



# St. Paul WITNESS “Turning Hearts to Christ Through Love”

The monthly newsletter of:  
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❖ **MAY 2025** ❖

## PRAYER LIST

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

### NON MEMBERS

Charlotte Allen - *Carolyn Faske*  
Melissa Crozier - *Susan Moerbe*  
Gary Doyle - *Carolyn Faske*  
Dick Dudley - *Carolyn Faske*  
Larry Felder - *Royce Felder*  
Eddy Frost - *Tessie Rudel*  
Jim Gerdes - *Royce Felder*  
Blake Gibson - *Carolyn Faske*  
Rene Goehring - *Carolyn Faske*  
Emma Gonzalez - *JoAnn Denkeler*  
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*  
Patricia McDaniel - *JoAnn Denkeler*  
Leigh Anne Prukop - *Carmen Bahn- Krattz*  
Scott Reeves - *Carolyn Faske*  
Lane Rex - *George Faske*  
Shane Small - *Bobbye Moreno*  
Donna Speck - *Natalie Wade*  
Molly Schrader Trevinio - *Carolyn Faske*  
Holden Weaver - *Kendall Huey*  
Nancy Wolters - *Natalie Wade*

### MEMBERS

LaDonna Bishop - *Rogers Zoch*  
Jack Harlan - *Susan Moerbe*  
Nancy Kieschnick - *Pastor Ulmer*  
Virgil Kieschnick - *Pastor Ulmer*  
Ruth Ann Smith - *Amy Garcia*  
Thomas Joe Smith - *Amy Garcia*

### FRIENDS & FAMILY

Dick Amo

**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.**

## LWML & DORCAS CIRCLE MINUTES FOR APRIL 2025

The LWML of St. Paul Lutheran Church- Bishop and the Dorcas Circle, met for a joint monthly meeting April 9, 2025, at 2:00pm in the Conference/ Chapel Room. All members present, were welcomed. The birthday song was sung to Carolyn Faske -(4/15) and Kathy Lowman (4/22). A birthday card was passed around and signed for Terrell Felder (4/22) and will be sent to him, as a military member of our congregation. The devotion topic was "Love's Atoning Sacrifice" presented by Susan, Marlett and Michelle. The roll call indicated four (4) members present from LWML and six (6) members from Dorcas. March 5, 2025, minutes were read by Jane & approved, as read. The Treasurer's Report for LWML, showed a balance of \$963.41, Dorcas, a balance \$1,625.08.

Communications –LWML- Prayer request of the People (MD Anderson Chaplaincy Fundraiser)

### **Committee Reports:**

*Visit the sick-* Kathy visited Ruth Ann Smith. *Kitchen-* A date was set, April 16- Wednesday, at 9 am., to clean the kitchen before the Easter breakfast. All members were encouraged to get involved. *Flower Chart-* Flowers on the altar will be placed May 4 th by LWML/Dorcas. *National Mission Goal-* \$2,350,000, Mites received as of 1/31/2025-\$2,448,302.30. Overage \$98,302.30. Grant 29- St. Paul's Lutheran School, Cullman, Alabama-\$50,000. *Texas District Mite Goal-* \$403,000. Mites received. Collections as of February 2025, \$174,162.74.

### **Unfinished Business-**

*Zone Retreat-* Carolyn reported on this event held March 7 at the Spiritual Renewal Center, Victoria. "Stronger than Fiction: Sharing Faith in Story" was the theme and guest speaker was Sarah Baughman, historical fiction writer and deaconess. Forty-four (44) women attended. *Spring Zone Event-* Bishop LWML; Dorcas will host this on May 4, 2025. Registration will begin at 2 pm. The speakers will be Steve (Asst. Branch Manager) and Holly (Volunteer Coordinator) Harris from the Houston Branch of Orphan Grain Train. Ingathering will be men, women & children's underwear and socks. Items must be new and in original packaging. Gift cards & cash will also be accepted. Provided will be name tags, light refreshments, table set up & decorations, favors, and a box for ingathering. A sign-up sheet is available. *Name change-* LWML is no longer used. New name is "Lutheran Women In Mission."

