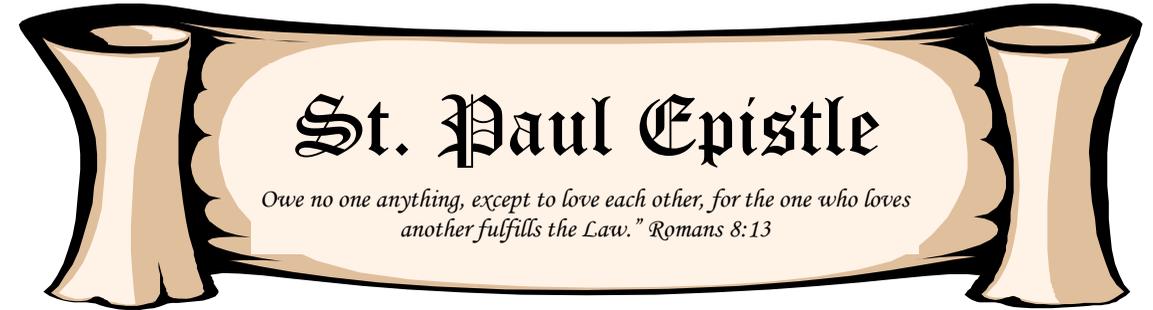




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St. Paul Epistle

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 friends in Christ,

In a small Swiss town there was a cathedral. It was called the Mountain Valley Cathedral. A great deal of money was spent on the wonderful stained-glass windows and tall arched ceiling. The cathedral also boasted of an outstanding pipe organ. The organ was designed in such a way that when it was played, people could hear it from all over the valley. As the people would work on their farms, they could often hear the melodious tones of the organ peal their way to them. It gave great joy to the people of the valley for many decades.

Then one day the valley became silent. The organ was in need of repair. They called in one expert after another and yet no one was able to solve the problem. Specialists from all over Europe were asked to help and still no one was able to fix it.

Finally, when all hope seemed to be lost, an old man came to the cathedral. He asked if he could take a look at the organ. The leadership of the cathedral agreed, and the old man worked for two days. The sexton was becoming nervous because the old man said nothing as he worked. Finally, on the third day, the sweet sound of music was heard all through the valley. People dropped everything they were doing and ran to the cathedral. When the old man was done playing, the sexton asked why it was that he was able to fix the organ after so many others had failed. The old man replied: "I am the one who built the organ—and I am the only one who can fix it."

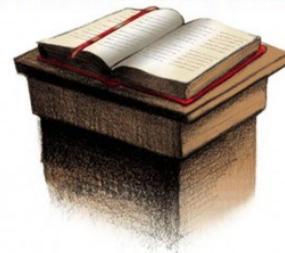
Dear friends in Christ, this was the cry of Jesus when He looked over the city of Jerusalem. "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the

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



Pastor's Meditation Cont.,

(Continued from page 1)

prophets and stones God's messengers! How often have I longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks beneath her wings, but you were not willing. And now look, your house is left to you empty. And you will never see me again until you say, "Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!"

Week after week, season after season, we have a grace-full opportunity to let Jesus into our hearts and lives. As we gather together each week we hear the wonderful story of Jesus' great love for each and every one of us. It is here that the Master builder can bind up our wounds and heal us from all our afflictions of body and soul and fix all that is broken in our lives. Summer time is such a busy time and so much can go amuck during the summer months. Make sure you take time out of your schedules to worship as well as play. You have a wonderful opportunity to join your church family and your friends in the reception of the Good News of salvation through God's Word and Sacraments. The Lord welcomes you and encourages you to SEE and SMELL and HEAR and TASTE and FEEL His grace, mercy, and peace. The grace, mercy, and peace that lead us through all of life and ultimately to heaven itself. I hope and pray you're having a great summer and the Lord bless you and keep you!

In Christ's Love, +

Pastor Cody
Psalm 84:10

Bible Trivia...How Knowledgeable Are You?

1. Meaning of the name: Daniel ?

- A. I will remember his goodness
- B. God is my love
- C. In the ways of the Lord
- D. A judge is God

2. What was Abraham commanded to do to Isaac?

- A. stab him with a spear
- B. burn him as a sacrifice
- C. poison him slowly
- D. leave him outside to be eaten by the beasts

3. Meaning of the name: David?

- A. praised
- B. beloved
- C. Honored
- D. exalted

4. What stopped Abraham from killing Isaac?

- A. a she-bear
- B. an agnel of the Lord
- C. Abraham fainted
- D. an earthquake

5. Meaning of the name: Delilah?

- A. temptress
- B. weak
- C. daughter of God
- D. God is my riches

6. Abraham commanded that Isaac

should not marry a?

