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Tomorrow!

GRACE NIGHT

MONDAY, JUNE 1 | 7:00 PM

You're invited to join us for **GRACE Night**, in the Parish Hall—a special evening when **Palm Valley's Ministry Teams meet!**

Grace Night is a time set aside for our Ministry Teams to meet, plan, and grow together. It's also a meaningful time for fellowship, connection, and shared purpose.

If you're not currently part of a Ministry Team but you are looking to get involved, join us for Grace Night. This is a great opportunity to learn more about the many ways you can serve and to discover where your gifts and passions might fit.

We first gather in the Parish Hall and then break out into our different Ministry Teams.

We look forward to seeing you there as we continue to strengthen our commitment to serving one another, our community, and the world.



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THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Looking for a way to connect? Here are some of the groups, studies, events, and serving opportunities—we hope to see YOU here!

Monday, June 1

Bible Study | 10:00-11:00 am | Palm Room (weekly)
GRACE Night | 7:00-8:00 pm | Parish Hall

Tuesday, June 2

Ironmen Study | 7:00-8:15 am | Palm Room (weekly)
Quilters | 1:00-3:15 pm | Palm Room (weekly)
Online Bible Study | 5:00-6:30 pm | (weekly-online)
Rejoice! Band | 6:30-8:00 pm | CLC (weekly)
Adult Confirmation Class | 7:00-8:00 pm | Conf. Room

Wednesday, June 3

Hispanic Online Bible Study | 7:30-8:30 (weekly)

Thursday, June 4

GriefShare | 12:30-2:30 pm | Palm Room (weekly)
Gather Bible Study for Women | 2:00-3:30 pm
Conference Room (monthly)
No Volleyball during the Audio/Video Renovations

Please check the current calendar (pvlc.org/weekly-events) for last minute changes to the above list.



SUNDAES ON MONDAYS

**Monday, June 8 | 5:00-8:00 pm
in the Back Porch**

Live music; waterslide for the kids; outdoor games for all ages; hot dogs, hamburgers, and ice cream; and a message from Pastor Koppel. Come celebrate Father's Day!



COUNCIL CORNER

Palm Valley Lutheran Church Council met on May 20, 2026, and celebrated continued ministry growth, strong participation, and several important facility and financial updates.

Ministry & Membership

The council shared encouraging ministry news, including 12 new members joining following the recent membership class. Adult confirmation classes begin soon with four participants, and summer programming for children and youth is gearing up with VBS, camps, and a new “Traveling Camp” experience for middle school students. The church will also host a youth group from North Carolina in June.

Preschool & Outreach

Preschool leadership reported strong community interest through tours and inquiries despite current enrollment transitions. Council also approved 2026 Endowment and Trinity Place grant recommendations, continuing support for local and global ministries.

Property & Facility Improvements

Several major campus projects are moving forward:

- Sanctuary carpet and painting are complete.
- Sanctuary and Christian Life Center AV/lighting upgrades are underway.
- The parsonage roof required additional repairs after hidden damage was discovered.
- Two Eagle Scout projects were completed: new flagpoles near the soccer field and a memorial garden.

Attendance & Finances

Attendance continues to trend upward, with April marking the 11th consecutive month of growth compared to the previous year. Easter attendance topped 500 worshipers across services. Financially, contributions remain slightly above budget year-to-date, and expenses are staying close to planned levels. Refer to graphs/charts on next page.

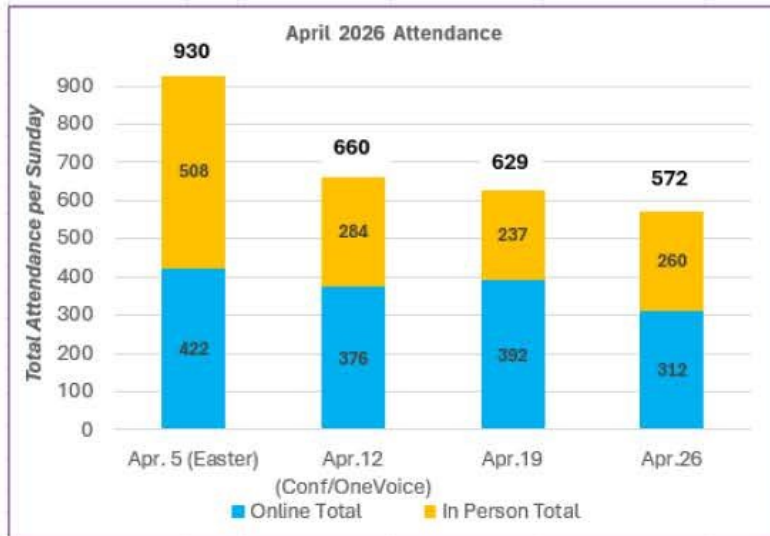
Staff Compensation & Audit

Council voted on clarification of previously approved 2026 staff compensation. Council also selected Ratliff & Associates to conduct the church audit process later this year.

