

St. Paul Lutheran Church

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The Second Sunday in Lent

13 March 2022

Welcome! *Jesus Rescues Us from Death and Brings Us into Heaven.* The prophet Jeremiah faithfully preached “all that the LORD had commanded him to speak to all the people” (Jer. 26:8). He called the people to repentance, lest the Lord’s judgment come upon them. The violence that Jeremiah suffered for this preaching foreshadowed the cross and Passion of Christ Jesus, who suffered the judgment of God for the redemption of all people. For Jesus “comes in the name of the Lord” (Luke 13:35) in order to lay down His life for the sins of the world. Earthly Jerusalem was blind to His gracious visitation, and it put Him to death like the prophets before Him. Yet, His sacrifice upon the cross became the cornerstone of the new Jerusalem, His Church. He visits us today in mercy with His preaching of forgiveness, to gather us to Himself within that holy city, “as a hen gathers her brood under her wings” (Luke 13:34), for “our citizenship is in heaven” (Phil. 3:20).

We invite you all to worship with us again.

In Our Prayers:

Those recovering from surgeries and illness:

Dylan Arldt-recovering

Donald Becker-recovering

Dora Durrenberger-recovering

Pat Hughes-recovering (friend of James and

Kathy Kalbas)

Nancy Kasper

Hildegard Krause

Mary Loewe (mother of Christi Bradford)

Chris Miertschin

Shannon Miertschin

Calvin Robertson

Greg Sorrento-recovering (nephew of Doris Fritsche)

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

Laverne Weiser-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)

Crystal Gara (cousin of Dorothy Schautschick)

Franklin Hoffman (father of Maxine Bradshaw)

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) Ft. Drum, New York

Those who rejoice:

Clinton and Gabrielle Teinert on the birth of their son

Those who mourn:

The family of Russell Rogers (father of Andrea

Mersiovsky)

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: 728, 708, 748, 422
Sermon Text: Philippians 3:17-4:1
The Sermon: **“Whose Lead Will You Follow?”**
Adult Choir Anthem: ♪ *“Children of the Heavenly Father”*

- † **Altar flowers.** The altar flowers are placed to the glory of God.
- † **Congratulations** to Clinton and Gabrielle Teinert on the birth of a son, Clayton Lane Teinert. He was born March 7, 2022 in College Station, TX. He weighed 8 lbs. 2 ounces and was 21 inches long. May God bless this growing family.
- † **Thank You.** Our thanks to all for their prayers, cards, memorials, shared memories, and kind words of support. We thank Pastor Schmidt for his visits, prayers and funeral message. We also thank Susan Michael for providing the music for the service, the ushers, and the crucifer, Sam Wiederhold. We are thankful for the delicious luncheon arranged by the LWML, the ladies who served, and for all who provided the food. *The family of Kenneth Wiederhold*
- † **Thank You!** The PTLs would like to say a big *THANK YOU* to all those that made the Chili Supper and Auction a success last Sunday. We had record proceeds from the Live Auction! Thank you to those that purchased tickets, donated auction items, meat or baked goods, purchased items from the auctions, and to all our volunteers. The 1st Annual Chili Cook-Off was enjoyed by all as well. Thank you to those that cooked and tasted all the delicious entries. Our School & ECC are blessed to have such wonderful support from our congregation and community!
- † **Mark your calendars for VBS- June13th-17th!** Our VBS theme is: The Tree of Life- God's Promise of Salvation! Be sure to join us for fun lessons, music, crafts, snacks, and activities to learn how Jesus' cross became the tree of life in which God forgives us and gives us everlasting life. If you would like to volunteer this Summer for VBS, please contact VBS Director- Krista Rodriguez (979-716-0143).
- † **The Warda Bunch Show Fund** (supporters of Lee County Junior Livestock Show exhibitors) will have a BBQ Pork Fundraiser on Saturday, April 9th. BBQ Pork Butts will be sold by the piece. Each piece will be approximately 2.5-3.5lbs for \$10/lb. 16oz. Cups of sauce are available for \$2.50 each. Orders will be taken for the number of pieces you would like (not by the pound). Deadline for Pre Orders is March 31st. Pick up at the Holy Cross picnic grounds from 4PM-6PM. Pre Orders only by calling Joyce Hinze at (979-540-0355), Robert Hinze (979-540-6911), Larry Teinert at (979) 542-8372, Larry Woelfel at (979) 540-8730, or the Holy Cross church office at (979) 242-3333 by Thursday, March 31st. Proceeds go toward support of exhibitors at the Lee County Junior Livestock Show.
- † **The Texas Wendish Heritage Society** will have a Fish Fry Fundraiser on March 20 from 10:00 am to 12:30 pm at Serbin Picnic Grounds. It will be a Drive-Thru meal of Fried Fish, Potato Salad, Brown Beans, Cole Slaw and Hush Puppies. The price is \$12.00. Tickets are available in the church office. For Presale tickets or Reservations call 979-366-2441 or email wendish@bluebon.net.

THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

Today **Worship Service – 8:30 a.m.**
Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.

Mon. – Fri. No School – Spring Break

Wednesday **Lenten Worship Service – 7:00 p.m.**
Acolytes: Benjamin Schonhoeft and Emma Short
Adult Choir – 7:45 p.m.

Friday ECC Closed – Spring Break

Next Sunday **Worship Service w/ Communion – 8:30 a.m.**
Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.
LYF Meeting – 2:00 p.m.
Wendish Fish Fry
Spring Begins

Birthdays: Today – Jason Becker, Ruth Kluetz, Alyssa Krause, Clayton Schroeder; 15th – Chris Becker; 17th – Evelyn Kaiser; 18th – David Fritsche; 19th – Eva Kieschnick, Kathy Mumm, Keri Schatte. God’s Blessings to you.

Serving today: Elders– Monroe Schatte, Jr. and Dwayne Schulze
Organist- Susan Michael
Acolytes- Evelyn Williams and Kenedy Schatte
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- Glen Albrecht
 Nathan Michael, Carson Becker, Ty Kasper

LUTHERAN HOUR: Next Sunday, March 20th, **“Everything I Have Is Yours”**. Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Being very bad can get one lost, but so can being very good. (Luke 15:1-32). 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 Through the Church Year:

March 13 – Lent II

The Savior who would “gather your children together” into His embrace (Luke 13:34) is the same Lord who “hears when I call to him” (Psalm 4:3). Can abortion really serve anyone better than this? Who needs to make a god of her own body (Philippians 3:19) when she may rest securely in the peace our Heavenly Father promises (Psalm 4:8)? Surely the Lord has sent us to speak these words (Jeremiah 26:15)!

ST. PAUL NOTES:

Attendance Last Week: Ash Wednesday (3/2/2022)- 134, Communion- 56. Morning Worship- 312, Communion- 149, No Bible Class or Sunday School.

Offering Last Week: \$48,874.32

Home:		Mission:	
General	\$24,159.06	Mission	\$325.00
Amazon Smile	\$131.31	Lutheran Hour	\$105.00
Lunch Room	\$1,991.05	Ash Wednesday	\$1,265.00
ECC Operating	\$8,634.50	Mission Total	\$1,695.00
Use pf Facility	\$150.00	Savings/Other:	
Tuition	\$8,503.40	School Fund	\$1,010.00
Received 3/6/2022	\$43,569.32	Building Fund	\$2,500.00
		Scholarship	\$100.00
Est. needed per week	\$22,500.00	Savings/Other Total	\$3,610.00
Received MTD	\$43,569.32		
Est. needed per month	\$97,500.00	Total	\$48,874.32

