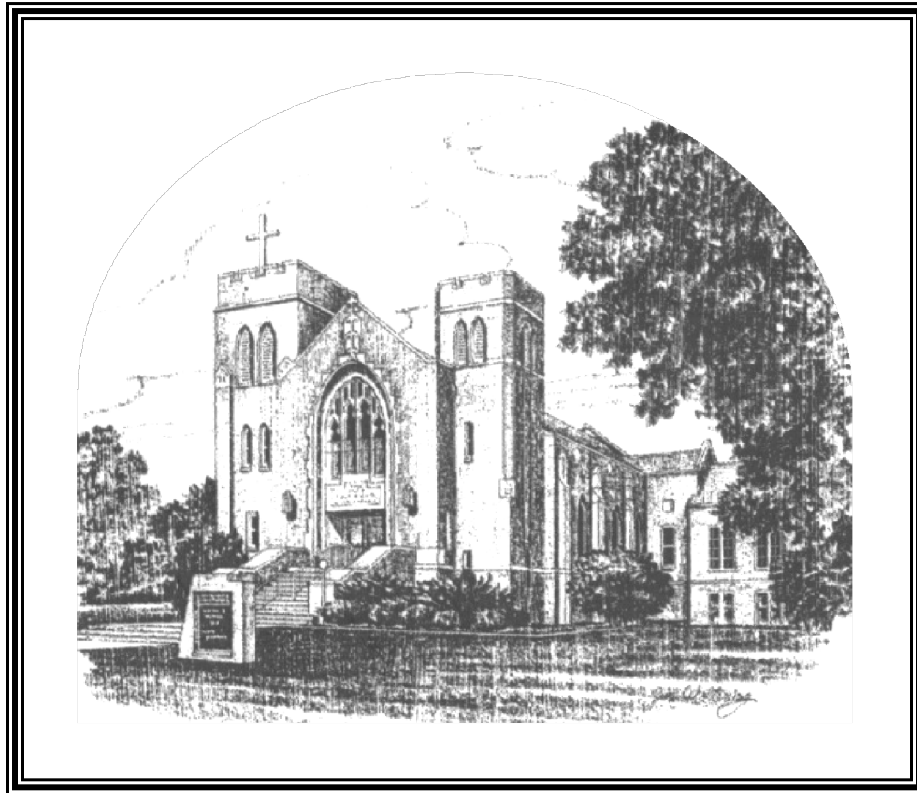


St. Paul Lutheran Church

Yorktown, TX



Saturday and Sunday
Holy Communion Services
2nd Sunday after Epiphany
January 18, 2026

Silent Prayer

Gracious Lord, May the depth of your Grace, the width of your Love, the height of your Joy, inspire us, here and now, to more fully be your people, folks known not by forced friendliness, but by gracious goodwill. We look to you for this, God, because, on our own, we are tempted to be just the opposite. Empower us with your Spirit, we pray in Jesus name. Amen.

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS *Please take a moment to fill out an Attendance Card. You may leave them in the pew by the center aisle. (*) Indicates times in worship when you are invited to stand as you are able. (+) Indicates when it may be appropriate to make the sign of the cross.*

O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright!



1 O Morn - ing Star, how fair and bright! You shine with God's
 2 Come, heav'n - ly Bride - groom, light di - vine, and deep with - in
 3 Lord, when you look on us in love, at once there falls
 4 Al - might - y Fa - ther, in your Son you loved us, when



own truth and light, a - glow with grace and mer - cy!
 our hearts now shine; there light a flame un - dy - ing!
 from God a - bove a ray of pur - est plea - sure.
 not yet be - gun was this old earth's foun - da - tion!



Of Ja - cob's race, King Da - vid's Son, our Lord and mas -
 In your one bod - y let us be as liv - ing branch -
 Your word and Spir - it, flesh and blood re - fresh our souls
 Your Son has ran - somed us in love to live in him



ter, you have won our hearts to serve you on - ly!
 es of a tree, your life our lives sup - ply - ing.
 with heav'n - ly food. You are our dear - est trea - sure!
 here and a - bove: this is your great sal - va - tion.



Low - ly, ho - ly! Great and glo - rious, all vic - to - rious, rich in
 Now, though dai - ly earth's deep sad - ness may per - plex us and dis -
 Let your mer - cy warm and cheer us! Oh, draw near us! for you
 Al - le - lu - ia! Christ the liv - ing, to us giv - ing life for -



bles - ing! Rule and might o'er all pos - sess - ing!
 tress us, yet with heav'n - ly joy you bless us.
 teach us God's own love through you has reached us.
 ev - er, keeps us yours and fails us nev - er!

