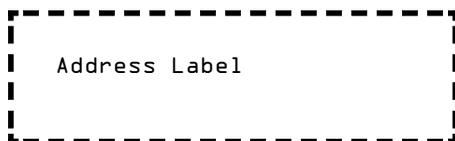




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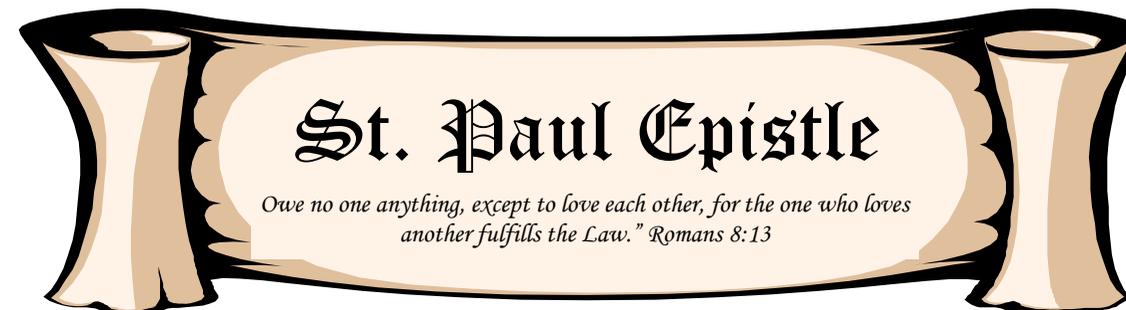
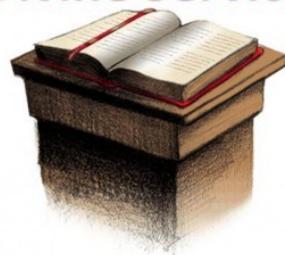


## Our Weekly Divine Service Schedule

### 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



## 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 it 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 to 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 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 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. Have a great summer and the Lord bless you and keep you!

In Christ's love, +

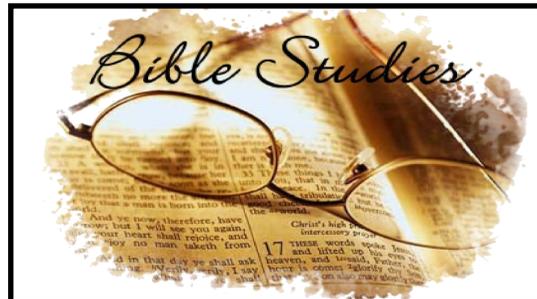
Pastor Cody  
Psalm 84:10

## 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](mailto:revcody11@gmail.com)

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



## Bible Trivia...How Good Are You?

### 1. Does Zephaniah come before or after Haggai?

- A. Before
- B. After

### 2. Why did the Lord promise Abram after he and Lot parted?

- A. Abram would never die if he remained faithful
- B. Abram's family would always be protected from Lot's family
- C. Abram's offerings would always be accepted by the Lord
- D. Abram's seed would be as numerous as the dust on the earth

### 3. Does Daniel come before or after Hosea?

- A. Before
- B. After

### 4. When Abram heard that Lot was captured in the battle of the kinds:

- A. He rent his clothes and mourned
- B. He rescued Lot and his family
- C. He praised the Lord
- D. He traveled to Lot's camp and plundered it

### 5. Which king blessed Abram?

- A. King Melchizedek
- B. The king of Elam
- C. The king of Sodom
- D. King David

### 6. When the king of Sodom offered Abram the spoils of the war:

- A. He wouldn't take any of it
- B. He took a third of it
- C. He took half of it
- D. He took all of it

### 7. What did Abram as the Lord?

- A. Posterity
- B. Protection
- C. Longevity
- D. Wisdom

### 8. Why did Abram's wife tell him to marry her handmade, Hagar?

- A. Because she no longer loved Abram
- B. Because Abram convinced her to let him
- C. Because they could obtain children through Hagar
- D. Because the Lord told her to tell Abram this

(Answers on page 12)

# JOY:FULLY LUTHERAN

1 THESS 5:16-18

REJOICE / PRAY / GIVE THANKS

## 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.



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!

The Year  
Of  
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Then and Now...

