Our Mission Statement:
Saint Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church,
in the name of Christ, cares, shares, and provides Christian growth opportunity to our community.

Sunday, February 7
Pancake Supper hosted by LYO after 9 a.m. service

Ash Wednesday, February 10
Services at 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.  
(with Holy Communion)

Wednesday, February 17
10:00 a.m. Lenten Service  
6:00 p.m. Soup Supper hosted by St. LYO  
7:00 p.m. Lenten Service w/ Rev. Marcia Kifer

Wednesday, February 24
10:00 a.m. Lenten Service  
6:00 p.m. Soup Supper hosted by Fishers of Men & Friends in Faith  
7:00 p.m. Lenten Service w/ Rev. Willie Rotter

Wednesday, March 2
10:00 a.m. Lenten Service  
6:00 p.m. Soup Supper hosted by St. Paul Choir  
7:00 p.m. Lenten Service w/ Rev. John David Nedbalek

Wednesday, March 9
10:00 a.m. Lenten Service  
6:00 p.m. Soup Supper hosted by St. Paul’s Confirmation Class  
7:00 p.m. Lenten Service w/ Rev. Glenn Hohlt

Wednesday, March 16
10:00 a.m. Lenten Service  
6:00 p.m. Soup Supper hosted by Dennis & Brenda Ahlschlager, Harvey & Debbie Busch, and Ronnie & Bonnie Schielack  
7:00 p.m. Lenten Service w/ Rev. David Tinker

Join us Wednesdays at 10 a.m. or 7 p.m.!
Bring a friend to enjoy great soup and conversation at 6:00 p.m. before services!
Wait…what?

What do you mean Lent is coming up in a couple weeks? Some people are just getting their Christmas stuff put away! That’s right. Ash Wednesday is February 10 which means Easter is March 27. Fasten your seatbelts!

Perhaps it’s a good thing that Lent comes on the heels of Christmas. In the gospel according to St John, Pilate asks Jesus, “So you are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.” (John 18:37) The cradle and the cross are forever linked.

Recently, we had the honor of participating in God’s calling and claiming four new children of God into the community of faith, representing different ages. St Paul writes: “Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.” (Romans 6:4) Again, the cradle and the cross are forever linked.

This Lenten Season we will be participating in the Colorado River Conference Lenten pulpit exchange for our Wednesday evening services (7 p.m.). Our theme for these services will be “Reflections from around the Cross”. You will have the opportunity to hear from persons such as Mary, the Mother of Jesus; Caiaphas, the High Priest; Nicodemus; John, the disciple that Jesus loved; and even Satan! I will be visiting St John, Rutersville; Waldeck Lutheran; St Paul, Shelby; New Ulm; and Martin Luther, Carmine. I will be taking the viewpoint of the Centurion who proclaimed, “Surely this man was God’s son”.

Our morning Lenten services (10 a.m.) will look at the promises we make during the sacrament of Baptism, and again as we affirm our baptism.

There are lots of ways to remember the Lenten season. The point is TO remember it.

In the name of Jesus,
Pastor Candy

**Lost and Found:**

Jackets and other items are in a big blue box in the Library. Please check the box and claim items by February 15, 2016. Unclaimed items will be donated to Second Chance after that date!

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**Confirmation Class 2015-2016**

(Confirmation Class is Wednesday from 5:45-7:00 p.m.)

- February 3
- March - NO CONFIRMATION (Lent mid-week services)
- April 6
- April 13
- April 20
- April 27
- May 1 - Confirmation Service
- July 24-29 Confirmation Camp at Lutherhill

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**A.M.E.N.**

(Area Ministries for Emergency Needs)

**2016 Work Schedule**

- Mondays 9 - 11 a.m.; Thursdays 1 - 3 p.m.
  - January 11 & 14
  - March 28 & 31
  - June 13 & 16
  - August 29 & September 1
  - November 14 & 17

Sponsoring churches are asked to provide at least 4 people to distribute food and 2-3 people to interview clients. Volunteers should arrive 15 minutes early to prepare for clients. Please plan to stay after AMEN closes to restock and finish any paper work.

