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GRACE IN ACTION – GENEROSITY MONTH

September is Generosity Month at Palm Valley Lutheran Church, and this year's theme is **Grace in Action**. As we reflect on the many ways God's grace is at work in our lives and through our church, we invite every household to prayerfully complete a **2027 Estimate of Giving Card**.

A card will be mailed to you, or you may conveniently complete it online through your app or by scanning the QR Code.

While completing your estimate, please



also take a moment to update your contact information, so our church records remain current. Your response helps Palm Valley faithfully plan for the ministries and mission we share together.

"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace." -1 Peter 4:10



NEXT SUNDAY, September 13 | 10:00 am
Christian Life Center

***One Worship Service with Adult Confirmation
followed by a Bring-and-Share Lunch***

Let's get ready for a new year of Sunday School and Confirmation, kick-off our Church-Wide Small Group Study & Sermon Series, as well as enjoy food and fellowship after worship.

Please bring a side dish (vegetable, salad, casserole) to share. If you would like, you may also bring a dessert to share. Meat and drinks are provided.

CHURCH OFFICE IS CLOSED MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7.

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, September 7

Church Office Closed

Bible Study | 10:00-11:00 am | Palm Room (weekly)

Tuesday, September 8

Ironmen Study | 7:00-8:15 am | Palm Room (weekly)

Preschool | 9:00 am-2:00 pm

Quilters | 1:00-3:15 pm | Palm Room (weekly)

Mahjong | 6:30-8:30 pm | Parish Hall (weekly)

Rejoice! Band Rehearsal | 6:30-8:00 pm

Christian Life Center (weekly)

Wednesday, September 9

Preschool | 9:00 am-2:00 pm

Executive Team | 5:00-6:30 pm | Conf. Rm. (monthly)

Youth Group | 6:00-8:00 pm | Back Porch

Choir Rehearsal | 6:30-8:30 pm | Palm Room (weekly)

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

Thursday, September 10

Preschool | 9:00 am-2:00 pm

GriefShare | 12:30-2:30 pm | Palm Room (weekly)

Friday, September 11

Preschool | 9:00 am-2:00 pm

God's Work. Our Hands Set-Up | 1:00-3:00 pm | CLC

Saturday, September 12

God's Work. Our Hands | 8:30 am-12:00 pm

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

THIS SATURDAY!



God's work. Our hands.



**September 12
2026**

GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS

THIS SATURDAY, September 12 | 8:30 am

Palm Valley has a great day of outreach opportunities planned for this annual national day of service to serve and love our neighbors, put faith into action, and share compassion to those in need in our community.

This volunteer day is family oriented—all ages welcome!

SCHEDULE FOR THE DAY

Check out the list of service opportunities to share God's love with our neighbors near and far.

ACTIVITIES AT PALM VALLEY (CHRISTIAN LIFE CENTER):

8:30 am — Breakfast

Our youth will be making breakfast tacos, so join us for breakfast before we get to work!

Fleece Blanket Making

Make no-sew fleece blankets for Table of Grace, an organization providing a nurturing and stable environment for children and youth in crisis.



RRISD FIT Program Hygiene Kits

Pack hygiene kits for Round Rock ISD students and families experiencing homelessness or housing transitions.



Lutheran World Relief School Kits

Assemble school kits containing essential supplies to help children continue their education despite challenging circumstances.



Lutheran World Relief Personal Care Kits

Assemble personal care kits with basic hygiene supplies that provide comfort, dignity, and essential care to people experiencing displacement or crisis.



All above activities are family-friendly!

GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS CONT'D

OFF-CAMPUS SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES:

9:00–11:00 am — Simple Sparrow Care Farm
1615 County Road 107, Hutto, Texas 78634



Spend the morning serving at Simple Sparrow Care Farm, which provides trauma-informed educational and therapeutic programs for people of all ages and abilities. Volunteers may help feed animals, refresh water, and care for garden beds. Water, snacks, and gloves will be provided.

Please arrive at Simple Sparrow Care Farm at 9:00 am wearing clothes and shoes that can get dirty.

Families are welcome! Children may serve with a parent, family member, or guardian age 18 or older.

Sign up through the app or contact Helen Pelkey at children@pvlc.org.

You are also welcome to simply show up, but sign up is preferred so that we know how many to expect.