*Celebrating*  
**125 Years!**

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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**  
**125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Speakers  
and Events**

**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

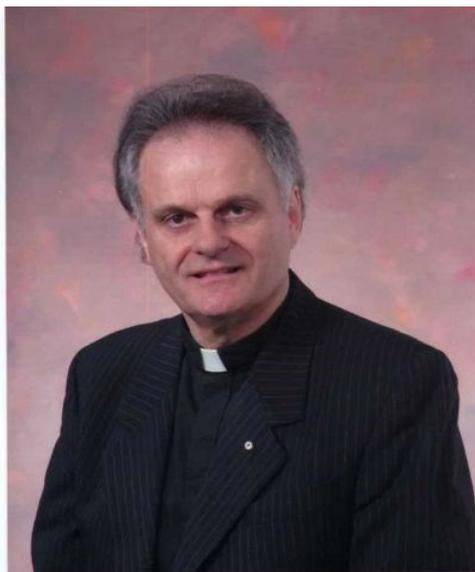
**November 10**—Rev. Michael Cody, (preaching/teaching) potluck luncheon to follow

**Midweek Bible School**

Resumes Wednesday, September 4 at 4:45 PM in the music room and will include:

Light Snack, devotion and singing, Bible lesson/related topics, Memory work, related projects (crafts, paint, etc.).

Midweek began January 1993 with the mission to continue our Christian Education mission after our Lutheran School closed. We thank the Lord for the many blessing and helpers from the Lord. Classes are for children grades 1-6. Helpers are needed!



**THE REV. DR. WALLACE SCHULZ**

Dr. Schulz will be our anniversary speaker for our 125th celebration on September 8, at 4PM. He will be preaching on the Scripture text from St. Luke 12:32, with the theme: "Do Not Be Afraid Little Flock." Please join us at all activities the weekend of September 7-8.

Born and raised in rural South Dakota, the Rev. Dr. Wallace Schulz graduated from Concordia University, Seward, NE in 1967 and from Concordia Seminary, Springfield, IL in 1973. In 1992, Concordia University, Seward, NE awarded Rev. Schulz a doctor of letters honoris causa.

Rev. Schulz served as a professor of English at Concordia University, Ann Arbor, MI; as a pastor of St. Paul Lutheran Church, Sioux City, IA; and on the staff of Concordia University, River Forest, IL, followed by 25 years as a speaker on the Lutheran Hour.

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Rev. Schulz served two terms as Fifth Vice President and one term as the Second Vice President of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. Rev. Schulz has written extensively and proclaimed the Gospel in the United States and in many foreign countries. He and his family also lived and worked in Latvia and traveled in Russia/Siberia immediately following the collapse of the former Soviet Union.

In addition to serving as a chaplain to medical work among the poor in foreign countries, for over a decade Rev. Schulz has maintained contacts with and assisted the underground Christian church of China. He has participated in several World Congresses on Evangelism and in 1986 he received the Ellis Island Medal of Honor for his distinguished service to humanity. Dr. Schulz currently serves as Executive Editor of the GOOD NEWS magazine, published in 20 languages and distributed in 100 countries.

Dr. Schulz married Kathy (nee Soyk) in 1984. They have one son, Rev. Paul Schulz, born in 1989, a daughter-in-law, Clara (nee Reinke) and one grandson, Peter, and a granddaughter, Sophia. Rev. Schulz and Kathy currently reside in Augusta, MO.



**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

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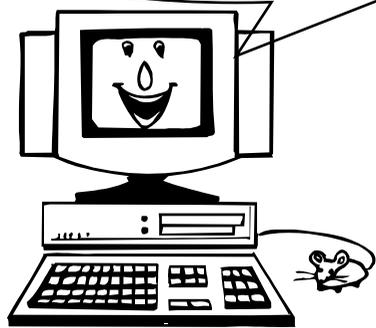
Kathy Schkade.....Organist

Lisa Schur.....Parish Office Worker

## Memorials

In Memory of Wanda Kilogo to the Alter Guild by Ruth Rathgeber.  
 In memory of R.B English to the North Campus by:  
 Hank & Judy Hancock, Ruth Rathgeber  
 In memory of my mother, Norma Flick, to St. Paul by Tim & Emilie Flick Sherrod.  
 Living Tributes:  
 In honor of my father, Jesse Flick, to St. Paul by Tim & Emilie Flick Sherrod.  
 In honor of my aunt, Ruth Rathgeber, to St. Paul by Tim & Emilie Flick Sherrod.  
 In honor of Ruth Rathgeber on her birthday to the window fund by Lois Kramer.  
 In memory of Margaret McRoberts to St. Paul from Ken & Kathy Schkade.

