



ST. PAUL WITNESS

"Turning Hearts to Christ Through Love"

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❖ **SEPTEMBER 2025** ❖



A Season of New Beginnings

Dear fellow members of St. Paul, September is always a month of transition. Summer is fading, cooler days are approaching, and the busyness of a new season begins. Children head back to school, teachers prepare their classrooms, and families return to familiar routines. It's a time when life feels both full and fresh with new opportunities.

As Christians, we see this not only as a change in the calendar, but also as a reminder of God's faithfulness in every season. The Apostle Paul writes, "Let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up" (Galatians 6:9). These words encourage us to keep moving forward in faith, even when schedules are busy and energy runs low.

The Lord is the one who strengthens us for every good work. Labor Day also reminds us of the dignity of work. Work is not a curse but a gift from God. Long before sin entered the world, God placed Adam in the garden to "work it and keep it." Our callings—whether as students, parents, teachers, workers, or retirees—are holy in God's sight, because through them He provides and cares for others. And yet, even as we work faithfully, we know our truest rest is found in Christ, who says: "Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28). That's why the rhythm of church life is so important, especially this time of year.

As we step back into school, work, and routines, we also return to the Lord's house. Worship, prayer, Bible study, and fellowship keep us grounded in the one thing needful—Jesus Christ, our Savior. Here, at His table and in His Word, He gives us the forgiveness, peace, and strength that we cannot find anywhere else. So as this September unfolds, let us embrace both our daily work and our life together in Christ. May God bless the efforts of teachers and students, parents and workers, volunteers and leaders. And may He grant each of us the joy of knowing that in every season, He is with us, guiding and sustaining us by His grace.

In His service,
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 - *Bobbye Moreno*
Phyllis Theis - *Kathy Lowman*
Molly Schrader Trevino - *Carolyn Faske*
Holden Weaver - *Kendall Huey*
Nettie Wolf - *Cindy Meier*

MEMBERS

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

FRIENDS & FAMILY

LaDonna Bishop

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

The Willing Hearts of St. Paul Lutheran Church-Bishop, met on Wednesday, August 6, 2025, at 2:00 PM. at the Dairy Queen for our monthly meeting. President Kathy Lowman welcomed the 7 members present, and called the meeting to order. The minutes of the previous June meeting were not read; there was no meeting in July.

TREASURER'S REPORT: JoAnn Denkeler reported on the checking account and savings account balances. A detailed financial report is attached to the minutes. She also stated we will no longer be receiving paper statements.

COMMUNICATIONS: Kathy stated we received the following items: information for LWML Sunday; a letter of request from Concordia Seminary to Adopt a Student; and information from Upbring.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Visit the Sick—no report. Kitchen—a report. Flower Chart—no report.

LWML NATIONAL MISSION GOAL: \$2,622,270; Mission Walk donations—\$105,590.73. There were 33 grants approved at the national convention.

LWML TX DISTRICT MITE GOAL: \$403,000. Mission Grant Goal—\$272,314 (includes the abundance of \$47,314 from 2022-2024). Mites received through June 25, 2025—\$228,711.43.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

LWML Convention — Carolyn Faske reported on the LWML Convention she attended in Omaha, NB. **Organizations Merge and Bylaws** — Kathy reported all paperwork is complete; the bylaws are in, and waiting on new charter.

NEW BUSINESS:

LWR — Collection for quilts and Personal Care Kits from this area is scheduled on Tuesday, November 4th at Trinity Our Savior-CC. Upon request from a member, the required list of items for one (1) Personal Care kit was provided (1 dark color bath towel, 1 soft adult toothbrush, 1 wide-tooth comb, 1 nail clipper with file, 2 bars bath soap.) The LWR collections will be delivered to St. John Lutheran-Marion, TX. There was a discussion to give a donation to the Zone for travel expenses; no definite decision was made. At our October meeting we will need to set a date for the blessing of LWR quilts and kits, and a date to box these items for shipping.

Zone Executive Board — Kathy reported a meeting was held on July 26th at St. Paul Kingsville. The Fall Event will be Sunday, October 5th at St. Paul-Kingsville. Ingathering items for the Purple Door of Kingsville will be listed with the invitation.

Nominating Committee — members are: Laura Lopez, Carolyn Faske, Beth Walker; they are seeking candidates for VP of Servant Resources (1), Treasurer (1), and Secretary (2).

Remembering 9/11 — Plans are to honor our local first responders with bagged cookie treats from the Willing Hearts group. Ten (10) members will each bake 3 dozen cookies. Marilyn Moerbe will get the bags and print the tags. We decided to move our next meeting to Wednesday, September 10th, and also bag the cookies for delivery on 9/11.

