

St. Paul Lutheran Church

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The Second Sunday in Lent

5 March 2023

Welcome! *The Word of the Gospel Opens the Eyes of Faith and Fixes Them on Christ Jesus.* The Lord called Abram (Abraham) to leave his home and go to a land that God would show him. He also promised to make of Abram “a great nation,” to bless him and make his name great as a blessing to “all the families of the earth” (Gen. 12:2–3). “Abram went, as the LORD had told him” (Gen. 12:4), and in Canaan “he built an altar to the LORD and called upon the name of the LORD” (Gen. 12:8). He “believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness” (Rom. 4:3). Here the grace of God is manifested, that He “justifies the ungodly” (Rom. 4:5), not by works of the Law, but through faith in His promises. He removes all of our sins and lawless deeds through Jesus Christ, the offspring of Abraham in whom all the Lord’s promises are realized. This forgiveness of sins is the Word of the Gospel, the voice of the Holy Spirit, which “gives life to the dead” (Rom. 4:17). It opens the eyes of faith to behold Christ Jesus, the Son of Man lifted up on the cross, “that whoever believes in him may have eternal life” (John 3:14–15). We invite you all to worship with us again.

In Our Prayers:

Those recovering from surgeries and illness:

Gail Albrecht-recovering

Gladys Arldt

Chris Birnbaum-surgery

Cynthia Boriack-recovering (mother of Antoinette Richardson)

Hudson Corn-hospitalized

Roselie Johnson-recovering (mother of Carie Oltmann)

Evelyn Kaiser-hospitalized

Judy Kalbas-at home

Chris Miertschin

Shannon Miertschin

Keeley Schautschick-recovering

Andrew Short-recovering

Greg Sorrento-recovering (nephew of Doris Fritsche)

Bart Steffens-recovering (brother-in-law of Lisa Schmidt and Pam Krause)

Cindy Umphries-recovering (friend of James & Kathy Kalbas)

Our members in nursing homes and our shut-ins.

Those fighting cancer including:

Alice Albrecht (sister-in-law of Milton Albrecht and Willard Albrecht)

Lillian Bamsch (sister-in-law of Charlyn & Marvin Matthijetz)

Teresita Brodrick (aunt of David Wittman)

Vernon Bryant (friend of Arthur & Dianna Noack)

Russell Cleghorn (friend of James & Kathy Kalbas)

Ginger Clifford (sister of Nancy Kasper)

Franklin Hoffman (father of Maxine Bradshaw)

Brenda Karisch (friend of Bonnie Wenke family)

Steven Kelly (cousin of Jessica Gruetzner, brother-in-law of Christi Bradford)

Theresa Krause

Bethany Lara (daughter of Kathy Gersch)

Heather Lilly (granddaughter of Irene Noack)

Ruby Maass (Mother of Linda Schonhoeft)

Gladys Mathena (sister of Frances Miertschin and Marilyn Miertschin)

Rhonda Mitschke (friend of Christi Fritsche)

Cherie Todee-sister of Carrie Oltmann

Carol Sander

Diane Sanders (friend of James & Kathy Kalbas)

Arthur Urban

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 Bliss, El Paso

Kosh Ozmun (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

Dylan Robbins (cousin of Michelle Birnbaum) Newport, Rhode Island

Randall Weise (grandson of Bernice Doebbler) Ft.

Huachuca, Arizona

Peyton Walker (son of Heather Mersiovsky) Ft. Benning, Georgia

Rain

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: 918, 708, 781 v. 1&2, 555, 571, 718, 877
Sermon Text: Matthew 28:18-20
The Sermon: **“The Great Assignment”**
Pre-K – K: ♪ *“He’s Got The Whole World in His Hands”*
K-8th Grade Anthem: ♪ *“Once A Long, Long Time Ago”*

- † **The Altar flowers** are placed to the glory of God in honor of Curtis & Carrie Oltmann’s wedding anniversary and Kaleb and Janet Oltmann’s birthday by Curtis Oltmann family.
- † **Altar Stand flowers** are placed to the glory of God in honor of Ronnie & Linda Oltmann’s 50th wedding anniversary by Ronnie & Linda Oltmann.
- † **2022 Annual.** The 2022 Annual is available from the ushers this morning and in the church office.
- † **The Voyager View.** The March Voyager View monthly newsletter is available from the ushers this morning and in the church office.
- † **Trustees Meeting.** The Trustees will meet tomorrow March 6th at 7:00 p.m. All trustees may pick up their packets in the church office today to review prior to the meeting.
- † **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 outdoor toys for the ECC. **We look forward to seeing you all there!**
- † **WENDISH FISH FRY:** The Texas Wendish Heritage Society will be hosting a drive through Fish Fry lunch on Sunday, March 19 at Serbin Picnic Grounds from 10:00 am to 12:30 pm. The menu includes Fried Fish, Potato Salad, Brown Beans, Coleslaw and Hush Puppies. There will also be a country store with desserts, dry noodles, coffeecake, other desserts, etc. Tickets are \$15 and calling to reserve tickets is encouraged. To reserve tickets call 979-366-2441 or email museum@texaswendih.org. All proceeds benefit the Texas Wendish Heritage Society.
- † **Sunday School Helpers.** We are in need of 3 Sunday School Helpers. If you are interested, please contact Pastor or Mike Symm.
- † **Attention All Lutheran Ladies!** If you are interested in serving as a greeter for church services, please contact Melodi at 979-540-0039. No experience necessary and it’s a great way to represent St. Paul to our visitors.
- † **Thank you** to the following people who came out on Saturday, February 25th to cut wood for the picnic: Chris Becker, Carson Becker, Mason Becker, Curtis Oltmann, Kaleb Oltmann, Kyle Kasper, Kaden Kasper, Nick Hinze, Cooper Hinze, Stephen Kasper, Jason Kessler, Shelby Barnett, Nathan Barnett, George Hernandez, Delvin Boriack, Keith Oltmann, Gary Oltmann, John Hinze, Glen Albrecht, Shorty Schimank, Russell Kappler.

