

# St. Paul Lutheran Church

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## The Transfiguration of Our Lord

11 February 2024

**Welcome! *The Face of Jesus Christ Manifests the Light of the Knowledge of the Glory of God.*** It was “a hard thing” that Elisha asked, but by his persistence he was able to see the prophet Elijah being taken “by a whirlwind into heaven.” Although “chariots of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them,” Elisha received Elijah’s cloak and a “double portion” of his spirit for preaching the Lord’s Word (2 Kings 2:9–11). It was a hard thing, too, for Israel to see Moses and come near to him, when “the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God” (Ex. 34:29–30). Therefore, after “he commanded them all that the LORD had spoken with him in Mount Sinai,” Moses “put a veil over his face” (Ex. 34:32–33). Only the Word of the Gospel lifts the veil, and “only through Christ is it taken away” (2 Cor. 3:14). Thus are we able to behold “the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ,” who is “the image of God” (2 Cor. 4:4–6). For the Law and the prophets are all fulfilled in Him. Therefore, “listen to him,” and fix your sights on “Jesus only” (Mark 9:7–8). We invite you all to worship with us again.

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### In Our Prayers:

Those recovering from surgeries and illness:

*Geraldine Albrecht-surgery*  
*Nancy Beckcom-recovering*  
*Chris Birnbaum-recovering.*  
*Irene Buscha-recovering*  
*Bradley Cruz (great-great grandson of Hildegard Krause)*  
*Dora Durrenberger-recovering*  
*Trey Fritsche-recovering*  
*Clarence Iselt-recovering*  
*Gladys Iselt-hospitalized*  
*Roselie Johnson-recovering (mother of Carie Oltmann)*  
*Judy Kalbas-recovering*  
*Claudelle Krska (friend of Antionette Richardson)*  
*Lyndy Krause-recovering*  
*Douglas Malke-hospitalized*  
*Linda Pfeffer-recovering (friend of James & Kathy Kalbas)*  
*Cheryl Riza-recovering*  
*Kreed Schatte-recovering*  
*Erwin Schulz-hospitalized (brother-in-law of Judy Boriack)*  
*Cindy Umphries-recovering (friend of James & Kathy Kalbas)*  
*Conway Whited-preparing for surgery (nephew of Brad & Ashley Schmidt)*  
*Tommy Wilkins-recovering*

**Our members in nursing homes and our shut-ins.**

**Those fighting cancer including:**

*Lillian Bamsch (sister-in-law of Charlyn & Marvin Matthijetz)*  
*Randy Belz (uncle of Amanda Carter)*  
*Teresita Brodrick (aunt of David Wittman)*  
*Vernon Bryant (friend of Arthur & Dianna Noack)*  
*Russell Cleghorn (friend of James & Kathy Kalbas)*  
*Brandon Cleland (brother of Sonya Schautschick)*  
*Ginger Clifford (sister of Nancy Kasper)*  
*Ian Hailes-great nephew of Marian Wiederhold and Stephen Kasper)*

*Franklin Hoffman (father of Maxine Bradshaw)*  
*Brenda Karisch (friend of Bonnie Wenke family)*  
*Steven Kelly (cousin of Jessica Gruetzner, brother-in-law of Christi Bradford)*  
*Betty Kildair (aunt of Dorothy Schautschick)*  
*Bethany Lara (daughter of Kathy Gersch)*  
*Heather Lilly (granddaughter of Irene Noack)*  
*Ruby Maass (mother of Linda Schonhoeft)*  
*Cannon Martin (nephew of Christopher Taylor)*  
*Gladys Mathena (sister of Frances Miertschin and Marilyn Miertschin)*  
*Rhonda Mitschke (friend of Christi Fritsche)*  
*Dianna Noack-recovering*  
*Walter Rehle (friend of the Arldt’s from Germany)*  
*Carol Sander*  
*Diane Sanders (friend of James & Kathy Kalbas)*  
*Judy Westbrook (mother of Heather Krause)*  
*Tiffany Wittman (sister-in-law of Jason & Cindy Heuermann)*

