

# St. Paul Lutheran Church

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## The Fourth Sunday in Lent

30 March 2025

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**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.

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### **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*  
*Gilbert 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*  
*David Schmidt-recovering*  
*Larry Scatte-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— Worship Insert**

- † **The Altar flowers** are placed to the glory of God in honor of Kalisa Oltmann’s birthday by the Curtis Oltmann family.
- † **The Altar Stand flowers** are placed to the glory of God in honor of LaVerne Urban’s birthday by Arthur Urban.
- † **Altar flowers** are needed for Sunday April 6<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to place flowers on either of those dates, please contact Dorothy Schautschick at 716-0094.
- † **April 6<sup>th</sup> Bible Class.** Dwayne Mitschke will present his humanitarian experience with Austin Energy and their involvement in helping the Navajo Nation in Arizona achieving electrical power. The reservation is the largest in the United States and in 2019, the Navajo council reached out for help in utilities, to help build power lines for much needed families. Austin Energy and CPS in San Antonio are two utilities in Texas that help assist the Navajo Nation. Dwane is a high voltage trainer and has made two tours with Austin Energy personnel and will share his experience with us April 6<sup>th</sup> in Bible Class
- † **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.
- † **April Calendar.** The April Calendar is available from the ushers this morning.
- † **February Financial Statements** are available from the ushers this morning.
- † **LWML Zone Spring Rally** is being held today, 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!
- † **Picnic:** Any of those having reached the age of 65 who do not wish to work at the picnic or those needing to make a change in your work assignments, please notify Troy Menzel at 979-412-0341, or the church office by **Monday, April 28<sup>th</sup>**. The Picnic Committee will meet on Wednesday, April 30<sup>th</sup> to finalize the Picnic worklist.
- † **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.
- † **Orphan Grain Train** will be coming on April 8<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> to be sent towards this fund.

**LUTHERAN HOUR:** Next Sunday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, “**Better Than I Deserve!**” Guest Speaker: Rev. Keith Haberstock. Jesus didn’t deserve to die on a cross, but He died and rose again in order to give us better than we deserve. (John 12:1-11). 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.

**Serving today:** **Elders**– Keith Oltmann and Tim Weise  
**Organist**- Susan Michael  
**Acolytes**- Kelton Schulze and Whitlee Smolik  
**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**- Glen Albrecht  
Pablo Rodriguez, Dan Marak, Virgil Becker

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**THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK**

Today **Song Service – 8:30 a.m.**  
 Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.  
 4-H Fried Chicken Scholarship Fundraiser

Monday Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.

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 LWML Quilting– 9:00 a.m.

Wednesday School Chapel – 8:30 a.m.  
 Youth Confirmation – 6:00 p.m.  
**Lenten Worship Service – 7:00 p.m.**  
 Acolytes: Kenzie Stewart and Dylan Arldt  
 Greeter: Judy Boriack  
 Adult Choir – 7:45 p.m.

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 w/Communion – 8:30 a.m.**  
 Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.  
 Acolytes: Nathen Barnett and Everett Corn  
 Greeter: Doris Fritsche

**Birthdays: Today** – Andre Andrews, Jocelyn Jones, Emmalynn Knott, Sebastian Symm; 31<sup>st</sup> – Katie Jenke, Kalisa Oltmann; 1<sup>st</sup> – Jeanette Smith, Robert Yurk; 2<sup>nd</sup> – La Verne Urban; 3<sup>rd</sup> – Zoey Jenke, Rick Schulze; 4<sup>th</sup> – James Kanevsky; 5<sup>th</sup> – Connie Becker. God’s Blessings to you.  
 Elizabeth Rodriguez; 29<sup>th</sup> – Diana Schulz. God’s Blessings to you.

**ST. PAUL NOTES:**

**Attendance Last Week:** Midweek Lent (3/19/2025)- 117, Morning Worship- 249, Bible Class- 23; Sunday School- 30, Visitors- 1, Banner Classes: Grade 5, Offering- \$21.00.

**Offering Last Week:** \$23,991.40

<b>Home:</b>		<b>Mission:</b>	
General	\$5,615.75	Mission	\$358.00
Sunday School	\$21.00	Concordia Ft. Wayne	\$1,151.00
Lunch Room	\$1,727.00	Concordia St. Louis	\$1,151.00
ECC Operating	\$6,578.65	<b>Mission Total</b>	<b>\$2,660.00</b>
School Registration	\$750.00	<b>Savings/Other:</b>	
Tuition	\$6,489.00	Building Fund	\$25.00
<b>Received 3/23/2025</b>	<b>\$21,181.40</b>	Bus Replacement Fun	\$125.00
		<b>Savings/Other Total</b>	<b>\$150.00</b>
<b>Est. needed per week</b>	<b>\$31,870.00</b>		
<b>Received MTD</b>	<b>\$102,316.38</b>	Total	\$23,991.40
<b>Est. needed per month</b>	<b>\$138,103.00</b>		

**MEMORIALS: Building Fund:** In memory of Linda Proske by Alton Weiser - \$25.00. **ECC Operating:** In memory of Caroline Malinak by Robert & Joyce Hinze - \$50.00.

**Life Through the Church Year:**

**Lent IV**

The prodigal’s father kept watching every day for his wayward son’s return. He had to have in order to spot him “while he was still a long way off” (Luke 15:20). Our Gracious God never gives up on a human life, no matter what size, skills, circumstances, or sins it involves. We need not let surprise pregnancies, chronic conditions, or terminal diagnoses steal our hope—or anyone else’s!

**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.



**Happenings at FLHS this Week:**

- The Robotics team competed at the Austin Rodeo on Wednesday.
- Handbells competed at the TAPPS State Music Competition on Friday.
- Check our Facebook page to see how well our amazing students did!

### **Accreditation Visit**

Faculty and staff at FLHS are anxiously preparing for our accreditation visit beginning today, March 30 through Tuesday, April 1. This accreditation process takes place every 5 years and provides FLHS the opportunity to evaluate successes and struggles, and establish targeted improvements for the years ahead. 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 7th**. Pre-order by Monday, March 31st. A 9X13 is \$35 and an 8X8 is \$20. Limited amounts available. Call FLHS to order yours today!

### **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! Time is running out to designate your 2024 dollar, which expire on **March 31, 2025**.

### **New Student Registration**

Registration for 2025-2026 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](http://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](mailto:cyndy.zoch@gmail.com)) and are due May 1, 2025.