Check out our website!  
[www.stpaulwftx.org](http://www.stpaulwftx.org)



- TRIVIA ANSWERS:**
1. Before
  2. Abram's seed would be as numerous as the dust of the earth
  3. Before
  4. He rescued Lot and his family
  5. King Melchizedek
  6. He wouldn't take any of it
  7. Posterity
  8. Because they could obtain children through Hagar

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.



## 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.

**We will begin our new catechism year on Wednesday, August 28. See y'all there!**

## 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.

## God's People at Work during September

### Elders

William Parker  
Kenneth Schkade  
Ben English

### Ushers

Randal Schoppa  
Eugene Krueger  
Hank Hancock

### Altar Duty

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

### Greeters

Sept. 1– Pam Marten & Nancy Martinez  
Sept. 8– Hank & Judy Hancock  
Sept. 15– Del Tech & Penny Becker  
Sept. 22– Leann Roten & Michelle Cody  
Sept. 29– Delores Palmatary & Ruth Rathgeber

### Readers

Sept. 1– Kenneth Schkade  
Sept. 8– Ben English  
Sept. 15– Kenneth Schkade  
Sept. 22– Kenneth Theimer  
Sept. 29– Ben English

## 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 Wolfmueller book, *A Martyr's Faith in a Faithless World*. See you there!



# Days to Celebrate in September

## Birthdays

3rd	Janice Wiechman	23rd	Collin Edington
4th	Michelle Cody	24th	Ethan Ferguson
5th	Francisco Esparza	29th	Delores Palmatary
8th	Kenneth D. Theimer		
16th	Katey Lewis		
17th	Stephen Myers		
19th	Jamie Rangel		
20th	Callie Theimer		
22nd	Bryson Edington		



## Wedding Anniversaries

14th	Freddie & Annie Smith (50)
16th	Hank & Judy Hancock (13)



## 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, and Kay Castleberry.



#### PHYSICAL AND OTHER CONCERNS:

Betty Corder, Jesse Flick, Brantley French, Duncan Hibbard, Claudia Kelley, Carol McFerran, Ronnie Newman, Kellen Osborne, Barbara Roten, and Rev. Michael Ruhlig.

Recovering from Surgery: Delores LaBlanc (Windmill Rehab)

HOMEBOUND/SHUT-IN MEMBERS: Dorothy Kutzler (Royal Estates), Carolyn Smith (Brookdale Midwestern), Ruby Swartz (Royal Estates), Virginia Hendricks (Rolling Meadows), Lois Kramer.

ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY PERSONNEL: Whitney Brown (Air Force), Eli Buckmaster (Marine Corps), Brian Clayton (Army), Kate Ridinger Dozier (Navy), Zachary Wied (Army)

Sympathy: The families of Margaret McRoberts, Wanda Kilgo, and Jackie Parker.



September 7th  
 Come join us as we celebrate our 125th Anniversary! School reunion starting with a tour of the old school building at 12:00 PM on Brook Ave. We will have hamburgers, hotdogs and an assortment of tasty treats at the Church's Family Center following the tour!  
 Come join us!

**Catechism Memory Work**  
**for St. Paul Youth**

**10 Commandments & Meanings**



Our next fun and games date will be **Sunday, September 29, 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!

**Faith Mission**

The immediate needs of Faith Mission are as follows:

1. Men's/Women's Deodorant
2. Men's/Women's Razor's
3. Bar Soap
4. Toilet Paper
5. Canned Food



Please continue to fill your Mite Boxes!

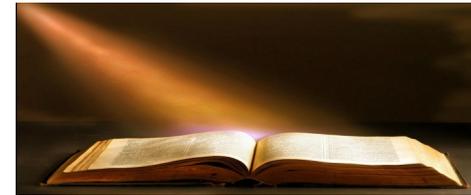
The LWML needs your continued love and support to meet our Mission Goals.



The LWML Ladies Group will meet on **Thursday, September 19, at 9:15 AM.**

All ladies interested are very welcome to join them!

Our **Women's Bible Study** will be on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month of September at 9:30 AM. They invite all women interested to come for some thought-provoking bible study and great fellowship.



Monday night Bible Study begins September 16th at 6 PM.