**Those serving in the Armed Forces including:**

*Steven Cutlip (brother of Stephanie Symm), Fort Bliss, El Paso*  
*Kosh Ozmun (son of Stephanie Miertschin), Ft. Cavazos, TX*  
*Coy Hunt (son of Shannon & Christine Hunt) Ft. Drum, New York*  
*Jacob Knapp (cousin of Mark Gruetzner, son of Nathan & Heather Wenke) Ft. Stewart, Georgia*  
*Randall Weise (grandson of Bernice Doebbler) Ft. Huachuca, Arizona*  
*Dylan Robbins (cousin of Michelle Birnbaum) Jacksonville, NC*  
*Aron Marak (nephew of Mike and Susie Maass) Fr. Bragg, North Carolina*  
*Manuel Camacho (friend of Randy & Janice Becker) Army Reserves, being shipped to Israel*

**Those who mourn:**

*The family of Matt Kelly (Hinze family member)*

**Thanksgiving for Rain**

**Prayer Requests** are always welcome. To have someone included in our Sunday morning prayers either call the church office through the week or write out the request and give it to pastor on Sunday morning.

**The Order of Service**— Page 184 of the hymnal

The Hymns: 411, 413, 781 v. 1&2, 680, 814  
Sermon Text: 2 Corinthians 3:12-18, 4:1-6  
The Sermon: **“Uncovered”**

- ✠ **The Altar flowers** are placed to the glory of God.
- ✠ **Ash Wednesday** is February 14<sup>th</sup>. This marks the beginning of the season of Lent. As was done last year, and is done in many congregations throughout our church, a part of our chapel worship on Wednesday will be the Imposition of Ashes. Participation in the imposition of ashes is not mandatory for the students. If any member of the congregation would like to participate you are more than welcome to join us at 8:30 a.m. for chapel. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Pastor Schmidt.
- ✠ **South Lee County Volunteer Fire Department** is preparing Barbecue Chicken on Sunday, February 25<sup>th</sup> at the Serbin picnic grounds from 10:00 a.m. – 12 noon. The barbecue is to go only. Order forms are available from the ushers. If you wish to order please fill out this form and return it to the ushers, or contact Paul Somerfield at 713-922-7501 or St. Paul Lutheran church office at 979-366-9650 by Monday, February 19<sup>th</sup>.
- ✠ **Holy Cross, Warda** invites you to their monthly game day on Thursday, February 15<sup>th</sup>, from noon to 2PM. A light lunch will be provided followed by a variety of games including dominoes, bingo, cards, and others. Everyone is invited to join us for an afternoon of fellowship and fun!
- ✠ **The Holy Cross Youth Group** annual pork steak fundraiser will be held Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup>. Drive thru only at the Holy Cross picnic grounds from 10:00-12:30. Plates are \$15 each and include pork steak, green beans, noodles, and corn. This meal is presale only by Thursday, Feb. 29<sup>th</sup>. Tickets are \$15 each and may be purchased at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Chevron in LaGrange, First National Bank of Giddings, or from any Holy Cross youth group member. There will also be a bake sale with homemade items for a freewill donation.
- ✠ **PTLS Chili Supper & Live Auction:** The Annual Chili Supper & Live Auction is scheduled for **Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>** at the Serbin Picnic Grounds. Cook-Off judging & Silent Auction (4pm), Live Auction (5:30pm), Chili/Hot Dog Supper (5-7pm). Tickets: Chili \$7, 2 Hot Dogs \$5. All School & ECC children are selling tickets until February 14<sup>th</sup>, or you can purchase by calling the school office.
- ✠ **Attention Chili Cookers!** Enter your family recipe for a chance to win at our **3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Chili Cook-Off!** Please contact Patricia Barnett (512-581-1154) for details and registration.
- ✠ **NEW – Be a Cook-Off Sponsor!** We are accepting sponsorships – individuals or businesses – your name will be displayed with the opportunity to provide marketing materials in the cook-off packets. The sponsorship levels can be found on the School Website or you can contact the school office or Patricia Barnett.
- ✠ **We are in need** of someone to take care of mowing the church property and the cemetery. If you are interested please contact the Church Office at 979-366-9650
- ✠ **Annual Report.** Reports from various committees and organizations for our congregation’s annual report are asked to be completed and turned in to the church office by February 19<sup>th</sup>.

**LUTHERAN HOUR:** Next Sunday, February 18<sup>th</sup>, **“Redeeming DIY”**. Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Dr. Michael Zeigler talks about spiritual growth in the season of Lent and dying to self in a “do-it-yourself” world. (Mark 1:12-13) Hear *The Lutheran Hour* each Sunday on station KBUK-FM 104.9 at 7:00 a.m. or on station KANJ-FM 91.5 at 12:30 p.m. or go to [lhm.org](http://lhm.org) for a link to listen to the Lutheran Hour live.

