

St. Paul Lutheran Church

Serbin, Texas



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The Day of Pentecost

May 19, 2024

Welcome! *The Holy Spirit Brings the Dead to Life by the Righteousness of Christ.*

In returning to His Father by way of the cross and resurrection, Christ Jesus sends “the Helper” to His Church, that is, “the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father.” The Spirit testifies of Christ and glorifies Him by taking what is His and declaring it to the world in the preaching of repentance for the forgiveness of sins (John 15:26; 16:7, 14). He convicts the world of sin by the word of the Law, He forgives sins and justifies sinners by the Word of the Gospel, and He bestows the faith that says “Amen” to this righteousness of God (John 16:8–11). Therefore, the Lord pours out His Spirit on the apostles, that by their preaching, the Spirit should be given to His entire Church. As the multitudes are gathered from all the nations by “this sound,” that is, by the preaching of “the mighty works of God” in Christ Jesus, so does God the Father pour out the Spirit of His Son “on all flesh” (Acts 2:6, 11, 17). The Lord God breathes upon the slain, and so shall they live; for so the Lord has spoken, and He shall do it (Ezek. 37:5–14

We invite you all to worship with us again.

In Our Prayers:

Those recovering from surgeries and illness:

Paul Albrecht-recovering
Chris Birnbaum-recovering.
Garry Fritsche (nephew of Doris Fritsche)
John Grange-recovering
Jonathan Hansen- recovering
George Hernandez-recovering
Roselie Johnson-recovering (mother of Carie Oltmann)
Judy Kalbas
Ruth Kluth
Paula Krause-recovering
Claudelle Krska (friend of Antionette Richardson)
Sylvin Mersiovsky (father of Stephen Merisovsky)
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
Jeannie Werchan-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)
Stephen Kasper
Franklin Hoffman (father of Maxine Bradshaw)
Devin Jackson (brother-in-law of Chris and Michelle Birnbaum)

Paul Kappler-hospitalized

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: 500, 497, 781 v. 1&2, 905, 605, 496, 643

Sermon Text: Acts 2:1-21

The Sermon: **“It’s Really About the Word”**

- † **The Altar flowers** are placed to the glory of God in honor of the Wends and Rev. Jan Kilian who was called in 1854 as the Pastor for the Lutheran Congregation that formed to emigrate to Texas.
- † **The Altar Stand flowers** are placed to the glory of God in honor of Lucille Schatte’s birthday by her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.
- † **Special Voter’s Meeting.** There is be a Special Voter’s meeting this morning 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.
- † **Community League Baseball** – The Serbin Jackrabbits will play Shiner today at Shiner. Time for the game is 3:00 p.m. Next Sunday, May 26th Serbin will play Flatonia at Serbin. **Time for this game is 2:00 p.m.**
- † **Graduates.** Congratulations to the 2024 St. Paul Lutheran School and Early Childhood Center Graduates:
Early Childhood Center: Caden Bradley, Caroline Harris, Hadlee Hentschel, Hudson Chaddock, Jace Bise, Josiah Kueck, Kensi Beasley, Ryden Lange, Fiona Lea, Zaxton Bishop
Kindergarten: Olin Carter, John Faske, Hayes Hansen, Carter Hill, Cora Iselt, Jocelyn Jones, Kambree Krnavek, Landon Menzel,
8th Grade: Tyler Fritsche, Paislee Gunter, Cooper Hinze, Elijah Kueck, Miriam Meyer, Scarlett Rhodes, Elizabeth Richardson, Owen Wittman
- † **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!
- † **Picnic Worklist** is available from the ushers this morning and in the church office.
- † **Celebrating Retirement and Significant Anniversaries.** We wish to congratulate James House on his retirement. Diana Roeber on 25 years of service, Chelese Wiederhold on 10 years of service, Alicia Moerbe on 10 years of service and Nayeli Soto-Salas on 10 years of service to our Lord and St. Paul. Cards and well wishes can be dropped in the church replica in the church office. A cake reception will be held following the service on Sunday, June 9th.
- † **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 26th, **“Penultimate Sacrifice”**. Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Memorial Day honors those who made “the ultimate sacrifice” in service to country, but there was one Sacrifice infinitely greater. 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:

May 19 – Pentecost

The Holy Spirit means to make a dwelling place of every human body (1 Corinthians 6:19-20). The Scriptures explicitly apply this mission to old and young, Male or female (Acts 2:17), and even the unborn (Psalm 139:13). We have the invitation and commission to proclaim this prophetic message to a culture that beholds some neighbors as lifeless bones (Ezekiel 37:2-3). Let His precious breath of life (Genesis 2:7) inspire us all!

Birthdays: Today – Kim Droegemueller; 20th – Lucille Schatte; 22nd – Kathleen Beeman, Lindsay Maass; 23rd – Haley Henderson, Elaine Mersiovsky; 24th – Rory Schatte; 25th – Helen Gonzales. God’s Blessings to you.

