



St. Paul Lutheran Church
 1417 11th Street, P.O. Box 126
 Wichita Falls, TX 76307



Our Weekly Divine Service Schedule

Sunday

9:00 a.m. Sunday School & Bible Class
 10:15 a.m. Divine Service
 (Holy Communion offered every Sunday at St. Paul)

Divine Service



St. Paul Epistle

Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another fulfills the Law." Romans 8:13

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Pastor's Meditation

Dear St. Paul Family and Friends,

Well, good news! We finally have our anniversary speaker secured for September 8, 2019. We have Rev. Dr. Wallace (Wally) Schulz, previous Lutheran Hour Speaker coming into town.

Dr. Schulz perhaps is best known as a speaker on "The Lutheran Hour," a radio program produced by the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod first broadcast in 1930 and still on the air today; he was on the air for more than 25 years.

We still have many activities to look forward to in this 125th anniversary year, so make sure you keep looking at the calendar of events on page 3 of this newsletter to stay up-to-date so you don't miss out!

We have also been told by Rev. Dr. Jerry Kieschnick, LCMS President Emeritus, will be our speaker on December 8, 2019. He will be our final anniversary speaker of the year, so we look forward to hearing from him again, as he was here last for the celebration of our 100th anniversary.

Please come out and be our guest at all activities!

In Christ's Love, +

Pastor Cody
 Psalm 84:10

July Stewardship Newsletter Article

Some disciples of John the Baptist were questioning him about the baptism and preaching of Jesus. Many disciples were going to Jesus instead of John the Baptist.

John the Baptist answers: "A person cannot receive even one thing unless it is given him from heaven" (John 3:27).

John the Baptist says this to show that Jesus, His teaching, and His baptism are from heaven. God provides everything we have in body and soul.

We are taught this in the meaning of the Apostles' Creed in the *Small Catechism*.

In the First Article of the Creed, we learn that God has made us and everything in the universe.

"He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them. He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life. He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him."

In the Second Article of the Creed, we learn that God sent His Son, Jesus, to humble Himself by taking the form of a servant.

In so doing, He "has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity."

In the Third Article of the Creed, we learn that the fruits of what Jesus Christ, the Son of God, did are given to us through the work of the Holy Spirit in the Church.

"That I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers. On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and

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Happy 4th of July!

Did you know?

In 1926, the congregation changed its name from St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church to St. Paul Lutheran Church



For staying up-to-date on all church activities, tune into our St. Paul Facebook page. Plus, while you're there, you get to look at all the cool pictures of our church activities!

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Stewardship Minute July 2019

You and I don't really own anything. We are guests here on God's earth. As the writer of Psalm 24 put it: "The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it." (Psalm 24:1) We are here on God's property and using God's minerals, plants, animals and land as though they belonged exclusively to us. Have you ever considered that fact?

When we do consider the gifts God has given to us, most of us surely will be prompted to be grateful for such immeasurable generosity. Every day should be Thanksgiving Day, don't you agree? Beyond being appreciative of this marvelous and beautiful earth where we live "rent free," people should consider what they can do to respond to God's love. They surely will conclude that they should strive to become good stewards of all that they have been given: the earth, their bodies, minds, and spirits. Also their families, their churches, their work, their possessions ... whatever God has given to them.

An intriguing article in the July issue of Stewardship focuses on this truth that we are prone to forget. In 1873, the English composer Frances R. Havergal wrote a hymn that summarizes the intent of a truly dedicated steward:

Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee. Take my moments and my days and let them flow in ceaseless praise. Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of thy love. Take my feet, and let them be swift and beautiful for thee.

Prayer: Thank you, blessed Lord, for every benefit given to us each day of our lives. Amen.

The Year
Of
GRACE

Then and Now...


Celebrating
125 Years!

1894–2019

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH
WICHITA FALLS, TEXAS

JOIN US ON SEPTEMBER 7-8, 2019
ALL CHURCH & SCHOOL REUNION

SEPTEMBER 8, 2019
ANNIVERSARY WORSHIP SERVICE
4:00 P.M.



**St. Paul Lutheran Church,
Wichita Falls, TX**

**125th Anniversary Speakers and
Events**

July 14- Rev. R. Rahn from Lutheran Heritage Foundation will be our guest speaker for worship and Bible class. A potluck luncheon will follow.

