

St. Paul Lutheran Church

Serbin, Texas



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The Third Sunday of Easter

April 14, 2024

Welcome! *The Preaching of Repentance and Forgiveness of Sins Makes Us Pure.* The risen Lord Jesus taught His disciples “that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead” and “that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations” (Luke 24:46–47). Therefore, St. Peter preaches repentance and forgiveness to the people of Jerusalem. As he proclaims that Jesus fulfilled all that “God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets” (Acts 3:18), he also convicts the people of their sin, because they “delivered over and denied” this Lord Jesus and “killed the Author of life.” Yet God “glorified his servant Jesus” and raised Him from the dead (Acts 3:13–15). St. Peter calls the people to repent, so that their “sins may be blotted out, that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord” (Acts 3:19–20). Through this forgiveness of sins and by faith in this forgiveness, the Father shows His love for us in order that “we should be called children of God; and so we are” (1 John 3:1). Thus, we hope in Him and are made pure even “as he is pure,” because “he appeared in order to take away sins, and in him there is no sin” (1 John 3:3, 5).

We invite you all to worship with us again.

In Our Prayers:

Those recovering from surgeries and illness:

- Paul Albrecht-recovering*
- Royce Albrecht-recovering*
- Chris Birnbaum-recovering.*
- Trey Fritsche-recovering*
- Roselie Johnson-recovering (mother of Carie Oltmann)*
- Judy Kalbas*
- Claudelle Krska (friend of Antionette Richardson)*
- Barbara Schmidt-hospitalized*
- Ruth Siegmund-hospitalized (friend of Eldor & Lori Becker)*
- Cindy Umphries-recovering (friend of James & Kathy Kalbas)*
- Tim Weise-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)*
- Karen Symm (sister of Michael Symm)*
- Martin Werchan*
- Judy Wesbrook (mother of Heather Krause)*

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) active Reserves*

Those who rejoice:

Courtney Koehne and Carson Becker as they are united in marriage on Saturday

Tyler and Amy Kopp as they consider our call as Principal 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: 592, 483, 781 v. 1&2, 720, 392

Sermon Text: 1 John 3:1-7

The Sermon: **“A Great Change”**

Adult Choir Anthem: ♪ *“Children of The Heavenly Father”*

✠ *We begin today with the order of Baptism on page 268 of the hymnal*

We welcome to God’s people through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Myla Frankie Marak

Myla is the daughter of Daniel and Haley Marak. Her baptismal sponsors are Heather Hartfield and Shawn Bigon. Her baptismal witnesses are Taylor Bigon and Justin Klaus

- ✠ **The Altar flowers** are placed to the glory of God in honor of Myla Frankie Marak on her baptism by Daniel & Haley Marak.
- ✠ **The Altar Stand flowers** are placed to the glory of God in loving memory of Leverne Hinze by Robert & Joyce Hinze & family.
- ✠ **Special Voters Meeting, Sunday, March 7, 2024.** The special voters meeting was called to order and a quorum was established. A motion was made and seconded to extend a call to Tyler Kopp to serve as principal of St. Paul Lutheran School. Chairman Mertink explained the four methods of voting; voice, show of hands, roll call or general consent. By general consent and having no objections the voters approved calling Tyler Kopp. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to adjourn and the meeting was closed with prayer.
- ✠ **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
- ✠ **2023 Annual.** The 2023 annual is available from the ushers this morning and can also be picked up in the church office.
- ✠ **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 April 15th.
- ✠ **The Holy Cross Couples Club** will have their annual BBQ Chickens on Mother’s Day, May 12th. Chickens are \$12.00 and cups of sauce are \$3.00. Pick-up at the Holy Cross picnic grounds from 10:00 to 12:00. Advance orders only. Sign up by calling Dennis & Diann Pietsch at 979-542-1141, or the Holy Cross church office at 242-3333 by Monday, May 6th.

LUTHERAN HOUR: Next Sunday, April 21st, **“More Than He Bargained For”**. Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Whatever we ask of Jesus is probably too small, because Jesus provides more than what we expect. (Acts 3:6). 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 Thoughts in the Church Year:

April 14 – Easter III

With St. Peter and the Pentecost Apostles, we confess Jesus Christ alone as “Author of life” (Acts 3:15). This means no one else has right or responsibility to decide what kind of life a neighbor may have or when any human life ought to end. Rather, we rejoice to repeat the message of repentance and forgiveness (Luke 24:47) for every sinner and every sin—abortion and assisted suicide included.

- Serving today:** Elders— Monroe Schatte, Jr. and Dwayne Schulze
Organist- Jack Wiederhold
Acolytes- Hudson Short and Kenzie Stewart
Head Ushers- Donald Becker
Captain- Mason Becker Assistant- Carson Becker
Ushers- Jason Becker, Randy Becker, Brandon Burgdorf,
Trey Fritsche, Michael Krause, Ethan Miertschin,
Rex Perry, Bradley Schmidt, Timothy Symm
Counting and Posting offering this week:
Chairman- Glen Albrecht
Tommy Miertschin, Ty Kasper, Payton Oltmann

THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

Today **Worship Service – 8:30 a.m.**
 Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.
 Scholarship Committee Meeting – 10:15 a.m.
 LYF Meeting & Social – 2:00 p.m.
 Voter’s Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

Monday Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.

