

# St. Paul WITNESS

## “Turning Hearts to Christ Through Love”

The monthly newsletter of:  
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## PRAYER LIST

( *The name in italic is the person requesting prayers for the individual.* )

### NON MEMBERS

Charlotte Allen - *Carolyn Faske*  
Melissa Crozier - *Susan Moerbe*  
Gary Doyle - *Carolyn Faske*  
Dick Dudley - *Carolyn Faske*  
Larry Felder - *Royce Felder*  
Eddy Frost - *Tessie Rudel*  
Jim Gerdes - *Royce Felder*  
Blake Gibson - *Carolyn Faske*  
Rene Goehring - *Carolyn Faske*  
Emma Gonzalez - *JoAnn Denkeler*  
Aaron Holly - *Gloria Holly*  
Kelly Ince - *Kathy Lowman*  
Devan Kinnear - *LaDonna Bishop*  
Evelyn Loewe - *Carolyn Faske*  
Pam Lukenbach - *Kathy Lowman*  
Michael Lyons - *Kathy Lowman*  
Evelyn Mann - *Carolyn Faske*  
Patricia McDaniel - *JoAnn Denkeler*  
Leigh Anne Prukop - *Carmen Bahn- Krattz*  
Scott Reeves - *Carolyn Faske*  
Lane Rex - *Jeorge Faske*  
Shane Small - *Bobbye Moreno*  
Carl Smith - *Marilyn Moerbe*  
Donna Speck - *Natalie Wade*  
Molly Schrader Trevinio - *Carolyn Faske*  
Holden Weaver - *Kendall Huey*  
Nancy Wolters - *Natalie Wade*

### MEMBERS

LaDonna Bishop - *Rogers Zoch*  
Jack Harlan - *Susan Moerbe*  
Nancy Kieschnick - *Pastor Ulmer*  
Virgil Kieschnick - *Pastor Ulmer*  
Ruth Ann Smith - *Amy Garcia*  
Thomas Joe Smith - *Amy Garcia*

### FRIENDS & FAMILY

Louise Moerbe  
Marie-Paule Christianne Beaulieu

**As we pray for the sick, if you recognize a friend or relative whose name can be removed from our prayer list because they've received the blessing of improved health, please inform the office secretary. Names will remain on the list until a request is made for removal.**

## LWML/DORCAS CIRCLE REPORT

The LWML and Dorcas Circle of St. Paul Lutheran Church-Bishop, met for a joint monthly meeting on Wednesday, March 5, 2025, at 2:00 pm in the Conference Room. The meeting was called to order by LWML President Kathy Lowman. All members present were welcomed. There are no birthdays in March.

THE TOPIC "Candy Hearts" was chosen by Susan Moerbe, and was read to the group by Marilyn Moerbe, with some members reading the various scripture verses included in the topic.

ROLL CALL for LWML showed 4 members present and 2 absent; Dorcas Circle had 4 members present and 4 absent.

MINUTES from the joint January meeting, and a brief summary of the February Prayer Service were approved and presented.

TREASURERS' REPORTS: JoAnn Denkeler, Dorcas Circle treasurer, gave a detailed report with the current account balances; a copy of her report is attached to the minutes. Susan Moerbe, LWML treasurer, gave a detailed financial report and stated the current checking account balance.

COMMUNICATIONS: Carolyn Faske distributed the Spring Quarterlies to everyone present. She also shared an invitation to attend the 2025 fund-raising banquet for the Coastal Bend Pregnancy Center. In addition, she received information from Lutheran World Relief with a map showing where quilts are being sent; and shared details on some of the various LWR kits and the items required for assembly.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Visit the Sick—LWML in March • Kitchen—no report • Flower Chart—March 16<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> are open.

LWML NATIONAL MISSION GOAL--- \$2,350,000; Mites received thru December 31, 2024—\$2,344,991; Mission Grant 30—Mercy Holistic Ministry—\$100,000; Mission Grant 27—Hope Lutheran Church Hispanic Ministry—\$50,000; Mission Grant 24—Lutheran Heritage Foundation—\$100,000. A handout was distributed and read aloud praying for each mission recipient and their needs.

TX DISTRICT MITE GOAL—\$403,000; Mites received thru January 2025— \$160,997.80;

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

**Standing Rules** — Motions were made and seconded to amend the LWML/Dorcas Circle Standing Rules to read "Meetings shall be held monthly, on the first Wednesday of the month." The motion was passed by LWML members; Dorcas Circle members also passed the same motion.