July 21- Kenny Theimer and Kenneth Schkade will be leading the worship service as Pastor Cody is at the LCMS Convention.

August 18—Pastor Handrick (Preaching/Teaching) potluck dinner to follow

September 8—**Rev. Dr. Wallace (Wally) Schulz**, previous **Lutheran Hour Speaker** will be our speaker for our Big 125th Anniversary celebration (all church & school reunion weekend) Big BBQ that afternoon after church.

October 13—Scott Hyslop (guest organist) coming in to play concert and hymn sing (reception to follow)

October 27—Rev. Milfred Meyer (Preaching/Teaching) Followed by German Festival

November 10—Rev. Michael Cody, (preaching/teaching) potluck luncheon to follow

December 8--Rev. Dr. Gerald (Jerry) Kieschnick, LCMS President Emeritus, current CEO of Legacy Deo, will be our guest speaker, potluck luncheon to follow.

The youth (Kyler Wiechman, Clara Buckmaster, Cameron Cody) are attending the National Youth Gathering this summer in Minneapolis. The conference is this month July 11-15. We thank all of you who have supported and helped financially fund our trip. Pray for them and the Adult Counselors as well as they prepare for this faith-strengthening journey.

Worldview - Wichita Falls

A Daily Devotional Thought & Church Happenings Report

Pastor Cody is sending out a daily devotional thought and short announcement email. If you would like to receive this email, or you know someone who would benefit from this daily form of information, please send Pastor your/their email address and he will get them on the list. Please send your email addresses to: revcody11@gmail.com



FUN AND GAMES
 Our next fun and games date will be **Sunday, July 28, 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!

Catechism Memory Work for St. Paul Youth

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism & Meanings

Bible Trivia...How Good Are You?

- 1. Does Nehemiah come before or after Ezra?**
 A. Before
 B. After
- 2. Why did the Lord plague the Pharaoh's house?**
 A. Because Pharaoh tried to have Abram killed
 B. Because Pharaoh stole Abram's property
 C. Because Pharaoh wouldn't listen to Abram's warnings
 D. Because Pharaoh took Abram's wife in as his own wife
- 3. Which came first, Esther or Job?**
 A. Before
 B. After
- 4. Who was Lot?**
 A. Abram's brother-in-law
 B. Abram's son
 C. Abram's nephew
 D. Abram's brother
- 5. Throughout his travels in the wilderness, what did Abram do to show his respect for the Lord?**
 A. Wrote psalms to praise Him
 B. Carved statutes of Him
 C. Built altars and made sacrifices
 D. Covered his head with a special cap
- 6. How did the king try to kill Shadrach,**

- Meshach, and Abed-nego?**
- A. he fed them to lions
 B. he ordered his soldiers to shoot them
 C. he had them thrown in to a fiery furnace
 D. he made them walk the plank on a ship
 - 7. Why did Abram and Lot part?**
 A. They hated each other
 B. Lot's family slowed Abram's family down too much
 C. There was not enough room for both of their families to live together
 D. Lot killed one of Abram's herdsmen
 - 8. Why did the king want to kill Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego?**
 A. They refused to worship a false God
 B. They were caught stealing from his treasure chest
 C. They lied to him
 D. They were sick
- (Answers on page 12)

Pictorial Directory

125th Anniversary Edition

We are in the process of getting a pictorial directory going for St. Paul's 125th Anniversary year to commemorate those belonging to the church currently as we celebrate this year. We will be doing this directory in-house, and Randal Schoppa has graciously volunteered his time and camera to take the family photos. We will be asking all members to come downstairs after church where the photos will be taken. The photo taking will continue this month, so be looking in the Minor Prophet (Announcements) for more information about this.

We are also calling on any an all activity page photos (which would be church fellowship and activity pictures) you might have to be included in the directory as well.

We would like to include in this directory everyone's cell phone numbers and current email addresses. Please send this information into the church office ASAP.

Thank you all in advance for your willingness to help us get our directory together.



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give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ.”

Indeed, “a person cannot receive even one thing unless it is given him from heaven.”

But how easy is this for us to forget? How easy is it for us to think that what we have in life is because we have earned it?

