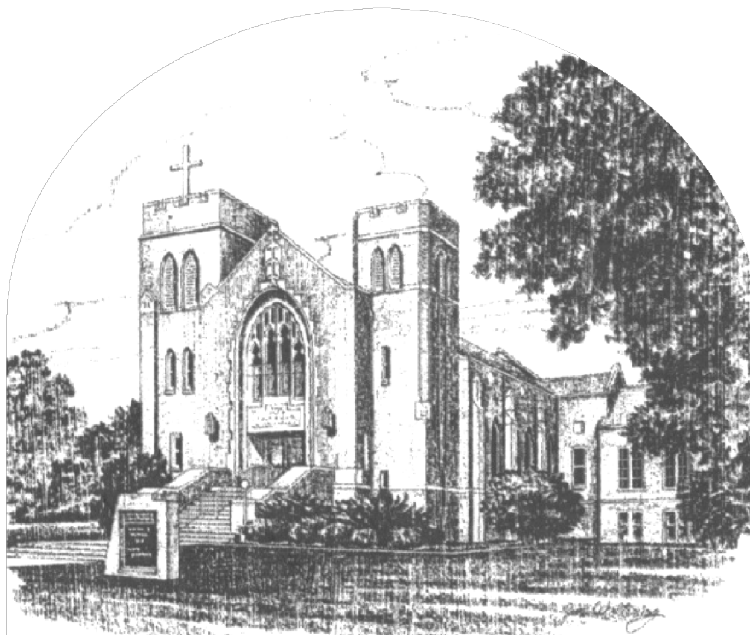


St. Paul Lutheran Church *Yorktown, Texas*



Saturday and Sunday Holy Communion Services 17th Sunday after Pentecost September 24, 2023

Silent Prayer

O still, small voice, speak to us this hour, that we might become makers of your peace in our homes, in our communities, in our world. We pray all this in the name of the One who calmed the raging sea. Amen.

PRELUDE

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS *Please take a moment to fill out an Attendance Card. You may leave them in the pew by the center aisle or drop them in the basket at the church entrance. (*) 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.*

When Morning Gilds the Skies



1 When morn-ing gilds the skies, my heart a - wak - ing cries:
2 When mirth for mu - sic longs, this is my song of songs:
3 To him, my highest and best, I sing, when love pos - sessed:
4 No love - lier an - ti - phon in all high heav'n is known



may Je - sus Christ be praised! When eve - ning shad - ows fall,
may Je - sus Christ be praised! God's ho - ly house of prayer
may Je - sus Christ be praised! What - e'er my hands be - gin,
than "Je - sus Christ be praised!" There to the e - ter - nal Word



this rings my cur - few call: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
has none that can com - pare with "Je - sus Christ be praised!"
this bless - ing shall break in: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
the e - ter - nal psalm is heard: oh, Je - sus Christ be praised!

5 Let all of humankind
in this their concord find:
may Jesus Christ be praised!
Let all the earth around
ring joyous with the sound:
may Jesus Christ be praised!

6 Sing, sun and stars of space,
sing, all who see his face,
sing, "Jesus Christ be praised!"
God's whole creation o'er,
today and evermore,
shall Jesus Christ be praised!

Text: German hymn, 19th cent.; tr. Robert Bridges, 1844–1930, alt.
Music: LAUDES DOMINI, Joseph Barnby, 1838–1896

***GREETING and DIALOGUE**

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: Holy is the LORD, the Almighty.

C: He was, He is, and He is to come.

L: He is worthy of glory and honor and power.

C: He created all things. By His will they came to be.

L: Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain;

C: worthy to take the scroll and break its seals.

L: By His blood He purchased for God

C: people of every race and tongue, of every folk and nation.

L: Christ made of them a kingdom

C: and priest to serve our God.

L: And they shall reign on earth forever.

C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

***CONFESSION OF SIN**

L: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

C: I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven, and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.

L: The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and + remission of all your sins.

C: Amen.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

C: Lord God, you call us to work in your vineyard and leave no one standing idle. Set us to our tasks in the work of your kingdom, and help us to order our lives by your wisdom; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

HYMN

"I Love You Lord" (2x) W&P #67

I Love You, Lord



I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice to
wor - ship you; O my soul, re - joice. Take
joy, my King, in what you hear; may it be a
sweet, sweet sound in your ear.