**Prayer Service** — 18 were in attendance, including St. Paul-Kingsville attendees. Thanks was extended: to those who brought refreshments; to all readers in the "Blessed are They..." service; to Susan for providing piano accompaniment for the hymns; to both Susan and Carolyn for organizing the service, assigning the reader participants, and also providing the service material for attendees; and to Jane for creating and sending the invitation.

**Zone Retreat** — will be held on March 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> at the Spiritual Renewal Center in Victoria. Cost is \$100 for the weekend (includes 3 meals, bedding and towels), and \$75 for Saturday only (includes breakfast and lunch). Sarah Baughman, a historical fiction writer and a deaconess, will be the guest speaker. Her presentation is titled "Stronger than Fiction: Sharing Faith in Story". For registration, contact Cheryl Kroos at 361-920-9009 or email [gckroos@suddenlink.net](mailto:gckroos@suddenlink.net) . Carolyn Faske plans to attend.

**Executive Bd. Meeting** — President Kathy gave a brief report on the Zone meeting held on February 22nd at St. Paul-Bishop with 10 in attendance. She extended thanks to all who brought refreshments. Linda Estes, Zone VP of Christian Life, provided information on the 3 suggested speakers for the Spring Event. The chosen speakers will be Steve & Holly Harris. He is the Assistant Branch Manager and she is the Volunteer Coordinator from the Houston Branch of Orphan Grain Train. Ingathering items will be underwear and socks for men, women, and children. These items must be new and in original packaging. Gift cards and cash will also be accepted. A Zone Travel Fund payment of \$5 per member is due by March 31<sup>st</sup> to Frances Benavidez, Coastal Bend Zone Treasurer. Texas District assessed \$14 per member, but the Zone treasury will pay the difference. Zone President Helen Schneider presented the new LWML Texas District's 2024-2028 Primary Focus: Trusting in God, Lutheran Women in Mission of the Texas District—Proclaim Christ, Support Missions, Equip Women, Serve Others. Linda Estes presented the Zone Mission Service Report\*. The District does not currently have a Lutheran World Relief coordinator. At this time, no collection date for LWR quilts and kits has been set.

## NEW BUSINESS:

**Zone Spring Event** — Invitation: St. Paul-Bishop on May 4 th ; Registration 2:00 pm; Meeting-2:30 pm. Decorating Committee; Refreshments: no meal, just snacks, and no registration fee required; Favors: Abby is making prayer bracelets—Carolyn provided a sample verse to be printed on a card with plans to place it in a net bag along with the bracelet. Carolyn and Marilyn volunteered to look for the bags and the paper to print cards. Sewing Machine — Carolyn asked about purchasing another machine for the quilters. A motion was made and seconded to purchase a second sewing machine with memorial funds that were given to Dorcas Circle/LWML; motion passed.

**Church BBQ** — will be held on May 2 nd ; Carolyn, Marilyn and JoAnn volunteered to apply for Thrivent grants.

**Service Projects** — Carolyn informed the group that the Pregnancy Center of the Coastal Bend is in need of furnishings and supplies for their new location. After some discussion a motion was made and seconded that the Dorcas Circle send them \$100; motion passed by the Dorcas members. LWML decided to table this project. Carolyn also inquired if we would want to prepare another meal for the residents at the Ronald McDonald House. Following discussion and expressing thoughts from our previous experience, the Dorcas Circle members decided not to participate, but to consider something else we could do for them.

Dates to Remember:

- LWML Zone Retreat, Spiritual Renewal Center, Victoria, March 7-8, 2025
- LWML Convention, Omaha, Nebraska, June 26-29, 2025
- LWML Texas District Retreat, St. Paul-Waco, October 11, 2025
- LWML Texas District Convention, Austin, June 11-13, 2026
- LWML Convention, Tulsa, OK, July 2027 – Hosting: Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, Texas

CLOSING — The meeting closed with the singing of the Doxology and the Lord's Prayer.

An invitation is extended to all women of the congregation to attend LWML/Dorcas Circle meetings held the first Wednesday of the month at 2:00 PM in the Conference Room. We would be delighted to welcome you as a guest or a new member.

