

St. Paul Lutheran Church

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The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

5 February 2023

Welcome! *The Righteousness of Christ.* Jesus warns that “unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven” (Matt. 5:20), but He also calls His imperfect people “the salt of the earth” and “the light of the world” (Matt. 5:13, 14). That’s because the Lord Jesus came not to abolish the Law or the prophets, “but to fulfill them” (Matt. 5:17) in perfect faith and love. Since He does and teaches all of God’s commandments, He is “called great in the kingdom of heaven” (Matt. 5:19). God manifests His “demonstration of the Spirit and of power” in “Jesus Christ and him crucified” (1 Cor. 2:2–4), and through the preaching of the Gospel He gives His “secret and hidden wisdom” (1 Cor. 2:7). Christ gives this perfect righteousness to His people, and it leads them to true fasting, which is “to loose the bonds of wickedness, to undo the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free” (Is. 58:6) and “to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house” (Is. 58:7).

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

Judy Kalbas-recovering

Leroy Kalbas-recovering

Nancy Kasper

Douglas Malke-hospitalized

Chris Miertschin

Shannon Miertschin

Keeley Schautschick-recovering

Greg Sorrento-recovering (nephew of Doris Fritsche)

Cindy Umphries-recovering (friend of James & Kathy Kalbas)

Ruby Weiser-hospitalized

Our members in nursing homes and our shut-ins.

Those fighting cancer including:

Lillian Bamsch (sister-in-law of Charlyn & Marvin Matthijetz)

Teresita Brodrick (aunt of David Wittman)

Don Claxton (father of Jeff Claxton)

Russell Cleghorn (friend of James & Kathy Kalbas)

Ginger Clifford (sister of Nancy Kasper)

Leroy Grimm-hospitalized (uncle of Lori Becker)

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)

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: 425, 578, 781 v. 1&2, 702, 555, 411, 650

Sermon Text: 1 Corinthians 2:1-5

The Sermon: **“Nothing But Christ”**

- † **The Altar flowers** are placed to the glory of God.
- † **Altar flowers** are needed for Sunday, February 19th. If you would like to place flowers on that Sunday, please contact Lana Kaiser at 540-8011
- † ****TODAY** Stew Luncheon Fundraiser for our 7th & 8th Graders going to Washington DC:** Don't forget to pick up your stew lunch today at the First National Bank Drive-Thru from 10:00 to noon **Thank you for supporting our children!!**
- † **Trustees Meeting.** The Trustees will meet tomorrow February 6th at 7:00 p.m. All trustees may pick up their packets in the church office today to review prior to the meeting.
- † **Year End Contribution Statements** can be picked up in the church office during the week. Please review your statement and if there are any errors, contact the church office.
- † **Voyager View.** The Voyager View Newsletter is available from the ushers this morning and in the church office during the week.
- † **Sunday School Teachers.** We are in need of 3 new Sunday School Teachers. If you are interested, please contact Pastor or Mike Symm.
- † **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.
- † **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.
- † **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. Order forms are inserted in this morning's bulletin. 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 20th.
- † **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 13th.
- † **PTLS Chili Supper & Live Auction:** The Annual Chili Supper & Live Auction is scheduled for **Sunday, March 5th** at the Serbin Picnic Grounds. 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 15th, or you can purchase by calling the school office. If you would like to make a donation to the meat and condiments, please contact Patricia Barnett (512-581-1154) or the school office. With its success last year, we will be bringing back the Chili COOK-OFF! Enter your secret family recipe for a chance to win. Register today! **Come out for some Food, Fun, and Fellowship while supporting our PTLs!**
- † **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 12th, **“Shine Like Stars”**. Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. A social media star with a million followers can't possibly know all one million of them. However, there is one really famous Person with billions of followers Who knows—and loves—each one. (1 Corinthians 3:6-7). 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 5 – Epiphany V

Do abortion and physician-assisted suicides rest our faith in God’s power or men’s wisdom (1Corinthians 2:5)? Has not Christ crucified proved the beauty of being with one another even in weakness and trembling (1Corinthians 2:3) rather than hiding from our own flesh (Isaiah 58:7)? And will not what God has prepared for those who love Him (1 Corinthians 2:9) ease fears about surprise pregnancy or terminal diagnosis (Psalm 112:7)?

Serving today: Elders– Monroe Schatte, Jr. and Dwayne Schulze
Organist- Susan Michael
Acolytes- Elizabeth Richardson and Jozlyn Perry
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 Wiedehold
Counting and Posting offering this week:
Chairman- Rex Perry
Tim Symm, Chase Oltmann, Virgil Becker

THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

Today	Worship Service w/Communion – 8:30 a.m. Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.
Monday	Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m. Board of Trustee’s Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday	Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m. Board of Christian Education Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	Staff Bible Study – 7:30 a.m. School Chapel – 8:30 a.m. Youth Confirmation – 6:00 p.m. LWML Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
Thursday	Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m. Adult Choir – 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: Kaden Kasper and Brooke Lehmann Greeter: Marion Wiederhold LYF meeting & Social 2:00 p.m.

Birthdays: Today – Abby Becker, Bernice Zoch; 6th – Teshia Becker, Wayne Zander; 7th – Ryland Miertschin, Anita Zoch, Kaitlynn Zoch; 8th – Virginia Hernandez, Cora Iselt, Shaun Jatzlau; 9th – Makayla Miertschin; 10th – Sherri Buscha, Brenda Muniz, Linda Wilkins; 11th – Arthur Richards, Nathaniel Schautschick. God’s Blessings to you.

ST. PAUL NOTES:

Attendance Last Week: Morning Worship- 240, Bible Class- 19; Sunday School- 39, Banner Classes: Grade 1, Grade 3, Grade 5. Offering- \$25.25.

Offering Last Week: \$7,700.50

Home:		Mission:	
General	\$4,872.00	Mission	\$622.00
Sunday School	\$25.25	Lutheran Hour	\$50.00
Lunch Room	\$425.00	Mission Total	\$672.00
ECC Operating	\$1,231.25	Savings/Other:	
Received 1/29/2023	\$6,553.50	Building Fund	\$100.00
		Bus Replacement Fund	\$375.00
Est. needed per week	\$22,500.00	Savings/Other Total	\$475.00
Received MTD	\$107,586.80		
Est. needed per month	\$118,000.00	Total	\$7,700.50

MEMORIALS: General: In memory of Max Gilbert Thiele and Norbert Schulze by Martin & Jeannie Werchan - \$100.00.
Lutheran Hour: In memory of Raymond Thoene by Mary Ann & Delbert Prellop - \$25.00; by Gladys Arldt & Raymond - \$25.00. **Building:** In memory of Arnold Schulze by Tommy & Linda Wilkins - \$25.00; by Robert & Brenda Muniz - \$25.00.
Texas Wendish Heritage Society: In memory of Tommy Groeschel by Milton & Geraldine Albrecht - \$50.00. **Faith Lutheran High School:** In memory of Michael Polasek by Arthur & Dianna Noack - \$50.00

† **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.





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. 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 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.

Texas Lutheran Writer's Round Up

FLHS will host the Texas Lutheran Writer's Round Up on Friday, February 24th. More details will be forthcoming. 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
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- 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!!

We've Got SPIRIT, YES, we do!

FLHS has partnered with BSN Sports and is now offering an online spirit wear store - including clothes, tumblers, decals, and more, and it's all customizable. Use the code SPIRIT before February 15, 2023 and you will receive 25% off your total purchase. Please use the QR code shown or visit