

St. Paul Lutheran Church

Serbin, Texas



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The Transfiguration of Our Lord

19 February 2023

Welcome! *God Manifests His Glory in the Body of Christ Jesus, Transfigured for Us by His Cross.* The Transfiguration confirms “the prophetic word ... to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place” (2 Peter 1:19). The divine glory of Jesus is manifested in the word of His apostles, who were “eyewitnesses of his majesty” (2 Peter 1:16). “He was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun” (Matt. 17:2). Moses and Elijah witnessed the fulfillment of the Old Testament in this Lord Jesus, and the Father testified concerning Him: “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased” (Matt. 17:5). By His own blood, shed on the cross, Jesus makes and seals the new covenant with us. Hence, “the appearance of the glory of the LORD” is no longer “like a devouring fire” (Ex. 24:17), but it is graciously revealed in His own body. As “Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel” went up the mountain with Moses and “beheld God, and ate and drank” (Ex. 24:9, 11), we also behold the Lord our God in Christ Jesus, and we abide with Him as we eat and drink His body and blood at the altar.

We invite you all to worship with us again.

In Our Prayers:

Those recovering from surgeries and illness:

- Gail Albrecht-recovering*
- Gladys Arldt-recovering*
- Cynthia Boriack-recovering (mother of Antoinette Richardson)*
- Irene Hempel*
- Roselie Johnson-hospitalized (mother of Carie Oltmann)*
- Evelyn Kaiser-hospitalized*
- Judy Kalbas-recovering*
- Leroy Kalbas-recovering*
- Nancy Kasper*
- Douglas Malke-recovering*
- Anna Miertschin-recovering*
- Chris Miertschin*
- Shannon Miertschin*
- Larry Moerbe-recovering*
- Keeley Schautschick-recovering*
- Andrew Short-recovering*
- Greg Sorrento-recovering (nephew of Doris Fritsche)*
- Bart Steffens-recovering (brother-in-law of Lisa Schmidt and Pam Krause)*
- Cindy Umphries-recovering (friend of James & Kathy Kalbas)*
- Ruby Weiser-recovering*

Our members in nursing homes and our shut-ins.

Those fighting cancer including:

- Alice Albrecht (sister-in-law of Milton Albrecht and Willard Albrecht)*
- Lillian Bamsch (sister-in-law of Charlyn & Marvin Matthijetz)*
- Teresita Brodrick (aunt of David Wittman)*
- Vernon Bryant (friend of Arthur & Dianna Noack)*
- Don Claxton (father of Jeff Claxton)*

- Russell Cleghorn (friend of James & Kathy Kalbas)*
- Ginger Clifford (sister of Nancy 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)*
- Theresa Krause*
- Bethany Lara (daughter of Kathy Gersch)*
- Heather Lilly (granddaughter of Irene Noack)*
- Ruby Maass (Mother of Linda Schonhoeft)*
- Gladys Mathena (sister of Frances Miertschin and Marilyn Miertschin)*
- Rhonda Mitschke (friend of Christi Fritsche)*
- Carol Sander*
- Diane Sanders (friend of James & Kathy Kalbas)*
- Arthur Urban*
- 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. Hood, 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*
- Dylan Robbins (cousin of Michelle Birnbaum) Newport, Rhode Island*
- Randall Weise (grandson of Bernice Doebbler) Ft. Huachuca, Arizona*
- Peyton Walker (son of Heather Mersiovsky) Ft. Benning, Georgia*

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: 414, 413, 781 v. 1&2, 618, 395, 637, 660

