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**CHURCH OFFICE
WILL BE CLOSED
FRIDAY, JULY 3.**

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 29

Vacation Bible School | 9:00 am-12:00 pm
Bible Study | 10:00-11:00 am
Conference Room (weekly)

Tuesday, June 30

Vacation Bible School | 9:00 am-12:00 pm
Online Bible Study | 5:00-6:30 pm
(weekly)

Rejoice! Band Rehearsal | 6:30-8:00 pm
Christian Life Center (weekly)

Adult Confirmation Class | 7:00-8:30 pm
Conference Room (weekly)

Wednesday, July 1

Vacation Bible School | 9:00 am-12:00 pm
Hispanic Online Bible Study | 7:30-8:30 (weekly)

Thursday, July 2

Vacation Bible School | 9:00 am-12:00 pm

Friday, July 3

Church Office Closed

Saturday, July 4

Round Rock 4th of July Parade | 8:30 am
(Downtown RR)

*Please check the current calendar
(pvlc.org/weekly-events)*

for last minute changes to the above list.



**WE'RE HAVING A
SNOWBALL MOUNTAIN
CHALLENGE—
IT'S VBS WEEK!**

**JUNE 29-JULY 2
9:00 AM-12:00 PM**

SPECIAL NOTES FOR THIS WEEK

Events and Meetings On Campus During VBS:

Some morning and early afternoon events/meetings
are postponed. The Monday Bible Study will
meet in the conference room.

VBS Safety Plan in Effect:

Please note that our VBS safety plan is in effect this
week. Campus doors are locked until noon each day.

If you need to visit the office during this time,
please ring the doorbell at the office entrance.

We will meet you at the door for entry.

Donation of Snacks for our Volunteers:

Please help us love on our VBS adult and teen
volunteers this week by providing a yummy snack
(store bought or baked) for them to enjoy during
their break from the kiddos. Chips, cookies, granola
bars, breakfast items, sodas, etc. are all appreciated.

We are feeding about 30 adults and teens. Please
bring them to the staff workroom in the church
office on Sunday, Monday or Tuesday this week.

Thank you for supporting our ministries
here at Palm Valley.

INFORMATION FOR OUR VBS CHALLENGERS:

The offering and canned goods we collect during
VBS will go to Back Pack Friends.

We look forward to our “snowy” adventure this week!



COUNCIL CORNER

Church Council Highlights – June 2026

The Church Council met in June and approved several important initiatives supporting our facilities, ministries, and operations.

Property Improvements

Council approved the use of **\$4,650 from the Trinity Place Fund** to cover additional costs associated with the newly completed accessible parking area at the Back Porch. Funding had previously been approved by the Endowment Committee.

Following recent heavy rains and flooding in the Christian Life Center (CLC), Council also approved **\$2,375 from the Capital Reserve Fund** for drainage improvements on the west side of the building to help prevent future water intrusion.

Financial Update

Council reviewed financial reports through May. Member giving remains above budget year-to-date, while expenses continue to track closely with budget projections. Special fundraising efforts have also been successful, including:

- Youth Stockholder Campaign: **\$5,715**
- Love for El Salvador Fund: **\$5,226** (through June 7)

Celebrations and Ministry Updates

Several ministry milestones were celebrated:

- One baptism was recently celebrated, with two more scheduled in June.
- New video screens have been installed in the Christian Life Center.
- More than a dozen youth are attending summer camp.
- Adult Confirmation classes continue and are expected to conclude on Kickoff Sunday.

Associate Pastor Call Process

Council approved the congregation's Ministry Site Profile for submission to the Synod and Bishop as part of the Associate Pastor call process. Demographic information that could not be adequately verified was removed or revised before submission.

Facility Refresh Progress

Updates were shared regarding ongoing improvements to the Sanctuary and Christian Life Center, including installation of new LED video screens, improved sound quality, volunteer-led pew restoration work, and continued lighting enhancements.

Synod Mission Support

Council discussed questions regarding a previously budgeted Synod Mission Support contribution and voted to postpone action until the July meeting, allowing time for further financial review and reporting.