_We thank everyone who volunteered in the past and welcome new volunteers!_

St. Paul Coordinator: Mannie Fritsch Schmid
Chatting with the Volunteer Coordinator…

We have received over 100 Time and Gifts Survey (TAGS). Thanks to all of you who enjoyed your cup of coffee and filled out the forms at the annual meeting last Sunday, January 24.

And I appreciate each of you who told me about ministries and areas that were inadvertently omitted. These forms (TAGS) will be added to and updated as information is received.

Each of you can continue to help with this task by checking with your family members (18 and older) and friends to see if they have completed the form and returned it to the church or office. The form can be found on the website (www.stpaullg.org), in the brown envelope on the bulletin board in Narthex, or at the church office. **We need every member to complete this form.**

The information will be transferred to the Shepherd Staff database updating address, phone numbers, email addresses, and preference data as well as creating a gifts database for St. Paul’s!!

The Lenten season begins Feb. 10, Ash Wednesday. I encourage you to attend services and join in the soup suppers at 6:00 p.m. prior to the Lenten evening services Feb. 17, 24, March 2, 9 and 16. Thanks to all of you who have volunteered to make and serve the meals.

An informational letter regarding “Providing/Serving Food for Funerals” will be mailed to members. A new group method will be used to undertake this work of Christian love and serve food to bereaved families.

What is a Volunteer Coordinator? It is the duty of the Volunteer Coordinator to be sensitive to and knowledgeable of the various ways God calls and equips people to share His ministry within the context of our church.

I encourage each of you to contact me at any time with any current areas of interest or participation of existing or new activities in our church. You may talk to me in person, call or text me at 979-966-8104 or email me at Carolyn@cvctx.com. I am presently in the church office on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

Carolyn Bennetsen

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**St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church**  
**2016 Second Chance Work Schedule**

| January 5 – 11 | February 16 – 22 |
| April 5 – 11   | May 17 – 23      |
| July 12 – 18  | August 23 – 29  |
| October 11 – 17 | November 29 – December 5 |

Second Chance hours: Tuesday-Saturday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. & Mondays, 8 a.m.

Tuesday-Thursday are spent receiving, pricing and putting items out to sell; Fridays and Saturdays are the days the store is open to the public; and Monday mornings are for straightening up the store for the next volunteers.

_Thank you to all volunteers and we always welcome new volunteers!_

St. Paul Coordinators:  
Darlene Bramblett, Carolyn Buchanek, Patty Ehler,  
Jo Lene Hughes, Linda Morrison, and Gloria Raschke

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**7th Annual**  
**ALS TDI Stroll - Roll "n" Run**

**Saturday, March 19, 2016**  
**Riverside Park, Victoria**

VISIT ON FACEBOOK at:  
**ALS STROLL ROLL N RUN**  
or  
www.strollrollnrun.com
Sharing Ministry Conference

February 6
9 a.m. to noon
St. Paul Lutheran, Shelby

There is no cost for this conference - but if you want to bring cookies or cake to share with the group, that would be great!

Rev. Rich Nelson, author of “Following the Way” www.followingtheway.me is the Speaker at this year’s event. Come and listen and he presents the Great Commandment. "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength and with all your mind." How are you living out this Commandment? What gifts do you bring to your church? How does your church live this Commandment? What gifts does your church bring into a sharing ministry? How is the mission of Christ strengthened by sharing these gifts?

After the presentation we will have discussion on Sharing Ministry - please bring your own stories to share - about what you've tried, what you're thinking about, what didn't work, what plans you have.

Pastor Nelson is not charging for the event, but if you’d like to bring an honorarium, you’re welcome to.

Please RSVP to sharedmn@cvctx.com or 979-249-3155 by February 1, if attending!

LENTEN BOOK STUDY

Annette Citzler will lead a book discussion for ZEALOT: The Life and Times of Jesus of Nazareth, which was a best-seller last year.

The study would be on Saturdays at 4 PM - February 27, March 5, 12, & 19. Each session would last 45 – 50 minutes. The group will be looking at the Gospel passages that correspond to things in the book.

