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)

Pastor’s Meditation

Dear St. Paul Family and Friends,

This year as many of you know marks the 125th anniversary of St. Paul Lutheran, Wichita Falls. We have many activities and many speakers, organists, pastors, and sons of the congregation (who have gone on to be pastors) past and present who will be coming back this year and celebrating with us. We look forward to this wonderful year of celebration!

Our theme this year is “Standing Firm on God’s Word for 125 Years” based on Philippians 4:1, “Therefore, my brothers, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm thus in the Lord, my beloved.” St. Paul Lutheran Church has been standing firm and boldly proclaiming God’s saving Word and administering His blessed Sacraments to the fine people of Wichita Falls and thousands of guests over the years and will continue to do so by God’s unending grace. In this calendar year, due to the number of activities scheduled, we are going to need everyone’s help to carry out all that is planned. We humbly invite you to get involved and offer your services, your time, and your talents, to make all these activities a year of blessing. The 125th Anniversary Committee has been

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planning and working hard making decisions and securing the speakers, etc., but they can’t do it alone.

The schedule of events planned will be included in this newsletter. I hope that you will cut it out and put it on your refrigerator and keep it in front of you for planning purposes this year. If you have any ideas for celebrating please call the church office, or yours truly, and let us know what you’re thinking.

Many people have asked what is the “actual date” of the anniversary of St. Paul. The “actual date” is September 2, 1984-2019. Since that date does not fall on a Sunday, the nearest Sunday (post-Labor Day weekend) to celebrate would be September 8. Therefore, we will be using this date of September 8, 2019, to be our “Main Event” and on that weekend (September 7-8) we will be having all church and school (St. Paul Lutheran School) REUNION for past and present members of the church and school. So we are asking the congregation members, friends of St. Paul, to help us get the word out to all past members of the church and school, even those who have moved away, to see if you can talk them into coming back for the occasion. As one of our youth said recently…”This is an important year because you only get to celebrate a 125th anniversary…once!” To which I said, “Touché!”

I want to thank all of you in advance for any and all help you can offer this year. I’m proud to be a part of the St. Paul Lutheran Church’s rich history and to be one of the “twelve” called pastors that have served here over the past 125 years. (Not including many faithful vacancy pastors over the many years.) I can’t wait to see what the future holds for St. Paul many years from now. I know that by God’s grace, the future will be amazing! So, come out and let the celebration begin! The Lord be with us and bless us this year!

In Christ’s Love, +
Pastor Cody
Psalm 84:10

A man died and went to heaven. He is at the Pearly Gates by St. Peter, who led him down the golden streets. They walk by mansions after beautiful estates until they came to the end of the road where they stopped in front of a little shack. The man asked St. Peter why he got a simple hut when there were so many mansions where he would be more comfortable. St. Peter replied, “I did the best with the money you sent us.”
**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

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**Theology on Tap: Men’s Bible Study**

Our circuit-wide monthly Men’s Bible Study continues on **Tuesday, June 11th** at Our Redeemer, Wichita Falls. We’ll gather at 6:00pm for some great vittles from the Holy Smokers, then continue with our look at “Authentic Christi-anity” from 7-8pm. This month we are on chapter 3, and all are welcome!

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

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**St. Paul Lutheran Church, Wichita Falls, TX**
125th Anniversary Speakers and Events

- **June 1**—Garage Sale & Hotdog give away & Sr. Youth bake sale
- **June 9**—Dwayne Hendricks (Preaching/Teaching) Pancake breakfast that morning
- **June 23**—Schkade’s 50th Anniversary celebration and (guest organist(s) that day in worship
- **June 30**—Texas District President Michael Newman (guest speaker/teacher and potluck luncheon after church)
- **July 14**—(need fill-in) Possibly Ben Rathgeber
- **July 21**—(need fill-in) Possibly Kenneth Thiener Sr. (lay fill-in)
- **August 18**—Pastor Handrick (Preaching/Teaching) potluck dinner to follow
- **September 8**—Big Anniversary celebration (all church & school reunion weekend) Big BBQ that afternoon after church (Speaker TBD)
- **October 13**—Scott Hyslop (guest organist) coming in to play concert and hymn sing (reception to follow)
- **October 27**—Rev. Milferd Meyer (Preaching/Teaching) Followed by German Festival
- **November 10**—Rev. Michael Cody, (preaching/teaching)
- **December 15**—Handbell choir concert of Christmas songs

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LYF MAY 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 Apostles’ Creed

FUN AND GAMES

Our next fun and games date will be Sunday, June 30, 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!

