



ST. PAUL WITNESS

"Turning Hearts to Christ Through Love"

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As my ministry comes to an end at St. John in Ellinwood, I can't think of a better word that summarizes the end of this ministry and the beginning of another.

The word "amen" is a most remarkable word. It was transliterated directly from the Hebrew into the Koine Greek of the New Testament, then into Latin and into English and many other languages, so that it is practically a universal word. It has been called the best-known word in human speech. The word is directly related in fact, almost identical to the Hebrew word for "believe" (aman), or "faithful." Thus, it came to mean "sure" or truly," an expression of absolute trust and confidence. When one believes God, he indicates his faith by an "amen." When God makes a promise, the believer's response is "amen" "so it will be!" In the New Testament, it is often translated "verily" or "truly." When we pray according to His Word and His will, we know God will answer, so we close with an "amen," and so also do we conclude a great hymn or anthem of praise and faith.

The word is even a title of Christ Himself. The last of His letters to the seven churches begins with a remarkable salutation by the glorified Lord: "These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God" (Revelation 3:14). We can be preeminently certain that His Word is always faithful and true, because He is none other than the Creator of all things, and thus He is our eternal "Amen." As this passage reminds us, every promise of God in Christ is "yea and amen," as strong an affirmation of truth as can be expressed in the Greek language.

It is, therefore, profoundly meaningful that the entire Bible closes with an "amen." "The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen" (Revelation 22:21), assuring everyone who reads these words that the whole Book is absolutely true and trustworthy. Amen!

I am profoundly thankful for the blessings of the past 8 ½ years and look forward to the new challenges that lay ahead in Texas.

Pastor Thierfelder

PRAYERS FOR HEALING

(*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*
Pam Lukenbach - *Kathy Lowman*
Michael Lyons - *Kathy Lowman*
Evelyn Mann - *Carolyn Faske*
Patricia McDaniel - *JoAnn Denkeler*
Scott Reeves - *Carolyn Faske*
Lane Rex - *George Faske*
Shane Small - *Bobbie Moreno*
Molly Schrader Trevino - *Carolyn Faske*
Holden Weaver - *Kendall Huey*

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

Evelyn Loewe

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.



WILLING HEARTS MONTHLY MINUTES

Willing Hearts of Paul Lutheran Church- Bishop, met in the Conference Room for a monthly meeting on June 4, 2025 , at 2:00 PM. President Kathy Lowman welcomed all members present, and called the meeting to order. Happy Birthday was sung to Marilyn Moerbe and Linda Snyder in honor of their June birthdays. Carolyn Faske gave the devotion, titled "Active Faith, and ended with a prayer.

ROLL CALL and MINUTES- The roll call showed nine (9) members present. Minutes from the May 7th meeting were read by Secretary Jane Jungmann, and approved as read.

TREASURER'S REPORT - JoAnn Denkeler reported on the consolidation of the LWML and Dorcas accounts. LWML funds were deposited into the Dorcas Circle checking account, and the LWML account was closed. She gave the combined May ending balance, for the now "Willing Hearts" checking account, and savings account. A detailed financial report is attached to the June minutes.

COMMUNICATIONS - A thank you note from the Texas District for the Thank-offering to the "Rev. Michael & Cindy Newman Mission Fund", and a thank you note from Coastal Bend Pregnancy Center for the monetary donation.

COMMITTEE REPORTS - *Visit the sick*- no report. *Kitchen*- a report of roach droppings on counter tops. *Flower Chart*- all remaining Sundays in June are open.

LWML NATIONAL MISSION GRANT REPORT - A new goal and list of recipients will be available after the Convention.

LWML TX DISTRICT MITE GOAL - same as last month.

Unfinished Business:

Convention Registration - A motion was made , and seconded, to use the remainder of the Dorothy Theis Memorial Fund to reimburse Carolyn Faske for her registration fee to the LWML Convention in Omaha, NE; motion passed.

Orphan Grain Train - Steve Harris will be in Kingsville on Saturday, June 14th . Cookie Johnsey is the person to contact if you have items to donate. Three or four members indicated they may have items to donate. A reminder was given that items must be in plastic bags.

Military Member Updates - C.R. Michalk is retired from the military. Johnathan Bishop is not deployed. Justin Zoch is in DE. Gabrielle Kupke is in the National Guard at Stevens Point, WI. Terrell Felder is in MD. Sandranell Moerbe will be going to the Pentagon. No change for: David Lyons, Mollie Christiansen,. Volunteers are needed to update the military bulletin board.

Organization Merge and Bylaws- Kathy emailed a Letter of Intent, to form a new group, to Terri Wenzel on May 5, 2025. The Charter Certificate will be presented to Carolyn Faske by the LWML Texas District President, Sally Krueger, at the LWML Convention in Omaha, NE. The proposed Bylaws were sent in an email attachment to the Willing Hearts members for their review and comments, before requesting approval from District. A motion was made to send the Bylaws as presented and amended to the District Structure Chairman for approval; motion was seconded, and motion passed.

The Standing Rules will be presented at a later date.

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New Business:

Ronald McDonald House - Following this meeting we will move to the Parish Hall to fill bags with snacks and toys to be taken to the Ronald McDonald House. Kathy volunteered to make the delivery.

