



# St. Paul WITNESS

“Turning Hearts to Christ Through Love”

The monthly newsletter of:  
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❖ **OCTOBER 2023** ❖

*Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Hebrews 13:8*

*Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;*

*Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;*

*Change and decay in all around I see;*

*O Thou who changest not, abide with me.*

*Abide with Me, Lutheran Service Book 878 stanza 4*

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Dear Fellow Redeemed:

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Master Jesus Christ, who was and who is and who is to come. Amen.

This is how I begin official letters from Mt. Olive Lutheran Church. I didn't come up with this. In fact, I acquired it creatively from the now sainted Rev. Dr. Herbert Mueller, the president of the Southern Illinois District at the time. I always liked these words. Here lately, these words have come to mean a lot. They tell of our Lord Jesus Christ who has redeemed us with His blood. They tell that He is indeed our Master. These words tell that He does not change from age to age. They tell us of His appearing in glory on the Last Day.

My high school days were in the 1970s – I graduated in 1978. I remember the advent of disco music. Yes, I even had a leisure suit! From my college days, I also remember the popularity wave of country music and the large dance halls patterned after Gilley's in Houston. Yes, I had Tony Llama boots, too, but no big hat. I recall a lot of tragedies, too: the explosion of the space shuttle Challenger, Operation Desert Shield and Storm (I was a participant), September 11, 2001, the crash of the space shuttle Columbia, events.

In the 1990s, I recall Desert Storm. I met my wife. Two of my children were born. I was ordained into the office of the Holy Ministry. There are lots of changes in life over the past 60+ years. I'm sure many of you remember a lot more changes and experiences. What has not changed is this. Our Lord Jesus Christ is true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and true Man, born of the Virgin Mary. He is our Lord, the one who has redeemed us, purchased and won us from all sin, from death, and from the power of the devil with His holy, precious blood and His innocent suffering and death. On the third day, He rose from the dead and today His tomb remains empty. He ascended into heaven where He rules over all things. On the Last Day He will come in glory and bring to all those who believe in Him resurrection life. None of this has changed since day Jesus ascended into heaven.

Thus, the promise of your Baptism remains just as true today as it did on the day it happened. The word of forgiveness pronounced in the Divine Service, as it enters your ear holes, gives to you what it says it gives: forgiveness by the authority of Christ. When you come to the Lord's table, you receive the true body and blood of your Lord Jesus Christ, just as He promised.

Lots of changes. Things in this world break. People in this world die. In the past eight years, I've been saddened by the death of my father and my brother. Yet, I praise God for our Lord Jesus who does not change. Thus, the promise of their baptism gives me hope of their own resurrection.

Though the church faces many challenges, though our individual congregations face many challenges, our Lord does not change. His ways are not our ways, and what we desire may not be what He had planned. Still, we trust our Lord Jesus, for He is our peace (Ephesians 2:14).

In Christ,  
Pastor Kevin Jennings

# DORCAS CIRCLE REPORT

The Dorcas Circle met for its monthly meeting at 3:30 PM on Wednesday, September 6, 2023, in the Parish Hall. The meeting was called to order by President Allison Ulmer. Judy Felder stated that she would present the topic at the close of the meeting. Roll call showed 7 members present; 3 absent. Minutes from the August meeting were read, and then approved as corrected. The treasurer's report was given and approved as presented. There were no communications.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** **Kitchen**—No report; **Flower Chart**— September is filled; **Visit the Sick**—LWML in September; Dorcas in October (Allison). .

## OLD / NEW BUSINESS:

A robe was ordered for Pastor and will be a farewell gift to him from the Dorcas Circle and the LWML. It will be arriving after the September 10<sup>th</sup> farewell for the Ulmer's, so we will need to send it to him after we receive it.

Since she is leaving, Allison inquired about removing her name from our Dorcas Circle membership. It was decided by all that we would do so at our next meeting.

