

# St. Paul Lutheran Church

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## The Third Sunday of Easter

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**Welcome! *The Preaching of Repentance and Forgiveness of Sins Makes Us Pure.*** The risen Lord Jesus taught His disciples “*that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead*” and “*that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations*” (Luke 24:46–47). Therefore, St. Peter preaches repentance and forgiveness to the people of Jerusalem. As he proclaims that Jesus fulfilled all that “*God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets*” (Acts 3:18), he also convicts the people of their sin, because they “*delivered over and denied*” this Lord Jesus and “*killed the Author of life.*” Yet God “*glorified his servant Jesus*” and raised Him from the dead (Acts 3:13–15). St. Peter calls the people to repent, so that their “*sins may be blotted out, that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord*” (Acts 3:19–20). Through this forgiveness of sins and by faith in this forgiveness, the Father shows His love for us in order that “*we should be called children of God; and so we are*” (1 John 3:1). Thus, we hope in Him and are made pure even “*as he is pure,*” because “*he appeared in order to take away sins, and in him there is no sin*” (1 John 3:3, 5).

We invite you all to worship with us again.

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### In Our Prayers:

Those recovering from surgeries and illness:

*Willard Albrecht-recovering*

*Tamshaw Becker*

*Brian Becvar (cousin of Jessica Gruetzner)*

*Mary Sue Canales (cousin of Nancy Kasper)*

*Pat Hughes (friend of James and Kathy Kalbas)*

*Gladys Karisch-recovering*

*Ruth Lorenz-recovering from surgery*

*Chris Miertschin*

*Shannon Miertschin*

*Mark Noack-brother of Lori Becker*

*Walter Noack-hospitalized*

*Pat Nusbaum-hospitalized (mother of Melissa Ray)*

*Ralph Pitts (uncle of James Kalbas)*

*Herb Roeber*

*Larry Schatte-recovering from surgery*

*Hattie Schautschick*

*Barbara Schreckengost-recovering (sister of Theresa Krause)*

*Cindy Umphries-hospitalized (friend of James & Kathy Kalbas)*

*Becky Weise-recovering*

*Conway Whited (nephew of Ashley Schmidt)*

**Our members in nursing homes and our shut-ins.**

**Those fighting cancer including:**

*Annie Beasley (niece of Shorty & Sandra Schimank)*

*Diane Biehle (friend of Dorothy Schautschick)*

*Joyce Bise*

*Russell Cleghorn (friend of James & Kathy Kalbas)*

*Ginger Clifford (sister of Nancy Kasper)*

*Mandie Fritsche (granddaughter-in-law of Doris*

*Fritsche*

*Doyle Hembry (father of Pam Krause and Lisa Schmidt)*

*Franklin Hoffman (father of Maxine Bradshaw)*

*Ross Hughes (friend of James and Kathy Kalbas)*

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

*Rev. Fred Krebs (friend of Shorty & Sandra Schimank)*

*Harold Krause*

*Bethany Lara (daughter of Kathy Gersch)*

*Kathy Lohberg (niece of Adelia Becker and Hattie Mutschink)*

*Mike Maass*

*Carie Oltmann*

*Pat Richardson (friend of Darlene Schatte)*

*Diane Sanders (friend of James & Kathy Kalbas)*

*Karen Schmidt*

*Jim Sladek (friend of Johnathan Noack)*

*Barbara Symm*

*Judy Westbrook (mother of Heather Krause)*

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

*Cathy Woolbright (friend of Ken & Ruby Weiser)*

**Those serving in the Armed Forces including:**

*Keith Schreckengost (Billy & Theresa Krause's brother-in-law), Fort Hood, TX*

*Steven Cutlip (brother of Stephanie Symm), Fort Irwin, CA*

*Kosh Osmun (son of Stephanie Miertschin), Basic Training*

*Coy Hunt (son of Shannon & Christine Hunt) Camp Hovey, South Korea*

**Those who rejoice including:**

*Alison and Richard Symons as they begin their married life together*

**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—**Worship Insert

The Hymns: 605, 483, 887, 392, 465

Sermon Text: 1 John 3:1-7

The Sermon: **“A Great Change”**

St. Paul Lutheran Church is open for worship. We continue celebrating Holy Communion on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month. Private communion is available and we ask that you contact Pastor Schmidt to set up a time. Social distancing guidelines continue to be followed and we ask for your active participation to protect yourself and those around you. All those who are at risk are encouraged to please stay home and continue to follow us on the Church's Website. All bulletins and announcements will continue to be posted on the Church's Website. **If you are experiencing any symptoms of COVID you are required to stay home.** We pray God's protective hand upon us as we move forward in His love and care during this uncertain time.