**Serving today:** Elders— Douglas Hartfield and Michael Krause  
Organist- Jack Wiederhold  
Acolytes- Everett Corn and Addyson Early  
Head Ushers- Donald Becker  
Captain- Michael Becker Assistant- Glen Albrecht  
Ushers- Wyatt Arldt, Gabriel Bailey, Virgil Becker,  
Jace Heuermann, Clay Mertink, Cody Mertink,  
Cole Mertink, Benjamin Schonhoeft, Robert Zoch  
**Counting and Posting offering this week:**  
Chairman- Rex Perry  
Tim Symm, Nathan Michael, Virgil Becker  
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**THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK**

Today **Worship Service – 8:30 a.m.**  
 Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.  
 LYF Meeting & Social – 2:00 p.m.  
**Super Bowl**

Monday Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.

Tuesday “Mardi Gras Pancake Breakfast – 7:15 a.m.  
 Circuit Meeting @ Trinity, Dime Box – 9:00 a.m.  
 4-H Meeting – 6:20 p.m.

Wednesday Staff Bible Study – 7:30 a.m.  
 Ash Wednesday Chapel – 8:30 a.m.  
 Youth Confirmation – 6:00 p.m.  
**Ash Wednesday Worship w/Communion – 7:00 p.m.**  
 Acolytes: Tyler Fritsche and Jagger Garner  
 Greeter: Deanna Miertschin  
**Valentines Day**

Thursday Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.

Friday Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.

Fri. – Sat. Texas Lutheran Regional Basketball Tourney @ Tomball

Next Sunday **Worship Service w/Communion – 8:30 a.m.**  
 Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.  
 Acolytes: Lane Gersch and Trenton Grange  
 Greeter: Deanna Miertschin  
 Texas Lutheran Regional Basketball Tourney @ Tomball

**Birthdays: Today** – Arthur Richards, Nathaniel Schautschick; 12<sup>th</sup> – Addalyn Hofferek, Barbara Schmidt; 14<sup>th</sup> – Dana Karisch, Doris Kunkel, Rachel Mertink; 15<sup>th</sup> – Lucy Becker, Trey Fritsche, Lawrence Irwin, Jr., Joseph Kalbas, Keith Oltmann; 16<sup>th</sup> – Marian Wiederhold. God’s Blessings to you.

**Life Thoughts in the Church Year:**

**February 11 – Transfiguration of Our Lord.**

We proclaim not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord (2Corinthians 4:5) of body and sexuality. We proclaim not personal choice, but Jesus Christ as Lord of marriage and procreation. We proclaim not popular opinion, but Jesus Christ as Lord of hurts and healing. We proclaim not political debate, but Jesus Christ as Lord of life and death. Listen to Him who makes us beloved children of God (Mark 9:7).

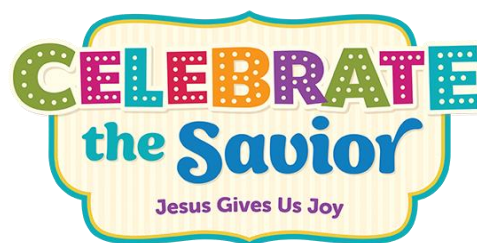
**ST. PAUL NOTES:**

**Attendance Last Week:** Morning Worship- 264, Communion- 155, Bible Class- 22; Sunday School- 24, Offering- \$17.00.

**Offering Last Week:** \$43,665.25

| <b>Home:</b>                 |                     | <b>Mission:</b>            |                   |
|------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------|-------------------|
| General                      | \$25,036.00         | Mission                    | \$555.00          |
| Sunday School                | \$17.00             | Lutheran Hour              | \$50.00           |
| Lunch Room                   | \$1,404.00          | <b>Mission Total</b>       | <b>\$605.00</b>   |
| ECC Operating                | \$7,953.25          | <b>Savings/Other:</b>      |                   |
| LWML                         | \$100.00            | School Fund                | \$225.00          |
| Tuition                      | \$7,150.00          | Building Fund              | \$1,150.00        |
| <b>Received 2/4/2023</b>     | <b>\$41,660.25</b>  | Scholarship                | \$25.00           |
|                              |                     | <b>Savings/Other Total</b> | <b>\$1,400.00</b> |
| <b>Est. needed per week</b>  | <b>\$29,635.00</b>  |                            |                   |
| <b>Received MTD</b>          | <b>\$41,660.25</b>  | Total                      | \$43,665.25       |
| <b>Est. needed per month</b> | <b>\$128,417.00</b> |                            |                   |

