

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

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❖ **NOVEMBER 2025** ❖



Gratitude that Endures

“Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His steadfast love endures forever.” — Psalm 107:1

November brings with it cooler air, colorful leaves, and, of course, Thanksgiving. It’s a time when our nation pauses to count its blessings. Families gather around tables heavy with food, and for a moment, we remember that all we have is a gift from God. But as Christians, gratitude is not confined to one day in November—it is a way of life that flows from hearts touched by grace.

In our Lutheran understanding, thanksgiving begins not with what we do for God, but with what He has done for us. Every Sunday, we gather for Divine Service, where God serves us first—He forgives our sins, renews our faith, and strengthens us with His Word and Sacrament. Our gratitude flows in response. We love because He first loved us. We give thanks because His mercy never ends.

This November, as we reflect on God’s faithfulness, let us remember:

We are thankful for His grace. Even in our failures and fears, Christ remains constant. The cross stands as the ultimate sign of God’s love—a love that forgives, restores, and renews. We are thankful for His presence. Whether in times of plenty or in times of need, the Lord walks beside us. His Spirit comforts us, His promises sustain us. We are thankful for His people. The church is a family bound together by the blood of Christ. Each Sunday we gather as brothers and sisters, rejoicing in God’s mercy and serving one another in love.

As we prepare to celebrate Thanksgiving, let us not forget that true gratitude is more than words spoken over a meal. It is a daily posture of the heart that looks up to God in trust and looks out to others in love. The Apostle Paul reminds us, “In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you” (1 Thessalonians 5:18).

May your November be filled with the peace of Christ, the joy of His salvation, and the steady assurance that His steadfast love endures forever.

In Christ,
Pastor Thierfelder
St. Paul Lutheran Church, LCMS

REPORT FROM WILLING HEARTS (lwml)

The Willing Hearts of St. Paul Lutheran Church-Bishop, met for our monthly meeting on Wednesday, October 1, 2025, at 2:00 PM in the Conference Room. President Kathy Lowman called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone in attendance. Carolyn Faske presented the topic, "Sharing Our Gifts as We Work for the Lord". Happy Birthday was sung to JoAnn Denkeler for her October 17th birthday.

ROLL CALL AND MINUTES: There were 9 members present and 1 guest. Minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved.

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

COMMUNICATIONS: a request from Samaritan's Purse to soliciting help with their Operation Christmas Child giftfilled shoeboxes for delivery to children in need; Kathy stated the Willing Hearts charter was received.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Visit the Sick—discussed what we could do since no visits were being made; Kitchen—Carolyn stated the freezer needs defrosting; Flower Chart—October 12th is open. LWML NATIONAL MISSION GOAL (2025-2027): \$2,622,270. No mite report or mission grant information available. LWML TX DISTRICT MITE GOAL (2024-2026): \$403,000. Mites received through August 2025—\$253,763.92. Mission grant: Investing in Future Generations—scholarships for Central Texas Lutheran Schools—\$25,000 will be distributed to— Redeemer-Austin, Faith H.S.-Warda, Zion-Walburg, St. Paul-Thorndale, Concordia H.S.-Pflugerville. The prayer for the Lutheran Schools was read by Kathy.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

9/11 Memorial Event — Members made over 300 cookies and bagged them after our September meeting. Cookies were delivered by Marilyn Moerbe to EMS in Driscoll, by Kathy to Nueces County Constables, by JoAnn to Bishop PD, and by Carolyn to Bishop Fire Station. Rummage Sale — Profit made was \$278. Items reserved for Orphan Grain Train were double bagged, protected by mouse and roach traps, and will be picked up in December. Other remaining items from sale were taken to Goodwill. Two cubbies were set beside the road and disappeared. The exercise bike, and the wooden bookcases/cubby were left in the Parish Hall and/or the breezeway. Advertising suggestions for the next rummage sale: Facebook, flyers, sign in church yard a week before, signs on street corners.

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 requested are full-size toiletry items, and/or gift cards for purchase of children's necessities. Pastor Thierfelder will have the opening devotion. LWML Sunday (10/5) — JoAnn ordered the altar flowers and will pick them up on Saturday. Yolanda volunteered to take a vase to HEB. LWML Sunday materials will be used and will include the Blessing of LWR items. Moved the quilts and kits into church before our meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Officer Elections — The following members volunteered to hold their positions: President-- Kathy Lowman; Vice-President--Carolyn Faske; Secretary-- Jane Jungmann; Treasurer--JoAnn Denkeler. A motion was made and seconded to accept the slate as presented; motion passed. Membership Report — 11 active and 15 Quarterlies. Extras to: Mikayla Heckman and to Pastor. A motion was made and seconded to accept Yolanda Thierfelder as a Willing Hearts member; motion passed. LWML TX District Officer Nominations — Due November 1. Officers needed: VP Gospel Outreach, VP Communication, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, Nominating Committee. (continue) Bishop Fall Festival — Bishop City Park on Friday, October 31st, from 6:00– 8:30 PM. Still no details from the organizers. LWR Packing — Discussed a date to pack quilts and kits. A motion was made and seconded to pack LWR items on Wednesday, October 29th, at 9:00 AM. Volunteers will be needed to deliver boxes to Trinity Our Savior CC on Tuesday, November 4th. A motion was made and seconded to contribute \$100 to Lutheran World Relief; motion passed. A united decision was made to table a delivery expense donation for taking the ingathering items to St. John, Marion. Committee Sign-ups — Discussed a few ideas of how to improve the Visit the Sick. Pastor Appreciation Month — Carolyn will present gift on Sunday, October 12th. Church Christmas Social — Date will be December 14th. December Lunch Meeting — To be decided in November. Marlett Bahn volunteered to check with the Cherry Tree for reservations on December 3rd. Fall Church Decorations — Will meet to decorate on Friday, October 3rd, at 9:00 AM. **CLOSE:** The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer and the Doxology.