Allison read the invitation for the October 1<sup>st</sup> LWML Fall Zone Rally/Event at Messiah Lutheran-Calallen. They are planning a "Christmas in October". The program features Leann Kaiser from St. Paul - Edna who will speak and instruct everyone on Chrismon making. Attendees will be provided a kit to make a Chrismon. Registration begins at 2:00 PM and meeting at 2:30 PM. RSVP by September 24<sup>th</sup> to Sharon Schrader by text to 361-726-0555, or email [sharschdr@hotmail.com](mailto:sharschdr@hotmail.com) So materials are ready. Ingathering items will benefit the patients/children of Driscoll Children's Hospital. All items must be: new, in their original packaging, unwrapped, latex free, no weapon - like toys, no political or religious messages. A copy of the invitation can be found in this Newsletter which includes a list of all items needed for the ingathering.

Allison reminded everyone about the upcoming Texas District Retreat, "Wonderful World." The event in South Texas will take place at the Spiritual Retreat Center in Victoria on October 20-21.

A motion was made and seconded that we provide the altar flowers on LWML Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup> and split the cost with the LWML; motion passed.

The Dorcas Circle presented Allison with a farewell gift. Judy gave a farewell meditation titled, "When It's Time to Say Goodbye", and closed with a prayer.

After the meeting, we all went to DQ for ice cream.

Our next meeting is scheduled for 10:00 AM on Tuesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, in the Conference Room. Dorcas Circle invites all ladies of the congregation to attend our meetings at any time. We would be delighted to welcome you as a guest or a new member.

*—Jane Jungmann, Secretary*

**LWML**

Did not meet in September.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**USHER LIST** a new usher list has been posted next to the flower chart, please consider signing up for a Sunday. Your help is greatly appreciated.

**BOARD OF ELDER'S** Ed Jungmann has volunteered to complete Mike Kastner's term on the Board of Elder's effective immediately and ending on December 31, 2023.

**BOARD OF EDUCATION** Kendall Huey has resigned from the Board of Education. Bobbye Moreno will assume her term ending July 31, 2025. The Board President is Marilyn Moerbe, Secretary is Bobby Moreno, and member Brianna Hellmann.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT** Assuming in place of Allison Umer is Carolyn Faske. Sunday school teachers will be Natalie Wade, Kirryn Wade, Amy Garcia, and Katie Faske.

**BOARD OF EDUCATION** The school board is announcing the closure of the CEC effective August 30, 2023. If you have any questions or concerns please address them to any member of the Board of Education.

**THE FAMILY OF ELEANOR PFLUGER** would like to express their sincere thanks to the congregation for their prayers, cards, gifts of food, and words of comfort. The love and support you showed us during our loss means so much.

**NATIONAL NIGHT OUT** sponsored by the Bishop Police Dept. will take place at the Bishop City Park, Tuesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> from 6-9 pm.

**SAVE THE DATE!** St. Paul Lutheran Kingsville's Harvest Home 2023 will be held on **Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>** at 12 noon, Dick Kleberg Park in Kingsville Texas.

**MISSIONS** The congregation has met its 2023 District and Synod Mission Support goal. Offerings on the second Sundays of October, November, and December will go into the Home Budget unless the giver designates otherwise. Members who wish to contribute more financial support to the work of the LCMS and the Texas District should designate "Missions" on their offering checks or envelopes.

**COLLECTING ALUMINUM PULL TABS** Please save the aluminum pulls tabs and bring them to the collection container located in the Church Narthex. They will be donated to the Ronald McDonald House. If you have any questions please contact Carolyn Faske.

**USED PAPERBACK BOOKS NEEDED** Linda Snyder is collecting used paperback books for Christus Spohn Kleberg Hospital. The books are sold by volunteers and the funds raised are used for nursing scholarships. You may leave any donated books in the office or give them directly to Linda.

