



## ST. PAUL WITNESS

*"Turning Hearts to Christ Through Love"*

The monthly newsletter of:

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❖ **JUNE-JULY 2023** ❖

### BEING

*1 John 3:1-3 - See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.*

On Sunday, May 28th, the St. Paul Bishop Bible Class started our study of Article 4 of the Augsburg Confession. I understand that not everyone who reads this article will attend or is able to attend this class, but the discussions that we are going to have over the next couple weeks are of extreme importance. Luther referred to this article as the one "on which the church stands or falls." What is the topic of this article? It is justification by grace, through faith.

What does this mean? Put simply, we confess that when it comes to our salvation, God does everything. When we were dead in our sins, unable to approach God, much less appease Him, He came to us. This started in the Garden of Eden, when God sacrificed an animal to cover the shame of his people, and this sacrifice made its ultimate fulfillment in Jesus. When we owed God our very lives for our sins, God sent His Son Jesus to give his life up for us. On account of this sacrifice, we are pleasing to God. On account of this sacrifice, we get to be called his children.

Just like the natural children of human beings do not become children of their own wills, but because of the relationship they have with their parents, our relationship as the children of God is not based on anything that we do. Children do not give anything to their parents to make them children. Children do not do anything for their parents to make them children. Children do not say magic words to their parents to make them children. They are children because of the love and the declaration of the parents.

The children of God cannot give anything to become the children of God. The children of God cannot do anything to become the children of God. The children of God cannot say magic words or incantations to become the children of God. They are His children because he has declared them to be so through the life, death, and resurrection of His Son.

This means that the first and only thing that a Christian needs to "DO" is to BE. There are things that Christians DO because they ARE Christians, but the thing that gives them their identity is the declaration of God. And this is a very good thing.

This is a very good thing because when God is responsible for our identity, then our burdened consciences can be at peace. If we had to do, give, or say something to be God's children then we could never be truly sure that we were saved. However, when who we are is fully reliant on who he is, then we can rest assured in his perfect ability to create what is pleasing to him. And He does create what is pleasing to him in Word, in water, in body, and in blood.

The practical implications for this, I will leave for next month's newsletter article where I will talk about the Christian life. Until then, please BE God's people. Come to church where your pastor and your fellow Christians will remind you of who you have been made in Christ Jesus. Rejoice and be at peace, knowing that God is pleased to call you His. Amen.

*Pastor Ulmer*

## LWML MONTHLY MINUTES

The LWML of St. Paul Lutheran Church- Bishop, held its monthly meeting Monday, May 1, 2023. The meeting was held in the church conference room/ chapel and called to order at 2:00 pm. Six members were present. Topic meeting was led by Marilyn Moerbe and titled "Mirror, Mirror."

President Lowman welcomed all present. May had no birthdays to celebrate in our group. Minutes from the previous meeting in April, were approved as read. The treasurer's report showed a balance of \$1,055.02. Communications included thank you notes from the food banks of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis and Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne.

**Committee Reports-** The month of April was the responsibility of the Dorcas Circle. Visiting the sick is the responsibility of the LWML for the month of May. Volunteers were encouraged to visit whoever they could.

**LWML Mission Grant** Goal is \$2,150,000. The goal has been met. As of 3/17, received \$2,353,030.33. Funds received over the goal are bumped up to next year's goal. Changing Lives- Christ-Centered materials in the Hmong Language \$70,208.

**LWML TX District Mission Grant-** For the Mission Goal of \$390,000, as of March 31, recieved \$189,200.75. Prayer: Bible Brigade, Lutheran Disaster Care-\$16,000.

### **Unfinished Business:**

**Cards** A birthday card was sent to Terrell Felder and a get well card sent to Frances Melde. Pastor Ulmer's birthday card and gift certificate to El Tapatio Restaurant, was purchased and taken care of by Susan Moerbe.

**Zone Spring Event** This event will be at Trinity Lutheran Church, West Sinton, on Sunday May 7, registration at 2-2:30pm. Theme "Bold in Hope." Proclaim Christ with Bible study by Rev. Ebersole; Support Missions by Cheryl Johnson, retired nurse and a Medical Missionary to Honduras; Serve others by learning from Pam Parker of the New Beginnings Clothes Closet in Sinton ( a free clothing outlet for the needy) will tell of her work. Ingathering will be hygiene items for the store visitors: toothbrushes, toothpaste, shower gel or bar soap, deodorant, shampoo/conditioner, combs, small tissue pack. At the event, hygiene kits will be assembled for the store. If anyone would like to contribute items, please have in church office by Sunday, May 7 at noon.

