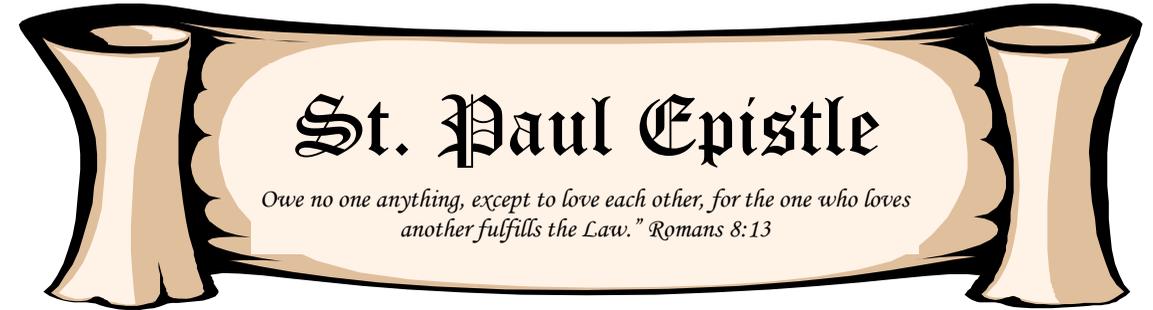




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Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another fulfills the Law." Romans 8:13

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Pastor's Meditation

Take a Vacation

"And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent" (John 17:3)

School is out! Summer is here! Like households around the nation, families at St. Paul have destinations scheduled for national parks, beaches and sunshine, shopping, sports, and other adventures to forge new memories.

You deserve a vacation! But don't take a break from God's Word, confession/absolution, or the Sacraments of Christ's Church! Time away is needed, but the greatest gift a parent can give to their children is the example of love and obedience to God. Our sons, daughters, and grandchildren need to see godly precepts lived out each day in our words and choices, since we are their first spiritual teachers and advisors.

Did you realize, a child who has been prayed over and taught God's ways is more likely to see the world from a biblical perspective? On the other hand, youngsters who get a green light from parents to "take a break" from God typically see life through the lens of secular culture. Sending a child into the world without a biblical foundation is like throwing him/her into a lion's den without weapons or armor. Since children cannot discern truth from error, parents must guard young minds against the world's onslaught until they are ready to take over the challenge themselves.

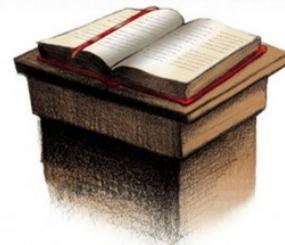
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Our Weekly Divine Service Schedule

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.,

The training of children is carried out through the daily activities of life. Use every opportunity to teach them about the Lord and His Word and show them what a righteous life looks like by living one. In other words, be the kind of believer that you hope your child will become.

Memories from family vacations are very important, but of greater value is the transfer of a spiritual legacy.

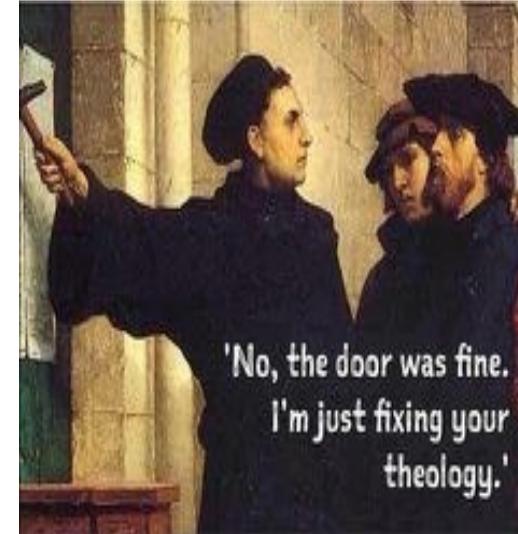
Paul admired the faith heritage that was passed down to Timothy by his mother and grandmother. Although Eunice and Lois could not bestow salvation on Timothy, they modeled their faith in God and His Word. Timothy's greatest inheritance was spiritual instruction and godly examples from these influential women: "I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, dwells in you as well. For this reason, I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you" (2 Timothy 1:5-6).

Mothers, fathers, and grandparents who desire to pass along a faith legacy will make plans for a super vacation, but they won't take a break from God and His Church throughout the entire months of June, July, August.

Like Timothy's mother and grandmother, let's not settle for merely raising our children to adulthood. Instead, our goal should be to become godly examples who inspire and teach them to love and follow Jesus. So go ahead and take a vacation! You've earned it! But don't take a vacation from church! I'll see you in church!

In Christ's Love, +

Pastor Cody
Psalm 84:10



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!

St. Paul Lutheran continues to "live" stream" our worship service and Monday night Bible Study on Facebook. If you are unable to attend and would like to watch the service via Facebook, you can watch it on Pastor Cody's Facebook page – Rick Cody at <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100008279618948>



In Honor of Pastor Cody's birthday to Concordia University Austin, TX—Calvin Rathgeber Endowment by Hank & Judy Hancock.

