

St. Paul Lutheran Church

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The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

6 February 2022

Welcome! *Jesus Comforts His People and Builds Up His Church by the Ministry of His Gospel.* When Isaiah “saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up,” he was overcome with an awareness of his sin and “unclean lips” (Is. 6:1, 5). But the Lord atoned for his sin, took away his guilt and sanctified his lips with “a burning coal” from the altar (Is. 6:6–7). Not only was he rescued from death, but he was called and sent as a prophet of the Lord’s Word (Is. 6:8–9). Similarly, when Simon Peter and his companions “enclosed a large number of fish” at the Word of Jesus, he humbled himself and said, “Depart from me, for I am a sinful man” (Luke 5:4–8). But Jesus comforted Simon, called him to discipleship and declared that he would be “catching men” (Luke 5:10–11). So in the Office of the Ministry, the Church remains the little boat from which Jesus teaches His people (Luke 5:3). Thus are we instructed in the faith, so that we say “Amen” and return thanks with heart, mind, tongue and life. For the preaching of Christ Jesus is a manifestation of the Holy Spirit, by which He builds up His Church on earth (1 Cor. 14:12–19). We invite you all to worship with us again.

In Our Prayers:

Those recovering from surgeries and illness:

Gladys Arldt
Adelia Becker
Cindy Becker-recovering
Donald Becker-recovering
Pam Becker-recovering
Brian Becvar-recovering (cousin of Jessica Gruetzner)
Irene Buscha-hospitalized
Pat Hughes-recovering (friend of James and Kathy Kalbas)
Hildegard Krause-recovering
Mary Loewe (mother of Christi Bradford)
Kenneth Lorenz
Chris Miertschin
Shannon Miertschin-recovering
Glenda Paskett-recovering (mother of Lyndy Krause and Melodi Oltmann)
Calvin Robertson
Bradly Schautschick-recovering
Greg Sorrento-recovering (nephew of Doris Fritsche)
Kynlee Stewart-recovering
Cindy Umphries-recovering (friend of James & Kathy Kalbas)
Laverne Weiser-recovering
Ralph Wenke-recovering
Conway Whited-surgery (nephew of Ashley Schmidt)
Our members in nursing homes and our shut-ins.
Those fighting cancer including:
Lillian Bamsch (sister-in-law of Charlyn & Marvin Matthijetz)
Annie Beasley (niece of Shorty & Sandra Schimank)
Joyce Bise
Don Claxton-father of Jeff Claxton

Russell Cleghorn (friend of James & Kathy Kalbas)
Ginger Clifford (sister of Nancy Kasper)
Mandie Fritsche (granddaughter-in-law of Doris Fritsche)
Franklin Hoffman (father of Maxine Bradshaw)
Ross Hughes-recovering (friend of James and Kathy Kalbas)
Steven Kelly (cousin of Jessica Gruetzner, brother-in-law of Christi Bradford)
Bethany Lara (daughter of Kathy Gersch)
Heather Lilly (granddaughter of Irene Noack)
Louis Muniz, Jr. (brother of Robert Muniz)
Jack Pennington (brother-in-law of Marvin & Charlyn Matthijetz)
Pat Richardson (friend of Darlene Schatte)
Carol Sander
Diane Sanders (friend of James & Kathy Kalbas)
Jim Sladek (friend of Johnathan Noack)
Barbara Symm
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 Irwin, CA
Kosh Osmun (son of Stephanie Miertschin), Ft. Hood, TX
Coy Hunt (son of Shannon & Christine Hunt) Camp Hovey, South Korea
Those who mourn:
The family of Melissa Lehmann (sister of Dustin Faske and niece of Cindy Becker)
The family of Harry Christiansen (brother-in-law of William Kappler)

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: 827, 398, 507, 850, 940, 907
 Sermon Text: Isaiah 6:1-13
 The Sermon: **“Are You Listening?”**

