

St. Paul Lutheran Church

Serbin, Texas



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The Fourth Sunday in Lent

27 March 2022

Welcome! *Jesus Christ Has Reconciled Us to the Father.* God the Father has opened His heart to us in love. While we were “still a long way off,” He saw us and “felt compassion” (Luke 15:20). Therefore, He gave His only begotten Son for us, making “him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God” (2 Cor. 5:21). By the ministry of reconciliation, He runs to us, embraces us in mercy and clothes us with His glory as beloved sons in Christ Jesus. And so we give thanks unto the Lord our God, who has taken away our sins and turned His anger from us (Is. 12:1). Because He has become our salvation, our strength and our song, we “will trust, and will not be afraid” (Is. 12:2). We invite you all to worship with us again.

In Our Prayers:

Those recovering from surgeries and illness:

Donald Becker-recovering

Dora Durrenberger-recovering

Pat Hughes-recovering (friend of James and

Kathy Kalbas)

Nancy Kasper-recovering

Hildegard Krause

Mary Loewe (mother of Christi Bradford)

Chris Miertschin

Shannon Miertschin

Calvin Robertson

Katie Schmidt-surgery (mother of Pastor Schmidt)

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 Garza (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

Jacob Knapp (cousin of Mark Gruetzner, son of Nathan

& Heather Wenke) Ft. Stewart, Georgia

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: 915, 571, 686, 725
Sermon Text: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21
The Sermon: **“A New Creation”**
Adult Choir Anthem: ♪ *“Come Unto Me”*

- † **The Altar flowers** are placed to the glory of God in honor of Elizabeth Rodriguez on her birthday by Grandma, Grandpa, Mom, Dad and Isabella.
- † **The Altar Stand flowers** are placed to the glory of God for her birthday by Irene Noack.
- † **April Calendar.** The April calendar is available from the ushers this morning and in the church office.
- † **Portals of Prayer.** The April-June Portals of Prayer are available in the church office.
- † **Thank You.** The Texas Wendish Heritage Society would like to thank everyone for their support of the fish fry fund raiser last Sunday. The volunteers were awesome! And we appreciate everyone who purchased tickets and waited in line for the plates! Thank you!
- † **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 **Thursday, April 14th. Due to availability, no orders will be accepted after April 14th.** The cost of the lilies is \$12.00 each.
- † **South Lee County Volunteer Fire Department:** The annual membership meeting and election of officers of the South Lee County Volunteer Fire Department is this evening at the fire station in Northrup. Doors open at 5:00 p.m. Meeting at 6:00 p.m. All area residents are encouraged to attend. Refreshments and a chili supper will be provided.
- † **Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Fedor, Texas.** Sunday, April 3, 2022. Turkey and Dressing with gravy and cranberry sauce, noodles, green beans, and cookie. \$12.00. Drive Thru Servin Only beginning 10:30 a.m., at the Parish Hall, FM 1624/CR 309. Proceeds used for Church and Parish Hall improvements.
- † **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.
- † **Mark your calendars for VBS- June 13th-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).
- † **Benefit** for Annie Beasley and family. Sunday, May 1st. 10:30 AM – 12:30 PM to go only. BBQ on a Bun - \$10. Meal includes BBQ on a Bun, chips and a drink. Free will bake sale and raffle tickets available. Lincoln Community Center. Pre-sale meal tickets & raffle tickets sold at Round Top State Bank – Ashley's Attic – Sylvin's Automotive – Walch Store.
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- † **Church Music Beautification Conference** - Hello Circuit 22 & 23 friends, we are kicking off what we'd like to see become an annual gathering for servants in Texas District Circuits 22 & 23. Further beautifying the worship life of our congregations in small ways will serve as our continual conference goal. This inaugural conference will feature: worship, fellowship, the introduction of a new hymn, plenary sessions for organists, musicians, and pastors together. Please consider joining us for the Small Scale **Church Music Beautification Conference** of Circuit 22 & 23, Texas District, LCMS from 8am-noon on Saturday, April 30, 2022, Mt. Calvary, La Grange. Coffee and snacks will be provided, please RSVP to the the MCLC office by Tuesday, April 19, 2022, (979) 968-3938 or secretary@mtcalvary-lcms.org ----Rev. Jason M. Kaspar, Mrs. Ruth Meyer, Rev. Bernie Schey

✠ **Returning-** As Covid-19 numbers in our community have decreased we are seeing our lives trending towards a return to what we “used to do.” Towards that end we will see a few changes at St. Paul’s. Beginning **April 3rd**, we will return to the option of common cup or individual cup during communion. To help the Elders prepare, please let the church office know when you register which you would prefer. We will also return to responding to our Lord’s blessing by receiving the offering during the worship service. Beginning **April 24th**, we will also be closing the gym for every Sunday Worship. We give praise to God for always keeping us in His protective hand.

