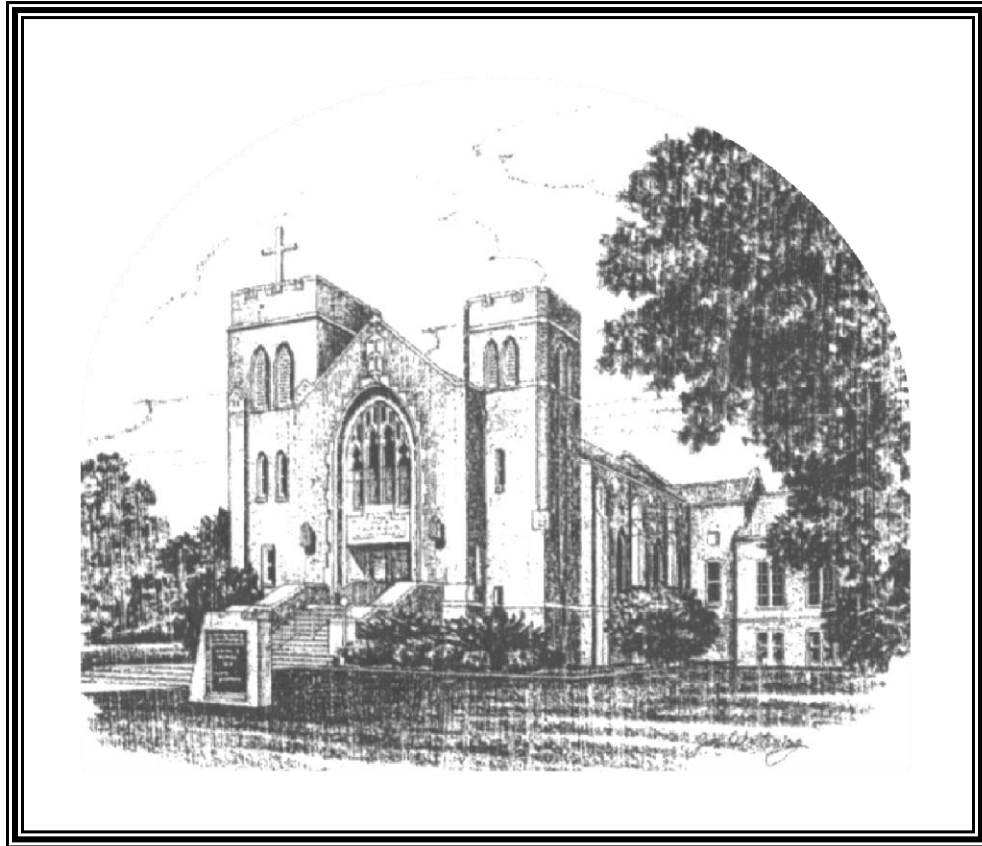


St. Paul Lutheran Church

Yorktown, TX



Saturday and Sunday

Holy Communion Services

7th Sunday of Easter

May 21, 2023

Silent Prayer

Thank you, God, for all your many blessings. We are surrounded with your goodness and mercy, if only we have eyes to see, ears to hear, hands to touch, and hearts to confess them. As you love us beyond what we do, caring for us simply because you created us - so we praise you for who you are, after and beyond what you give to us. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS *Please take a moment to fill out an Attendance Card. You may leave them in the pew by the center aisle or drop them in the basket at the church entrance. (*) Indicates times in worship when you are invited to stand as you are able. (+) Indicates when it may be appropriate to make the sign of the cross.*

***OPENING HYMN**

"My Hope is Built on Nothing Less" LBW #294

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less



1 My hope is built on noth - ing less than
2 When dark - ness veils his love - ly face, I
3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sus -
4 When he shall come with trum - pet sound, oh,



Je - sus' blood and righ - teous - ness; no mer - it of my
rest on his un - chang - ing grace; in ev - 'ry high and
tain me in the rag - ing flood; when all sup - ports are
may I then in him be found, clothed in his righ - teous -



own I claim, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
storm - y gale my an - chor holds with - in the veil.
washed a - way, he then is all my hope and stay.
ness a - lone, re - deemed to stand be - fore the throne!



On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

Text: Edward Mote, 1797–1874, alt.
Music: MELITA, John B. Dykes, 1823–1876

***GREETING and DIALOGUE**

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

L: In the beginning was the Word,

C: And the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

L: In the Word was life,

C: And the life was the light of all people.

L: The Word became flesh and lived among us,

C: And we have seen his glory, full of grace and truth.