MEMORIALS: General: In memory of Adelia Becker by Nick & Beverly Ramos - \$50.00; by David & Susan Michael - \$50.00; by Calvin & Lynette Patschke - \$20.00; by Mark & Tricia Krugler - \$35.00; by Chris & Connie Becker, Carson Becker & Courtney Koehne - \$100.00; by Becky Koehne - \$50.00; by Carl H. Mertink, Jr. - \$25.00; by David & Kathy Mumm - \$20.00; by Larry & Jennifer Teinert - \$25.00; by Peggy Bertsch – \$35.00; by Calvin & Agnes Lay - \$25.00; by Tommy & Nancy Ewing - \$50.00; by David & Karen Schmidt - \$100.00; by Curtis Oltmann Family - \$100.00; by Jerry & Karen Faske - \$50.00; by Michael & Teresa Krause - \$100.00; by Shelby, Patricia, & Nathan Barnett - \$50.00; by James & Kathy Kalbas - \$150.00; by Kevin & Debbie Schkade - \$40.00; by Allen & Mildred Perry - \$30.00; by Janiece Becker - \$25.00; by Jan Wiederhold - \$40.00; by Irene Buscha - \$25.00; by Robert & Joyce Hinze - \$30.00; by Ludwig Krause - \$50.00; by Gary & Tracy Oltmann, Tara & Chase - \$50.00; by Lynette Wiederhold - \$30.00; by Philip Tharp Family - \$50.00; by Robert & Brenda Muniz - \$40.00; by Carolyn Noack - \$50.00; by Pumpco - \$100.00; by Arthur & Dianna Noack - \$50.00; by Kevin & Sherri

Coffman - \$20.00; by Wilbert & Carol Jean Noack - \$50.00; by the Texas Wendish Heritage Society - \$50.00; by Randy & Janice Becker - \$25.00. In memory of Brennice Koether and Adelia Becker by Martin & Jeannie Werchan - \$100.00. In memory of Adele Schulze, Kenneth Wiederhold, Ruth Lorenz and Linda Dankert by Michael & Teresa Krause - \$100.00. In memory of the 3 sisters, Adelia Becker, Edna Noack and Hattie Mutschink by Vic & Kathy Lohberg & family and Gene & Kathy Noack & family - \$300.00. In memory of Kenneth Wiederhold by Ben & Cindy Droemer - \$40.00; by Raymond & Lanetta Kipp - \$25.00; by Hank Wiederhold Family - \$50.00. **Mission:** In memory of Adelia Becker by Marvin Lorenz - \$25.00. **Lutheran Hour:** In memory of Adelia Becker by Lucille, Lynette, Darlene Schatte - \$25.00; by Gladys Arldt and Raymond - \$25.00. In memory of Hays Perry by Ken & Ruby Weiser - \$25.00; by Mary Ann & Delbert Prellop - \$30.00. **LWML Quilting:** In memory of Hays Perry by M/M Delvin Boriack - \$20.00. In memory of Adelia Becker by M/M Delvin Boriack - \$20.00; by Ken & Ruby Weiser - \$25.00. **School Fund:** In memory of Adelia Becker by Johnny & Maxine Bradshaw - \$40.00; by Calvin & Lillian Robertson - \$25.00; by Elmo & Frances Miertschin - \$50.00; by Shelby, Patricia & Nathan Barnett - \$50.00; by Lance Krause - \$100.00; by Michael & Teresa Krause - \$100.00; by Larry & Judy Kalbas - \$75.00; by Paul & Tina Sommerfield, Max & Macy - \$100.00; by Bobby & Carolyn Oltmann - \$50.00; by Randy & Janice Becker - \$25.00; by Linda Jones - \$100.00; by Doug & Mary Jatzlau - \$25.00; by Arthur & Laverne Urban - \$100.00; by Doris Fritsche - \$20.00; by Jerrell & Oranell dunk - \$25.00; by Dan & Suzet Engler (for 1st grade class) - \$50.00. **Building:** In memory of Hays Perry and Kenneth Wiederhold by Curtis Oltmann Family - \$100.00. In memory of Adelia Becker by Tommy & Linda Wilkins - \$25.00; by Edor & Lori Becker - \$25.00; by Elaine Mersiovsky - \$25.00; by M/M Gilbert Krause \$25.00. In memory of Hays Perry by M/M Gilbert Krause - \$25.00. In memory of Kenneth Wiederhold by Tommy & Linda Wilkins - \$25.00. **Scholarship Fund:** In memory of Adelia Becker by Kacie, Will & Matthew Innes - \$100.00. **Faith Lutheran High School:** In memory of Adelia Becker by Mary Ann & Delbert Prellop - \$30.00; by Craig, Melodi, Payton and Grant Oltmann - \$100.00.



