

St. Paul Lutheran Church

Serbin, Texas



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The Third Sunday in Lent

23 March 2025

Welcome! *Jesus Calls You to Repentance.* “Unless you repent, you will all likewise perish” (Luke 13:3, 5). By this warning, the Lord would turn us away from wickedness and bring us to life in Himself. For He is patient with us, that we would not be cut down in our sin but live and bear fruit in Him. As He lives, the Lord has “no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live” (Ezek. 33:11). So the Scriptures have been “written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come” (1 Cor. 10:11), that we should not desire evil but trust in Christ. He alone is faithful, the Rock who feeds us with His “spiritual food” and pours out His “spiritual drink” (1 Cor. 10:3–4).

We invite you all to worship with us again.

In Our Prayers:

Those recovering from surgeries and illness:

Delvin Boriack-recovering
Dorothy Exner-recovering
Herbert Handrick (uncle of Shannon Handrick)
Roselie Johnson-recovering (mother of Carie Oltmann)
Dana Karisch
Gladys Karisch
Billy Krause-recovering
Hildegard Krause
Vic Lohberg
Mike Maass-recovering
Ruben Melcher-recovering (uncle of James, Johnny, Larry & Leroy Kalbas)
Chris Miertschin-recovering
Clay Matrthew Mumm-surgery (grandson of Pastor and Kathy Mumm)
Antoinette Richardson-recovering
Florene Richter-rehab (friend of Willard & Magie Albrecht)
David Schmidt-recovering
Camie Smiley medical testing (friend of Thomas Birnbaum)

David Wachsmann (cousin of Billy Krause)
Irene Zoch-recovering (mother of Donnie Zoch)

Our members in nursing homes and our shut-ins.

Those fighting cancer including:

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)
Brandon Cleland (brother of Sonya Schautschick)
Ginger Clifford (sister of Nancy Kasper)
Ralph & Debbie Domel (sister & brother-in-law of Mary Jatzlau)
Sherri Fritsche
Christie Hall (friend of Mark Arldt)
George Hernandez-recovering
Dana Herzog (niece of Becky Weise)
Franklin Hoffman (father of Maxine Bradshaw)

Devin Jackson (brother-in-law of Chris and Michelle Birnbaum)
Cheryl Jurk (friend of Stephen & Dorothy Schautschick)
Brenda Karisch (friend of Bonnie Wenke family)
Steven Kelly (cousin of Jessica Gruetzner, brother-in-law of Christi Bradford)
Bethany Lara (daughter of Kathy Gersch)
Ruby Maass (mother of Linda Schonhoeft)
Cannon Martin (nephew of Christopher Taylor)
Rhonda Mitschke (friend of Christi Fritsche)
Walter Rehle (friend of the Arldt's from Germany)
Carol Sander
Diane Sanders (friend of James & Kathy Kalbas)
Karen Symm (sister of Michael Symm)
Courtney Wagner (cousin of Mark Gruetzner)
Jordan Weidemann (friend of Byron Kalbas)
Judy Wesbrook (mother of Heather Krause)

Those serving in the Armed Forces including:

Steven Cutlip (brother of Stephanie Symm), Fort Bliss, El Paso
Coy Hunt (son of Shannon & Christine Hunt) Ft. Drum, New York
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
Kyler Brown (friend of Dorthy Schautschick) U.S. Navy-Bahrain

Benjamin Symm-Completed Basic Training
Jacob Droegemueller Ft. Jackson, South Carolina

Seasonal Weather

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: 609, 823, 781 v. 1&2, 809, 861

Sermon Text: 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

The Sermon: **“A Way Out!”**

Adult Choir Anthem: ♪ *“Rock of Ages”*

- ✠ **The Altar flowers** are placed to the glory of God in memory of Frieda Noack by Arthur and Dianna Noack and Wilbert and Carol Jean Noack.
- ✠ **Portals of Prayer.** The April-June Portals of Prayer are available from the ushers this morning and in the church office.
- ✠ **2024 Church Annual.** The 2024 Church Annual is available from the ushers this morning and in the church office.
- ✠ **LWML Zone Spring Rally** will be held on Sunday, March 30 at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Warda. Registration starts at 1:30 and the rally begins at 2:00. The theme is "Invited", based on Psalm 66:16. Ryan Neuhaus, the CEO of Camp Lone Star, will be the speaker. All Lutheran women are invited so you do not have to be a member of any Society to come. Join the fun!
- ✠ **Sunday School Help.** We are looking for a Sunday School Teacher for grades 1 & 2 and a helper for kindergarten. If you are interested, please contact the church office.
- ✠ **Serbin 4-H** will be having their annual Fried Chicken Scholarship fundraiser Sunday, March 30th 10:30 am-12:00 pm at the picnic grounds. Tickets are \$15.00. Tickets will be available through March 21st please contact Rebecca Burgdorf at 979-540-6105 or Janis Lehmann at 979-540-0830 if you are interested in purchasing tickets
- ✠ **Christ Lutheran Church Loebau, Texas Sunday School Tuition Benefit Fish Fry.** Friday, April 4, 2025 serving starts at 5PM. Plates include fish, cole slaw, pinto beans, hushpuppies, and tarter sauce. \$15 per plate presale only. Presale ends March 25, 2025. 4654 County Road 114, Lincoln, Texas 78948.
- ✠ **The Warda Bunch Show Fund** will have their BBQ Pork Fundraiser on Saturday, April 5th. BBQ Pork Butts will be sold by the piece. Each piece will be approximately 2.5-4lbs for \$12.00/lb. 16oz. Cups of sauce are available for \$3.00 each. Orders will be taken for the number of pieces you would like (not by the pound). Pick up at the Holy Cross Warda picnic grounds from 4PM-6PM. PreOrders only by calling the Holy Cross church office at (979) 242-3333 (leave a message), or Joyce Hinze at 979-540-0355 by Wednesday, March 26. Proceeds go toward continued support of exhibitors at the Lee County Junior Livestock Show.
- ✠ **Orphan Grain Train** will be coming on April 8th at 10:00 a.m. Question call Dorothy Schautschick at 716-0094.
- ✠ **Thank Offering** – Rev. Michael Newman will be retiring from full-time ministry, and the office of District President upon completion of the 2025 Texas District Convention. The Texas District is asking that we have a thank offering for a new mission fund of the Texas District called the “Rev. Michael and Cindy Newman Mission Fund to Support TPIM (Texas Partners in Mission).” A special thank offering will be taken at the end of the service on Sunday, April 6th to be sent towards this fund.

