

# St. Paul Lutheran Church

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## The Fourth Sunday in Lent

19 March 2023

**Welcome! By His Word of the Gospel, Jesus Calls Us Out of the Darkness into His Marvelous Light.** The Lord is grieved by the spiritual blindness of His people, yet in mercy He does not forsake them. He restrains His anger and keeps His peace, until He opens their ears and eyes to hear and see Him. "For his righteousness' sake," He magnifies His Word and makes it glorious in the coming of Christ Jesus (Is. 42:21). Jesus turns "the darkness before them into light" (Is. 42:16) because He is "the light of the world" (John 9:5). The incarnate Son of God does the works of His Father and displays the divine glory in His own flesh "while it is day," until that night "when no one can work" (John 9:4). By the washing of water with His Word, He opens the eyes of the blind and grants rest to the weary. Therefore, though "at one time you were darkness," now "you are light in the Lord" (Eph. 5:8). By our Baptism into Christ, we live in the eternal day of His resurrection, wherein He shines upon us. As often as we fall back into the darkness of sin, He calls us by the Gospel to "awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead" (Eph. 5:14). We invite you all to worship with us again.

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### In Our Prayers:

Those recovering from surgeries and illness:

*Gail Albrecht-recovering*

*Gladys Arldt*

*Chris Birnbaum-recovering*

*Richardson*

*Hudson Corn-recovering*

*Roselie Johnson-recovering (mother of Carie Oltmann)*

*Evelyn Kaiser*

*Judy Kalbas-recovering*

*Chris Miertschin*

*Shannon Miertschin*

*Keeley Schautschick-recovering*

*Andrew Short-recovering*

*Greg Sorrento-recovering (nephew of Doris Fritsche and Pam Krause)*

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

*Ruby Weiser-hospitalized*

**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)*

*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)*

*Deborah Rihards (sister-in-law of Zelta Richards)*

*Carol Sander*

*Diane Sanders (friend of James & Kathy Kalbas)*

*Cherie Todee-sister of Carrie Oltmann*

*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*

**Those who mourn:**

*The family of Gilbert Schulze (brother of Daniel Schulze)*

**Those who rejoice:**

*Shawn and Taylor Bigon a they begin their married life together*

**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: 411, 571, 781 v. 1&2, 744, 426, 345, 537  
Sermon Text: John 9:1-7, 13-17, 34-39  
The Sermon: “Cause and Effect”

- † **The Altar flowers** are placed to the glory of God from the Toddy/Bigon Wedding.
- † **Portals of Prayer.** The April-June Portals of Prayer are available from the ushers this morning and in the church office.
- † **Easter Lilies.** The LWML is taking orders for Easter lilies to decorate the sanctuary on Easter morning. The order form is included in the bulletin. Orders are due by **Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup>**. **Due to availability, no orders will be accepted after April 7<sup>th</sup>**. The cost of the lilies is \$12.00 each.
- † **Board of Christian Education:** Our current director at the Early Childhood Center will be stepping down to focus upon her family, as her husband has taken a job working out of town. We are looking for someone to replace her. If you are willing or know someone who could fit this role please contact Clint Oltmann at 817-271-8559.
- † **Alice Albrecht Benefit:** A benefit for the Alice Albrecht Family will be held Saturday, April 1, at The Lions Den (1623 FM 141) in Giddings from 10:30 AM-2:00 PM. There will be a hamburger lunch (hamburger, chips, water) ready at 10:30 AM to-go or dine-in along with a bake sale. Meal tickets are \$10 & will be sold this morning after church by Lisa Teinert, Kalen Kalbas & Sharon Claxton. A bucket raffle silent auction will run from 10:30 AM-1:00 PM. The live auction will begin at 1:00 PM & a gun raffle drawing will happen at the end of the live auction. Need not be present to win. Please contact Lisa Teinert at 979-540-0374 for gun raffle tickets or to donate auction items.
- † **Sunday School Helpers.** 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
- † **2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Church Music Beautification Conference.** Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023. 9 am – 3 am. Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church & Preschool 800 N. Franklin St. LaGrange, TX 78945. Theme: Cultivating Musicianship. Featuring: Benjamin Kolodziej, organist and keynote speaker. Additional presentations by Rev. Bernie Schey, Mrs. Ruth Meyer, & Rev. Jason M. Kaspar. Conference opens and closes with worship. A light lunch will be provided. This is a free conference. Please RSVP by April 10<sup>th</sup> [secretary@mtclvary-lcms.org](mailto:secretary@mtclvary-lcms.org). 979-968-3938.
- † **Warda Bunch Show Fund:** BBQ Pork to Go. Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup>. BBQ Pork sold by the piece, 2.5 to 4lbs each @ \$10.50/lb. 16 oz. cups of sauce \$2.50 each. Pick up at the Holy Cross Picnic Grounds in Warda from 4:M – 6PM. Pre-orders only by March 22<sup>nd</sup> by calling Larry Teinert-979-542-8372, Larry Woelfel-979-540-8730, Joyce Hinze-979-540-0355 or the church office at 979-242-3333. All proceeds go toward support of exhibitors at the Lee County Junior Livestock Show.