New Student Registration

Registration for the 2021-2022 school year is underway. Two new students have already enrolled. We would love to welcome you into our Falcon family as well. Call us at (979) 242-2889 to schedule a visit or visit our website at www.flhstx.org for registration information.

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.

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 2020 is **March 31, 2021**.

Spring Break

March 12-20 is Spring Break at FLHS. We will have limited office hours throughout the week as we prepare for the final push of the school year.

National Lutheran Schools Week

Thank you for your continued support of Lutheran Education. As we wrap up National Lutheran Schools Week, we are grateful for the opportunity to join with almost 2,000 Lutheran schools and pre-schools across the nation and world who share our mission of sharing the message of Christ with our students each day! Thank you for enabling and allowing us to do this great work for Him!

Spring Raffle Success

Thank you to everyone who participated in this year's Spring Raffle. Congratulations to this year's winners!! This year's raffle was able to raise over \$25,000 to support the growing ministry at FLHS!! Thank you!!

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!

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.

The Voyager Voice

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

for the weeks of March 12-25, 2022

2021-22 School Year Theme – “Follow Me” – John 12:26

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Mar. 14-18... Spring Break Week
- Mar. 21... Classes Resume
- Mar. 23... School Chapel Service
8:30 AM
School Picture Retake Day
- Mar. 25... PSIA District Meet
- April 4-8... Achievement Test Week
- Apr. 8... End of 5th Six-Weeks
Giddings Field Day (K-4)
12:00 PM 4:00 PM
- Apr. 10... Confirmation Sunday
- Apr. 14... Maundy Thursday Chapel
Service 8:30 AM
School Easter Egg Hunt
11:00 AM
Early Dismissal – 11:45 AM
Distribution of 5th Six-Week
Report Cards
- Apr. 15... Good Friday – NO SCHOOL
- Apr. 18... Easter Monday – NO SCHOOL
- Apr. 22... Thorndale (3-8) Field Day

From the Principal's Desk . . .

Remember... **Re-Enrollment Forms** for 2022-23 were due last Friday (3/11). If you failed to return your form by that deadline, please do so immediately following Spring Break.

Remember—**Daylight Saving Time begins** this Sunday, March 13th. Set your clocks ahead one hour Saturday night!

School Pic Retakes on Mar. 23rd. Call or email office if interested.

PSIA District Meet is planned for March 25th at Immanuel-Giddings. Keep preparing for your events over Spring Break!

Have a safe & blessed Spring Break Week! ~ Jim House, Principal

NEWS, NOTES, and HAPPENINGS



SPRING BREAK. . . Next week, *March 14-18, is Spring Break Week* at St. Paul Lutheran. We hope the cooler, winter weather is behind us and everyone will be able to enjoy a week of springtime weather and outdoor activities. *There will be no classes next week.* Classes will resume on *Monday, March 21st at 8:15 AM.* Have a safe and enjoyable Spring Break Week!

RE-ENROLLMENT FORMS. . . We're still waiting on several families to return their 2022-23 Re-Enrollment Forms. The deadline for returning these forms was *Friday, March 11th*. Remember, everyone is required to return the form, even if your re-enrollment plans are undecided at this time. If you misplaced your form, additional forms are available on the school website. We need to know your plans so that staffing decisions can be made for the next school year. ***Please return your form by March 21st*** without fail. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated!

NEW ENROLLMENTS. . . Applications are now available for new families who wish to enroll for the first time at St. Paul Lutheran School in the 2022-23 school year. Yesterday's Kindergarten Round-Up was very successful and several new families are interest in enrollment. If you have a friend, relative, or neighbor who desires a quality, Christian education for their child, pass this word along and encourage them to enroll at St. Paul Lutheran School.