Love Serve Feed

10:45 am — Love, Serve, Feed
1901 Sunrise Road, outside Hernandez Middle School, Round Rock

Join Love, Serve, Feed in its mission to love unconditionally by feeding people physically and spiritually, building relationships in the Round Rock community, and being the hands and feet of Jesus.

Volunteers will help:

- set up and prepare food
- cook on the grills
- serve meals
- clean up

Please arrive at Hernandez Middle School by 10:45 am and dress appropriately for the weather.

Look for the white trailer either in front of the school or on the side facing Tiger Trail. The serving location may vary depending on the weather. When you arrive check in with Pam Mawdsley a fellow Palm Valley member.

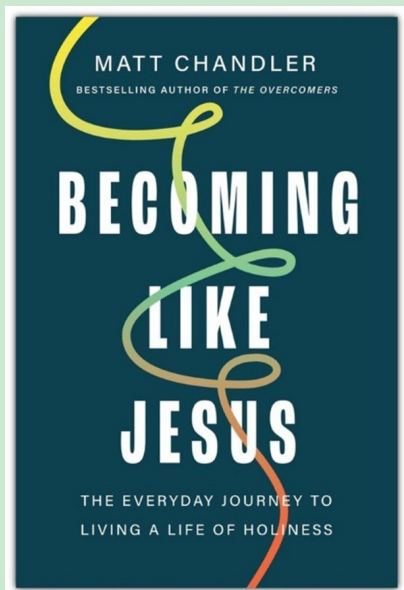
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FALL FOCUS: CHURCH-WIDE SMALL GROUP STUDY & SERMON SERIES

Begins NEXT SUNDAY—September 13



***JOIN A SMALL GROUP TODAY—
SEVERAL DAYS AND TIMES
TO CHOOSE FROM!***

Sign up by using your app,
scan the QR Code, or
email Kelley Adams,
smallgroups@pvlc.org.



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Many of us imagine growth as a steady climb upward. In reality, the journey of faith is rarely linear. It's filled with moments of joy and struggle, clarity and confusion—times when we feel close to God and times when we are learning to trust Him again. Yet through every high and low, Jesus is faithfully shaping us into His image.

Through this study you'll take a deeper dive and discover how the Beatitudes serve as a roadmap for spiritual formation, guiding believers toward a deeper, more authentic life with Christ.

You have several days and times to choose from!
Pick a group and join the journey to becoming more like Jesus!



NEW WORSHIP FLOWERS SIGN-UP

Beautify our worship spaces with one of God's most beautiful creations!

We have been working on simplifying the sign-up process and adding new options for sponsoring flowers for our worship services.

Since the cost of flower arrangements has increased in the last few years (currently \$120 for two bouquets), you now have the option of sponsoring either one or two bouquets, with the cost of each bouquet being \$60. If you choose to sponsor one bouquet, a second person/family may share sponsorship by sponsoring a second bouquet. Each sponsor will have their own dedication.

The old sign-up form for reserving a date has been replaced with a NEW Worship Flower Form on the Palm Valley app (also available through Member Connect).

Kathy Erwin will be in the lobbies of the Traditional, Rejoice!, and Hispanic services on Sundays, September 6th and 20th, signing up sponsorships through the end of 2026. She can answer any questions you may have regarding sponsoring worship flowers and the new sign-up process. You can also check out the new sign up form on the app.

Payment for the flowers is encouraged when you sign up. This will help for ease of accounting and eliminate forgotten payments. Your payment will ensure your spot is held on the schedule. Payments can be made online or by check.

Mailing Address:

P.O. Box 8266 | Round Rock, Texas 78683

Physical Address:

2500 E. Palm Valley Blvd.
Round Rock, Texas 78665
512-255-3322 | PVLC.org



DISCOVERING DISCIPLESHIP NEW MEMBER CLASS

Sunday, October 4 | 12:30-4:00 pm
Conference Room

Lunch and Childcare Provided

Discovering Discipleship is the pathway to connecting with Palm Valley! Understand the history and mission of Palm Valley and what membership means to our church community. Sign up on your app or call the church office.



GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Thursdays | September 10-December 10
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 TRAINING AT PALM VALLEY

We would like to hold training classes for new Stephen Ministers.

