St. Paul Lutheran Church



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The Second Sunday in Lent

25 February 2024

Welcome! By the Cross of Our Lord Jesus, We Inherit Life Everlasting with God. In His covenant with Abraham, the Lord promised to be with him, to bless him and to make him "the father of a multitude of nations." It is "an everlasting covenant" in Christ Jesus, the seed of Abraham who is blameless before God Almighty. All who believe in this Lord Jesus are the offspring of Abraham and are blessed "throughout their generations" (Gen. 17:1–7), because the Christ has suffered many things. He was rejected and killed, and after three days He rose again (Mark 8:31). To comprehend this theology of the cross, we must set our minds "on the things of God," and not "on the things of man" (Mark 8:33). "God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (Rom. 5:8). Therefore, having been "reconciled to God by the death of his Son," much more "shall we be saved by his life" (Rom. 5:10). Baptized into His cross and resurrection, "we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ," and by faith we rejoice in the hope of His glory (Rom. 5:1–2).

We invite you all to worship with us again.

In Our Prayers:

Those recovering from surgeries and illness:

 $Geraldine\ Albrecht\text{-}recovering$

Paul Albrecht-hospitalized

Royce Albrecht-surgery

Nancy Beckcom-recovering

Chris Birnbaum-recovering.

Bradley Cruz (great-great grandson of Hildegard Krause)

Trey Fritsche-recovering

Clarence Iselt-recovering

Gladys Iselt-hospitalized

Stella Jackson-recovering

Roselie Johnson-recovering (mother of Carie Oltmann)

Judy Kalbas-recovering

Claudelle Krska (friend of Antionette Richardson)

Lyndy Krause-recovering

Teresa Krause-recovering-surgery

Linda Pfeffer-recovering (friend of James & Kathy Kalbas)

Cindy Umphries-recovering (friend of James & Kathy

Kalbas)

 $Conway\ Whited-recovering\ (nephew\ of\ Brad\ \&\ Ashley$

Schmidt)
Ruby Weiser-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)

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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)

Walter Rehle (friend of the Arldt's from Germany)

Carol Sander

Diane Sanders (friend of James & Kathy Kalbas)

Martin Werchan

Judy Wesbrook (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:

Casey & Jenny Zoch-Fajkus on the loss of their infant daughter

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: 611, 708, 781 v. 1&2, 439, 763

Sermon Text: Mark 8:27-38

The Sermon: "Are You Ashamed?"

- The Altar flowers are placed to the glory of God, in honor of Kassi Oltmann on her birthday by the Curtis Oltmann family.
- ₱ Welcome: Joining our congregation this morning through Adult Confirmation are Jonathan and Lindsey Hansen, Daylon Knott, and Trisha Albrecht, and joining through Profession of Faith is John Medack. We welcome them as a part of our congregation and pray God will richly bless their affiliation with our congregation.
- Thank You. The family of Elmo Schulze would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, food, memorials, and kind words of support. We thank Pastor Schmidt for his visits, prayers, and funeral message. We also thank Jack Wiederhold for providing the music for the service and the crucifer, Cooper Hinze. We appreciate the luncheon by the LWML ladies that prepared and served the food.
- ₱ Principal Update The Board of Elders and Board of Christian Education have been meeting to fill the principal position. We had 10 names to interview and only 1 agreed to be interviewed. Please pray for the process and patience as we seek God's guidance for the person that He has for us. Know that the boards are working diligently.
- **The March Calendar** is available from the ushers this morning.
- PTLS Chili Supper & Live Auction: is NEXT Sunday, March 3rd at the Serbin Picnic Grounds! Silent Auction (4pm), Live Auction (5:30pm), Chili/Hot Dog Supper (5-7pm) eat here and to-go available. Limited Meal Tickets available at the door. The 3rd Annual Chili Cook-Off will kick-off with taste testing / judging from 4-5:30pm. You can purchase a \$10 armband at the cook-off. Proceeds will go toward various projects at the School and the ECC. It's not too late if you would like to make a donation to the auction. 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!

- The Holy Cross Youth Group annual pork steak fundraiser will be held Sunday, March 10th. 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. 29th. 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.
- ₩ 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
- Aluminum Cans: Need somewhere to take your aluminum cans? There is a drop-off trailer by the pasture gate for anyone who would like to drop off their aluminum cans to be recycled. All money raised from the recycled cans will go to the Building Fund. We sold the cans this past week and raised another \$56.00. for the Building Fund. Total given to the Restoration/Building fund is \$3,867.95.

