

# St. Paul Lutheran Church

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## The Fourth Sunday of Easter

11 May 2025

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**Sunday School and Bible Class:** The Sunday School Children and Teachers are dismissed during the ringing of the bells following the service. This week, students will study "A Servant Speaks." The Twelve select Stephen as one of the first seven deacons in the Early Church. Synagogue leaders twist Stephen's words, falsely accusing him of blasphemy. Stephen's testimony before the high priest recalls Israel's rejection of God's promise and their rejection of Jesus, the promised Savior. When Stephen says he sees a vision of Jesus standing at the right hand of God, the enraged officials cast Stephen out of the city and stone him. The Adult Bible Class will meet in the Church.

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 Werchans)*  
*Roselie Johnson-recovering (mother of Carie Oltmann)*  
*Billy Krause-recovering*  
*Gilbert Krause-recovering*  
*Vic Lohberg*  
*Mike Maass-recovering*  
*Douglas Malke-hospitalized*  
*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*  
*Camie Smiley-surgery (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:

*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)*  
*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 Dorothy 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 Ludwig Krause*  
*The family of Eleanor Berger*  
*The family of Randy Belz (uncle of Amanda Carter)*

#### 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: 605, 710, 781 v. 1&2, 740, 725  
Sermon Text: Acts 20:17-35  
The Sermon: **“What Are You Worth?”**  
Adult Men’s Choir: ♪ *“Jesus Shepherd of My Heart”*

† **The Altar flowers** are placed to the glory of God in honor of Dianna Noack on Mother’s Day by Arthur & family.

† **We express our sympathy** to the family of Ludwig Krause He fell asleep in Jesus, Sunday, May 4, 2025. Funeral services for Mr. Krause were held here at St. Paul Lutheran Church on Saturday, May 10, 2025. May the Lord comfort the family with His word of promise.

† **We express our sympathy** to the family of Eleanor Berger. She fell asleep in Jesus, Monday, May 5, 2025. Funeral services for Mrs. Berger were held here at St. Paul Lutheran Church on Thursday, May 8, 2025. May the Lord comfort the family with His word of promise.

† **Thank you** to the PTLs for providing recognition gifts for mothers this morning.

† **Thank you** to all families for the gifts during appreciation week. Your generosity and care are greatly appreciated. *St. Paul Staff*

† **Special Voters Meeting.** There will be a Special Voters Meeting on Sunday, May 18, 2025, following the service to approve Frank Isom to wax the floors of the school, classrooms, gym and hallways at a cost of \$3,295, an increase from \$3,175 cost since 2017. Waxing to be performed over summer break. Monies to come from the General Fund.

† **Adult Confirmation.** Pastor will begin an Adult Confirmation Class in June. If you know of anyone who is interested, please let Pastor know by Sunday, May 18.

† **Community League Baseball.** The Jackrabbits 2025 community league baseball season begins next Sunday. A schedule is available from the ushers this morning and also 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.

† **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.

† **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,

† **Graduation Cards** are available in the Church office. Cards are \$1.00 each of 12.00/box.

**LUTHERAN HOUR:** Next Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, “**Truth That Takes Us In.**” Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Jesus is the Truth Who will take you in to live like He lives, planted in God His Father’s love. (John 15:9). 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.

**THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK**

Today **Worship Service – 8:30 a.m.**  
 Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.  
**Mother’s Day**

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

Wednesday School Chapel – 8:30 a.m.  
 LWML Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

Thursday Staff Bible Study – 7:30 a.m.  
 Friday Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.  
 ECC Rainbow Day

Next Sunday **Worship Service w/Communion – 8:30 a.m.**  
 Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.  
 Acolytes: Lane Gersch and Trenton Grange  
 Greeter: Deanna Miertschin  
 Sunday School Teachers Meeting – 10:15 a.m.  
 PreK Graduation Service– 2:00 p.m.  
 K-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation Service – 4:00 p.m.  
 Spring Musical – 5:00 p.m.

