

St. Paul Lutheran Church

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The Fifth Sunday of Easter

7 May, 2023

Welcome! *The Lord Jesus Christ Is the Way, the Truth and the Life.* The risen Lord Jesus alone is “the way, and the truth, and the life,” and we come “to the Father” only through Him (John 14:6). God is thus “glorified in the Son,” and those who believe in Him will do the works of Christ because He goes to the Father for us (John 14:12–14). Stephen, “a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit” (Acts 6:5) and “doing great wonders and signs among the people” (Acts 6:8), did the works of Christ. When he was falsely accused and put to death, he “gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God” (Acts 7:55). Fixing his hope there, he commended his spirit to the Lord Jesus and prayed for his murderers. In the same way, all the baptized are called to follow the example of Christ Jesus by faith. Though He was “rejected by men” in the sight of God, He is “chosen and precious” (1 Peter 2:4). He is the chief cornerstone of the Father’s “spiritual house,” and we are built upon Him as “living stones” (1 Peter 2:5). We invite you all to worship with us again.

In Our Prayers:

Those recovering from surgeries and illness:

Gladys Arldt

Chris Birnbaum-recovering

Roselie Johnson-recovering (mother of Carie Oltmann)

Evelyn Kaiser

Judy Kalbas-recovering

Chris Miertschin

Shannon Miertschin

Dwayne Muzny-recovering from surgery (friend of Susie Maass)

Keeley Schautschick-recovering

Greg Sorrento-recovering (nephew of Doris Fritsche)

Cindy Umphries-recovering (friend of James & Kathy Kalbas)

Our members in nursing homes and our shut-ins.

Those fighting cancer including:

Lillian Bamsch (sister-in-law of Charlyn & Marvin Matthijetz)

Leonard Boriack (friend of the Schautschick family)

Teresita Brodrick (aunt of David Wittman)

Vernon Bryant (friend of Arthur & Dianna Noack)

Russell Cleghorn (friend of James & Kathy Kalbas)

Ginger Clifford (sister of Nancy Kasper)

Franklin Hoffman (father of Maxine Bradshaw)

Brenda Karisch (friend of Bonnie Wenke family)

Steven Kelly (cousin of Jessica Gruetzner, brother-in-law of Christi Bradford)

Theresa Krause

Bethany Lara (daughter of Kathy Gersch)

Heather Lilly (granddaughter of Irene Noack)

Ruby Maass (Mother of Linda Schonhoeft)

Gladys Mathena (sister of Frances Miertschin and Marilyn Miertschin)

Rhonda Mitschke (friend of Christi Fritsche)

Deborah Richards (sister-in-law of Zelda Richards)

Carol Sander

Diane Sanders (friend of James & Kathy Kalbas)

Cherie Todee-sister of Carrie Oltmann

Judy Westbrook (mother of Heather Krause)

Tiffany Wittman (sister-in-law of Jason & Cindy Heuermann)

Those serving in the Armed Forces including:

Steven Cutlip (brother of Stephanie Symm), Fort Bliss, El Paso

Kosh Ozmun (son of Stephanie Miertschin), Ft. Hood, 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

Dylan Robbins (cousin of Michelle Birnbaum) Newport, Rhode Island

Randall Weise (grandson of Bernice Doebbler) Ft.

Huachuca, Arizona

Peyton Walker (son of Heather Mersiovsky) Ft. Benning, Georgia

Those who mourn:

The family of Gerald Schmidt (father of Ashley Schmidt)
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: 660, 633, 781 v. 1&2, 722, 465, 645, 887

Sermon Text: John 14:1-14

The Sermon: **“Are You Confused?”**

- † **The Altar flowers** are placed to the glory of God in memory of the birthday of Dena Luedke Kuhlmann by Calvin & Ina Mitschke.
- † **Adult Instruction Class:** Pastor Schmidt will begin Adult Instruction Classes. Please contact the church office if you are interested in these classes.
- † **Door Offering.** We have a door offering this morning for Epiphany Lutheran Church.
- † **Bake Sale Today** at the Serbin Picnic Grounds. Free will donation and all proceeds will benefit the students going to Washington D.C. at the beginning of June. Thank you in advance for your support!!
- † **The Holy Cross Couples Club** will have their annual BBQ Chickens on Mother’s Day, May 14. Chickens are \$13.00 and cups are sauce are \$3.00. Pick-up at the Holy Cross picnic grounds from 10:30 to 12:00. PreSales only. Sign up by contacting Robert and Joyce Hinze at – 979-366-2398, 979-540-0355 (Joyce), 979-540-6911 (Robert) or the Holy Cross church office at 242-3333 by Monday, May 8th.
- † **Celebrating 25 years on May 21st.** We wish to congratulate Ms. Elaine and Mrs. Droegemueller on their 25 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 served following the musical Sunday evening.
- † **Graduates:** We would like to acknowledge the accomplishment of those who will be graduating from college this year (2023) 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 15th.
- † **Texas Wendish Heritage Society Scholarship Program.** The Texas Wendish Heritage Society (TWHS) appreciates support given to our scholarship program. All Texas Wendish Heritage Scholarship funds are received through fundraising projects and donations. The TWHS scholarship program is available to students of Wendish descent and encourages students to learn more about their Wendish heritage. Applicants must be enrolled in an accredited college, university or trade school for Fall 2023 semester. 2023-2024 scholarship applications are available online at texaswendish.org and on the Texas Wendish Facebook Page. The entire process is online and must be submitted digitally by the deadline; 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 14th, 2023. For more information contact the Texas Wendish Heritage Museum at 979-366-2441 or museum@texaswendish.net . **Thanks for your support!**
- † **Orphan Grain Train** is a Christian volunteer network that shares personal and material resources with needy people in America and around the world. Grain Train volunteers gather donations of clothing, medical supplies, food, Christian literature, and other aid to meet real needs. The Orphan Grain Train movement is a loving response to Jesus Christ’s example as a servant and his love for us. Orphan Grain Train is a non-profit organization, created in 1992, to provide assistance to those in need, and in natural disasters in both the United States and foreign countries. Donations can be dropped off at the church office. Pick-up is scheduled for Wednesday, May 10th.

