

# St. Paul Lutheran Church

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## The Second Sunday of Easter

27 April 2025

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**Welcome! That You May Believe and Have Life in His Name.** On the Lord's Day, St. John the apostle was given a revelation of the Lord Jesus Christ, the incarnate Son of God, the Alpha and Omega, the First and the Last. He is the Living One, "the firstborn of the dead" (Rev. 1:5). He died for all people, and behold, He is alive forevermore! Therefore, He has "the keys of Death and Hades" (Rev. 1:18). For His death atoned for sin and conquered death, and in His resurrection He opened the kingdom of heaven to us. The "sharp two-edged sword" of His mouth (Rev. 1:16) calls you to "believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God," that by such faith "you may have life in his name" (John 20:31). To that end, He sends His ministers of the Word, as the Father sent Him, "to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins" (Acts 5:31).

We invite you all to worship with us again.

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### In Our Prayers:

Those recovering from surgeries and illness:

*Delvin Boriack-recovering*  
*Dorothy Exner-recovering*  
*Herbert Handrick (uncle of Shannon Handrick)*  
*Mike Hensel-hospitalized (friend of the Werchms)*  
*Roselie Johnson-recovering (mother of Carie Oltmann)*  
*Billy Krause-recovering*  
*Gilbert Krause-recovering*  
*Vic Lohberg*  
*Mike Maass-recovering*  
*Ruben Melcher-recovering (uncle of James, Johnny, Larry & Leroy Kalbas)*  
*Chris Miertschin-recovering*  
*Marilyn Miertschin-recovering*  
*Clay Matrthew Mumm-recovering (grandson of Pastor and Kathy Mumm)*  
*Antoinette Richardson-recovering*  
*Larry Schatte-recovering*  
*Lynette Schatte-recovering*  
*Camie Smiley medical testing (friend of Thomas Birnbaum)*  
*David Wachsmann (cousin of Billy Krause)*  
*Laverne Weiser-recovering*  
*Irene Zoch-recovering (mother of Donnie Zoch)*

### Our members in nursing homes and our shut-ins.

#### Those fighting cancer including:

*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)*  
*Ralph & Debbie Domel (sister & brother-in-law of Mary Jatzlau)*  
*Joyce Dowling*  
*Sherri Fritsche*  
*Christie Hall (friend of Mark Arldt)*  
*George Hernandez*

*Dana Herzog (niece of Becky Weise)*  
*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)*  
*Bethany Lara (daughter of Kathy Gersch)*  
*Ruby Maass (mother of Linda Schonhoeft)*  
*Cannon Martin (nephew of Christopher Taylor)*  
*Kelli Meinholdt (sister of Carie Oltmann)*  
*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)*  
*Courtney Wagner (cousin of Mark Gruetzner)*  
*Jordan Weidemann (friend of Byron Kalbas)*  
*Judy Westbrook (mother of Heather Krause)*

#### Those serving in the Armed Forces including:

*Steven Cutlip (brother of Stephanie Symm), Fort Bliss, El Paso*  
*Coy Hunt (son of Shannon & Christine Hunt) Ft. Drum, New York*  
*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*  
*Kyler Brown (friend of Dorthy Schautschick) U.S. Navy-Bahrain*  
*Benjamin Symm-Training Camp Johnson, North Carolina*  
*Jacob Droegemueller Ft. Jackson, South Carolina*  
*Corey Pedeville (friend of Dorothy Schautschick) Army-serving in Saudia Arabia*

#### Those who mourn:

*The family of Onalea Huff (mother of Mark Huff)*

#### Seasonal Weather

**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, 470 781 v. 1&2, 645, 650

Sermon Text: John 20:19-31

The Sermon: **“Peace be with You”**

✠ **The Altar flowers** are placed to the glory of God.

✠ **Easter Lily** not included on Easter Sunday in loving memory of Linda Kappler and Milton Mersiovsky by M/M Russell Kappler & Reinleigh.

✠ **May Calendar.** The May calendar is available from the ushers this morning and in the church office.

✠ **Financial Concern** – Weekly we have listed the income in comparison to the estimated needs. As we know the cost of everything has gone up and this has impacted the ministry of St. Paul as well. We have been able to make payroll, but with each passing month it gets tighter and we delay a week paying some bills until after the offering is received. While there are assets in the savings account and we can “borrow” against ourselves, is this the best practice. Please consider the blessings God has showered upon you.

✠ **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 **Monday, April 28<sup>th</sup>**. The Picnic Committee will meet on Wednesday, April 30<sup>th</sup> to finalize the Picnic worklist.

✠ **Graduates:** We would like to acknowledge the accomplishment of those who will be graduating from college this year (2025) 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 12<sup>th</sup>.

✠ **Sunday School Help.** We are looking for a Sunday School Teacher for grades 1 & 2 and a helper for kindergarten. If you are interested, please contact the church office.