LUTHERAN HOUR: Next Sunday, March 30th, **“The Difference Between Anger and Contempt”**. Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. God gets angry at sin, but behind the anger, God is love. We believe this only because of Jesus. 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.

Through the Church Year:

Lent III

If Almighty God has “no pleasure in the death of the wicked” (Ezekiel 33:11), how much more does death of innocents grieve Him? Why then should the people of God ever tolerate the killing of unborn sisters and brothers? And if the Lord of all only deals in death when human iniquity does not allow Him to avoid it, will not the same love move us to warn others against dealing in death?

Serving today: Elders– Keith Oltmann and Tim Weise
Organist- Susan Michael
Acolytes- Jagger Garner and Emmalynn Knott
Head Ushers- Donald Becker
Captain- Mason Becker **Assistant-** Carson Becker
Ushers- Jason Becker, Randy Becker, Brandon Burgdorf,
Mike Krause, Dan Marek, Ethan Miertschin,
Rex Perry, Brad Schmidt, Tim Symm
Counting and Posting offering this week:
Chairman- Mason Becker
John Hinze, Philip Tharp, Chase Oltmann

THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

Today **Worship Service – 8:30 a.m.**
Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.
Sundy School Teachers Meeting – 10:15 a.m.
Monday Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.
Tuesday Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.
Wednesday School Chapel – 8:30 a.m.
Youth Confirmation – 6:00 p.m.
Lenten Worship – 7:00 p.m.
Acolytes: Kalisa Oltmann and Kylie Schmidt
Greeter: Bonnie Bise
Adult Choir – 7:45 p.m.
Thursday Staff Bible Study – 7:30 a.m.
Board of Elders Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
Friday Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.
Next Sunday **Song Service – 8:30 a.m.**
Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.
Acolytes: Kelton Schulze and Whitlee Smolik
Greeter: Judy Boriack

Birthdays: 24th – Ehren Mitschke; 25th – Brandon Burgdorf; 27th – Julianne Kasper; 28th – Thomas Birnbaum, Elizabeth Rodriguez; 29th – Diana Schulz. God’s Blessings to you.

ST. PAUL NOTES:

Attendance Last Week: Midweek Lent (3/12/2025)- 106, Morning English-258, Communion- 97, Bible Class- 20; Sunday School- 35, Banner Classes: Nursery I, Offering- \$47.25.

Offering Last Week: \$15,565.00

Home:		Mission:	
General	\$5,733.00	Mission	\$355.00
Sunday School	\$47.25	Concordia Ft. Wayne	\$350.50
Lunch Room	\$470.00	Concordia St. Louis	\$350.50
ECC Operating	\$3,456.25	Mission Total	\$1,056.00
Tuition	\$3,802.50	Savings/Other:	
Received 3/16/2025	\$13,509.00	School Fund	\$1,000.00
		Savings/Other Total	\$1,000.00
Est. needed per week	\$31,870.00		
Received MTD	\$81,134.98	Total	\$15,565.00
Est. needed per month	\$138,103.00		

MEMORIALS:

Epic Australian Adventure VBS- June 9th-13th! Register NOW to have an unforgettable journey with Jesus! Scan the QR code or visit the church website.

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





TAPPS State Handbell Competition

The FLHS Handbell Choir will compete in the TAPPS state music competition on Friday, March 28th in Waco. Students will perform their pieces of music for a judge. Good luck to our ringers!

Accreditation Visit

Faculty and staff at FLHS are anxiously preparing for our accreditation visit on March 30-April 1. We are so excited to walk through this process as the ministry at FLHS continues to grow.

Busy Night? Dinner's On Us

FLHS Booster's Club is selling Chicken Spaghetti casseroles, available for pick-up at Warda, Serbin, or Giddings on Monday, April 15th. Pre-order by Monday, March 31st. A 9X13 is \$35 and an 8X8 is \$20. Limited amounts available. Call FLHS to order yours today!

Spring Raffle Success

Thank you to everyone who participated in this year's Spring Raffle. Congratulations to this year's winners!! This year's ticket sales totaled over \$38,000!! Thank you for your support!!

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 2024 is **March 31, 2025**.

New Student Registration

Registration for 2024-2025 is underway. New students have already enrolled and we are looking to add **more** students to our family. You can receive registration materials by calling (979) 242-2889 or visiting our website at www.flhstx.org.

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 2025. Applications are available from Mrs. Kueck or from Cyndy Zoch (cyndy.zoch@gmail.com) and are due May 1, 2025.