Sermon Text: Matthew 17:1-9

The Sermon: **“Don’t Be Afraid”**

- † **The Altar flowers** are placed to the glory of God in honor of John and Shelly Weiser’s 20th wedding anniversary.
- † **Special Called Voter’s Meeting.** There is a Special Called Voter’s Meeting this morning immediately following the service. The purpose of the meeting is to approve the purchase of a Chevy Micro Bird 14 passenger bus with monies to come from the Bus Fund, Oil & Gas Fund and the General Fund. There will be no Bible class.
- † **Wood Cutters for Picnic.** We will be cutting and hauling wood for the picnic on Saturday, February 25th (**Date changed due to ground being to wet to get in**). For more information or just to let us know that you will be there, please call Russell @ 979-540-0741 or Troy @ 979-412-0341. Any and all help would be greatly appreciated.
- † **South Lee County Volunteer Fire Department** is preparing Barbecue Chicken on Sunday, February 26th at the Serbin picnic grounds from 10:00 a.m. – 12 noon. The barbecue is to go only. If you wish to order please contact Paul Sommerfield at 713-922-7501 or St. Paul Lutheran church office at 979-366-9650 by Monday, February 20th.
- † **LWML Bake Sale** – The Ladies of Serbin LWML will be having a bake sale on Sunday, Feb. 26 at the Serbin Picnic Grounds. Come support the SLCVFD BBQ Chicken and complete your lunch with dessert! Proceeds from this bake sale will be used to support the various ongoing activities/projects of the Serbin LWML, including the Quilting group, funeral luncheons, and Orphan Grain Train. If you would like to donate items for the bake sale, please bring them to the pavilion before Church on Feb. 26. We appreciate all of your support!
- † **Ash Wednesday** is February 22nd. 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.
- † **PTLS Chili Supper & Live Auction:** is fast approaching on **Sunday, March 5th** at the Serbin Picnic Grounds. Silent Auction (4pm), Live Auction (5:30pm), Chili/Hot Dog Supper (5-7pm) eat here and to-go available. Don’t forget to register for the **2nd Annual Chili Cook-Off!** Enter your secret recipe for a chance to win. \$25 entry fee. Prizes awarded. Deadline to register is February 24th. Proceeds will go toward various projects at the School and outdoor toys for the ECC. If you would like to make a donation to the meat and condiments, please contact Patricia Barnett (512-581-1154), any PTLs officer, or the school office. **Come out for some Food, Fun, and Fellowship while supporting our PTLs!**
- † **Help Wanted.** Consider being a volunteer at the Immanuel PSIA competition on March 24. You can assist in grading papers, etc. Please contact Mrs. Bradshaw by February 13th at 979-716-0163.
- † **Sunday School Teachers.** We are in need of 3 Sunday School Helpers. If you are interested, please contact Pastor or Mike Symm.
- † **Attention All Lutheran Ladies!** If you are interested in serving as a greeter for church services, please contact Melodi at 979-540-0039. No experience necessary and it’s a great way to represent St. Paul to our visitors.
- † **Texas Lutheran Writers Round Up:** Please plan to join us for the annual Lutheran Writers Round Up at Faith Lutheran High School on Friday, February 24. We are honored to have some new authors this year, including TX District president, Rev. Michael Newman. Donna Snow, who is a highly sought-after speaker and well-known in LWML circles, is joining us as well. Another author new to this event is Rev. Christopher Kennedy, pastor in San Antonio, whose third book will be released on February 14. Sarah Baughman and Ruth Meyer are both returning authors with books published by Concordia Publishing House. You are invited to join us at 9:00 for a live broadcast of KFYO show The Coffee Hour, where the authors will be interviewed. The main event begins at 10:00 with author presentations, followed by a meet and greet time, lunch, and an afternoon Q & A session with the authors. Hope to see you there!

LUTHERAN HOUR: Next Sunday, February 26th, **“It Begins with Who I Am”**. Guest Speaker: Rev Dr. Dean Nadasdy. The desert is a place of testing. The desert places of our lives are like that, too. (Matthew 4:1-11). 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 for a link to listen to the Lutheran Hour live.

Life Thoughts in the Church Year:

February 19 – The Transfiguration of Our Lord

The transfigured Jesus came down the mountain. He did not camp His glory in a comfortable status quo but put it to work accompanying His loved ones into adversity. So let us take hold of this Gospel and invite our neighbors to leave behind the seeming case of abortion or assisted suicide. And let us find the blessed life Jesus reveals even in surprise pregnancy and terminal diagnosis.

Serving today: **Elders**– Monroe Schatte, Jr. and Dwayne Schulze
Organist- Daniel Krause
Acolytes- Grant Oltmann and Tucker Kalbas
Head Ushers- Donald Becker
Captain- Troy Menzel **Assistant**- Mark Jones
Ushers- Joshua Adair, John Hinze, Scott Jones,
Russell Kappler, Brooks Kasper, Kyle Kasper,
Ty Kasper, Caleb Oltmann, Curtis Oltmann,
Clyde Schimank, Troy Wiederhold
Counting and Posting offering this week:
Chairman- Rex Perry
Bradley Albrecht, Troy Wiederhold, John Hinze

THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

Today	Worship Service w/Communion – 8:30 a.m. Sunday School – 9:30 a.m. Special Called Voter’s Meeting – 9:30 a.m.
Monday	President’s Day No School 4-H Meeting – 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday	“Mardi Gras Pancake Breakfast” Parent Fellowship Event – 7:15 a.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: Cooper Hinze and Kenedy Schatte Greeter: Mrs. Judy Boriack
Thursday	Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m. Board of Elders Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
Friday	Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.
Next Sunday	Worship Service – 8:30 a.m. Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m. Acolytes: Malynda Schautschick and Maison Schautschick Greeter: Doris Fritsche Sunday School Teacher’s Meeting – 10:15 a.m. SLCVFD Barbecue Chicken

Birthdays: 21st – Rev. Paul Droegemueller, Cameron Kalbas; 22nd – Liana Adair, David Wittman II; 24th – Jacki Short, Reese Weiser. God’s Blessings to you.

