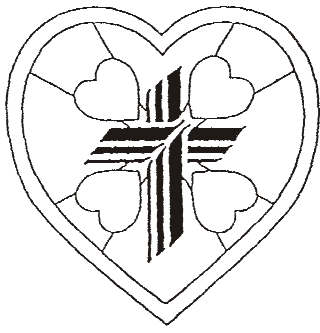




St. Paul WITNESS

“Turning Hearts to Christ Through Love”

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❖ **OCTOBER 2025** ❖



Rooted in Christ, Living in His Mission

Dear Members of St. Paul,

October is a month rich with meaning for us as Lutherans. The leaves turn, the air cools, and we begin to prepare for the close of the church year. More importantly, October brings us to Reformation Day, when we remember Martin Luther's posting of the 95 Theses on October 31, 1517. While it is tempting to look at the Reformation only as a historical event, it is much more than that—it is a reminder that God's Word is living and active, and that the Gospel of Jesus Christ is always at the center of our lives.

Luther's bold stand for the truth of God's Word reminds us that our hope is not in our own works, our feelings, or our accomplishments, but in Christ alone. As Luther wrote, "The cross alone is our theology." In a world that constantly tells us to "do more" or "be more," the Reformation message is still powerful: we are saved by grace alone, through faith alone, in Christ alone, revealed to us in Scripture alone.

This month is also a time to give thanks for the ministries of our congregations. As we gather in worship, serve in our community, and support mission work around the world, we are living out the fruit of the Reformation. Christ has set us free—not to live for ourselves, but to live for Him and for our neighbor.

As we celebrate this October, may we rejoice that God continues to reform His church through His Word and Spirit. May our hearts be anchored in Christ, who is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

Have a blessed October, and a joyous Reformation!

In Christ,
Pastor Thierfelder

REPORT FROM WILLING HEARTS (lwml)

The Willing Hearts of St. Paul Lutheran Church-Bishop, met on Wednesday, September 10, 2025, at 10:00 AM in the Parish Hall for our monthly meeting. President Kathy Lowman called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone in attendance. The Fall Quarterly publications were distributed.

ROLL CALL AND MINUTES: There were 7 members present. Minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: JoAnn Denkeler reported the checking account and the savings account balances. A detailed financial report is attached to the minutes.

COMMUNICATIONS: Information for LWML Sunday; American Bible Society requesting donations to send Bibles; a thank you note from the Zoch family for hosting the luncheon after LaDonna's funeral; a thank you note from Jace Garcia for the graduation gift; a thank you from the Ronald McDonald house for the bags of snacks/toys delivered; information from Lutheran World Relief, from Orphan Grain Train, and from Upbring.

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

LWML NATIONAL MISSION GOAL (2025-2027): \$2,622,270. No mite report available; Mission Grant—Orphan Grain Train—help for Ukrainian orphans and displaced persons—\$100,000; the prayer was read by Susan Moerbe.

LWML TX DISTRICT MITE GOAL (2024-2026): \$403,000. Mites received through July 31, 2025—\$240,013.92.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

9/11 Memorial Event — 10 members made cookies to honor first responders. Marilyn Moerbe brought the bags and the note cards to attach to bags. After the meeting, cookies were bagged in the Parish Hall kitchen and delivered. Pastor's Installation (9/14) — JoAnn will pick up the altar flowers on Friday and place them in the kitchen fridge in Parish Hall. The Parish Hall tables had already been set up and arranged, and tablecloths were put on tables after the meeting. The decorating committee and any volunteers will meet at 2:00 PM Saturday. Rummage Sale (9/20) — We will meet at 1:30 PM on Tuesday, September 16th, to set up tables. There will no Bake Sale in conjunction with the Rummage Sale. Fall Event — St. Paul-Kingsville will host the Fall Event on Sunday, October 5th, with registration at 2:00 PM and the meeting at 2:30 PM. The theme is "Fall in Love with Jesus." Guest speaker will be from the Purple Door in Corpus Christi. Ingathering gifts are full-size toiletry items, and/or gift cards for purchase of children's necessities. LWML Sunday (10/5) — JoAnn will order the altar flowers. Willing Hearts Bylaws — The District Structure Committee gave approval for our organization's Bylaws. A motion was made and seconded to approve the Bylaws, since approval by District was received; motion passed. The Charter was being mailed, according to an email sent to Kathy on August 29th. Coastal Bend Pregnancy Center Opening — Kathy toured the facility located near the TX A&M campus in Corpus Christi and commented how nice the facility is. Carolyn received an email from the Center about their Diaper Drive. No discussion on participation.

NEW BUSINESS:

District Retreat — Registration Deadline, September 10th. The District Retreat will be held at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Waco on October 10th– 11th. Membership Report — Due by October 20th to Helen Schneider; members 11 active; Quarterlies 12; make check payable to LWML Texas District and mail to Helen with Report. Slate of Officer Elections (10/1 Meeting) — The following members volunteered to hold their positions: President-- Kathy Lowman; Vice-President– Carolyn Faske; Secretary–Jane Jungmann; Treasurer–JoAnn Denkeler. Committee Sign-up for 2026 Yearbook — All committees will remain the same.