Palm Valley Church Council

COUNCIL CORNER CONT'D

Attendance in the month of April 2026



Member Giving –

January thru April 2026

	Member Contributions	Special/ Seasonal Offerings	Additional Income	Total Revenue
Expected	\$285,533	\$6,500	\$38,700	\$330,733
Actual	\$293,544	\$10,901	\$29,233	\$333,678
Variance	\$8,011	\$4,401	\$(9,467)	\$2,945

Month of April 2026

	Member Contributions	Special/ Seasonal Offerings	Additional Income	Total Revenue
Expected	\$71,383	\$5,500	\$9,875	\$86,758
Actual	\$60,567	\$7,754	\$10,905	\$79,226
Variance	\$(10,816)	\$2,254	\$1,030	\$(7,532)

Notes:

- Member giving is still above expected/budget overall for the year.
- Member giving was BELOW expected/budget in the month of April
- Lent and Easter giving was ABOVE expected/budget – thank you!!

LET'S CELEBRATE OUR STAFF!



JUNE SERVICE ANNIVERSARIES:

Kelley Adams | June 1, 2025 | kadams@pvlc.org

Jordana Gutierrez | June 1, 2025 | youth@pvlc.org

Becky Simpson | June 1, 2025 | preschool@pvlc.org

You are amazing and we appreciate everything you do.

Thank you for your service to Palm Valley!



JUNE BIRTHDAYS:

John Cilliers | June 21 | maintenance@pvlc.org

Happy Birthday from all of us!!



STEPHEN MINISTRY AT PALM VALLEY

Palm Valley's Stephen Ministry team members provide care to people within and outside our congregation who are dealing with serious health issues, a death in their family, loss of a job, divorce, or other difficult situations.

Stephen Ministers typically meet with their assigned care receiver once a week, or on whatever schedule works for the care receiver and the caregiver.

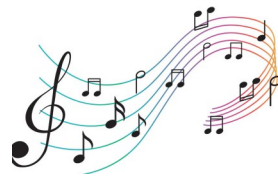
They offer a nonjudgmental listening ear to people in need. These one-on-one conversations are strictly confidential and, since the caring relationships are determined by the needs of the care receiver, the length of these relationships can vary greatly.

If you, or someone you know, could benefit from having someone to talk with, reach out to Pastor Koppel or one of the Stephen Ministers (look for blue name tags).

SPONSOR WORSHIP FLOWERS



We have several spots open to sponsor worship flowers in the coming weeks. Sign up using your app or Member Connect.



SUMMER MUSIC

The Palm Valley Choir will take a summer break and resume rehearsals in mid-August.

Special music is something we all look forward to and enjoy as part of our services. We would like for that to continue during the summer.

If you sing or play an instrument and are willing to share your talent at the 8:00 or 11:15 services, please contact Marvin Goad at 512-554-7380.

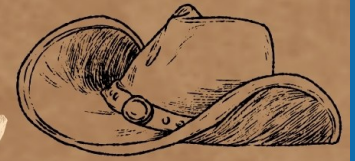
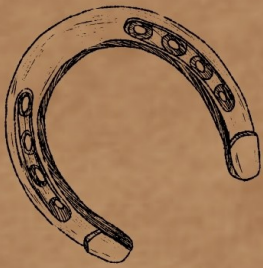


GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Thursdays | June 4 thru August 27, 2026
12:30-2:30 pm (\$10) | Palm Room

GriefShare is a lay-led, Bible-based, nondenominational grief support group which meets once a week.

Register at [GriefShare.org](https://www.GriefShare.org), Find a Group.

