### Our Weekly Divine Service Schedule

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(Holy Communion offered 1st, 3rd, 5th Sundays)

### Pastor’s Meditation

**Psalm 20:4**, “May he give you the desire of your heart and make all your plans succeed.”

I pray this, for you, in light of the fact that many of us have been mulling over our “New Year Resolutions.” The problem is, while we may be convinced that our goals are good we are seldom to putting them into practice. For example: I may be convinced that losing weight or having increased physical activity is beneficial for my health, but that doesn’t mean I am committed to exercise. [Trust me, I am an expert on this topic; I know what I am talking about!]

Christmas demonstrates that God wants the very best for you! The evidence of that is in His sending Jesus to be born in human flesh, only to be punished and killed so that you might live instead. What greater confirmation of God’s love for you is there! That being the case; the solution of making a transition from persuasion to dedication is found in relying on God’s sovereignty and not your own strength. Psalm 32:8 confirms that God is our ultimate guide for the New Year and for life, it reads: “I (God) will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with My eyes upon you.”

God’s commitment to you is always there, even when your loyalty is less than enthusiastic. He promises to coach and direct your path with His attention focused on you. As such, if you have any hope of navigating through life’s landmines, you must allow the Lord to be your Guide, your Strength, your Wisdom, and your All! Having confidence in God’s commitment to you means that all the pressure is on His...
shoulders, the responsibility is on Him, the ball is in His court, and you are free to receive His unexplainable joy. What a deal!

To be sure, there aren’t many folks willing to turn the reins over to God these days. This calls for humility on our part. But it works! The Lord is a Master at taking our backward plans and setting them right when we trust Him to be our God and do what He does best – SAVE US. Of His commitment to your salvation – you can be convinced!

P.S. Thank you for the wonderful cards and generous gifts each of you shared with our family.

In Christ’s love, +
Pastor Cody
Ps. 84:10

Please Pray

Prayers of God’s People

FOR THOSE WITH CANCER:
Jeanette Evans, Jane Khlum, Barbara Moore, Christie Huff, Dennis Keethler, Virginia Martinez, Hank Roten, Wanda Kilgo, Rev. Thomas Handrick; Lee Shores

PHYSICAL AND OTHER CONCERNS:
Betty Corder, Jesse Flick, Brantley French, Duncan Hibbard, Claudia Kelley, Carol McFerran, Margaret McRoberts, Ronnie Newman, Kellen Osborne, Barbara Roten, Rev. Michael Ruhlig, James Wiechman, Margaret McRoberts who fell and broke shoulder.

HOMEBOUND/SHUT-IN MEMBERS: Dorothy Kutzler (Royal Estates), Fred Lynch (Location unknown), Carolyn Smith (Brookdale Midwestern), Ruby Swartz (Royal Estates), Virginia Hendricks (Rolling Meadows)

ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY PERSONNEL: Mark Benner (Army Reserves), Whitney Brown (Air Force), Eli Buckmaster (Marine Corps), Brian Clayton (Army), Kate Ridering Dozier (Navy), Zachary Wied (Army), Justin Kuiper (Air Force)

WHY YOUR CHURCH NEEDS YOU:

FINANCIAL SUPPORT IS ESSENTIAL to the church’s mission and individual growth. You can contribute through:

- Regular giving and pledging
- Tithing
- Planned giving—a planned gift can be any asset (property or money) that you give to your church. Planned gifts include:
  - Trusts
  - Bequests
  - Life insurance
  - Annuities
  - Retirement funds
- These gifts require careful thought and planning. They can offer you and the church great benefits.

Remember, the question isn’t “How much should I give?” The question is “Am I giving all I can?”