**BISHOP COMMUNITY FALL FEST** The Fall Fest will be held Tuesday, October 31, from 6:00 – 8:30 pm for the Bishop Community. It includes free food, door prizes, and activities and is hosted by area churches and organizations. St. Paul will have a spinning wheel game again along with pickles. There are several ways to help: 1) donate a bag of Halloween candy; 2) prepping for our booth and working on the night of the event; 3) donate a door prize (footballs, basketballs, games, toys, etc.). There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex along with a box for donations. If you have any questions, please contact Judy Felder (361-877-1443).

**THRIVENT ACTION TEAM** – If you are a Thrivent member you may apply to lead a Thrivent Action Team/Project. Think about an unmet need in your community including but not limited to our church, then decide how you could help. Apply at [www.thrivent.com](http://www.thrivent.com) and go to Action Teams then follow the steps to lead your volunteer team in a one-time fundraiser, service activity, or educational event. Once your project is approved, you'll receive a Thrivent Action Kit with a \$250 Community Impact Card you can use to get your project off the ground. Members may lead 2 projects a year.

# PRAYER list...

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

## NON MEMBERS

Lauren Bowman - *Nadine Christiansen*  
Jim Bryant - *Marlett Bahn*  
Milton Dawson - *Carolyn Faske*  
Sandra Dawson - *Carolyn Faske*  
JoAnn Douglas - *Pastor Ulmer*  
Gary Doyle - *Carolyn Faske*  
Dick Dudley - *Carolyn Faske*  
Rosie Cantu Ferek - *Marlett Bahn*  
Eddy Frost - *Tessie Rudel*  
Blake Gibson - *Carolyn Faske*  
Pam Charles Hamm - *Kathy Lowman*  
Aaron 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*  
Monica Mann - *Nadine Christiansen*  
Mia Mayberry - *Carmen Kraatz*  
Patricia McDaniel - *JoAnn Denkeler*  
Victor Michalk - *Deanie Jones*  
Mikayla Moerbe - *Sally Moerbe*  
Christopher Molano - *Marilyn Moerbe*  
Taylor Molano - *Marilyn Moerbe*  
Michelle Moseley - *Ed Jungmann*  
Mary Pack - *Pastor Ulmer*  
Lane Rex - *George Faske*  
Melinda Nanney Rodiek - *JoAnn Denkeler*  
Kendra Schroeder - *Judy Felder*  
Shane Small - *Bobbye Moreno*  
Donna Speck - *Natalie Wade*  
Michael Spieglehaur - *JoAnn Denkeler*  
Ethan Startz - *Marlett Bahn*  
Holden Weaver - *Kendall Huey*  
Hunter Wells - *Marlett Bahn*

## MEMBERS

LaDonna Bishop - *Rogers Zoch*  
Buddy Jones - *Pastor Ulmer*  
Nancy Kieschnick - *Pastor Ulmer*  
Virgil Kieschnick - *Pastor Ulmer*  
Sweetie McNair - *Carolyn Faske*  
Ruth Ann Smith - *Amy Garcia*

## FRIENDS & FAMILY

Eleanor Pfluger

**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 +

### **Water**

Water flows through the Scriptures: the Flood, the Red Sea crossing, water springing from a rock to nourish Israelites in the wilderness, the healing of Naaman's leprosy when he washed in the Jordan River, John baptizing Jesus and, chiefly, our baptism into Christ. The water of baptism symbolizes cleansing from sin, the quenching of our spiritual thirst and God raising us from death (drowning in sin) to life everlasting. Just as we cannot live without physical water, neither can we truly live without the living water Jesus gives (see John 4:13-14).



## **CHRISTMAS IN OCTOBER**

Coastal Bend Zone LWML Fall Event

October 1, 2023

Messiah Lutheran Church

4102 Trinity River Dr.

Corpus Christi, TX 78410

*Based on Psalm 24: 7-10 Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. Who is the King of glory? The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle! Lift up your heads, O gates; and lift them up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. Who is this King of Glory? The Lord of hosts, he is the King of Glory.*

Program featuring Leann Kaiser, St. Paul Lutheran Church, Edna,  
who will speak and instruct us on Chrismon making.