- A. Egyptian
- B. Israelite
- C. Canaanite
- D. Ishmaelite

7. Meaning of the word: Deuteronomy?

- A. here is the law
- B. repetition of the law
- C. the law of Moses
- D. God is law

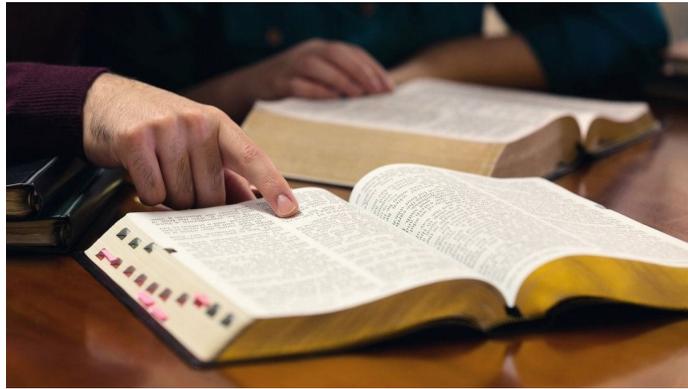
8. How would Abraham's servant know which woman would be Isaac's wife?

- A. she would sing and dance for him
- B. she would be working in the fields when he met her
- C. she would offer to provide him and his camels with all the water they needed
- D. He would be told in a dream

(Answers on page 12)



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.





Like us on Facebook

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

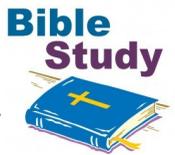
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Because of the continued interest in the **Adult Catechism Classes**, Pastor Cody is teaching **Continuous Adult Catechism Instruction** to study together what it is that Lutherans believe, teach, and confess. This class meets weekly on Monday nights at 5:00 pm. 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! We continue our study of the Book of Genesis! We meet at 6 pm following Adult Catechism. We will start at the very beginning as it is a very good place to start! Come join us..... You'll love it!



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 and stay for Adult Bible study yourselves and teach them some proper God pleasing habits to be in as the spiritual leaders of your homes! See y'all there!



On June 9th, Pastor Richard Cody celebrated the 25th anniversary of his ordination into the Holy Ministry. Because he has served faithfully we will be celebrating this milestone. We would like to invite everyone to come to our celebration honoring him for all he has done to spread the gospel here and his previous congregations as well.

We will celebrate this important milestone after the worship service on July 11th with a bar-b-que luncheon and presentation of gifts. We would like to invite everyone to celebrate this milestone in his ministry. If you would like to make a monetary donation for this celebration, just write your check to St. Paul Lutheran Church and write “Pastor’ Anniversary” in the comments line. Last Sunday to donate will be July 4.

Dear Pastor Cody and members of St. Paul,

I received the gifts and the care package you all sent. Thank you so much! The nuts and the ice breakers were especially good and have helped me through my studies! Thank you for the gift and your support. May the Lord bless you all and keep you and give you peace in Christ our Lord.

Sincerely,
John Luke West

Concordia University of Texas

Dear Friends,

It is with heartfelt gratitude that we say “thank you” for our selfless support of Concordia University Texas through your gift to the Calvin Rathgeber Memorial Scholarship Endowment Fund. Through this endowment, we are able to make an impact in the lives of thousands of Concordia students as they experience all that this great university has to offer.

Your support in the amount of \$250.00 on Tuesday, May 25, 2021, enables us to continue to grow into a premier institution of higher education. Contributions made to this fund are invested by the University to maximize the return on investment and create income that is used to fund specific areas designated by the endowment’s creator. The result is a steady flow of funding each year through an endowment that continues to grow and generate greater levels of income and impact.

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts! The far-reaching impact you have made will touch the lives of our students, faculty, community members and everyone else who comes into contact with Concordia University of Texas. God has great plans for Concordia, and we are excited that you are participating in this journey with us.

May His love and peace be with you always,

James Candido
Vice President for Philanthropy

January 16, 2021 All Board and Committee Planning Meeting Takeaways & Goals

Increase Bible Study and Worship Attendance

- A. Multi-generational Study...Bible Knowledge 101– **Began February 28, 2021**
- B. Weekly Divine Services with the Lord's Supper– **Ongoing**
- C. Advent & Lent noon & 7pm services– **Completed Lent**
- D. Possible Seder Supper—**Did not schedule**
- E. Continued 7pm & 11pm Christmas Eve Candlemas services

Continue/Increase our Social Ministry Outreach/Presence in and to the community

- A. Faith Mission– **Ongoing—tentatively scheduled to serve a meal on Aug. 14**
- B. Rathgeber House– **Ongoing**
- C. Interfaith Ministries– **Ongoing**
- D. Give it Away– **Funds started**
- E. Courtyard Gardens–**Ongoing-delivered 48 Easter Goodie Bags & 40 t-shirts**
- F. First Responders– **Possibly in Oct/Nov**
- G. City Lights Parade

