

St. Paul Lutheran Church

Serbin, Texas



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Palm Sunday

10 April 2022

Welcome! *The Cross and Passion of Our Lord Are the Hour of His Glory.*

The King of Israel comes into His royal glory by the path of humble obedience "to the point of death, even death on a cross" (Phil. 2:8). He "goes as it has been determined" (Luke 22:22), according to the Scriptures, willingly submitting to His Father's plan for the salvation of sinners. "Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name" (Phil. 2:9). His suffering and death open the way of repentance for the forgiveness of sins because He goes to the cross bearing the sins of the world. In His resurrection, God the Father vindicates His people and has compassion on His servants (Deut. 32:36). He kills to make alive; He wounds in order to heal. In remembrance of Him, we praise God, confessing "that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father" (Phil. 2:11).

We invite you all to worship with us again.

In Our Prayers:

Those recovering from surgeries and illness:

Dora Durrenberger-recovering

Pat Hughes-recovering (friend of James and

Kathy Kalbas)

Hildegard Krause

Wallace Lehmann-recovering (father of Ricky Lehmann)

Mary Loewe (mother of Christi Bradford)

Chris Miertschin

Shannon Miertschin

Calvin Robertson

Katie Schmidt-recovering (mother of Pastor Schmidt)

Greg Sorrento-recovering (nephew of Doris Fritsche)

Linda Tate

Cindy Umphries-recovering (friend of James & Kathy

Kalbas)

Kenneth Weiser-recovering

Laverne Weiser-recovering

Conway Whited-recovering (nephew of Ashley Schmidt)

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)

Crystal Garza (cousin of Dorothy Schautschick)

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)

Barbara Symm

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 Irwin, CA

Kosh Osmun (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

Those who rejoice:

Troy and Leah Menzel on the birth of a 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: 837, 442, 781 v. 1&2, 441, 443
Sermon Text: John 12:26
The Sermon: **“Follow Me”**

- † **The Altar flowers** are placed to the glory of God in honor of the Confirmands by their parents.
- † **Congratulations** to Troy and Leah Menzel on the birth of a daughter, Ellie Marie Menzel. She was born Wednesday, April 6, 2022, in College Station, TX. She weighed 7 lbs. 8 ounces and was 19 ½ inches long. May God bless this growing family.
- † **February and March Financial Statements** are available in the church office.
- † **Voters Meeting.** The April Voters Meeting will be held this evening at 7:00 p.m. The agenda is included in the bulletin this morning. All voting members are encouraged to attend
- † **The Church Office** will be closed on Good Friday, March 15, 2022.
- † **The Lord’s Supper** will be celebrated on Maundy Thursday, March 14th at 7:00 p.m., and again at the morning service on Good Friday, March 31st at 9:00 a.m.
- † **Easter Lilies.** The LWML has stated that Easter Lily sales are over. If you would like to purchase your lily somewhere else, and you want to put it in the sanctuary, please bring it to the church by 10:00 a.m. on Saturday April 16, 2022. Please remember to put your name on your Lily.
- † **Easter Egg Hunt.** There will be an Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday at 8:30 a.m. on the front lawn of the school for Nursery I through Kindergarten.
- † **Easter Breakfast:** Plan to come and make a full morning of the Easter celebration. The LAF group will be sponsoring our Easter breakfast. Serving will begin at the conclusion of the Sunrise service approximately 7:30 a.m. A free will donation will be received
- † **DVD’s** are available for Palm Sunday. If you would like a DVD please contact the church office at 979-366-9650. Cost of a DVD is \$10.
- † **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 Robert Muniz at 979-716-8187, or the church office by April 18th. The Picnic Committee will meet on Thursday, April 21st to finalize the Picnic worklist.
- † **Serbin Alumni Basketball Game 2022.** Mark your calendar for May 28, 2022. Watch the Sunday bulletin for further information.
- † **Scrip Program.** Gift Cards make wonderful gifts for Confirmation and Easter. You can do it all with a Scrip Card. Order them through the Church’s Scrip Program. Orders can be placed through the Church Office or you can go online and order your cards. We also have some Walmart and HEB cards on hand in the Church Office.
- † **Benefit** for Annie Beasley and family. Sunday, May 1st. 10:30 AM – 12:30 PM to go only. BBQ on a Bun - \$10. Meal includes BBQ on a Bun, chips and a drink. Free will bake sale and raffle tickets available. Lincoln Community Center. Pre-sale meal tickets & raffle tickets sold at Round Top State Bank – Ashley’s Attic – Sylvan’s Automotive – Walch Store, or call Rebecca Burgdorf at 979-540-6105.
- † **Church Music Beautification Conference** - Hello Circuit 22 & 23 friends, We are kicking off what we'd like to see become an annual gathering for servants in Texas District Circuits 22 & 23. Further beautifying the worship life of our congregations in small ways will serve as our continual conference goal. This inaugural conference will feature: worship, fellowship, the introduction of a new hymn, plenary sessions for organists, musicians, and pastors together. Please consider joining us for the Small Scale **Church Music Beautification Conference** of Circuit 22 & 23, Texas District, LCMS from 8am-noon on Saturday, April 30, 2022, Mt. Calvary, La Grange. Coffee and snacks will be provided, please RSVP to the the MCLC office by Tuesday, April 19, 2022, (979) 968-3938 or secretary@mtcalvary-lcms.org ---Rev. Jason M. Kaspar, Mrs. Ruth Meyer, Rev. Bernie Schey.