**MEMORIALS: General:** In memory of Monroe Becker by Dennis & Betty Kurio - \$25.00; by Mark & Tricia Krugler - \$50.00; by Robbie, Gwen, Faith & Rylan Stork - \$40.00; by Sandra Grimm, Mike & Kim Lee & Family - \$50.00; by M/M Steven Lehmann - \$50.00; by Raymond & Lanetta Kipp - \$25.00; by Robin & Sherri Buscha - \$75.00; by Irene Buscha - \$25.00; by Pumpco - \$100.00; by Cathy & Gene Noack - \$75.00; by Robert & Brenda Muniz - \$50.00; by the Chris Becker family - \$50.00; by Janiece Becker - \$25.00; by Carl Mertink, Jr. - \$25.00; by M/M Vic Lohberg - \$50.00; by David & Karen Schmidt - \$50.00; by Jason, Teshia & Lucy Becker - \$100.00; by M/M Randy Kauffman - \$40.00; by M/M Paulie Sanchez - \$25.00; by Paul, Tina Sommerfield, Max & Macy - \$100.00; by Jack & Marian Wiederhold - \$50.00; by Rev. David & Kathy Mumm - \$20.00; by M/M Michael Becker - \$20.00; by M/M Cody Portales & family - \$50.00; by Tim & Fran Pitts - \$50.00; by Tina Warren - \$50.00; by Pam & Daniel Krause - \$50.00; by Randy & Janice Becker - \$25.00; by Mary Ann & Delbert Prellop - \$30.00; by Marvin & Charlyn Matthijetz - \$40.00. In memory of Eugene Menzel by Douglas Malke - \$100.00. In memory of Herman Gersch by Douglas Malke - \$50.00; by David & Karen Schmidt - \$25.00; by Melva Hunter - \$50.00; by Mark & Tricia Krugler - \$50.00; by Janiece Becker - \$25.00; by M/M Gilbert Krause - \$25.00; by Kyle, Laurie & Kaden Kasper - \$50.00. In memory of Louis Doebbler and Herman Gersch by Beverly Malke - \$50.00. In memory of Louis Doebbler by Lil Robertson - \$25.00; by Diane Engel - \$50.00; by M/M Curtis Oltmann & family - \$100.00; by Max Baranduski & Janette Dawn - \$20.00; by Lance & Kathy Ward - \$20.00; by Randy & Janice Becker - \$50.00; by David & Karen Schmidt - \$20.00; by Wilbert & Carol Jean Noack - \$30.00; by Kevin & Sherri Coffman - \$20.00; by Gladys Primm - \$100.00; by Michael Primm - \$100.00. In memory of Monroe Becker and Elmo Schulze by M/M Alfred Schulze - \$200.00. In memory of Elmo Schulze by Mary Ann & Delbert Prellop - \$50.00; by Doris Fritsche - \$20.00; by Troy & Chelsea Wiederhold - \$500.00. In memory of Monroe Becker and Herman Gersch by Ken & Ruby Weiser - \$50.00. In memory of Herman Gersch, Louis Doebbler and Elmo Schulze by Michael & Teresa Krause - \$75.00. In memory of Louis Doebbler and Herman Gersch by Mary Ann & Delbert Prellop - \$100.00. In memory of Monroe Becker, Herman Gersch and Elmo Schulze by Doug & Mary Jatzlau - \$100.00. In memory of Louis Doebbler, Clint Roberts and Elmo Schulze by Martin & Jeanie Werchan - \$100.00. In memory of Monroe Becker, Herman Gersch, Louis Doebbler and Elmo Schulze by Robert & Joyce Hinze - \$125.00. **Lutheran Hour:** In memory of Monroe Becker by Lucille, Lynette and Darlene Schatte - \$25.00; by M/M Scott Schramm & family - \$25.00. In memory of Louis Doebbler by Lucille, Lynette and Darlene Schatte - \$25.00. **Misson:** In memory of Monroe Becker by Marvin A. Lorenz - \$25.00. In memory of Herman Gersch by Marvin A. Lorenz - \$25.00; by Allen & Mildred Perry - \$25.00. In memory of Louis Doebbler by Marvin A. Lorenz - \$25.00; by Allen & Mildred Perry - \$25.00. In memory of Elmo Schulze by Marvin A. Lorenz \$25.00. **Building Fund:** In memory of Louis Doebbler by Robert & Brenda Muniz - \$50.00; by Tommy & Linda Wilkins - \$50.00. In memory of Louis Doebbler and Elmo Schulze by Elaine Mersiovsky - \$50.00. **LWML:** In memory of Herman Gersch by Mary Fritsche - \$25.00; by Nancy & Stephen Kasper - \$25.00; by Arthur & Dianna Noack - \$50.00. **School Fund:** In memory of Susan Volk, Gene Menzel and Elmo Schulze by Randy & Janice Becker - \$75.00. In memory of Elmo Schulze by Paul, Tina, Max and Macy Sommerfield - \$ 25.00 (for 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Classroom). **Scholarship Fund:** In memory of Mildred Moebus by Irene Buscha - \$25.00. **Orphan Grain Train:** In memory of Monroe Becker by Nancy & Stephen Kasper - \$25.00. In memory of Louis Doebbler by Nancy & Stephen Kasper - \$25.00. **Texas Wendish Heritage Society:** In memory of Herman Gersch by John & Carolyn Krpec - \$50.00; by Linda Jones - \$25.00; by Carolyn Noack - \$25.00; by M/M Jack Wiederhold - \$50.00. In memory of Louis Doebbler by Sidonia Hardie - \$50.00; by Paul & Jolene Fischer - \$50.00; by M/M Jack Wiederhold - \$50.00; by Doris Fritsche - \$20.00; by Armin & Cindy Engel - \$20.00. In memory of Louis Doebbler, Herman Gersch and Elmo Schulze by Milton & Geraldine Albrecht - \$100.00. **Faith Lutheran High School:** In memory of Herman Gersch by Bobby & Carlyn Oltmann - \$25.00; by Lucille, Lynette and Darlene Schatte - \$25.00.