LUTHERAN HOUR: Next Sunday, April 3rd, “**This Is the Feast**”. Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. A costly and extravagant meal prepared by a master chef symbolizes the meat Christ serves to His people, the Church. (Luke 22:27). 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 27 – Lent IV

Psalm 32 speaks to the relief, the healing, and the outright glee in having sins forgiven. When we neglect to address abortion, we deny that delight to consciences guilty and grieving over their part in it. And we deny ourselves the exhilaration of serving as ambassadors for Christ (2 Corinthians 5:20). Let our advocacy for the sanctity of life be invitation to celebrate for the prodigal—and his brother (Luke 15:32)!

THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

Today	Worship Service – 8:30 a.m. Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m. Sunday School Teacher’s Meeting – 10:15 a.m. SLCVFD Annual Meeting
Monday	Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.
Tuesday	Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.
Wednesday	Staff Bible Study – 7:30 a.m. School Chapel – 8:30 a.m. Lenten Worship Service – 7:00 p.m. Acolytes: Malynda Schautschick and Rachel Schautschick Adult Choir – 7:45 p.m.
Thursday	Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.
Friday	Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.
Next Sunday	Worship Service w/ Communion – 8:30 a.m. Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m. Acolytes: Sharron Adair and Gabriel Bailey Scholarship Committee Meeting – 10:00 a.m.

Birthdays: Today – Julianne Kasper; 28th – Thomas Birnbaum, Elizabeth Rodriguez, Elmo Schulze; 29th – Diane Schulze; 30th – Andre Andrews, Jocelyn Jones, Melvin Schulze, Sr. Sebastian Symm, Jay Woelfel; 31st – Tommy Bradford, Katie Jenke, Kalisa Oltmann; 1st – Jeanette Smith, Robert Yurk; 2nd – Laverne Urban. God’s Blessings to you.

Serving today: **Elders**– Monroe Schatte, Jr. and Dwayne Schulze
Organist- Susan Michael
Acolytes- Lydia Schautschick and Maison Schautschick
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
Pablo Rodriguez, Tommy Miertschin, Brooks Kasper

ST. PAUL NOTES:

Attendance Last Week: Midweek Lent (3/16/22)- 111, Morning Worship- 198, Communion- 81; Bible Class- 22; Sunday School- 25, Visitors- 2, Banner Classes: Nursery 1, Offering- \$20.50.

Offering Last Week: \$13,328.50

Home:		Mission:	
General	\$6,314.00	Mission	\$220.00
Sunday School	\$20.50	Lutheran Hour	\$25.00
Lunch Room	\$210.00	Lent Offering (3/16/2022)	\$786.00
ECC Operating	\$4,673.00	Mission Total	\$1,031.00
Tuition	\$930.00	Savings/Other:	
Received 3/20/2022	\$12,147.50	School Fund	\$50.00
		Cemetery Fund	\$100.00
Est. needed per week	\$22,500.00	Savings/Other Total	\$150.00
Received MTD	\$83,743.23		
Est. needed per month	\$97,500.00	Total	\$13,328.50

MEMORIALS: General: In memory of Adelia Becker by Jeremy & Margie Clifton - \$50.00; by Troy, Leah & Landon Menzel - \$100.00; by Marvin & Charlyn Matthijetz - \$40.00; by Troy & Chelsea Wiederhold - \$30.00; by Jason, Teshia & Lucy Becker - \$50.00; by Steven & Tammy Lehmann - \$50.00; by Allen & Julie Becker - \$50.00; by Raymond & Lanetta Kipp - \$25.00. In memory of Adele Schulze by Troy & Chelsea Wiederhold - \$100.00. In memory of Bill Pfeiffer, Sr. by James & Kathy Kalbas - \$100.00. In memory of Kenneth Wiederhold by Alan Wiederhold - \$50.00. **Lutheran Hour:** In memory of Marilyn Davis by Carolyn Noack - \$25.00. **School Fund:** In memory of Adelia Becker by Monroe Becker - \$50.00. **Cemetery Fund:** In memory of Adelia Becker by Earl Steinbach and Carl & Ann Steinbach - \$100.00.



State Archery Competition

Six FLHS students participated in the NASP state archery competition this week in Belton TX. They each did very well. Final results will be announced next week! Good job archers!

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 2021 is **March 31, 2022**

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.

FLHS Annual Good Friday Bake Sale

Faith Lutheran High School will be hosting its Annual Good Friday Bake Sale on April 15th at the Classic Bank parking lot in Giddings! Cookies, pies, cakes, kolaches, cinnamon rolls, homemade noodles, homemade bread, and more will be available from 8 AM till noon, or until we sell out.

