

St. Paul Lutheran Church

Serbin, Texas



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The Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 28, 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*
- Paula Krause-recovering*
- 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 Westbrook (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 Mourn:

- The family of Lisa Lorenz (daughter-in-law of Marvin Lorenz)*

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: 590, 633, 781 v. 1&2, 611, 919
 Sermon Text: 1 John 4:1-21
 The Sermon: **“What’s Wrong With This Picture?”**
 Adult Choir Anthem: ♪ *“O Love How Deep”*
 † 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
Cole Owen Ender and Emma Grace Ender
 Cole and Emma are the children of Justin and Amber Ender. Their baptismal sponsors are Bailey Ender and Sydney Ender and their baptismal witnesses are Tasha Lutz and Garrett Lutz

- † **The Altar flowers** are placed to the glory of God in memory of Joyce Bise’s birthday by Jarrett, Stephanie, Jace and Levi Bise.
- † **The Altar Stand flowers** are placed to the glory of God in honor of Cole Ender and Emma Ender on their baptism by Justin and Amber Ender.
- † **May Calendar.** The May calendar is available from the ushers this morning and in the church office.
- † **National Day of Prayer Flagpole Assembly.** The School Chapel service this week will be held on Thursday, May 2nd with an assembly at the Flagpole.
- † **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, May 5th, **“On the Way”**. Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. John Nunes. God empowers His people to share the Gospel with those they meet along the way. (Acts 8:28-39). 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 28, Easter V**

It is anxiety and fright that drive folks to pursue abortion, physician-assisted suicide, and other measures that view death as a solution. Fear likewise bullies the sanctity of life into silence. But the Lord’s perfect love puts all fear to flight (1 John 4:18). In surprise pregnancy and terminal diagnosis, we and our neighbors need not independence and empowerment but the presence, promises, and compassion of the Father Almighty

Serving today: Elders– Monroe Schatte, Jr. and Dwayne Schulze
Organist- Susan Michael
Acolytes- Everett Corn and Addyson Early
Head Ushers- Donald Becker
Captain- Mason Becker **Assistant**- Carson Becker
Ushers- Jason Becker, Randy Becker, Brandon Burgdorf,
 Trey Fritsche, Mike Krause, Ethan Miertschin,
 Rex Perry, Brad Schmidt, Tim Symm
Counting and Posting offering this week:
Chairman- Glen Albrecht
 Daniel Marak, Brooks Kasper, Pablo Rodriguez

THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

Today **Worship Service – 8:30 a.m.**
Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School Teacher’s Meeting – 10:15 a.m.

Monday Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.

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Wednesday Staff Bible Study – 7:30 a.m.
LWML Quilting – 9:00 a.m.

Thursday Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.
National Day of Prayer Flagpole Assembly – 8:30 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: Tyler Fritsche and Jagger Garner
Greeter: Joyce Hinze
PTLS Meeting – 10:15 a.m.

Birthdays: Today – Jaree Glass, Stacy Goodson, Monroe Schatte, Jr.; 29th – Amanda Carter; 1st – Lora Fridenberg; 3rd – Jeremy Becker, Heather Hartfield, Ryne Todd. God’s Blessings to you.

ST. PAUL NOTES:

Attendance Last Week: Morning Worship- 185, Communion- 109, Bible Class- 22; Sunday School- 20, Offering- \$14.00.

Offering Last Week: \$26,870.97

Home:		Mission:	
General	\$11,019.56	Mission	\$190.00
Sunday School	\$14.00	Lutheran Hour	\$30.00
Use of Facility	\$150.00	Mission Total	\$220.00
Lunch Room	\$1,146.50	Savings/Other:	
ECC Operating	\$7,285.91	Bus Replacement Fund	\$375.00
School Registration	\$650.00	Savings/Other Total	\$375.00
Tuition	\$6,010.00		
Received 4/21/2024	\$26,275.97	Total	\$26,870.97
Est. needed per week	\$29,635.00		
Received MTD	\$90,525.85		
Est. needed per month	\$128,417.00		

MEMORIALS: Lutheran Hour: In memory of Mary Lehmann by Wilbert & Carol Jean Noack - \$30.00.

† **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.