In Honor of Pastor Cody's Birthday to Give it Away campaign by: Bo & Glenda Hardi Clara Townes



Happy Father's Day!

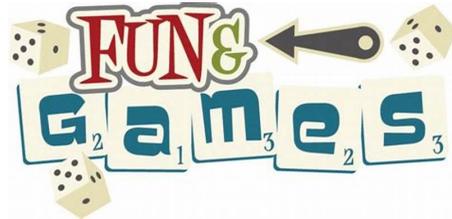


June 10-12



Pastor Cody and Kevin Copeland will be attending the Texas District Convention. This will be the 62nd Texas District Convention .

Our **Women's Bible Study** will meet once a month during the summer. They will meet on Thursday, June 10 at 9:30AM. They will be using the Lutheran Women's Quarterly for their Bible Study. They invite all women interested to come for some thought-provoking Bible study and great fellowship!



FUN AND GAMES

Our next fun and games date will be **Sunday, June 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 to the individual who donated the chicken for the Voter's meal. It was delicious and greatly appreciated!

Bible Trivia...How Good Are You?

1. Meaning of the name Boaz?

- A. king of olives
- B. God is power
- C. Masterful hand
- D. In him is might

2. For how many days and nights was Jonah in the belly of the great fish (whale) ?

- A. 3
- B. 1
- C. 7
- D. 5

3. Greek meaning of the name: Christ?

- A. savior
- B. master
- C. shepherd
- D. anointed

4. How many commandments did the Lord give to Moses on tablets?

- A. 2
- B. 16
- C. 40
- D. 10

5. Meaning of the name: Capernaum?

- A. house of olives
- B. herein is strength
- C. Maker of bread
- D. village of Nahum

6. Hebrew meaning of the name: Christ

- A. Messiah
- B. savior
- C. king of kings
- D. great liberator

7. How many brothers did Isaac have?

- A. 2
- B. 0
- C. 3
- D. 1

8. Why did the Lord command Abraham to kill Isaac?

- A. because Isaac was being wicked
- B. to test Abraham's faith and obedience
- C. because Isaac was possessed by the devil
- D. Because Abraham was being wicked

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Please continue to fill your
Mite Boxes!

The LWML needs your
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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 doing a Multi-Generational Bible Study for all ages called "Bible 101- Getting Back to Basics"**. 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 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 out 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!

Loaves & Fishes

VBS Day Camp will be June 18-19 from 9 am – 2:30 pm. at the Family Center Camp off of FM 1954. Sign up sheets will go up soon, as well as registration forms for children. We will be looking for volunteers for the following:

1. Make a light lunch each of the 2 days, set out and serve snacks such as granola bars, cookies, lots of koolaid, popsicles, etc. (A Thrivent care team card will be requested to underwrite most of meal expenses, but homemade cookies are welcome!)
2. People to assist with fishing outings
3. People willing to provide and set up a pop up shade for a fishing outing
4. Person or persons to provide rides if needed with the Church Van or other vehicles.
5. People for whom making homemade bread, rolls, or the like is a forte – (Bible related activity)
6. People who want to help with crafts
People who enjoy children, and helping them grow in their faith and relationship with Christ.

Be watching for the fellowship hall bulletin board sign up sheets, or contact Darla English at ingish4@aol.com or 940-733-1063 cell, or 940-592-5157 home.

Thank you!



LCMS Stewardship Ministry

Newsletter Article – June 2021

“There are three conversions necessary to every man: the head, the heart, and the purse.” Attributed to Luther, though yet to be located in his vast writings, this statement echoes what Jesus taught about hearts and treasures. He said, “For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.” (Matthew 6:21; Luke 12:34)

But which conversion comes first? I submit that the order is this: first the head, then the purse, then the heart. Let’s explore this topic.

Our Lord Jesus Christ dwelt among us to save us. He took on our flesh, fulfilled the demands of the law in our place, became sin for us, and suffered torture and death on our behalf. He did this in order that we would be free from sin, death, and hell. He gives us what He accomplished through Baptism, Absolution, and the Lord’s Supper. And so, He doesn’t just do it for us but gives it to us. He makes what He did ours by making us His. Thus, we are called by His name: Christians. We have a new life in Him.

Through the preaching of Law and Gospel, God grants us repentance, a changing of our minds. It is a conversion of the mind. We are called to turn away from our sins and turn toward Him for forgiveness, life, and salvation. For when God calls us away from something, He is, at the same time, calling us to something.

And thus, He calls us to a new life, with new deeds. This is the conversion of the purse. Jesus said that “it is easier for a camel to enter through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God.” (Matthew 19:24) “For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.” Notice that our hearts follow our treasures, not the other way around. As Christians, God calls us to invest our treasures in His Kingdom to ensure that the gospel is preached and the sacraments are administered. He calls us to share all good things with the one who teaches us the doctrines of Christ. He calls us to be generous in giving to the church, for it is more blessed to give than to receive.