***CONFESSION**

P: Build yourselves up on your most holy faith;

C: pray in the Holy Spirit.

P: Keep yourselves in the love of God;

C: look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ.

P: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:

C: Everything old has passed away; behold, everything has become new!

P: God has given us the ministry of reconciliation. Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another. Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

P: The almighty and merciful Lord grant us pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all our sins.

C: Amen.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

C: Almighty and eternal God, your Son our Savior is with you in eternal glory. Give us faith to see that, true to his promise, he is among us still, and will be with us to the end of time; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

HYMN

“Praise and Thanksgiving” LBW #409

C Am Dm G Am G Am

1 Praise and thanks-giv - ing, Fa - ther, we of - fer For all things
 2 Bless, Lord, the la - bor We bring to serve you, That with our
 3 Fa - ther, pro - vid - ing Food for your chil - dren, By your wise
 4 Then will your bless - ing Reach ev - 'ry peo - ple, Free - ly con -

Em Am Em G C Am F C

liv - ing, Cre - at - ed good: Har - vest of sown fields, Fruits of the
 neigh - bor We may be fed. Sow - ing or till - ing, We would work
 guid - ing Teach us to share One with an - oth - er, So that, re -
 fess - ing Your gra - cious hand. Where all o - bey you, No one will

Am G C G Am G C

or - chard, Hay from the mown fields, Blossom and wood.
 with you, Har - vest - ing, mill - ing For dai - ly bread.
 joic - ing With us, all oth - ers May know your care.
 hun - ger; In your love's sway you Nour - ish the land.

© Text: Albert F. Bayly, b. 1901. alt.

BUNESSAN

FIRST LESSON: Acts 1:6-14

Lector: A reading from _____.

⁶When [the apostles] had come together, they asked [Jesus], "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

⁹When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰While he was going and they were gazing up toward

heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

¹²Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day’s journey away. ¹³When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. ¹⁴All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

Lector: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 68:1-10, 33-36

¹Let God arise, and let his enemies be scattered;
let those who hate him flee before him.

²**Let them vanish like smoke when the wind drives it away;
as the wax melts at the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.**

³But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God;
let them also be merry and joyful.

⁴**Sing to God, sing praises to his name; exalt him who rides upon the heavens;
YAHWEH is his name, rejoice before him!**

⁵Father of orphans, defender of widows,
God in his holy habitation!

⁶**God gives the solitary a home and brings forth prisoners into freedom;
but the rebels shall live in dry places.**

⁷O God, when you went forth before your people,
when you marched ^l through the wilderness,

⁸**the earth shook, and the skies poured down rain,
at the presence of God, the God of Sinai,
at the presence of God, the God of Israel.**

⁹You sent a gracious rain, O God, upon your inheritance;
you refreshed the land when it was weary.

¹⁰**Your people found their home in it;
in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the poor.**

³³Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth;
sing praises to the Lord.

³⁴He rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens;
he sends forth his voice, his mighty voice.

³⁵Ascribe power to God;
his majesty is over Israel; his strength is in the skies.

³⁶How wonderful is God in his holy places,
the God of Israel giving strength and power to his people! Blessed be God!

SECOND LESSON: 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

Lector: A reading from _____.

¹²Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. ¹⁴If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

^{5:6}Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. ⁷Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you.

⁸Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. ⁹Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. ¹⁰And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. ¹¹To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

Lector: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL VERSE**



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

***GOSPEL: John 17:1-11**

P: The Holy Gospel according to _____, the _____ chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹After Jesus had spoken these words [to his disciples], he looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, ²since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. ⁴I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. ⁵So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

⁶"I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; ⁸for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

HYMN of the DAY

"Amazing Grace" LBW #448

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

1 A - maz - ing grace, how sweet the sound, that
2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I
4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me
word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and

now am found; was blind, but now I see.
grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
por - tion be as long as life en - dures.

Text: John Newton, 1725-1807

Music: NEW BRITAIN, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

***CONFESSIO OF FAITH**

P: In Christ, you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.

C: We believe in him and are marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit.

P: Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.**

Through Him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven;

by the power of the Holy Spirit

He became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day He rose again in accordance with the scriptures;

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and His kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son He is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

***PRAYERS**

P: ... Lord, in your mercy, C: hear our prayer.

OFFERING

***OFFERTORY**

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the
seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the
prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

***OFFERING PRAYER**

L: Let us pray. Merciful God,

C: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us – our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

*** LORD’S PRAYER**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

DISTRIBUTION of the ELEMENTS

All those who are baptized and believe that Christ is truly present in the sacrament are welcome at His table. Those who are unable to receive communion, for any reason, may come forward to receive a blessing, and may indicate this by crossing their arms over their chest. Parents, please indicate if children are to receive communion. If they are not yet receiving communion, children are encouraged to come to the table to receive a blessing. If you are unable to come to the altar and wish to receive communion, please inform the ushers so that the sacrament may be brought to you.