LUTHERAN HOUR: Next Sunday, April 17th, **“Can I Get a Witness?”** Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. How did Christianity become the dominant faith of Western civilization? It’s partly arithmetic, but mostly, it isn’t. (Luke 24:48). 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.

Life Through the Church Year:

April 10 – Palm Sunday/Passion of Our Lord

Philippians 2 outlines how the humble love of our Lord Jesus involved Him in human nature and our life from embryo until His own flesh failed in crucifixion. Not only does this sanctify every member of our race whatever their circumstances, but it also rests the right and responsibilities for deciding the manners of our lives and the timing of our deaths in His hands (Deuteronomy 32:39). Both now come as gifts for our good!

THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

Today	Palm Sunday Worship Service w/Rite of Confirmation – 9:00 a.m. Voter's Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
Monday	Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.
Tuesday	Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.
Wednesday	Staff Bible Study – 7:30 a.m. Adult Choir – 7:00 p.m.
Thursday	Maundy Thursday Chapel Service – 8:30 a.m. Early Dismissal – 11:45 a.m. School Easter Egg Hunt ECC Easter Picnic Lunch w/Egg Hunt Maundy Thursday Worship Service w/Communion – 7:00 p.m. Acolytes: Brook Lehmann and Grant Oltmann
Friday	No School ECC Closed Good Friday Worship Service w/Communion – 9:00 a.m. Acolytes: Brandon Burgdorf and Benjamin Schonhoeft Good Friday Service of Darkness – 7:00 p.m. Acolytes: Emma Short and Maison Schautschick
Next Sunday	Easter Sunrise Worship Service – 6:30 a.m. Acolytes: Kamrie Stewart and Evelyn Williams Easter Breakfast – 7:30 a.m. Sunday School – 8:15 a.m. Easter Festival Worship Service – 9:00 a.m. Acolytes: Jay Woelfel and Lydia Schautschick

Birthdays: Today – Theresa Krause; 12th – David Gersch. God's Blessings to you.

Serving today: **Elders**– Tim Hartfield and Keith Oltmann
Organist- Jack Wiederhold
Acolytes- Kenedy Schatte and Kaden Kasper
Crucifer: Gillian Smith
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, Ethan Ray, Shane Ray,
Shane Sander, Robert Zoch
Counting and Posting offering this week:
Chairman- Glen Albrecht
Nathan Michael, Carson Becker, Ty Kasper

ST. PAUL NOTES:

Attendance Last Week: Midweek Lent (3/30/2022)- 110, Morning Worship- 329, Communion- 198, Sunday School- 42, Banner Classes: Nursery I, Grade 1, Grade 5. Offering- \$28.00.

Offering Last Week: \$30,571.50

Home:		Mission:	
General	\$11,877.00	Mission	\$339.00
Use of Facility	\$150.00	Lent Offering (3/30/2022)	\$1,230.00
Sunday School	\$28.00	Mission Total	\$1,569.00
Lunch Room	\$1,407.80	Savings/Other:	
ECC Operating	\$7,269.50	School Fund	\$100.00
School Registration	\$1,300.00	Savings/Other Total	\$100.00
Tuition	\$6,870.20		
Received 4/3/2022	\$28,902.50	Total	\$30,571.50
Est. needed per week	\$22,500.00		
Received MTD	\$28,902.50		
Est. needed per month	\$97,500.00		

MEMORIALS: General: In memory of Kenneth Wiederhold by Kyle, Laurie and Kaden Kasper - \$50.00. In memory of Eleen Schulze by Daniel & Ruby Schulze - \$20.00. **School Fund:** In memory of Adelia Becker by Mike & Patricia Sommerfield - \$100.00. **Faith Lutheran High School:** In memory of Adelia Becker by Curtis & Lyndy Krause - \$50.00.