So where is your treasure? If it is not invested in the kingdom of God, then the only response is repentance – a conversion of the heart – and to begin doing just that. And as our Lord promised, where your treasure is there your heart will be also.

This is not to say that you earn your way into heaven. It is simply to say that as Christians, those who have been made to be temples of the Holy Spirit, who have been given a new life in Christ, who are dead to sin and now alive in Him, we are actually to live – think (conversion of the mind), do (conversion of the purse), and be (conversion of the heart) – a new life in Him. And when you fail, know that God in Christ loves and forgives you and still calls you away from that and to Himself.

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**
- 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—We are 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 Birsto Gala 3/6/2021**
- B. Church Camp Out
- C. Confirmation Questioning invitation for entire congregation & reception/dinner– **3/26/2021**
- D. Vacation Bible School
- E. North Campus worship/sing along
- F. Church meals and special occasion meals
- G. Card showers for all occasions and special birthdays and anniversaries (Virginia Hendricks is celebrating 90 this year, Hank Hancock is turning 80, Brett Farson graduating from Nursing school, Clara Buckmaster graduating from High School)
- 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 for 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, Janice Hatcher, Lisa Hawes, and Tina Martinez.



PHYSICAL AND OTHER CONCERNS:

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

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).

Congratulations to our recent Graduates!



Graduating from Vernon College with an Associate Degree in Nursing. Graduation ceremonies were held on May 20 at 7 pm.

Brett Farson has always aspired to become a nurse since junior high school. His father, Rick Farson, was the one who introduced Brett to the great profession of nursing. Brett's father also graduated from the same nursing program in 2009. Brett decided to continue to follow his dad's footsteps by

accepting his first nursing job at the hospital working on the very same medical-surgical floor (4 West). Brett will start on 4 West in June and is excited for future opportunities to grow in the nursing profession. He plans to continue his education by getting his bachelors degree in nursing.



Clara is graduating from Edmond North High School in Edmond, Oklahoma as Valedictorian with distinction, meaning she has maintained at least a 4.0 average throughout her high school career and has taken more than five Advanced Placement classes. She is a member of the National Honor Society, Oklahoma Honor Society, and the Edmond North Key Club, as well as an AP Scholar. Next year she will attend Oklahoma State University in Stillwater, Okla-

homa as a Biosystems Engineering Major and member of the Honors College. With the goal of having a career in renewable energy

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: Janice Wiechman, Janna Buckmaster (setup) Michelle Cody, Leanne Roten (take-down) (And all members!)

Greeters: Penny Becker, Delores Palmatary, Ruth Rathgeber, 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

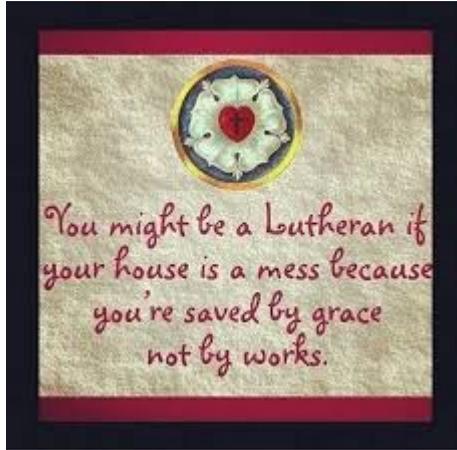
Faith Mission

The immediate needs of Faith Mission are as follows:

1. alcohol prep swabs
2. Clorox wipes, Lysol spray, bleach
3. paper towels, napkins
4. family size tea bag, coffee
5. sugar, creamer
6. 1 - 1.5" binders



— WICHITA FALLS —
FAITH MISSION
 EVERY STORY MATTERS



Check out our website!
www.stpaulwftx.org



TRIVIA ANSWERS:
1. In him is might
2. 3
3. anointed
4. 10
5. Village of Nahum
6. Messiah
7. 0
8. To test Abraham's faith and obedience

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.



On June 9th, Pastor Richard Cody will celebrate 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 your check out to St. Paul Lutheran Church and write "Pastor' Anniversary" in the comments line

Days to Celebrate in June

Birthdays

4- Anthony Rangel
6- Delores Leblanc
8- Kyler Wiechman
12- Jesse Flick, Bill Bone
16- Dennis Keethler
18- Virginia Hendricks
19- Holland Horton
22- Darla English
26- Tony Gilleland
30- Alexandria Esparza



Wedding Anniversaries

27th Rubin & Janet Covington
28th Kenneth & Kathy Schkade



God's People at Work during June

Elders

William Parker
Kenneth Schkade
Kevin Copeland

Ushers

Randal Schoppa
Eugene Krueger

Altar Duty

Set Up: Judy Hancock,
Delores Palmatary
Take Down: Delores Pal-
matary, Judy Hancock

Greeters

June 6 –Pam Marten, Nancy Martinez
June 13 —Hank & Judy Hancock
June 20– Kevin Copeland, Ruth
Rathgeber
June 27– Del Tech, Penny Becker

Readers

June 6— Kenneth Schkade
June 13— Kevin Copeland
June 20— Eugene Kruger
June 27– Kenneth Theimer

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