

# St. Paul Lutheran Church

Serbin, Texas



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## The Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 12, 2024

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### **Welcome! Our Great High Priest Preserves Us in the Name of His Father.**

On the eve of His Passion, Christ Jesus intercedes for the disciples as their merciful and great High Priest. He prays that His Father would protect them “from the evil one” and preserve them in His name (John 17:11–12, 15). Along with His prayer, Christ Himself comes to the Father by His self-sacrifice upon the cross, thereby consecrating Himself for the sake of His disciples, “that they also may be sanctified in truth” (John 17:19). To that same end, He speaks to them in the world and gives them His Father’s Word, that is, Himself. His apostles, in turn, have written these things “to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life” (1 John 5:13). For “this life is in his Son,” whom He has given by His Word, and “whoever has the Son has life” (1 John 5:11–12). By this apostolic testimony, disciples are gathered together “with one accord,” as one Body in Christ, “devoting themselves to prayer” and waiting upon the Lord in “the upper room” of His Church on earth (Acts 1:13–14). We invite you all to worship with us again.

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### **In Our Prayers:**

Those recovering from surgeries and illness:

- Paul Albrecht-recovering*
- Royce Albrecht-recovering*
- Chris Birnbaum-recovering.*
- John Grange-recovering*
- George Hernandez-recovering*
- Roselie Johnson-recovering (mother of Carie Oltmann)*
- Judy Kalbas*
- Paul Kappler-hospitalized*
- Paula Krause-recovering*
- Claudelle Krska (friend of Antionette Richardson)*
- Antoinette Richardson-recovering*
- Ruth Siegmund-hospitalized (friend of Eldor & Lori Becker)*
- Cindy Umphries-recovering (friend of James & Kathy Kalbas)*
- Tim Weise-recovering*
- Ruby Weiser-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*
- Kyler Brown (friend of Dorthy Schautschick) U.S. Navy-Bahrain*

### **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: 650, 539, 781 v. 1&2, 644, 842

Sermon Text: Acts 1:12-26

The Sermon: **“Chosen By God”**

K-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Anthem: ♪“*Seek Ye First*”

Adult Choir Anthem: ♪“*Draw Us to Thee*”

- ✝ **The Altar flowers** are placed to the glory of God in honor of all mothers on Mother’s Day.
- ✝ **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 Voter’s Meeting.** There will be a Special Voter’s meeting on Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup> following the service to accept the financial gift from PTLs to purchase school desks for grades 3-8 and to approve the floor waxing of the school. There will be no Bible Class.
- ✝ **PSIA.** Congratulations to the following student who participated in the PSIA state meet last week: Avery Moore-6<sup>th</sup> Maps, Graphs, and Charts; Tyler Fritsche: 6<sup>th</sup> Maps Graphs, and Charts; Cooper Hinze: 7<sup>th</sup> Mathematics; Miriam Meyer: 9<sup>th</sup> Vocabulary; Elijah Kueck: 8<sup>th</sup> Mathematics, 10<sup>th</sup> Number Sense, 10<sup>th</sup> Maps, Graphs, and Charts.
- ✝ **Community League Baseball.** The Jackrabbits 2024 community league baseball season begins next Sunday. A schedule is available from the ushers this morning and also in the church office.
- ✝ **Picnic Work Schedule** - This year the Soda Water and Ice Cream stand will be merged with the Scholarship Committee stand. Please note the work schedule changes. It takes many volunteers serving together to achieve a successful picnic each year and everyone’s help is greatly appreciated. If there are any ladies who are not serving with the LWML stand or helping with the LYF or 4H and would be willing to help in the future, please contact Picnic Chairman Troy Menzel or the church office. God has blessed St. Paul with 130 wonderful picnic’s and we look forward to many more to come.
- ✝ **Serbin LWML** will sell baked goods at the picnic again this year. Please bring any items (including homemade jellies, pickles, etc.) you wish to include to the Picnic grounds on Picnic Sunday before church, if possible. Thanks for your support!
- ✝ **Aluminum Cans:** Need somewhere to take your aluminum cans? There is a drop-off trailer by the pasture gate for anyone who would like to drop off their aluminum cans to be recycled. All money raised from the recycled cans will go to the Building Fund. We sold the cans this past week and raised another \$76.80. for the Building Fund. Total given to the Restoration/Building fund is \$3,944.75.
- ✝ **Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church of La Grange** will have their **29<sup>th</sup> annual Picnic & Auction** on Sunday, **May 19<sup>th</sup>** at the La Grange KC Hall. A brisket & sausage meal with buttered potatoes, green beans, and homemade bread will be sold for dine in or drive thru from 11 am – 12:30 pm. All plates are \$16. A live auction, live music, raffle prizes, children’s activities, and food in the afternoon are all part of the festivities of the day! Tickets can be purchased from the church office, LG Chevron, Lukas Bakery, Weikel’s Bakery, Mt. Calvary Preschool, or at the door. **If you would like tickets, see Jason Lehmann this morning after the service.**
- ✝ **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 13<sup>th</sup>.
- ✝ **Pictorial Directory.** We will again need individuals to help as hosts/hostesses with sign-in. Please text Pastor or call the church office if you are willing to help.

