

For All The Saints



The Epistle of St. Paul Lutheran Church, The Grove, Texas

June 2026

Dear Fellow Redeemed:

I shared the following story the other day with the saints gathered for Chapel and I thought I would share it with you today. When it came time in the Ordination or Installation service to lay hands upon the new pastor and share a word of Scripture with them as they began service in their new congregation, my sainted father would say: "The Lord is your shepherd, what more could you want?"

You know that is a paraphrase of the best-known and much-loved words of the 23rd Psalm, the "Good Shepherd Psalm" as some like to call it. In those few words, that most of us have memorized, we learn and are reminded that the Lord is our Shepherd. And since He is our Shepherd, we will not want. We will not suffer want because the Lord, our Shepherd, will lead us to green pastures and beside still waters. In other words, the Lord, our Shepherd, will provide for all that we need in both body and soul.

Yet, we live as though this is not the case. We live as though we actually suffer from want, that the Lord, our Shepherd, will not provide for all that we need. And thus, we live as though the Lord is not our Shepherd. And that means that we live as though we are not the Lord's sheep.


When do you live as though the Lord is not our Shepherd? When you put anything else before Him and His provision for us, including your thought that He will not provide enough, or in the style and quantity and quality you are accustomed. When you think that going to work is more important than receiving His gifts in church on Sunday (in violation of the First and Third Commandments). When you fail to give generously of the first fruits of what the Lord has provided for you because you don't know what the future will bring (even though He has promised that He will lead you to green pastures and still waters).

You live as though you are not the Lord's sheep when you think that the Lord is only in the business of helping those who will help themselves. If I may be so blunt, you act this way because your mind is set on earthly, temporal things and not on heavenly, eternal things. You act this way because you have stopped hearing the call of your Shepherd, which comes through His Word.

Through the Word of God, the Shepherd calls you to Himself. Through the Word, the Holy Spirit gathers and enlightens you with His gifts. Through the Word, you are kept holy and nourished in the one true faith, the faith that follows your Shepherd wherever He leads you. He promises to lead you to your true home, to the land flowing with milk and honey, to a better country, not of this world, but a heavenly one.

And so, here's the Good News: the Lord is your Shepherd, even and especially for wayward sheep. For Jesus seeks and saves those who are lost. He finds the lost sheep and carries them back to the fold. He is the Shepherd who lays down His life for His sheep. The Lord is your Shepherd, what more could you want?

In HIS service and yours,


Pastor Heckmann
Hebrews 13:20-21

PERMANENT LOGIN INFORMATION FOR LIVE STREAMED SERVICES ON VARIOUS PLATFORMS

FaceBook Live at <https://www.facebook.com/St-Paul-Lutheran-Church-The-Grove-109288640704387/> This is an updated address to get you there in case you are not already on FaceBook and want to watch the service without having to sign up for FaceBook.

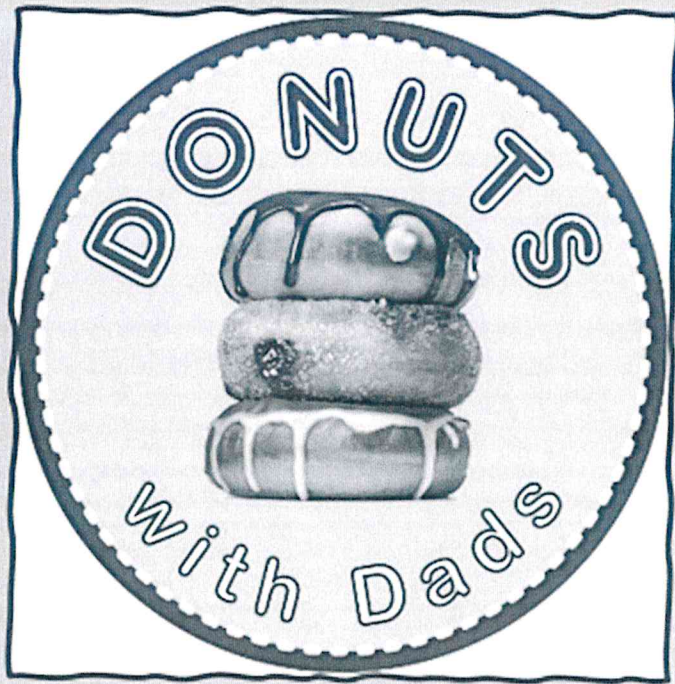
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Vimeo on our Website address <http://www.stpaulthegrove.org> Then click on the Vimeo button, the little "V" at the top right hand corner of the page and you will be hooked up for the live stream of the service. You can also go there to watch archived services from the past as well.

ARCHIVED SERMONS ON THE WEB Just to remind you, our services and sermons are posted on the web each week. Go to www.stpaulthegrove.org, click "Connect", click "Vimeo", and then click on the sermon you would like to see. If you have questions, please ask.

THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS

If you have Thrivent products; insurance, investments, nursing home coverage, etc., you are probably eligible for Thrivent Choice Dollars. In case you have not seen or heard, in the past, Choice Dollars® were added gradually throughout the year for you to designate for various charities. Starting now, they are making your full annual Choice Dollars value available upfront. That means you can direct your entire amount any time between now and December 31st. I would encourage you to go to their website to see how much money you may have to direct to your favorite charity or charities. Your congregation, St. Paul Lutheran Church, is on the list of those you can choose to receive your gifts. There are also many other worthy charities to choose from. If you want more information, have questions, or need help in some way, feel free to ask.



Happy Father's Day
June 21st
8:15 - 8:45am



*Please join us June 21st, from
8:15 until 8:45 a.m.
in the Family Activity Center
to celebrate
Father's Day.*

(Everyone is invited to this event, as well as to the Father's Day Banquet that the LYF will host after worship that day.)

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

VBS is June 15th – 19th, and it is coming up fast! We need volunteers to make it happen! Please consider using your God-given gifts, talents, and abilities to help with crafts, storytelling, aiding group leaders, decorations, music, and more. We have a sign-up sheet in the Narthex. Please contact us if you have any questions.

Doug Boswell - (540) 521-4371

Brianna Sohns - (254) 654-9840

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Vacation Bible School is June 15th through the 19th from 8:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. The theme for this year is "Tropical Trek: Jesus Comes to Seek and Save." A registration table is in the Narthex. Please stop by to sign up your children, neighbors and friends to join us for a Christ-centered week of Bible Study, singing, crafts, games, and snacks.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL SNACKS AND SUCH

We are asking the congregation to help with the following snack items: milk, canisters of pre-sweetened Kool-Aid, cheese balls and cookies without nuts. You can bring them to the FAC on any day during the week of VBS, or even the week before. If you have questions, please talk with Barbara Gaskamp. As always, we thank our members for all the support you give our VBS each year. s/Barbara Gaskamp

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL DECORATING WORK DAYS

On June 4th beginning at 5:00 p.m., anyone and everyone who would like to help decorate for this year's Vacation Bible School is invited to join us in the FAC. If you cannot make it at 5:00, come when you can. We will probably work for a few hours each evening, so come when you can and leave when you need to. Then on June 6th at 9:00 a.m. we will gather to put the finishing touches on everything for this year's time of learning and fun. If you have any questions, please visit with Doug Boswell or Brianna Sohns.

LITTLE DISCIPLES OUTING

Little Disciples will meet at Harris splash pad on June 6th from 10-12. We will play for an hour or so, then have a picnic lunch while having devotion time. Little disciples is a group for toddlers – 4th grade. It is meant to foster child and parent relationships with one another and Jesus. This is not a drop off activity. Contact Rebekah Munz with any questions 254-913-8047.

NEW ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY TRASH PICK-UP DATE – EVERYONE IS INVITED

Our youth group is hitting the road—literally! We're heading out to pick up litter along the roadside to care for God's creation and keep our roads beautiful, but we could use a few extra sets of hands. If you're willing to spend a couple of hours with us for some fresh air, fellowship, and a little "spring cleaning," we'd love to have you join the team. We will meet **Saturday, June 6th, at 7:00 AM**—bring your work gloves, and we'll provide the vests and bags! Also be sure to wear long pants and close toed shoes. s/Kinsley Wrisk, LYF President

CHURCH PICNIC 2026 – SAVE THE DATE

Planning has begun for Church Picnic 2026. Here is your reminder, if you have not done so already, to save Sunday, July 19, 2026, as an all-day experience at the Lord's house. The day will begin with our usual Sunday School and Bible Class Hour, followed by our Worship experience, followed by the noon meal of the best BBQ, noodles, beans, etc., this side of heaven. You, your family, and your friends are invited to join us for this meal and for an afternoon of fun, games, visiting, and just hanging out with brothers and sisters in Christ. If you have any questions, please ask. If you would like to help in any way to make this day the best it can be, please let Ryan or Brianna Sohns know of your desires, or let me know and we will plug you in.



June Meeting

Join us for our next LWML meeting on June 16th at 6:00 PM in the FAC Multipurpose Room! We will be diving into the Bible study “*Out of Sight But Not Out of Mind*” by Deaconess Emeritus Kris Blackwell, found in the *Spring 2026 LWML Quarterly*. Come enjoy fellowship and time in God’s Word as we grow together in faith.