**VBS is June 10th -14th!** We're having a party- a party to celebrate the Savior- and you're invited! Of all the blessings God gives us, His Son, Jesus is the biggest reason to celebrate! Join us this Summer at VBS to party!

**Volunteer for VBS-** Please let Krista Rodriguez know if you would like to assist with VBS this Summer.



### **Spring Raffle**

FLHS raffle tickets are NOW AVAILABLE!! Tickets are \$20 each. Drawing will be the week of March 4-8, during National Lutheran Schools Week. Items include:

- \$1700 Travel Voucher with World Travel
- Custom AR Rifle made by Jigsaw Weaponry (up to \$750)
- Kalahari Resort - 1 night stay in 2bed/2bath suite with 5 waterpark passes
- Valentine's Do Over Package (\$450+)
- Relax and Chill Package (\$700+)
- Staycation Package (\$400+)
- Handcrafted Cedar Lineman Truck, 2024 Silver Coin and Set of Wooden Porch Rocking Chairs
- Handcrafted Cedar Train, 2023 Silver Coin, and Lone Star Back Roads Framed Photo
- Casserole of the Month for a year
- Dessert of the Month for a year

To see details about each package, please view our Facebook page. Limited amount of tickets available - get yours today! Please contact any FLHS delegate, student, staff or call (979) 242-2889 to get your tickets!! You don't want to miss out!!

### **New Student Registration**

Registration for 2024-2025 is underway. One new student has already enrolled and we are looking to add more students to our family. Any new student who registers for FLHS prior to **Friday, March 8, 2024** will only pay \$100 in registration fees. Register early to take advantage of this savings! You can receive registration materials by calling (979) 242-2889 or visiting our website at [www.flhstx.org](http://www.flhstx.org).

### **Shadow Days**

Shadow days are a great opportunity for prospective students to follow us for a day and experience what FLHS is all about. 8th Grade parents, call us today at (979) 242-2889 to set up a shadow day for your child.

### **Scholarship Opportunities**

Applications are now being accepted for an academic-based scholarship from the Amanda (Zoch) Knox Memorial Scholarship Fund. This fund will pay for the full tuition for an incoming 9th grade student of Faith Lutheran beginning in the Fall of 2024. Applications are available from Mrs. Kueck or from Cyndy Zoch ([cyndy.zoch@gmail.com](mailto:cyndy.zoch@gmail.com)) and are due May 1, 2024.