Serving today: Elders– Douglas Hartfield and Michael Krause
Organist- Daniel Krause
Acolytes- Lukas Iselt and Cole Kalbas
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- Rex Perry
Philip Tharp, Troy Wiederhold, John Hinze

THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

Today **Worship Service w/Communion – 8:30 a.m.**
Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.
Special Voter’s Meeting – 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School Teacher’s Meeting – 10:15 a.m.
ECC Graduation – 2:00 p.m.
Community League Baseball – Serbin v. Shiner –
3:00 p.m. @ Shiner
K-8th Grade Graduation – 4:00 p.m.
Spring Musical – 5:00 p.m.

Monday Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.
All-School Awards Assembly – 2:00 p.m.

Tuesday Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.

Wednesday Staff Bible Study – 7:30 a.m.
Closing Chapel Service – 8:30 a.m.
8th Grade Spotlight Assembly – 2:30 p.m.

Thursday **Final Day of School**
End of School Year End Picnic – 9:00 a.m.
Board of Elder’s Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

Friday Faculty Clerical Day

Next Sunday **Worship Service – 8:30 a.m.**
Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.
Community League Baseball – Serbin v. Flatonia –
2:00 p.m. @ Serbin
Acolytes: Jozlyn Perry and Kalisa Oltmann
Greeter: Pam Krause and Janet Oltmann
130th Annual Serbin Homecoming Picnic

ST. PAUL NOTES:

Attendance Last Week: Ascension Service- 37, Communion- 17, Morning Worship- 287, Bible Class- 25;
Sunday School- 37, Offering- \$42.75.

Offering Last Week: \$19,402.50

Home:		Mission:	
General	\$8,300.00	Mission	\$345.00
Sunday School	\$42.75	Mission Total	\$345.00
Lunch Room	\$110.00	Savings/Other:	
ECC Operating	\$4,731.25	Building Fund (Ascension)	\$286.00
School Registration	\$975.00	Savings/Other Total	\$286.00
Tuition	\$4,612.50		
Received 5/12/2024	\$18,771.50	Total	\$19,402.50

Est. needed per week \$29,635.00
Received MTD \$69,894.16
Est. needed per month \$128,417.00

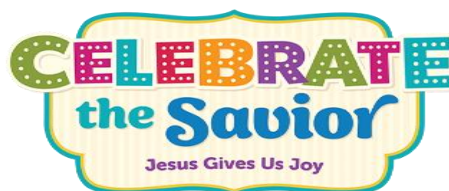
† **Pictorial Directory:** Plans are underway for our 2024 Pictorial Directory. Photography dates for the directory will be June 17 – June 23 and July 15 – July 21. Sign up for photography times. Sign-up sheets are in the church office on Sunday mornings. You can come by or call the Church Office during 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. Congratulations to Valedictorian - Timothy Meyer and Salutatorian - David Wolff. Please join us as we celebrate all our seniors and celebrate their accomplishments.

Final Chapel

Join us for our weekly Chapel Worship Service. This week, chapel will be on Tuesday, May 21, beginning at 12:04 pm, with Pastor Nate Hill from St. Michael in Winchester leading us.

Close of 2023-2024 School Year

Thursday will be the last day of classes at FLHS for this school year. Please pray for the students as they prepare to take finals and pray for our seniors as they graduate. Thank you for keeping FLHS in your prayers and gifts this year! We have been blessed beyond measure!

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!

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.

New Student Registration

Registration for the 2024-2025 school year is underway. We already have new students enrolled and would love to welcome you into our Falcon family as well. Call us at (979) 242-2889 to schedule a shadow day or visit our website at www.flhstx.org for registration information.

The Voyager Voice

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

for the week of May 19-25, 2024

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- May 19... Graduation Service (K & 8)
– 4:00 PM
Spring Musical – 5:15 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
8th 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... Serbia Homecoming Picnic
- June 9... Anniversary & Retirement
Recognition @ 8:30 Worship
- June 10-14... Vacation Bible School
8:15-11:15 AM
- Aug. 1... First Tuition Payment, due
for 2024-25 school year
(10-month payment option)
- Aug. 14... First Day of School for
2024-25 school year

From the Principal's Desk . . .

FINAL NEWSLETTER. . . This is the final Voyager View newsletter of the 2023-24 school year. I hope you've received your email copy with the various attachments each week and that you've found them informative. Thanks for reading the newsletters faithfully, and look for them again next year.



Check out the updates for next week's events as well as information on various end-of-school year and summer activities!

Have a great final week in service to the Lord!

