Welcome! In Repentance We Are Alert to the Coming of Christ. The signs of the end are all around us, constant reminders that “heaven and earth will pass away.” But all of these signs are centered in the cross of Christ, whereby He has conquered sin and death, that we might be raised with Him in righteousness through His Word of the Gospel, which “will not pass away” (Mark 13:31). He is “the firstborn of the dead,” who in His great love “has freed us from our sins by his blood” (Rev. 1:5). His salvation is certain because “his dominion is an everlasting dominion” and His kingdom “shall not be destroyed” (Dan. 7:14). For this purpose He came into the world, to reign in love through His voice of the Gospel, which is the truth (John 18:37). So is the righteousness of Christ “a light to the peoples,” which “will never be dismayed” because it is the justice of His cross and resurrection (Is. 51:4–6). As He “is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory,” so wait upon “the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life” (Jude 20–24). Today is the last Sunday of the Church Year. As another year in Christ draws to a close we look forward to the day when our Lord will return in glory. May we always be ready to meet Him. We invite you all to worship with us again.

**In Our Prayers:**
Those recovering from surgeries and illness:
- Adelia Becker
- Cindy Becker-surgery
- Brian Becvar (cousin of Jessica Gruetzner)
- Pat Hughes-recovering (friend of James and Kathy Kalbas)
- William Johnson (father of Heather Perry)
- Gracelyn Kalbas-recovering
- Hildegard Krause-recovering
- Mary Loewe (mother of Christi Bradford)
- Ruth Lorenz
- Chris Mierschin
- Shannon Miertschin-recovering
- Leonard Mitschke-surgery
- Kathy Mumm-recovering
- Glenda Paskett-recovering (mother of Lyndy Krause and Melodi Oltmann)
- Calvin Robertson
- Dorothy Schautschick-recovering
- Katie Schmidt-recovering (mother of Pastor Schmidt)
- Dwayne Schulze-recovering
- Greg Sorrento-recovering (nephew of Doris Fritsche)
- Kynlee Stewart-recovering
- Josie Symm-recovering (sister-in-law of Mike & Barbara Symm)
- Cindy Umphries-recovering (friend of James & Kathy Kalbas)
- Sean Weiser-recovering (grandson of Ken & Ruby Weiser)
- Conway Whited-surgery (nephew of Ashley Schmidt)

Those serving in the Armed Forces including:
- Steven Cutlip (brother of Stephanie Symm), Fort Irwin, CA
- Kosh Osmon (son of Stephanie Mierschin), Ft. Hood, TX
- Coy Hunt (son of Shannon & Christine Hunt) Camp Hovey, South Korea

Those who mourn:
- The family of Paul Schulze (father of Ricky Schulze)

**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:  578, 336, 506, 549, 832, 919
Sermon Text:  Mark 13:24-37
The Sermon:  “Be on Guard, Keep Awake”

❖ The Altar flowers are placed to the glory of God in thankfulness for His many blessings by Delvin & Judy Boriack
❖ The Side Stand flowers are placed to the glory of God from the Kasper/McKinney wedding.
❖ Congratulations to Cody and Kristen Portales on the birth of twins, daughter, Camdyn Mae Portales and son Caden Myles Portales. They were born on November, 17, 2021 in Houston, TX. Camdyn Mae weighed 7 lbs. 11 ounces and was 20½ inches long and Caden Myles weighed 7 lbs. 9 ounces and was 20¼ inches long. May God bless this growing family.
❖ Advent Devotion Books are available this morning or you may pick one up in the church office at your convenience.
❖ Mission Goal. In the Voters Meeting held on December 13, 2020, the Voters set our 2021 Mission goal at $37,500.00. To date our Mission contributions are at $32,758.48. We are $4,741.52 away from meeting our 2021 goal.
❖ Thanksgiving Worship. Make plans to attend our Thanksgiving Day Worship Service at 9:00 a.m. This service will be conducted in both German and English. May this special day be one in which we realize the gifts which come from God's hand so that we may receive such gifts with thanksgiving.
❖ Radio Broadcast: The Thanksgiving Day service will be broadcast on KBUK (FM 104.9) radio of LaGrange. Our thanks to First National Bank of Giddings for sponsoring this broadcast. Bulletins for the service will be available in the church office on Wednesday afternoon.
❖ Love Working With Children? The St. Paul Lutheran Early Childhood Center is in need of full and part time help (hours are flexible). If you or anyone you know love children and would like to join our awesome team and help train them up (Proverbs 22:6), please call Cheyenne Shed at 979-366-2870.
❖ LWML. The LWML has a variety of greeting cards for sale in the church office. The cards are $.50 each or can be bought by the box for $4.00.
❖ Scrip Program. Getting ready to do your holiday shopping, or giving gift cards as gifts? You can do it all with a Scrip Card. Order them through the Church’s Scrip Program. Orders can be placed through the Church Office or you can go online and order your cards. Order forms are available on the table at the back of the church.
❖ Poinsettias: The LWML will be selling Poinsettias for $10.00 each to be used to decorate the sanctuary for Christmas. To order please fill out the order form in the bulletin this morning, and return it to the Church Office or put it in the collection plate. Orders are due by Thursday, December 16th. Please note that due to availability no orders will be accepted after December 16th. If you need further information, please contact Dorothy Schautschick at 716-0094.
❖ The LAF will meet at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 27th to decorate the Church, and at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 12th to set up and decorate the trees.
❖ The St. Paul LYF will set up the Nativity Scenes at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, November 26th.