Everyone will be provided a kit to make a Chrismon.

Registration begins at 2 pm - Opening at 2:30 pm Please RSVP by Sept. 24 so materials are ready.

Also RSVP by Sept. 24 if you need childcare to:

Sharon Schrader @sharschdr@hotmail.com or text to 361-726-0555

Ingathering items to benefit the patients/children of Driscoll Children's hospital.

All items must be new in their original packaging, unwrapped and from a smoke-free environment.

No weapon like toy, no political or religious message and latex free.

Items most needed: baby rattles or small stuffed animals, toys for toddlers 1-3 - handheld toys, light-up musical toys (vetch, Leapfrog, etc.) Games for pre-teens and teens are also in need during the holiday season. Playing card, Uno, Skip-bo, etc. Cell phone accessories like portable chargers and popsockets. Puzzle books (crossword, sudoku, word find). Gift cards \$10 - \$15 (Amazon, Walmart, Academy, etc.) Write value on card

### **NEW ADDRESS**

**Sandranell Moerbe:** 22488 Old Rolling Road, California, MD. 20619----Effective 10/4/2023

**The Ulmer's :** 10655 N 550W, Decatur, IN 46733

# October 2023

## ACOLYTES

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

## ALTAR FLOWERS

- 1<sup>st</sup> - Dorcas Circle & LWML
- ✿ 8<sup>th</sup> - OPEN
- 15<sup>th</sup> - Cliett & Kathy Lowman
- 22<sup>nd</sup> - Gloria Holly
- ✿ 29<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

Marlett Bahn Jane Jungmann

## VISIT THE SICK

Dorcas Circle

Please call if you know of a member who is ill and needs a visit.

## 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

October 1 . . . . . *Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Dean Nanasy*  
"THE WAY THROUGH THE MAZE" —When life becomes a bewildering maze, Jesus is our way through and our way out.

(Psalm 25:4-5)

October 8 . . . . . *Guest Speaker: Pastor Keith Haberstock*  
"WHATEVER AND WHEREVER. THANK YOU, LORD "

—"The Lord is my Shepherd..." That's how the 23rd Psalm begins. It goes on to describe the ways in which our Good Shepherd leads, comforts, and protects the sheep of His flock. Every line gives us a reason to be thankful. (Psalm 23)

October 15 . . . . . *Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler*

"HELP THE WORLD REJOICE" —A musical about a choir of nuns led by a lounge singer provides the setting for Dr. Michael Zeigler's message, based on Psalm 80.(Psalm 80)

October 22 . . . . . *Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler*

"MATCHING PACE" —Hear about the Savior Who walks beside us, at our pace, and teaches us to walk with others.

(Psalm 96:13)

October 29 . . . . . *Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler*

"TBD"

The Lutheran Hour may be heard every Sunday at:

6:00 am – AM Radio Station 1200 WOAI (San Antonio)

The Lutheran Hour is available online 24 hours every day at:

[www.lutheranhour.org](http://www.lutheranhour.org)

## ~ BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES ~

### OCTOBER

- 2 - Breanna Kieschnick
- 5 - Wesson Powers
- 7 - Morris Michalk
- 13 - Lana Denkeler
- 13 - Ryan Kieschnick
- 15, 1980 - M/M Elmo Kieschnick. Jr
- 16 - Dylan Griffith
- 16 - Zophia Lowman
- 16 - David Richter
- 17 - Jo Ann Denkeler
- 19 - Lindell Moerbe
- 19, 1991 - M/M Ryan Kieschnick
- 20 - Kahlán Denkeler
- 23 - Emilee Gaulding
- 23 - Johnathan Rudel, Sr.
- 27 - Tommy Smith
- 28 - Lisa McNair
- 28 - Summer Slovacek
- 31 - Kathie Capeheart

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