Theology on Tap: Men’s Bible Study

The next Men’s Bible Study will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 8th at Jefe’s Mexican Restaurant, located at 4519 Southwest Parkway. For those who want to eat there, we’ll gather at about 6:15 pm. Others can join for our discussion from 7-8pm. Our current book is Authentic Christianity: How Lutheran Theology Speaks to a Postmodern World, and this month we will discuss Chapter 1.
I would like to offer a very special thank you to all who volunteered and represented the church during the Advent & Christmas seasons! All the events, meals, and many worship services around that time of the year can be exhausting, but you did your part and made it extra special! I hope that you will continue your strong leadership and volunteerism into the next year!

Pastor Cody
Psalm 84:10

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**FINANCIAL INFORMATION AS OF DECEMBER 30, 2018**

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If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at kkabell@mwhpc.com or 940-636-7633.

Kathy Kabell, Church Treasurer

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**Constitution Revision Task Force**

We will be having our first meeting of the year on Thursday, January 17, at 5:00PM. We hope that all members will be able to attend. Thank you for your willingness to serve on this super exciting committee.

**125th Anniversary Task Force**

We will be having our first meeting of the year on Tuesday, January 22, at 6:30PM. We have a great deal to discuss and plan out for the coming year. We hope that all members will be able to attend.

**THANK YOU**

A big THANK YOU to each and every one who donated for the Christmas Gift Project, William Parker and Janice Wiechman for taking an entire day to purchase all of the presents, and EVERYONE who spent an afternoon wrapping all of those gifts, Ruth Rathgeber and William Parker for purchasing Christmas gifts and food for a family in need, and anyone else who has not been mentioned in helping in some way for those who needed a little help this Christmas.

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**Check out our website!**
www.stpaulwftx.org

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**FUN AND GAMES**

Our next fun and games date will be Sunday, January 6, at 4:00PM. Come out and join us for dominoes and cards. Bring your favorite snack to share and bring a friend along with you! See y'all there!
Thank You!

Michelle and I would like to offer you all a very heartfelt thank you to the congregation for the generous Christmas gift that was given to us by the congregation on Sunday, December 23. We are truly blessed to be here at St. Paul and look forward with much anticipation to see what God will do with us together as Pastor and people! Thank you again for thinking of us! We love you all!

Pastor & Michelle

LYF JANUARY ACTIVITIES

We would like to see if there are any Jr. high and/or any high school aged YOUTH that would be interested in getting together to discuss future activities that we could do to get our youth group started up again. If you are available for something like this, please contact Pastor Cody on his cell phone or by text 832-745-3314.

Catechism Memory Work for St. Paul Youth

The Ten Commandments and Meanings

Faith Mission

Please join us for our monthly worship service will be on Saturday, January 12, at 7:30PM. We’ll be serving a quarterly meal next month! Stay tuned for more information coming your way!

We wish to thank those who served last month:
Organist: Kathy Schkade
Elders: Kenneth Schkade, William Parker, Arnold Wuthrich, Ben English
Sound man/powerPoint: Chad Newquist, Ben English
Altar Guild: Janice Wiechman, Janna Buckmaster (setup) Judy Hancock, Delores Palmatary (take-down) (And all members!)
Bulletin Helper: Chad Newquist & Hank Hancock, Nancy & Larry Martinez
Greeters: Nancy Martinez, and all greeters
Ushers: Randal Schoppa, Eugene Kruger, Justin Kuiper…and all who volunteer on Sundays

All Church Council members
All Board and Committee members
Treasurer: Kathy Kabell

If you or someone you know needs a ride to Divine Service any other church activity, please call the church office at (940) 322-6112 and we will see what we can do to arrange that for you.
Memorials