How easy is it for us to forget that all our skills – the abilities of our hands and minds, the ethic to work diligently, and the desire to improve – is given to us from heaven, just as John the Baptist said?

How easy is it for us to forget that it is Christ alone, and the work of the Holy Spirit, that reveals His salvation to us, delivers it to us, and that none of this is our doing?

Sure, we have responsibility for coming to church, for delving into God's Holy Word, and for praying without ceasing.

But even these responsibilities are given to us from heaven. These duties are not earned; they are given in response to what He has accomplished for us.

Everything we have, and everything we are – in both body and soul – are gifts from God in heaven.

Let us then respond in thanksgiving and give back to Him as He asks – with a first-fruits, generous proportion offering of what He has given to us.

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 Romans. 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! At this time we are studying the Books of 1 & 2 Samuel. Come join us..... You'll love it! Resuming in August, watch for details!



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

Midweek Bible School will break for the summer and will resume in the Fall. I hope that everyone has a joyful and blessed summer!

Mrs. Schkade

This year is the 125th Anniversary of St. Paul Lutheran Church, Wichita Falls, Texas!

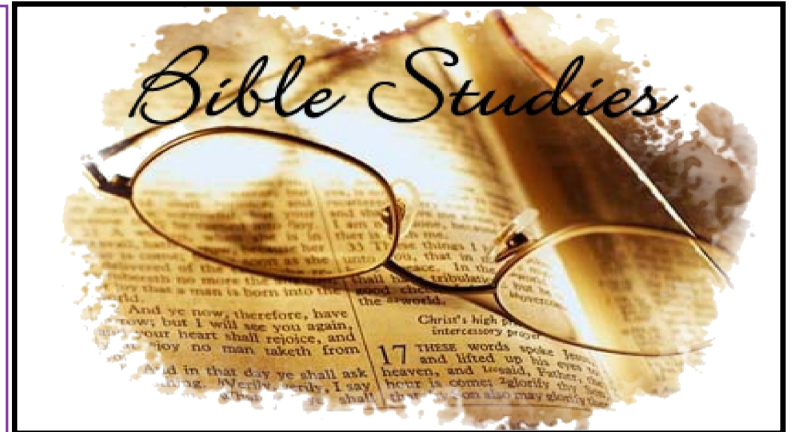
To help us celebrate this year we are officially inviting all past and present church members, and also those who attended St. Paul Lutheran School during its years of operation for an **"All Church & School Reunion"** the weekend of **September 7-8, 2019**. We would love to host all these past and present church and school members out at the church's Family Center (a.k.a. The Camp) on September 7, for the reunion and a time for fun and fellowship. In conjunction with the school reunion, the Wichita Falls ISD has graciously agreed to open the doors of the old school building for any and all who would like to tour the facility and reminisce on the "good ole days!"

The other event that weekend will be a **Special 125th Anniversary worship service on Sunday, September 8, at 4:00 p.m.** There will be special music offerings with 125th Anniversary hymns commissioned for the occasion. The speaker for the occasion is the **Rev. Dr. Wallace (Wally) Schulz**, previous Lutheran Hour Speaker. We look forward to his presence among us and to hear his Gospel proclamation and encouraging word as we look forward with God's blessing.

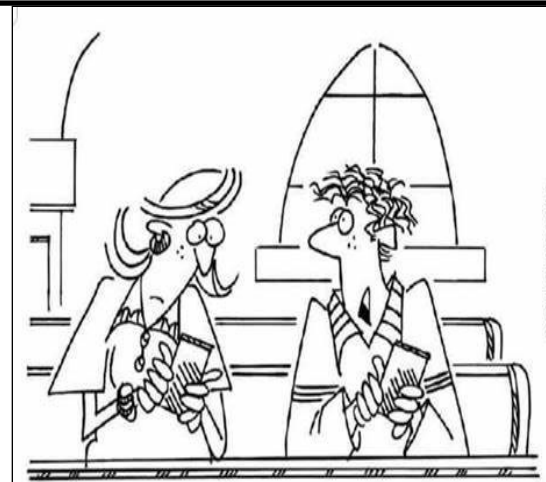
After the worship service there will be a huge BBQ dinner served for all in attendance. So come on out and help us celebrate our **"Standing Firm on God's Word for 125 Years!"** If you're planning to attend, please R.S.V.P. and let us know for food planning purposes. You can call us at the church office at 940-322-6112.