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

A SUCCESSFUL EVENT . . . Thanks to everyone who helped make our 2022 PLS Chili Supper, Auction & Cook-Off a huge success! The weather was beautiful, the crowd was large, and the chili was delicious! Preliminary numbers indicate that we turned a tidy profit from auction purchases and ticket sales—more information will be shared after Spring Break. Special thanks to Patricia Barnett and her committee for the excellent job done with this year's event!



SCHOOL PICTURE RETAKE DAY . . . is planned for *Wednesday, March 23rd* following Spring Break. If you'd like your child's picture retaken that morning, please email or call the school office on or before Monday, March 21st. Practice your smiles over Spring Break!

PSIA COMPETITION . . . Our Voyager students will compete in the annual Private School Interscholastic Association (PSIA) District Meet on *Friday, March 25th* at Immanuel-Giddings. *Watch for your schedules and pre-event information coming home with all student participants and parent volunteers.* If you have any questions, contact Mrs. Bradshaw.



CALENDAR REVISIONS . . . The Board of Christian Education recently made two revisions to the spring 2022 School Calendar.

- The *Immanuel-Giddings K-4 Field Day* has been changed from April 1st to *Friday, April 8th from 12 noon to 4:00 PM.*
- The *St. Paul Lutheran 2022 Graduation Ceremony (K & 8th Grade)* has been moved to *Sunday afternoon, May 22nd at 5:00 PM* to accommodate Ascension Day worship service on May 20th.

ACHIEVEMENT TESTING . . . Our annual ITBS *Achievement Test Week* is planned for the week of *April 4-8*. We encourage parents to avoid scheduling doctor's appointments or other absences from school during this week if at all possible to avoid disruption of the testing. Your cooperation is much appreciated!



NEW OFFERING PROJECT . . . Our weekly chapel offerings for the final trimester will go to support the ministry of The Lutheran Confessional Church of Pakistan and Pastor Jay Dass, his wife Julie, and Pastor Soren Trifin. These servants work in Romania and Pakistan to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the Muslim population of those countries. To date, we *collected \$94.05* for the project. Remember your chapel offerings every Wednesday in support of the LCCP.



**Have a Safe
and Blessed
Spring Break!**

HAVE A BLESSED SPRING BREAK! . . . Here's wishing everyone a safe, healthy, and enjoyable Spring Break Week!

Your partner in Christ,
James L. House, Principal



PENNY WAR RESULTS . . . Thanks to everyone who supported our recent "Penny War" during LSW, March 7-11. We collected a *total of \$3,767.42* in support of Faith LHS (our highest total ever!). This year's "Penny War" was *won by Gr. 7-8*. Results of the collection competition are: Kind, \$444.77, Gr. 1 \$328.55, Gr. 2 \$171.34, Gr. 3-4 \$431.23, Gr. 5-6 \$848.02, and Gr. 7-8 \$1,543.47. Thanks again to everyone who participated and made this event a huge success!



AR CHALLENGE RESULTS . . . Our Voyager kids did a fantastic job reading toward their AR goals in the recent National Lutheran AR Reading Challenge held before Spring Break. We competed against 33 other Lutheran schools from across the country—and *St. Paul-Serbin finished in 7th place nationally!* Individual class rankings are as follows: 1st Grade—8th Place, 2nd Grade 10th Place, 3rd Grade 19th Place, 4th Grade—14th Place, 5th Grade—17th Place, 6th Grade 8th Place, 7th Grade 4th Place, 8th Grade—6th Place. Way to go Voyagers! Now finish the school year strong, reach your AR reading goals in April and May!

EASTER EGG HUNT . . . The annual St. Paul Lutheran Easter Egg Hunt will be held on *Thursday, April 14th at 11:00 AM.* Students in Grades K-2 will hunt eggs on the playground. Gr. 3-5 hunt eggs at the Log Cabin, and Gr. 6-7 hunt at the Picnic Grounds. We ask that our school families help us make the egg hunt a success by donating individually wrapped candies for the event. Or, if you prefer, you can make a cash donation that we can use to purchase items for the hunt. All donations should be brought to the school office by Friday, April 8th. Thanks in advance for your donations!