Resume Fellowship Opportunities

- A. Valentine Gala– **Cancelled due to weather, held Italia Bistro Gala 3/6/2021**
- B. Church Camp Out
- C. Confirmation Questioning invitation for entire congregation & reception/dinner– **3/26/2021**
- D. Vacation Bible School- **Completed 6/18– 19 participants & 6/19 - 23 participants**
- E. North Campus worship/sing along
- F. Church meals and special occasion meals
- G. Card showers for all occasions and special birthdays and anniversaries (8/9 Hank Hancock is turning 80, 8/9- Ruth Rathgeber is turning 80.)
- H. Easter Egg Hunt– **3/27/2021**

Trustee/Maintenance/Building improvements

- A. Elevator improvements and repairs– **Ongoing**
- B. Windows replaced in the education wing and music room of the church– **currently at 36k**
- C. Floor at Church Camp (cracking and buckling)
Maintenance things that just come up

Improved Communication to all members

- A. Following constitution for certain meetings, i.e. council meetings, voters' meetings, etc.
- B. Spread sheets showing who has what forms of communications (Cell phone, landline, email etc. noting what preferred form of communication for members)
- C. Phone calls, emails, newsletters, minor prophet
- D. Attempt, if possible, to give at least a 2 week notice on any given changes

***Red indicates the current status of listed project

Please Pray

Please continue to pray on a daily basis for:

- ✦ Pastor, Michelle Cody
- ✦ Kathy & Kenneth Schkade
- ✦ Lisa Schur, Parish Office Worker
- ✦ The leadership of our church, all boards and committee members.
- ✦ The mission of ST. 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, Dennis Keethler, Lee Shores, Kay Castleberry, Chad Brown, Staci Myles, Sally Handrick, David Marshall, and Janice Hatcher.



PHYSICAL AND OTHER CONCERNS:

Betty Corder, Brantley French, Duncan Hibbard, Ronnie Newman, Kellen Osborne, Mark Lehman, Tyler Sherrod, David Baker, Virginia Martinez, Janice Wiechman, Loretta Garcia, Dean Miller, Jesse Flick, Katey Lewis, Sarah Beth Popp, Priscilla Scott, Nina Keethler, Debbi Truette, and Patti Hernandez.

Sympathy: The Family of Sammy Henderson

HOMEBOUND/SHUT-IN MEMBERS: Dorothy Kutzler (Royal Estates), Virginia Hendricks (Rolling Meadows), Lois Kramer (Rolling Meadows), Annie Cooper (Presbyterian Manor), and Jesse Flick.

ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY PERSONNEL: Whitney Colligan (Air Force), Eli Buckmaster (Marine Corps), Brian Clayton (Army), Kate Ridinger Dozier (Navy), Jaydon Martinez (Navy), Trent Meisel (USAF), Zachary Wied (National Guard), Richard Townes (Army), Tim Rosenthal (Air Force), Christopher Harmon (Air Force), and Jacob Naughton (Air Force).

Thank You!

The Board of Education would like to thank everyone who assisted with the very successful VBS program this year! We felt your prayers! Loaves and Fishes was fun for everyone, and we felt like a piece of each of you was there with us.

We had 19 children Friday and 23 on Saturday and a multitude of helpers.

Friday we learned how Jesus fed the 5,000 with 5 loaves and 2 fishes, with each child making his/her own loaf of bread and learning the process! While the Bread rose, we slid down the water slide! We also made sand art fish.

On Saturday, we started the day with a fishing trip, and while it was so fun and fish were caught and released, we came nowhere near being able to feed 5,000, which drives home how miraculous Jesus' feeding the 5,000 was! We cooled off again on the water slide and Pastor taught us about our real and present Jesus, who on the Emmaus walk revealed himself again as true God and true man, and ate fish with his disciples!

Special thanks to those who made this a success!

Pastor Cody— for Bible Study, great guitar & songs

Michelle Cody— assisting in every way as a group leader

William Parker & Janice Wiechman for teaching bread making.

Eugene Kruger & Lisa Schur—for mowing and having the grounds so beautiful, and

Lisa for office support.

Jana & Chad Buckmaster for mowing and preparing the stock tank for our fishing trip.

Kitchen Crew— Ruth Rathgeber, Judy Hancock, Glenda Hardi, and Janice Wiechman.

Helpers— Amy Chase, Bo & Glenda Hardi, Nina Keethler, Hank Hancock, and Ryan Sheehan.

MVP Dad Water slide & Fishing— Russell Heineken!

Slide show presentation for church— Larry Martinez

And everyone who donated items, prayed, and supported this special time!

God Bless you St. Paul Family!

