

This year's VBS will be held on two days: Sunday August 3rd - 3pm-5:30pm. Monday August 4th - 9am-noon.



POOL PARTY & POTLUCK

St Paul is hosting a pool party and a snack Potluck on Sunday August 3rd from 6pm to 8pm.

We have the pool reserved for up to 100 people, so please invite your friends.

SERVICE SCHEDULE

SUNDAY AUGUST 3

9:00am –Worship & Communion 10:30 - Sunday School & Adult Bible Class 3:00-5:30 – Vacation Bible School 6:00-8:00pm – Pool Party Plainview Aquatic Center

MONDAY AUGUST 4

9:00-12:00 - Vacation Bible School

SUNDAY AUGUST 10

9:00am –Worship 10:30 - Sunday School & Adult Bible Class

SUNDAY AUGUST 17

9:00am –Worship & Communion 10:30 - Sunday School & Adult Bible Class

SUNDAY AUGUST 24

9:00am –Worship 10:30 - Sunday School & Adult Bible Class

SUNDAY AUGUST 31

9:00am –Worship 10:30 - Sunday School & Adult Bible Class

REMEMBERING IN OUR PRAYERS:

Healing: Tony Barbian, Norman Wuthrich, Elaine Schur, Mary Berner, Kenneth Sjogren, Lorraine Schott, Cliff Herring

Guidance: Missionaries as they work to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ & the Lutheran Student Campus Ministries at Texas Tech University and West Texas A&M

Protection: For the armed forces of our country, especially Garett Bye (Fort Cavasos, Texas), Jerrico Enriquez (Norfolk)

Little Church, Big Heart.

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Nursery/Mothers' Area

A quiet area for nursing mothers or if your infant needs rocking, is found to the side of the church entrance. Ask an usher if assistance is needed.

SPIRITUAL FOG

As I write this, the national youth gathering is concluding in New Orleans. Among the many pictures and anecdotes making their way across my feeds, one narrative stood in particular.

Protesters.

Not being there, I don't claim to know exactly what was being protested or who was doing it or why. But, some of the signs piqued my curiosity. Signs that said things like, "Your opinions can't change God's Law" or "Without Christ you are condemned." It made me wonder, "Who do they think they are protesting?" It was almost as if they were confused about the gathering and who was there and what they believed. Perhaps it was spiritual fog.

We live in a world that is full of spiritual fog, if you will. The New Testament calls it darkness in which the Christian is to be a light. But it seems to me that while we are being lights, there's plenty of fog obscuring what we both see and do. If you've ever experienced fog, you know two things about very thick fog, particularly driving in it. First, all light is dimmed. It's very hard to see things clearly, regardless of the amount of light. Second, this means, to be safe, you have to slow down.

Living in a spiritually foggy world requires the Christian to take stock of the situation, and then act with caution, taking one step at a time, or to use the driving metaphor, slow down and really assess things. If one is not careful, one could find themselves like some unfortunate Confederate soldiers during the Civil War. During one battle, General

"Stonewall" Jackson had ridden out ahead of his troops to assess the battle lines. Things had gotten so murky that in the darkness, when he returned to his own lines, his own soldiers shot him, confusing him for Union military.

In order to navigate spiritual fog, we need Jesus, the true light of the world. We need to be in his presence and be guided by him. We need Him to be a lamp to our feet and light to our path so that we might step with confidence and intentionality into whatever future He has for us and so we don't find ourselves unintentionally shooting our own.

So, stay in the word. Stay in prayer. Be humble, be honest with yourself, and be led by Jesus.

In Christ,

Nathan Misch - Pastor, St. Paul Lutheran Church

AUGUST FLOWER SCHEDULE

August 3 - Layton & Jessi Schur - Anniversary

August 10 - Open

August 17 - Open

August 24 - David & Dianna Glenn & Shirley Bontke

August 31 - Open

FOR EMAIL NOTIFICATIONS

Please email your current email address to: secretary@stpaulplainview.com

FOR TEXT MESSAGE UPDATES

Please text "notify" to (833)-275-3400.

TO JOIN A PRAYER TEAM

Please text "prayer team" to (833)-275-3400 Prayers can also be requested at this number.

VENMO CONTRIBUTIONS

Contribute to the Church at: @StPaulLutheran-Church

SUNDAY ATTENDANCE JULY 2025

Worship (57) Sunday School (9) Adult Bible Class (34)

AUGUST CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS

August 5 - Mike Goss

August 10 - Andrew Dietrich

August 11 - Matt Heape

August 23 - Bryant Heape

August 29 - Cooper Bye

August 29 - Emily Schroeder

August 30 - Aaron Dietrich

August 31 - Robin Monger

ANNIVERSERIES

August 1 - Layton & Jessi Schur August 14 - Tony & Nelda Barbian August 28 - Herb & Lorraine Schott

In Event of a Pastoral Crisis

Contact Pastor Misch at (361-728-9796)

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