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Did you know over 1.2 million women have abortions each year in the United States? Many of these women are very young women, actually girls in high school. With approximately 27% of these women having no religious affiliation, the need is great to reach out to them with the love of Jesus. One of the current LWML grants will equip young Lutherans to share the Gospel and talk about life issues and serve in their own Lutheran high schools. For more information about this grant, go to www.lwml.org/2017-2019-mission-grant-13.



Don't forget to go to your Pastor's Bible class this weekend! We are studying the book of Romans!



"The Pastor keeps referring to 'this morning's text' ... but which one?"

JOY:FULLY LUTHERAN

1 THESS 5:16-18

REJOICE / PRAY / GIVE THANKS

LCMS National Convention

The 67th Convention of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod • July 20-25, 2019 • Tampa

2019-21 National Offering

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

Every three years, our Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod meets in convention to determine mission and ministry priorities for the coming three years. This year, we will gather in Tampa under the theme “Joy:fully Lutheran.”

As part of the preparation for the triennial convention, LCMS households, congregations and organizations are invited and encouraged to participate in a Synod-wide gathering of special gifts called the National Offering. The 2019 National Offering theme is “Joy to the World.” “Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you” (1 Thess. 5:16–18). This triennium’s National Offering provides Lutherans across the country an opportunity to reflect their joy in the Gospel and their thankfulness to God for His gifts in Christ.

Gifts to the 2019 LCMS National Offering — which can be made at any time — will empower the work God has given us to do in His name to bring joy to the world, as we vigorously make known the Good News of Jesus Christ, that all might rejoice and give thanks to God our heavenly Father.

Please Pray

Please continue to pray on a daily basis for:

- ✦ Pastor, Michelle & Cameron Cody
- ✦ Kathy & Kenneth Schkade
- ✦ Lisa Schur, Parish Office Worker
- ✦ The leadership of our church, all boards and committee members.
- ✦ The mission of Paul Lutheran Church.
- ✦ All those sick or suffering in our church family.
- ✦ Church unity.
- ✦ Our nation and governmental leaders.

Prayers of God’s People

FOR - THOSE WITH CANCER:

Jeanette Evans, Janie Khlum, Barbara Moore, 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, and Judy Hancock.

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 Ridinger Dozier (Navy), Zachary Wied (Army)



**Thank You!
VBS 2019**

The Board of Education would like to thank everyone who assisted with the very successful VBS program this year! Once Again we participated with the circuit decoration sharing, and received some decorations and items from ORLC, WF; we then passed them forward to St. Peter, Bowie, along with some leftover crafts from ur and books from ORLC. They will then be forwarded to Dennison.

\$108 was collected in VBS offerings fro the mission of Christian Books for children who do not have them.

26 children participated in VBS and many adults were helpers. Thank you so much to the following individuals:

Pastor Cody and his guitar for leading music; assisted by Chad Newquist.

Michelle Cody, Amy Chase, Braden, Caden, Alicia, Alaina, Ali, and Cisco for being group leaders and assistants.

Ken and Kathy Schkade– Bible Story and Bible Challenges

Cameron Cody– Games, assisted by Michelle Cody

Janna Buckmaster and Callie Theimer– crafts, with assistance from Doreen Hendricks– Janna and Callie also decorating and cleanup crews

William Parker, Janice Wiechman, Penny Becker, Vicki Holland, and Doreen Hendricks– Kitchen Crew

Ruth Rathgeber, Registra/Sign up

Lisa Schur– Office Support

Officer Prince– Security and crossing guard support, Eugene Kruger– Scheduling A/C & Security

All of the members who donated items and supplies, decorated, cleaned up, and those who prayed for the success of our VBS!

Our little congregation accomplishes great things for God when we all work together....for all things work together for good for those who love God and are called according to his purpose.

Last but not least, thank you God, for bringing this wonderful group of children to liven up our halls and calssrooms and for filling their hearts and minds with the joyous story of our Son, Jesus.

Thank you, Darla English, VBS Coordinator/Board of Ed Chair.