- ✠ **The Altar flowers** are placed to the glory of God from the Symons/Gersch wedding.
- ✠ **Altar Side Stand flowers** are placed to the glory of God in memory of Adelia Lorenz by Milton & Geraldine Albrecht & family and Robert & Joyce Hinze & family.
- ✠ **The Side Stand flowers** are placed to the glory of God in honor of Rev. Paul & Wilma Droegemueller on their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary by Josh and Tim Droegemueller and their families.
- ✠ **Voter's Meeting Minutes.** The minutes of the Voters Meeting that was held on Sunday, April 11 are included in bulletin this morning.
- ✠ **The Holy Cross Couples Club** will have their annual BBQ Chickens to-go on Mother's Day, May 9th, at the Holy Cross Picnic Grounds in Warda. Whole chickens are \$9.00 and sauce is \$2.00. Pick-up will be from 10:30 to 12:00. Advance orders only. Order by May 3<sup>rd</sup> by calling the church office at 242-3333 or contact Robert and Joyce Hinze at – 979-366-2398 or 979-540-0355 (Joyce) or 979-540-6511 (Robert).
- ✠ **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 2021 semester. 2021 scholarship applications will be available beginning April 17<sup>th</sup> online at [texaswendish.org](http://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 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021. For more information contact the Texas Wendish Heritage Museum at 979-366-2441 or [museum@texaswendish.net](mailto:museum@texaswendish.net). In 2019 a total of \$18,000 was awarded in scholarships to twenty-three students. **Thanks for your support!**
- ✠ **Dear LWML Sisters,**  
The Dorcas Circle is pleased to announce that Rev. Ray Wilke, founder of Orphan Grain Train, will give a presentation on Monday, April 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 at Immanuel, Giddings in the Fellowship Hall. We'd like to invite you and anyone else you know, who is interested, to join us. Come hear how Orphan Grain Train evolved from a plea for help to its present day ministry of sharing God's love and mercy by meeting the needs of the hopeless. Orphan Grain Train is a recipient of a \$5000 mission grant from LWML Texas District. Rev. Wilke will share the impact these Mercy Meals make on the needy. We hope to see you on the 26<sup>th</sup>.  
**Orphan Grain Train is a recognized service organization of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod**

**Serving today: Elders—**David Fritsche and David Schmidt

**Organist-** Daniel Krause

**Head Ushers-** Donald Becker

**Captain-** Troy Menzel **Assistant-** Mark Jones

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**THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK**

Today **Worship Service w/Communion– 8:30 a.m.**  
 Bible Class – 9:30 a.m.  
 LYF Meeting and Social – 2:00 p.m.

Wednesday ECC Chapel – 8:00 a.m.  
 School Chapel – 8:30 a.m.  
 PTLs Officers Meeting – 6:30 a.m.

Thursday Board of Elders Meeting – 7:00 p.m.  
 ECC Earth Day

Next Sunday **Worship Service – 8:30 a.m.**  
 Bible Class – 9:30 a.m.

**Birthdays:** 19<sup>th</sup> – Richard Symons; 21<sup>st</sup> – Shanna Mitschke; 22<sup>nd</sup> – Mark Jones, Leroy Kalbas, Adele Schulze; 23<sup>rd</sup> – John Hinze, Clint Oltmann, Shane Sander; 24<sup>th</sup> – Nicholas Hinze, Christopher Schimank. God’s Blessings to you.

