

For All The Saints



The Epistle of St. Paul Lutheran Church, The Grove, Texas

April 2024

Dear Fellow Redeemed:

If you have ever bought or sold a house, you are acquainted with the concept of a “title search.” Before you can sell your house, and before anyone else will feel comfortable putting down the money to buy it, you have to prove that you really own it. So a title company looks through the public records to ensure that you bought it from the person who really owned it, who bought it from the person who really owned it before that, all the way back to the earliest records that we have.

Peek into a preschool classroom during playtime (or into relationships of people of many ages) and you will see the same thing. A child starts playing with a ball, but another child says, “That’s mine: I had it first.” (You can think of your own examples from different stages and ages of life.)

As we consider the Seventh Commandment this month, this concept of ownership (“Title” if you will) is critical. As you have learned from Dr. Martin Luther’s Small Catechism:

You shall not steal. What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not take our neighbor’s money or possessions, or get them in any dishonest way, but help him to improve and protect his possessions and income.

Your neighbor’s possessions are *his*, a gift from God, that you do not have the right to take. In the same way, *your* possessions are also gifts from God loaned to you by Him for a time, that he or she does not have the right to take from you.

Now, let’s take it a step further for a moment. Who holds the title and has ownership *of you*? St. Paul says, “*Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price.*” (1 Corinthians 6:19–20)

If you are owned by God, then everything “you own”, you really only possess by God’s gracious favor. All of it, when you get right down to it, belongs to Him since *you* belong to Him. Remember? “*You are not your own, for you were bought with a price*”. What is that price and how was it paid? According to Dr. Martin Luther *not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death*. And the reason that price was paid by our Savior, *so that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.* (1 Corinthians 6:20 and The Explanation of the Second Article of the Creed)

This is the foundation of all Christian stewardship, namely it all belongs to God. Now all that we are and have can be used to bring honor to His name, blessings to our neighbors, and the extension of His kingdom both here on earth and ultimately forever in heaven.

In HIS service and yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Pastor Heckmann'.

Pastor Heckmann
Hebrews 13:20-21

LADIES' EVENING BIBLE STUDY

This Wednesday, April 3rd, the Ladies' Evening Bible study will begin discussing the daily lessons in Week 7 "*Leaning on Jesus Together*" in our Leaning on Jesus Bible study book. **All ladies** are invited to attend this Bible study which meets in the Parish Hall from 6:30-8:00 pm each Wednesday evening. If you have any questions, or would like to join us, please speak with Deb Heckmann.

MEN'S EVENING BIBLE STUDY

The Men's Evening Bible Study will resume meeting on April 3rd at 6:30 p.m. They will pick up where they left off in their study of Dr. Martin Luther's Small Catechism. This time of Bible study takes place in the FAC multipurpose room.

Stan Dake says, "Perhaps it has been a while since you have reflected on the critical truths surrounding your faith and what we teach, preach and confess within The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod. If so, then please consider joining us as we return to the truth of Sola Scriptura, Sola Fide and Sola Gratia!" If you have any questions please contact Stan or me.

MIDWEEK RELIGION CLASSES for all members of our congregation and community who are in grades 1 through 8 will start meeting again from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. on April 3rd as well. If I may share the Law with you, these classes are mandatory for our 7th and 8th graders, with the rest being highly encouraged to attend. The Good News is that as they attend and as we carve out time for them to be with us, incredible things can happen in our walk with our crucified and risen Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. How valuable and life altering these times are in our formative years. If you want real life examples, just let me know.

PERMANENT LOGIN INFORMATION FOR LIVE STREAMED SERVICES ON VARIOUS PLATFORMS

FaceBook Live at <https://www.facebook.com/St-Paul-Lutheran-Church-The-Grove-109288640704387/> This is an updated address to get you there in case you are not already on FaceBook and want to watch the service without having to sign up for FaceBook.

YouTube permanent address <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCCXYIcwW-U5ZaF5m2vYn8vw>

Vimeo on our Website address <http://www.stpaulthegrove.org> Then click on the Vimeo button, the little "V" at the top right hand corner of the page and you will be hooked up for the live stream of the service. You can also go there to watch archived services from the past as well.