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LWR Quilts and Kits — At the next meeting we will set a date in October for the blessing of kits and quilts, and a date to box these items. Include the following items in each Personal Care Kit:

- 1 lightweight, dark bath towel (52"x27")
- 2 or 3 bath-size bars of soap equaling 8 to 9 oz. , any brand, in original wrapping
- 1 adult size toothbrush, in it's original packaging, or toothbrush multi-packs may be used by sealing an individual toothbrush in a #10 business envelope; no plastic bags or wrap.
- 1 sturdy wide-tooth comb, remove packaging
- 1 metal nail clippers (attached file optional), remove packaging.

Pastor Appreciation Month — Present gift on Sunday, October 12th. Carolyn will be reimbursed for the purchase.

CLOSE: With no OTHER BUSINESS or ANNOUNCEMENTS, the meeting closed with the Doxology and the Lord's Prayer. We then went to the kitchen to fill gift bags with cookies to honor our local first responders on 9/11.

Jane Jungmann, Secretary

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LWML FALL COASTAL ZONE EVENT — Will be held at St. Paul Kingsville, **Sunday, October 5th** . Registration at 2:00 PM and the meeting starts at 2:30 PM. Theme: *Fall in Love with Jesus*. Guest speaker from the Purple Door in Corpus Christi. Ingathering items are full sized toiletry items, gift cards for purchase of childrens necessities.

SAVE THE DATE! St. Paul Lutheran Kingsville's Harvest Home 2025 will be held on **Sunday, October 26th** at 12 noon, here at St. Paul Bishop in the Parish Hall. More details to come!!!

ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN – A box will be located in the Narthex to place donations of used material to donate to the Orphan Grain Train. Material may be scraps, used clean towels or used clothing. The items will be picked up in December.

CONTACT INFORMATION FOR PASTOR Pastor Thierfelder may be reached by email at pastor@stpaulbishop.org or by phone at (620) 797-1518. Pastor will be in the office her in Bishop on Wednesdays from 9AM- NOON, he will be in the Kingsville office on Thursdays. He is available 24/7 at either the email or phone number. If you are having surgery please let him know and he will come visit before the surgery to pray with you.

COMMUNION DATES— Communion will be distributed every Sunday. The exception will be when there is a fifth Sunday in a month. The fifth Sunday we will not have communion during the service.

THANK YOU Dear Bishop Family- Thank you for the warm welcome and my beautiful charms and bracelet. We feel so blessed! - *Yolanda Thierfelder*

FOOD SENSITIVITIES – If you have a food sensitivity and would like to have a gluten free option for communion wafers, please let Pastor Tierfelder know.

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*
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*
Ryan Schoeneberg - *Carolyn Faske*
Shane Small - *Bobbie 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

Larry Felder

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 +



VERBUM DOMINI MANET IN AETERNUM

Latin for “The Word of the Lord Endures Forever,” this motto of the Lutheran branch of the Protestant Reformation comes from 1 Peter 1:25. Frederick the Wise, ruler of Saxony and one of Martin Luther’s earliest and most influential supporters, had the VDMA symbol sewn into the right sleeve of the official garments worn at his court. The symbol also appeared on banners, flags, swords, and uniforms, representing the unity of the Lutheran laity in standing firm in their faith.



OCTOBER IS PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH
THANK YOU PASTOR THIERFELDER



October 2025

ELDER OF THE MONTH

JEFF MELDE

ALTAR FLOWERS

5th - Willing Hearts
✿ 12th - *OPEN*
19th - Gloria Holly
26th - Michelle Kunze
✿ 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

Willing Hearts

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- 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

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THE LUTHERAN HOUR

October 5 *Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Daniel Paavola*
"Every Age Has a Stage" —Every age has a stage, not just a stage of life, but also a stage on which to perform and to serve.
(Numbers 8:23-26)

October 12 *Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler*
"When a Cakewalk Becomes a Crucible" —Forgiveness isn't a formality with God. Forgiveness is formative. It changes us.
(Numbers 14:30-31)

October 19 *Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Leopoldo Sanchez*
"GOD'S HELP DWELLS IN US" —The Holy Spirit is the Helper who comes to dwell in and with us, to encourage and empower us.
(Numbers 11:29)

October 26 *Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler*
"WORN IN" —Are you feeling worn down or worn out? Through faith, God conforms us to the pattern of Christ.
(Numbers 20:13)

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

~ Birthdays & ANNIVERSARIES ~

OCTOBER

2 - Reverend & Mrs. Thomas Thierfelder

7 - Morris Michalk

13 - Lana Denkeler

15, 1980 - Mr. & Mrs. Elmo Kieschnick. Jr

16 - Zophia Lowman

16 - David Richter

17 - Jo Ann Denkeler

19 - Lindell Moerbe

20 - Kahlan Denkeler

23 - Johnathan Rudel, Sr.

27 - Tommy Smith

31 - Kathie Capeheart