Text and music: Laurie Klein

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FIRST LESSON: Jonah 3:10--4:11

Lector: A reading from _____.

¹⁰When God saw what [the people of Ninevah] did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

^{4:1}But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. ²He prayed to the LORD and said, "O LORD! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. ³And now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live." ⁴And the LORD said, "Is it right for you to be angry?" ⁵Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

⁶The LORD God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade

over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. ⁷But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. ⁸When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, "It is better for me to die than to live."

⁹But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?" And he said, "Yes, angry enough to die." ¹⁰Then the LORD said, "You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. ¹¹And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?"

Lector: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 145:1-8

¹I will exalt you, O God my King,
and bless your name forever and ever.

²**Every day will I bless you
and praise your name forever and ever.**

³Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised;
there is no end to his greatness.

⁴**One generation shall praise your works to another
and shall declare your power.**

⁵I will ponder the glorious splendor of your majesty
and all your marvelous works.

⁶**They shall speak of the might of your wondrous acts,
and I will tell of your greatness.**

⁷They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness;
they shall sing of your righteous deeds.

⁸**The LORD is gracious and full of compassion,
slow to anger and of great kindness.**

SECOND LESSON: Philippians 1:21-30

Lector: A reading from _____.

²¹For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. ²²If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. ²³I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; ²⁴but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. ²⁵Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, ²⁶so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

²⁷Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, ²⁸and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. ²⁹For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well—³⁰since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

Lector: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Luke 4:14; Acts 4:8**

The musical score is written on four staves in 4/4 time, using a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first two staves are identical. The third staff includes the instruction 'rit.' (ritardando) above the final measure. The fourth staff begins with the instruction 'a tempo' above the first measure.

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me. ____

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me. ____

Melt me. Mold me. Fill me. Use me. ____

a tempo

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.

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***GOSPEL: Matthew 20:1-16**

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹“The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ²After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. ³When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; ⁴and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. ⁵When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. ⁶And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’ ⁷They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’ ⁸When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’ ⁹When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. ¹⁰Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. ¹¹And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, ¹²saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ ¹³But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? ¹⁴Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. ¹⁵Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ ¹⁶So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SERMON

HYMN of the DAY

“Chief of Sinners Though I Be” **LBW #306**

Chief of Sinners though I Be



- 1 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Je - sus shed his blood for me,
- 2 Oh, the height of Je - sus' love! High - er than the heav'ns a - bove,
- 3 On - ly Je - sus can im - part balm to heal the wound - ed heart,
- 4 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Christ is all in all to me;
- 5 O my Sav - ior, help af - ford by your Spir - it and your word!



died that I might live on high, lives that I might nev - er die.
deep - er than the depths of sea, last - ing as e - ter - ni - ty.
peace that flows from sin for - giv'n, joy that lifts the soul to heav'n,
all my wants to him are known, all my sor - rows are his own.
When my way - ward heart would stray, keep me in the nar - row way;



As the branch is to the vine, I am his, and he is mine.
Love that found me—won-drous thought—found me when I sought him not.
faith and hope to walk with God in the way that E - noch trod.
He sus-tains the hid - den life safe with him from earth - ly strife.
grace in time of need sup - ply while I live and when I die.

Text: William McComb, 1793–c. 1870
Music: GETHSEMANE, Richard Redhead, 1820–1901

***CONFESSION OF FAITH**

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**

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

OFFERING

***OFFERTORY**

Take My Life, That I May Be

5 Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no long - er mine.
 6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treas - ure store;

Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy roy - al throne.
 take my - self, and I will be ev - er, on - ly, all for thee.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836–1879, alt.
 Music: PATMOS, William H. Havergal, 1793–1870

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***OFFERING PRAYER**

P: Let us pray. Wise and Gracious God,
 C: Receive the labor of our hands—these gifts of money, bread, and wine—along
 with the offering of our lives. Nourish us with the life of your Son, that we might
 be His body in the world, making known your abundant mercy in 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, 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: Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with spiritual food, the body and blood of Christ. All who come to you will not hunger, all who believe in you will not thirst. Empowered by this sacrament, send us back into the world to do the work you have given us to do: to share the gospel and be faithful disciples of 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**

“Hymn of Joy”

TOSB #80

HYMN OF JOY

Gladys I. Pearson

Vicki Vogel Schmidt



1. Oh, Lord, my God, Shin - ing in cre - a - tion
 2. Oh, Lord, my God, King of ev - 'ry na - tion
 3. Oh, Lord, my God, Spi - rit in - spir - a - tion



In moun - tains tall, In leaf, in air, in sea.
 You came to earth To die to set me free.
 My com - fort now And all the years to be.



