

St. Paul Lutheran Church

Serbin, Texas



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The Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 21, 2024

Welcome! *Jesus, the Good Shepherd, Lays Down His Life for the Sheep.*

The Lord Jesus is “the good shepherd” who “lays down his life for the sheep” (John 10:11). His life is not taken from Him, but He lays it down willingly, of His own accord, because He knows and loves the sheep. As the One sent by the Father, He has the “authority to lay it down” and the “authority to take it up again” (John 10:18). So has He done, and now He continues to love and serve as the Good Shepherd of the sheep by the voice of His Gospel. He thus calls all people into the fold of His Church, so that there may be “one flock, one shepherd” (John 10:16). That is why the apostles “were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead” (Acts 4:2). Since “there is salvation in no one else,” His voice rings out to this day through the preaching of His name, “for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved” (Acts 4:12). His voice comforts our hearts against all condemnation and gives us courage to “love one another” and “to lay down our lives for the brothers,” as He laid down His life for us (1 John 3:16, 23).

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.*
- Roselie Johnson-recovering (mother of Carie Oltmann)*
- Judy Kalbas*
- Claudelle Krska (friend of Antionette Richardson)*
- Barbara Schmidt-recovering*
- 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:

Carson and Courtney Becker as they begin their married life together.

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– 184 of the hymnal

The Hymns: 549, 709, 781 v. 1&2, 900, 749, 524, 740

Sermon Text: Acts 4:8-12

The Sermon: **“What Do You Proclaim?”**

- † **The Altar flowers** are placed to the glory of God from the Becker/Koehne wedding.
- † **The Altar Stand flowers** are placed to the glory of God in memory of Adelia Lorenz by Milton & Geraldine Albrecht & family and Robert & Joyce Hinze & family.
- † **Congratulations** to Kaleb Oltmann and Railey Robinson on the birth of a daughter, Hadley Ray Oltmann. She was born April 14, 2024 in College Station, TX. She weighed 8 lbs.1 ounce and was 20 ½ inches long. May God bless this growing family.
- † **Correction to Special Voters Meeting, Sunday, April 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 Minutes.** The minutes of the Voters Meeting that was held on Sunday, April 14th are included in the bulletin this morning.
- † **2023 Church Annual.** The 2023 Church Annual is available from the ushers this morning and can also be picked up in the church office.
- † **The PTLs** report was not included in the 2023 Church Annual. It is included in the bulletin this morning.
- † **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.
- † **Graduates:** We would like to acknowledge the accomplishment of those who will be graduating from college this year (2024) in the church bulletin. Please let us know the names of those who have reached this milestone, the college graduated from, and what degree was achieved by Monday, May 13th.

LUTHERAN HOUR: Next Sunday, April 28th, **“We Can’t Stop Talking”**. Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Jesus calls His followers to undergo transformation, endure opposition, and engage other in conversation. (Acts 4:20). 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 21 – Easter IV

The Gracious Savior brings a delightful clarity to life-and-death issues and situations. Killing and destroying belongs entirely to the work of the devil (John 10:11). The people of God advocate and extend abundant, everlasting life to the Lord’s every last little lamb. Unto all our neighbors, with both our voices and our goods (1 John 3-17), may we “come that they may have life and have it abundantly!”

- Serving today:** Elders– Monroe Schatte, Jr. and Dwayne Schulze
Organist- Daniel Krause
Acolytes- Owen Wittman and Jasmine Bailey
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- Rex Perry
Philip Tharp, Troy Wiederhold, John Hinze

THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

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

Monday Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.

Tuesday Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.
 Picnic Committee Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday Staff Bible Study – 7:30 a.m.
 School Chapel – 8:30 a.m.
 PTLS Officers Meeting – 6:00 p.m.

Thursday Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.
 Board of Elders Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

Friday Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.
 ECC Bubble Day
 Thorndale Field Day Grades 3-8 Grade

Saturday PSIA State @ San Marcos

Next Sunday **Worship Service – 8:30 a.m.**
 Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.
 Acolytes: Everett Corn and Addyson Early
 Greeter: Irene Hempel
 Sunday School Teachers Meeting – 10:15 a.m.

Birthdays: Today – Shanna Mitschke; 22nd – Mark Jones, Leroy Kalbas; 23rd – John Hinze, Clint Oltmann, Shane Sander; 24th – Nicholas Hinze, Christopher Schimank; 26th – Curtis Oltmann, Shannen Selvey; 27th – Sadie Claxton, Ryan Glass, Luke Jones. God’s Blessings to you.

ST. PAUL NOTES:

Attendance Last Week: Morning Worship- 279, Bible Class- 15; Sunday School- 25, Visitors-8, Banner Classes: Nursery III, Offering- \$34.25.

Offering Last Week: \$18,816.00

Home:		Mission:	
General	\$6,232.00	Mission	\$300.00
Sunday School	\$34.25	Mission Total	\$300.00
Lunch Room	\$410.00	Savings/Other:	
ECC Operating	\$3,131.25	School Fund	\$100.00
Thrivent Choice	\$3,996.00	Savings/Other Total	\$100.00
Tuition	\$4,612.50		
Received 4/14/2024	\$18,416.00	Total	\$18,816.00

Est. needed per week \$29,635.00
Received MTD \$64,249.88
Est. needed per month \$128,417.00

MEMORIALS: General: In memory of Mary Lehmann by Marvin & Charlyn Matthijetz - \$40.00. In memory of Wally Lehmann by Carl H. Mertink, Jr. – \$30.00. **School Fund:** In memory of Wally Lehmann by Philip, Rose, Courtland & Libbi Tharp - \$100.00. **Faith Lutheran High School:** In memory of Mary Lehmann by Arthur & Dianna Noack - \$50.00.

