

St. Paul Lutheran Church

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The First Sunday in Lent

6 March 2022

Welcome! *Jesus Christ Is Our Champion Against the Devil.* Jesus Christ, our champion against the devil, endures and overcomes “every temptation” (Luke 4:13) on our behalf. He worships the Lord, His God, and serves Him only by trusting the Word of His Father: “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased” (Luke 3:22). Jesus’ victory is now ours through His gracious Word, which is not far away but near us — in our mouth and in our heart, in the proclamation of repentance and faith. For “with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved” (Rom. 10:10). Our confession of Christ includes the prayer of faith, which is not disappointed, “for ‘everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved’” (Rom. 10:13). The Lord is not oblivious to “our affliction, our toil, and our oppression” (Deut. 26:7), but has mercy upon us. He has brought us out of bondage through the “signs and wonders” of Holy Baptism, “with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm” (Deut. 26:8), and now He leads us by His Spirit even in the wilderness. We invite you all to worship with us again.

In Our Prayers:

Those recovering from surgeries and illness:

Dylan Arldt-recovering
Donald Becker-recovering
Dora Durrenberger-recovering
Pat Hughes-recovering (friend of James and Kathy Kalbas)
Hildegard Krause
Mary Loewe (mother of Christi Bradford)
Chris Miertschin
Shannon Miertschin
Calvin Robertson
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)
Wesley Yurk-recovering

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)
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 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 Irwin, CA
Kosh Osmun (son of Stephanie Miertschin), Ft. Hood, TX
Coy Hunt (son of Shannon & Christine Hunt) Ft. Drum, New York

Those who mourn:

The family of Adelia Becker

Those who rejoice:

Brent and Chelsea as they begin their married life together
Pablo and Krista Rodriguez on the birth of their daughter

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: 908, 656, 571, 618, 622, 718

Sermon Text: Romans 10:8-13

The Sermon: **“Confessions of the Heart”**

1st-8th Grade Anthems: *“In All Things Jesus Christ Is Found”*
“Jesus Christ Is Our True Savior”

- † **Altar flowers.** The altar flowers are placed to the glory of God in honor of the birthdays of Kassi Oltmann, Kaleb Oltmann and Janet Oltmann and Curtis & Carie Oltmann’s anniversary by the Curtis Oltmann family.
- † **The Altar Stand, Side Stand and Window flowers** are from the Adelia Becker funeral.
- † **We express our sympathy** to the family of Adelia Becker. She fell asleep in Jesus on Sunday, February 27, 2022. Funeral services for Mrs. Becker were held here at St. Paul Lutheran Church on Friday, March 4, 2022. May the Lord comfort the family with His word of promise.
- † **Congratulations** to Pablo and Krista Rodriguez on the birth of a daughter, Isabella Lynn Rodriguez. She was born March 2, 2022 in Austin, TX. She weighed 7 lbs. 11 ounces and was 20 inches long. May God bless this growing family.
- † **2021 Annual.** The 2021 Annual is available in the church office.
- † **Lenten Devotional Booklets** are available in the church office.
- † **Altar Cross.** When the Wends came over in 1854 they brought with them the Processional Cross with a matching 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 service. 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.
- † **Liturgical Colors.** Purple – the royal color, the most costly with primitive dyes. For Lent—and as an alternate color for Advent. It symbolizes penitence and self-discipline and therefore also fits a Day of Supplication and Prayer.
- † **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).
- † **PTLS Chili Supper & Live Auction:** ****TODAY**** at the Serbin Picnic Grounds! Silent Auction (4pm), Live Auction (5:30pm), Chili/Hot Dog Supper (5-7pm) eat here and to-go available. Limited Meal Tickets available at the door. The **1st Annual Chili Cook-Off** will kick-off with taste testing / judging from 4-5:30pm. You can purchase a \$5 armband at the cook-off. Proceeds will go toward the Sports Program and other projects in the School and ECC. **Come out for some Food, Fun, and Fellowship while supporting our PTLS!**
- † **Lincoln Youth Supporters** Annual Hamburger Steak Dinner. Lincoln Community Hall. Sunday, March 13, 2022. Tickets \$12.00. Serving from 10:30 am - ???. Drive thru available for to go plates. Proceeds will go towards the purchase of projects at the Lee County Jr. Livestock Show.
- † **The Texas Wendish Heritage Society** will have a Fish Fry Fundraiser on March 20 from 10:00 am to 12:30 pm at Serbin Picnic Grounds. It will be a Drive-Thru meal of Fried Fish, Potato Salad, Brown Beans, Cole Slaw and Hush Puppies. The price is \$12.00. Tickets are available in the church office. For Presale tickets or Reservations call 979-366-2441 or email wendish@bluebon.net.
- † **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.

LUTHERAN HOUR: Next Sunday, March 13th, **No Room for Demons**". Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Why did God allow evil? The bible doesn't answer that question. The questions it does answer is, "In spite of evil, what will God do?" (Luke 11:14-28). 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.

THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

Today **English Communion Worship Service – 8:30 a.m.**
School Open House
PTLS Chili Super & Auction

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

Tuesday Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.
School Chapel – 8:30 a.m.
Circuit Meeting @ St. Paul, Serbin – 9:00 a.m.
PTLS Meeting – 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday Staff Bible Study – 7:30 a.m.
Lenten Worship Service – 7:00 p.m.
Acolytes: Kaden Kasper and Brooke Lehmann
LWML Meeting – 7:45 p.m.
Adult Choir – 7:45 p.m.

Thursday Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.
LSW Family Hamburger Luncheon – 11:00 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: Evelyn Williams and Kenedy Schatte

Birthdays: Today – Troy Menzel, Troy Rumuly; 7th – Bradly Schautschick; 8th – Collyns Schatte; 9th – Whitlee Smolik, Megan Watkins; 10th – Kylie Schmidt, Timothy Symm; 12th – Johnny Bradshaw, Joshua Droegemueller, John Faske. God's Blessings to you.

Serving today: **Elders**– Monroe Schatte, Jr. and Dwayne Schulze
Organist- Susan Michael
Acolytes- Ayla Droegemuller and Trey Fritsche
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- Rex Perry
Tim Symm, Chase Oltmann, Virgil Becker

Life Through the Church Year:

March 6 – Lent I

The fruits of the ground belong to the Lord (Deuteronomy 26:10); how much more the fruit of the womb! Children aren't ours to do with as we wish. We must treat them even before birth as the Father Almighty wills. He holds every human life precious enough (Romans 10:12) to meet the needs of all our bodies (Psalm 91:5-6, 12). It's an invitation for us to do the same.

ST. PAUL NOTES:

Attendance Last Week: Morning Worship- 224, Bible Class- 18; Sunday School- 39, Offering- \$25.00.

Offering Last Week: \$9,569.50

| Home: | | Mission: | |
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| General | \$7,164.00 | Mission | \$528.00 |
| Sunday School | \$25.00 | Lutheran Hour | \$70.00 |
| ECC Operating | \$1,232.50 | Mission Total | \$598.00 |
| Received 2/27/2022 | \$8,421.50 | Savings/Other: | |
| | | School Fund | \$525.00 |
| | | Building Fund | \$25.00 |
| Est. needed per week | \$22,500.00 | Savings/Other Total | \$550.00 |
| Received MTD | \$83,379.96 | | |
| Est. needed per month | \$97,500.00 | | |
| | | Total | \$9,569.50 |

MEMORIALS: General: In memory of Kenneth Wiederhold by Shelly Pietsch - \$25.00; by Glenn & Judy Zwerneman - \$40.00; by Milton & Geraldine Albrecht - \$25.00; by Sharon Thomas - \$50.00; by Gary & Cindy Becker & family - \$25.00; by Cathy Mueller - \$15.00; by Diane Boehnemann - \$50.00; by Dwane Wiederhold - \$40.00; by Troy & Chelsea Wiederhold - \$100.00; by James Ortiz - \$50.00; by Rex & Heather Perry - \$100.00; by Marvin & Charlyn Matthijetz - \$40.00. In memory of Adele Schulze and Kenneth Wiederhold by Alfred & Nancy Schulze - \$100.00. In memory of Gary Flake by Philip Tharp family - \$25.00. In memory of Rita Owens by Philip Tharp family - \$25.00. In memory of William Johnson by Rex & Heather Perry - \$250.00. In memory of William Jurk by Milton & Geraldine Albrecht - \$25.00. **Lutheran Hour:** In memory of Adele Schulze by Irene Noack - \$20.00. In memory of James Arndt and Brian Jentho by Ken & Ruby Weiser - \$50.00. **Mission:** In memory of Kenneth Wiederhold by Marvin Lorenz - \$25.00. **ECC Operating:** In memory of Kenneth Wiederhold by Philip Tharp family - \$25.00. **School Fund:** In memory of Kenneth Wiederhold by David & Susan Michael - \$25.00. In memory of Melissa Dawn Lehmann by Kenneth Faske and Terran Lehmann & families - \$500.00. **Building:** In memory of Kenneth Wiederhold by M/M Gilbert Krause - \$25.00. **Faith Lutheran High School:** In memory of Kenneth Wiederhold by Lois & John Kalbas - \$35.00.



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

The first applications for the incoming freshman class have been received and we are looking to add more students to our family. Any new student who registers for FLHS by **March 11, 2021** will have registration fees waived for the 2022-2023 school year. 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.

Shadow Days

Shadow days are a great opportunity for prospective students to follow us for a day and experience what FLHS is all about. Parents, call us today at (979) 242-2889 to set up a shadow day for your child.

Spring Raffle

TODAY is the last day to get raffle tickets. They are \$20 each. Drawing will be next week during National Lutheran Schools Week. Items include:

- Flounder Giggling Trip for 4 on Texas Coast
- 3 Nights at Port Aransas Beach Condo for 8 people
- Picnic Table, Ice Chest, Ribeye, Spices and \$100 HEB gift card
- Ruger LPC II.380
- One Week Summer Camp Session at Camp Lone Star and \$250 Visa Card
- Custom Cedar Carousel and \$100 Visa Card
- Handmade Quilt (Queen) and \$100 Visa Card
- Dessert a Month for a Year
- Casserole a Month for a Year

Limited amount of tickets available and they are going FAST, so 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!!

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.

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**.