LUTHERAN HOUR: Next Sunday, May 14th, **“Reason to Hope”**. Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. A brand-new violin needs to mature through time and use. The same goes for followers of Christ. (1 Petr 3:15). 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 7 – Easter V

The God of the Scriptures displays a decided preference for precisely the kind of lives our world despises. He devotes particular attention to infant and the elderly persons (Psalm 146:9), with no thought for who might find them “unwanted” or “burdensome.” He would even have us emulate their dependency upon Him (1 Peter 2:2). And He invites us to know this – and make it known – as real life (John 15:6).

Serving today: Elders– Monroe Schatte, Jr. and Dwayne Schulze
Organist- Susan Michael
Acolytes- Gabriel Bailey and Jozlyn Perry
Head Ushers- Donald Becker
Captain- Mason Becker **Assistant-** Carson Becker
Ushers- Jason Becker, Randy Becker, Brandon Burgdorf,
Trey Fritsche, Mike Krause, Ethan Miertschin,
Rex Perry, Brad Schmidt, Tim Symm, John Tate
Counting and Posting offering this week:
Chairman- Glen Abrecht
Carson Becker, Ty Kasper, Payton Oltmann

THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

Today **Worship Service w/Communion– 8:30 a.m.**
Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.
4-H Fried Chicken Dinner
Bake Sale

Monday Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.
PTLS Meeting – 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.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.

Friday “Muffins with Moms” Parent Fellowship 7:15 a.m.
St. Paul Serbin Field Day

Saturday Faith Lutheran High School Golf Tournament

Next Sunday **Worship Service – 8:30 a.m.**
Mother’s Day
Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.
Acolytes: Lydia Schautschick-Goodson and Cooper Hinze
Greeter: Bonnie Wenke

Birthdays: Today – 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; 12th – Evelyn Williams; 13th – John Reagan, Jr. God’s Blessings to you.

ST. PAUL NOTES:

Attendance Last Week: Morning Worship- 221, Bible Class- 22; Sunday School- 27, Offering- \$20.00.

Offering Last Week: \$17,999.63

Home:		Mission:	
General	\$15,868.69	Mission	\$425.00
Sunday School	\$20.00	Mission Total	\$425.00
Use of Facility	\$150.00	Savings/Other:	
ECC Operating	\$1,367.94	School Fund	\$25.00
Received 4/30/2023	\$17,406.63	Building Fund	\$143.00
		Savings/Other Total	\$168.00
Est. needed per week	\$27,230.00		
Received MTD	\$111,447.96	Total	\$17,999.63
Est. needed per month	\$118,000.00		

MEMORIALS: General: In memory of Cathy Ann McCauley by Allen & Mildred Perry - \$30.00. In memory of Gerald Schmidt by David & Karen Schmidt - \$50.00. **School Fund:** In memory of Gerald Schmidt by Gary & Cindy Becker - \$25.00. **Texas Wendish Heritage Society:** In memory of Nora Jantzen by Milton & Geraldine Albrecht - \$25.00.

† **Volunteer for VBS-** Please let Krista Rodriguez (979-716-0143) know if you would like to assist with VBS this Summer. We are in need of site leaders and helpers.

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† **SIGN UP NOW for VBS 2023!** VBS is June 12th-16th. During Rainforest Explorers VBS, we will learn how Jesus is our ultimate guide in our lives! Register now online at www.stpaulserbin.org or scan the QR code!



New Student Registration

Registration for the 2023-2024 school year is underway. Five new students have already enrolled. We 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 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 10th, at 7pm.

Busy Night? Dinner's On Us

FLHS Booster's Club is selling 9 X 13 Chicken Spaghetti casseroles, available for pick-up at Warda, Serbin, or Giddings on Monday, May 22nd. Pre-order by Monday, May 15th. Cost is \$35 each. Limited amounts available. Call FLHS to order yours today!

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 30 to June 1 - Volleyball - Grade 3 to 8 - \$20

June 12-14 - Basketball - Grades K to 8 - \$20

June 19-21 - STEM Camp - Grades K to 6 - \$40 - Limited spots remaining!!

June 26-28 - Art Camp - Grades K to 6 - \$40 - Limited spots remaining!!

July 31 to Aug 1- 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!

Staff Positions Available

Faith Lutheran High School will have part time openings on its faculty and staff for the 2023-2024 academic year! Interested individuals who have secretarial experience or teach **any** subject area are encouraged to apply, but science, social studies, English, or electives are sought after skills. Applicants may submit resumes to Faith Lutheran High School, PO Box 138, Warda, TX 78960, call (979) 242-2889, or email them to kueckn@flhstx.org. If you have the time and talents, please consider applying and sharing your gifts with our students. Thank you!

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!