Our **Women's Bible Study** will meet on **Thursday, July 11** at 9:30AM. They invite all women interested to come for some thought-provoking bible study and great fellowship!



125th Anniversary Task Force

We will be having our 5th meeting on Monday, July 8, at 10:00AM.

Thank You

We wish to thank those who served last month:

Organist: Kathy Schkade

Elders: Kenneth Schkade, William Parker, Ben English

Sound man/PowerPoint: Chad Newquist, Ben English

Altar Guild: Janice Wiechman, Janna Buckmaster (setup) Audra Baber, Julie Withrich (take-down) (And all members!)

Greeters: Nancy Martinez, and all greeters

Ushers: Randal Schoppa, Eugene Kruger...and all who volunteer on Sundays

All Church Council members

All Board and Committee members

Treasurer: Kathy Kabell

Faith Mission

The immediate needs of Faith Mission are as follows:

1. Bottled Water
2. Diapers, Size 5 & 6



– WICHITA FALLS –
FAITH MISSION
EVERY STORY MATTERS

Memorials

In Memory of D J Taylor:
To St. Paul Lutheran Church by Vicki Holland

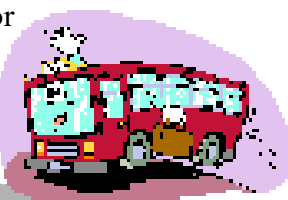
Living Tribute
In honor of Ken & Kathy Schkade's 50th wedding anniversary to the 125th Anniversary Fund by Hank & Judy Hancock
In honor of Ken & Kahty Schkade's 50th wedding anniversary to the Bell choir by: Todd & Judi Schkade & Sylvia Thomson
In memory of (Mom) Norma Flick on her birthday, June 23, to the North Campus by Ben & Darla English.

June 2019 Attendance

June 2- 37	June 16-48
June 23- 92	June 30-



If you or someone you know needs a ride to Divine Service or 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.



TRIVIA ANSWERS:

1. After
2. Because Pharaoh took Abram's wife in as his own wife
3. Esther
4. Abram's nephew
5. Built altars and made sacrifices
6. He had them thrown into a fiery furnace
7. There was not enough room for both of their families to live together
8. They refused to worship a false God



Please continue to fill your Mite Boxes!

The LWML needs your continued love and support to meet our Mission Goals.



Your Mites at Work!
#13 - Equipping Youth to Witness for Life
Y4Life - \$25,000

The mission of Youth for Life, a ministry of Lutherans for Life, is to equip Lutheran youth and young adults to be Gospel-motivated voices for Life and be an example in speech, conduct, love, life and purity. There is a great need to share the Gospel with college and high school students and to talk about the sanctity of life. This LWML grant will train new leaders to share the Gospel and speak about abortion in Lutheran high schools nationwide. For more information, go to www.lwml.org/2017-2019-mission-grant-13.

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Days to Celebrate in July

Birthdays

1st Austin Anderson, Allen Wright
 3rd Joyce Gilleland
 5th Janet Covington
 15th Lois Kramer
 18th Amber English, Judy Hancock,
 Del Tech
 21st Claudia Kelley
 22nd Hollye Theimer
 26th Leah Horton, Ben English
 30th Kate Dozier



Wedding Anniversaries

7th Chad & Janna Buckmaster (12 years)
 20th Henry & Barbara Roten (61 years)



God's People at Work during July

Elders

William Parker
 Kenneth Schkade
 Ben English

Ushers

Randal Schoppa
 Eugene Krueger
 Hank Hancock

Altar Duty

Set Up: Janna Buckmaster,
 Janice Wiechman
 Take Down: Vicki Holland,
 Leah Horton

Greeters

July 7— Del Tech & Penny Becker
 July 14— Leann Roten & Michelle Cody
 July 21— Delores Palmatary & Ruth
 Rathgeber
 July 28— Pam Marten & Nancy Martinez

Readers

July 7— Ken Schkade
 July 14— Pastor Cody
 July 21— Eugene Kruger
 July 28— Kenny Theimer

Men's Breakfast Bible Study

You are welcome to join Pastor Cody and a few good men as they meet at Market Street off Kell Blvd on Thursday mornings at 6:15AM. The book study at the moment is on the Rev. Bryan Wolfmuller book, *Has American Christianity Failed?* See you there!