A sign up sheet is on the counter in the Narthex. Books will be provided, so please sign up by February 15, so we know how many books to order!

This year, we are offering electronic giving through VANCO Payment Solutions Simply Giving Program.

Enrolling is easy, Melinda has the required paperwork in the office. If you’re giving from a savings account, you need to provide Routing Number and Account Number, the only thing needed for giving through a checking account is a voided check. You have the option to give weekly on Mondays or monthly on the 1st or 15th, as well as designating which funds you’d like to give to.
Happy Valentine’s Day!
February 14

**LYO PANCAKE BREAKFAST**
**Sunday, February 7**
**after 9 a.m. worship service**

Please join us in the Fellowship Hall for a pancake and sausage breakfast immediately following the service on February 7.

A free will offering will be collected to benefit CASA, Court Appointed Special Advocates, which advocates for abused and neglected children in the Texas court systems. Texas CASA also advocates for foster children in the Texas Legislature.

**TIME AND GIFTS SURVEY (TAGS)** is available on our website (www.stpaullg.org), in the brown envelope on the bulletin board in Narthex, or at the church office.

We ask each member (adults over the age of 18) to fill out one of these forms. The survey asks for your personal information (needed to update the files in the church office), and for areas you may be interested in serving the church.

This survey is very important, please complete and bring to the church office or put in the basket in the Narthex.
Whether you’re going to Ebert, Chrysalis, Beach Camp or Lutherhill, we want to help! Camp is an incredible place for youth to grow in faith. St. Paul offers $100 camperships for any regular camp session and $150 camperships for LYLE. Check with the church office for your campership.

Register online at LUTHERHILL.ORG or CROSSTRAILS.ORG

On January 16, 2016, we welcomed the following into our baptized membership:

- An’na Le Loehr, daughter of James & Leslie Loehr.
- An’na’s sponsor is Matthew Jaster;
- Kenlie Nycole Muske, daughter of Devin Muske and An’na Loehr. Kenlie’s sponsors are Ryan Jaster, Rebeka Loehr, and Josh & Devin Bellue;
- Peyton James Jaster, son of Matthew Jaster and An’na Loehr. Peyton’s sponsors are Ryan Jaster, Rebeka Loehr, and Josh & Devin Bellue; and
- Rebeka Ashley Loehr, daughter of James & Leslie Loehr. Rebeka’s sponsor is Ryan Jaster.

CONGRATULATIONS to:

- David & Sara (Sturrock) Koehl on the birth of their son, Brantley Wayne, who was born January 4. Brantley is welcomed home by big sister, Avery. His grandparents are Michael & Paulette Sturrock;
- Saxon and Amanda (Dockery) Dittert on the birth of their son, Brooks Saxon, who was born January 19. David Dockery is Brooks’ grandfather, Delores Oppermann is his great-grandmother and Glennie Oppermann is his great-great-grandmother.

IN PRAYER WE REMEMBER:

† the family of Sylvia Mertz, who passed to her eternal home January 1;
† the family of Dan Schwertner, who passed to his eternal home January 5.

“Rest eternal grant them, O Lord; and let light perpetual shine upon them.”

SUMMER CAMP

Lutherhill staff will lead our St. Paul Day Camp again this summer. You won’t want to miss a week of exploring, learning, laughing & more.

Full day program for Pre-K through 6th grade. with lunch provided. Look for more details and registration forms soon!
February Birthdays & Anniversaries

1  Jessica Gross
2  Kaci Paden, Aaron Porter
3  Fay Braun, Diane Menefee, Hanna Oehlke
4  Todd Wolff
5  Harvey Busch, Mary Ehler, Clint Janecka, Lisa Moellenberndt
6  Chloe Coufal, Ann Rigden
7  Adalyn Bishop
8  Sara Koehl, Jennifer Schattle, Dalton Staal
9  Richard Schmidt
10 Noah Blackwell, John Blaschke, Kristen Bohot, Royce Keilers, Betty Moore, Ginger Muesse
11 Monroe Dunk, Jeanenne Klesel
12 Daryl Elles, Royce Friemel, David Marburger, Cheryl Rohde
13 Crew Schielack
14 Halle Davis, Carmen Gross, Molly Mayer, Rose Mayer
15 Robyn Boehm, Nevada Huffman, Laura Wolff
16 David Smith
17 Morgan Latham, Hayden Mach
18 Ken Gilliam, Marva Lester, Faye Rau, Dennis Zbranek
19 Janice Homeyer, Avery Walden
20 James Brewer, Emma Galow
21 Gunner Jurek
22 Brett Wolff
23 Doug Bishop

PERSONAL CARE KITS – DONATE NOW THROUGH FEBRUARY 28, 2016!