### **New business:**

1. Easter cross decoration will be on April 19, 2025, at 2pm. Carolyn is getting the flowers needed. Motion passed to reimburse Carolyn for her expenses. Using artificial verses live flowers was discussed.
2. Altar flowers- spring flowers for Easter. Bring April 19 at 2pm.
3. Easter breakfast- a sign-up sheet is available with the event to be April 20. No Easter egg hunt and treat bags will be taken care of by Carolyn.
4. Church BBQ- to be held May 2. A sign-up sheet is available to get involved. Thrivent grants are being sought by Marilyn, JoAnn & Carolyn. Kitchen help is needed on Wednesday April 30 at 9:00am, Thursday and Friday.
5. Sewing machine- Machine is now in stock and is available. Carolyn will purchase.
6. Filler for quilts is okay for now. The issue is sheets. Carolyn stated that some had been purchased.
7. Pregnancy Center of Coastal Bend- LWML decided not to donate to this fundraiser.
8. Thrivent Grant applications for quilt batting is being applied for by Nadine and she will order this to be on hand when needed. Kathy will get a grant for sheets. A note of donations of sheets is to be put in the bulletin and newsletter.
9. Ronald McDonald House- It was a consensus to do activities and snack bags for the summer.
10. Kitchen clean-up is scheduled for April 16, at 9 am.
11. The property board will be notified of the rodent issues and concerns in the kitchen area.
12. A motion was made by Marilyn and seconded by Michelle to merge the LWML and Dorcas Circle into one group. Motion passed.
  - a. New name of group- several suggestions available for discussion. No action was taken.
  - b. By-laws & Standing Rules- will need to be written.

c. Election of officers: A slate of officers was discussed. JoAnn made a motion to accept the slate presented. Seconded by Marilyn. Motion passed.

President- Kathy Lowman

Vice-President- Carolyn Faske

Secretary- Jane Jungmann

Treasurer- JoAnn Denkeler

13. Donations- LWML- Food Banks at two seminaries \$140 each year; LWR \$100 & \$50 to zone transportation instead of kits; ½ cost of supplies for quilts, altar flowers, gifts to pastors, memorials- LWML Mites. Dorcas Circle contributes to Lutherans for Life, Brush Country Pregnancy Center, and Memorials to church memorial fund. A motion passed to give \$50 to the church Memorial Fund at the death of a member of the congregation.

**Dates to Remember:**

LWML Convention, Omaha, Nebraska, June 26-29, 2025

LWML Texas District Retreat, St. Paul, Waco, Oct.11, 2025

LWML Texas District convention, Austin, TX, June 11-13, 2026

LWML Convention, Tulsa, OK, July 2027- Hosting- Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, Texas

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

Respectfully submitted,

Marlett Bahn

LWML Secretary



**May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**REMINDER TO ALL MEMBERS- YOUR HELP IS NEEDED FOR THE MAY 2<sup>ND</sup> BBQ FUNDRAISER TO BE A SUCCESS. A FOOD HANDLER'S PERMIT IS REQUIRED.. All permits that were left in the kitchen after the previous fundraiser have expired.**

**OUR QUILTING LADIES** really need flat sheets for making quilts, please check your closets and consider donating any extras to them.

**KITCHEN CLEAN OUT** items have been cleared from the kitchen and available to anyone that would like them. They are located on the tables on the east side of the Parish Hall. What is not picked up, will go into our annual rummage sale.



*Spring has sprung and it's time for the*

### **Lutheran Women in Mission Coastal Bend Zone Spring Event**

*Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup>*

*St. Paul Lutheran Church - Parish Hall*

*801 E. Main St. - Bishop*

*Hosted by: LWML & Dorcas Circle*

2:00 pm - Registration (no fee)

2:30 pm - Opening Devotion

Program: Orphan Grain Train-Houston  
Meeting

Light refreshments after the meeting

**The Program:** is based on John 14:18, *"I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you."* Presenting the program - Orphan Grain Train-Houston (OGT-H) - will be Holly Harris, Volunteer Coordinator, and her husband Steve Harris, Assistant Branch Manager. The various donations they gather include personal items, supplies, and other aid, and also share Christian literature, to meet real needs in the Houston area and around the world. OGT-H was blest to receive a mission grant at the 2024 LWML Convention.