**Birthdays: Today** – Malia Droegemueller, Paul Sommerfield; 12<sup>th</sup> – Evelyn Williams 13<sup>th</sup> – John Reagan, Jr.; 14<sup>th</sup> – Joshua Adair, Reagan Hinze; 15<sup>th</sup> – Keaton Bradford; 17<sup>th</sup> – Nancy Kasper, Billy Krause, Lillian Robertson. God’s Blessings to you.

**ST. PAUL NOTES:**

**Attendance Last Week:** Morning Worship- 209, Communion- 120, Bible Class- 15; Sunday School- 28, Visitors- 2, Offering- \$15.25.

**Offering Last Week:** \$53,778.68

<b>Home:</b>		<b>Mission:</b>	
General	\$22,930.00	Mission	\$380.00
Sunday School	\$15.25	<b>Mission Total</b>	<b>\$380.00</b>
Lunch Room	\$1,297.00	<b>Savings/Other:</b>	
ECC Operating	\$11,461.11	School Fund	\$155.00
School Registration	\$5,425.00	Building Fund	\$1,000.00
Tuition	\$11,020.00	School Oil & Gas	\$95.32
<b>Received 5/4/2025</b>	<b>\$52,148.36</b>	<b>Savings/Other Total</b>	<b>\$1,250.32</b>
<b>Est. needed per week</b>	<b>\$31,870.00</b>	Total	\$53,778.68
<b>Received MTD</b>	<b>\$52,148.36</b>		
<b>Est. needed per month</b>	<b>\$138,103.00</b>		

**MEMORIALS: General:** In memory of George Hernandez by Martin & Jeanie Werchan - \$100.00; by Arthur & Dianna Noack – 75.00; by Kevin & Sherri Coffman - \$25.00; by Wilbert & Carol Jean Noack - \$30.00; by Robert & Brenda Muniz - \$50.00; by Marvin & Charlyn Matthijetz - \$40.00; by Sheilla Barnett - \$75.00; by Edna Houston - \$15.00; by Martin & Ginny Schautschick - \$40.00; by Kevin Lillis - \$100.00; by Dwight & Kathryn Friedrich - \$25.00. In memory of Robert Albrecht by Calvin & Ina Mitschke - \$100.00. **School Fund:** In memory of George Hernandez by Linda Jones - \$25.00; by Paul & Tina Sommerfield, Max & Macy – \$50.00; by Doris Fritsche - \$30.00; by M/M Paul Meinke - \$50.00. **Faith Lutheran High School:** In memory of George Hennandez by Bobby & Carolyn Oltmann - \$25.00.

**Serving today:** Elders– David Fritsche and Gary Oltmann  
**Organist-** Susan Michael  
**Acolytes-** Addyson Early and Jagger Garner  
**Head Ushers-** Donald Becker  
**Captain-** Michael Becker   **Assistant-** Glen Albrecht  
**Ushers-** Wyatt Arldt, Gabriel Bailey, Virgil Becker,  
Jace Heuermann, Clay Mertink, Cody Mertink,  
Cole Mertink, Owen Wittman, Robert Zoch  
**Counting and Posting offering this week:**  
**Chairman-** Glen Abrecht  
Tommy Miertschin, Cole Mertink, Payton Oltmann  
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**Life Thoughts in the Church Year:**  
**May 11 – Easter IV/Mother’s Day**

With motherly tenacity and tenderness, Jesus insists none of His little ones perish (John 10:28). Each one comes from the Heavenly Father’s own almighty hand (John 10:29), no matter size or skills or circumstances (Revelation 7:9). He desires the whole human community to share His delight in caring for them all (Acts 10:28), even in surprise pregnancy or terminal diagnosis.



**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.

**How can you help with VBS?**

1. **Volunteer for VBS-** Please let Krista Rodriguez (979-716-0143) know if you would like to assist with VBS this Summer!
2. **Sign-up to bring Snack items-** Our sign-up will be coming soon!
3. **Designate your offering to VBS-** You can provide a monetary donation to help cover the cost of VBS items through your offering.
4. **Pray for VBS-** God is working in the lives and hearts of many people through the VBS program! We pray that each child, adult, family, and volunteer is brought closer to Jesus through their experience with VBS.