**LUTHERAN HOUR:** Next Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, “Is God Missing in Action?” Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. John Nunes. Is God “Missing in Action?” Not if we see things from God’s eternal perspective. (John 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](http://lhm.org) for a link to listen to the Lutheran Hour live.

**Life Thoughts in the Church Year:**

**March 19 – Lent IV**

Jesus clearly instructs us not to regard physical impairments as reason for condemnation to death (John 9:3). Yet our culture often uses disability as excuse for abortion and euthanasia. The lord our God works wonders through our neighbors’ brokenesses just as He does through our own. So we may cheerfully, compassionately, courageously persuade our communities to turn away from doctor-assisted deaths.

**Birthdays: Today** – Eva Kieschnick, Kathy Mumm, Keri Schatte; 21<sup>st</sup> – Kelton Schulze, Peyton Stanfield, Lisa Teinert; 22<sup>nd</sup> – Trenton Grange, Bradley Schmidt; 24<sup>th</sup> – Ehren Mitschke; 25<sup>th</sup> – Brandon Burgdorf. God’s Blessings to you.

**Serving today:** **Elders**– Douglas Hartfield and Michael Krause  
**Organist**- Daniel Krause  
**Acolytes**- Brooke Lehmann and Grant Oltmann  
**Head Ushers**- Donald Becker  
**Captain**- Michael Becker **Assistant**- Shelby Becker  
**Ushers**- Glen Albrecht, Wyatt Arldt, Virgil Becker,  
Jace Heuermann, Clay Mertink, Cody Mertink,  
Cole Mertink, Rusty Mertink, Robert Zoch  
**Counting and Posting offering this week:**  
**Chairman**- Rex Perry  
Bradley Albrecht, Troy Wiederhold, John Hinze  
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**THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK**

Today **Worship Service w/Communion – 8:30 a.m.**  
Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.  
Wendish Fish Fry

Monday Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.  
Spring Begins

Tuesday Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.  
PTLS Meeting – 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday Staff Bible Study – 7:30 a.m.  
School Chapel – 8:30 a.m.  
Youth Confirmation – 6:00 p.m.  
**Lenten Worship Service – 7:00 p.m.**  
Acolytes: Benjamin Schonhoeft and Elizabeth Richardson  
Greeter: Joyce Hinze  
Adult Choir – 7:45 p.m.

Thursday Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.  
Board of Elder’s Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

Friday Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.  
PSIA District Meet @ Immanuel, Giddings

Next Sunday **Worship Service – 8:30 a.m.**  
Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.  
Acolytes: Kenedy Schatte and Malynda Schautschick  
Greeter: Lana Kaiser  
Sunday School Teacher’s Meeting – 10:15 a.m.

**ST. PAUL NOTES:**

**Attendance Last Week:** Midweek Lent (3/8/2023)- 94, Morning Worship- 214, Bible Class- 19;  
Sunday School- 28, Banner Classes: Grade 1, Offering- \$15.25.

**Offering Last Week:** \$36,931.52

<b>Home:</b>		<b>Mission:</b>	
General	\$20,829.02	Mission	\$585.00
Sunday School	\$15.25	Lutheran Hour	\$70.00
Lunch Room	\$1,702.00	Lent Offering (3/8/2023)	\$496.00
ECC Operating	\$5,186.05	<b>Mission Total</b>	<b>\$1,151.00</b>
Thrivent Choice	\$700.00	<b>Savings/Other:</b>	
Tuition	\$6,973.20	Bus Replacement Fund	\$375.00
<b>Received 3/12/2023</b>	<b>\$35,405.52</b>	<b>Savings/Other Total</b>	<b>\$375.00</b>
<b>Est. needed per week</b>	<b>\$27,230.00</b>	Total	\$36,931.52
<b>Received MTD</b>	<b>\$66,138.39</b>		
<b>Est. needed per month</b>	<b>\$118,000.00</b>		

**MEMORIALS: Lutheran Hour:** In memory of Eugene Fritsche and Robert Droemer by Lucille Schatte, Lynette & Darlene - \$40.00. In memory of Eugene Fritsche by Randy & Janice Becker - \$30.00. **LWML Quilting Group:** In memory of Eugene Fritsche by M/M Delvin Boriack - \$20.00.

† **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.