James & Janice Wiechman in memory of Pastor Kubitz
James & Jackie Dunsmore in memory of Norma Flick
Ruth Rathgeber in memory of Pastor Kubitz
Gary & Pam Martin in memory of Norma Flick
Mary Galloway-Thompson in memory of Norma Flick
Gary & Evelyn Lucas in memory of Norma Flick
Barry, Keli & Carson McCord in memory of Norma Flick
Keri & Colbie Orsak in memory of Norma Flick
Jackie Dunsmore in memory of Norma Flick
Paul & Angela Kaiser in memory of Norma Flick
Mr. & Mrs. Dean Miller in memory of Junique Green
Mr. & Mrs. Dean Miller in memory of Norma Flick
Darrell & Lynn Ann Kaiser in memory of Norma Flick
Shelli & David Reetz in memory of Norma Flick
Curtis & Darla Kaiser in memory of Norma Flick
Kelsey, Brent, Hurt, Clare & Amanda Kaiser in memory of Norma Flick
Capital Farm Credit, FLCA in memory of Norma Flick

December 2018 Attendance:

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Adult Education

The Adult Bible Class meets every Sunday morning before Divine Service. Our goal is to have 40 people in Adult Bible Study. We want to come together and study God’s Word, and reap the benefits that God promises to those who remain in His Word (John 8:31-32). We are now studying the book of John. I think that you will find this class interesting and thought-provoking. Please plan on joining us each Sunday morning at 9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Because of the continued interest in the Adult Catechism Classes, Pastor Cody is teaching Continuous Adult Catechism Instruction to study together what it is that Lutherans believe, teach, and confess. This class meets weekly on Monday nights at 7:00 p.m. Those wanting to become members of St. Paul can join the class at any time, and once through the series of lessons, they can be confirmed into communicant membership of the church. If you are interested in taking this class, please come out and join us! In those times when no one is there for new membership the group studies a book of the Bible or a specific topic.

Sunday school for all ages starts at 9:00AM each Sunday morning. The Scriptures are clear, “Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.” (Prov. 22:6). Bring the kids out and stay for Adult Bible study yourselves and teach them the proper habit to be in as the spiritual leaders of your homes! See y’all there!

Middle School Youth Catechism Class

We have young people that will be gathering together each week to demonstrate to their parents, and their Lord, the importance of this journey in their faith walk. Catechesis is the teaching of our Lord that is drawn from the Holy Scriptures, confessed in the Small Catechism, and expressed in Divine Service. Please pray for them as they study the Word of God and complete this important stage in their lives. The class is open to any and all from the 5th grade through the 8th grade. We meet on Wednesday evenings at 5:00 p.m.

Midweek Bible School with Mrs. Schkade

There are several youth of our congregation that are meeting each Wednesday at 4:45PM-6:15PM. They study their Bibles and lessons and usually participate in a craft of some sort. There is always a snack served each week. Pastor Cody joins us with his guitar and leads some singing of favorite campfire songs. This is open to all in the 3rd through 5th grades! Hope to see y’all there!

Mrs. Schkade

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Thank You to those who Donated Poinsettias for the Altar

Becky Sternadel Schwertner in memory of: Jerry Sternadel; Marcy Sternadel; Eil Sternadel; Bobby Sternadel.

Hank & Judy Hancock in memory of: Pastor Kubitz; Junnie Green; Norma Flick

Deanna Schroeder in honor of Ken & Kathy Schkade

Troy, Katey & Declan Lewis in memory of: loved ones

Randal Schoppa in memory of: Lillian S. & Paul Schoppa, Jr. Schoppa Family; Streit Family

Annie S. Cooper in honor of Jesus’ birthday!

Lois Kramer in honor of all St. Paul Members

Pastor & Michelle in thanksgiving to God for His Call to serve St. Paul this year.

Tabitha Joy LWML in memory of: Junnie Green

Tina Anderson in honor of: Family

Ben & Darla Inglish in memory of: Norma Flick

Ben & Darla Inglish in honor of: Jesse Flick

God’s People at Work during January

### Bulletin Helpers
- Hank Hancock
- Larry & Nancy Martinez

### Elders
- William Parker
- Kenneth Schkade
- Ben Inglish

### Ushers
- Randal Schoppa
- Eugene Krueger
- Hank Hancock

### Altar Duty
- Set Up: Nancy Martinez & Debra Truette
- Take Down: Judy Hancock & Delores Palmatary

### Greeters
- Jan. 6 - Hank & Judy Hancock
- Jan. 13 - Nancy Martinez & Del Tech
- Jan. 20 - James & Janice Wiechman
- Jan. 27 - Delores Palmatary & Ruth Rathgeber