Care Package for Pastor & Deb Pick

A care package is being put together for Pastor and Deb Pick. Pastor has been in the hospital since March 12th dealing with numerous medical issues. The hospital is located almost three hours away from their home. Deb and John (their son) are driving back and forth between working to spend time at the hospital. We will be collecting cash donations to put towards a gift card for them to use for their needs. You can sign the cards we have provided, or you can give us your own signed card or message for us to send. Please give donations to Kelli Alsup, Tricia Michalk, or Janell Winkler. The care package will be mailed on Monday, April 1st.

You may also mail cards to:

Rev. Wayne Pick

PO Box 261

Grant NE 69140

Sunday School News

By: Kathy Smith, Sunday School Superintendent

Perfect Attendance for February

Benjamin Burrow	Cooper Munz	Nathaniel Burrow	Lillian Penny	Titus Boswell
Julia Morrow	Elizabeth Burrow	Evelynn Penny	Asher Boswell	Lydia Morrow
Tabitha Morrow	Ziyon Turner	Chloe Boswell	Miqah Turner	Jasiah Turner
Ethan Boswell	Shelby Golden	Sydney Golden	Cadence Williams	

April Birthdays

Lacey Phillips – 1st Christopher Guidry – 9th Kacen Stringer – 10th

Happy Birthday and God's Blessings to you!!!

April Baptism Birthdays

Miqah Turner – 12th Ariel Morgan - 14th Lydia Morrow - 16th Logan Glynn - 25th

Happy Baptism Birthday and God's Spiritual Blessings to you!!!

Memory Work for April

April 7: The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge. Proverbs 1:7

April 14: Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!

Psalm 95:6

April 21: He provides food for those who fear Him; He remembers His covenant forever.

Psalm 111:5

April 28: And this is eternal life, that they know You, the only true God. John 17:3

Prayer Partners

Please remember to contact your prayer partner monthly. For questions or concerns, please contact Kathy Smith, 512-773-4037. **Be joyful always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will in Christ Jesus for you. 1 Thessalonians 5: 16-18**

Offerings

February: We donated \$316.71. In addition we received and delivered 16 pairs of pajamas, 31 pairs of socks, 17 pairs of underwear, and 5 books for children helped by **Foster Love Bell County**

March: So far, we have received \$378.35 for **Gatesville Care Center**

April: We will support **Churches Touching Lives for Christ - Happy Bags Program.**

May: We will support **Hope Pregnancy Center.**

We love because He first loved us. 1 John 4:19

Thank you for all your love and support with these mission projects!!

Upcoming Events

Easter Sunday, March 31: Easter Egg Hunt, 2:00 p.m.

Sunday, May 12: Muffins with Mom

Sunday, June 16: Donuts with Dad

Save the date: Vacation Bible School will be June 17-21, 2024.

Saturday, August 24: Circuit-wide Sunday School Teacher Training, guest speaker Dr. Philip Hohle

Sunday, August 25: Education Sunday



April LWML Bible Study and Business Meeting:

Our upcoming Bible study and business meeting is April 16th at 6:30 pm in the multi-purpose room. We will begin with the Bible study “Baptized. Equipped. Serving.” in the Spring Quarterly. Ladies of the congregation, please consider joining us during this time to study the Lord’s word and enjoy fellowship while planning out events.

“God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.” (Psalm 46:1)

April Mission Project

We will be gathering for the annual servant event at Faith Lutheran in Lampasas on April 27th.

“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children” (Deuteronomy 6:5–7a)

April Mission Grant Recipients:

Upheld by God's Hand, Mental Health Outreach, LCMS Life Ministry — \$96,500

Millions of people in the United States are suffering with mental illness and disorders. Pastors, church workers, and lay leaders must be prepared to address the mental health and illness issues that members of the congregation and those outside the church may bring to them. The LCMS Task Force for Mental Illness, Health, and Wellness is coordinating with LCMS Life Ministry to develop and publish materials and resources to provide training for church workers and lay leaders. This grant will support the development of these materials.

Equipping Young Leaders, LCMS Youth Ministry — \$50,000

LCMS Youth Ministry faithfully leads, serves, provides resources, and networks with youth and adults working through LCMS districts and congregations — with Christ and His gifts at the heart and center of everything. The sponsored YouthLead program and Servant Events are designed to train young leaders and give them opportunities for service. This grant will allow LCMS Youth Ministry to expand their current programs to equip young leaders.