✠ **The Holy Cross Ladies Aid in Warda** invites everyone to join them on Tuesday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, at 6PM as they welcome Rebecca Bartelt, LCMS missionary in Taiwan, for a presentation and update on her work as a sacred music educator. Becky was last in the area in October 2022. We look forward to hearing more about the growing Lutheran Church in Taiwan and her efforts to instruct a new generation of church musicians!

✠ **The Holy Cross Warda Couples Club** will have their annual BBQ Chickens on Mother’s Day, May 11<sup>th</sup>. Chickens are \$14.00 and cups of sauce are \$3.00. Pick-up at the Holy Cross picnic grounds in Warda from 10:30 to 12:00. Preorders only by calling Joyce Hinze at (979) 540-0355 or Robert Hinze at (979) 540-6911 **by Monday, May 5<sup>th</sup>**.

✠ **On May 25, 2025** and during the service, we will be hearing about the Christians of the Holy Land, and after each service we will be hosting at the church a nice display of handmade olive wood religious articles from Bethlehem available for purchase. These carvings include olivewood Nativity sets, crosses, Christmas ornaments, candle holders, angels and many other religious crafts that could make a nice wedding, baptism, confirmation, Easter and Christmas gifts. The carvings are handmade by Christian families from Bethlehem who rely on it for their daily bread. More than 70% of the Christian Community in the Holy Land depend upon tourism as their only source of income. For decades those Christians have been enduring many hardships as tourism in Bethlehem has plummeted and access to other sources of income has been sharply restricted due to the ongoing conflict, the wars, the 12- yard wall built around Bethlehem, the COVID-19 pandemic, and nowadays the catastrophic ongoing war, due to this, tourists are afraid and unable to visit the Holy Land. This made it very difficult for the Christian families to find their daily bread and forced them to immigrate and flee their homeland since they lost their source of income. The Christian population of the Holy Land was 30% in the last century, today it is less than 1%. If it continues like this, in few years we will find no Christians in the land of Christ, which could cause tragic consequences to our faith and holy sites,

**LUTHERAN HOUR:** Next Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, **“An Old Place, A New Beginning”**. Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Daniel Paavola. God is the Searcher Who will not stop looking for us. In our lonely hiding place, He Says, “I knew I would find you here.” 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](http://lhm.org) for a link to listen to the Lutheran Hour live.

**Serving today:** Elders– Douglas Hartfield and Michael Krause  
**Organist-** Susan Michael  
**Acolytes-** Kenzie Stewart and Dylan Arldt  
**Head Ushers-** Donald Becker  
**Captain-** Troy Menzel **Assistant-** Mark Jones  
**Ushers-** Cooper Hinze, John Hinze, Scott Jones,  
 Russell Kappler, Brooks Kasper, Kaden Kasper,  
 Kyle Kasper, Ty Kasper, Clyde Schimank, Troy Wiederhold  
**Counting and Posting offering this week:**  
**Chairman-** Glen Albrecht  
 Daniel Marak, Virgil Becker, Pablo Rodriguez  
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**THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK**

Today **Worship Service – 8:30 a.m.**  
 Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.  
 Sunday School Teachers Meeting – 10:15 a.m.  
 Monday Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.  
 Tuesday Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.  
 Wednesday School Chapel – 8:30 a.m.  
 Picnic Committee Meeting – 7:00 p.m.  
 Thursday Staff Bible Study – 7:30 a.m.  
 National Day of Prayer – 8:15 a.m.  
 Board of Christian Education – 7:00 p.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: Lukas Iselt and Everett Corn  
 Greeter: Laurie Kasper  
 PTLs Meeting – 10:15 a.m.  
 LYF Meeting & Social – 2:00 p.m.

**Birthdays: Today** – Sadie Claxton, Ryan Glass, Luke Jones; 28<sup>th</sup> Jaree Glass, Stacy Goodson, Monroe Schatte, Jr; 29<sup>th</sup> – Amanda Carter, William Habel; 1<sup>st</sup> – Lora Fridenberg; 3<sup>rd</sup> – Jeremy Becker, Heather Hartfield, Ryne Todd. God’s Blessings to you.

**ST. PAUL NOTES:**

**Attendance Last Week:** Maundy Thursday-211, Communion- 159, Good Friday Morning- 136, Communion- 51, Good Friday Service of Darkness- 69, Easter Sunrise- 227, Easter Festival- 169, Sunday School- 18, Offering- \$9.00.

