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KICK-OFF SUNDAY

September 7 | 10:00 am | Christian Life Center

One Worship Service followed by a Bring-and-Share Lunch

We get ready for a new year of Sunday School and Confirmation, as well as enjoy food and fellowship after worship.

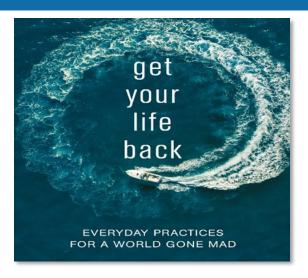
Please bring a side dish (vegetable, salad, casserole) to share. If you would like, you may also bring a dessert to share. Meat and drinks are provided.

We will need lots of helping hands!

We need a minimum of 10-15 people to help set up and tear down tables and chairs, decorate tables, help in the kitchen, and clean up afterwards.

PALM VALLEY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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FALL SERMON SERIES AND SMALL GROUPS

Begins Sunday, September 14

Watch for details on how to join a small group.

SMALL GROUP LEADERS NEEDED FOR FALL STUDY

We are looking for a few more Small Group Leaders to lead our Fall Study. If you would like to start a Small Group, sign up to attend one of our Leader Training Sessions happening later this month. Training is content specific, and you only need to sign up for one training session.

Small Group Leader Training

Sunday, August 24: 9:15, 10:45, or 12:30 Office Conference Room

Sunday, August 31: 9:15, 10:45, or 12:30 Office Conference Room

Use your app, contact smallgroups@pvlc.org, or contact Kelley Adams at 512-255-3322.



VEGETABLE GARDENING GROUP MEETING

Monday, August 18 | 6:30 pm | Palm Room Topic: "27 Unusual Vegetables" RSVP on your app or email Helen at oldveggiegardener@yahoo.com.



WOMEN'S FORUM

Thursday, August 21 10:00 am | Back Porch

RSVP on your app or call the church office.

Jennifer Hicks, LPC, from Streams in the Valley Counseling, will be our guest speaker. She will speak to us about social media and all it entails, and how it is affecting our society.

Invite your family and friends. Bring your own drink and a snack to share (if you are able.)

thank you! Dear Palm Valley,

We want to express our sincere appreciation to our Palm Valley family for all of the condolences that

were shared with us upon the loss of John's brother, Robert. Your cards, hugs, and kind words help us immensely through this difficult time.

With love,

John and Linda Reed

Got questions about life Join us for this journey, an adventure, to explore the questions of life and faith.

ALPHA

Now through October 14

It's not too late to join us for this journey, an adventure, to explore the questions of life and faith. We'll

explore the big issues around faith and unpack the basics of Christianity. Everyone's invited! Bring the whole family! Alpha involves food and conversation. It's a place where you can be yourself.

The talks are designed to engage and inspire conversation. Conversation is probably the most important piece of Alpha, giving you the opportunity to share your thoughts and ideas, and to hear from others. There is no question too complex or too simple. Your point of view is just as important as anyone else. Contribute your own perspective in an honest, friendly, and open environment. It's fun, relaxed, and free. A lite dinner and childcare provided.

Sign up by scanning the QR Code with your cell phone or sign up on your app.

Questions: Laura Johansson, at 512-584-9435 or laura@thejohansson.com



RE-IGNITE THE ROCK FEST

Saturday, October 11

@ Palm Valley

Watch for details!

Remember to use our P.O. Box when mailing checks to the church:

Palm Valley Lutheran Church P.O. Box 8266 Round Rock, TX 78683-8266



GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS

Saturday, September 6 | 8:30 am-Noon Christian Life Center

Celebrate who we are—one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor.

This volunteer day is family oriented —all ages welcome!

Check out the current list below of service opportunities to share God's love with our neighbors near and far. More projects may be added. More details to come.

- Pack Lutheran World Relief school supplies & health care kits
- Pack hygiene kits for Round Rock Independent School District FIT (Families in Transition) students
- Tie blankets for foster children at Central Texas Table of Grace
- Clean flower beds at church
- Organize storage in the loft of the Back Porch
- Write notes to Veterans (youth)



Contact Carlton Sands
(acarlton64@gmail.com)
with questions or if you know someone
who needs help around their home.

Let's do God's work with our hands!





GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS T-SHIRTS

Purchase your GWOH T-Shirt (Children and Adult) Sunday, August 24th and 30th. Cost is \$13 each.



PALM VALLEY GROUP OUTINGS COMING FALL 2025



Jane Goodall Tuesday, September 16 7:30 pm Long Center

Tickets: \$99 each

Use your app to reserve your tickets. Deadline is TODAY.

It's been 65 years since a young Jane Goodall first stepped into the forests of Tanzania to study wild chimpanzees. Her groundbreaking discoveries rocked the scientific community and launched Jane's remarkable career. Now, she'll reflect on this extraordinary journey, from a young curious child with a love for animals, to a trailblazing scientist, a global conservation icon and founder of the Jane Goodall Institute. Jane inspires greater understanding and action on behalf of the natural world. Jane inspires hope.