FLHS Annual Good Friday Bake Sale

Faith Lutheran High School will be hosting its Annual Good Friday Bake Sale on April 15th at the Classic Bank parking lot in Giddings! Cookies, pies, cakes, kolaches, cinnamon rolls, homemade noodles, homemade bread, and more will be available from 8 AM till noon, or until we sell out.

***BAKERS ARE NEEDED!** We need your help to make this event a success! Donations of any type of baked goods or homemade treats are welcome!

***DROP OFF LOCATIONS!** You may drop off donations on Wednesday and Thursday, April 13th and 14th, at Faith Lutheran High School, at Medack and Oltmann in Giddings, at Schiavone and Bamsch in La Grange, or you can contact us at (979) 242-2889 to make other arrangements. Thanks for your continued support of Faith Lutheran High School!

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 Ms. Katie Otto, DCE at Immanuel, beginning at 10:30 am.

New Student Registration

Registration for the 2022-2023 school year is underway. We would love to welcome you into our Falcon family as well. Call us at (979) 242-2889 to schedule a shadow day or visit our website at www.flhstx.org for registration information.

Youth Camps

Summer camps are back! We are excited to offer a variety of camps for youth this summer. Ages are for grades NEXT school year.

June 1 - Frog Dissection - Grade 6 to 8 - \$15

June 6-8 - Volleyball - Grade 3 to 8 - \$15

June 13-15 - Basketball - Grades K to 8 - \$15

June 20-22 - STEM Camp - Grades K to 6 - \$ 30

June 27-29 - Art Camp - Grades K to 6 - \$30

Aug 1-2 - Archery - Grade 4 to 8 - \$15

Please visit our website or Facebook page for more information! Don't wait --- Sign up today!! Space is limited!

The Voyager Voice

St. Paul Lutheran School

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✠ Check us out on the Internet at www.stpaulserbinschool.org ✠

for the weeks of April 8-15, 2022

2021-22 School Year Theme – “Follow Me” – John 12:26

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Apr. 14...Maundy Thursday Chapel Service – 8:30 AM
School Easter Egg Hunt – 11:00 AM
Early Dismissal – 11:45 AM
Distribution of 5th Six-Week Report Cards
- Apr. 15...Good Friday – NO SCHOOL
- Apr. 18...Easter Monday – NO SCHOOL
- Apr. 22...Thorndale (3-8) Field Day
- Apr. 27...Administrative Professionals (Secretary's) Day
- Apr. 28...Pastor & Principal Appreciation Day
- Apr. 29...Support Staff (Cooks, Librarian & Custodians) Appreciation Day
- Apr. 30...Deadline for 5K/KidsK Run Early Registration
- May 1...PTLS Meeting – 10:15 AM
2022-23 Re-Enrollment Fee Payment Due (\$325/family)



The Voyager Voice

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Our Mission

“To Educate Children for Life to
Witness the Word to the World.”

From the Principal's Desk. . .

Donations for Thursday's **EASTER EGG HUNT** should be brought to the office on Monday, April 11th. Thanks for your donations!

Watch for your child's 5th Six-Week **REPORT CARDS** coming home on Thursday, April 14th.

Remember—**EARLY DISMISSAL @ 11:45 AM** on Thursday as we begin our Easter Break. **NO SCHOOL** on Good Friday, April 15th.

STAFF APPRECIATION DAYS are planned for April 27-28-29. Look for the information flyer coming home with the newsletter.

Have a safe & blessed Holy Week! ~ Jim House, Principal

NEWS, NOTES, and HAPPENINGS

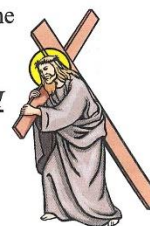
REPORT CARD DISTRIBUTION. . . Today marks the end of the 5th Six-Week grading period. The 5th Six-Week Report Cards will be coming home next Thursday, April 14th. Watch for them! If you have any questions or concerns regarding your child's progress, please contact your child's teacher to set up a conference.



EASTER EGG HUNT. . . Thank you to all the SPS families who brought donations of candy or cash for our annual St. Paul Lutheran Easter Egg Hunt planned for next Thursday, April 14th at 11:00 AM. We have plenty of candy, but could still use cash donations to purchase other prizes. All donations should be brought to the school office by Monday, April 11th. Thanks in advance for your donations and your help in making this year's Egg Hunt a memorable event!

