

## *St. Paul Lutheran Church Preschool... A Ministry for Families, Outside Our Walls*

The SPLC Preschool is a ministry for families outside of our walls. Although the Preschool is located in the church building, the Preschool serves diverse families from all over the New Braunfels area. These families are dual working, single parents, foster families, Christian and not yet Christians.

The ministry goal of this program is planting and watering the seeds of faith with families. The staff and administrators accomplish this through children attending Chapel twice a week with a planned set of Bible teachings, traditional children's faith songs and an in-class planned curriculum for learning about the Bible. As we know, parents are children's first teachers; so it is essential to include teaching families about Jesus. We do this by 1) sending the Chapel curriculum home with activities that families can do together; 2) sharing with families on our private group Facebook page; 3) through experiences for the entire family on Sundays with the congregation such as the Christmas program; 4) teaching families to bless their children at the Blessing the Pre-K Graduate; and 5) monthly planned parent activities in the late afternoon during the week. Each of these activities are opportunities for sharing the Gospel. To bring the program together, we ask families to practice and help the children memorize a monthly Bible verse. We are working toward requiring families to complete Raising a Healthy Preschooler Stepping Stone as part of the enrollment process and we encourage the Preschool families to attend Raising a Healthy Kindergartner at the end of their last year with us.

During the recent closures concerning the global pandemic, the SPLC Preschool remained open to essential personnel, further serving our communities and extending outside our walls to new families. We received State level recognition for being one of the few Preschools to remain open without any closures. The Preschool is still operating under the strictest of guidelines to continue to do all we can to help our community and families stay healthy. Because of these guidelines, the Preschool is not currently sharing any space with the church. This means we cannot share classrooms with the congregation during the week or on Sundays. The Preschool school age summer camp, which is usually located upstairs, has moved down into the downstairs classrooms to provide more space for the church upstairs. It is a critical time in our community to continue to work to keep everyone healthy and do all we can do. We look forward to when we can once again share spaces. We miss sharing our Preschool rooms with the Sunday school teachers! We will be with the Congregation again on Sunday, June 28 for Blessing the Pre-K Graduate. We have many families eager to acknowledge and participate in this big jump from Preschool into Kindergarten. The Preschool families will also participate in our Stepping Stone class, raising a Health Kindergartner in August.

The Preschool staff, children and families would like to thank the SPLC Congregation for all the support, initiative and guidance during these challenging times. We continue to be a ministry of the church and plant the seeds of faith with families as Christ has called us all to do!



*As a Christ-centered, Gospel-driven Congregation, we are called by our Lord Jesus to go and make disciples of all nations. We will be a congregation that engages people in order to help families follow Jesus.*

- \* Promote a culture of family ... supporting home prayer & Bible study with parents as key teachers
- \* Increase our outreach and mission presence outside our walls\* Strive for excellence in spiritual leadership





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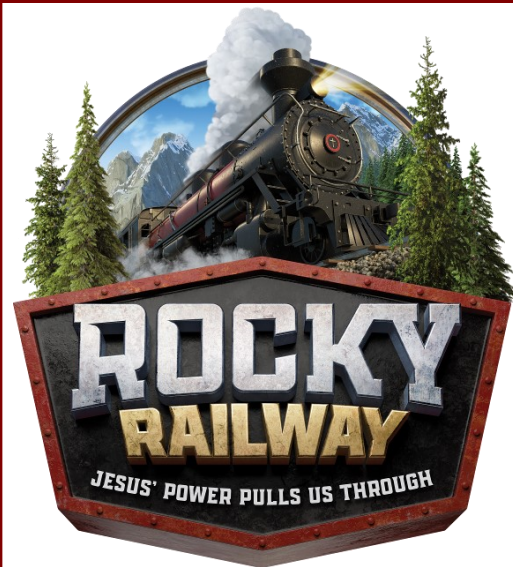
Join the youth group for Camp Eagle Retreat July 17-20! Space is limited to 12 female and 12 male campers so act quick! Social distancing and sanitation practices will be in place. Some of the most significant changes include rotating through activities with your cabin only, increased hand washing stations, increased frequency in cleaning of facilities, meals only with your cabin, 14 days of pre-arrival screening at home, daily health screenings at camp, etc. Check-in will be Friday afternoon and check-out will be early Monday morning. Cost will be \$140 with \$25 due at registration and final payment due by July 6. Scholarships are available with applications due on July 1. If you have any questions, contact Kimberly Wunderlich at [kimberly@nbstpaul.org](mailto:kimberly@nbstpaul.org). Register online at <https://www.nbstpaul.org/faith-formation/youth/>.