**Ingathering Items** - for distribution by OGT-H:

*~ NEW and in the original package ~*

**underwear and socks for men, women, and children.**

**Will also accept cash and gift cards to stores where socks and underwear can be purchased.**

*We hope you will join us!*

FYI — No RSVP required • No child care available



## Congratulations 2025 High School Graduate!!!

**Jace Garcia**, will be graduating from Bishop High School on May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025. May God be with you as you begin a new chapter in life, and may He fill your life with His many wonderful blessings, and grant success in all your future endeavors. Jace plans to attend Texas A&M Corpus Christi, Texas .



+ Christian Symbols +



**ALPHA MU OMEGA** — The Greek letters that begin the words yesterday, today and forever remind us of Jesus' constant presence with us personally and his eternal nature that transcends time as we know it. "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever" (Hebrews 13:8, NIV). Dozens of psalms and other Bible passages also proclaim that the Lord's "steadfast love endures forever" (for example, Psalm 100:5, NRSV). What reassurance when life seems tough and fleeting!

# May 2025

## ACOLYTES

Jr. High youth will acolyte when they are available.

## ALTAR FLOWERS

- ✿ 4<sup>th</sup> - LWML/ Dorcas
- 11<sup>th</sup> - Jack Harlan
- 18<sup>th</sup> - OPEN
- 25<sup>th</sup> - OPEN

✿ If you would like to place flowers for 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

Kathy Lowman

## VISIT THE SICK

LWML

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

## REMEMBER THESE MEMBERS

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

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

Ida Cude- The Villa, 2822 Robby #B3B, Corpus Christi, Tx 78410

Nancy Kieschnick - at home

Virgil Kieschnick - Brookdale Senior Living, 6410 Meadowvista #806, Corpus Christi, Tx. 78414

Frances Melde - Georgetown Senior Living and Memory care, 2700 Shell Road #6, Georgetown, Texas 78628

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

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

**GOD  
HEARS  
YOUR  
PRAYERS**

## THE LUTHERAN HOUR

*This month's messages will be delivered by Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler, Lutheran Hour Speaker, unless noted otherwise.*

**May 4** *Guest Speaker Rev. Dr. Daniel Pivoda*  
"AN OLD PLACE, A NEW BEGINNING" — God is the Searcher Who will not stop looking for us. In our lonely hiding place, He says, "I knew I would find you here."  
John 21:1-19

**May 11**  
"HOW TO BE HAPPY " —Lasting happiness is found in surrender, rather than control.  
John 15:11

**May 18**  
"TRUTH THAT TAKES US IN" —Jesus is the Truth Who will take you in to live like He lives, planted in God His Father's love.  
John 15:9

**May 25** *Guest Speaker Rev. Dr. Gregory Manning*  
"WHAT'S YOUR STORY?"—Our difficulties often become the backdrop against which God reveals His faithfulness. Each challenge is an opportunity for Him to display His power.  
John 9:1-11

**The Lutheran Hour may be heard every Sunday at:**  
6:00 a.m. – AM Radio Station - 1200 WOAI (San Antonio)

**The Lutheran Hour is online 24 hours every day, at:**

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



*Happy Birthday!*

### **MAY**

5 - Michael Bishop  
26 - Charlotte Huey  
27 - Tessie Rudel  
28 - Nicholas Lowman  
28 - Allen Moerbe

*Happy Anniversary!*

### **MAY**

2, 2000 - Mr. & Mrs. Mike Smith  
11, 2013 - Mr. & Mrs. Ryan Harlan  
26, 2001 - Mr. & Mrs. Dain Denkeler  
30, 2010 - Mr. & Mrs. Michael Westgate