Grace & Glory Tour with CROWDER

Featuring Passion Music, Louie Giglio, Kari Jobe Carnes & Cody Carnes

Thursday, October 23
7:00 pm | H-E-B Center
(Cedar Park)

We are ordering group tickets @ \$60 each and sitting together.

Use your app to RSVP by Sunday, September 7.

Questions:

Email Manny Castro at smallgroups@pvlc.org.



INVITATION FOR WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS!

"God has given you a gift from His great variety of spiritual gifts.

Use them well to SERVE others." (1 Peter 4:10)

At Palm Valley, servanthood is expressed in different and meaningful ways—one of which is through becoming a servant to your fellow members as a Worship Volunteer.

We continue to seek volunteers to serve during the 11:15 am Traditional Worship Service. There are opportunities available for Readers, Greeters, Ushers, Tellers, and Altar Prep.

If you feel led to serve, please sign up. Readers: contact Patti Kautz (pattimaek@yahoo.com); Altar Prep: contact Sue Rue (susanrue@att.net); Greeters and Ushers: sign up through the Palm Valley app or via Member Connect.

Special Call Out for Tellers for the 11:15 Service:

We are looking for individuals to serve as Tellers. The responsibility for Tellers has changed, and now it only takes a few minutes after worship. You are responsible for collecting the offering from the offering plates and placing it in the safe. There are no pre-qualifications needed. We must have two Tellers for each service. Contact Kathy Erwin if you are interested, kjerwin@suddenlink.net.

Your willingness to serve is deeply appreciated and vital to our shared worship experience.

SPONSOR WORSHIP FLOWERS

Celebrate a birthday, anniversary, or honor a loved one.

Sign up to sponsor worship flowers, using these three steps: pick your date, provide your dedication, and pay.



REJOICE! CHILDREN'S CHURCH

During Rejoice! Worship-after Children's Message

Children's Church is mostly for children ages 4-9. Younger children are also welcome.



CALLING ALL 6TH, 7TH, AND 8TH GRADERS!

Join Miss Jordana during the 9:30 Rejoice! Service for

some good conversation. Grab a donut and meet in Room 19 after the Children's Message.



YOUTH SERVICE DAY AT DOWN HOME RANCH

Saturday, August 30 | 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

Contact Jordana at youth@pvlc.org if you will be joining us, so that we can arrange transportation.





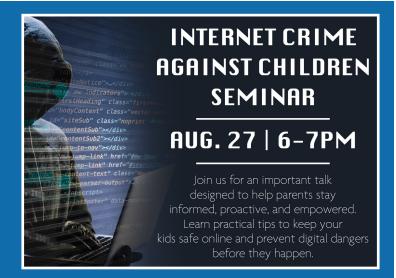
KIDS' ACTIVITIES COMING UP... WATCH FOR DETAILS

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Palm Valley Children and Preschool Monday, September 8 | 4:00-6:00 pm Preschool Playground

BOWLING

Palm Valley Youth and Children Monday, September 27 | 5:00-7:00 pm Uncle Buck's Fish Bowl at Bass Pro Shop





Gathering Expedition is a series of regional weekend retreats for 8th-12th grade youth and the adults who walk alongside them. Designed with volunteer leaders in mind, these experiences create sacred space to step away from everyday life and dive into questions of faith, purpose, identity and calling.

It's camp-style community meets the heart of the ELCA Youth Gathering — reimagined in a way that's local, accessible and deeply meaningful.

Gathering Expedition is thoughtfully designed by the ELCA Youth Ministry and Gathering teams.



Registration Fee: \$175 (covers four meals, housing for two nights, and a whole lot of fun.)

Transportation will be provided.

Scan this QR Code to register and let Jordana Gutierrez, Youth Director (youth@pvlc.org), know that you plan to attend.

Use Palm Valley Congregation ID #059055

Register by August 17th.







Informational Meeting: Thursday, September 4 | 6:00 pm | Parish Hall

Mission: Mobilizing women to act boldly on their faith in Jesus Christ.

Purpose: As a community of women created in the image of God, called to discipleship in Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves to grow in faith, affirm our gifts, support one another in our callings, engage in ministry and action, and promote healing and wholeness in the church, the society, and the world.

Please join us for this evening of prayer and discussion. Sign up on the app, contact smallgroups@pvlc.org, or call Kelley Adams @ 512-255-3322.

RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE— MEALS FROM THE HEART

THANK YOU to the volunteers who prepared and served meals to families at the Ronald McDonald House.





STEPHEN MINISTRY

Over the years, well over one-and-a-half million people have benefited from the one-to-one, Christ-centered care of a Stephen Minister. This care is entirely confidential—no one knows the identity of a care receiver except for their Stephen Minister and the Stephen Leader who paired them together. Stephen Ministers come into a person's life after a crisis of some sort has hit and then provide care for as long after as needed.

If you would like to learn more about having a Stephen Minister to talk with, please contact one of Palm Valley's Stephen Leaders:
Paula Dietz, Donna Balshaw, Garlon Oetken, or Tammy Oetken. Also, if you might be interested in training to be a Stephen Minister, we will likely be starting a series of weekly classes in early 2026.

Think about it; pray about it.