St. Paul continues to participate in the Personal Care Kit collection for Lutheran World Relief. The very simple gesture of giving a Personal Care Kit can give someone the encouragement to start anew, starting with a bath!

Beginning January 31, members will have two options to donate to this project:
1) Pick up Ziploc bag in Narthex, purchase the items and return them to the Narthex, or
2) Pick up envelopes and donate as many kits as you would like at $7.00 each and the items will be purchased and packed.

A Personal Care Kit includes the following items: One (1) light-weight bath-size towel (between 20" X 40" & 52" x 27"), dark color recommended, Two (2) bath-size bars (4 to 5 oz.) of soap, any brand, in original wrapping; One (1) adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging; One (1) sturdy comb; One (1) metal nail clipper.

When Lutheran World Relief distributes Personal Care Kits, it’s often to people who have lost everything. In the wake of an earthquake, or having fled from violence as their homes were overtaken, they clasp a towel from a faraway place, with a bar of soap, a toothbrush…and washing up, they know that they have not been forsaken by the world.

Thank you for your continued support and God’s blessings to you for your donations!!

THE LUTHERAN MAGAZINE

Saint Paul subscribes to THE LUTHERAN MAGAZINE under the “Every Member Subscription Plan.” By doing this, we are able to get subscriptions at $7.95/subscription per year, which is ½ the price of the individual subscriptions. The church has already been billed $810.90 for 102 subscriptions. To help defray the church’s subscription cost, please place $8.00, or whatever you can afford, in an envelope, put your name, envelope number and “The Lutheran” on it, and return it to the church office or drop it in the offering plate.

If you receive THE LUTHERAN MAGAZINE and wish to be removed from the list or if you do not receive the magazine and wish to be added to the list, please contact the church office (stpaul@cvctx.com or 968-5657). Augsburg will adjust St. Paul’s bill accordingly.
If your group has a special event planned, let us know by the 20th of the month for inclusion in the newsletter. Any of these organizations and groups would be pleased to have you become a part of their ministry and activities.

**Afternoon Circle** meets Tuesday, **Feb. 2** at 2:00 p.m. in the Friendship Room. Pastor Candis will lead the Bible Study in Gather Magazine. LaVerne Kalbow is hostess.

Men of St. Paul are invited to **Fishers of Men** Monday, **Feb. 8** in the home of Tim Knesek, 3014 Highway 159, La Grange at 6:30 p.m. Fellowship and a meal begins at 6:30 p.m. Helping Tim hosting the meeting is Shawn Raborn and Ralph Frerichs.

**Friends In Faith** meet Monday, **Feb. 1** at 7 p.m. in the home of Betty Schmidt, 736 Sarah Jo, La Grange. Patty Ehler will lead the Bible Study in the Gather Magazine. You are invited to fellowship and study with friends!!

**Ladies Aid** meets the third Tues., **Feb. 16**, 2:00 p.m. in the Friendship Room.

**Tacky Tuesday** is **Feb. 16** in the Fellowship Hall beginning at 8 a.m. A potluck lunch is served at 11:45 a.m. Bring a side dish—the main dish will be furnished. This is the day we pin, sew and tack quilts for Lutheran World Relief!! Join us!! No experience necessary!!!

**Cut-Ups** will meet Wednesday, **Feb. 3** and Wednesday, **Feb. 10** at 8 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Please join us to iron fabric, cut fabric and make kits to make quilt tops for Lutheran World Relief.