**ST. PAUL NOTES:**

**Attendance Last Week:** Morning English- 140, Bible Class- 21.

**Offering Last Week:** \$13,727.70

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| <b>Home:</b>                 |                    | <b>Mission:</b>            |                 |
| General                      | \$8,706.00         | Mission                    | \$423.00        |
| Maundy Thursday              | \$2.50             | Lent – Ft. Wayne           | \$2.50          |
| Good Friday                  | \$2.50             | Lent – St. Louis           | \$2.50          |
| Easter                       | \$85.00            | <b>Mission Total</b>       | <b>\$428.00</b> |
| Use of Facility              | \$150.00           | <b>Savings/Other:</b>      |                 |
| Lunch Room                   | \$538.00           | School Fund                | \$125.00        |
| ECC Operating                | \$767.50           | Building Fund              | \$50.00         |
| School Registration          | \$650.00           | Maundy Thursday            | \$2.50          |
| Tuition                      | \$2,133.20         | Good Friday                | \$2.50          |
| <b>Received 4/11/2021</b>    | <b>\$13,034.70</b> | Easter                     | \$85.00         |
|                              |                    | <b>Savings/Other Total</b> | <b>\$265.00</b> |
| <b>Est. needed per week</b>  | <b>\$22,500.00</b> |                            |                 |
| <b>Received MTD</b>          | <b>\$52,312.20</b> | Total                      | \$13,727.70     |
| <b>Est. needed per month</b> | <b>\$97,500.00</b> |                            |                 |

**MEMORIALS: General:** In memory of Marty Stanfield and Lillian Weid by David & Susan Michael - \$50.00. In memory of Kathi Chambless, Monroe Prellop, Billy Walther and Nelson Friedrich by Martin & Jeannie Werchan - \$400.00. **School Fund:** In memory of Marty Stanfield by Martin & Jeannie Werchan - \$100.00; by Elaine Mersiovsky - \$25.00. **Building:** In memory of Marty Stanfield by Curtis Oltmann family - \$50.00.

**LUTHERAN HOUR:** Next Sunday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, **“Replace or Repair?”** Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Broken doesn’t mean “disposable.” Dr. Michael Zeigler tells how God redeems and repurposes broken people. (Jonah 2). 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](http://lhm.org) for a link to listen to the Lutheran Hour live.

**Life Through the Church Year:**

**April 18 – Easter II**

“Repentance and forgiveness should be proclaimed in His name to all” (Luke 24:47). We should proclaim repentance and forgiveness even unto those who promote or take part in sins against the sanctity of life. If God blots out our guilt for killing the Author of life (Acts 3:15, 19), will He not do so for those who have had a hand in abortions?



**Register for God's Wonder Lab!** God's Wonder Lab is the VBS theme for 2021. Join us June 14-18th from 8:15-11:15. Register by following the link on the church website or on the school Facebook page! St. Paul's VBS is for children ages 3 - 7th Grade! We have an exciting week planned of learning about Jesus, our Savior, with lots of fun activities, singing great songs, crafts and snacks, and so much more! I hope you can join us!

**Volunteer for VBS!** God has given us all unique gifts and abilities to share with others! Please contact VBS Director, Krista Rodriguez (979-716-0143) to share your gifts! Serve our risen Lord by volunteering to lead Bible stories, crafts, games, music, or just be a helper to the lead teachers at each station. Volunteers can be from those entering 8th Grade through 88<sup>th</sup> year of life.



### **New Student Registration**

Registration for the 2021-2022 school year is underway. **Eight 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.faithlutheranhighschool.com](http://www.faithlutheranhighschool.com) for registration information.

### **Junior High Game Night**

FLHS will be hosting a game night for 7th and 8th grade students on Friday, April 30th from 6:00 pm until 9:00 pm at Faith Lutheran High School. We will have lots of food, fun, and fellowship! It may look a little different than in the past, but we are excited to host this memorable event. Parents, you must call FLHS to reserve your child's spot at Game Night this year. Please join us!

### **Free Wednesday mornings?**

Join us for our weekly Chapel Worship Service every Wednesday, beginning at 10:30 am.

### **Staff Positions Available**

Faith Lutheran High School will have part time openings on its faculty for the 2021-2022 academic year! Interested individuals who teach science, social studies, English, Spanish, or electives, or would like to supervise dual credit or study hall students may submit resumes to Faith Lutheran High School, PO Box 138, Warda, TX 78960, call (979) 242-2889, or email them to [kueckn@faithlutheranhighschool.com](mailto:kueckn@faithlutheranhighschool.com). If you have the time and talents, please consider applying and sharing your gifts with our students. Thank you!

### **Youth Camps**

Summer camps are back! We are excited to offer a variety of camps for youth this spring and summer. Ages are for grades NEXT school year.

May 3-5 - Archery - Grade 5 to 8 - \$15

June 7-9 - Volleyball - Grade 3 to 8 - \$15

June 14-16 - Basketball - Grades K to 8 - \$15

June 21-23 - Art Camp - Grades K to 6 - \$30

June 28-30 - STEM Camp - Grades K to 6 - \$30

Please visit our website or Facebook page for more information! Don't wait --- Sign up today!! Space is limited!

### **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!