125th Anniversary Task Force

We will be having our 4th meeting on Thursday, June 6, at 3:30PM. We have a great deal to discuss and plan out for the coming year. We hope that

Miraculous Mission VBS

Please watch the bulletin board in the fellowship hall for volunteer sign ups and ways you can help coming soon!! VBS will be Sunday through Thursday evenings June 9-13 for age 3 years old to 6th grade completed. Junior high, high school, college age, and adult volunteers are welcome! Group leaders, crafts, music leaders, meal preparers and servers are all needed. Please also pray for the success of our Miraculous Mission VBS! St. Paul Board of Education.
Sometimes the motive behind asking this question is for self-justification. Even though as Lutherans, we know that we are not saved by our works but by grace through faith because of Jesus’ substitutionary atonement, the natural religion of fallen man is to earn God’s favor by what we do. Take for example the response of our Lord to the rich young ruler who asked, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?” Jesus first tells him to keep the commandments. The rich young ruler responds by indicating that all this he has kept from his youth. But Jesus tells him that he lacks one thing: He must sell all that he has and give it to the poor and then follow him. This rich young ruler went away sad because he was quite wealthy and could not part with his possessions. Here we see that those who seek to justify themselves by their giving will hear a response that intensifies the duty that God places upon them. Indeed, they will hear a response that makes it impossible to win God’s favor by their works.

But to those who genuinely desire to know what their duty as Christians in the arena of giving, we look to the Bible for our answer. We believe that the Bible is the Word of God. And we know that the Word of God has been “breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for proof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work” (2 Tim 3:16–17). So we begin to answer the question, “What should I give?” with the question, “What does the Bible say about how much we should give and to whom?”

The Old Testament is explicit. The expectation is that the people of God would give a tithe, that is ten percent, of the first fruits of their labor to support the full time ministry of the Levites. This is what the Lord gave Moses to teach the people: “You shall tithe all the yield of your seed that comes from the field year by year. And before the Lord your God, in the place that he will choose, to make his name dwell there, you shall eat the tithe of your grain, of your wine, and of your oil, and the firstborn of your herd and flock, that you may learn to fear the Lord your God always. And if the way is too long for you, so that you are not able to carry the tithe, when the Lord your God blesses you, because the place is too far from you, which the Lord your God chooses, to set the place too far from you, which the Lord your God chooses, to set

Stewardship Newsletter Article

Whenever the topic of stewardship and giving comes up, the conversation inevitably turns to the question: “How much should I give?” Answers will vary because the motive behind such questions vary also.

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!

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

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BREAKFAST
Sunday, June 9

The 125th committee is hosting a breakfast honoring Dwayne Hendricks, son of the congregation, who will be preaching and teaching Bible class. Volunteers are needed to make the Easter Brunch casserole recipe for the breakfast.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

St. Paul reminds us, “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). When the Thessalonians heard Paul’s urging to rejoice, pray and give thanks, they did so. This July, so will we, when elected delegates and visitors from around the world gather in Tampa for the 67th Regular Convention of The Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod. And through that rejoicing, praying and giving thanks, we will bear witness to God’s love in Christ.

Will you also prepare joyfully to take on this work with us? Here’s what you can do.

First, please pray! Pray for me as you Synod President, for my brothers on the Council of Presidents, for my fellow pastors, deaconesses, DCE’s, church musicians, teachers, and all church workers, our congregations and schools, our seminaries and universities, and all our partners in ministry throughout the world. Pray that we may all be strengthened in our joyful confession of Christ and renew our witness to His love. Pray especially for the delegates and guests who will gather in Tampa, asking God for the gift of His Spirit that we may listen to each other in humility, speak in love, and plan together for ways to meet the changes before us in faithfulness to God’s Word.

Second, join with all of the LCMS as we participate this year in the 2019-2021 LCMS National Offering. This special collection of monetary gifts sets the tone for our next triennium under the theme, “Joy to the World,” preparing hearts for prayerful rejoicing, gratitude and bold action. Any gifts received go directly to the mission of the LCMS to make known the Good News of Jesus Christ, joy incarnate, to the world.

We know that the Gospel of Jesus Christ brings great joy to God’s people through the forgiveness of sins and the certain hope of eternal life. Your church’s gifts will help support work that reflects the Christ-centered joy of Lutheran Christians everywhere, and share that joy across boundaries among those who have not yet heard the powerful message of His salvation.