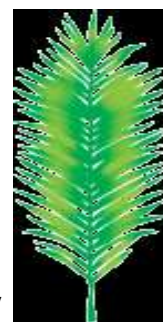
*--Jane Jungmann, secretary-Dorcas Circle*

\* A copy of Zone Mission Service Report was distributed to LWML/Dorcas Circle members present at our March meeting

### + Christian Symbols +

#### **PALM BRANCH**

When Jesus entered Jerusalem days before his death, crowds welcomed him by waving palm branches, common symbols of victory and rejoicing. Churches still use them to remember that occasion, knowing that Jesus' crucifixion was the ultimate triumph over sin and death. As early as Leviticus 23:40, God commanded Israel to use palms in a festival of rejoicing. In Revelation 7:9-10, Christian martyrs carry palm branches as they praise the Lamb before God's throne.



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

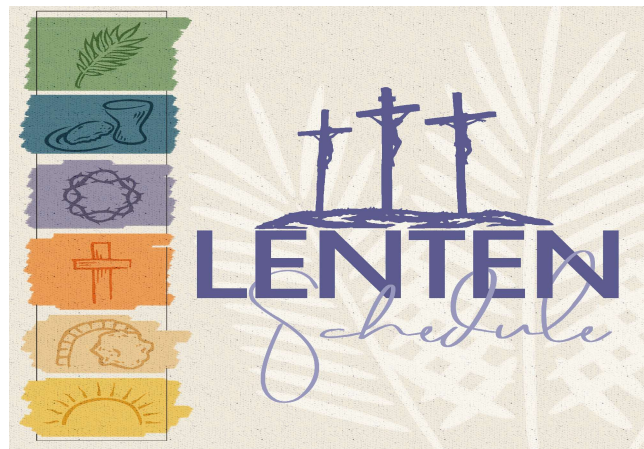
**WALK IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF FAITH & HISTORY WITH PASTOR DOUG AND NANCY BIELEFELDT** Join us for a 14 day unforgettable journey through Spain and Portugal, exploring the stunning cities of Madrid, Cordoba, Granada, Malaga, Gibraltar, Sevilla, Lisbon, and Fatima from September 30- October 13, 2025. Immerse yourself in rich history, breathtaking landscapes, and vibrant culture on this incredible tour! For more details and a brochure, contact Pastor Doug at [doughb1315@gmail.com](mailto:doughb1315@gmail.com) or 210-639-7065 (text or call). One brochure has been printed and is available to look through in the church office.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS** Our **Annual BBQ Plate Fundraiser** has been set for **Friday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>**, 4-7 PM. Plates will include sliced brisket, pinto beans, vermicelli pasta, BBQ sauce, pickles, onions, and bread. **TAKE OUT ONLY-\$15 /ticket**. Presale tickets are now available. 25 whole brisket tickets will also be sold. We would really like to see all members helping out by selling tickets again this year. Last year was a huge success and we are hoping to have another great year

**BBQ TICKET MONEY** Please turn in any BBQ ticket money or unsold tickets by Tuesday **April 22<sup>nd</sup>** to the office or one of the Elder's.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY** Your donations to the Pregnancy Center were delivered and very appreciated. -*Carolyn Faske*

**EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE** An Easter Sunrise Service will be held at 7:00 AM. The service will be led by lay members of the congregation. It will be at Concordia Cemetery if the weather permits. In the event of inclement weather, the service will be in the pavilion at the church.



April 2<sup>nd</sup> 7:00 PM Midweek Lenten Worship Service **St. Paul Lutheran Kingsville**  
April 9<sup>th</sup> 7:00 PM Midweek Lenten Worship Service **St. Paul Lutheran Kingsville**  
Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup> **Palm Sunday** at 10:45 AM - With Communion **HERE** at **St. Paul BISHOP**  
Thursday, April 17<sup>th</sup> **Maundy Thursday** at 7:00 PM - **St. Paul Lutheran Kingsville**  
Friday, April 18<sup>th</sup> **Good Friday** at 7:00 PM - **HERE** at **St. Paul BISHOP**  
Sunday, April 20<sup>th</sup> **Easter Sunrise** at 7:00 AM - Concordia Cemetery  
Sunday, April 20<sup>th</sup> **Easter** at 10:45 AM - With Communion **HERE** at **St. Paul BISHOP**