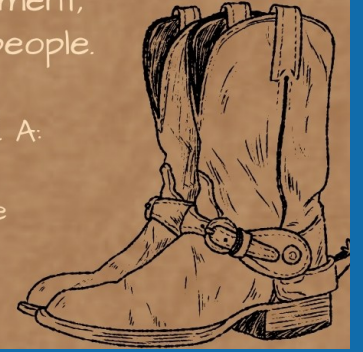


PVLC YOUTH MINISTRY SUMMER INVESTMENT CAMPAIGN

Through our Youth Stockholder Campaign, you're invited to be part of that journey by offering encouragement, support, and presence in the lives of these young people.



SCAN QR CODE TO BE A:
 Faith Builder Share
 Journey Partner Share
 Leadership Share
 Legacy Share



For many years, Palm Valley has proudly partnered with Meals on Wheels Central Texas to deliver meals to neighbors in need. We are one of several Round Rock churches serving as rotating meal managers for volunteer delivery drivers.

Our current meal manager team is coordinated by Elizabeth Knippa, Pat Jacobs, and Kathy Erwin, and we're looking for a few more volunteers to join us.

If you're interested in serving as a meal manager, please sign up through the app or Member Connect. You can also contact Kathy Erwin at 512-922-0424 or kjerwin@suddenlink.net.

There is also an on-going need for home delivery drivers. To volunteer as a driver, apply through Meals on Wheels Central Texas (mealsonwheelscentraltexas.org).



ROUND ROCK 4TH OF JULY PARADE

Saturday, July 4 | 8:30 am
 Mays Street | Round Rock

- Donate a case of water (collection points in the Christian Life Center lobby and outside the church office).
- Meet at the church at 5:30 am to load the float with water and supplies.
- Meet at the parade staging area by 7:00 am to decorate the float and walk the parade route handing out water and candy.
- Watch for details this week about how to purchase your 4th of July t-shirt.

Let us know how you would like to participate! Sign up on your app.



A luncheon was held for our High School graduating seniors and their families on Sunday, May 3.

Seniors submitting a subject essay about how being a part of Palm Valley has impacted their lives received a \$1000 scholarship made possible by the Palm Valley Endowment.

Congratulations to our High School Graduates:

<u>Graduate</u>	<u>High School</u>	<u>Plans After Graduation</u>
Riley Dufner	McNeil High School	Austin Community College
Jimmy Hanzlik	Round Rock High School	Texas A&M
Emma Reese Hertel	Brentwood Christian School	Baylor University
Ryan Kendrick	Stony Point High School	Texas A&M College Station
Quinton Lopez	Stony Point High School	The University of Texas at Austin
Oscar Valdovinos Espinoza	Hutto High School	Universal Technical Institute

Congratulations to Alexandria (Lexi) Castro on her graduation from Texas State University with a Bachelors Degree in Health and Sports Science. Lexi plans to attend graduate school at UT Health in San Antonio to pursue a doctorate in Occupational Therapy.

XPERIENCE 2026 TOUR

BOUNDLESS



TUESDAY, JUNE 23 • 7:00 PM

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Xperience is a youth-led, adult-mentored collaboration from Christ Lutheran Church in Charlotte, NC featuring band, tech and videography with testimonies devotions in an interactive worship experience.

Xperience The Boundless Tour at a church near you!!



VOLUNTEER DRIVERS NEEDED

We are currently seeking additional volunteer drivers to assist with transportation for Christ Lutheran Youth during the Xperience Tour. Drivers would help safely transport students to and from their host homes to Palm Valley on the evening of June 23rd following their performance, and the morning of June 24th for their departure.

This is a great opportunity for you to serve in a simple but impactful way helping ensure our students are cared for and transported safely throughout their time with us. If you're interested, please contact Jordana Gutierrez.

Host Homes: Carol & Tom Dove, Caroyln & Michael Koehn, Jayne Baxter

PALM VALLEY PRESCHOOL CORNER

We had an end of the year celebration and graduation ceremony! We had two graduates, and the remaining PreK children will be back for another year of preschool.



Congratulations
Graduates!



We are so proud
of you!



Members of the Palm Valley Choir and Rejoice! Singers sang the National Anthem as part of Faith & Family Night at the Dell Diamond on May 13.





Love for El Salvador



“...because He first loved us.”



Elmer reading scripture at a Sunday service at our sister congregation in El Salvador.

Elmer was nine years old when I first met him.

He was a poor kid. His parents were illiterate peasants.

His future was hopeless. He could either join a gang or be the victim of a gang. Either way, it wasn't going to end well for Elmer.

Except, his church was visited by some American kids on a mission trip from Palm Valley Lutheran Church. That mission trip ended up with his church becoming a sister church to Palm Valley.

