

St. Paul Lutheran Church

Serbin, Texas



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The Second Sunday of Easter

April 7, 2024

Welcome! *The Risen Christ Breathes His Peace in the Holy Absolution.*

The crucified and risen Lord Jesus appeared to His apostles on the first Easter Sunday. He “came and stood among them,” and with His Word and the wounds in “his hands and his side,” He granted them His peace (John 20:19–20). He sent them as ministers of the Gospel in His name to bestow the life-giving Holy Spirit for us and for His whole Church through the forgiveness of sins (John 20:21–23). Through this apostolic ministry, He calls us to believe that He “is the Christ, the Son of God,” so that by such faith we “may have life in his name” (John 20:31). The apostles “have seen and heard” this divine life manifested in the flesh of Christ, and those who succeed them in this apostolic ministry now proclaim that same Absolution to us, so that we “too may have fellowship” with the risen Christ, with the apostles and “with one another” (1 John 1:1–7). The one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church lives by “their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus,” and all who believe this Word are “of one heart and soul,” because in Him they truly have “everything in common” (Acts 4:32–33).

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)*
- 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 Wallace Lehmann (father of Ricky Lehmann)*

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: 467, 470, 781 v. 1&2, 480, 851, 917, 763

Sermon Text: 1 John 1:1-2:2

The Sermon: **“No Harmful Side Effects”**

- † **The Altar flowers** are placed to the glory of God in honor of Stacey Olmann for her birthday by Clint, Everlee and Hallee.
- † **The Altar Stand flowers** are placed to the glory of God in loving memory of Theresa Krause’s birthday by Billy, Jarrett, Stephanie, Jace and Levi.
- † **Altar flowers** are needed for Sunday, April 28th. If you would like to place flowers on that Sunday, please call Dorothy Schautschick at 716-0094.
- † **Easter Lilies.** There are still a few Easter Lilies, that were used to decorate the church on Easter, that have not been picked up. Please stop by the church office and pick up your lily and scratch your name off the list.
- † **A Special Voter’s meeting** will be held this morning after the service to extend a call to Tyler J. Koop to serve as Principal. His Information is below:
Tyler J. Kopp – Tyler grew up in Jefferson City, Missouri. He attended Concordia University, Seward graduating with a Bachelor of Arts in 2004 and then master’s in education in 2011 also from Concordia University, Seward. He married Amy L. Ager in 2004 and this union is blessed with two children (a son and a daughter). He has served St. Paul Lutheran School in Des Peres, MO from 2004-2012. He then moved to St. Peter’s Lutheran, Fort Wayne, IN from 2012-2017 serving as their principal. He then taught 4th grade at Jefferson City Public School in 2017-2018. Currently he is serving as principal at Immanuel Lutheran School, Jefferson City, MO since 2018.
- † **Church Council** – This Thursday, April 11th at 7:00 p.m. the church council will meet to set the agenda for the April 14th voters meeting. All congregational officers and board members are part of the church council
- † **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.

LUTHERAN HOUR: Next Sunday, April 14th, **“Breathe In, Breathe Out”**. Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Leopoldo Sanchez. The Holy Spirit breathes life into the Church and the Church breathes that life out to the world with the love of Christ. (Acts 2:42-47). 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 7 – Easter II

How remarkable that our Lord’s beloved Apostle St. John describes the Gospel of Jesus Christ as “the Word of Life” (1 John 1:2). He also declares all believers qualify as “little children” (2:1). And he proclaims that God has given His son to redeem “the whole world”- every member of the human race, no matter what age, appearances, or ability. Even personal choice or political controversy can’t keep us quiet about it!

Serving today: **Elders**– Monroe Schatte, Jr. and Dwayne Schulze
Organist- Susan Michael
Acolytes- Kylie Schmidt and Kelton Schulze
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
Nathan Michael, Virgil Becker, Timothy Symm

THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

Today **Worship Service w/Communion– 8:30 a.m.**
 Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.
 Special Voters’ Meeting – 9:30 a.m.

Mon.-Fri. Achievement Tests

Monday Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.

Tuesday Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.
 Circuit Meeting @ Immanuel, Giddings – 9:00 a.m.