If you are interested, you are encouraged to pray about it and then complete an application, found in the Stephen Ministry mailbox by the church office door. **Please return it to the same mailbox in a sealed envelope by September 21.** If you have questions about Stephen Ministry, just ask any of the current Stephen Ministers or Stephen Leaders wearing the blue nametags. We'd love for you to join us as we offer compassionate care to those within and outside our congregation who are dealing with challenging situations.

OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE: REJOICE! COMMUNION SET UP TEAM

Are you looking for a way to serve in worship? Why not join the Rejoice! Communion Team? We are looking for help during the months of October and December.

Contact Carol Dove at caroladove@gmail.com.



NIGHT OF MAHJONG!

Every Tuesday in September!
6:30 pm | Parish Hall

September 8—Open Play and Teaching
September 15—Open Play/No Teaching
September 22—Open Play and Teaching
September 29—Open Play/No Teaching

Women and men of all ages are invited to come play Mahjong! All levels of experience are welcome!

New to Mahjong? Join us on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays where we will have a table for beginners with an experienced player to answer questions and teach you how to play.

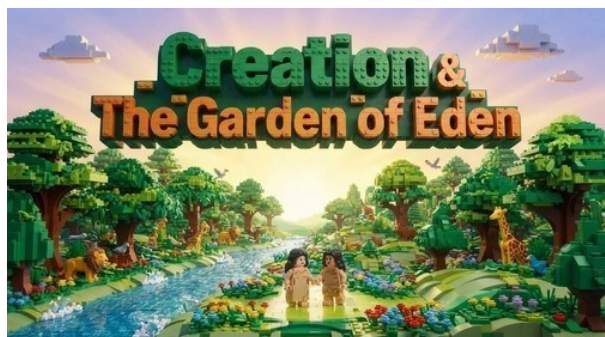
Reserve your spot by contacting Susan Ames, 361-765-9493 or susanibpyp@gmail.com.

It's important that we know how many to expect each week so that we can make sure to have enough tiles for all to play.



REJOICE! CHILDREN'S CHURCH

During Rejoice! Worship-
after Children's Message



CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL RETURNS ON SEPTEMBER 20

Join us on Sunday mornings from
10:30 am to 11:15 am as we explore the
Bible through LEGOS!

We are going to try something new this fall
with our Sunday School curriculum. We are
spending two Sundays a month gathering together
to wonder about and build LEGO designs to
represent our interpretation of that Sunday's Bible

Story. We will be using the
book *Building Faith Brick by Brick*. This is
for all children ages 3 through 10.

Join us September 20 and September 27
to learn more about Creation and
The Garden of Eden.

Want to help?

Reach out to Helen at children@pvlc.org.

LOOK OUT FOR YOUR SEPTEMBER FAMILY MINISTRIES NEWSLETTER!



Let us know how you
would like to be
involved in our
growing community
of young families
deepening
their faith in God.

Reach out to Helen Pelkey at children@pvlc.org.

Gone Bowling

Children & Youth Families are invited for
dinner & bowling
**September 21st 5pm-7pm | Uncle Buck's in
BassPro Shop**
(sign up in the app by 9/18)

**Calling all
ladies of the
church!**

Monday, September 28th • 6:30-8:30pm

Come make 3 different fall themed crafts - a
canning lid pumpkin, a chunky yarn pumpkin,
and a fall door sign. Please bring a fall themed
treat or drink to share. Invite your friends!

Sign up in your app or email Helen Pelkey
at children@pvlc.org so we know how
many to expect.

THE INBE TWEEN

**CALLING ALL 5TH,
6TH, AND 7TH
GRADERS!**

Our 5th, 6th, and 7th graders gather together right after the children's sermon on Sunday mornings until just before communion, creating a space for older kids to grow into their faith in a way that feels engaging and meaningful. Through hands-on activities, our 5th, 6th, and 7th graders are invited to ask questions, explore their faith, build community, and discover what it means to follow Jesus as they grow up. It's children's church designed for older kids, right InBetween.



Join us every Wednesday at 6:30 pm for Youth Group, an authentic space where youth can grow in their faith as beloved children of God. We seek to nurture young leaders by creating empowering spaces, offering impactful service opportunities, and providing thought-provoking Christian Education. Through these experiences, we hope to inspire our youth and build them up as faithful leaders in both the church and the world. At the heart of it all, we are committed to cultivating a community where youth feel known, loved, and encouraged in their journey of faith.