ST. PAUL NOTES:

Attendance Last Week: Morning Worship- 203, Bible Class- 17; Sunday School- 25. Offering- \$16.00.

Offering Last Week: \$15,939.63

Home:		Mission:	
General	\$6,745.21	Mission	\$425.00
Sunday School	\$16.00	Lutheran Hour	\$40.00
Lunch Room	\$2,016.00	Mission Total	\$465.00
ECC Operating	\$1,456.42	Savings/Other:	
LWML	\$50.00	Building Fund	\$25.00
Thrivent Choice	\$787.00	Bus Replacement Fund	\$37.50
Tuition	\$4,256.50	Scholarship	\$85.00
Received 2/12/2023	\$15,327.13	Savings/Other Total	\$147.50
Est. needed per week	\$22,500.00	Total	\$15,939.63
Received MTD	\$52,491.41		
Est. needed per month	\$118,000.00		

MEMORIALS: General: In memory of Tamshaw Becker by Robin & Sherri Buscha - \$50.00. In memory of Bob Mutschink by Arthur & Dianna Nock - \$50.00. **Lutheran Hour:** In memory of Leroy Grimm by Edwin, Jr. & Barbara Schmidt - \$40.00. **Building:** In memory of Leroy Grimm by Eldor, Lori & Jeremy Becker - \$25.00. **Scholarship Fund:** In memory of Bob Mutschink by Linda Jones - \$25.00. In memory of Leroy Grimm, Bob Mutschnk and Dianna Hannes by David & Karen Schmidt - \$60.00.

† **Save the Date- VBS JUNE 12-16th!** During Rainforest Explorers VBS, we will learn how Jesus is our ultimate guide in our lives! **Volunteer for VBS-** Please contact Krista Rodriguez at 979-716-0143 if you would like to assist with VBS this Summer.





Texas Lutheran Writer's Round Up

FLHS will welcome Sarah Baughman, Rev. Christopher Kennedy, Ruth Meyer, Rev. Michael Newman, and Donna Snow on Friday, February 24th for the 4th annual Texas Lutheran Writer's Round Up. The authors will give a presentation beginning at 10 am and then be available for questions and book signings. See our flier for the Round Up to see the full list of opportunities during the event. We are blessed to offer this event to our community, so please plan to join us!

Spring Raffle

FLHS raffle tickets are now available!! Tickets are \$20 each. Drawing will be the week of March 6-10, during National Lutheran Schools Week. Items include:

- 3 Nights at Port Aransas Beach Condo for 8 people
- \$750 Visa Gift Card
- \$750 Visa Gift Card
- Stoeger STR-9C 9mm
- Private Catered Meal for 12
- K2 Cooler, Ribeye Roll, and \$100 Visa Gift Card
- Handcrafted Wooden Train & Metal "JOY" Sign
- Antique Side Table, Oversized Custom Charcuterie Board, and Tree Change Doll
- Casserole of the Month for a year
- Dessert of the Month for a year

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!!

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.

New Student Registration

Registration for the 2023-2024 school year is underway. Two new students have already enrolled and we are looking to add more students to our family. Any new student who registers for FLHS prior to **Friday, March 10, 2023** 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.

Free Wednesday mornings?

Join us for our weekly Chapel Worship Service every Wednesday. Chapel will be led by Pr. Dustin Beck as a Lenten Worship Service, beginning at 10:30 am.

New Scholarship Opportunity

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 2023. Applications are available from Mrs. Kueck or from Cyndy Zoch (cyndy.zoch@gmail.com) and are due May 1, 2023.

Thrivent Choice Dollars

As 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 2022 is **March 31, 2023**.

The Voyager Voice

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✠ Check us out on the Internet at www.stpaulserbinschool.org ✠

for the week of February 19-25, 2023

2022-23 School Year Theme – “Won By One” – 1 Corinthians 15:57

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Feb. 20...Presidents' Day
NO SCHOOL
- Feb. 21...Mardi Gras Pancake
Breakfast – 7:15 AM
- Feb. 22...Ash Wednesday Chapel
Service (Imposition of
Ashes) – 8:30 AM
- Feb. 23... Severe Weather Preparedness
Drill – 10:00 AM
Distribution of 4th Six-Week
Report Cards
- Feb. 24... Deadline to return Mid-Year
School Survey
- Mar. 5-11...Lutheran Schools Week
- Mar. 5...LSW All-School Sing
8:30 AM
School Open House
9:30 AM
PTLS Chili Supper, Auction,
and Chili Cook-Off
4:00-7:00 PM
- Mar. 9... Kindergarten Round-Up
– 8:30-11:00 AM
- Mar. 15-17...Spring Break

From the Principal's Desk . . .