Set Apart To Serve, LCMS Office of Pastoral Education — \$100,000

Set Apart to Serve is a Synod-wide initiative that focuses on forming and recruiting fulltime church workers to teach the saving faith to God’s people. This grant will partially fund anticipated expenses of a broad, rigorously planned, and well-constructed, multi-year sustained effort across the LCMS to affect a positive, cultural change in the way church worker vocations are perceived. Prospective students will be encouraged and inspired to consider and prepare to serve the Church in lifelong professions that advance the Gospel both in the U.S. and abroad.

Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest” (Matthew 9:37–38)

C.L.A.S.S.I.C.S.

(morning Bible study held on the 3rd Thursday of the month)

By: Sherry Hartgrove

The CLASSICS group met on March 21, 2024, with 24 saints in attendance. We continued our study of Jesus Said **What?** by Christopher M. Kennedy.

Pastor Heckmann led us in a discussion on Chapter 7: No Rich People Allowed in Heaven? The key text for this chapter was Mark 10:17-27. The group discussed how wealth could be a barrier to faith and how you can protect your faith from the negative side effects of riches. Some rich people might be tempted to think they can care for themselves and don't need God. Money must be rejected as a rival to God—a person cannot serve God and money.

A comparison between an unnamed "rich" man and the Biblical character, Barzillai, was made. Both men were rich, but their hearts were in different places. As summarized by Janelle Winkler, "Everything we have is a gift from God. We must use those gifts wisely and give praise to the Giver!"

At the end of the Bible study, we sang the traditional Birthday Song to Rick Lamont, Cindy Bond, and Sharon Sohns. The group then enjoyed a wonderful St. Patrick's Day noon meal--corned beef, cabbage, sausage, and all the trimmings. Thanks to all the members who provided the delicious dishes.

Our meeting next month will be on Thursday, April 18, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. The Bible study group welcomes new members. Pastor Heckmann will continue our study of Chapter 8—Fear God? The April noon meal will consist of a Baked Potato Bar. Members providing food are as follows: potatoes (Pastor & Deb), chili (Joyce), broccoli cheese sauce (Sue), grated cheese (Barbara), sour cream (Catherine), pico de gallo (Robert), bacon bits (Sy) and desserts (Janell, Janice, and Trina).



The CLASSICS group meets on the third Thursday of each month at 10:00 a.m. in the MPR and is an opportunity to spend more time in the Word of God with fellow believers. Lunch and fellowship follow the study session.



*Happy
Easter!*

He Has Risen!

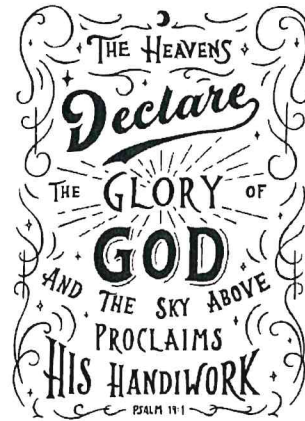
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Birthdays

1 Lacey Phillips	20 Doug Quicksall
3 Audrey Winkler	22 Jordan Jackson
3 Cory Snoddy	23 Kyndall Houchin
4 Rance Rainer	24 Charisma Bielefeld
5 Ann Kurpess	24 Jan Johnson
7 Ray Winkler	24 Dawson Keller
9 Christopher Guidry	24 Diana Lockhart
9 Darren Keller	25 Chris Winkler
10 Zachary Terrell	26 Clarence Heiner
12 Danielle Diaz	26 Karl Reigle
12 Luke Offen	27 Casey Winters
13 James Rush	28 Tim Sohns
18 Carol Arldt	28 Julio Mendez
19 Kaeden Sohns	30 David Morgan

Anniversaries

9 Shawn and Mary Thoe
11 Gene and (Russie) McCorkle
20 David and Vicky (Trompler) Morgan
23 Elmer and Carol Arldt
25 Orville and Janice Michalk
28 Tim and Stephanie Sohns
29 Donald and Donna Laxson
29 Johnathon and (Jordan) VanWinkle



(If your birth date or anniversary date is listed incorrectly, please let the church office know. If it is not included here, please share that information as well.)