† **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.

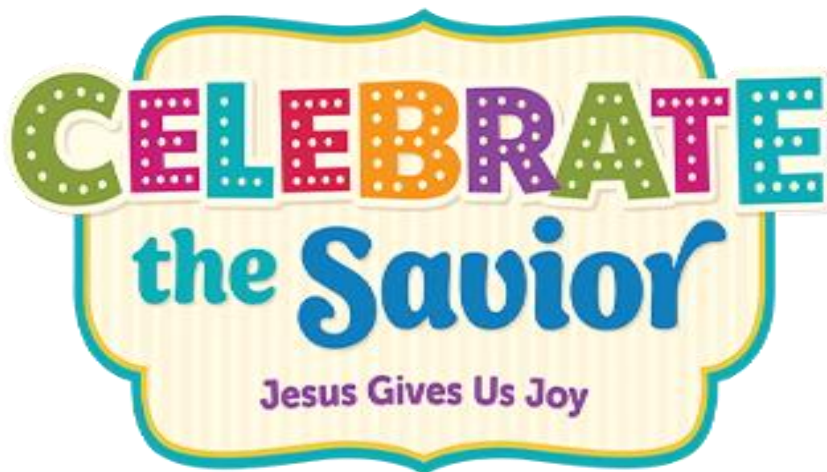
Here is the link for sign up:

<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)





Track Season

Track Season is well underway! We have three students - Kaylee, Robert, and Grant - who are preparing for the regional meet on Thursday and Friday, April 25 and 26 in Seguin. Good luck athletes!!

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 21-27, 2024

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Apr. 25...Library Day (in AM)
- Apr. 26...Thorndale (3-8) Field Day
- Apr. 27...PSIA State Mee. @ TSU
San Marcos
- Apr. 29...BOY Dabels 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...PTLS Meeting – 10:15 AM
- May 6-10...Teacher & Staff
Appreciation Week
- May 10...“Muffins with Moms” Parent
Fellowship – 7:15-8:15 AM
Voyager Field Day
– 11:30 AM to 3:15 PM
- May 12...Gr. K-8 sing at Mother’s
Day Worship Service
– 8:30 AM



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Our Mission

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

From the Principal’s Desk. . .

5th Six-Week **REPORT CARDS** were sent home on Thursday (4/18). Check with your child if you do not receive your child’s report.

THORNDALE FIELD DAY is next Friday, April 26th. The Final Instruction Letter re: schedule of events, concessions, transportation, parking, etc. was sent home on Thursday (4/18).

One more reminder—**RE-ENROLLMENT FEE PAYMENTS** are due on **Wednesday, May 1st**.

Have a blessed week of service & witness to our Risen Savior!
~ Jim House, Principal

NEWS, NOTES, and HAPPENINGS

REPORT CARD DISTRIBUTION. . . The 5th Six-Week Report Cards were sent home on **Thursday, Apr 18th** with your child for your review. Please review your child’s report, sign and return a copy on 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. . . Next Friday, April 26th, the Gr. 3-8 students will participate in the *Thorndale Field Day* beginning at 9:00 AM. Look for a final information letter sent home last Thursday 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, Mrs. Fritsche, or your child’s teachers. Plan to join us next Friday for the Thorndale Field Day fun!

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!



EARTH DAY 2024 . . . Next Monday, April 22nd is the 54th annual observance of Earth Day. Take a moment to discuss the importance of Christian stewardship of the environment with your family next week. You can certainly “help the earth” by remembering to recycle your aluminum cans, paper, plastic, glass, and through curbside pickup or at area collection centers.



PRINCIPALS FOR THE DAY . . . Part of the fun at this year’s PTLS Auction was bidding on the opportunity to be “Principal for the Day” at St. Paul-Serbin. This year, *the Kalbas children (Cole, Madilyn & Gracelyn)* won the privilege of being “large & in charge” for the day! They will serve as “principals” *next Tuesday, April 23rd*. And, they have some fun activities planned for the whole school. Check out the flyer coming home with today’s newsletter and join in the fun!



LIBRARY DAYS . . . Take note of the change—Library Day will held on *Thursday, April 25th* (instead of Friday). 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 *Bea’s Blessing Assisted Living Center* in Giddings. To date, we’ve *collected \$622.47* for the project. Remember your chapel offerings every Wednesday and contribute generously in support of our worthy project.



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 forms available from the school office. Keep in mind—a copy of your 2023 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.



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!

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER . . . will be observed on *Thursday, May 2nd*. On this day, the 73rd annual observance, Christians across America will join together under the 2024 theme, “*Lift Up the Word, Light Up the World*”, to pray for our nation, its citizens and leaders, members of the armed forces, and others. The theme verse, *2 Samuel 22:29-31*, reminds us “*For you are my lamp, O Lord, and my God lightens my darkness.*” The students and faculty of St. Paul Lutheran will also observe the day by participating in a *special School Chapel Service on Thursday at 8:30 AM* around the flagpole. Our entire school family will first assemble in the church, and then move outside (weather permitting) for a special time of worship and prayer. Parents and friends, please join us for this activity and our special time of prayer.



HAVE A BLESSED WEEK! . . . It’s hard to believe but there are only 5 weeks remaining in the 2023-24 school year! As we begin to wind down the month of April, let’s 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

