

Come Have
Fun

with Crazy Crafts!

Sunday, March 1st 2-4pm. Fellowship
Hall.

Snacks & Drinks provided! Please
sign up!!

WE NEED

volunteers

We are in need of some kitchen
help at FFF. If you would like to
come clean up the kitchen in the
basement after the FFF meal
please sign up at the information
boards in church or in the
basement.

NO

FFF

We will not have
FFF during lent. Instead,
we will
meet in the parking lot
at

St. Paul at 5:45 and walk
to each church, except
Holy Cross Catholic
Church, for the lenten
meal
and service.

FFF will resume on
Wednesday 4/8 after
Easter.

FFF EVENTS CALENDAR 2026

January

April

March

*FFF Outlaw Pass
Thursday 3/19
4-7pm

February

*FFF Bingo @
Yorktown Manor
2/28 @ 2PM

May

August

July

June

*FFF Bunco
Wednesday 6/10 6-8pm
*FFF Jammies & Jesus Lock-in
Friday, 6/26 7pm-7am

September

October

November

December

**FFF pumpkin
decorating
contest/food drive**

*FFF Silly Sock Christmas Party
Wednesday, 12/16 6-8pm



LENT and EASTER WORSHIP SCHEDULE 2026

March 4 – LENT

- 10:00 am Midweek Lenten Service in the Chapel
- 6:00 pm Supper at Holy Cross Catholic Church
- 7:00 pm Midweek Lenten Service at Holy Cross Catholic Church

March 11 – LENT

- 10:00 am Midweek Lenten Service in the Chapel
- 6:00 pm Supper at St. Paul Lutheran Church
- 7:00 pm Midweek Lenten Service at St. Paul Lutheran Church

March 18 – LENT

- 10:00 am Midweek Lenten Service in the Chapel
- 6:00 pm Supper at San Luis Catholic Church
- 7:00 pm Midweek Lenten Service at San Luis Catholic Church

March 25 – LENT

- 10:00 am Midweek Lenten Service in the Chapel
- 6:00 pm Supper at First United Methodist Church
- 7:00 pm Midweek Lenten Service at First United Methodist Church

March 29 – PALM SUNDAY

- 9:00 am Worship with Holy Communion
- 10:15 am Seder Meal during Sunday School Hour

April 2 – MAUNDY THURSDAY

- 7:00 pm Worship Service with Holy Communion in the Sanctuary

April 3 – GOOD FRIDAY

- 10:00 am Good Friday Worship Service in the Chapel
- 7:00 pm Good Friday Worship Service in the Sanctuary

April 4 – NO SATURDAY SERVICE

April 5 – EASTER

- 7:00 am Early Service Worship with Holy Communion
- 8:00 am Easter Breakfast
- 9:15 am Sunday School/Easter Egg Hunt

10:30 am Worship with Holy Communion

April 12 – DECORATION DAY

10:30 am Cemetery Decoration Service at St. Paul Lutheran
Cemetery

**Children's Sunday School will be at the Cemetery during
Decoration Day.**



In memory of Belind Afflerbach – Senior Scholarship

Oleta Pattillo

In memory of Helen Breed – Building

Albert Metting

Darryl & Shirley Mueller

Ruby Warzecha

Mary Hilbrich

Patricia Bernal

Carlton & Sandra Bolting

In memory of Helen Breed – Cemetery

Jim & Judy Noster

In memory of Helen Breed – Landscaping

Charles & Jan Ruppert

In memory of Helen Breed – Radio

Dr. & Mrs. John Frels

In memory of Helen Breed – Youth Building

Michael & Kim Blaschke

In memory of Jeanne Byerly – Cemetery

Jim & Judy Noster

In memory of Jeanne Byerly – Youth Building

Michael & Kim Blaschke

In memory of Wanda Franke – Youth Building

Velma Lee Moritz

Michael & Kim Blaschke

In memory of Nelson Janssen – Building

Carlton & Sandra Bolting

In memory of Jay Metting – Building

Mary Lou Gerhardt

In memory of Charles Riemenschneider – Youth Building

Velma Lee Moritz

In memory of Carole Tessmann – Building

Rick & Peggy Savage

In memory of Howard Weise – Building

Carlton & Sandra Bolting

~Gifts in memory and in honor of are as of February 17, 2026.

Please remember to **write on your OFFERING ENVELOPE** a specific fund for your memorial offering to go to. It defaults to building fund unless it is noted.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

2026

Sunday, March 1, 2026 – 2nd Sunday in Lent



First Lesson: Genesis 12:1-9

Psalm: Psalm 121

Second Lesson: Romans 4:1-8, 13-17

Gospel: John 3:1-17

Sunday, March 8, 2026 – 3rd Sunday in Lent

First Lesson: Exodus 17:1-7

Psalm: Psalm 95:1-9

Second Lesson: Romans 5:1-8

Gospel: John 4:5-26 [27-30, 39-42]



Sunday, March 15, 2026 – 4th Sunday in Lent



First Lesson: Isaiah 42:14-21

Psalm: Psalm 142

Second Lesson: Ephesians 5:8-14

Gospel: John 9:1-41

Sunday, March 22, 2026 – 5th Sunday in Lent

First Lesson: Ezekiel 37:1-14

Psalm: Psalm 130

Second Lesson: Romans 8:1-11

Gospel: John 11:1-45 [46-53]



Sunday, March 29, 2026 – Palm Sunday



First Lesson: Isaiah 50:4-9a

Psalm: Psalm 118:19-29

Second Lesson: Philippians 2:5-11

Gospel: Matthew 26:1-27:66

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