**Offering Last Week: \$35,117.50**

<b>Home:</b>		<b>Mission:</b>	
General	\$9,324.00	Mission	\$792.00
Maundy Thursday	\$1,395.00	Lutheran Hour	\$30.00
Good Friday	\$1,392.50	Concordia St. Louis	\$50.00
Easter	\$2,962.00	Concordia Ft. Wayne	\$50.00
Sunday School	\$9.00	<b>Mission Total</b>	<b>\$922.00</b>
Lunch Room	\$847.00	<b>Savings/Other:</b>	
ECC Operating	\$6,750.50	School Fund	\$50.00
Use of Facility	\$200.00	Building Fund	\$25.00
Tuition	\$5,481.00	Maundy Thursday	\$1,396.00
<b>Received 3/27/2011</b>	<b>\$28,361.00</b>	<b>Good Friday</b>	<b>\$1,391.50</b>
		Easter	\$2,962.00
<b>Est. needed per week</b>	<b>\$31,870.00</b>	Scholarship	\$10.00
<b>Received MTD</b>	<b>\$92,917.38</b>	<b>Savings/Other Total</b>	<b>\$5,834.50</b>
<b>Est. needed per month</b>	<b>\$138,103.00</b>		
		<b>Total</b>	<b>\$35,117.50</b>

**MEMORIALS: Lutheran Hour:** In memory of Billy Baca by Wilbert & Carol Jean Noack - \$30.00. **School Fund:** In memory of Robert Albrecht by Willard & Margie Albrecht - \$50.00. **Building:** In memory of Billy Baca by Kevin & Sherri Coffman - \$25.00. **Texas Wendish Heritage Society:** In memory of Adelia Lorenz by Milton & Geraldine Albrecht - \$50.00  
**Life Thoughts in the Church Year:**

**April 27 – Easter II**

“An angel of the Lord...brought them out and said, ‘Go and speak to the people all the words of this life’” (Acts 5:19-20). Life—immediate, abundant, ongoing from fertilization to forever---belongs to the heart of the Gospel and very identity of our Savior Jesus Christ. And is there any clearer Scriptural invitation for the sanctity of life to occupy all our conversation?

**Epic Australian Adventure VBS-** June 9th-13th! Register NOW to have an unforgettable journey with Jesus! Scan the QR code or visit the church website.

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





### **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 7th, at 7pm.

### **Track Season**

Track Season is winding down, but not quite yet! We had 5 students participate in the TAPPS 1A Regional Meet on Friday, April 11! Our students did awesome that day, many with PR's. Kaylee ran well enough to qualify for state in the 800m and 1600m. The state track meet is Friday and Saturday, May 2 and 3rd. Good luck Kaylee!!

### **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 27 to May 29 - Basketball - Grades K to 8 - \$25

June 2-3 - Archery - Grade 4 to 8 - \$20

June 9-11 - Volleyball - Grade 3 to 8 - \$25

June 16-18 - STEM Camp - Grades K to 6 - \$50

June 23-25 - Art Camp - Grades K to 6 - \$50

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

### **8th Annual Golf Tournament**

Faith Lutheran High School will be holding their annual golf tournament fundraiser on Friday, May 30th at Frisch Auf Country Club in La Grange Texas. Shotgun starts at 8:00 AM and 1 PM. 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](http://www.flhstx.org).

### **New Student Registration**

Registration for 2025-2026 is underway. 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](http://www.flhstx.org).

### **Scholarship Opportunities**

Applications are now being accepted for an academic-based scholarship from the Amanda (Zoch) Knox Memorial Scholarship Fund. This fund will pay for the full tuition for an incoming 9th grade student of Faith Lutheran beginning in the Fall of 2025. Applications are available from Mrs. Kueck or from Cyndy Zoch ([cyndy.zoch@gmail.com](mailto:cyndy.zoch@gmail.com)) and are due May 1, 2025.

### **Staff Positions Available**

Faith Lutheran High School will have part time openings on its faculty for the 2025-2026 academic year! Interested individuals 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](mailto:kueckn@flhstx.org). If you have the time and talents, please consider applying and sharing your gifts with our students. Thank you!

### **Accreditation Visit**

The FLHS had a very successful accreditation visit on March 30 to April 1. FLHS has been recommended for accreditation in good standing, with no major deficiencies. Praise the Lord for the wonderful blessings He continues to bestow on FLHS.

The visiting team was able to identify some major strengths of FLHS as noted below:

- Multi-congregational support, including nine association congregations, two LCMS feeder-schools and a community with a rich history in Lutheran education is evident.
- The relationships between parents/guardians and teachers are one of the greatest strengths of FLHS. Parents are viewed as partners in all aspects of the educational process.
- The teachers at FLHS do an outstanding job building relationships with students, making sure all students feel loved and cared for every day.
- The resounding voice of FLHS parents suggests that the proactive and ongoing communication of the administrator far exceeds experiences they have had in any other school settings.
- FLHS has an amazing, competent, caring and Christian teaching staff that follow Jesus's example daily.

- FLHS caters to individualized learning needs and goals through a wide variety of course offerings and learning platforms.
- Opportunities abound for students to get involved beyond the classroom and develop their God-given abilities.