LUTHERAN HOUR: Next Sunday, March 3rd, "**Included in Such Company**". Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. The more you listen to the life of Jesus, the more you admire Him and the more grateful you are to be included in His company. (Mark 10:43-45). 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 25 – Lent II

Physician-assisted suicide and euthanasia view aging and affliction as burdens. But Abraham became a blessing in his elderliness (Genesis 17:1-2). And we encounter the glory of the Lord in carrying one another's crosses (Mark 8:34, 38). So let us resist Satan's temptations to take death into our own hands (Mark 8:33). We will rejoice in our suffering (Romans 5:3) and receive neighbors as gifts even in theirs (Psalm 22:24).

THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

Today Worship Service – 8:30 a.m.

Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m. Sunday School Teacher's Meeting – 10:15 a.m.

SLCVFD Chicken Barbecue

Monday Staff Devotions -7:30 a.m.

ECC Parent/Teacher Conferences

 $\begin{array}{lll} Tuesday & Staff Devotions -7:30 \ a.m. \\ Wednesday & Staff Bible Study -7:30 \ a.m. \\ School Chapel -8:30 \ a.m. \\ Youth Confirmation -6:00 \ p.m. \end{array}$

Lenten Worship Service – 7:00 p.m.

Greeter: Janet Oltmann

Acolytes: Tucker Kalbas and Cole Kalbas

Thursday Staff Devotions -7:30 a.m.

ECC closed for Childhood Conference

Friday No School

Lee County Junior Livestock Show ECC closed for Childhood Conference

Next Sunday Worship Service w/Communion – 8:30 a.m.

Open House -9:30 a.m.

Acolytes: Jozlyn Perry and Elizabeth Richardson

Greeter: Dorothy Schautschick PTLS Chili Supper & Auction

Birthdays: 26th – Kassi Oltmann; 27th – Jared Becker, Carter Portales, Dennis Sander, Darlene Schatte, KayAnne Zoch; 28th – Kailey Burgdorf, Michelle Muniz, George Perry, III, Libbi Tharp, Russell Weiser, Chelsea Wiederhold; 29th – Nicole Jackson; 1st – Larry Kalbas, Janis Lemann, Michael Schmidt; 2nd – Jagger Garner, Nicolas Gruetzner, Paula Krause, Isabella Rodriguez. God's Blessings to you.

ST. PAUL NOTES:

Attendance Last Week: Midweek Lent (2/14/2024)- 151, Morning Worship- 228, Communion- 101, Bible Class- 23; Sunday School- 24, Offering- \$32.00.

Offering Last Week: \$31,983.02

Home:		Mission:	
General	\$10,651.27	Mission	\$336.00
Sunday School	\$57.00	Concordia Ft. Wayne	\$867.00
Lunch Room	\$982.00	Concordia St. Louis	\$867.00
ECC Operating	\$9,556.75	Mission Total	\$2,070.00
LWML	\$25.00	Savings/Other:	
Tuition	\$8,347.50	School Fund	\$100.00
Received 2/18/2024	\$29,619.52	Building Fund	\$56.00
		Bus Replacement Fund	\$37.50
Est. needed per week	\$29,635.00	Scholarship	\$100.00
Received MTD	\$87,958.63	Savings/Other Total	\$293.50
Est. needed per month	\$128,417.00		
•		Total	\$31,983.02

MEMORIALS: General: In memory of Herman Gersch by Starr Family - \$50.00; by Pastor & Kathy Mumm - \$20.00. In memory of Erwin Schulze by M/M Gilbert Krause - \$25.00; by David & Susan Michael - \$25.00; by Linda Jones - \$25.00; by Carolyn Noack - \$25.00; by Marvin & Charlyn Matthijetz - \$40.00. In memory of Elmo Schulze by Kyle, Laurie & Kaden Kasper - \$50.00; by Rodney & Suzy Zoch - \$50.00; by Mark & Tricia Krugler - \$25.00; by Holy Cross Coupes Club - \$25.00; by M/M Al Brewerton - \$30.00; by David & Karen Schmidt - \$25.00; by Carl H. Mertink, Jr. - \$25.00; by M/M Jack Wiederhold - \$50.00; by Ryan & Zach Pietsch - \$100.00; by George & Virginia Hernandez - \$50.00. In memory of Monroe Becker by Ralph & Linda Mutscher - \$25.00; by Tina Licconi, Lance & Alyssia - \$20.00. In memory of Herman Gersch by M/M William Edmonds - \$100.00. In memory of St. Paul Deceased Members in 2023