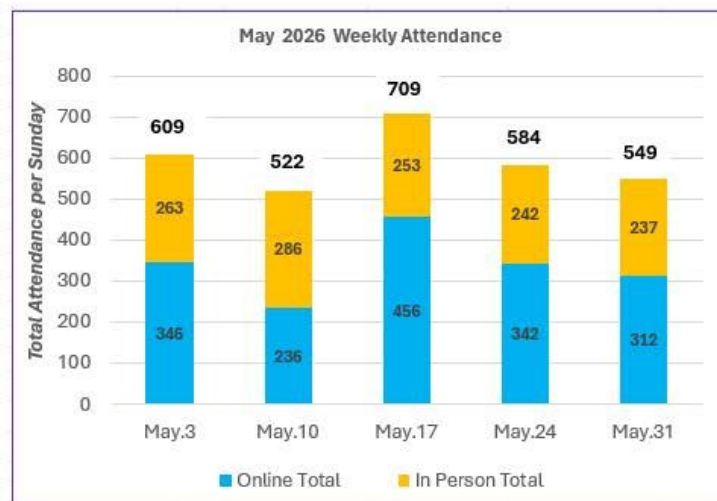
COUNCIL CORNER CONT'D

Worship Schedule Change

Beginning **July 19, 2026**, the late Traditional worship service will move from **11:15 am to 11:00 am**. This adjustment is intended to reduce traffic and noise conflicts between worship services.

Staffing and Overtime Support

To help address workload demands in administrative, communications, funeral, and cemetery support areas, Council approved **up to \$15,000 in overtime funding** for the remainder of 2026 on an as-needed basis.



Member Giving Update

Budgeted for May: \$71,383.00

Received in May: \$67,783.00

ATTN: SERVICE TIME CHANGE JULY 19

Beginning Sunday, July 19, the start time for the late Traditional Service will change from 11:15 am to 11:00 am. Our new Sunday service schedule, effective July 19, will be as follows:

- 8:00 am - Traditional Service in the Sanctuary
- 9:30 am - Rejoice! Contemporary Service in the Christian Life Center
- 11:00 am - Servicio de Adoración Hispana in the Parish Hall
- 11:00 am - Traditional Service in the Sanctuary

LET'S CELEBRATE OUR STAFF!



JULY SERVICE ANNIVERSARY:

Marvin Goad | July 31, 1996 (30-year milestone)
marvingoad1962@gmail.com

You are amazing and we appreciate everything you do.
Thank you for your service to Palm Valley!



JULY BIRTHDAYS:

Becky Simpson | July 16 | preschool@pvlc.org
Pastor Min Woo Lee | July 17
austinantioch@gmail.com
Blake Targonski | July 20 | targo747@gmail.com

Happy Birthday from all of us!

MONDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY— NEW STUDY BEGINS JUNE 29 ALL ARE WELCOME!

Join Pastor Elroy Haverlah and Susan Ames for Monday Morning Bible Study, from 10:00–11:00 am, in the Palm Room, starting June 29. NOTE: Just for June 29, we will gather in the office conference room. We begin a new study of *The Jesus I Never Knew* by Philip Yancey.

Yancey writes, “No one who meets Jesus ever stays the same. In the end I found the process of writing this book to be a great act of faith-strengthening. Jesus has rocked my own preconceptions and has made me ask hard questions about why those of us who bear His name don’t do a better job of following Him.”

We usually fill the tables, but there’s always room for a few more! No need to register, **All are welcome**, whether you’re joining for this study or looking for an on-going Bible study community.

Following the morning’s study, those who wish gather for lunch and fellowship at a local restaurant—participation is completely optional.

Come grow in faith, friendship, and conversation!



The Monthly Women’s Forum
will resume in August.



ROUND ROCK 4TH OF JULY PARADE

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

BE PART OF THIS GREAT COMMUNITY EVENT!

- Make a financial contribution towards the purchase of water and candy by scanning the QR Code.
- Donate a case of water (collection point in the hallway 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 (details will be forwarded at time of sign up) to decorate the float and walk the parade route handing out water and candy. Wear your new Palm Valley 4th of July t-shirt. Need a shirt? Call the office.

We are looking for more volunteers! Sign up on your app. Join the fun!



Thursday, July 30 | 5:00-7:00 pm

Let's gather as a church family at Rock'N River Water Park for an evening of splashing fun! Admission is only \$9/kid and \$10/adult.