***BAKERS ARE NEEDED!** We need your help to make this event a success! Donations of any type of baked goods or homemade treats are welcome!

***DROP OFF LOCATIONS!** You may drop off donations on Wednesday and Thursday, April 13th and 14th, at Faith Lutheran High School, at Medack and Oltmann in Giddings, at Schiavone and Bamsch in La Grange, or you can contact us at (979) 242-2889 to make other arrangements. Thanks for your continued support of Faith Lutheran High School!

New Student Registration

Registration for the 2022-2023 school year is underway. We would love to welcome you into our Falcon family as well. Call us at (979) 242-2889 to schedule a shadow day or visit our website at www.flhstx.org for registration information.

The Voyager Voice

St. Paul Lutheran School

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

for the weeks of March 26 through April 1, 2022

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Mar. 30... School Chapel Service
– 8:30 AM
- 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



The Voyager Voice

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

From the Principal's Desk . . .

PSIA District Meet was held last Friday (3/25) at Immanuel-Giddings. We'll tell you about the success of our Voyager kids next week!

Consider making a donation of candy for the upcoming **Easter Egg Hunt** on April 14th. Check out the **Donation Form** attached to the newsletter email.

Check out the school website for information about the **highly successful** PTLs Chili Supper and Auction help early in March.

Have a safe & blessed final week of March! ~ Jim House, Principal

NEWS, NOTES, and HAPPENINGS

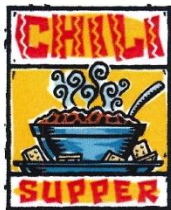
PSIA COMPETITION. . . Over the past several weeks, our 38 Voyager students have been working hard in preparation for the Private School Interscholastic Association (PSIA) competition being held today in Giddings. We'll update you as to their success in next week's newsletter.



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!

EASTER EGG HUNT. . . The annual St. Paul Lutheran Easter Egg Hunt will be held on **Thursday, Apr. 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 Monday, Apr. 11th. To help us with planning the event, please complete and return the **Egg Hunt Donation Form** attached to the newsletter email by Friday, April 8th. Thanks in advance for your donations!





FUND RAISER SUCCESS. . . Thank you to everyone for your outstanding support of our 2022 PTLs Chili Supper, Auction, and Chili Cook-Off. We had a great turnout for the event at the Serbin Picnic Grounds. **Total profit for this year's event was \$39,594.06.** As in past years, 10% of the profit (\$3,959.41) will be given to St. Paul Lutheran Church; the remaining \$35,643.65 will be used to fund new and ongoing PTLs purchases. Again, thank you to all who purchased chili and hot dogs, entered those delicious chili recipes in the cook-off, and donated and purchased items at the auction in support of the St. Paul PTLs. And, special thanks to all the volunteer workers who helped stage the event and to Patricia Barnett and her committee for the excellent job done planning and coordinating both the luncheon and auction.

RE-ENROLLMENT UPDATE. . . Thank you to all the St. Paul families who promptly returned their 2022-23 Re-Enrollment Forms by the March 11th deadline. *If you are one of several families who have not yet returned your forms, please do so immediately.* 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 line or at the office. We need to know your plans so that staffing decisions can be made for the next school year. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated!



NEW ENROLLMENTS. . . Applications are available for new families who wish to enroll for the first time at St. Paul Lutheran School in the 2022-23 school year. Several new families have toured our school and expressed 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 SPS.

HAVE 'EM CHECK US OUT. . . As you talk to your friends, neighbors, and co-workers about St. Paul-Serbin, have them check out our school website at www.stpaulserbinschool.org, or check us out on our Facebook page. We continually update the site with lots of pictures, activity schedules, and important information sought by inquiring families. Also, prospective families can click on and download enrollment applications or request additional information online via email. Encourage them (and yourself) to "check us out" on the internet!



LUTHERAN FIELD DAY. . . Our Voyager K-4 students have been invited to participate in the annual **Immanuel Lutheran K-4 Field Day** at Immanuel-Giddings on **Friday, April 8th** from 12:00-4:00 PM. We'll have fun participating in a variety of events with the students from the other area Lutheran schools. We will be transporting students to Field Day via the St. Paul buses. However, parents, please remember—***YOU are responsible for securing transportation HOME for your child(ren) from the event*** on Friday, April 8th. Watch for a letter coming home next week with more information concerning your child's events, concessions, etc. Plan to join us for the K-4 Field Day fun!



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 Trifa. 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 \$145.55** for the project. Remember your chapel offerings every Wednesday in support of the LCCP.



HAVE A BLESSED WEEK! . . .

Here's wishing everyone a safe, healthy, blessed final week of March! Give me a call or stop by the office if I can help in any way!

Your partner in Christ,
James L. House,
Principal