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Wednesday Staff Bible Study – 7:30 a.m.
 School Chapel – 8:30 a.m.
 Adult Choir – 7:00 p.m.

Thursday Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.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: Owen Wittman and Jasmine Bailey
 Greeter: Debra Hartfield

Birthdays: 17th – Timothy Hartfield; 18th – Kaydence Schroeder; 19th – Daniel Marak, Richard Symons; 20th – Jenifer Selvey. God’s Blessings to you.

ST. PAUL NOTES:

Attendance Last Week: Morning Worship- 214, Communion- 83; Sunday School- 17,
 Banner Classes: Nursery III, Offering- \$13,75.

Offering Last Week: \$46,913.88

Home:		Mission:	
General	\$25,127.00.	Mission	\$1,080.00
Sunday School	\$188.75	Mission Total	\$1,080.00
Lunch Room	\$2,090.50	Savings/Other:	
ECC Operating	\$9,170.43	Savings/Other Total	
School Registration	\$650.00		
Tuition	\$8,607.20	Total	\$46,913.88
Received 4/7/2024	\$45,833.88		
Est. needed per week	\$29,635.00		
Received MTD	\$45,833.88		
Est. needed per month	\$128,417.00		

† **Pictorial Directory:** Plans are underway for our 2024 Pictorial Directory. Photography dates for the directory will be June 17 – June 23 and July 15 – July 21. Sign up for photography times. Sign-up sheets are in the church office. Check your calendars and get ready to come and be a part of this 2024 edition of the directory.

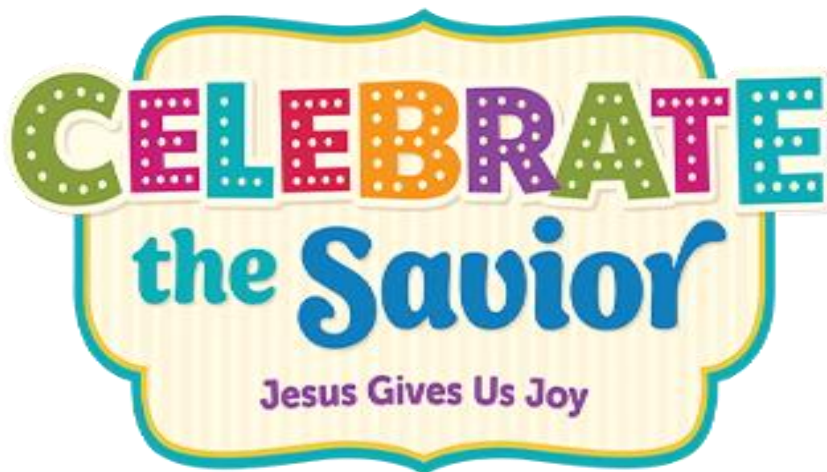
Here is the link for sign up:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4FAAAA29A2F8CF8-48684408-stpaul>



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!

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





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.

May 28 to May 30 - Volleyball - Grade 3 to 8 - \$25

June 10-12 - Basketball - Grades K to 8 - \$25

June 17-19 - STEM Camp - Grades K to 6 - \$50

June 24-26 - Art Camp - Grades K to 6 - \$50

July 1-2 - Archery - Grade 4 to 8 - \$20

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

7th Annual Golf Tournament

Faith Lutheran High School will be holding their annual golf tournament fundraiser on Friday, May 31st at Frisch Auf Country Club in La Grange Texas. Shotgun start at 8:00 AM with the possibility of an afternoon flight also. For more information on entering a 4 person team or to sign up as a sponsor, please call (979) 242-2889 or visit our website at www.flhstx.org.

The Spring Thing!

FLHS is proud to present The Spring Thing! This will be a showcase of our students' work in the fine art department, including vocal, instrumental, and handbell pieces. Please join us Wednesday, May 8th, at 7pm.

New Student Registration

Registration for 2024-2025 is underway. Five 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.

Thrivent Action Team Grants

If you are a Thrivent member willing to submit an application for a \$250 grant to be used on projects at Faith, please contact Nikki Kueck by calling (979) 242-2889. Help us to be able to take advantage of these funds for the good of our school. *We are currently looking to utilize Action Grants to offset expenses associated with our summer camps!

The Voyager Voice

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

for the week of April 14-20, 2024

2023-24 School Year Theme – “Connected” – Romans 15:5

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Apr. 12...End of 5th Six-Weeks
Science Night of Family Fun 5:30-7:30 PM
- Apr. 18...Library Day (in AM)
Distribution of 5th Six-Week Report Cards
- Apr. 26...Thorndale (3-8) Field Day
- Apr. 27...DPSIA State Meet @ 1st. San Marcos
- Apr. 29...EOY Dibels Testing
- May 1...2024-25 Re-Enrollment Fee Payment Due (\$325/family)
- May 2...National Day of Prayer
Chapel Service 8:30 AM
- May 5...P11-S Meeting 10:15 AM
- May 6-10...Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week



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 . . .