--Jane Jungmann, Secretary



ANNOUNCEMENTS

DON'T FORGET! Sunday **November 2nd** Daylight Saving Time Ends! Be sure to set your clock back 1 hour Saturday night.

VOTER'S MEETING a Voters Meeting will be held following church service **on November 2nd**, please make every effort to attend. Our Fourth Quarterly Voter's Meeting will be held after church service on **December 7th**, please attend.

CONFIRMATION CLASS— Classes will be held **every Wednesday at 6:00 PM** at St. Paul Kingsville.

FOOD DONATIONS— There is a tote in the Narthex for food donations. All food collected will go to the Bishop Food Bank, The Chamber of Commerce representative will pick it up for distribution prior to Thanksgiving.

MISSIONS GOAL MET The congregation has met its 2025 District and Synod Missions Support goal. Undesignated offerings on the second Sunday of October, November, and December will go to the Home Budget. Members may continue to contribute to the support of missions in the district and the synod by writing "Missions" on their checks or offering envelopes.—*Michael Moerbe*

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.

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 here 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.

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.



(*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*
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*
Annette Moreno - *Marlett Bahn*
Scott Reeves - *Carolyn Faske*
Lane Rex - *George Faske*
Ryan Schoeneberg - *Carolyn Faske*
Phyllis Theis - *Kathy Lowman*
Molly Schrader Trevino - *Carolyn Faske*
Holden Weaver - *Kendall Huey*
Nettie Wolf - *Cindy Meier*

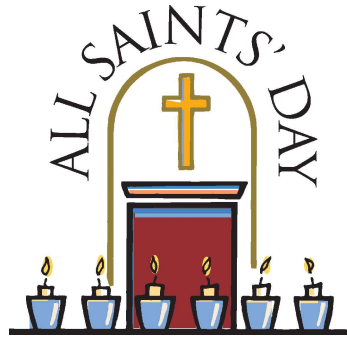
MEMBERS

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

FRIENDS & FAMILY

Craig West
Randy Snyder
Tim Rodriguez

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.



ALL SAINTS DAY — On Sunday, November 2nd, we will observe All Saints Day in our Sunday worship and give thanks for God's grace in the lives of all those who are dear to us who have died in the faith. We will remember, with the toll of the bell, those who were received into the courts of heaven during the past year:

LaDonna Bishop † 7-31-25



NOVEMBER 2nd



NOVEMBER 11th

+ Christian Symbols +

CIRCLE

The circle is a symbol for God, as well as for eternity, due to its lack of a beginning or an end. It also reminds us of how the church year (not unlike the secular calendar) flows from season to season and moves smoothly from Christ the King Sunday (the culmination of the liturgical calendar) to the First Sunday of Advent (a new beginning). Indeed, the One who rules all is the same One whose first and final comings we anticipate anew during Advent.



November 2025

ELDER OF THE MONTH

JEFF FASKE

ALTAR FLOWERS

2nd - JoAnn Denkeler

9th - Marilyn Moerbe

✿ 16th - OPEN

✿ 23rd - OPEN

✿ 30th - 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

Jane Jungmann

Cindy Felder

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

THE LUTHERAN HOUR

November 2 *Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler*
"THE WAY OUT " —Jesus alone is the Way out, rescuing us from sin, despair, and death. He calls us to live as people "on the way."(1 Corinthians 10:13)

November 9 *Guest Speaker: Pastor Ryan Tinetti*
"THE LEAD OF LIFE " —The lead (or 'lede') of a news story conveys the most essential information. What is the lead of the Good News, the Gospel? (Luke 20:27-40)

November 16 *Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler*
"THE NAME ON THE FRONT"— Mercy is an others-focused attitude because God is an others-first God. (Romans 12:5-6)

November 23. *Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Chad Lakies*
"AN UNLIKELY KING"— Christ is the King of an unlikely kingdom. Dr. Chad Lakies describes that kingdom's seemingly upside-down, illogical logic. (Philippians 2:5-11)

November 30. *Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler*
"RISE AND SHINE "—Belief in the resurrection of Jesus is no siesta. It's a 5am wake-up call, a jolt out of bed that will turn your world upside down.(Romans 13:11)

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 ~

NOVEMBER

1 - Brianna Hellmann
2, 1974 - Mr. & Mrs. Bill Gunter
3 - Jacob Faske
8, 2008 - Mr. & Mrs. Chris Hellman
8, 2003 - Mr. & Mrs. John Smith
9 - Eric Moerbe
12, 1994 - Mr. & Mrs. Johnathan Rudel, Sr.
15, 2014 - Mr. & Mrs. John Fedorko
16 - Michelle Kunze
16 - Brady Lowman
16, 1996 - Mr. & Mrs. Jeff Melde
17 - Yolanda Thierfelder
18 - Bill Christiansen
18 - J. B. Melde
20, 2010 - Mr. & Mrs. James Faske
22 - Susan Moerbe
27, 1970 - Mr. & Mrs. Jim Edwards
29 - Holly Fedorko