June Mission Project

During the month of June, we will be supporting the Temple Community Clinic with a monetary donation. We will have the making of School Kits as our August project since all of the school supplies will be on sale then. The Temple Community Clinic delivers quality care for the uninsured and underinsured within the healthcare gap. By providing access to leading doctors, social work services, and health and wellness education – the Clinic treats the whole patient and deliver results for a healthier community. Once eligibility is established, patients can make appointments for chronic or acute care, prescription assistance, and specialty clinics such as: Cardiology, Dental, Dermatology, Gastroenterology, Gynecology, Mental Health, Optometry, and Podiatry.

Mission Grant Recipients

Below is this month’s featured Mission Grant Recipients:

Gospel Outreach through the Digital Mission Field - Lutheran Hour Ministries, U.S. - \$100,000

Lutheran Hour Ministries (LHM) sees the urgency to share the Gospel and grow the Kingdom of God by engaging people in the digital space. They have developed numerous digital resources.

LHM’s digital outreach platform, Thred, focuses on encouraging an open and honest conversation about life, faith, and Jesus with young adults. Gospel Adventures is a program designed for grade school and middle school where they experience meeting kids from another part of the world and see God’s work in action. High school students are being reached with a new resource to become effective witnesses for Jesus called Spiritual Conversations: Sharing Life, Faith, and Jesus with Friends. This grant will cover the cost of expanding mass media/proclamation activities and audience engagement, including social media, website, Bible courses, and training.

C.L.A.S.S.I.C.S.

(morning Bible study held on the 3rd Thursday of the month)

By: Sherry Hartgrove

With twenty saints in attendance, The CLASSICS gathered for Bible study and fellowship on Thursday, May 21, 2026, to continue the Study of Angels.

Led by Pastor Heckmann, the group studied various Scripture passages that cover angelic ministry in the past, present, and future. An example of the past is when Moses received “living” words (commandments) from an angel on how to live as children of God in Acts 7:38. Several additional Scriptures were read and discussed about divine messages angels delivered in the past through different methods, such as visions, dreams, or characters.

In the present and future, we are reminded that the primary purpose of angels is to serve God. Angels are messengers who carry out the will of God. Their authority and missions are determined by God’s purposes, and they are accountable to God. Today, God is working through believers and the Holy Spirit. Messages are delivered through the Word by believers, missionaries, pastors, etc. Although angels serve God, protect God’s people, and carry out His will, we Do Not worship them. We only pray to God. We can look forward to the angels accompanying Him in glory and majesty when Jesus returns.

Following the Bible study on angels, the group celebrated the members who had May, June, and July birthdays and sang the traditional Birthday Song. May birthdays included Trina Munz, Sherry Hartgrove, Deb Heckmann, and Pastor Heckmann. The June birthday included Janice Dake, and the July birthday celebration was for Sy Hartgrove. We send birthday greetings to Darlene Riske, Janell Winkler, Alan Abel, Frances Hohle, and Pam Hebert, who could not attend our meeting today. God's Blessings to all of you, and may you have many more Happy Birthdays! Those in attendance enjoyed a delicious “Baked Potato” meal, salads, ice cream desserts, and fellowship.

The CLASSICS Bible study group does **not** meet during June and July. Following the summer break, the next Bible study date will be **August 20, 2026**, at 10:00 a.m. in the Multiple Purpose Room.

MARK this date on your calendar! Our Bible study is open to everyone. I encourage you to join us in studying God's Word, sharing lunch, and participating in fellowship.

JUNE 2026

Birthdays

1 Monty VanWinkle	14 Brad Winkler
2 Ted Winkler	18 Paige Falkenberg
3 Lydia Draeger	19 Linda Rachut
4 Jimmy Peebles	20 Frances Hohle
4 Amanda Winkler	20 Karen Lary
4 Arianna Reigle	20 Kenna Richter
5 Elizabeth Burrow	20 Kyra Richter
6 Alan Abel	22 Oliver Watson
6 Joe Bland	22 Michael Winkler
6 Janice Dake	23 Katy Hill
6 Shea Winkler	24 Paula VanWinkle
10 Madilyn Alsup	24 Janice Michalk
10 Aimee Green	24 Emily Thoe
10 Cody Terrell	26 Cody Mead
10 Marlena Watson	26 Garrett Penny
11 Doris Reigle	26 Susanna Symm
12 Andrea Mendez	27 Michael Rogge
12 Greg McFerrin	28 Richard Lary
12 John Terrell	28 Sheila Symm
12 Ashley Winkler Callaway	29 Amelio Espino
12 Abby Penny	30 Warren Blackburn
13 Paul Lee Hitt	30 Claire Kunkel
14 Donald Laxson	30 Klein Kunkel

(If your birth date or anniversary date is listed incorrectly, please let the church office know. If it is not included here, please share that information as well.)