MIDYEAR SCHOOL SURVEYS are due next Friday 2/24: return them to the school office in the envelope provided.

RE-ENROLLMENT FORMS were sent home last week: return them by Spring Break.

Join us for the special **ASH WEDNESDAY CHAPEL SERVICE** this Wednesday 2/22 at 8:30 AM.

Watch for **REPORT CARDS** coming home Thursday!

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

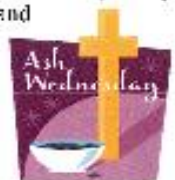
NEWS, NOTES, and HAPPENINGS

SCHOOL HOLIDAY. . . Presidents' Day will be observed at St. Paul Lutheran School **TOMORROW, February 20th**. There will be **NO SCHOOL** that day! Classes resume Tuesday, Feb. 21st at 8:15 AM. Plan ahead for your child care needs and enjoy your mid-winter holiday!



PANCAKE BREAKFAST. . . Come celebrate “Fat Tuesday” with the St. Paul students, faculty, and staff at the “Mardi Gras” Parent Pancake Breakfast **this Tuesday, Feb. 21st 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 February 21st! “*Laissez les Bons Temps Rouler!*”

SPECIAL CHAPEL SERVICE. . . This **Wednesday, February 22nd**, 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 22nd 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.



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

CHILI SUPPER, AUCTION, & COOKOFF. . . The annual St. Paul Chili Supper and Auction is planned for *Sunday, March 5th* beginning at 4:00 PM. This year's event will also include the popular *Chili Cook-Off*. Our local chefs will prepare their chili for all to taste and vote the "Best Serbin Chili for 2023"! Here's the schedule for the event: *4:00-5:30 PM – Silent Auction (tables close beginning at 5:00 PM)*



5:00 PM – Rake 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

All profits from the event will go toward future projects and improvements for St. Paul Lutheran School & LCC. 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!

TICKETS STILL AVAILABLE. . . It's not too late to purchase your tickets for the upcoming Chili Supper and Cook-off. Tickets are available *today after church* (see Patricia Barnett); a limited number will still be available for purchase *during the week at the school office*. Ticket prices are: *\$7.00-Chili Bowl, \$5.00-2 Hot Dogs, \$10.00 per "Tast & Judge" Cook-Off Arrmband*. Get your tickets today!

HEART CHALLENGE SUCCESS. . . Thank you to all the SPS students who participated in the American Heart Association "Kids Heart Challenge" that concluded this week. Thanks to your diligence, hard work, and the generosity of our donors, we *raised a remarkable \$7,261.82* (our best year ever!). Great job Voyager Heart Heroes! Thanks once again for the great job and your participation in this year's AHA Kids Heart Challenge!



CHAPEL OFFERING PROJECT. . . Thank you for your support during the last 12 weeks as we gathered offerings *totaling \$496,853* for the *Lutheran Braille Workers*. Beginning next Wednesday, our chapel offerings will go to support the *LCC Comfort Dog Ministry*. Watch for more information forthcoming about this ministry, and remember your chapel offerings weekly and contribute generously in support of our worthy project.



RE-ENROLLMENT TIME. . . February is Re-Enrollment Time at St. Paul Lutheran for the 2023-24 school year. A *Re-Enrollment Packet*, containing a 2023-24 Re-Enrollment Form, Tuition & Fee schedule, and details explaining the process, were sent home last week with each student in



New RE-ENROLLING current students for the 2023-24 school year

Kindergarten through Grade 7 currently enrolled at St. Paul. Please note the Tuition and Fee Schedules 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 10th***. Come grow with us in 2023! Complete and return your Re-Enrollment Form right away!

READING CHALLENGE. . . After Week 3 of the Lutheran Schools Accelerated Reading Challenge, our Serbin students moved up 3 places—we're currently in 13th Place overall out of 38 schools. Parents, continue to encourage your kids to read toward their 6-week AR goals! *Let's see how many AR points we can read between Jan. 23rd and March 10th*. Reading can occur at home, at school, in the car, etc. Points are recorded weekly on the national AR Challenge website; the winning schools will be announced after Spring Break.



EASY FUND RAISERS. . . Keep saving those Coke Rewards *bottle caps* and "*Sip & Scan*" product codes, General Mills "Box Tops for Education", and Dairy Queen "DQ Tear 2 Cure" coupon for St. Paul Lutheran. Collectible items can be brought to the school office each week. Your yearlong support of our "Easy Fund Raisers" is greatly appreciated!



HAVE A BLESSED WEEK! . .

Enjoy your 3-day Presidents' Day Weekend! Share the love of Jesus with all that you know this week! If I can be of any service to you next week, feel free to stop by my office or call for an appointment.



Your partner in Christ,
 James L. House, Principal