Wednesday Staff Bible Study – 7:30 a.m.
 School Chapel – 8:30 a.m.
 4-H Meeting – 6:30 p.m.
 LWML Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

Thursday Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.
 Church Council Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

Friday Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.
 Science Night of Family Fun – 5:30 p.m.

Next Sunday **Worship Service – 8:30 a.m.**
 Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.
 Acolytes: Hudson Short and Kenzie Stewart
 Greeter: Tammy Hartfield
 Scholarship Committee Meeting – 10:15 a.m.
 LYF Meeting & Social – 2:00 p.m.
 Voter’s Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

Birthdays: Today – Calvin Mitschke; 8th – Brooks Hansen; 9th – Virgil Becker, Rylee Smolik, Rose Tharp; 11th – Marissa Hempel; 12th – David Gersch. God’s Blessings to you.

ST. PAUL NOTES:

Attendance Last Week: Maundy Thursday Worship- 207, Communion- 154; Good Friday Morning Worship- 114, Communion- 41; Good Friday Service of Darkness- 81; Easter Sunrise Worship- 269; Easter Festival Worship- 188; Sunday School- 28, Visitors- 3, Offering- \$16.00.

Offering Last Week: \$25,508.17

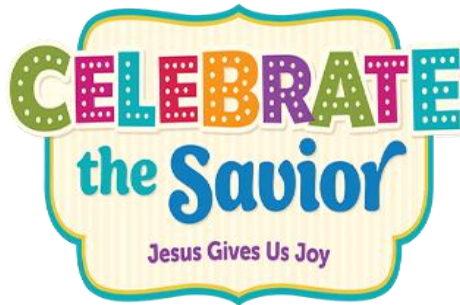
Home:		Mission:	
General	\$13,577.51	Mission	\$465.00
Maundy Thursday	\$1,503.00	Mission Total	\$465.00
Good Friday	\$988.00	Savings/Other:	
Easter	\$2,442.75	Building Fund	
Sunday School	\$16.00	Maundy Thursday	\$1,504.00
ECC Operating	\$1,582.41	Good Friday	\$988.00
Received 3/31/2024	\$20,109.67	Easter	\$2,441.50
		Savings/Other Total	\$4,933.50
Est. needed per week	\$29,635.00		
Received MTD	\$113,655.17	Total	\$25,508.17
Est. needed per month	\$128,417.00		

MEMORIALS: General: In memory of Josie Fajkus by M/M Gilbert Krause - \$25.00. **ECC Operating:** In memory of Josie Fajkus by Lil Robertson - \$25.00. In memory of Theresa Krause by William Krause - \$500.00. **Texas Wendish Heritage Society:** In memory of Matt Kelly by Milton & Geraldine Albrecht – \$25.00.

† **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 will be in the church office beginning Sunday April 7. 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! **Register before APRIL 1st to receive a FREE VBS t-shirt!** You will be able to pick up your VBS shirt on the first day of VBS. **Volunteer for VBS-** Please let Krista Rodriguez know if you would like to assist with VBS this Summer. (979-716-0143).



Busy Night? Dinner's On Us

FLHS Booster's Club is selling Chicken Spaghetti casseroles, available for pick-up at Warda, Serbin, La Grange, or Giddings on Monday, April 15th. Pre-order by TOMORROW, Monday, April 8th. A 9X13 is \$35 and an 8X8 is \$20. Limited amounts available. Call FLHS to order yours today!

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.

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!

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!

The Voyager Voice

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

for the week of April 7-13, 2024

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Apr. 8-12...Achievement Test Week
- Apr. 8...Solar Eclipse Viewing
- Apr. 10...Science Fair Preview Night
– 5:30-6:30 PM
- Apr. 12...End of 5th Six-Weeks
Science Night of Family
Fun – 5:30-7:30 PM
- Apr. 18...Distribution of 5th Six-Week
Report Cards
- Apr. 26...Thorndale (3-8) Field Day
- Apr. 27...PSIA State Meet @ TSU
San Marcos
- Apr. 29...BOY Dibles 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



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...

Achievement Testing will take place next week, April 8-12. Check out the list of ‘Tips for Test Taking’ in the article below.