Text: Philipp Nicolai, 1556-1608; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*, 1978

Music: WIE SCHÖN LEUCHTET, Philipp Nicolai, 1556-1608

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GREETING and DIALOGUE (Saturday Only)

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

L: In the beginning was the Word,

C: And the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

L: In the Word was life,

C: And the life was the light of all people.

L: The Word became flesh and lived among us,

C: And we have seen his glory, full of grace and truth.

CONFESSION

P: Build yourselves up on your most holy faith;

C: pray in the Holy Spirit.

P: Keep yourselves in the love of God;

C: look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ.

P: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:

C: Everything old has passed away; behold, everything has become new!

P: God has given us the ministry of reconciliation. Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another. Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

P: The almighty and merciful Lord grant us pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all our sins.

C: Amen.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY** (Both Services)

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

C: Almighty and eternal God, you restrain the powers of heaven and earth. Mercifully hear your people's prayers for peace in our time. Grant this, we pray, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

As with Gladness Men of Old



1 As with glad - ness men of old did the guid - ing star be - hold;
 2 As with joy - ful steps they sped, Sav - ior, to thy low - ly bed,
 3 As they of - fered gifts most rare at thy cra - dle, rude and bare,
 4 Ho - ly Je - sus, ev - 'ry day keep us in the nar - row way;
 5 In the heav'n - ly coun - try bright need they no cre - a - ted light;



as with joy they hailed its light, lead - ing on - ward, beam - ing bright;
 there to bend the knee be - fore thee, whom heav'n and earth a - dore;
 so may we with ho - ly joy, pure and free from sin's al - loy,
 and when earth - ly things are past, bring our ran - somed souls at last
 thou its light, its joy, its crown, thou its sun which goes not down;



so, most gra - cious Lord, may we ev - er - more be led by thee.
 so may we with will - ing feet ev - er seek thy mer - cy seat.
 all our cost - liest trea - sures bring, Christ, to thee, our heav'n - ly king.
 where they need no star to guide, where no clouds thy glo - ry hide.
 there for - ev - er may we sing al - le - lu - ias to our king.

Text: William C. Dix, 1837–1898, alt.
 Music: DIX, Conrad Kocher, 1786–1872

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 49:1-7

Lector: A reading from _____.

¹Listen to me, O coastlands, and give attention, you peoples from afar. The Lord called me from the womb, from the body of my mother he named my name. ²He made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow; in his quiver he hid me away. ³And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." ⁴But I said, "I have labored in vain; I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my right is with the Lord, and my recompense with my God." ⁵And now the Lord says, he who formed me from the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him; and that Israel might be gathered to him — for I am honored in the eyes of the Lord, and my God has become my strength — ⁶he says: "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to bring back the preserved of Israel; I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of

the earth.” ⁷Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nation, the servant of rulers: “Kings shall see and arise; princes, and they shall prostrate themselves; because of the Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.”

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 40:1-11

¹I waited patiently for the Lord; he inclined to me and heard my cry.

**²He drew me up from the pit of destruction,
out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.**

³He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God.

Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the Lord.

**⁴Blessed is the man who makes the Lord his trust,
who does not turn to the proud, to those who go astray after a lie!**

⁵You have multiplied, O Lord my God,
your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us;
none can compare with you! I will proclaim and tell of them,
yet they are more than can be told.

**⁶In sacrifice and offering you have not delighted,
but you have given me an open ear.
Burnt offering and sin offering you have not required.**

⁷Then I said, “Behold, I have come; in the scroll of the book it is written of me:

⁸I delight to do your will, O my God; your law is within my heart.”

⁹I have told the glad news of deliverance in the great congregation;
behold, I have not restrained my lips, as you know, O Lord.

**¹⁰I have not hidden your deliverance within my heart;
I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation;
I have not concealed your steadfast love
and your faithfulness from the great congregation.**

¹¹As for you, O Lord, you will not restrain your mercy from me;
your steadfast love and your faithfulness will ever preserve me!

SECOND LESSON: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

Lector: A reading from _____.

¹Paul, called by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus, and our brother Sosthenes, ²To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the

name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: ³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge — ⁶even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you — ⁷so that you are not lacking in any gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁸who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God

***GOSPEL VERSE** (*Sung twice*)

1 He came down that we may have love; he came down that we may have love;

he came down that we may have love; hal-le-lu-jah for-ev-er-more.