### **Thrivent Choice Dollars**

If you are a Thrivent member, you may have Choice Dollars that allow you to designate where the funds go, and by sending them to Faith, you can help us continue in our mission of Instilling Wisdom Today for Faithful Leaders Tomorrow! The deadline to designate your choice dollars from 2023 is **March 31, 2024**.



# The Voyager Voice

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for the week of February 11-17, 2024

2023-24 School Year Theme – “Connected” – Romans 15:5

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Feb. 13...Mardi Gras Pancake  
Breakfast – 7:15 AM
- Feb. 14...Ash Wednesday Chapel  
Service (Imposition of  
Ashes) – 8:30 AM
- Feb. 15...Scarletis Screening Day
- Feb. 16...End of 4<sup>th</sup> Six-Weeks  
Winter Sports Pep Rally  
8:15 AM
- Feb. 16-18...J.L.R.I. State Basketball  
Tournament
- Feb. 19...Presidents' Day  
– NO SCHOOL
- Feb. 22...Severe Weather Preparedness  
Drill – 10:00 AM  
Distribution of 4<sup>th</sup> Six-Week  
Report Cards
- Feb. 25...PSIA District Meet
- Mar. 1...Lee Co. Jr. Livestock Show  
– NO SCHOOL
- Mar. 3...PTLS Chili Supper, Auction,  
and Chili Cook-Off  
– 4:00-7:00 PM

## The Voyager Voice

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Our Mission  
“To Educate Children for Life to  
Witness the Word to the World.”

## From the Principal's Desk. . .

**MIDYEAR SCHOOL SURVEYS** for '23-'24 are coming home today; complete your and return it by Friday, Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup>.

See you at the **MARDI GRAS PANCAKE BREAKFAST** on Tuesday, 2/13 from 7:15-8:00 AM.

**HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!!** As we celebrate with hearts and candy on Wednesday, let us remember our Greatest Lover, Jesus Christ who gave his life for our sins. **“Greater love has no man than this, that he lay down his life for his friends.”** (John 15:13)

Have a blessed week in the Lord! – Jim House, Principal

## NEWS, NOTES, and HAPPENINGS

**RE-ENROLLMENT TIME.** . . February is Re-Enrollment Time at St. Paul Lutheran for the 2024-25 school year. A *Re-Enrollment Packet*, containing a 2024-25 Re-Enrollment Form, Tuition & Fee schedule, and details explaining the process, *was sent home last week* with each student in Kindergarten through Grade 7 currently enrolled at St. Paul. Please note the Tuition and Fee Schedule



**Now RE-ENROLLING  
current students for  
the 2024-25 school year  
(Forms due Mar. 8<sup>th</sup>)**

on the back page of the form. Also included is the “*Commitment to Christian Education*” policy and an *Application for Active Member Tuition Rate* form. We encourage every St. Paul family to prayerfully consider the quality education and eternal benefits offered for your children at St. Paul-Serbin and complete and return the Re-Enrollment Form for each child. **Re-Enrollment Forms are due back by Friday, March 8<sup>th</sup>**. Come grow with us in 2024! Complete and return your Re-Enrollment Form right away!

**MIDYEAR SCHOOL SURVEY.** . . We are constantly trying to improve our quality of instruction and your child’s learning experience at St. Paul Lutheran School. One important part of doing so is to hear from our families about how we’re doing! To that end, we are interested in your opinions and comments concerning a variety of programs and services at St. Paul Lutheran School. Please complete this brief survey *being sent home on Friday, Feb. 9<sup>th</sup>* and return the completed form in the attached envelope to the school office **no later than Friday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>**. All responses and comments will be shared in strict confidence with members of the Board of Christian Education. Results of the survey will be available for your review in late March. Thank you for your assistance in making St. Paul Lutheran-Serbin the best school it can be!