Elmer stuck with church and, with our financial help and encouragement, stuck with school. He became literate, he finished the 9th grade, he went through confirmation classes, he graduated from high school, and then trade school.

It was about that time that the government won its war with the gangs and freed all of El Salvador from their tyranny.

With our encouragement, in this newly “free of gangs” environment, Elmer started a small business selling hot dogs on the street in the capital city of San Salvador. His business thrived.

Elmer was able to secure a spot in the food court of a new 4-story mall. His new business is thriving also.

That mall is only three blocks from the Lutheran school I teach at. Elmer treated Pastor Figueroa and me to lunch at his restaurant. We hired him to cater “Hot Dog Day” at my school.

Elmer's story is truly a miracle—a miracle only God could have provided.



Pastor Figueroa, Elmer, and Ken Anderson at Salvadoran Lutheran School on “Hot Dog Day.”



A satisfied customer!

Elmer is a success story, but his story is not unique. An entire generation of kids from our sister congregation in El Salvador are finishing high school, attending trade school, getting jobs or starting businesses, all because God is working miracles through Palm Valley Lutheran Church.

Our ministry, Love for El Salvador, is starting its 19th year. To continue for another year, we need to raise \$4380. This will provide sponsorships for 20 students in K-12, two trade school scholarships, and classroom equipment to refresh two classrooms with white boards, globes, maps, and other needed supplies. If we can raise additional money, we will fund some weeks of food at the Lutheran soup kitchen (\$300/wk).

If you want to help, scan the QR Code with your cell phone or make a check payable to Palm Valley Lutheran Church with “El Salvador” written on the memo line.

Ken Anderson



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JUNE 29—JULY 2 | 9:00 AM—12:00 PM

I can share my gifts!

I can give my all!

I can be brave!

I can pray!

I can hope!



VBS REGISTRATION— SPOTS STILL OPEN

VOLUNTEERS

(adults of all ages and youth 6th-12th grade)

KIDS!

Children ages 3 (and potty trained) through rising 5th graders (finished 4th grade).



Cost is \$35/child with a family maximum of \$70.

Step 1: Scan the below QR Code to register your child(ren)



Step 2: Scan the below QR Code to make your payment.



Our 3 and 4-year-olds will have their own fully contained program in our preschool wing, and any rising 6th graders are encouraged to volunteer as assistant crew or assistant station leaders.

There is a minimal cost this year. As you might be seeing with your family's budget, our church budget is tighter this year than in previous years, and we are trying to have our programs cover their expenses. You will still receive the same wonderful VBS program that you have always received, and if you are able to volunteer as a youth or adult, your sibling(s) or child(ren) attend(s) for free.

Reach out to Helen Pelkey, Director of Children and Young Families with any questions or to volunteer.

Vacation Bible School is winter themed and we are looking to borrow some winter items for our décor, and to use in our recreation and preschool stations. Can you please help us by loaning us the following?



- 5 plastic snow sleds
- skis and/or snowboards to put on display
- snow tubes to put on display
- snow gear: larger kid or adult size snow boots, snow hats & gloves, ski goggles, and scarfs



We will label everything we receive so that it gets back to its rightful owners after the event. Thank you! Contact Helen at children@pvlc.org if you have any things you can loan to us.