COMMUNION HYMN: “Lamb of God”

☞ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **C: Amen.**

***POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

P: Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O God, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

***BLESSING:** **Benediction (tune: Edelweiss)**

By Jean Spencer

May the Lord, mighty Lord, Bless and keep you forever.

Grant you peace, perfect peace, Courage in every endeavor.

Lift your eyes, and see His face And His grace fore-er.

May the Lord, mighty Lord, Bless and keep you forever.

***CLOSING HYMN**

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus” **LBW #439**

What a Friend We Have in Jesus



1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
2 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?
3 Are we weak and heav - y - lad - en, cum - bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged—take it to the Lord in prayer.
Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge—take it to the Lord in prayer.



Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit; oh, what need - less pain we bear—
Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor - rows share?
Do your friends de - spise, for - sake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



all be - cause we do not car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness—take it to the Lord in prayer.
In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a so - lace there.

Text: Joseph Scriven, 1820–1886

Music: CONVERSE, Charles C. Converse, 1832–1918

***DISMISSAL**

P: As you go forth into the world to serve God with gladness; be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor all people; love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. As you leave, you are invited to share the peace of the Lord with those around you. Go in peace and serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

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ANNOUNCEMENT BULLETIN

7th Sunday of Easter
Sunday, May 21, 2023

HELPING with WORSHIP SERVICES:

MAY 21, 2023 – 9:00 AM SERVICE – SENIOR RECOGNITION

Presiding Minister: Tim W Muehlbrad

Reader: Palyn Koopmann

Acolytes: Palyn & Aadin Koopmann

Children's Sermon: Cathy Moritz

Musicians: Saturday – PT & Friends

Sunday – PT & Friends/Luellen

Saturday Altar Guild: Luellen Smiley

MAY 28, 2023 – 9:00 AM SERVICE – DAY OF PENTECOST

Presiding Minister: Tim W Muehlbrad

Reader: Gwen Kneese

Acolytes: Aydin Garcia & Allie Geffert

Musicians: Saturday – Luellen Smiley

Sunday – Beverly Bruns

Saturday Altar Guild: Laura Kaiser

Helping with Worship during the month of May:

Head Usher: Boyd Weise

Ushers: Wade Bolting, Glen Henze, Carl Matejek, and Royce Pargmann

Altar Guild: Reeve Gips and Wanda Rohan

Saturday Usher: Albert Metting

KNOWN HOSPITALIZED DURING THE WEEK:

Verda Mae Foerster, Bill Klaevemann, & Don Wieland

Thank you to all who have been helpful in keeping the Pastor informed of members who are hospitalized.

THE WOMEN OF THE CHURCH are inviting you to our Spring Luncheon on June 6, 2023 beginning at 10:30 am in the Fellowship Hall. New yearbooks and bible study books will be distributed. All women are encouraged to attend one of the groups; Faith, Grace, or Joy. Our new sessions will begin in September.

YAM NEEDS OUR HELP!!! Due to a food shortage of the central food bank, and an increase in the number of families needing our local YAM assistance, we are asking for donations of the following food items:

Canned fruit, canned chicken, cans of tomato sauce, boxes of mac and cheese, and bags of pinto beans

We will have donation boxes located at the educational building, by the church office, and the fellowship hall. Also in the Sanctuary, at the annex and narthex. We will be collecting donations through the end of May. Thank you so much for your help!

PRAYERS FOR GOD'S PEOPLE Below is a list of individuals Pastor has been asked to include in our prayers during worship. We list these people in our bulletin to encourage you, the members, to include them in your daily prayers. *Names will remain on the list for 4 weeks unless the request is renewed.*

Aggie Arnold	Lois Kelch	Pam Roth
Joyce Baacke	Bill Klaevemann	Dolly Ruppert
Joe Barnes	Joyce Lamprecht	Kristin Russell
Donna Baxter	Family of Werner Lamprecht	Herman Smith Family
Caroline Blain	Ray Lange	Joan Smith
Wade Bolting	Keith Martin	Kennedy Smith
Warner & Anna Borth	Bea McNabb	Lori Nelson Stenger
Katherine Brown	Lin Migura	Mike & Deborah Stern
Flody Buesing	Cathy Moritz	Judy & Geary Taylor
Verda Mae Foerster	Mark Niemeier	Don Wieland
Daniel Goehring	Guy Nobles	Ron & Marjorie Wilhelmsen
Rosa Horton	Larry Parma	Gracie Wolpman
Keith Ibrom	Potcinske Family	Woods Family
Bonnie Kaiser	Robert Riedesel	Myra Yeretsky