LUTHERAN HOUR: Next Sunday, March 12th, **“Thirsting for Life”**. Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. John Nunes. Jesus gives living water to those who are spiritually dehydrated. (John 4). 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.

Birthdays: Today – Jessica Corn, Jan Wiederhold; 6th – Troy Menzel, Troy Rumuly; 7th – Stacy Kessler, Bradley Schautschick, Clayton Teinert; 8th – Collyns Schatte; 9th – Whitlee Smolik; 10th – Kylie Schmidt, Timothy Symm. God’s Blessings to you.

Life Thoughts in the Church Year:

March 5 – Lent II

Father Abraham was justified (Romans 4:2-3); that is, he had a reason for coming into being and continuing to live. Abraham was not justified by works, that is; this reason arose from elsewhere than his own origin, appearance, or ability. Abraham was justified by grace; that is, God’s creating, redeeming, and calling defined his identity. The gospel proclaims the sanctity of life to all Abraham’s offspring (Romans 4:16)!

Serving today: Elders– Douglas Hartfield and Michael Krause
Organist- Susan Michael
Acolytes- Jozlyn Perry and Cooper Hinze
Head Ushers- Donald Becker
Captain- Michael Becker **Assistant-** Shelby Becker
Ushers- Glen Albrecht, Wyatt Arldt, Virgil Becker,
 Jace Heuermann, Clay Mertink, Cody Mertink,
 Cole Mertink, Rusty Mertink, Robert Zoch
Counting and Posting offering this week:
Chairman- Rex Perry
 Chase Oltmann, Virgil Becker, Tim Symm

THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

Today **Worship Service w/Communion – 8:30 a.m.**
 Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.
 PTLs Chili Supper & Auction

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

Monday Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.
 Board of Trustee’s – 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.
 Youth Confirmation – 6:00 p.m.
Lenten Worship Service – 7:00 p.m.
 Acolytes: Gabriel Bailey and Tyler Fritsche
 Greeter: Tammy Hartfield
 LWML Meeting - 7:45 p.m.
 Adult Choir – 7:45 p.m.

Thurs. & Fri. ECC Closed-Conference

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: Lydia Goodson and Owen Wittman
 Greeter: Irene Hempel
 LYF Meeting & Social – 2:00 p.m.

ST. PAUL NOTES:

Attendance Last Week: Morning Worship- 221, Bible Class- 20;
 Sunday School- 26, Banner Classes: Nursery I, Nursery II, Grade 3, Offering- \$17.50.

Offering Last Week: \$12,593.10

Home:		Mission:	
General	\$8,318.35	Mission	\$817.00
Sunday School	\$17.50	Ash Wednesday	\$2,209.00
ECC Operating	\$1,231.25	Mission Total	\$3,026.00
Received 2/26/2023	\$9,567.10	Savings/Other:	
		Savings/Other Total	
Est. needed per week	\$27,230.00		
Received MTD	\$83,312.01	Total	\$12,593.10
Est. needed per month	\$118,000.00		

MEMORIALS: General: In memory of Don Claxton by M/M Gilbert Krause - \$25.00. **Mission:** In memory of Dianna Hannes by Wilbert & Carol Jean Noack - \$20.00. In memory of Bob Mutschink by Wilbert & Carol Jean Noack - \$20.00. **Texas Wendish Historical Society:** In memory of Don Claxton by Milton & Geraldine Albrecht - \$50.00. In memory of Leroy Grimm by Milton & Geraldine Albrecht - \$25.00.

† **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.

† **Save the Date- VBS JUNE 12-16th!** During Rainforest Explorers VBS, we will learn how Jesus is our ultimate guide in our lives! **Volunteer for VBS-** Please contact Krista Rodriguez at 979-716-0143 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 the 2023-2024 school year is underway. Three 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 24, 2023** 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.

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 6-10, during National Lutheran Schools Week. Items include:

- 3 Nights at Port Aransas Beach Condo for 8 people
- \$750 Visa Gift Card
- \$750 Visa Gift Card
- Stoeger STR-9C 9mm
- Private Catered Meal for 12
- K2 Cooler, Ribeye Roll, and \$100 Visa Gift Card
- Handcrafted Wooden Train & Metal "JOY" Sign
- Antique Side Table, Oversized Custom Charcuterie Board, and Tree Change Doll
- Casserole of the Month for a year
- Dessert of the Month for a year

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!!

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Thrivent Choice Dollars

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