**LUTHERAN HOUR:** Next Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, **“Waiting, But Not Alone”**. Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Jason Broge. Jesus leaves His followers waiting for Him to return but He promises they will not be left alone. (Acts2:1-21). 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.

**Serving today: Elders**– Douglas Hartfield and Michael Krause  
**Organist**- Jack Wiederhold  
**Acolytes**- Alice Gurka and Cooper Hinze  
**Head Ushers**- Donald Becker  
**Captain**- Troy Menzel **Assistant**- Mark Jones  
**Ushers**- John Hinze, Scott Jones, Russell Kappler,  
Brooks Kasper, Kaden Kasper, Kyle Kasper,  
Ty Kasper, Caleb Oltmann, Curtis Oltmann,  
Clyde Schimank, Troy Wiederhold  
**Counting and Posting offering this week:**  
**Chairman**- Glen Abrecht  
Tommy Miertschin, Ty Kasper, Payton Oltmann  
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**THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK**

Today **English Communion Worship Service – 8:30 a.m.**  
**Mother’s Day**  
Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.  
Monday Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.  
Tuesday Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.  
Wednesday Staff Bible Study – 7:30 a.m.  
School Chapel – 8:30 a.m.  
Thursday Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.  
Friday Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.  
Saturday **Armed Forces Day**  
Next Sunday **Worship Service w/Communion – 8:30 a.m.**  
Special Voter’s Meeting  
Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.  
Acolytes: Lukas Iselt and Cole Kalbas  
Greeter: Lana Kaiser  
Sunday School Teacher’s Meeting – 10:15 a.m.  
ECC Graduation – 2:00 p.m.  
Community Leage Baseball – Serbin v. Shiner – 3:00 p.m. @ Shiner  
K-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation Service – 4:00 p.m.  
Spring Musical – 5:00 p.m.

**Birthdays: Today** – 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, William Krause, Lillian Robertson; 18<sup>th</sup> – Glen Albrecht. God’s Blessings to you.

**ST. PAUL NOTES:**

**Attendance Last Week:** Morning Worship- 250, Communion- 164, Bible Class- 18; Sunday School- 28, Offering- \$19.00.

**Offering Last Week:** \$53,736.72

<b>Home:</b>		<b>Mission:</b>	
General	\$25,551.33	Mission	\$1,125.00
Sunday School	\$119.00	<b>Mission Total</b>	<b>\$1,125.00</b>
Lunch Room	\$2,095.94	<b>Savings/Other:</b>	
ECC Operating	\$9,176.39	School Oil & Gas	\$12.26
School Registration	\$3,750.00	Building Fund	\$1,076.80
Tuition	\$10,430.00	Endowment Fund	\$200.00
<b>Received 5/5/2024</b>	<b>\$51,122.66</b>	Scholarship	\$200.00
		<b>Savings/Other Total</b>	<b>\$1,489.06</b>
<b>Est. needed per week</b>	<b>\$29,635.00</b>		
<b>Received MTD</b>	<b>\$51,122.66</b>	Total	\$53,736.72
<b>Est. needed per month</b>	<b>\$128,417.00</b>		

**MEMORIALS:**

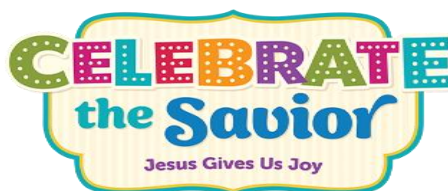
† **Pictorial Directory:** Plans are underway for our 2024 Pictorial Directory. Photography dates for the directory will be June 17 – June 23 and July 15 – July 21. Sign up for photography times. Sign-up sheets are in the church office on Sunday mornings. You can come by or call the Church Office during the week and we will be happy to sign you up. 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!



**How can you help with VBS?**

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

**Sign-up to bring Craft and Snack items-** Our sign-up is all online this year! Scan the QR code below, or go to the church website, to sign-up. If you need help signing up, please contact Kalen Kalbas, Krista Rodriguez, or the church office. All craft items are due Sunday, June 2nd. All snack items are due Sunday, June 9th.

**Designate your offering to VBS-** You can provide a monetary donation to help cover the cost of VBS items through your offering.

**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.





### **Graduation**

Graduation for the fourth class of Faith Lutheran High School will be on Saturday, May 25th at 1:30 pm at Holy Cross Lutheran Church. Please join us as we celebrate all our seniors and celebrate their accomplishments.

### **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. LIMITED AVAILABILITY in all camps!

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!

### **Congratulations**

Kaylee Wolff ran the mile at the TAPPS 1A State Track Championships on Saturday, May 4th at Midway Stadium in Waco, TX. She placed 4th in the state with a personal record time of 5:56.

### **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 and an afternoon flight. 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).