### **Rocky Railway VBS --- July 27-31**

It's full steam ahead for Rocky Railway VBS on July 27-31 from 9:00 a.m. – Noon. Children age 4 through 5th grade will have a great time singing catchy worship songs at Sing & Play Express, playing fun games at Loco Motion Games, exploring God's word at Bible Adventures, and making crafts and science activities at Imagination Station. Things may look a little different this year with increased sanitation practices, smaller groups and different drop-off and pick-up procedures, but VBS won't be derailed. Pre-register by July 1st to guarantee your space and t-shirt size, and stay tuned for additional details. Register online at <https://www.nbstpaul.org/faith-formation/children/>. For additional information, contact the VBS team at [vbs@nbstpaul.org](mailto:vbs@nbstpaul.org).

### **Rocky Railway VBS Volunteers Needed!**

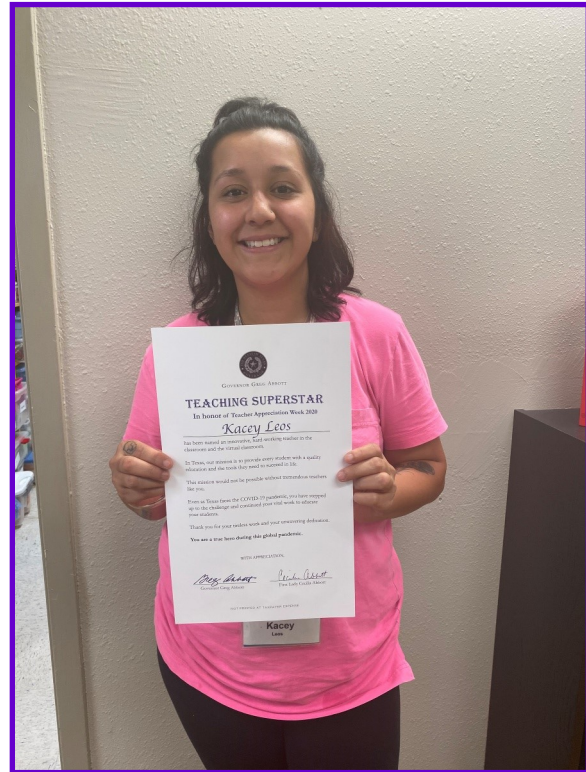
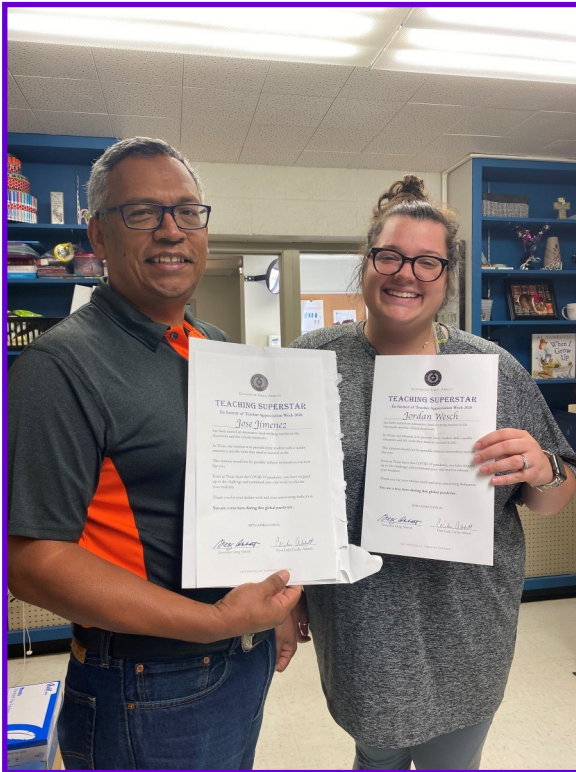


VBS hasn't been derailed, but we need lots of help to make it happen. As always, we will have the greatest need for loving group leaders to accompany kids as they rotate through the different stations. However, we also need people to lead and staff our games, Bible Adventures, preschool craft and play, Imagination Station, snacks and music rotations. We will also need volunteers to help with decorations and other projects leading up to VBS. Whether you can help for a few hours, a day or the entire week, we have a volunteer role for you. If you are unable to help as a volunteer, you may also support VBS by donating snacks or supplies. Changes due to COVID-19 will make VBS execution a bit more of a challenge this year so we will need more help than ever. Please prayerfully consider how you might support this ministry outreach. Sign up online at <https://www.nbstpaul.org/faith-formation/children/> or email the VBS team at [vbs@nbstpaul.org](mailto:vbs@nbstpaul.org) for additional information.



### **Preschool Teacher Awards**

We are very proud of preschool teachers Jose Jimenez, Jordan Wesch and Kacey Leos who received the **Teaching Superstar** award from Governor Abbott and the First Lady of Texas. These teachers were nominated for their hard work within the classrooms during the COVID-19 pandemic. We appreciate their dedication to the preschool and their love for our children.



### **Generous Contributions!**

Your generosity makes all we do possible! St. Paul has given \$29,605 to our benevolence partners because of your loving gifts to the General Offering through May.

#### **10% of General Offerings each month, locally and globally**

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<sup>7</sup> Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. - 2 Corinthians 9:7



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