

# St. Paul Lutheran Church

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## The Transfiguration of Our Lord

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### Welcome! *The Glory of God Is Manifested in the Body of Christ.*

“Moses was faithful in all God’s house as a servant,” but Christ Jesus “has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses” (Heb. 3:3, 5). A beloved and well-pleasing Son, faithful even to the point of death, Jesus’ own body was raised up on the third day as the house of God, and He has brought us into that house through the waters of Holy Baptism (Heb. 3:6). Thus, it was not Moses, the lawgiver, but his successor, Joshua (the Hebrew name for Jesus), who led the people into the Promised Land (Deut. 34:1–4, 9). Now, on the Mount of Transfiguration, the New Testament Joshua appears in the glory that He is about to manifest by His “departure” (exodus) in Jerusalem (Luke 9:31). Having entered the waters of the Jordan in His Baptism, He passed through those waters and entered into glory by His cross and Passion. What He thereby accomplished in His own flesh and blood, crucified and risen, He reveals and gives to His Body, the Church, by the means of His Word. Therefore, the Father declares from heaven, “Listen to him!” (Luke 9:35).

We invite you all to worship with us again.

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### In Our Prayers:

Those recovering from surgeries and illness:

*Chris Birnbaum-recovering*  
*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-hospitalized*  
*Vic Lohberg*  
*Mike Maass-recovering*  
*Ruben Melcher-recovering (uncle of James, Johnny, Larry & Leroy Kalbas)*  
*Chris Miertschin-recovering*  
*Antoinette Richardson-recovering*  
*Florene Richter-rehab (friend of Willard & Magie Albrecht)*  
*Camie Smiley medical testing (friend of Thomas Birnbaum)*  
*David Wachsmann (cousin of Billy Krause)*  
*Laverne Weiser-hospitalized*  
*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 Wiese)*  
*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)*  
*Keith Muessel (brother of Chris Miertschin)*  
*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 Westbrook (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*

#### Seasonal Weather

**Those affected by disasters**

**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.

As we gather at the Lord's Table, we practice close communion. For the sake of responsible pastoral care, members should have previously announced their intent to commune today. Guests who are members of a sister LCMS church and any others having concerns about their participation are asked to speak with Pastor before communing.

**The Order of Service**— Page 184 of the hymnal

The Hymns: 918, 413, 781 v. 1&2, 814, 414, 821, 537

Sermon Text: Luke 9:28-36

The Sermon: **“Here, Now What?”**

All School Sing: ♪ *“With Endurance Run Your Race”*

- ✝ **The Altar flowers** are placed to the glory of God in honor of Janet Oltmann and Kaleb Oltmann on their birthday by Curtis Oltmann family.
- ✝ **The March Calendar** is available from the ushers this morning.
- ✝ **The Voyager Voice.** The February 26<sup>th</sup> Voyager Voice is available from the ushers this morning.
- ✝ **Trustees** will meet this Monday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Packets are available to be picked up in the church office to review prior to the meeting.
- ✝ **Ash Wednesday** is March 5<sup>th</sup>. This marks the beginning of the season of Lent. As was done last year, and is done in many congregations throughout our church, a part of our chapel worship on Wednesday will be the Imposition of Ashes. Participation in the imposition of ashes is not mandatory for the students. If any member of the congregation would like to participate you are more than welcome to join us at 8:30 a.m. for chapel. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Pastor Schmidt.
- ✝ **The Serbin LWML** invites any confirmed women wishing to participate with any Lutheran Women in Mission events and activities. Please text or call Melodi Oltmann at 979-540-0039 for more information. We have big plans and ideas for 2025! No obligation for membership or monthly
- ✝ **The Holy Cross Warda Youth Group** annual pork steak fundraiser will be held Sunday, March 9<sup>th</sup>. Drive thru only at the Holy Cross picnic grounds from 10:00-12:30. Plates are \$15 each and include: pork steak, green beans, noodles, and corn. Tickets are PRESALE only by Thursday, February 27<sup>th</sup> and may be purchased at Holy Cross Lutheran Church or from Scott Schramm or Mark Woelfel. Baked goods will also be available for a freewill donation.
- ✝ **The Texas Wendish Heritage Society** will be hosting its annual Fish Fry Fundraiser meal on Sunday, March 16<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am to 12:00pm at the Serbin Picnic grounds. The meal will consist of freshly fried fish, potato salad, brown beans, coleslaw and hush puppies. The cost is \$15 per plate. Reservations will be taken at the museum by phone (979-366-2441) or email ([museum@texaswendish.org](mailto:museum@texaswendish.org)).
- ✝ **Manheim Parish Hall Renovation Fund BBQ Chicken Fundraiser.** Sunday, March 16<sup>th</sup> serving at the Lincoln Community Center, 10:30 AM until sold out. Drive-thru only. Whole Chicken \$15.00, Pint of Noodles \$4.00, Pint of Beans \$3.00, 1 cup of Sauce \$2.00.
- ✝ **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.
- ✝ **Concordia Seminary Choir Tour.** We hope you can join us for the Laudamus 2025 Tour, “My Song is Love Unknown” at 10:00 a.m. on March 19<sup>th</sup> at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Serbin. Laudamus is a select choir of seminarians from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis who are preparing for full-time pastoral ministry. Please join us and invite your friends and family!