We will view the **Total Solar Eclipse** next Monday 4/8 afternoon. Viewing Permission Slips were due today!

Science Night of Family Fun is next Friday 4/12 from 5:30-7:30 PM.

- Bring your science projects to school next Wednesday for set up and preview.
- Pizza Reservation Forms were due today!

Have a blessed week of witness to our Risen Savior!

~ Jim House, Principal

NEWS, NOTES, and HAPPENINGS

ECLIPSE VIEWING 2024... We have a unique opportunity to view the 2024 Total Solar Eclipse *next Monday, April 8th between 12 noon and 2:30 PM*. The kids and teachers have been talking about the eclipse during the week and are looking forward to viewing this unique phenomenon. On Monday morning, students will be given final viewing instructions before viewing the eclipse together on the school grounds using special safe-viewing glasses purchased for each student. Hopefully, your child has returned their *Eclipse Viewing Permission Slip* and has your permission to view the eclipse with their classmates. We hope for good viewing weather on Monday!



ACHIEVEMENT TESTING... The Iowa Test of Basic Skills (ITBS) standardized achievement tests will be administered to all St. Paul students in Grades K-8 *next week, April 8-12*. Tests will be given each morning of this week *between 8:00-11:45 AM*. Parents, please *avoid scheduling absences from school during these times*. Also, we offer the following “*Tips for Test Taking*” to both students and parents to help with your successful test taking:

- 1) *Get a good night's sleep*
- 2) *Eat a good breakfast each morning*
- 3) *Avoid over doing it*
- 4) *Don't come to school sick*

By following these helpful hints, we can all work to provide the best possible situation to ensure your child's testing success!



LUTHERAN FIELD DAY NEWS. . . Last Friday (4/5), our Voyager K-4 students participated in the annual Immanuel-Ciddings Lutheran K-4 Field Day. Watch for information about their success next week.

At the end of April, it will be the Gr. 3-8 students' turn to participate in the *Thorndale Field Day on Friday, April 26th* beginning at 9:00 AM. We plan to use the three 14-passenger SPS buses to transport students to Field Day; however, *we will still need several parents to assist in transporting students.* A form is coming home today on which you can indicate your transportation needs and volunteer to help with transportation - watch for it and return the form to the school office *no later than Monday, April 15th*! In mid-April, we'll send home an information letter regarding the events in which your child will participate, times for the events, concession prices, and final transportation plans. If you have any questions, contact Mrs. Fritscha, Mr. House, or your child's teachers. Plan to join us on April 26th for the Thorndale Field Day fun!



SCIENCE NIGHT OF FAMILY FUN. . . will be held *next Friday, April 12th from 5:30-7:30 PM* in the gym. This weekend, students should be putting the finishing touches on their projects and readying their science projects and investigations for display and presentation next week. Remember...all projects should be *brought to school next Wednesday, April 10th* for set up and preview. If you have any last-minute questions, contact Mr. House early next week!



To add to the "Science Night" fun, the PILS will also be serving pizza and drinks for all those in attendance. Plan to join us next Friday for an evening of science fun and learning!

PREVIEW NIGHT. . . If you are not able to attend Science Night of Family Fun but would still like to view the students' projects, we invite you to attend the *Science Fair Preview Night next Wednesday, April 10th from 5:30-6:30 PM*. Student projects will be on display for your viewing pleasure. We look forward to seeing you at one or both of our Science Night events!

THANKS TO ALL. . . who donated candy or cash for last week's St. Paul Lutheran Easter Egg Hunt. The students had a great time hunting eggs and receiving special treats. Thanks again for your donations that made our annual event a huge success!

NEW ENROLLMENTS. . . Applications are available for new families who wish to enroll for the first time at St. Paul Lutheran School in the 2024-25 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.

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!



EASTER VICTORY! . . Yes, the chocolate rabbits have been eaten and the plastic eggs are put away, but Easter is not over! As Christians, we celebrate Easter every week and sharing the Easter joy of Jesus' resurrection every day! Continue to greet those you meet with our "Easter victory chant"—**HE IS RISEN, HE IS RISEN INDEED—ALLELUIA!**



HAVE A BLESSED WEEK! . . Here's wishing everyone a safe and blessed 2nd 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