Having joyfully received the Gospel through Word and Sacrament, let’s come together for the 2019-21 National Offering and watch how it emboldens the work that God has given His people to do and brings true and lasting joy to the world, that all might rejoice and give thanks to God for every good gift.

Rev. Dr. Matthew C. Harrison
President, The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod.

Did you know?
In 1914, St Paul Lutheran Church established a Christian Day School. The school began in one large room on the north side of the little frame church building. Over time, the church enjoyed growth in the attendance of the Christian Day School and they built a new school on Brook Street.

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!
IN CELEBRATION OF GOD’S BLESSINGS AND FAITHFULNESS, THE CHILDREN OF

Kenneth and Kathy Schkade
INVITE YOU TO PARTICIPATE IN OUR PARENTS’
50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY
A RECEPTION FOLLOWED BY DINNER WILL BE HELD
SATURDAY, JUNE 22, 2019
AT 2:30 IN THE AFTERNOON
ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH
1417 11TH STREET
WICHITA FALLS, TEXAS 76307

PLEASE RSVP
BY JUNE 15, 2019
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5232 Catskills Drive, Wichita Falls, TX 76310
kathy.schkade@sbcglobal.net
Information about local lodging options available upon request
Favorite memories, anecdotes or photos of the couple may be sent to:
Jonathan Schkade, 1712 Sunset Ct. Jefferson City, MO, 65109

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, Jamie 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, Barbara Roten, Rev. Michael Ruhl, Margaret McRoberts, and Judy Hancock.

HOMEBOUND/SHUT-IN MEMBERS:
Dorothy Kurzler (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)
Our Women’s Bible Study will meet on Thursday, June 13 at 9:30AM. They invite all women interested to come for some thought-provoking bible study and great fellowship!

The LWML Ladies Group will meet on Thursday, May 2, at 9:15AM. A salad luncheon will follow the meeting. This will be the last meeting for this calendar year and they will resume in September. All ladies interested are very welcome to join them!

Red River Zone Rally will be Saturday May 11th at 9:30 AM at Faith Lutheran Church in Graham TX.

Midweek Bible School had their end of the year closing on May 8. The students shared some of their favorite songs from “All God’s Children Sing” Song book. Each student received “The Children’s Garden of Bible Stories” book. They are very glad to read these books! Thank You: students (Britton, Shelby, Riley, Holland), Parents and Grandparents; Pastor Cody; Mr. Schkade for making our time together great!

Finally, we Praise the Lord for His many blessings!
Mrs. Schkade

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1. Did Judges come before or after Ruth?
A. Before
B. After

2. What health condition did Abram’s wife have?
A. Palsy
B. Lameness
C. Infertility
D. Blindness

3. Does First and Second Samuel come before or after First and Second Kings?
A. Before
B. After

4. The Lord commanded Abram to:
A. Preach the gospel to the Canaanites
B. Lead a militia to destroy the Tower of Babel
C. Leave his home country for a different land
D. Prepare his family for a 10-year famine

5. Why did Abram think that he would be killed in Egypt?
A. The Egyptians would be afraid that he would gain too much power.
B. The Egyptians would want to steal his riches
C. The Egyptians would hate him for preaching about the true God
D. The Egyptian men would want his wife

6. The Lord Promises that if Abram would obey His commandment, Abram would:
A. Become the greatest prophet of all time
B. Become the leader of a great nation
C. Live for hundreds of years
D. Be taken up to heaven to live with God

7. Abram and his family went to Egypt to escape...
A. The Babylonian army
B. Robbers
C. The Canaanite politicians
D. Famine

8. In order to avoid being killed by the Egyptians, what did Abram tell his wife to do?
A. Tell the Egyptians that he was insane
B. Bury his gold
C. Pretend she was his sister
D. Hide him under the cot in their tent

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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 when the photos will be taken. The photo taking will begin sometime this month, so be looking in the Minor Prophet (Announcements) for more information about this.

We are also calling on any and 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.