***GOSPEL: John 1:29-42a**

P: The Holy Gospel according to _____, the _____ chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁹The next day {John} saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! ³⁰This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks before me, because he was before me.’ ³¹I myself did not know him, but for this purpose I came baptizing with water, that he might be revealed to Israel.” ³²And John bore witness: “I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. ³³I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ ³⁴And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God.” ³⁵The next day again John was standing

with two of his disciples, ³⁶and he looked at Jesus as he walked by and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God!" ³⁷The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. ³⁸Jesus turned and saw them following and said to them, "What are you seeking?" And they said to him, "Rabbi" (which means Teacher), "where are you staying?" ³⁹He said to them, "Come and you will see." So they came and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day, for it was about the tenth hour. ⁴⁰One of the two who heard John speak and followed Jesus was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. ⁴¹He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which means Christ). ^{42a}He brought him to Jesus.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

HYMN of the DAY

"Lord, Speak to us, That We May Speak" **LBW #403**

Lord, Speak to Us, That We May Speak



1 Lord, speak to us, that we may speak in
 2 Oh, lead us, Lord, that we may lead the
 3 Oh, teach us, Lord, that we may teach the
 4 Oh, fill us with your full - ness, Lord, un -



liv - ing ech - oes of your tone; as you have sought, so
 wan-d'ring and the wa - v'ring feet; oh, feed us, Lord, that
 pre - cious truths which you im - part; and wing our words, that
 til our ver - y hearts o'er - flow in kin - dling thought and



let us seek your stray - ing chil - dren, lost and lone.
 we may feed your hun - g'ring ones with man - na sweet.
 they may reach the hid - den depths of man - y a heart.
 glow - ing word, your love to tell, your praise to show.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836–1879, alt.
 Music: CANONBURY, Robert Schumann, 1810–1856

CONFESSION OF FAITH (Saturday Only)

P: In Christ, you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.

C: We believe in him and are marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit.

P: Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.
Through Him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven;
by the power of the Holy Spirit
He became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.
For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
He suffered death and was buried.
On the third day He rose again in accordance with the scriptures;
He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and His kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son He is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

***PRAYERS** (Both Services)

P: ... Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

OFFERING

***OFFERTORY**

1 We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;
 2 May we thy boun - ties thus as stew - ards true re - ceive,
 all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.
 and glad - ly, as thou bless - est us, to thee our first-fruits give.

***OFFERING PRAYER**

L: Let us pray. Merciful God,

C: in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you embrace our lives with your great love for humanity. With joy and gladness we ask that these gifts may be for many a sign of that love, and that we may continue to share in your divine life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

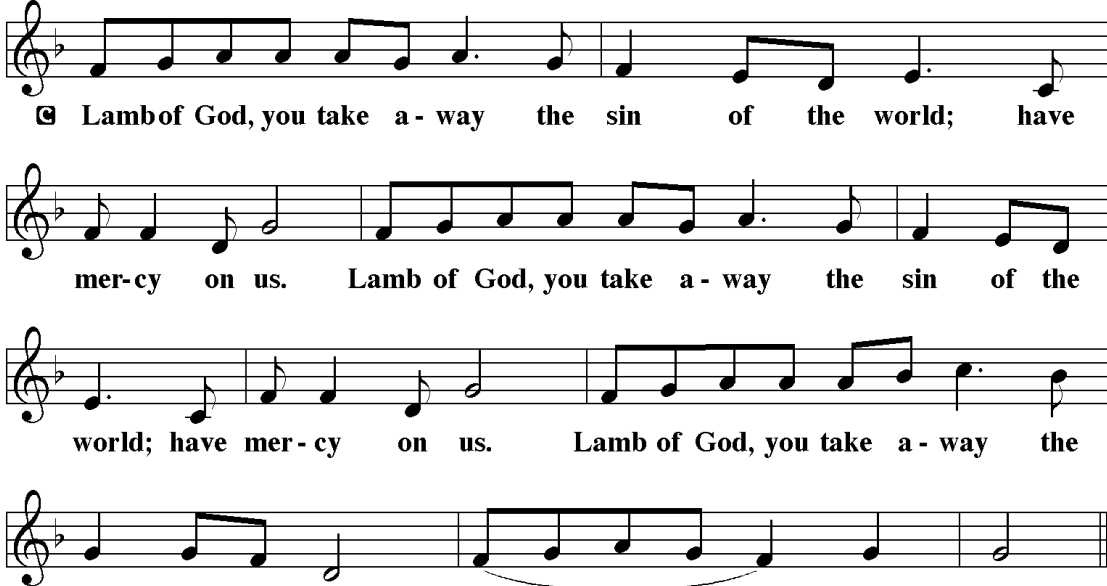
***LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
 thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
 Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,
 as we forgive those who trespass against us;
 and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
 For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
 forever and ever. Amen.**

DISTRIBUTION of the ELEMENTS

All those who are baptized and believe that Christ is truly present in the sacrament are welcome at His table. Those who are unable to receive communion, for any reason, may come forward to receive a blessing, and may indicate this by crossing their arms over their chest. Parents, please indicate if children are to receive communion. If they are not yet receiving communion, children are encouraged to come to the table to receive a blessing. Available in the center of each tray is juice for those choosing not to drink wine. If you are unable to come to the altar and wish to receive communion, please inform the ushers so that the sacrament may be brought to you.