**Bible Verse** May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope. Romans 15:13. President Lowman is making plans to attend this event. Members were encouraged to attend. The church parking lot is the meeting place at 1:30 for those wishing to attend this event.

**Thank You** to those who brought Easter Flowers, helped decorate the Easter cross, brought food for Easter breakfast or helped with the church BBQ fundraiser.

**New Business-** The Stamp Program is ending as of December 31, 2023.

June meeting is being planned at Dairy Queen in Bishop.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer and singing of the Doxology.

Respectfully submitted,

*Marlett Bahn*

*LWML Secretary*

## **DORCAS CIRCLE REPORT**

The Dorcas Circle met for its monthly meeting at 11:00 AM on Tuesday, May 2, 2023, at the local Dairy Queen in the new addition. The meeting was called to order by President Allison Ulmer. She also lead the topic, titled "Chosen for a Purpose", from the Spring Quarterly. Roll call showed 6 members present; 4 absent. Minutes from the April meeting were read and approved as corrected. JoAnn Denkeler gave the April financial report. There were no communications read.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** Kitchen—No report; Flower Chart— May 7 th is open; Visit the Sick— LWML in May and Nadine Christiansen in June; Audit Committee--reported the financial books were found to be in order.

### **OLD/NEW BUSINESS:**

A new robe for Pastor is still on the list. Allison read the invitation to the Spring Zone Rally to be held at Trinity-West Sinton on May 7 th starting at 2:00 PM and business meeting at 2:30 PM. The main theme is: Bold in Hope— -Proclaim, Support, Serve. Proclaim Christ---Pastor Ebersole will deliver a Bible Study. Support Missions---Cheryl Johnson will speak on the mission trip program. Serve Others—New Beginnings Clothes Closet by Pam Parker, includes Ingathering items to be donated: toothbrushes, toothpaste, shower gel or bars of soap, shampoo/conditioner, small tissue pack, combs, deodorant, razors; these items will be packed in gallon size baggies. Lite refreshments will be served. As was approved at our last meeting, a Rummage Sale will be held on July 15<sup>th</sup>.

This month we discussed holding a Bake Sale in conjunction with the Rummage Sale. Everyone agreed we should have one, and it was decided that we each bring 2 baked items (cakes, cupcakes, small loaves, cookies, bars, etc.), and bring your items prepackaged for sale as individual servings. Allison reported she is planning to hold Fine Arts Camp on August 7 th -10th. VBS is scheduled for June 26 th -30 th . She will produce snack lists and items needed for these events as their scheduled dates draw closer. Carolyn Faske mentioned she has learned a few items are missing from the Church Kitchen--- one of the extra large aluminum baking sheets is gone, and also a large plastic measuring cup/bowl that holds about 4-8 cups. In addition, we are still missing the kitchen scale. With no further business, the meeting closed with the Doxology and the Lord's Prayer. Following the meeting, members enjoyed a DQ lunch. Dorcas Circle invites all ladies of the congregation to attend our monthly meetings on the first Tuesday of the month at 10:00 AM in the Conference Room. We would be delighted to welcome you as a guest or a new member.

*—Jane Jungmann, Secretary*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**THIS NEWSLETTER** — This issue of the “St. Paul Witness” is a combined June/July issue. The next issue will be for August, and the deadline for submitting reports and other information to share with your church family is Monday, July 17<sup>th</sup>.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2023:** We will be holding VBS 2023 on Monday, **June 26<sup>th</sup>** through Friday, **June 30<sup>th</sup>** from 9-11:30 am. Students entering Pre K 4 - 5<sup>th</sup> grade are eligible to be campers, while older students are encouraged to volunteer as helpers. This years theme is *God's Living Water - Covered in Jesus' Grace*. Registration forms are available in the office, on the Narthex table, or online at our Facebook page.

**A RUMMAGE SALE** is being hosted by Dorcas Circle and will be held in the Parish Hall on **Saturday, July 15<sup>th</sup>**. Items may be dropped off in the Parish Hall beginning on Sunday July 9<sup>th</sup>.

**VOTERS MEETING** — The 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter Voters Meeting is scheduled to be held on Sunday, **July 23<sup>rd</sup>** immediately following church service.