YOUTH GROUP MEAL SIGN-UPS

Love to cook? Love to eat? Love to support our youth? Here's your chance! Each week, our youth group gathers on Wednesday nights from 6:00-8:00 pm, and nothing brings people together like food.

You can sponsor a Wednesday Night Youth Dinner by cooking or even bringing your favorite takeout.

Questions?

Youth Director Jordana, youth@pvlc.org.

Help us make Wednesday nights delicious and meaningful for our youth!

Scan the QR Code and
choose your date!



ELCA YOUTH GATHERING 2027

The ELCA Youth Gathering is where faith comes alive!

Every three years, thousands of students who have completed

8th–12th grade and their adult leaders come together to worship, grow in their faith, build community, and experience a place that feels like home. It's a space to be seen for who you are, discover that you're part of a story much bigger than yourself, and realize that you don't have to wait to lead or belong, you already do, right here and right now. Join us in Minneapolis, Minnesota, June 28–July 2, 2027, for an unforgettable week of faith, friendship, worship, and adventure!

The cost is \$175 per student. Priority registration opens October 21 and closes November 11. If you're feeling even a little curious about going, email youth@pvlc.org to learn more and let us know you're interested!

JOIN US FOR A FUN-FILLED

Fall Fair

FREE EVENT

Saturday, September 26 | 10:00 am to 3:00 pm

2500 E Palm Valley Blvd, Round Rock, TX 78665



Live Entertainment



Free Food



Local Crafts and Sales



Petting Zoo (11am-1pm)



Kid's Games



Bounce House and Slide



Bingo



Cake Walk



Raffle Baskets



Bake Sale



Plant Sale



Vehicle Show



Round Rock Police and
Fire Departments



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Bring non-perishable food items
to benefit the
Round Rock Serving Center.

Next Sunday!



GET YOUR PALM VALLEY T-SHIRT!

Volunteers are encouraged to wear the turquoise Palm

Valley t-shirts on the day of the Fall Fair so that visitors can readily identify those who might be helpful in answering questions.

T-Shirts will be available for purchase in the Christian Life Center lobby NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, before or after our combined worship service. Cost is \$10 each.



LET'S GET READY... for this year's Fall Fair Plant Sale!

Our annual Fall Fair is coming up on **Saturday, September 26**. As usual, we'll have our huge plant sale as part of the Fall Fair. This is not possible

without the generosity of our members who propagate and donate plants for the sale. If you need pots for such propagation, just check the coat closet near the women's restroom close to the Sanctuary. Please take what you need or leave extras for others to use.

If you have plants to donate, it would be greatly appreciated if you could identify the plant/bulb/seeds, etc., by writing on the pot, sticking in a popsicle stick with the name, or using the small stakes available in baskets in the hallways outside the Sanctuary and Christian Life Center for such purpose.

If you need additional stakes or if you'd like to volunteer in the plant sale tent, please contact Paula Dietz at 512-695-3438 or dietz_rrfamily@sbcglobal.net.



UT LUTHERAN CAMPUS MINISTRY CELEBRATES 90 YEARS OF SERVING LONGHORNS!

As part of LuMin Austin's yearlong 90th-anniversary celebration, Lutheran Campus Ministry at UT invites you to an *air-conditioned* pregame tailgate.

EVENT DETAILS

Date: September 19

Time: 4:00 pm

Location: LuMin Austin, 2100 San Antonio Street, Suite 120, Austin, Texas

WHAT TO EXPECT

- Fellowship with students, the campus pastor, and supporters of Lutheran Campus Ministry.
- Free barbecue brisket prepared the night before by LuMin's Holy Smokers.
- Free parking at LuMin and St. Martin's Lutheran Church, with shuttle service provided.
- An update from student leaders and Pastor Brad Fuerst about what God is doing at LuMin.
- A watch party for the UT-UTSA game at LuMin, plus transportation assistance to the game for ticket holders with mobility needs.
- Photos and memorabilia from Lutheran Campus Ministry's 90-year history displayed throughout the tailgate.

REGISTER AND MORE

We hope you'll join us for a lively afternoon of fellowship, reconnection, and reunion. **Please register by September 11 using the QR Code.** If you have questions or need help registering, email Pastor Brad Fuerst at campuspastor@luminaustin.org; he'll be happy to assist.

Scan to register by September 11.



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