- ✠ **Altar flowers.** The altar flowers are placed to the glory of God.
- ✠ **Altar flowers** are needed for Sunday, February 20th. If you would like to place altar flowers on that Sunday, please contact Lana Kaiser at 540-8011.
- ✠ **Thank you** to everyone who so generously donated for the altar paraments.
- ✠ **Trustees Meeting.** The Trustees will meet tomorrow February 7th, at 7:00 p.m. All trustees may pick up their packets in the church office today to review prior to the meeting.
- ✠ **ECC Program Task Force.** Anyone who is interested in serving on the ECC Program Task Force, please contact the church office.
- ✠ **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 14th.
- ✠ **You are Invited:** Sunday, February 13th, 2022. BBQ & Auction, St. Paul Lutheran Church and School of Thorndale is having their annual BBQ Dinner & Auction at the Thorndale Fireman’s Hall. BBQ plates will be served from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Dine-In and Drive Thru. Plates are \$12.00 each and are prepared with BBQ Brisket w/BBQ sauce, Noodles, Pinto Beans, Potato Salad, Pickles, Onions and Bread. Desserts are available for a free will offering. Auction of Arts, Crafts, Bakery, Etc. begins at 12:30 p.m.
- ✠ **South Lee County Volunteer Fire Department** is preparing Barbecue Chicken on Sunday, February 27th 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 21st.
- ✠ **PTLS Chili Supper & Live Auction:** We are back this year with the Annual Chili Supper & Live Auction on **Sunday, March 6th** at the Serbin Picnic Grounds. Silent Auction (4-5:30pm), Live Auction (5:30pm), Chili/Hot Dog Supper (5-7pm) eat here and to-go available. Tickets: Chili \$7, 2 Hot Dogs \$5. All School & ECC children are selling tickets until February 18th, or you can purchase by calling the school office. **NEW** this year is the 1st Annual Chili Cook-Off! Enter your secret family recipe for a chance to win. Proceeds will go toward the Sports Program and other projects in the School and 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.
- ✠ **Orphan Grain Train.** The LWML is collecting gently used clothing to be delivered to Orphan Grain Train. The deadline for collection is February 7th. A collection box is in the church office. If you have questions, please contact Dorothy Schautschick at 716-0094.

THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

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| 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. Trustee’s Meeting – 7:00 p.m. |
| Tuesday | Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m. Circuit Meeting @ Grace, Elgin – 9:00 a.m. LWML Quilting – 9:00 a.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. |
| 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: Jay Woelfel and Lydia Schautschick LYF Meeting & Social – 2:00 p.m. |

Birthdays: Today – Teshia Becker, Wayne Zander; 7th – Ryland Miertschin, Antia Zoch, Kaitlynn Zoch; 8th – Cora Iselt, Shaun Jatzlau; 9th – Makayla Schautschick; 10th – Sherri Buscha, Brenda Muniz, Linda Wilkins; 11th – Arthur Richards, Nathaniel Schautschick, Linda Tate; 12th – Barbara Schmidt. God’s Blessings to you.

ST. PAUL NOTES:

Attendance Last Week: Morning Worship- 214, Bible Class- 18; Sunday School Offering- \$23.00.

Offering Last Week: \$20,006.59

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| Home: | | Mission: | |
| General | \$8,039.13 | Mission | \$550.00 |
| Sunday School | \$23.00 | Lutheran Hour | \$25.00 |
| Lunch Room | \$448.00 | Mission Total | \$575.00 |
| ECC Operating | \$1,207.50 | Savings/Other: | |
| Tuition | \$8,647.88 | School Fund | \$75.00 |
| Received 1/31/2022 | \$18,365.51 | Building Fund | \$140.00 |
| | | Daycare Savings | \$750.00 |
| Est. needed per week | \$22,500.00 | School Oil & Gas Fund | \$101.08 |
| Received MTD | \$111,251.30 | Savings/Other Total | \$1,066.08 |
| Est. needed per month | \$97,500.00 | | |
| | | Total | \$20,006.59 |

