

# St. Paul Lutheran Church

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## The Third Sunday in Lent

3 March 2024

**Welcome! *The Crucified and Risen Body of Jesus Is the True Temple of the Lord.*** The Lord rescues His people, Israel, “out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery” (Ex. 20:2) and makes His gracious covenant with them, defined by the Ten Commandments. Since He has become their God by His grace, they shall be His people, having “no other gods” before Him (Ex. 20:3). He is “jealous” for them as a husband for his wife and as a father for his children. He has named them with His name and called them to rest in Him (Ex. 20:5–9). The incarnate Son, Christ Jesus, is likewise jealous for His Father’s house, because it is to be a place of divine grace and Sabbath rest for His people, and not “a house of trade” (John 2:16–17). His zeal consumes Him as He gives up “the temple of his body” to the destruction of the cross, but in three days He raises it up again to be the true temple forever (John 2:17–21). By His crucifixion He cleanses the entire household, and in His resurrection He becomes “wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption” (1 Cor. 1:30). We invite you all to worship with us again.

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### In Our Prayers:

Those recovering from surgeries and illness:

*Geraldine Albrecht-recovering*  
*Paul Albrecht-recovering*  
*Royce Albrecht-recovering*  
*Nancy Beckcom-recovering*  
*Chris Birnbaum-recovering.*  
*Trey Fritsche-recovering*  
*Robert House (father of Jim House)*  
*Stella Jackson-recovering*  
*Roselie Johnson-recovering (mother of Carie Oltmann)*  
*Judy Kalbas-recovering*  
*Claudelle Krska (friend of Antionette Richardson)*  
*Lyndy Krause-recovering*  
*Teresa Krause-recovering*  
*Bobby Oltmann-recovering*  
*Cindy Umphries-recovering (friend of James & Kathy Kalbas)*  
*Conway Whited-recovering (nephew of Brad & Ashley Schmidt)*  
*Tim Weise-recovering*  
*Ruby Weiser-recovering*

### Our members in nursing homes and our shut-ins.

#### Those fighting cancer including:

*Lillian Bamsch (sister-in-law of Charlyn & Marvin Matthijetz)*  
*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)*  
*Ian Hailes-great nephew of Marian Wiederhold and Stephen Kasper)*  
*Franklin Hoffman (father of Maxine Bradshaw)*  
*Devin Jackson (brother-in-law of Chris and Michelle Birnbaum)*

*Brenda Karisch (friend of Bonnie Wenke family)*  
*Steven Kelly (cousin of Jessica Gruetzner, brother-in-law of Christi Bradford)*  
*Betty Kildair (aunt of Dorothy Schautschick)*  
*Bethany Lara (daughter of Kathy Gersch)*  
*Heather Lilly (granddaughter of Irene Noack)*  
*Ruby Maass (mother of Linda Schonhoeft)*  
*Cannon Martin (nephew of Christopher Taylor)*  
*Gladys Mathena (sister of Frances Miertschin and Marilyn Miertschin)*  
*Rhonda Mitschke (friend of Christi Fritsche)*  
*Walter Rehle (friend of the Arldt’s from Germany)*  
*Carol Sander*  
*Diane Sanders (friend of James & Kathy Kalbas)*  
*Martin Werchan*  
*Judy Wesbrook (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. Cavazos, 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*  
*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*  
*Manuel Camacho (friend of Randy & Janice Becker) Army Reserves, Israel*

#### Rain

#### Those affected wildfires in the panhandle

**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:	427, 823, 781 v. 1&2, 438, 425, 645, 707
Sermon Text:	John 2:13-22
The Sermon:	<b>“On Whose Authority?”</b>
Pre-K – K	♪ “ <i>L.O.V.E.</i> ”
K – 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade	♪ “ <i>Jesus is God’s Living Vine</i> ”