**OFFICE MAILBOXES** Many of our church office mailboxes are getting full, if you or your group has a mailbox, please check it and clear it out. Thank you.

**SAVE YOUR UNUSED EYEGLASSES**— Located in the Narthex is a donation box to collect unused eyeglasses for the Lions Club. It is not necessary for the glasses to be in good condition. Any questions may be directed to Linda Snyder.

**PRE K 3, PRE K 4, AND KINDER** will be currently registering for the 2023-2024 school year. Please **spread the word**. Contact Veronica Zapata at the CEC 361-584-2033, or any school board member for more information.

**SUMMER ART & MUSIC 2023:** Save the date!!! It is scheduled for Monday, **August 7<sup>th</sup>** through Thursday, **August 10<sup>th</sup>** from 9-11 am. More information to be announced soon.



**Michael & Karen Kastner** 2000 Old May Court, College Station, Texas 77845



( *The name in italic is the person requesting prayers for the individual.*  )

### **NON MEMBERS**

Lauren Bowman - *Nadine Christiansen*  
Milton Dawson - *Carolyn Faske*  
Sandra Dawson - *Carolyn Faske*  
Heather Deviney - *Marilyn Moerbe*  
JoAnn Douglas - *Pastor Ulmer*  
Gary Doyle - *Carolyn Faske*  
Dick Dudley - *Carolyn Faske*  
J J Falcon - *Carolyn Faske*  
Rosie Cantu Ferek -*Marlett Bahn*  
Eddy Frost - *Tessie Rudel*  
Blake Gibson - *Carolyn Faske*  
Don Holly - *Gloria Holly*  
Kelly Ince - *Kathy Lowman*  
Devan Kinnear - *LaDonna Bishop*  
Evelyn Loewe - *Carolyn Faske*  
Pam Lukenbach - *Kathy Lowman*  
Michael Lyons - *Kathy Lowman*  
Evelyn Mann - *Carolyn Faske*  
Mia Mayberry - *Carmen Kraatz*  
Patricia McDaniel - *JoAnn Denkeler*  
Pauline Moerbe Williams - *Kathy Lowman*  
Christopher Molano - *Marilyn Moerbe*  
Taylor Molano - *Marilyn Moerbe*  
Mary Pack - *Pastor Ulmer*  
Lane Rex - *George Faske*  
Melinda Nanney Rodiek - *JoAnn Denkeler*  
Kendra Schroeder - *Judy Felder*  
Shane Small - *Bobbie Moreno*  
Nancy Smith - *Marilyn Moerbe*  
Donna Speck - *Natalie Wade*  
Michael Spieglehaur - *JoAnn Denkeler*  
Holden Weaver - *Kendall Huey*

### **MEMBERS**

Buddy Jones - *Pastor Ulmer*  
Nancy Kieschnick - *Pastor Ulmer*  
Sweetie McNair - *Carolyn Faske*  
Ruth Ann Smith - *Amy Garcia*

### **FRIENDS & FAMILY**

Ernest Bolland

**As we pray for the sick, if you recognize a friend or relative whose name can be removed from our prayer list because they've received the blessing of improved health, please inform the office secretary. Names will remain on the list until a request is made for removal.**

## + Christian Symbols +



### EYE OF GOD

This symbol represents our “all-seeing” God, who is present everywhere and is always watching over us. (“The eyes of the Lord are in every place,” Proverbs 15:3, NRSV.) The eye is inside an equilateral triangle, which is associated with the Holy Trinity.

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### DOLPHIN

Because dolphins often swim alongside ships, they've been used to symbolize Christ's presence, guiding people through earthly life and into eternal life. Although they're mammals, dolphins have been depicted as the fish that swallowed Jonah. Jesus compared his three days inside the tomb to Jonah's three days inside the fish, so dolphins also came to symbolize resurrection.



Happy Fathers Day, June 18<sup>th</sup>



Happy July 4th

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2023

St. Paul Lutheran,  
Bishop

Prek4-5th Grade



Register online or pick  
up a registration form  
at the church office!



June 26th-June 30th  
9:00-11:30

# June 2023

## ACOLYTES

*(Jr. High youth will acolyte when they are available.)*

## ALTAR FLOWERS

4<sup>th</sup> - M/M Edward Jungmann

11<sup>th</sup> -M/M Greg Bade

✿ 18<sup>th</sup> - OPEN

✿ 25<sup>th</sup> - OPEN

✿ If you would like to place flowers on the altar on an "OPEN" Sunday, please sign the Flower Chart in the Narthex or call the office and inform the secretary.