LWML GRANT UPDATE

Raising Pastors and Deaconesses

$97,000

This grant was requested for the construction of a Seminary building for the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Liberia. The purpose of the funds is to train pastors, deaconesses and other church leaders. The LWML Board of Directors voted in January 2019 to change the allocation of this grant, which is now as follows: $30,000 to LeadaChild for establishment of Teacher Training “hubs” in West Africa/Asia. These teacher hubs will support teachers who are teaching in their schools already established in Liberia and other African and Asian countries. $40,000 to Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, for education costs of its Graduate School’s students who are from African countries with special consideration given for Liberian students. $7,000 for Grace Rao, Office of Deaconess Ministry for Liberian Deaconess training. Deaconess Rao travels to Liberia for certain parts of the Deaconess training course. This will go for transportation costs, books, lodging, and curriculum mission trips taken by the students. $20,000 for the seminary in Sierra Leone. With no seminary in Liberia, the seminary in Sierra Leone will be the one that Liberian students would attend. We Pray Together... Dear Lord, Thank you for your abundant blessings in my daily life. You provide all my physical and spiritual needs. Place on my heart the desire to share these blessings with a world in need through my service and mite offerings. Continue to bless our mission grant recipients as they spread the gospel message and care for people throughout the world. We pray that you would continue to bless the efforts of the LWML and encourage all of these women to live a faithful life of Christian service. All this we ask through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. Amen.
Days to Celebrate in June

Birthdays
4th Anthony Rangel
5th Julie Wuthrich
6th Delores Leblanc
8th Kyler Wiechman
16th Dennis Keethler
18th Virginia Hendricks
19th Holland Horton
21st Nathan Ganster
22nd Darla Inglish
26th Tony Gilleland
29th Evelyn Wood
30th Alexandria Esparza

Wedding Anniversaries
27th Rubin & Janet Covington (27 years)
28th Kenneth & Kathy Schkade (50 years)
28th Trey and Kenna Brackeen (6 years)

A Stewardship Minute
Do you remember these words from Psalm 42 describing the thirst for something greater?

As a deer longs for flowing streams,
So my soul longs for you, O God.
My soul thirsts for God, for the
Living God. (Psalm 42:2)

Our wholeness comes from having our total existence fed: body, mind, and spirit. To put it plainly, wholeness, meaning, and joy come to us completely when we love and serve God with our entire being. That is, when we choose to be good stewards of our entire existence: bodies, minds, and souls.

The significance of Jesus’ statement that “One does not live by bread alone” (Mt. 4:4) is explained in the June issue of Stewardship. The feature article points out that as important as bread is for one’s life, food alone does not satisfy our inner needs. Our spirit needs to be fed as well.

The hymn writer, Charles Wesley, put it well it in these words:
A charge to keep I have, a God to glorify,
A never dying soul to save, and fit it for the sky.

Prayer: Dear Lord, help us to have the spiritual strength, to serve you with our whole being: body, mind, and spirit. In Christ’s name. Amen.
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 Synodwide 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.

God’s People at Work during June

Elders
William Parker
Kenneth Schkade
Ben English

Ushers
Randal Schoppa
Eugene Krueger
Hank Hancock

Altar Duty
Set Up: Claudia Kelley, Wanda Kilgo
Take Down: Audra Baber, Julie Wuthrich

Greeters
June 2 — Del Tech, Penny Becker
June 9 — Lenn Horry, Michelle Cody
June 16 — Delores Palmatory, Ruth Rathgeber
June 23 — Pam Marten, Nancy Martinez
June 30 — Hank & Judy Hancock

Readers
June 2 — Pastor Cody
June 9 — Ken Schkade
June 16 — Eugene Krueger
June 23 — Kenny Thiermer
June 30 — Pastor Cody

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 Wolflmuller book, Has American Christianity Failed? See you there!
Memorials
In Memory of D.J. Taylor:
To 12th Anniversary by Ken & Kathy Schkade
To the Bell Choir by Evelyn Lucas
Barry, Keli & Carson McCord
Keri and Collie Orsak
Nancy & Larry Martinez
Virginia Martinez

In Memory of James Weichman to St. Paul by Robert & Karen Newman.

May 2019 Attendance
May 5–50
May 12–60
May 19–46
May 26–44

We wish to thank those who served last month:
Organist: Kathy Schkade
Elders: Kenneth Schkade, William Parker, Ben Ingliss
Sound man/PowerPoint: Chad Newquist, Ben Ingliss
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, 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 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.

Faith Mission
The immediate needs of Faith Mission are as follows:
1. Easy to read Bibles
2. Bed Sheets (twin, full, & queen)
3. Pillows
4. Toilet Paper
5. Postage Stamps

Check out our website! wwwstpaulwftx.org