PALM VALLEY PARTNERS IN MINISTRY

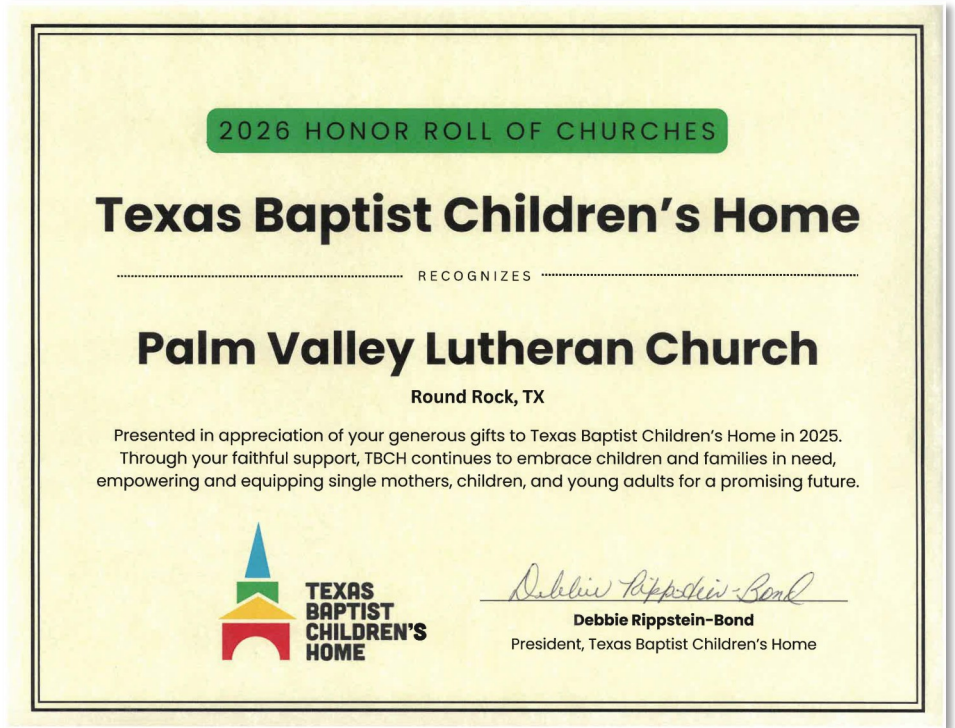
Dear Palm Valley Lutheran Church,

I am delighted to share with you and your faith community the incredible ways God is working through Texas Baptist Children's Home. As we reflect on His blessings in 2025, we rejoice in the ministry He has allowed us to carry out in the lives of children and families.

Last year, we celebrated our 75th anniversary. This Certificate of Church Honor Roll recognizes your investment in these young lives. We celebrate our partnership in this ministry. On behalf of the hundreds of children and families we serve, I want to thank you for your faithful partnership. Through ministry-wide efforts in 2025, more than 54 mothers and children came to know Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior,

Sincerely,

Debbie Rippstein-Bond
President, Texas Baptist Children's Home



What's happening at the Ranch:

May has already brought so much joy, connection, and celebration to Down Home Ranch. From gathering together at Chrome on the Range to celebrating 37 years of belonging at the Ranch, this season has been full of meaningful moments made possible by an incredible community of supporters, families, volunteers, and friends.

Learn more about Down Home Ranch:

Curious about Down Home Ranch and the programs we offer for people with disabilities? Join Barry Hamilton, Executive Director and Bill Joe Averitt, Camp Director, for our monthly online General Information Webinar, held the first Wednesday of each month at noon. Our next session takes place on June 3.

This free virtual session is a great opportunity to learn more about Down Home Ranch, our mission, history, daily operations, residential and day programs, summer camp opportunities, funding options, and more. Whether you're a family member, potential volunteer, community partner, or simply interested in learning more about the Ranch, we'd love to connect with you!



News from the Serving Center



In 2025, the Serving Center assisted 110,154 people from 28,841 households. The food pantry distributed 1.8 lbs. of food. The home delivery program, delivering food boxes throughout Williamson County, in conjunction with the Central Texas Food Bank and Amazon, served 496 families every month.

The Treasures Charity Resale Shop & Boutique celebrated the opening of the new stores on February 26, 2026. The clothing store and furniture thrift stores are open to the public and accept donations of clothing. The sales revenue supports the food pantry and program services.



The 20th Annual Karamu will be held on August 8, 2026. The safari theme event will be held at Kalahari Resorts & Conventions.

Since the inception, Karamu has raised \$1,538,291 for the food pantry, program services, and capital campaigns. Join us for this fun evening and prepare to dine, shop, and laugh as we welcome our keynote speaker—stand up comedian Rik Roberts.

Table sponsorships and tickets are available at www.rrasc.org.



The Serving Center assistance programs include the food pantry and food distribution programs, clothing and furniture vouchers, Computers for Kids, Keep Round Rock Warm coats for kids, The Volunteer Center, the Treasures Charity Resale Shop & Boutique, 46 community gardens, and financial assistance for rent/housing, utilities, prescriptions, transportation, and temporary lodging.

Volunteer Opportunities: It's easy to volunteer—go to www.rrasc.org and complete the volunteer application. The new Volunteer orientation is held on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays each month at 4:00 pm. Orientation is also conducted on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays. Volunteers are needed for the food pantry, receiving area attendants, truck drivers, sorting clothing, pricing donations, and cashiers.



EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT—FLAGPOLES

THANK YOU TROOP 27



**EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT—MEMORIAL GARDEN
THANK YOU TROOP 27**