### **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 and projects!



2024 Seniors - L to R - David, Timothy, and Kaydence

# The Voyager Voice

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for the week of May 12-18, 2024

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

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- May 13...Mad Science Assembly  
– 10:00 AM
- May 19...Graduation Service (K & 8)  
– 4:00 PM  
Spring Musical – 5:00 PM
- May 20...All-School Awards  
Assembly – 2:00 PM
- May 21 & 22...AR Reward Party in PM
- May 22...Closing Chapel Service  
– 8:30 AM  
8<sup>th</sup> Gr. Spotlight Assembly  
2:30 PM
- May 23...Final Day of School  
End-of-Year Picnic  
@ Camp Lone Star  
– 9:00 AM-2:00 PM  
Dismissal for Summer  
– 2:00 PM
- May 26...Serbin Homecoming Picnic



## 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. . .

I hope you enjoyed our Voyager **FIELD DAY** today as much as the kids did! Thanks for coming out to support the students and staff!

Students will enjoy the **MAD SCIENCE ASSEMBLY** on Monday at 10:00 AM.

Mark your calendars and plan to attend two big events next weekend:

- **8<sup>TH</sup> GR. & KINDERGARTEN GRADUATION** – 4:00 PM in church.
- **SPRING MUSICAL** – 5:00 PM in gym. Everyone is invited!

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

## NEWS, NOTES, and HAPPENINGS



**MAD SCIENCE ASSEMBLY.** . .The PK-8<sup>th</sup> graders will enjoy the excitement of the “Fire & Ice” Mad Science Assembly, an interactive educational program for our students on *Monday, May 13<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM*. Thanks PTLs for funding this event.

**SCHOOL PICNIC.** . .Once again this year, we will hold our St. Paul Lutheran End-of-School Picnic on *Friday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> at Camp Lone Star beginning at 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM*. The Board of Education will grill hamburgers for all kids and adults. An *Information Letter* is coming home today with each student. Attached to this letter were two important forms: the *Picnic Participation Form* and the *LOMT Liability Waiver Form*. Both forms are required of all students and parents who wish to attend. These forms must be returned to the school office no later than next Friday, May 17<sup>th</sup>. Parents, please remember all adults attending must pay the \$10 day use fee and complete the permission waiver, too! All SPS families are encouraged to attend and share in the good food and fellowship of the day!



**HOT LUNCH FINALE.** . .We have a total of *8 hot lunch days* remaining in the 2023-24 school year. Please check your lunch account on FACTS and make sure your payments are “up-to-date” for this school year. And, thanks for your participation in our Hot Lunch program this year!

**LAST DAY OF SCHOOL.** . .for the 2023-24 school year is *Thursday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>*. Classes will be dismissed at 2:00 PM for the summer immediately following the End-of-School Picnic at Camp Lone Star.

**GRADUATION SERVICE.** . . The St. Paul Lutheran 8<sup>th</sup> Grade and Kindergarten Class of 2024 will be honored at their Graduation Service *next Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 PM* in the church. Diplomas will be distributed at that time to our eight graduating 8<sup>th</sup> graders and eight Kindergarteners. All members of St. Paul Lutheran Church, parents, relatives, and friends of the graduates are invited to join us for the service as we wish the graduates the

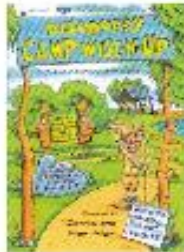


Lord's richest blessings on their future schooling! Graduates and parents—look for a final information letter coming today!

**CONGRATULATIONS.** . . to our 2024 *Class Valedictorian Elijah Kueck*, son of Jonathan & Nikki Kueck and to our 2024 *Class Salutatorian Cooper Hinze*, son of Nick & Karla Hinze.

We congratulate all eight of our 2024 graduates and wish them the Lord's richest blessings during their high school years.

**SPRING MUSICAL.** . . We're busy with final rehearsals for the 2024 St. Paul Spring Musical *next Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup> @ 5:00 PM* (following the 4:00 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 crocodile 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, invite your relatives and friends, and plan to attend!



**CHAPEL OFFERING PROJECT.** . . Our weekly chapel offerings for the final trimester will go to support the ministry of *Bee's Blessing Assisted Living Center* in Giddings. To date, we've collected \$902.99 for the project. Remember your chapel offerings next Wednesday and contribute generously in support of our worthy project.



**AWARDS ASSEMBLY.** . . We wish to recognize and celebrate the many accomplishments of our Voyager students this school year by holding a special *All-School Awards Assembly on Monday, May 20<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM*. That afternoon, the students and staff will gather in the gym as we present a variety of awards to deserving students, including academic, athletic, and participation awards. **Parents are invited to attend this special awards assembly, too.** We also plan to broadcast the Awards Assembly on Facebook Live and make it available on the St. Paul YouTube page for later viewing by family and friends. Mark your calendars and plan to honor the kids in person or virtually on May 20<sup>th</sup>!



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



**WELCOME MAY!**

. . We're entering the final two weeks of the 2023-24 school year with lots of special events and activities planned for both students and families. Hopefully, you can participate in them all; but above all, look for ways to share the love of Jesus as people who are "Connected" to Him through God's Word and Spirit. If I can be of any service to you next week, feel free to stop by my office or call for an appointment. Be safe and healthy in service to the Lord!



Your partner in Christ,  
James L. House, Principal