HOLY WEEK & EASTER BREAK. . . Please take note of the special early dismissal and school closures taking place next week for Holy Week and Easter Break:

- **Maundy Thursday (4/14)** – school dismissed early at 11:45 AM following the Easter Egg Hunt.
 - **Good Friday (4/15)** – NO SCHOOL
 - **Easter Monday (4/18)** – NO SCHOOL
- Classes will resume on Tuesday, April 19th at 8:15 AM.



SPECIAL CHAPEL SERVICE. . .April 10-16 is Holy Week. As we focus and remember the suffering and death of our Lord Jesus, we will hold a special Maundy Thursday Chapel Service for the students and faculty *next Thursday, April 14th at 8:30 AM* at the church. Parents are invited to attend!



LUTHERAN FIELD DAY. . .In two weeks, the Gr. 3-8 students will participate in the *Thorndale Field Day* on *Friday, April 22nd* beginning at 9:00 AM. An *information letter* was distributed last Friday regarding the events in which your child will participate, times for the events, info re: concessions available for purchase, etc. We plan to use our two 14-passenger buses to transport students; but obviously, *we will need several parents to assist with transportation.*



To help our planning, please let us know of your transportation needs by *returning the bottom portion of the flyer by this Thursday, April 14th*. If you have any questions, contact Mr. House or your child's teachers. Plan to join us on April 22nd for the Thorndale Field Day fun!

STAFF APPRECIATION DAYS. . .Once again this spring, we have the opportunity to say "thank you" to members of our school staff who do so much to help our school and your child's positive educational experience at St. Paul Lutheran. The St. Paul PTLs is sponsoring Staff Appreciation Days as follows:



Secretary's Day – Wednesday, April 27th – Mrs. Mersiovsky
Pastor's Day – Thursday, April 28th – Pastor Schmidt
Principal's Day – Thursday, April 28th – Mr. House
Cooks' Day – Friday, April 29th – Mrs. Roeber & Mrs. Laris
Librarian & Custodian's Day – Friday, April 29th – Mrs. Kalbas
and our two City Wide janitors

A special *Staff Appreciation Days flyer* coming home next Thursday with more information and ideas of how you might say "Thank You" to these special people. Any questions, contact the PTLs officers.

CHAPEL OFFERING PROJECT. . .Our weekly chapel offerings for the final trimester will go to support the ministry of The Lutheran Confessional Church of Pakistan and Pastor Jay Dass, his wife Julie, and Pastor Soren Trifa. These servants work in Romania and Pakistan to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the Muslim population of those countries. To date, we've *collected \$197.05* for the project. Remember your chapel offerings every Wednesday in support of the LCCP.



FINANCIAL AID FORMS AVAILABLE. . .Funds are available through the St. Paul Lutheran Grant-in-Aid/Financial Assistance Program to help SPS families pay the 2022-23 Tuition Fee. If you're interested in applying for a tuition grant, please *complete the simple form available from the school office.* Keep in mind—a copy of your 2021 Income Tax Return Form 1040 and other applicable forms must accompany you financial aid application for your request to be considered. As always, it remains our desire that ***NO STUDENT OR FAMILY WOULD BE UNABLE TO ATTEND ST. PAUL-SERBIN DUE TO FINANCIAL CONCERNS.*** For more information concerning financial assistance, contact Mr. House.



5K/KID'S COLOR RUN. . .The 8th annual St. Paul-Serbin 5K/Kid's Color Run is quickly approaching on Saturday, May 28th. This annual event is sponsored by the PTLs and profits from the run will go to support the educational programs of St. Paul Lutheran. Walk or run, sign up for fun or competition. Prizes will be awarded by gender in 7 different age groups. Individuals can register by completing the information on the flyer attached to the newsletter email (available on website, too) and return to Karla Hinz at the address indicated or by clicking on the link below:



<https://personalbestevents.raceentry.com/serbin-voyagers-5k-kids-k/race-information>

Sign up to participated today!
 Questions?—contact Karla at kjsurman@hotmail.com.

NEW ENROLLMENTS.

Applications are available for new families who wish to enroll for the first time at St. Paul Lutheran School in the 2022-23 school year. Several new families have toured our school and expressed interest in enrollment. If you have a friend, relative, or neighbor who desires a quality, Christian education for their child, pass this word along and encourage them to enroll at SPS.

A BLESSED HOLY WEEK TO

ALL! . .Here's wishing everyone a safe, healthy, blessed Holy Week! Give me a call or stop by the office if I can help in any way!

Your partner in Christ,
 James L. House,
 Principal