MEMORIALS: General: In memory of Adele Schulze by Marvin & Charlyn Matthijetz - \$40.00; by Warda Couples Club - \$25.00; by Milton & Geraldine Albrecht - \$25.00. In memory of Ruth Lorenz by Beverly Limmer - \$100.00; by M/M James Dingel - \$100.00; by Milton & Geraldine Albrecht – \$25.00. In memory of St. Paul Members that died in 2021 by LWML - \$120.00. In memory of Matthew Siegmund by Robert & Joyce Hinze - \$30.00; by Milton & Geraldine Albrecht - \$50.00. In memory of Alice Luedke’s Birthday by the Mitschke family - \$500.00. In memory of our parents, Elsie & Isidor Mitschke and Herman & Ruby Gooding by Calvin & Ina Mitschke - \$775.00. In honor of Frances M. Miertschin by Tommy, Deanna, McKayla and Ethan Miertschin - \$500.00. **Lutheran Hour:** In memory of Ruth Lorenz by Mary Ann & Delbert Prellop - \$25.00. **School Fund:** In memory of Melissa Lehmann by Michael & Teresa Krause - \$25.00; by Doug & Mary Jatzlau - \$50.00. **Building:** In memory of Ruth Lorenz by Curtis Oltmann family - \$50.00. **Faith Lutheran High School:** In memory of Ruth Lorenz by Lois & John Kalbas - \$35.00. **Lee County First Responders:** In memory of Susan Clausen by Bobby & Carolyn Oltmann - \$50.00.

LUTHERAN HOUR: Next Sunday, February 13th, “**The Unexpected**”. Guest Speaker: Rev. Roland Syens. Jesus said those who are poor in spirit are blessed. Pastor Rolande Syens says poverty is not a problem in God’s economy. (Luke 6:17-20). 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.

Serving today: **Elders**– Mark Jones and Steven Schautschick
Organist- Susan Michael
Acolytes- Kamrie Stewart and Evelyn Williams
Head Ushers- Donald Becker
Captain- Mason Becker **Assistant**- Carson Becker
Ushers- Jason Becker, Randy Becker, Hudson Corn,
Michael Krause, Dylan Lambert, Ethan Miertschin,
Logan Perry, Rex Perry, Bradley Schmidt,
Tim Symm, Courtland Tharp
Counting and Posting offering this week:
Chairman- Rex Perry
Tim Symm, Chase Oltmann, Virgil Becker

Life Through the Church Year:

February 6 – Epiphany V

Arguments for abortion or assisted suicide often appeal to emotion. Pity, pride, anxiety, anger, an embarrassment abound, but the logic is lacking. Discriminating against some human lives based on ages, appearance, or abilities just doesn’t make sense. Engaging our brain instead of going with our gut (1 Corinthians 14:15) finds that all qualify equally as the work of the Lord’s hands (Psalm 138:8). God set our lips loose to say so (Isaiah 6:7-8)!



Texas Lutheran Writer's Round Up

FLHS will host the Texas Lutheran Writer's Round Up on Friday, February 25th. More details will be forthcoming. We are blessed to offer this event to our community, so please plan to join us!

Athletics

The boys basketball team's next game on Tuesday, February 8 at 7pm at McDade.

Spring Raffle

FLHS raffle tickets will be available soon! The Board of Directors are putting together an amazing slate of items. You don't want to miss out!! Tickets are \$20 each. Drawing will be the week of March 7-11, during National Lutheran Schools Week. A limited number of tickets will be available! Please contact any FLHS delegate, student, staff or call (979) 242-2889 to get your tickets!!

Staff Positions Available

Faith Lutheran High School will have part time openings on its faculty for the 2022-2023 academic year! Interested individuals who teach any subject area are encouraged to apply, but science, social studies, English, or electives are sought after skills. Applicants may submit resumes to Faith Lutheran High School, PO Box 138, Warda, TX 78960, call (979) 242-2889, or email them to kueckn@flhstx.org. If you have the time and talents, please consider applying and sharing your gifts with our students. Thank you!

New Student Registration

Any new student who registers for FLHS by March 11, 2021 will have registration fees waived for the 2022-2023 school year. 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.

Shadow Days

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

Share the Gift of Love

Faith Lutheran High School has a unique role in combining knowledge and God's love in a student's high school experience. We are partnering with families at the intersection of education and faith development. If you would like to support our ministry through a one-time or enduring gift, Thrivent Action Grant or volunteer your time and talents, please contact Mrs. Nikki Kueck.