- † **The Altar flowers** are placed to the glory of God, in honor of the birthdays of Kaleb Oltmann and Janet Oltmann, and Curtis and Carie Oltmann’s 20<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary by Curtis Oltmann family.
- † **Altar flowers** are needed for Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to place flowers on that Sunday, please contact Dorothy Schautschick at 716-0094.
- † **Trustees Meeting.** The Trustees will meet tomorrow March 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. All trustees may pick up their packets in the church office today to review prior to the meeting.
- † **The Voyager View** March Newsletter is available from the ushers this morning.
- † **PTLS Chili Supper & Live Auction: \*\*TODAY\*\*** at the Serbin Picnic Grounds! Silent Auction (4pm), Live Auction (5:30pm), Chili/Hot Dog Supper (5pm). Limited Meal Tickets available at the door. The **Chili Cook-Off** will kick-off with taste testing / judging from 4-5:30pm. You can purchase a \$10 armband at the cook-off. Proceeds will go toward various projects at the School and the ECC. **We look forward to seeing you all there!**
- † **Altar Cross** – When the Wends came over in 1854 they brought with them the Processional Cross with a matching Altar Cross and Altar candle sticks. These were replaced in August of 1949 with the brass candelabra and Altar Cross. In 1950 the Altar cross and candle sticks were loaned to Trinity Lutheran Church, a mission start in Temple Texas. These were returned to St. Paul in the early 1980’s when they purchased their own. When the Wendish Museum was created these items were placed on loan for all to enjoy. The Corpus (body of Christ) on the brass cross was showing some wear with the passage of years. In 2012 the cross was shipped to Concordia University Nebraska’s Ecclesiastical arts department for repair. These repairs took place during the season of Lent and the Altar Cross was repaired and returned in time for the Easter services. Since that time during the season of Lent the Original Altar cross has been placed on the altar from Ash Wednesday through Good Friday. The beginnings of this change were out of necessity but have grown into a tradition.
- † **We are in need** of someone to take care of mowing the church property and the cemetery. If you are interested, please contact the Church Office at 979-366-9650
- † **The Holy Cross Youth Group** annual pork steak fundraiser will be held Sunday, March 10<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. This meal is presale only by Thursday, Feb. 29<sup>th</sup>. Tickets are \$15 each and may be purchased at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Chevron in LaGrange, First National Bank of Giddings, or from any Holy Cross youth group member. There will also be a bake sale with homemade items for a freewill donation.

**LUTHERAN HOUR:** Next Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, **“All Bets Are Off”**. Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Jesus engages his opponents in a battle of wits and wins—for us. (Mark 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 3 – Lent III**

The Lord God closely associates life and family. He holds human life as highest priority and will not accept any other creatures as replacement (John 2:15-16). Body and sexuality serve to enrich life – our own as well as one another’s – and not to eliminate it.

**THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK**

Today **Worship Service w/Communion – 8:30 a.m.**  
 School Open House – 9:30 a.m.  
 PTLS Chile Supper & Auction

Mon. – Fri. Lutheran Schools Week

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

Tuesday Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.  
 Board of Christian Education Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday Staff Bible Study – 7:30 a.m.  
 School Chapel – 8:30 a.m.  
 LWML Quilting – 9:00 a.m.  
 Youth Confirmation – 6:00 p.m.  
**Lenten Worship Service – 7:00 p.m.**  
 Greeter: Dorothy Schautschick  
 Acolytes: Nathan Schautschick and Kylie Schmidt  
 Adult Choir – 7:45 p.m.

Thursday Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.

Friday Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.

Next Sunday **Daylight Savings Begins – 2:00 a.m.**  
**Worship Service – 8:30 a.m.**  
 Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.  
 Acolytes: Kelton Schulze and Hudson Short  
 Greeter: Lisa Schmidt  
 LYF Lock-in – 5:00 p.m.

**Birthdays: Today** – Janet Oltmann, Kaleb Oltmann, Timothy Weise; 5<sup>th</sup> – Jessica Corn, Jan Wiederhold; 6<sup>th</sup> – Troy Rumuly; 7<sup>th</sup> – Stacy Kessler, Bradly Schautschick, Clinton Teinert; 8<sup>th</sup> – Collyns Schatte; 9<sup>th</sup> – Whitlee Smolik.  
 God’s Blessings to you.