Pastor's Visit - Pastor & Mrs. Thierfelder will visit Bishop and Kingsville June 16-18. He requested a joint visit with the congregation members of both churches on June 18th. St Paul-Bishop will host a 6:00 PM BBQ meal in the Parish Hall with our members providing the side dishes. Kingsville members will join us and provide the desserts; they have also offered to pay half of the meat. It was suggested we offer a variety of sides. A sign - up sheet for sides will be placed in the Narthex for our members to volunteer. We will need to arrange tables, chairs, decorate, and provide iced tea, lemonade, and water. Carolyn requested bud vases to use on the tables for flowers.

Other Business:

VBS - Carolyn is still attempting to offer VBS, July 7-11, if she can get the help needed in the classrooms. Still working out the details. She will apply for a Thrivent Grant for the snack food.

Thank You - Carolyn extended a thank you to Linda Gunter for the donation of flowers at the Spring Event.

FYI - Kathy relayed the following information she acquired while working with the merging of our group:

LWML- is our organization Lutheran Women in Mission- is what we do.

Close: The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer and the Doxology.

NOTE: July - no meeting. Service project - assist with VBS.

Jane Jungmann, Secretary

+ Christian Symbols +

ALTAR

This central furnishing in a Christian worship space is usually large, with a solid front that may be decorated with symbols or words. The flat surface, often covered with a cloth, is where the Communion elements are prepared and placed, reminding us of Jesus' sacrifice as the Lamb of God. In some churches, the altar looks more like a table, with open legwork. We remember that Jesus invites us into fellowship with God now and to the heavenly banquet for eternity. We place offerings on the altar to symbolize our sacrificial response to God's redeeming love.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

INSTALLATION CASH DONATIONS will be begin accepting cash donations to purchase gift cards to welcome the Thierfelder's to South Texas from the congregation. There will be a donation box available this Sunday, July 27th and the following Sunday, August 3rd . We can not accept checks or any electronic forms of donation for the gift cards.

A RUMMAGE SALE will be held on **September 20th** in the Parish Hall. Now is the time to begin sorting through items, and start collecting things you are ready to part with. Please do NOT bring any items to the Parish Hall before September 15th. All battery operated, electronic and electric items must be in good working condition. No junk items, please!!

60 QUILTS MADE WITH LOVE Wow, the quilting ladies have been busy!!! I was informed today that the number of quilts completed so far this year are 60. The quilters offer an invitation to anyone in the church with a desire to help out. This is also a perfect opportunity to hang out and visit as well with them . They meet every Tuesday in the blue classroom from 8AM - 11 AM.

WORD HAS BEEN RECEIVED of the passing of Yolanda Thierfelders father. Please keep Yolanda and the family in your prayers. You may send sympathy notes to 412 West 5th Street, Ellinwood, Kansas, 67526.

HAPPY 90TH BIRTHDAY Jean Wheeler will be celebrating her 90th Birthday on August 2nd from 12-10 PM. Alex Meixner on the accordion at 4PM and BBQ dinner at 6PM. North Texas Jellystone, Armadillo Hall, 2301 Burlson Blvd., Burlson, TX 76028. We would love to see you but understand with the distance. Mom's address is 2421 Branch Creek Road, Venus, Texas 76084 if you would like to send birthday wishes! Thank you and God Bless! - *Karen Weisman*



Sandranell Moerbe
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Arlington, VA 22204

August 2025

ELDER OF THE MONTH

Cody Huey

ALTAR FLOWERS

✿ 3rd - OPEN

✿ 10th - OPEN

✿ 17th - OPEN

24th - Gloria Holly

31st - M/M Cliett Lowman

✿ 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

JENNIFER FILLA

VISIT THE SICK

WILLING HEARTS

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- 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

Thomas Joe Smith 5857 Timbergate Drive #1318, Corpus Christi, Texas 78414 (Mirador)

Our Military Members:

Johnathan Bishop, Mollie Christiansen, Terrell Felder, Gabriella Kupke, David Lyons, Sandranell Moerbe, Justin Zoch

PRAY FOR OUR



MILITARY

THE LUTHERAN HOUR

August 3 Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Dale A. Meyer
"PROCLAIM HIS GLORY" Of course, we should search the Scriptures, but we search them for Jesus, the One to Whom the Scriptures point. (John 5:30-47)

August 10

Speaker Emeritus of The Lutheran Hour: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus
"WRITING HIM OFF"

After Jesus claimed the Old Testament was written about Him, the people of His hometown wrote Him off. (Luke 4:21-32)

August 17

Guest Speaker: Dr. Oswald Hoffmann
"THE STUTTERING MAN OF DESTINY " Archives
August--Dr. Oswald Hoffmann recounts the story of Moses.

August 24

Guest Speaker: Dr. Oswald Hoffmann
"GIDEON, THE FARMER GENERAL " Archives August--Dr. Oswald Hoffmann recounts the story of Gideon, an unlikely military leader.

August 30

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Dale A. Meyer
"LIFE NARROWS DOWN " "Life narrows down and crisis comes. There, in the narrow place stands Jesus." (John 1:6-8, 19-28)

The Lutheran Hour may be heard every Sunday at:

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

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

www.lutheranhour.org



~ ~ ~ *Happy Birthday!* ~ ~ ~

AUGUST

4 - Corey Collier

7 - Tem Miller

9 - Michael Moerbe

13 - Jack Harlan

13 - Peter Wanagel

27 - Cindy Felder

27 - Jean Wheeler

28 - Clyde Denkeler

~ ~ ~ *Happy Anniversary!* ~ ~ ~

AUGUST

16, 1969 - Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Smith

26, 1967 - Mr. & Mrs. Cliett Lowman, III

29, 1981 - Mr. & Mrs. Douglas Kieschnick