## COMMUNION WARE HELPERS

Deannie Jones

## VISIT THE SICK

Nadine Christianson (592-3280)

## REMEMBER OUR SICK AND SHUT-INS

. . . in your thoughts and prayers, and with acts of love and kindness.

### ***Our Sick and Shut-In:***

Ida Cude- at home

Nancy Kieschnick - at home

Virgil Kieschnick - Brookdale Senior Living, 6410 Meadowvista #403, Corpus Christi, Tx. 78414

Frances Melde

### ***Our Military Members:***

Johnathan Bishop, Mollie Christiansen, Terrell Felder, Gabriella Kupke, David Lyons, C. R. Michalk, Sandranell Moerbe, Jason Roe, Justin Zoch



## THE LUTHERAN HOUR

*June messages will be delivered by Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler .*

June 4 "IT'S ALL GOOD-EVEN WHEN IT'S NOT"  
The key to growing closer to others is by growing closer to God. (Genesis 1)

June 11 "STRENGTH OUT OF WEAKNESS"  
The human 'heroes' of the Bible are normal people, deeply flawed and dearly loved by the God Who made them. (Judges 6:14-16)

June 18 "JUST AROUND THE CORNER"  
Dr. Michael Zeigler discovers a place where God's love is being poured, just around the corner. (Romans 5:1-11)

June 25 "TERAS, FIRES, AND A SONG"  
*Guest speaker Rev. Dr. Dean Nadasdy* Despite their tears, prophetic Christians are on fire with the Word of God and always have a song to sing. We embody both the deep sadness and the unrelenting commitment of the God we serve, and we never lack a reason for praise. (Jeremiah 20:78-13)

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6:00 a.m. – AM Radio Station 1200 WOAI (San Antonio)

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~~~~~ *Happy Birthday!* ~~~~~

## JUNE

3 - Janna Thornberry  
4 - Royce Felder  
5 - Bodie Harlan  
9 - Zackary Lowman  
10 - Julie Kieschnick  
12 - Jared Garcia  
13 - Codi Melde  
13 - Misty Slovacek  
15 - Glenn Scholz  
16 - Caleb Felder  
17 - Pattie Helmick  
18 - Nancy Mejjorado  
18 - Sharon Zieschang  
20 - Linda Snyder  
25 - Marilyn Moerbe  
30 - Steve Robison



~~~~~ *Happy Anniversary!* ~~~~~

## JUNE

1, 1968 - Mr. & Mrs. Edward Jungmann  
9, 1979 - Mr. & Mrs. Larry McNair  
10, 2005 - Mr. & Mrs. Everett Golden  
11, 1988 - Mr. & Mrs. Greg Bade  
14, 1998 - Mr. & Mrs. Larry Lawrence  
14, 1974 - Mr. & Mrs. Donny McNair  
21, 1980 - Mr. & Mrs. John Thornberry  
22, 2013 - Mr. & Mrs. Jerrett Helmick



# July 2023

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- ✿ 2<sup>nd</sup> - OPEN
- 9<sup>th</sup> - M/M Mike Filla
- 16<sup>th</sup> - M/M Bill Christiansen
- ✿ 23<sup>rd</sup> - OPEN
- 30<sup>th</sup> - Ed & Jane Jungmann

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July 2 — (Not Available)

July 9 — (NA)

July 16 — (NA)

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## JULY

- 1 - Todd Berndt
- 1 - Jordan Rudel
- 5 - Mina Denkeler
- 7 - John William Fedorko III
- 8 - Tom Theis
- 9 - Matthew Rudel
- 10 - Tanner Smith
- 13 - Virgil Kieschnick
- 22 - Mickey Bonin
- 22 - Jaden Le
- 26 - Jace Garcia
- 28 - Hunter Slovacek
- 28 - Erin Patchell
- 29 - Natalie Wade
- 30 - Ida Cude
- 31 - Johnny Smith
- 31 - Amy Thornberry



~ ~ ~ Happy Anniversary! ~ ~ ~

## JULY

- 12, 2008 - Mr. & Mrs. Austin McCoy
- 13, 1973 - Mr. & Mrs. Bill Christiansen
- 14, 2007 - Mr. & Mrs. Mike Filla
- 16, 1978 - Mr. & Mrs. Michael Moerbe
- 25, 2009 - Mr. & Mrs. Hayden Bade