**ST. PAUL NOTES:**

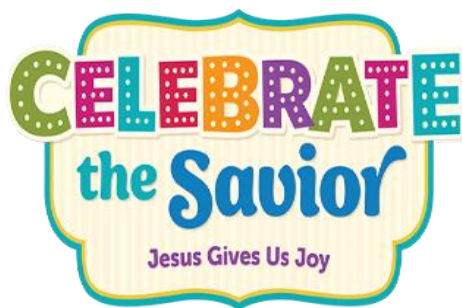
**Attendance Last Week:** Midweek Lent (3/21/2024)- 113, Morning Worship- 242, Bible Class- 23; Sunday School- 28,  
 Banner Classes: Nursery III, Offering- \$30.00.

**Offering Last Week:** \$11,565.85

<b>Home:</b>		<b>Mission:</b>	
General	\$8,312.00	Mission	\$497.00
Sunday School	\$30.00	Concordia St. Louis	\$458.00
ECC Operating	\$1,710.85	Concordia Ft. Wayne	\$458.00
<b>Received 3/25/2024</b>	<b>\$10,052.85</b>	<b>Mission Total</b>	<b>\$1,413.00</b>
		<b>Savings/Other:</b>	
<b>Est. needed per week</b>	<b>\$29,635.00</b>	Building Fund	\$100.00
<b>Received MTD</b>	<b>\$98,011.48</b>	<b>Savings/Other Total</b>	<b>\$100.00</b>
<b>Est. needed per month</b>	<b>\$128,417.00</b>		
		Total	\$11,565.85

**MEMORIALS: General:** In memory of Dane Luedke’s birthday by Calvin & Ina Mitschke - \$500.00. **Building:** In memory of Louis Doebller by Vernon & Marian Bryant - \$100.00.

**Serving today:** Elders– David Fritsche and Gary Oltmann  
**Organist-** Susan Michael  
**Acolytes-** Jozlyn Perry and Elizabeth Richardson  
**Head Ushers-** Donald Becker  
**Captain-** Craig Oltmann **Assistant-** Payton Oltmann  
**Ushers-** Bradley Albrecht, Thomas Birnbaum, Seth Kalbas,  
Chase Oltmann, Gary Oltmann, Grant Oltmann,  
David Michael, Nathan Michael, Austin Schmidt  
**Counting and Posting offering this week:**  
**Chairman-** Glen Albrecht  
Dan Marak, Brooks Kasper, Pablo Rodriguez  
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**REGISTER NOW for VBS June 10th -14th!** We're having a party- a party to celebrate the Savior- and you're invited! Of all the blessings God gives us, His Son, Jesus is the biggest reason to celebrate! **Register before APRIL 1st to receive a FREE VBS t-shirt!** You will be able to pick up your VBS shirt on the first day of VBS.

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



### **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 8, 2024** 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!! Tickets are \$20 each. Drawing will be next week, March 4-8, during National Lutheran Schools Week. Items include:

- \$1700 Travel Voucher with World Travel
- Custom AR Rifle made by Jigsaw Weaponry (up to \$750)
- Kalahari Resort - 1 night stay in 2bed/2bath suite with 5 waterpark passes
- Valentine's Do Over Package (\$450+)
- Relax and Chill Package (\$700+)
- Staycation Package (\$400+)
- Handcrafted Cedar Lineman Truck, 2024 Silver Coin and Set of Wooden Porch Rocking Chairs
- Handcrafted Cedar Train, 2023 Silver Coin, and Lone Star Back Roads Framed Photo
- Casserole of the Month for a year
- Dessert of the Month for a year

To see details about each package, please view our Facebook page. Limited amount of tickets 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 2024. Applications are available from Mrs. Kueck or from Cyndy Zoch ([cyndy.zoch@gmail.com](mailto:cyndy.zoch@gmail.com)) and are due May 1, 2024.

### **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 2023 is **March 31, 2024**.