**LUTHERAN HOUR:** Next Sunday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, **“Unless a Grain of Wheat Dies”**. Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Do you want a life that amounts to more than a hill o’beans? Hear how Christ’s death and resurrection gives us life with God that can’t be measured. (John 12:24). 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.

**Through the Church Year:  
The Transfiguration of Our Lord**

Our Savior's miraculous radiance reveals three sanctity of life truths. The timing and manner of our deaths—like those of Jesus, Moses, and Elijah—are God's business and decision (Luke 9:30). Then, every human life receives a glory from Jesus that we cannot always immediately envision. Just because it's hidden doesn't mean it's missing. And this message isn't meant for keeping to ourselves!

**Serving today:** Elders– Keith Oltmann and Tim Weise  
**Organist-** Susan Michael  
**Acolytes-** Whitlee Smolik and Max Sommerfield  
**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 Schmitt, Tim Symm  
**Counting and Posting offering this week:**  
**Chairman-** Glen Albrecht  
Pablo Rodrigues, Dan Marek, Virgil Becker  
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**THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK**

Today **Worship Service w/Communion – 8:30 a.m.**  
School Open House – 9:30 a.m.

Mon.- Fri- **Lutheran Schools Week**

Monday Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.  
Board of Trustees Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.  
LWML Quilting – 9:00 a.m.

Wednesday Ash Wednesday School Chapel – 8:30 a.m.  
Youth Confirmation – 6:00 p.m.  
**Ash Wednesday Worship w/Communion – 7:00 p.m.**  
**Acolytes:** Kenzie Stewart and Dylan Arldt  
**Greeter:** Lisa Schmidt

Thursday Staff Bible Study – 7:30 a.m.  
Board of Christian Education Meeting – 7:00 p.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: Nathen Barnett and Everett Corn  
Greeter: Marian Wiederhold  
LYF Meeting & Social – 2:00 p.m.

**Birthdays: Today** – Jagger Garner, Nicolas Gruetzner, Paula Krause, Isabella Rodriguez; 3<sup>rd</sup> – Janet Oltmann, Kaleb Oltmann Timothy Weise; 4<sup>th</sup> – Aaron Cooper, Kelsey Schatte; Jessica Corn, Jan Wiederhold; 6<sup>th</sup> – Troy Menzel, Troy Rumuly; 7<sup>th</sup> – Bradly Schautschick; 8<sup>th</sup> – Collyns Schatte. God's Blessings to you.

**ST. PAUL NOTES:**

**Attendance Last Week:** Morning Worship- 263, Bible Class- 22; Sunday School- 39, Visitors- 1, Banner Classes: Grade 5 & 6, Offering- \$31.00.

**Offering Last Week:** \$17,541.69

<b>Home:</b>		<b>Mission:</b>	
General	\$5,238.25	Mission	\$299.00
Sunday School	\$31.00	<b>Mission Total</b>	<b>\$299.00</b>
Lunch Room	\$625.00	<b>Savings/Other:</b>	
ECC Operating	\$6,362.44	School Bus Replacement	\$100.00
Tuition	\$4,886.00	<b>Savings/Other Total</b>	<b>\$100.00</b>
<b>Received 2/23/2025</b>	<b>\$17,142.69</b>	Total	\$17,541.69
<b>Est. needed per week</b>	<b>\$31,870.00</b>		
<b>Received MTD</b>	<b>\$108,101.55</b>		
<b>Est. needed per month</b>	<b>\$138,103.00</b>		

**MEMORIALS: Texas Wendish Heritage Society:** In memory of Clyde Maass by Milton & Geraldine Albrecht - \$30.00.

**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.





### **National Lutheran Schools Week**

Thank you for your continued support of Lutheran Education. As we prepare to celebrate 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!

### **New Student Registration**

Registration for 2024-2025 is underway. Two new students have already enrolled and we are looking to add more students to our family. Any new student who registers for FLHS prior to **Friday, March 7, 2025** will only pay \$100 in registration fees. 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](http://www.flhstx.org).

### **Spring Raffle**

TODAY is the LAST DAY to get tickets for the FLHS Spring Raffle!! They are \$20 each. Drawing will begin Monday, during National Lutheran Schools Week. Items on this year's raffle include:

- 1) Stihl RZ142 Zero Turn Mower - Valued at \$4000
- 2) \$1500 Travel Voucher
- 3) 1/2 Cow With Processing
- 4) Savage Axis 7mm Deer Rifle with Scope - Valued at \$500
- 5) \$500 Visa Gift Card
- 6) Metal Patriotic Yard Sign
- 7) Porch Package with Ribeye Roll - Includes a 2 person outdoor steel glider/rocker, 5X7 outdoor rug, 16' round end table, and plant
- 8) Hand Crafted wooden train and Lone Star Back Roads Package
- 9) Casserole of the Month for a year
- 10) Dessert of the Month for a year

To see details about each package, please view our Facebook page. A limited number of tickets will be available - get yours today! Please contact any FLHS delegate, student, staff or call (979) 242-2889 to get your tickets!! You don't want to miss out!!

### **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](mailto:cyndy.zoch@gmail.com)) and are due May 1, 2025.

### **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**.