ST. PAUL OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK:

Sunday (21st)	SENIOR RECOGNITION
	9:00 am Worship with Holy Communion
	10:15 am Sunday School
	6:00 pm AA Meeting
Tuesday (23rd)	6:00 pm Youth Committee Meeting
Wednesday (24th)	9:00 am TLG Chapel
	6:00 pm Faith, Food, & Fun
Friday (26th)	CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
	Fellowship Hall Reserved – The Learning Garden
Saturday (27th)	5:00 pm Worship with Holy Communion
Sunday (28th)	9:00 am Worship with Holy Communion
	10:15 am Sunday School
	10:15 am High School Faith Building
	6:00 pm AA Meeting

DELEGATES NEEDED: We are looking for 4 delegates to represent our congregation at the NALC Convocation August 9-11, 2023 in Oklahoma City, Ok. If you are interested in going, please contact Pastor Tim or Boyd Weise.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: Summer is almost here and that means it's time for Vacation Bible School! Come join us for a STELLAR good time July 17-21, 2023. Registration forms are located in the Educational Building and on our Facebook page. Come join in on the fun!

FAITH, FOOD, & FUN! Come and See what is going on in the basement on Wednesdays!! Any High school or Junior High student is WELCOME to come and join us on any Wednesday evening from 6:00-7:30 for a meal, a little Bible study, tons of fellowship and indoor and outdoor games! If you are a 5th grader being promoted to the 6th grade we would LOVE for you to join us as well!! We look forward to seeing you there! Blessings-Laurey Garcia

SENIOR SCHOLARSHIP FUND: Just a REMINDER -- anyone interested in contributing to the *Sr Scholarship Fund* -- your assistance would be greatly appreciated! Due to the generosity of our members last year, we were able to donate an extra *\$1,300/scholarship* bringing the total to *\$2,500/qualifying senior*. We would love to do the same this year!

DONATIONS WANTED: The Learning Garden is collecting donations for SNYPD~ Spay Neuter Your Pet DeWitt from June 1st-30th. We will have donation totes in the Foyer by our center for you to drop off your donations. They are in need of:

Trash Bags ~ all sizes, Ziplock's ~ all sizes, Laundry Soap, Oxiclean, Stain Remover, Scent Beads, Vinegar, Clorox, Clorox Wipes, Paper Towels, Copy Paper, Wholesomes Dog & Puppy Food from Tractor Supply, Dog Treats and Toys, Science Diet Cat & Kitten Food, Cat Treats and Toys



After May 31, 2023 we will no longer have a post office box at the post office. Please address any church correspondence to: 234 N. Gohmert St., Suite A.

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IN RECOGNITION OF OUR 2023 ST. PAUL LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

Carleigh Boehm, the daughter of Rodney and Tina Boehm, will be attending Blinn College in Brenham, Texas. She plans on becoming a Radiology Technician. Her major will be in applied Science, and her minor degree will be in business. She also graduated in top 10% as an honor student.

Timothy Layne Edmondson III, the son of Timothy and Laura Edmondson, Jr., will be attending Sul Ross University. He plans to study Range and Wildlife Management and Criminal Justice, where he plans to join the Texas Game Warden Academy and help protect our wildlife and environment.

Madison Gwosdz, the daughter of Alton and Monica Gwosdz, will be attending the University of Texas at Austin. She plans to study Exercise Science, get her Masters in Exercise Physiology, and then go to Physical Therapy school. She is graduating 3rd out of 81 students at Karnes City High School. Prior to graduation, she graduated with honors and an Associates Degree from Coastal Bend College in Beeville.

Jarius Herring, the son of Hope Brown, will be attending the Navy upon graduation. He will be leaving for Illinois to start boot camp on August 1, 2023. After completing boot camp, he will be going to Florida. While in the Navy, he will be pursuing his LVN.

Madison Lemke, the daughter of Milam and Carlene Lemke, will be attending Victoria College to receive her EMT certificate, the first step towards becoming a paramedic. She then plans on joining Victoria Fire Department getting her firefighter certifications to become a firefighter.

Connor Ruppert, the grandson of Peggy Oliver, will be attending Texas State University. He plans on majoring in nursing for general practice and possibly trauma care.