Parent  
Survey





**PANCAKE BREAKFAST.** . . Come celebrate "Fat Tuesday" with the St. Paul students, faculty, and staff at the "Mardi Gras" Parent Pancake Breakfast *next Tuesday, Feb. 13<sup>th</sup> from 7:15-8:15 AM* in the gym. Parents, you're invited to enjoy some pancakes, sausage, milk, coffee & juice with your child and some early morning fellowship with the other parents. Join us for the Mardi Gras Pancake Breakfast on Tuesday! "*Laissez les Bon Temps Roulés!*"

**SPECIAL CHAPEL SERVICE.** . . Next *Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>*, is Ash Wednesday. Traditionally, Christians throughout the world mark the beginning of the Season of Lent on this day with special worship services and the practice of imposing ashes on their foreheads as an outward sign of repentance. The St. Paul students will participate in the "*Imposition of Ashes*" during our special *Ash Wednesday Chapel Service on February 14<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 AM at the church.* Look for the special flyer coming home today that answers some common questions about Ash Wednesday and the Imposition of Ashes. Parents are invited to join us for this special morning service.



**HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY.** . . from the Faculty and staff of St. Paul Lutheran School. Our hope is that as you celebrate this special day of love *next Wednesday, Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>*, you remember the "*GREATEST LOVER*" of all, our Savior Jesus Christ! Share the words of John 15:13 with others— "*Greater love has no one than this, that he (Jesus) lay down his life for his friends (you and me).*"



**AHA KIDS HEART CHALLENGE.** . . Thank you to all the SPS students participating in the American Heart Association "Kids Heart Challenge" during February. To date, we have *raised over \$3,000* for the AHA through your pledges and donations. The Kids Heart Challenge officially ends next Wednesday, Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>. But, we can still accept *pledge money online through next Friday, Feb. 16<sup>th</sup>.* Thanks once again for the great job and your participation in this year's AHA Kids Heart Challenge!



**CHILI SUPPER, AUCTION, & COOKOFF.** . . The annual St. Paul Chili Supper and Auction is planned for *Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>* beginning at 4:00 PM at the Serbin Picnic Grounds. Once again this year, we'll add to our auction and supper: fun with the *Chili Cook-Off.* Our local chefs will prepare their chili for all to taste and vote the "Best Serbin Chili for 2024"! Here's the schedule for the event:

- 4:00-5:30 PM – *Silent Auction (tables close beginning at 5:00 PM)*
- 5:00 PM – *Bake Sale (until sold out)*
- 5:00-7:00 PM – *Chili Supper*
- 5:30-7:00 PM – *Live Auction*
- 5:30 PM – *Chili Cook-Off turn in*



Ticket prices are: (*pre-sale; limited tickets available at the event*) \$7.00—Chili Bowl, \$5.00—2 Hot Dogs, \$10.00 per "*Test & Judge*" Cook-Off Armband. Extra tickets are available for purchase at the school office or after church on Sunday morning. All profits from the event will go toward future projects and improvements for St. Paul Lutheran School & ECC. Come for the cook-off and stay for the supper and

auction! Mark your calendars, invite your relatives, neighbors, & friends, and plan now to attend!

**SCOLIOSIS SCREENING.** . . We plan to conclude our annual student health screenings by conducting scoliosis screenings *next Thursday, Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> at 8:15 AM.* This screening, required by the TX DSHS, will be given to all girls & boys in Grades 5-8. Students will be required to wear gym uniforms for the screening. Thank you to Mr. Mark Jones for assisting with this year's screening.

**SCIENCE NIGHT NEWS.** . . This week students chose their partners and chose their projects for the "Science Night of Family Fun" event in April. Remember, your *hypothesis statement and experiment design* should be submitted for final review and approval *by next Friday, Feb. 16<sup>th</sup>.* We're excited to see the investigations our students will work on over the next several weeks! Questions—contact Mr. House or your child's teacher.



**WINTER SPORTS PEP RALLY**  
To celebrate the success of our teams during the season and send our Varsity Boys team to the T.I.R.T. Tournament with lots of encouragement, we will hold a Winter Sports Pep Rally *next Friday, Feb. 16<sup>th</sup> at 8:15 AM* in the gym. Parents are invited to attend as we recognize all four of our basketball teams and cheerleaders!



**HAVE A BLESSED WEEK!** . . . We're looking forward to seeing everyone at the Mardi Gras Pancake Breakfast on Tuesday morning. Have a Happy Valentine's Day and great beginning to Lent on Ash Wednesday! Share the love of Jesus with all that you know this week! If I can be of any service to you this month, feel free to stop by my office or call for an appointment.

Your partner in Christ,  
James L. House,  
Principal