COMMUNION HYMN: *"Lamb of God"*



☐ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

***POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

P: Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O God, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

***BLESSING:**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

C: Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN**

"Oh, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" LBW #559

Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing



1 Oh, for a thou-sand tongues to sing my great re-deem-er's praise,
2 My gra-cious Mas-ter and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim,
3 The name of Je - sus charms our fears and bids our sor-rows cease,
4 He breaks the pow'r of can - celed sin; he sets the pris - 'ner free.
5 To God all glor - y, praise, and love be now and ev - er giv'n



the glo - ries of my God and king, the tri-umphs of his grace!
to spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of your name.
sings mu - sic in the sin-ner's ears, brings life and health and peace.
His blood can make the foul - est clean; his blood a - vails for me.
by saints be - low and saints a - bove, the church in earth and heav'n.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.
Music: AZMON, Carl G. Gläser, 1784–1829

***DISMISSAL**

P: As you go forth into the world to serve God with gladness; be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor all people; love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. As you leave, you are invited to share the peace of the Lord with those around you. Go in peace and serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

* Indicates times in worship when you are invited to stand as you are able.

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ANNOUNCEMENT BULLETIN

2nd Sunday After Epiphany

Sunday, January 18, 2026

HELPING with WORSHIP SERVICES:

JANUARY 18, 2026 – 9:00 AM SERVICE

2nd Sunday after Epiphany

Presiding Minister: Tim W. Muehlbrad

Reader: Hilary Gohmert

Acolytes: Aileen Warwas & Sadie Schustereit

Children's Sermon: Terry Carmichael

Musicians: Luellen Smiley

Sunday: Beverly Bruns

Saturday Altar Guild: Luellen Smiley

JANUARY 25, 2026 – 9:00 AM SERVICE

3rd Sunday after Epiphany

Presiding Minister: Tim W. Muehlbrad

Reader: Piper Peyton

Acolytes: Kollin & Korbin Kerlick

Children's Sermon: Terry Carmichael

Musicians: PT & Friends

Sunday: PT & Friends/Luellen Smiley

Saturday Altar Guild: Laura Kaiser

Helping with Worship during the month of January:

Head Usher: Jay Heil

Ushers: John Frels, Braden Hahn, Chad Hahn, Scott Stevenson, Brandon Lemke

Saturday Usher: Albert Metting

Altar Guild: Laurie Stevenson & Sharon & Callen Matejek

FLOWERS: The flowers at the Altar are given to the Glory of God in honor of Ryker Krause's Baptism by his grandma Margaret Krause.

KNOWN HOSPITALIZED DURING THE WEEK:

Thank you to all who have been helpful in keeping the Pastor informed of members who are hospitalized.

PRAYERS FOR GOD'S PEOPLE Below is a list of individuals Pastor has been asked to include in our prayers during worship. We list these people in our bulletin to encourage you, the members, to include them in your daily prayers. *Names will remain on the list for 4 weeks unless the request is renewed.*

Joe Barnes	Bridget Innocenti	Larry & Carole Mueller
Caroline Blain	Thomas Innocenti	David Norrell
Carlton Bolting	Walker Innocenti	Nick Picard and family
Wade Bolting	Joanna Ivy	Jeannine Robinson
Warner Borth	Earlen Jalufka	Pam Roth
David Brucker	Kate Janis	Joan Smith
Virginia Buesing	Alberto Jimenez, Jr.	Lori Nelson Stenger
Alex Campbell	Clinton Kaiser	Alma Suggs
Julie Dupree	Mary Kanuch	Judy Taylor
Kathryn Gloor	Joyce Lamprecht	Chandler Vaclavik
Tiffany Godby	Ray Lange	Baby Mae Weischwill
Daniel Goehring	Janet Lemke	Mark Weischwill
Amber Gloor	Elaine Malina	Levi Wilhelmsen
Rosa Horton	Lin Migura	Ron & Marjorie Wilhelmsen
Keith Ibrom	Lanie Milliff	