SERVING IN JUNE

FLOWERS FOR MONTH

7. Karl Reigle
14. Curtis and Helen Domel
21. Shawn and Mary Thoe
28. Karl Reigle

GREETERS

Ryan and Brianna Sohns

USHERS

*Sy Hartgrove, Nathan Michalk,
Andrew Morrow, Brad Winkler,

ELDER OF THE MONTH

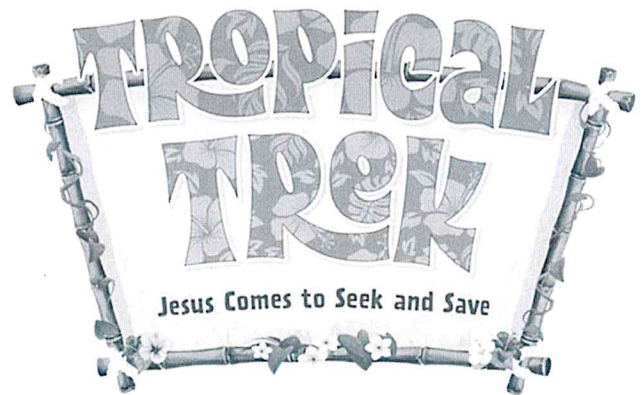
Jeremy Munz

ORGANIST

Miriam Winkler

Anniversaries

2 Stacy and Aimee Green
3 Garrett and Abby Penny
3 Monty and Paula VanWinkle
5 (Philip) and Debi Scott
5 Steve and Shea Winkler
6 Bill and Trish Rogge
7 Carl and Barbie Symm
13 Curtis and Helen Domel
14 Elmer and Pam Winkler
16 Kevin and Melissa Houchin
22 Travis and Kathy Smith



MONEY COUNTER & HELPER

Joe Bland and Kae Hitt

CEMETERY CARETAKERS

The John Winkler Family

HISTORICAL CEMETERY

The John Winkler Family

ALTAR GUILD

Renée Owen & Mary Symm

ACOLYTES

7. Jacob Glynn
14. Shelby Golden
21. Andreas Reigle
28. Anna Whisenant

JUNE 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Choir Practice 6:30 p.m.	2 Quilting Bee 9:00 a.m. – Noon	3	4 Vacation Bible School Set-up and decorating 5:00 p.m.	5	6 <i>Congregational Trash Pickup 7:00 am Vacation Bible School Set-up 9:00</i> Little Disciples to Harris Community Splash Pad 10:00 a.m.
7 <i>2nd Sunday after Pentecost</i> Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Youth Bible Class 9:00 a.m. Adult Bible Classes 9:00 a.m. Worship w/Communion 10:15 Adult Confirmation Class 2:30pm	8	9 Worship Service at The Meadows 10:00 a.m. Worship Service at Hillside Nursing Home 11:00 a.m.	10 Texas District LWML Convention - Austin	11 Texas District LWML Convention - Austin	12 Texas District LWML Convention - Austin	13 Texas District LWML Convention - Austin
14 <i>3rd Sunday after Pentecost</i> Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Youth Bible Class 9:00 a.m. Adult Bible Classes 9:00 a.m. Worship Service 10:15 a.m. Commissioning of VBS Staff VBS Staff Meeting in MPR 11:30 Russ and Lawanda Filyaw Cell Group in MPR 5:00 p.m.	15 Vacation Bible School 8:00 - 11:00 a.m.	16 Newsletter Deadline <i>Vacation Bible School</i> 8:00 - 11:00 a.m. Artesian Ministries Board meeting 9:00 LWML Meeting and Bible Study at the FAC 6:30 p.m.	17 Vacation Bible School 8:00 - 11:00 a.m.	18 Vacation Bible School 8:00 - 11:00 a.m. Book of Daniel Small Group Bible Study – James and Faye Morrow's home 6:00 p.m.	19 Vacation Bible School 8:00 - 11:00 a.m.	20 LYF Meeting and Set- up for Father's Day Banquet 9:00 a.m.
21 <i>4th Sunday after Pentecost</i> Donuts with Dad 8:15 a.m. Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Youth Bible Class 9:00 a.m. Adult Bible Classes 9:00 a.m. Worship w/Communion 10:15 am	22	23	24	25	26	27
Father's Day Banquet 11:45am "Has American Christianity Failed" Small Group Bible Study – MPR – 5:00 p.m.	Choir Practice 6:30 p.m.	Board of Education 5:30 p.m.				
28 <i>5th Sunday after Pentecost</i> Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Youth Bible Class 9:00 a.m. Adult Bible Classes 9:00 a.m. Worship Service 10:15 a.m.	29	30 Quilting Bee 9:00 a.m. – Noon Quilting Bee Spring Potluck Dinner Noon				
Sy and Sherry Hartgrove Cell Group – MPR – 5:00 p.m.	Choir Practice 6:30 p.m.					

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