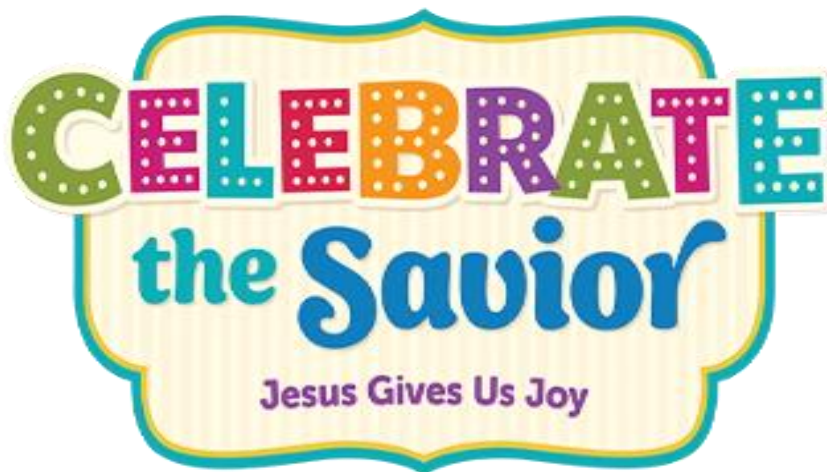
Here is the link for sign up:

<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)



The Voyager Voice

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

for the week of April 28-May 4, 2024

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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 3...PILS 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 . . .

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

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER is next Thursday, May 2nd. A special chapel service is planned that day at 8:30 AM.

TEACHER & STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK is May 6-10. Look for the information flyer coming home today.

Have a blessed week in the Lord! ~ Jim House, Principal

NEWS, NOTES, and HAPPENINGS

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 next 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!

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER . . . will be observed next 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 next 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.



TEACHER & STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK . . . is planned for the week of May 6-10. Once again this spring, the St. Paul PILS encourages you to say “thank you” to our teachers and school staff who do so much to help our school and your child's positive educational experiences at St. Paul Lutheran. A special Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week flyer was sent home last Thursday with information and ideas of how you might say “Thank You” to these special people. Questions? Contact the PILS officers.



FINANCIAL STATEMENTS. . . Parents, take note! As we bring the 2023-24 school year to a close in May, have you met all your financial commitments for the year? Family Financial Statements are being sent home with students next Tuesday, April 30th. Included on this statement is any outstanding balances due for tuition, registration fees, bus fee, etc. Also, there are only 18 hot lunch days remaining in the school year. Please keep this in mind so accounts come out even by year's end.

PTLS MEETING. . . The final meeting of the St. Paul Parents & Teachers in Lutheran Schools (PTLS) for 2023-24 will be held next Sunday, May 5th at 10:15 AM in the church. Grades 1st & 2nd will serve as host families. There are several important items of business to decide including the election of officers (Vice President and Secretary) for 2024-2025, approval of spending requests, and final planning for the Serbin Homecoming Picnic (5/26). Watch for the meeting agenda coming home soon. Mark your calendars and plan to attend this important meeting!



"MUFFINS WITH MOM" FELLOWSHIP. . . St. Paul moms, we love you! Let us show you just how much on Friday, May 10th when you join us for "Muffins with Mom" Fellowship at 7:15-8:00 AM in the gym. Come join the students and staff of St. Paul for an early morning breakfast of delicious muffins, coffee, juice & milk along with some great fellowship with the other St. Paul mothers. Plan now to join us on May 10th for the "Muffins with Mom" fellowship!



VOYAGER FIELD DAY FUN. . . Mark your calendars and plan to join us for our 3rd annual "Voyager Tribal Olympics" on Friday, May 10th beginning at 11:30 AM on the athletic field. In addition to various athletic events, students will also participate in several academic competitions that day.

Students will bring sack lunches; snow cone treats will be provided by the PTLS. Parents are invited to attend the Field Day events and join your child for lunch outdoors. Watch for more details about Voyager Field Day coming home in May!

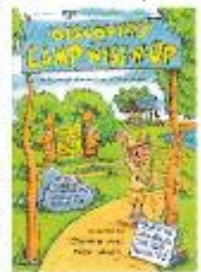
CHAPEL OFFERING PROJECT. . . Our weekly chapel offerings for the final trimester will go to support the ministry of Bec's Blessing Assisted Living Center in Giddings. To date, we've collected \$733.98 for the project. Remember your chapel offerings every Wednesday and contribute generously in support 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.



SPRING MUSICAL. . . Rehearsal has begun for the 2024 St. Paul Spring Musical on Sunday, May 19th following the 1:00 PM Graduation Service. This year's musical entitled "Discovery at Camp Wise-n-Up" is a musical adventure of Proverbs. Journey with us as Sol the omnivore hunter and a group of not-so-lazy ants helps us learn important lessons about following God's path for our lives. Please keep in mind--ALL STUDENTS in Grades K-8 are involved in the musical and expected to attend. Mark the date on your calendars now, invite your relatives and friends, and plan to attend!



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-SERRIN DUE TO FINANCIAL CONCERNS. Contact Mr. House for more info concerning financial assistance.



HAVE A BLESSED WEEK! . . Next week winds down the month of April and we look forward to May and the conclusion of the 2023-24 school year. Watch for the monthly Voyager View newsletter next week which will outline all the various end of the year activities and events. Be safe and healthy in service to the Lord!



Your partner in Christ,
James L. House, Principal