Let ev - 'ry breeze Break forth in ad - u - la - tion
 Let ev - 'ry voice Sing forth in ac - cla - ma - tion
 Let ev - 'ry heart Bow down in a - dor - a - tion



And sing a hymn of joy to Thee! _____
 And sing a hymn of joy to Thee! _____
 And sing a hymn of joy to Thee! _____

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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!

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 Pentecost 2023 – Setting 2 LBW

ANNOUNCEMENT BULLETIN

17th Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, September 24, 2023

HELPING with WORSHIP SERVICES:

SEPTEMBER 24, 2023 – 9:00 AM SERVICE

Presiding Minister: Tim W Muehlbrad

Acolytes: Piper Peyton & Korbin Kerlick

Musicians: Saturday – Rebecca Innocenti

Saturday Altar Guild: Laura Kaiser

Reader: Ashleigh Peyton

Children's Sermon: Terry Carmichael

Sunday – Rebecca Innocenti

OCTOBER 1, 2023 – 9:00 AM SERVICE

Presiding Minister: Tim W Muehlbrad

Acolytes: Ellie & Emma Bargmann

Musicians: Saturday – Renae Pierce

Saturday Altar Guild: Patsy Ibrom

Reader: Debbie Kneese

Sunday – Beverly Bruns

Helping with Worship during the month of September:

Head Usher: Darren Siefert

Ushers: Fred Hahn, Walker Innocenti, and Travis Peyton

Altar Guild: Penny Sievers and Karen Dueser

Saturday Usher: Albert Metting

Helping with Worship during the month of October:

Head Usher: Boyd Weise

Ushers: Calvin Bruns, Clay Caran, John Carriger, & Jeremy Kneese

Altar Guild: Carolyn Bargmann & Debbie Niemeier

Saturday Usher: Albert Metting

KNOWN HOSPITALIZED DURING THE WEEK:

Kari Mueller & twins, Ruby Warzecha

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.*

Aggie Arnold	Rosa Horton	Gilbert Pargmann
Joyce Baacke	Keith Ibrom	Mary Louise Pargmann
Laurie Barfield	Joanna Ivy	Pam Roth
Joe Barnes	Shirley Jendrzey	Dolly Ruppert
Donna Baxter	Bonnie Kaiser	Joan Smith
Caroline Blain	Bill Klaevemann	Kennedy Smith
Wade Bolting	Joyce Lamprecht	Lori Nelson Stenger
Warner & Anna Borth	Ray Lange	Mike & Deborah Stern
Katherine Brown	Lin Migura	Pastor Craig Sturm
Family of Elliott Cox	Lanie Milliff	Alma Suggs
Byron Cramer	Kari Mueller	Judy Taylor
Jean Edwards	Mark Niemeier	Ruby Warzecha
Verda Mae Foerster	Guy Nobles	Curtis Weise
Daniel Goehring	Brynn Norrell	Ron & Marjorie Wilhelmsen

ST. PAUL OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK:

Sunday (24th)	9:00 am	Worship with Holy Communion
	10:15 am	Sunday School
	10:15 am	High School Faith Building
	11:30 am	Confirmation Class Meal
	12:00 pm	Confirmation Class
	6:00 pm	AA Meeting
Tuesday (25th)	6:00 pm	Youth Committee Meeting
Wednesday (27th)	9:00 am	TLG Chapel
	6:00 pm	FFF (Faith, Food, & Fun)
Thursday (28th)	6:00 pm	Youth Facility Task Force Committee Meeting
Saturday (30th)	Fellowship Hall Reserved – Robert Riedesel Funeral Reception	
	5:00 pm	Worship with Holy Communion
Sunday (1st)	9:00 am	Worship with Holy Communion
	10:15 am	Sunday School
	11:30 am	Confirmation Class Meal
	12:00 pm	Confirmation Class
	6:00 pm	AA Meeting

FOOD DRIVE: Social Concerns is currently partnering with the Golden Crescent Children's Project to host a food drive. These food items will be divided among the school districts in the Golden Crescent area. We are asking for food items that are easy to open and do not require cooking. A suggested food list and collection boxes are located in the church, basement and educational building. The drive will continue until October 15, 2023.

