

St. Paul Lutheran Church

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The Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 5, 2024

Welcome! *The Lord Jesus Is with His Church in the Apostolic Ministry of the Gospel.* The crucified and risen Lord Jesus is with His Church through the word of His apostles, who “are witnesses of all that he did.” He was anointed by God “with the Holy Spirit and with power,” and “he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil,” and so He was with those whom He sent “to preach to the people” (Acts 10:38–42). The Holy Spirit is bestowed on those who hear that apostolic preaching, who are “baptized in the name of Jesus Christ,” so that “everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name” (Acts 10:43–44, 48). For as He came by the water of His Baptism, even to the blood of His Passion, so the Spirit testifies to the truth with “the water and the blood” in the apostolic ministry of the Gospel (1 John 5:6–7). By these means, Christ Jesus speaks to us, that His joy may be in us and that our “joy may be full.” For this purpose, He appointed the apostles to “go and bear fruit” in order to make known His divine friendship to us (John 15:11, 15–16). 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.*
- John Grange-recovering*
- George Hernandez-surgery*
- Roselie Johnson-recovering (mother of Carie Oltmann)*
- Judy Kalbas*
- 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-hospitalized*

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*
- Kyler Brown (friend of Dorthy Schautschick) U.S. Navy-Bahrain*

Thanksgiving: Nancy Beckcom for safety during house fire

Congratulations: David & Michelle Fritsche on the birth of a grandson, Nolan James Zettel

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: 430, 556, 781 v. 1&2, 770, 791, 490, 923

Sermon Text: 1 John 5:1-8

The Sermon: **“Responding”**

- † **The Altar flowers** are placed to the glory of God.
- † **Altar flowers** are needed for Sunday, May 12th. If you would like to place flowers on that Sunday, please contact Lana Kaiser at 540-8011.
- † **February and March Financial Statements** are available from the ushers this morning.
- † **The Voyager View Newsletter** is available from the ushers this morning.
- † **Trustees Meeting.** The Trustees will meet tomorrow May 6th, at 7:00 p.m. All trustees may pick up their packets in the church office today to review prior to the meeting.
- † **Thank You.** The Family of Erwin Ray Schulze would like to thank everyone for the phone calls, concerns, prayers, cards, memorials, food, and any act of kindness. The love and support shown during the hospital stay, during the loss of our loved one and the continued prayers, love and acts of kindness are more than words can express. Thanks to Pastor Schmidt for including our loved one in the prayers of St. Paul Lutheran Church. The rewards will be in heaven, when we will all be together with those we miss and love. Thanks again for all of your love and prayers.
Sincerely, Laverne Zoch Schulze and Family
- † **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.
- † **Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church of La Grange** will have their **29th annual Picnic & Auction** on Sunday, **May 19th** 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 13th.
- † **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 14th, **Unforecastable”**. Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. It’s been said that God’s call often comes as a surprise. In Acts 9, we meet three men who found themselves called in ways they could neither forecast nor control. (Acts 9:31). 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- Susan Michael

Acolytes- Tyler Fritsche and Jagger Garner

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

Nathan Michael, Virgil Becker, Timothy Symm

THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

Today **Worship Service w/Communion – 8:30 a.m.**
 Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.
 PTLs Meeting – 10:15 a.m.

Mon. – Fri. **Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week**

Monday Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.
 Trustee’s Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.
 Circuit Meeting @ Mt. Calvary, La Grange – 9:00 a.m.
 Board of Christian Education Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

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

Thursday Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.
Ascension Day Service w/Communion 7:00 p.m.
Acolytes: Lane Gersch and Trenton Grange
Greeter: Joyce Hinze

Friday “Muffins w/Moms” Parent Fellowship – 7:15 a.m.
 St. Paul Voyager’s “Tribal Olympics” Field Day

Next Sunday **Worship Service – 8:30 a.m.**
Mother’s Day
 Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.
 Acolytes: Alice Gurka and Cooper Hinze
 Greeter: Susan Michael

Birthdays: Today – Brooklyn Mersiovsky; 7th – Cynthia Becker, Marvin Lorenz, Douglas Malke, Logan Perry; 8th – Linda Oltmann, Rev. John Schmidt, Carlie Weiser; 9th – Berkley Schatte; 10th – Jason Heuermann; 11th – Malia Droegemueller, Paul Sommerfield. God’s Blessings to you.

ST. PAUL NOTES:

Attendance Last Week: Morning Worship- 218, Bible Class- 21; Sunday School- 28, Offering- \$20.00.

Offering Last Week: \$7,619.25

Home:		Mission:	
General	\$6,150.00	Mission	\$643.00
Sunday School	\$20.00	Mission Total	\$643.00
ECC Operating	\$606.25	Savings/Other:	
Received 4/28/2024	\$6,776.25	Cemetery Fund	\$200.00
		Savings/Other Total	\$200.00
Est. needed per week	\$29,635.00		
Received MTD	\$97,302.10	Total	\$7,619.25
Est. needed per month	\$128,417.00		

MEMORIALS: General: In memory of Betty Jean Jenke by Marvin & Charlyn Matthijetz - \$40.00. In memory of Theresa Krause by Steven Arldt - \$100.00.

✝ **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.

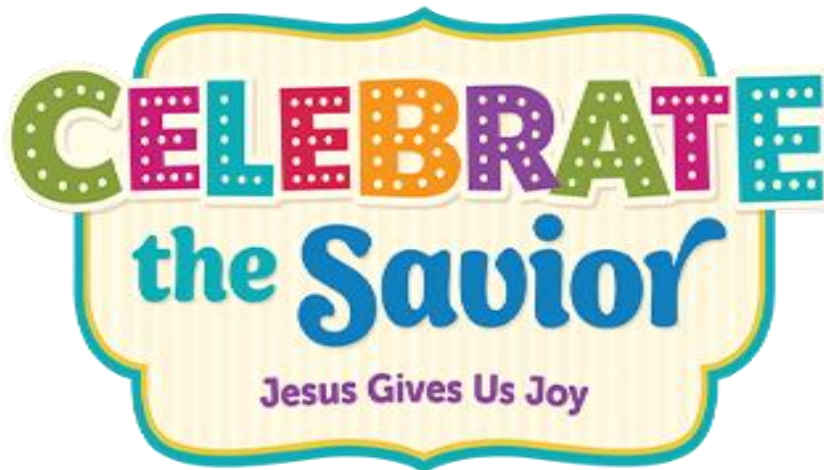
Here is the link for sign up:

<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!

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





Track Season

Congratulations to all of our track athletes and their success at regionals. A special congratulations to Kaylee Wolff, freshman, who qualified to run the mile at State. Kaylee ran the mile at state on Saturday, May 4th in Hewitt, TX.

The Spring Thing!

FLHS is proud to present The Spring Thing! This will be a showcase of our students' work in the fine art department, including vocal, instrumental, and handbell pieces. Please join us Wednesday, May 8th, at 7pm.

Graduation

Graduation for the fourth class of Faith Lutheran High School will be 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.

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!

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.

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.