~ Jim House, Principal

NEWS, NOTES, and HAPPENINGS

GRADUATION SERVICE. . . The St. Paul Lutheran 8th Grade and Kindergarten Classes of 2024 will be honored at their Graduation Service *today, May 19th at 4:00 PM* in the church. Diplomas will be distributed at that time to our eight graduating 8th 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!



SPRING MUSICAL. . . Join us *today, May 19th* (immediately following the Graduation Service) at *5:15 PM* for the 2024 spring musical, “*Discovery at Camp Wise-n-Up*”. Journey with us as Sol the crocodile hunter and a group of not-so-lazy ants helps us learn important lessons from the Book of Proverbs about following God's path for our lives. Be sure to invite your relatives and friends to join us Sunday afternoon! ***Remember, students should arrive at 5:00 PM in their classrooms to ready themselves for the performance!***

FINAL DAY OF SCHOOL. . . *next Friday (May 23rd)* is the final day of school for the 2023-24 school year. Classes will be ***dismissed at 2:00 PM*** for the summer at the conclusion of the End-of-School Picnic at Camp Lone Star. The afternoon bus routes will be available that day to take regular riders home; times will be adjusted to accommodate the earlier dismissal time. All students returning to school from Camp Lone Star ***should be picked up from school no later than 2:30 PM.***

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Our Mission

*“To Educate Children for Life to
Witness the Word to the World.”*

CONGRATULATIONS. . . . to our 2024 *Class Valedictorian Elijah Kueck*, son of Jonathan & Nikki Kueck and to our 2024 *Class Salutatorian Cooper Hinz*, son of Nick & Karla Hinz. We congratulate all eight of our 2024 graduates and wish them the Lord's richest blessings during their high school years.



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 20th 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 20th!



AR REWARDS PARTY. . . . To recognize the accomplishment of our students who have reached their AR Reading goals all year long, we're planning an *AR Rewards Party next Tuesday, May 21st (Gr. 1-3) & Wednesday, May 22nd (Gr. 4-8)* at Gatti's Pizza in Brenham. Students will be leaving school for the parties at 10:45 AM via the SPS buses. A Trip Notification Forms were sent home with students last Friday details for the trip. Please sign and return the form next Monday. We're looking forward to lot of fun for our AR readers!

CLOSING CHAPEL SERVICE. . . . will be held *next Wednesday, May 23rd at 8:30 AM* in the church. Parents, plan to join us as we close our 2023-24 academic year in the name of our Triune God.

CHAPEL OFFERING PROJECT Next Wednesday is our final chapel offering in support of *Bea's Blessing Assisted Living Center* in Giddings. To date, we've collected *\$970.49* for the project. Remember your chapel offerings next Wednesday in support of our worthy project.



SPOTLIGHT ASSEMBLY. . . . The underclassmen and faculty of SPS wish to honor our 2024 Graduates (as well as have a little good-hearted, last-minute fun with them) *next Thursday, May 22nd at 2:30 PM* as we hold our 8th Grade "Spotlight" Assembly in the gym. Come join us as we honor these special students and recognize their many accomplishments during their years at St. Paul.



SCHOOL PICNIC. . . . We're looking forward to closing out the 2023-24 school year by holding our St. Paul Lutheran End-of-School Picnic *next Thursday, May 23rd 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. Friday was the deadline to return your *Picnic Participation Forms* and *LOMT Liability Waiver Form*. Remember, *no student or adult will be allowed to participate in picnic activities without these forms on file.* Also, parents attending the picnic should also include *payment of their \$10.00 camp activity fee* along with submission of these forms. If you forgot to return your form (or payment) by today's deadline, do so without fail on Monday!



CONGRATULATIONS. . . . On *Sunday, June 9th*, parents, students, and members of St. Paul congregation will have the opportunity to celebrate the ministries of *Mr. Jim House, Mrs. Diana Roeber, Mrs. Chelsea Wiederhold, and Mrs. Alicia Moerbe* with special recognition and presentation of gifts from the congregation at the 8:30 AM Worship Service. Mr. House is retiring at the end of this school year following 45 years of service as Principal and Teacher in Lutheran schools (7 years at Serbin). Mrs. Roeber is completing 25 years of service as School Cook, Bus Driver, and Custodian. Both Mrs. Wiederhold and Mrs. Moerbe are completing 10 years of teaching. We praise God for the work of these Christian servants and wish them God's blessings on their continued ministry among us at St. Paul Lutheran Church and School.



HAVE A HAPPY SUMMER. . . . Our wish for you at the close of the school year is that you have a very happy, safe, healthy, and Christ-filled summer vacation. For those members of our school family—students, parents, and faculty—who will not be returning to St. Paul Lutheran in August, may the Lord continue to bless you and keep you safe in His loving arms as we continue to carry out Jesus' call to each of us to follow & serve him and be his witnesses, ever trusting in our Loving God, as people who are **"CONNECTED"** to Him through His Word and Spirit!