### Readers
- Jan. 6—Ken Schkade
- Jan. 13—Pastor Cody
- Jan. 20—Eugene Krueger
- Jan. 27—Pastor Cody

Stewardship Quip

Make stewardship your way of life. God has given us all we have. God gave you your life, health and property, the earth and the Gospel. Everything is a gift from God. Jesus invites us to be disciples. You are invited to answer Jesus’ call to follow his example of Christian living. Disciple stewards. Being a disciple means committing your heart and your whole life—to God! Being a good steward is part of discipleship.

Being a good steward means being generous—with your time and treasure. Stewardship is: An expression of love—God’s love for you, and your love for God in return; An honor, an opportunity—and a challenge! It can change the way you work, live and think. Part of your vocation—you’ve been given special gifts for God’s special purposes. Discovering, developing and using those gifts is a lifelong responsibility.
Days to Celebrate in January

Birthdays

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Wedding Anniversaries

Troy & Katey Lewis 30 years Married on 1/28/1989

Welcome New Members!

We would like to welcome Freddie & Annie Smith to our St. Paul family. Freddie & Annie have join our fellowship by reaffirmation of faith. They have previously worshiped at Good Shepherd, Iowa Park, and at Clara as well. Take time on Sunday morning to say hello and welcome them into our fellowship!

BIBLE TRIVIA

The Inventors
1. Who was the first person to practice wine-making?
2. What righteous man started the practice of herding sheep?
3. What mighty man was the first hunter?
4. Who invented farming?
5. Who invented the art of working with metal?
6. Who was the first man to build a city?
7. Who invented music-making?
8. Who invented tents?

(Answers found on page 12)

Please continue to pray on a daily basis for:
+ Pastor, Michelle & Cameron Cody
+ Kathy & Kenneth Schdle
+ Lisa Schur, Parish Office Worker
+ All other staff members at St. Paul Lutheran Church
+ The leadership of our church.
+ The mission of Paul Lutheran Church.
+ All those sick or suffering in our church family.
+ Church unity.
+ Our nation and governmental leaders.
Calling All Board and Committee Members for Brain-storming Seminar
Saturday, January 5, at the Family Center
9:00AM-3:00PM All Boards and Committee Members are invited to join.

Church Council Meeting will be Thursday, January 10, 6:30PM

Quarterly Voter’s Meeting Sunday, February
Our next quarterly Voter’s Meeting will be held immediately following Divine Service on Sunday, February 17, in the Fellowship Hall.

The LWML Ladies Group will meet on Saturday, January 12, at 9:15AM. All ladies interested are very welcome to join them!

Our Women’s Bible Study meets on the 1st & 3rd Thursdays of the month at 9:30AM. They invite all women interested to come for some thought-provoking bible study and great fellowship!

NEWS FROM THE LWML/TABITHA JOY

The Tabitha Joy LWML will be assembling personal care kits for world missions this year. We will be starting to collect items for the kits starting this month.

The need is very great! Many remember the tornado that went through Wichita Falls and the sense of loss when everything is gone in a moment. As we look back on 2018, we have seen so many natural disasters and wars. So many people lost and in need of the most simple items such as a personal care kit.

The items for the kits are very specific as sent to us from Lutheran World Relief:

- 2-3 Bath-sized bars of soap
  Totaling 8-9 oz. (unscented) if possible
- 1 adult sized toothbrush in its original packaging
- 1 sturdy comb (no picks or fine-toothed combs)
- Metal nail clippers (attached file optional)
- Light-weight bath-sized towel (20”x40” to 52”x27”) dark color recommended

As always, your money is always welcomed and appreciated if you are not a shopper and it will help with the shipping of the items. Thank you!