*Spring has sprung and it's time for the*

***Lutheran Women in Mission  
Coastal Bend Zone Spring Event***

*Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup>*

*St. Paul Lutheran Church - Parish Hall*

*801 E. Main St. - Bishop*

*Hosted by: LWML & Dorcas Circle*

**2:00 pm - Registration (no fee)**

**2:30 pm - Opening Devotion**

**Program: Orphan Grain Train-Houston  
Meeting**

**Light refreshments after the meeting**

**The Program:** is based on John 14:18, *"I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you."* Presenting the program – Orphan Grain Train-Houston (OGT-H) – will be Holly Harris, Volunteer Coordinator, and her husband Steve Harris, Assistant Branch Manager. The various donations they gather include personal items, supplies, and other aid, and also share Christian literature, to meet real needs in the Houston area and around the world. OGT-H was blest to receive a mission grant at the 2024 LWML Convention.

**Ingathering Items** – for distribution by OGT-H:

**~ NEW and in the original package ~**

**underwear and socks for men, women, and children.**

**Will also accept cash and gift cards to stores where socks and  
underwear can be purchased.**

*We hope you will join us!*

**FYI — No RSVP required • No child care available**



# April 2025

## ACOLYTES

Jr. High youth will acolyte when they are available.

## ALTAR FLOWERS

- 6<sup>th</sup> - JoAnn Denkeler
- 13<sup>th</sup> - OPEN
- 20<sup>th</sup> - Easter Flowers by Members
- 27<sup>th</sup> - Gloria Holly

If you would like to place flowers for the altar on an "OPEN" Sunday, please sign the Flower Chart in the Narthex or call the office and inform the secretary.

## COMMUNION WARE HELPERS

Linda Gunter Susan Moerbe

## VISIT THE SICK

Linda Gunter

Please call if you know of a member who is ill and needs a visit.

## REMEMBER THESE MEMBERS

... in your thoughts and prayers and with acts of love and kindness.

### Our Sick or Shut-In:

Ida Cude- The Villa, 2822 Robby #B3B, Corpus Christi, Tx 78410

Nancy Kieschnick - at home

Virgil Kieschnick - Brookdale Senior Living, 6410 Meadowvista #806, Corpus Christi, Tx. 78414

Frances Melde - Georgetown Senior Living and Memory care, 2700 Shell Road #6, Georgetown, Texas 78628

### Our Military Members:

Johnathan Bishop, Mollie Christiansen, Terrell Felder, Gabriella Kupke, David Lyons, C. R. Michalk, Sandranell Moerbe, Jason Roe, Justin Zoch



## THE LUTHERAN HOUR

This month's messages will be delivered by Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler, Lutheran Hour Speaker, unless noted otherwise.

April 6 . . . . . Guest speaker Rev. Keith Haberstock "BETTER THAN I DESERVE!" — Jesus didn't deserve to die on a cross, but He died and rose again in order to give us better than we deserve. (John 12:1-11)

April 13 . . . . . "IN THE MIDDLE" —In Jesus, God showed up smack in the middle of life with forgiveness, love, and a promise never to leave us. (John 19:18 )

April 20 . . . . . "A RISEN CHRIST AND A CLEAN ROOM" —The risen Christ has folded Death up and put it in its place. Now Christ invites you to trust in Him and find place and purpose in His new creation. (John 20:5-7)

April 27 . . . . . "THROUGH LOCKED DOORS"—When Jesus shows up, it's no longer "us vs. them," because Jesus is for everyone, even if everyone is not yet for Jesus. (John 20:19)

The Lutheran Hour may be heard every Sunday at: 6:00 a.m. – AM Radio Station - 1200 WOAI (San Antonio)

The Lutheran Hour is online 24hours every day, at:

[www.lutheranhour.org](http://www.lutheranhour.org)



Happy Birthday! Happy Anniversary!

### APRIL

- 1 - Jack Faske
- 1 - George Faske
- 4 - Jeff Faske
- 6 - Olivia Garcia
- 7 - Andrew Lowman
- 7 - Sally Moerbe
- 11 - Elmo Kieschnick, Jr.
- 15 - Carolyn Faske
- 20 - James Faske
- 22 - Terrell Felder
- 22 - Kathy Lowman
- 23 - Cash Filla
- 30 - Buddy Jones

### APRIL

- 5, 2014 - Mr. & Mrs. Cody Huey
- 19, 2007 - Mr. & Mrs. Lindell Moerbe