Love,
Darla English

Thank You

We wish to thank those who served last month:

Organist: Darla English, Kathy Schkade

Elders: Kenneth Schkade, William Parker, Kevin Copeland

Sound man/PowerPoint: Eugene Kruger

Altar Guild: Judy Hancock, Delores Palmatary & Nancy Martinez, Debra Truette (setup) Judy Hancock, Delores Palmatary & Vicki Holland, Lisa Schur (take-down) (And all members!)

Greeters: Penny Becker, Del Tech, and all greeters

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

All Church Council members

All Board and Committee members

Treasurer: Nina Keethler

Sexton: Randal Schoppa

The immediate needs of Faith Mission are as follows:

Men's and women's underwear

Men- med, large, XL

Women- 5,6 & 7

Paper goods - paper towels- toilet paper

Copy paper

Hair brushes

Body wash

Ground beef

Sugar

Ketchup

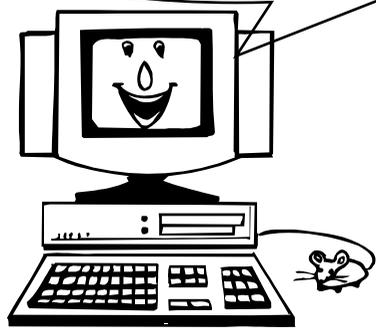
Sliced bread (white/wheat)

Coffee creamer



— WICHITA FALLS —
FAITH MISSION
EVERY STORY MATTERS

Check out our website!
www.stpaulwftx.org



- TRIVIA ANSWERS:**
1. A Judge is God
 2. Burn him as a sacrifice
 3. beloved
 4. An angel of the Lord
 5. weak
 6. Canaanite
 7. Reputation of the law
 8. She would offer to provide him and his camels with all the water they needed



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.



Please continue to fill your Mite Boxes!

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

Thank you from the Mission of Christ Network for the Lo Family Project.

Thank you for your donation to the water project. We pray God will multiply His Kingdom

Concordia University Texas

Dear Friends,

Praise be to God for all that He has done! I want to sincerely thank you for your support of Concordia University Texas. Through your generous gift to the Church Work Scholarship Fund, you are providing an opportunity for students to live out their God-given purpose in pursuing their vocation.

Your support in the amount of \$250.00 on Wednesday, May 19, 2021 will enable students who are enrolled in our religious education programs to receive a premier education. The students will be prepared for transformative roles in the Church, through which they will impact their communities.

Thank you again for your selfless support of Concordia University Texas. You are truly making a difference in the lives of our students, faculty, community members and everyone else who comes into contact with the University. God has great plans for Concordia, and we are excited that you are joining us on our journey.

May the peace of the Lord be with you.

Sincerely,

James Candido
 Vice President of Philanthropy

Days to Celebrate in July & August

Birthdays

July

- 1- Austin Anderson, Allen Wright
- 3- Joyce Gilleland
- 5- Janet Covington
- 15- Lois Kramer
- 18- Amber English Clayton, Judy Hancock, Del Tech
- 22- Hollye Theimer
- 26- Leah Horton, Ben English
- 30- Kate Dozier

August

- 1- Cole Scarber
- 2- James Wiechman, Jr.
- 4- Trey Brackeen
- 7- Lee Wuthrich
- 9- Hank Hancock, Ruth Rathgeber
- 10- Aniston Edington
- 11- Kenneth Schkade
- 18- Karen Reeves



Wedding Anniversaries

July:

- 7- Chad & Janna Buckmaster

August:

- 9- Francisco & Natalie Esparza
- 13- Allen & Bobbi Wright



God's People at Work during July & August

Elders

William Parker
Kenneth Schkade
Kevin Copeland

Ushers

Randal Schoppa
Eugene Krueger

Altar Duty

July:

Set Up: Judy Hancock,
Delores Palmatary
Take Down: Judy Hancock,
Delores Palmatary

August:

Set Up: Nancy Martinez,
Debra Truett
Take Down: Vicki Holland,
Lisa Schur

Greeters

July:

July 4- Leanne Roten, Michelle Cody
July 11- Delores Palmatary, Ruth Rathgeber
July 18- Pam Marten, Nancy Martinez
July 25- Hank & Judy Hancock

August:

Aug. 1- Kevin Copeland, Ruth Rathgeber
Aug. 8- Del Tech, Penny Becker
Aug. 15- Leanne Roten, Michelle Cody
Aug. 22- Delores Palmatary, Ruth Rathgeber
Aug. 29- Pam Marten, Nancy Martinez

Readers

July:

July 4- Ken Schkade
July 11- Kevin Copeland
July 18- Eugene Kruger
July 25- Kenny Theimer

August:

Aug. 1- Ken Schkade
Aug. 8- Kevin Copeland
Aug. 15- Eugene Kruger
Aug. 22- Kenneth Theimer
Aug. 29- Pastor Cody