NEW MEMBER SUNDAY: We will be having a new member celebration on Sunday, October 29, 2023 (Reformation Sunday.) If you or anyone you know is interested in becoming a member and have not been in contact the church office, please contact Pastor Tim or the church office.

YOUTH FACILITY TASK FORCE: We would like to start a task force to study and make recommendations of how best to utilize space for our youth. If you are interested in being a part of the planning committee, please see Pastor Tim or Boyd Weise. We will have a meeting on Thursday, September 28, 2023 at 6:00 pm in the meeting room.

DRIVE-THRU FLU SHOT CLINIC: Cuero Home Health and the Social Concerns Committee will hold a Flu Shot clinic on Thursday, October 5, 2023 from 3:30 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. **This is a Drive-through Only Clinic**, located at the elevator parking lot here at St. Paul. Cost is covered by Medicare, Medicaid and private Insurance Companies. \$35 charge for those without insurance for Fluzone. \$75 for Fluzone/High Dose (*High Dose is the recommended Vaccine for ages 65+*) *Please bring your insurance card. If you have any questions, please call 361-275-8999.*

FELLOWSHIP HALL RENTAL COMMITTEE: We are looking to start a committee to start overseeing the rental of the fellowship hall. We need someone to chair the committee, and to have committee members. If you are interested, please call the church office at 361-564-2135.

PEN PALS WANTED: Jairus Herring is at boot camp in Great Lakes, IL. He is missing home and would love to hear from us. If you would like to write to him, his address is:
Sr. Herring, J.
Ship 3, USS Hopper, Division 310
3600 Ohio St.
Great Lakes, IL 60088

Upcoming Christian Life Events:

October 29, 2023 – Pot Luck Lunch November 12, 2023 -- Thank-offering Meal
December 10, 2023 – Christmas Feast

AREA EVENTS

Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church BBQ & Raffle will be held on Sunday, September 24, 2023 at 11220 FM 237 in Meyersville, Texas. Raffle tickets are \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00. Drawing to be held on September 24th. Need not be present to win. BBQ meal is \$12.00 a plate, dine-in or to-go, 11am-1pm.

ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH in Cuero will be having a Lutherfest on Sunday, September 24, 2023. They will be having a Polka Spirit Band at the 9 am Worship service, followed by activities beginning at 10 am. They will also be having a BBQ dinner. Tickets are pre-sale only. For more information, please see the flyer in our educational building bulletin board.

DEWITT COUNTY LIFE CHAIN: Join us for a silent prayer vigil where we will prayerfully display signs which state the truth about abortion. It is an opportunity for local churches to unite in prayer and to stand for the rights of the unborn. All who believe in the protection of unborn children and their mothers are invited to participate. On Sunday, October 1, 2023 from 2-3:00 pm, we will gather on Broadway St. in front of First Baptist Church (Cuero). For additional info, please contact cheesmanbj@gmail.com.

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH-WESTHOFF: Come join us for the 115th anniversary celebration in the Glory of God, St. John Lutheran Church of Westhoff on October 15, 2023. Service will be at 10:30 am with a catered meal to follow. Please RSVP to: 830-236-5800 or stjohnwl@gvtc.com.

St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Cuero: It's Time for Bunco! Please join us for food, fun, and fellowship on Monday, October 23, 2023. Registration and a light meal is at 6:00 pm and the games will begin at 7:00 pm. Please RSVP by October 18, 2023 to Marlene Fromme at 361-275-4214 or call the church office at 361-275-2845.

St. Peter's Lutheran Church of Ander is holding an Oktoberfest on Sunday, October 29, 2023, from 3:30 – 6:30 pm.

Schedule of events: 3:30 pm: Country Store Opens; Kids' games begin
4:00 pm: Live auction begins 5:00 – 6:30 pm: Traditional German Food will be served. \$12 a plate (eat here or to go). All funds will benefit Cross Trails.

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