by the St. Paul LWML - \$160.00. In memory of Louis Doebbler and Elmo Schulze by Linda Jones - \$50.00. In memory of Alice Luedke's birthday by Calvin & Ina Mitschke - \$500.00. LWML for Orphan Grain Train: In memory of Elmo Schulze by M/M Stephen Kasper - \$25.00. Sunday School: In memory of Matt Kelley by David & Susan Michael - \$25.00. School Fund: In memory of Kay Losey by Arthur & Laverne Urban - \$100.00. Scholarship Fund: In memory of Monroe Becker by Philip, Rose, Courtland and Libbi Tharp - \$100.00. Texas Wendish Heritage Society: In memory of Herman Gersch, Louis Doebbler and Elmo Schulze by Ken & Virginia Arldt - \$100.00. In memory of Louis Doebbler by Dennis & Betty Kurio - \$25.00. In memory of Elmo Schulze by Paul & Jolene Fischer - \$50.00. In memory of Herman Gersch by Shirley Lorenz - \$40.00. Faith Lutheran High School: In honor of M/M Franklin Hoffman's 68th anniversary by M/M Delvin Boriack - \$20.00. In memory of Theresa Krause, Monroe Becker and Herman Gersch by Darlene Schatte - \$60.00.

Serving today: Elders- Douglas Hartfield and Michael Krause

Organist- Susan Michael

Acolytes- Lukas Iselt and Kalisa Oltmann

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

Philip Tharp, Troy Wiederhold, John Hinze



REGISTER NOW for VBS 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! **Register before APRIL 1st to receive a FREE VBS t-shirt!** You will be able to pick up your VBS shirt on the first day of VBS.

<u>Volunteer for VBS</u>- Please let Krista Rodriguez know if you would like to assist with VBS this Summer. (979-716-0143)



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. <u>Two new students</u> have already enrolled and we are looking to add more students to our family. Any <u>new</u> 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 <u>www.flhstx.org</u>.

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) and are due May 1, 2024.

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.

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 St. Paul Lutheran School 1578 CR 211 Giddings, TX 78942 Office Phone 979-366-2218

PCheck us out on the Internet at www.stpaulserbinschool.org T

for the week of February 25-March 2, 2024

2023-24 School Year Theme - "Connected" - Romans 15:5

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Feb. 28. . . School Chapel Service: - 8:30 AM

Mar. 1... Lee Co. Jr. Livestock Show NO SCHOOL

Mar. 3-9...Lartheran Schools Week

Mar. 3... 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. 7...Kindergarten Round-Un-8:30-10:30 AM Family Hamburger Lunch -11:00 AM-12 PM Voyager Variety Show 11:00 AM

Mar. 8... Re-Enrollment Forms due Midtern 5th Six Weeks

Mar. 13-17...Spring Break Week

Mar. 18... Classes Resume.

Mar. 28 April 1... Paster Break

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. . .

NO SCHOOL NEXT FRIDAY to allow students to attend the annual Lee Co. Jr. Livestock Show. Make child care plans accordingly!

We're a week away from the annual CHILI SUPPER & AUCTION. Donations of auction items and baked goods are still needed. Contact PTLS officers or school office with questions.

LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK will be celebrated March 3-9. Watch. for information coming home regarding the various activities.

Plan to participate in the ALL-SCHOOL SING on March 3rd. Return your participation stip on Monday 2/26!

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

NEWS, NOTES, and HAPPENINGS

RE-ENROLL MENT TIME. . . It's Re-Enrollment Time at St. Paul Lutheran. for the 2024-25 school year. A Re-Enrollment Pucket, containing a 2024-25 Re-Enrollment Form, Tuition & Fee schedule, and details explaining the process, was



Now RE-ENROLLING current students for the 2024-25 school year (forms due Mar. 8th)

sent home previously with each K-7 student currently enrolled at St. Paul. 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 in 2 weeks by Friday, March 8th, Come grow with us in 2024! Complete and return your Re-Enrollment Form right away!

CHILL SUPPER, AUCTION, & COOKOFF. . . The annual St. Paul Chili Supper and Auction is only a fittle over a week away Sunday, March 3rd beginning al 4:00 PM. This year's event will also include the popular Chili Cook-Off (taste test armbands available onsite)! Come for cook-off and silent auction and stay for the supper and live auction? Cheek out the event schedule listed later in this newsletter and on the school website. Invite your relatives, neighbors & friends and come for some FOOD, FUN, and FELLOWSHIP while supporting our Voyager PTLS!



LIVESTOCK SHOW HOLIDAY. . . The annual Lee Co. Junior Livestock Show will be held next week, Feb. 28-Mar.1 in Giddings. There will be *NO SCHOOL* at St. Paul *next Friday, Mur. 1*^e as several students and their families will be involved in the show. We wish our SPS students good luck in the show.



LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK. , will be celebrated at St. Paul the week of March 3-9 with a variety of special activities for students and

families. Our students and staff will join with over 180,000 students attending 2,594 Lutheran schools, high schools & pre-schools across America in this special celebration under the theme, "Connected" based on John 15:1-5. Watch for the flyer coming home today fisting the various activities taking place during the week. We hope that you'll join us in giving thanks and celebrating the many blessings received by



our children, families, and congregation through our Lutheran school

LSW "ALL-SCHOOL SING". . . We will kick-off our eelebration of Lutheran Schools Week 2024 by singing at the 8:30 AM worship service next

Sunday, March 3rd (arrive in gym (a) 8:15 AM). A notice slip is coming home today; please complete and return the slip to Mr. House on Manday, Feb. 26th. Plan to join the students as they raise their voices in praise to our Lord.





SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE. . . You are invited to learn more about our school mir istry at St. Paul Lutheran by attending the *School Open House next Sunday, March 3rd following worship at 9:30-10:15 AM*. Come walkthrough the school, talk with our staff, and enjoy some refreshments and fellowship as you learn more about our program of instruction at St. Paul-Serbin.

CHILI SUPPER, AUCTION, & COOKOFF SCHEDULE... The annual PTLS Chili Supper & Auction is a little over a week away on Sunday, March 3rd! Here's the schedule for next Sunday's Chili Supper event:

4:00-5:30 PM - Silent Auction (tables close beginning at 5:00 PM)

4:00-5:30 PM - Cook-Off tasting & judging

5:00 PM - Bake Sale (until sold out)

5:00-7:00 PM — Chill Supper 5:30-7:00 PM — Live Auction

5:30 PM - Chill Cook-Off turn by



WORKERS' LIST. . . A revised list is attached to this newsletter email and is posted on the school website under the PTLS tab. If you have any questions, contact Tina Sommerfield 713-304-7059.

AUCTION DONATIONS... Donation of items are still needed for both the five and silent auction. Items can be dropped off at either the church or school office no later than next Wednesday, February 28th by 4:00 PM. We're also in need of families to donate baked items and desserts for the Chili Supper. Desserts can be brought to the kitchen next Sunday morning, March 3th or prior to the beginning of the event at 4:00 PM. If you can help with any donations, contact Patricia Barnell 512-581-1154, any FILS officer, or the school office.

<u>VARIETY SHOW</u>, . . Part of our LSW fun will be the annual *Vayager Variety Show* as entertainment during the

Hamburget Lunchenn on March 7* from 11:00 AM-12:00 PM, A Variety Show Information Sheet and 'Term of Intent to

Perform" is coming home today; additional forms are available at the school office or on the school website. Please complete and return the "Form of Intent" by next Thursday, Feb. 29th. Students, "get your act together" and join in the fun. Let's make our 2024 Voyager Variety Show a rousing success!

KINDERGARTEN ROUND-UP...

It's time to start "rounding up" our new Kindergarten class for 2024-25! We'll hold our "Kindergarten Round-Up/Open House" on Thursday, Mar. 7th from 8:30-10:30 AM. This is an opportunity to have children and parents come visit our school.

experience our Kindergarren class, and see the quality orogian of



Christ-centered education offered at St. Paul Lutheran. *Help us recruit new students!* If you know of a child who will turn 5 year old by Sept. 1*, please contact the school office. Or better yet—invite them personally to altend our "Round-Up" Day on March 7*!

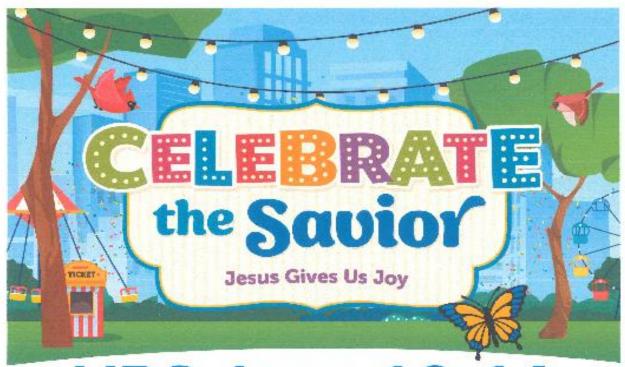
HAVE A BLESSED WEEK!...1

hope you enjoyed the warm temperatures

this week and look forward to wrapping up the month of February next 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



VBS June 10-14

Register before <u>April 1st</u> to receive a FREE VBS t-shirt

Register:

Scan the QR Code or visit www.stpaulserbin.org/