Come view the projects from our **Science Night of Family Fun** still or display in the gym this Sunday morning following worship.

5th Six-Week **REPORT CARDS** are coming home on Thursday. Check with your child if you do not receive your child's report.

Transportation Info Forms were due today for the upcoming **THORNDALE FIELD DAY** on April 26th. Watch for final information re: schedule of events, concessions, transportation, etc. coming home next Friday, April 19th.

Have a blessed week in Christ! ~ Jim House, Principal

NEWS, NOTES, and HAPPENINGS



SCIENCE PROJECTS . . . Hopefully, you were able to attend our “Science Night of Family Fun” last Friday evening. But, if you missed the event, you can still view the students' projects this morning, in the gym from 9:30-10:15 AM. Come check out their interesting work and enjoy the science fun and learning.

REPORT CARD DISTRIBUTION . . . Friday, April 12th marked the end of the 5th Six-Weeks of the 2023-24 school year. The 5th Six-Week Report Cards will be coming home with your child next Thursday, April 18th for your review. Please review your child's report, sign and return a copy by April 22nd. If you have any questions or concerns regarding your child's progress, please contact your child's teacher to set up a conference.



LUTHERAN FIELD DAY NEWS . . . In two weeks, on Friday, April 26th, the Gr. 3-8 students will participate in the **Thorndale Field Day** beginning at 9:00 AM. The Transportation Info Forms were due Friday (4/12)—if you didn't return yours, please do so Monday. Then, watch for a final information letter



coming home next Friday, April 19th that contains a schedule of events, transportation details, and concessions available for purchase along with other field day reminders. If you have any questions, contact Mr. House or your child's teachers. Plan to join us on April 26th for Thorndale Field Day fun!

LIBRARY DAYS. . . Take note of the changes—Library Day will be moved to *Thursday, April 18th and Thursday, April 25th*. Please make sure you have your books at school that morning ready for return or new check out! Thanks.

CHAPEL OFFERING PROJECT. . . Our weekly chapel offerings for the final trimester will go to support the ministry of *Bee's Blessing Assisted Living Center* in Giddings. To date, we've collected \$568.20 for the project. Remember your chapel offerings every Wednesday and contribute generously in support of our worthy project.



CHRISTIAN SERVICE FORM. . . As we mark the end of the 5th Six-Weeks today, it's time to turn in your Christian Service Hour Forms from last month. K-4 students are bringing home new 6th Six-Week "Service Opportunity" forms today (also attached to the newsletter email). Additional "Service Hour" forms for Gr. 5-8 students are available at the school office. If you wish to be recognized for your Christian Service at the upcoming All-School Awards Assembly in May, please *turn in your completed Christian Service forms by Friday, May 5th*.



STOCK THE CART. . . During the weeks of April 15-30, our Voyager students are encouraged to bring *donations of CANNED AND DRY GOODS* for our "Stock the Cart" collection program. Remember to bring your donations to the classroom collection boxes and help us "Stock the Cart" for Giddings Food Pantry!

WE'RE HAVING A CONTEST: . . To help encourage and motivate our students to bring items for our "Stock the Cart" program, we're *challenging our six Chapel family teams* to see which groups can bring the most donations during the next 16 days. Teams will work in pairs (Pink Team & Blue Team, Green Team & Purple Team, Yellow Team & Orange Team) to see who can collect the most items. Remember—the more you donate, the quicker your team will fill in the cones in your team's "Paint Bucket"! Check out the buckets on the hallway bulletin board and track our progress! And, thanks for participating!



ENROLLMENT FEES DUE. . . If you were one of the many St. Paul families who re-enrolled last month, remember that your 2024-25 Re-Enrollment Fee of \$325 per family is due by *Wednesday, May 1st*. Please keep this payment in mind as failure to pay the fee will affect your child's inclusion in the 2024-25 enrollment. Don't delay—make full payment of your fee by the deadline date! Your cooperation is deeply appreciated!

NEW ENROLLMENTS. . . Applications are available for new families who wish to enroll for the first time at St. Paul Lutheran School in the 2024-2025 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.

FINANCIAL AID FORMS AVAILABLE.

. . Funds are available through the St. Paul Lutheran Grant-in-Aid/Financial Assistance Program to help SPS families pay the 2024-25 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 2023 Income Tax Return Form 1040 and other applicable forms must accompany your 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.



HAVE 'EM CHECK US OUT . . .

As you talk to your friends, neighbors, and co-workers about St. Paul-Serbin, have them check out our school website at www.stpaulserbinschool.org, or check us out on our Facebook page. We continually update the site with lots of pictures, activity schedules, and important information sought by inquiring families. Also, prospective families can click on and download enrollment applications or request additional information online via email. Encourage them (and yourself) to "check us out" on the internet!



HAVE A BLESSED WEEK!

. . . Here's wishing everyone a safe and blessed 3rd week of Easter! Continue to share the joy of Christ's resurrection with everyone you meet next week—"He is Risen. He is Risen Indeed! Alleluia! Give me a call or stop by the office if I can help in any way!"



Your partner in Christ,
James L. House, Principal