SERVING IN APRIL

FLOWERS FOR MONTH

7. Shawn and Mary Thoe
14. Mike and Diana Lockhart
21. Terri Keller
28. Bill and Trish Rogge

GREETERS

Beverly Wood

USHERS

*Doug Boswell, Elmer Boriack, Jr.,
Russ Filyaw, Nathan Michalk,
Jeremy Munz

ORGANIST

Miriam Winkler

MONEY COUNTER & HELPER

Kim Clawson and Linda Rachut

CEMETERY CARETAKERS

The Tim Sohns Family

HISTORICAL CEMETERY

Lance and Bryce Alsup Families

ALTAR GUILD

Rebekah Munz and Candice Bahnsen

ELDER OF THE MONTH

Russ Filyaw

ACOLYTES

7. Henry Springfield
14. Alexzander Wisenant
21. Cadence Williams
28. Logan Glynn

APRIL 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 Circuit Conference at Grace, Killeen 8:30 a.m. <i>Quilting Bee</i> 9:00 a.m. – Noon Board of Elders Meeting 7:00 p.m.	3 Midweek Religion Classes 6:30-8:00 pm Ladies' Evening Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Men's Evening Bible Study 6:30 p.m.	4 SMP study and mentoring with Pastor Pennington – Fortress 9:00 a.m.	5 Joining Jesus on His Mission Retreat, Faith Lutheran Church, Plano	6 Joining Jesus on His Mission Retreat, Faith Lutheran Church, Plano
7 Second Sunday of Easter Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Youth Bible Class 9:00 a.m. Adult Bible Classes 9:00 a.m. Worship w/ Communion 10:15am	8 Virtual SMP Seminary Class 6:00-8:00 p.m.	9 Worship Service at The Meadows 10:00 a.m. Worship Service at Hillside Nursing Home 11:00 a.m. Voters' Meeting 7:00 p.m.	10 Midweek Religion Classes 6:30-8:00 pm Ladies' Evening Bible Study 6:30 p.m.	11 SMP study and mentoring with Pastor Pennington – Fortress 9:00 a.m.	12	13
14 Third Sunday of Easter Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Youth Bible Class 9:00 a.m. Young Adult Bible Class 9:00 am Adult Bible Classes 9:00 a.m. Worship Service 10:15 a.m.	15 Virtual SMP Seminary Class 6:00-8:00 p.m.	16 Quilting Bee 9:00 a.m. - Noon	17 SMP mentoring with Pastor Pennington – Fortress 9:00 a.m.	18 CLASSICS 10:00 a.m.	19	20
Adult Confirmation Class 2:30 pm Russ and Lawanda Filyaw Cell Group – 5:00 p.m.	Virtual SMP Seminary Class 6:00-8:00 p.m.	LWML Meeting/Bible Study at the FAC 6:30 p.m.	Midweek Religion Classes 6:30-8:00 pm Ladies' Evening Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Men's Evening Bible Study 6:30 p.m.			
21 Fourth Sunday of Easter Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Youth Bible Class 9:00 a.m. Adult Bible Classes 9:00 a.m. Worship w/ Communion 10:15am LYF Meeting 11:30 a.m.	22 Virtual SMP Seminary Class 6:00-8:00 p.m.	23 <i>Newsletter Deadline</i> 9:00 a.m. "Jesus Said What? Small Group Bible Study – James and Faye Morrow's home 6:00 p.m.	24 Midweek Religion Classes 6:30-8:00 pm Ladies' Evening Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Men's Evening Bible Study 6:30 p.m.	25 SMP mentoring with Pastor Pennington – Fortress 9:00 a.m.	26	27 Circuit Wide Servant Event, Faith Lutheran Church, Lampasas Registration 8:00 am
28 Fifth Sunday of Easter Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Youth Bible Class 9:00 a.m. Adult Bible Classes 9:00 a.m. Worship Service 10:15 a.m.	29 Virtual SMP Seminary Class 6:00-8:00 p.m.	30 Quilting Bee and Fifth Tuesday Luncheon 9:00 a.m.				
Potluck Cell Group and Study of The Book of Job – 5:00 p.m.	Virtual SMP Seminary Class 6:00-8:00 p.m.					

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