Look for more information on how to sign-up in next week's Echoes Lite.



WATER FOR AFRICA NIGHT AT DELL DIAMOND

Wednesday, August 26 | 6:45 pm

Round Rock Express vs. Albuquerque Isotopes

Come out and enjoy an evening of baseball and help spread the word about Water for Africa!

Purchase discount tickets using your app. Be sure to enter the promotional code **H204A** before ticket shopping as this will unlock your discount! Water for Africa will receive a portion of each ticket sold using this promotional code.



Thank you to all the women who attended the Ladies Tea and supported the free-will offering and silent auction. A donation of \$2567 will be made to the Round Rock Police Department Victim Services. What a great way to support our community!

SPONSOR WORSHIP FLOWERS



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



GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Thursdays | 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**, **Find a Group**.



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).



LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Stores are running sales on school supplies! While shopping for your kids, why not pick up a few extras!

We are collecting the following items to fill 150 backpacks that will be sent to disaster areas around the world:

- 600 each—70 or 80 page spiral notebooks
- 122 pairs—kids blunt-end scissors
- 150 boxes—crayons (24-count)
- 128 each—rulers with centimeters and inches
- 620 each—medium ball point pens, blue or black ink only (no gel pens)
- 26 each—two-inch erasers
- 142 each—pencil sharpeners

Collection point is the Christian Life Center Lobby.

We will assemble school kits on Saturday, September 12, as part of God's Work. Our Hands.



Tuesday, July 7 | 6:30-8:00pm
The Back Porch

The Palm Valley Sister Circle (ladies & moms of kids and teens) is having another evening of Mahjong! There is no cost! Join a bunch of beginners as we continue to learn how to play Mahjong together!

Sign up on your app so we know how many to expect.

Questions? Helen Pelkey, children@pvlc.org.



EXPERIENCE 2026 TOUR **BOUNDLESS**



We thank the youth and adults from Christ Lutheran Church in Charlotte, NC, for leading us in an evening of interactive worship!

Thank you to our Palm Valley host families who opened up their homes to provide overnight housing for these youth, to those who helped provide transportation, and to everyone who helped make this happen!





Love Serve Feed

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES WITH

Love Serve Feed

Want to be the “hands and feet of Jesus?” You don’t have to go on a foreign mission trip. You can do it right here in the Round Rock community serving with other Palm Valley members.

Love. Serve. Feed (LSF) is a Christ-based volunteer organization that provides a hot meal every Saturday at noon to people in need in the Round Rock community.

We have operated for 760+ consecutive Saturdays (coming up on 15 years) in the parking lot of Hernandez Middle School. Typically, we serve 250-400 meals each week. (We serve 1500+ at Thanksgiving.) The menu depends on food donations but typically includes hot dogs, hamburgers, sausage wraps, salads, sides, and desserts. We also distribute fresh produce and baked goods.

Palm Valley members have played an important role in LSF since it’s inception.

The Palm Valley Endowment Fund also paid for our trailer.

To volunteer, you simply need to show up any Saturday morning at 11:00 am and look for our LSF trailer in the parking lot. Set up begins when the trailer arrives. The service line runs from 11:45 am to 1:00 pm. Clean up and take down is usually complete by 1:30.

We serve rain, shine, global pandemic, freezing cold, and triple digits.

We are always looking for occasional volunteers, especially during the summer months, who can come to serve with us on any Saturday. But, we also need people who are interested in making a longer, but still flexible, commitment for both Saturday mornings and to do some pickups as needed during the week. This is an ideal longer-term ministry for someone looking to deepen their faith in Jesus through action.

For more information, contact Pam Mawdsley at pmawds2@gmail.com, text her at (512) 658-4310 or simply show up at the Hernandez Middle School parking lot any Saturday morning at 11:00 am.



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).

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 8266 | Round Rock, Texas 78683

Physical Address: 2500 E. Palm Valley Blvd. | Round Rock, Texas 78665

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SUNDAY,
JULY 19

SUNDAY,
JULY 26

OR



9:00 AM –
12:00 PM
at our campus



Tour our
beautiful
campus



Meet our caring
teachers and
staff



Learn about our
faith-based,
play-based
program



Discover how we
nurture the whole
child—spiritual,
social, emotional,
and academic

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