ST. PAUL OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK:

Sunday (18th) 9:00 am Worship with Holy Communion
Baptism of Ryker Krause
10:15 am Sunday School
Fellowship Hall Reserved – Krause
4:00 pm VBS Meeting

Monday (19th) Office Closed – MLK Jr. Day
NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Tuesday (20th) 9:30 am Do-Day
5:30 pm CEM Meeting

Wednesday (21st) 9:15 am TLG Chapel
5:30 pm Guitar Lessons
6:00pm FFF

Saturday (24th) 5:00 pm Worship with Holy Communion
Fellowship Hall Reserved – Christian Life

Sunday (25th) 9:00 am Worship with Holy Communion
2026 Annual Congregational Meeting
No Sunday School
After Meeting Meal in the Fellowship Hall
11:30 am Confirmation Class

~Please pick up an annual report after worship service and bring it back next week for the annual meeting.

VBS

We will have a VBS meeting on Sunday Jan. 18, 2026 at 4:00pm in the meeting room. We will begin to start the planning process for our VBS. If you would like to help out this year please make plans to attend or contact Tina Boehm at 361-491-1625. Hope to see you there!

GOD’S BLESSINGS ON RYKER JAMES KRAUSE as the Holy Spirit was poured into his life at his baptism today. Ryker is the son of Evan Krause and Courtney Clark. Ryker’s sponsors are Marco Urive and Laynie Boyd. May God continue to bless him throughout his life as he is nurtured in the faith by his parents, sponsors, and the church.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held Sunday, January 25, 2026 - immediately following the Worship Service. There will be no Sunday school. Christian Life is hosting a meal in the Fellowship Hall after the meeting.

SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION:

We reserved 17 spots at Camp Lone Star for the week of July 12th to 17th. We will soon begin filling out those spots with names of the campers and will need to do so by Sunday January 18th. The Alpha spots include the Confirmation program as it is a recommended part of that program and all 7-12 year olds. There are, also, 3 Omega spots for youth who are 13-18 years old. Those in the Alpha program who will be 13 years old by the Camp dates will have a special way to register from the 12 year olds. That information will be provided when you register. Watch for more information soon.

A FIRST COMMUNION CLASS will be held on Saturday, January 31, 2026 for all 2nd graders and older who have not had a Communion Class before. The class will be 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. in the meeting room. Parents are welcome in the class if you choose to stay. The actual First Communion will be at our regular Sunday morning worship on February 1, 2026. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Tim.

YOUTH SPORTS COURT:

At the Called Congregational meeting in July, the youth sports complex was approved. We have now collected 65% of the funds and can start on the complex, but we still need to collect the rest to pay for the whole project. The original bid was \$130,700 and we are currently at \$112,556. If you would like to donate to complete this project, please label your offering envelope “Youth Sports Court”.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

The nominating committee has begun meeting to search for members to fill positions for Church Council, Endowment Committee, and delegates to the annual convention. There are four council positions to be filled, one position for the Endowment Committee, and the three delegates. The four positions for council to be filled are President, Worship Committee chair, Parish Education chair, and Youth Representative (a new position approved by council). Some have expressed an interest in filling these positions, however if others are interested, please contact one of the committee members. (Bill Klaevemann, Travis Peyton, Kim Hahn, Anna Foerster, Tina Boehm, or Aaron Koopmann). **At this time we are still in need of a President!**

CHURCH COUNCIL YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE:

A Church Council Youth Representative is a young person who serves on the Church Council with voice and vote to provide a youth perspective in the decision-making process. Their role is to represent the interests of the youth, share ideas for programs, and ensure youth are actively involved in shaping ministry. The Youth Representative will work with Pastor, Youth Director, other youth leaders, and sponsors to foster effective communication and planning. Information sheets which include key responsibilities and requirements are available in the church office, the Narthex of the church, and in the basement. If you are interested, please contact one of the Nominating Committee Members.

Upcoming Christian Life Events:

January 25, 2026 - After Congregational Meeting Lunch – meat is provided, congregation is asked to bring a vegetable or dessert.
February 17, 2026 – Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Upcoming Youth and Family Events:

February 4, 2026 – Father Daughter Dinner 6-8pm
March 1, 2026 – Crazy Crafts with Snacks 2-4pm

Upcoming Area Events:

DeWitt County Gabriel Project Meeting

Would you like to offer help, hope and healing to women faced with crisis pregnancies? Join us at our next meeting on January 26th at 5:00 pm at First Baptist Church in Cuero (Fellowship Hall) to learn more about the Gabriel Project.

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