**Hand-Quilting!!** The Monday Morning Quilters meet at 8 a.m. each Monday in January in the Quilting Room. We invite any quilter to join us at anytime. All quilting proceeds go to Lutheran World Relief!

**Cut-Ups** meet the first two Wednesdays, **Feb. 4 & 11** at 8 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. These mornings are spent ironing the fabric, cuttings squares, and assembling quilt top kits to be sewn!! Thanks for helping with the LWR Quilt Project!!

**The Altar Guild** meets quarterly. They meet Tuesday, **Feb. 9**, 4 p.m. in the Friendship Room.

Where do we start?
First, Pastor Candy, we can’t express enough how grateful we are to you. Do you even know what it meant to us for you to be with us the day of the fire?? As devastating as it was, you always had those comforting words to say. We will never forget it.

Melinda, you were so incredible, always keeping in touch to see if we needed anything. “Thank you” Thank you to St. Paul Lutheran Church, Council and Congregation, for all the prayers and concerns. Offering us a house to stay in was a blessing. God works in many ways. It is said “What makes a house a home is the people inside.” And this was our home for 6 months. For this we are so very grateful and it will always be remembered. Many thanks.

We are so blessed and may God bless each and every one of you,
Ronnie & Bonnie Schielack

I would like to thank the Christmas carolers who came to my house in December and Pastor Candy for remembering me in the prayers of the church.

God bless,
Lucille Warnken

Just in case I don’t say it enough, THANK YOU to everyone who helps make my job easier! I am very blessed with great fellow staff members and many wonderful St. Paul volunteers. I cannot begin to list everyone.

I’d also like to thank each of you that brought me Christmas gifts. I’ve certainly enjoyed all the plants and homemade goodies!

Looking forward to a blessed 2016,
Melinda
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      | 9:45 AM Youth Sunday School  
      | 10:30 AM Sunday School |
| 1    | 8:00 AM Quilters  
      | 7:00 PM Friends in Faith |
| 2    | 9:00 AM Worship  
      | 9:45 AM Youth Sunday School  
      | 10:30 AM Sunday School |
| 3    | 8:00 AM Quilters  
      | 8:30 AM Pr. Conference  
      | 2:00 PM Afternoon Circle  
      | 8:00 AM LYO Stock Sale begins  
      | 8:30 AM Comm. Bible Study  
      | 3:30 PM WOW  
      | 5:45 PM Confirmation Class  
      | 7:00 PM Sr. Choir  
      | 8:00 PM Praise Band |
| 4    | 12:00 PM Thrivent Luncheon  
      | 5:00 PM Worship w/ Arthur & Galow baptisms |
| 5    | 7:00 PM Worship |
| 6    | Transfiguration Sunday  
      | 9:00 AM Worship  
      | 9:45 AM Youth Sunday School  
      | 10:00 AM LYO Pancake Breakfast  
      | 10:30 AM Sunday School  
      | 3:30 PM Care Inn Worship  
      | 4:15 PM Mon Hill Worship |
| 7    | 8:00 AM Quilters  
      | 6:30 PM Fishers of Men |
| 8    | 8:00 AM Quilters  
      | 6:00 PM LYO Officer/Parent Mtg.  
      | 6:30 PM LYO Mtg. |
| 9    | 8:00 AM Quilters  
      | 4:00 PM Altar Guild |
| 10   | 8:00 AM Quilters  
      | 6:30 PM Fishers of Men |
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      | 2:00 PM Ladies Aid |
| 17   | 8:30 AM Comm. Bible Study  
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      | 6:00 PM Council Meeting  
      | 8:00 AM 2nd Chance |
| 23   | 8:00 AM Quilters  
      | 6:00 PM Council Meeting  
      | 8:00 AM 2nd Chance |
| 24   | 8:00 AM Quitters  
      | 6:00 PM Council Meeting  
      | 8:00 AM 2nd Chance |
| 25   | 8:00 AM Quitters  
      | 6:00 PM Council Meeting  
      | 8:00 AM 2nd Chance |
| 26   | 8:00 AM Quitters  
      | 6:00 PM Council Meeting  
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| 27   | 8:00 AM Quitters  
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