Pastor's Installation — Willing Hearts will provide the altar flowers. Colors will be red and white flowers. JoAnn will check with florist about using red gladiolas. Decided on a \$75 arrangement.

Funeral Luncheon — Willing Hearts members planned the menu for 40-50, and will provide the food to serve the family and friends of LaDonna Zoch Bishop on Saturday, August 9th.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Welcoming Committee — Volunteers will be needed to hand out our member name badges and collect them up at the end of service.

Meditation — Carolyn shared a meditation, and ended with a prayer.

CLOSE: The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer and the Doxology. --Jane Jungmann, Secretary

† With Sympathy †

We extend our Christian love and sympathy to the family and friends of LaDonna Zoch Bishop, who was welcomed into heaven on July 31st, 2025. Her service was held at Turcotte on August 9th. Please remember her family in your prayers.

+ Christian Symbols +

BURNING BUSH

In Exodus 3, God speaks to Moses from a bush that is burning but not consumed. When Moses asks what he should say if the Egyptians question who sent him to lead the Israelites out of slavery, God states, "I AM WHO I AM."

Centuries later, when people wonder who Jesus is, his answers hint at his divinity: "I AM the light of the world; I AM the good shepherd; I AM the bread of life" and, perhaps most profoundly, "Before Abraham was, I AM" (John 8:58). On Pentecost, God's Holy Spirit comes upon the apostles as fire. Thus the burning bush is a powerful symbol of God's presence echoed through time.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORKDAY MOVED TO SEPTEMBER 6TH, 8 AM - NOON — Mark your calendar and please come help!! This job list is what needs to be done before installation day, September 14th. Please bring the necessary tools with you to tackle these chores:

FLOWERBEDS— remove weeds, grass, etc., around Parish Hall and Church; edge flowerbeds if needed

SPRAY— weeds/grass along fence line, drive thru, around parking lot, playground, etc.

SIDEWALKS & RAMPS— repair hazardous cracks

BATHROOMS— remove long-leg spiders/webs (look up)

CEC— enclose East wall

TREES— remove any low hanging branches on property that are hazardous while lawn mowing

PARISH HALL— clean and tidy up kitchen; set up and arrange tables & chairs.

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!!

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Greetings in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

*Please share in our joy and celebration
at the*

SERVICE OF INSTALLATION

for

Rev. Thomas J. Thierfelder

on

Sunday, September 14, 2025

at

3:00 p.m.

in

St. Paul Lutheran Church

801 East Main Street

Bishop, Texas

*A reception honoring
Pastor Thomas and Yolanda Thierfelder
will be held in the Parish Hall
immediately following the service.*

*We look forward to having you join us for this special occasion
and extending a warm South Texas welcome to our new pastor
offering him words of support and encouragement
as he begins his ministry serving
both St. Paul Lutheran congregations.*

September 2025

ELDER OF THE MONTH

JAMES FASKE

ALTAR FLOWERS

7th - Glenn Scholtz

14th - Willing Hearts

21st - M/M Cliett Lowman

28th - Gloria Holly

✿ 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

SHIRLEY MICHALK - SALLY MOERBE

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 #1372, 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

September 7 (Numbers 14:19-20)
Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev Dr. Michael Zeigler
"DYING, WE LIVE" God's love finds His people in the wilderness, the place where God gives bread from heaven, water from a rock, and streams in the desert.

September 14 (Deuteronomy 1:31)
Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev Dr. Michael Zeigler
"IT'S ALL ON GOD; IT'S ALL ON US" A paradox doesn't make sense, mathematically. But it can be an accurate description of real-life experience.

September 21 (Numbers 6:27)
Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev Dr. Michael Zeigler
"SOMEONE WORTH HAVING" We lost God's name along the way, but God found us and gave us the Name by which we can know Him: Jesus--"God saves."

September 28 (Numbers 9:18)
Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev Dr. Michael Zeigler
"ON THE WAY, ALREADY HOME " God made us to move--toward Him in faith and toward our neighbor in love

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

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

## SEPTEMBER

4 - Hayes Huey  
5 - Brandi Westgate  
6 - Frances Melde  
6 - Ruth Ann Smith  
7 - Cheyenne Melde  
7 - Dakota Melde  
8 - Jo Jo Sanchez  
16 - Nicole Jones  
22 - Marlett Bahn  
22 - Nadine Jones  
29 - Cheryl Edwards

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

SEPTEMBER

23, 1998 - Mr. & Mrs. Robert Moreno
24, 2016 - Mr. & Mrs. Peter Wanagel
26, 2015 - Mr. & Mrs. Cole Patchell