Serving today:  Elders— Tim Hartfield and Keith Oltmann
Organist- Daniel Krause
Acolytes- Kamrie Stewaft and Emma Short
Head Ushers- Donald Becker
Captain- Mason Becker  Assistant- Carson Becker
Counting and Posting offering this week:
Chairman- Glen Albrecht
       Ty Kasper, Carson Becker
THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

Today  Worship Service w/Communion – 8:30 a.m.  
       Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.
Sun. – Tues. TX Dist. Lutheran Educators Conference
Mon. – Fri. Thanksgiving Holiday-No School
Tuesday  Adult Choir – 7:00 p.m.
Thurs.-Fri. Thanksgiving Holiday-ECC Closed
Thursday  Thanksgiving English/German Worship – 9:00 a.m.
Friday  LYF Set up Nativity Scene – 9:00 a.m.
Saturday  LAF Decorate Church for Advent – 2:00 p.m.
Next Sunday  Worship Service – 8:30 a.m.  
       Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.
       Acolytes: Maison Schautschick and Malynda Schautschick
       Sunday School Teachers Meeting – 10:15 a.m.


ST. PAUL NOTES:
Attendance Last Week: Morning Worship- 237, Bible Class- 19; Sunday School- 31, Banner Classes: Nursery I, Offering- $22.00.

Offering Last Week: $21,988.37
Home:   Mission:
   General   $13,164.27  Mission   $524.00
   Sunday School   $22.00  Mission Total   $524.00
   Lunch Room   $370.00  Savings/Other:
   ECC Operating   $2,326.50  Bus Replacement Fund   $750.00
   Use of Facility   $1,500.00  Savings/Other Total   $750.00
   Tuition   $3,331.60
Received 11/14/2021 $20,714.37 Total $21,988.37

Est. needed per week $22,500.00
Received MTD $61,964.67
Est. needed per month $97,500.00

MEMORIALS: General: In memory of Steven Fritsche by Doris Fritsche - $50.00. LWML: In memory of our parents by M/M Delvin Boriack - $50.00 (for quilting group). In memory of Michael Matthijetz by Marvin & Charlyn Matthijetz - $150.00.

LUTHERAN HOUR: Next Sunday, “A Response to the Problem of Evil”. Speaker Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Why does God let evil happen? Will that question take us down the path of doubt or lead us to trust God more deeply? (Luke 1:1-4). 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 Through the Church Year: November 21st – Last Sunday after Pentecost
The sanctity of every human life involves far more than personal choices or political issues. We have the chance to snatch sisters and brothers from destruction (Jude 23) in the epic battle between good and evil. And the Lord’s Words do not require our anger to prevail (Psalm 93:4), so let us engage every neighbor with mercy to untangle their confusion (Jude 22). Receive them as gifts and treat them as privileges just like our Father treasures us.
## 2021 Advent/Christmas Schedule

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for the week of November 22-30, 2021

2021-22 School Year Theme – “Follow Me” – John 12:26

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Nov. 22-26...Thanksgiving Break

Nov. 30...Girls & JV Boys Games @ Brenham – 4:00 & 5 PM

Dec. 2...Girls & Var Boys Games vs. Thorndale – 4:30 & 5:30 PM

Dec. 4...“Jingle Bells and Jammies”
Christmas Fellowship
– 9:00-10:30 AM

Dec. 6...St. Nicholas Day observed

Dec. 7...Girls & Var Boys Games @ Brenham – 4:00 & 5 PM

Dec. 9...Girls and Boys BB Games @ Imm-Giddings – 3/4/5 PM

Dec. 15...Favorite Carol Chapel
Service – 8:30 AM

Dec. 17...End of 2nd Six-Weeks
All-School Christmas Party
and Gift Exchange
– dismissal @ 11:45 AM

Dec. 18-Jan. 3...Christmas Vacation

From the Principal’s Desk...

HAPPY THANKSGIVING...to all the students and families of St. Paul Lutheran School. St. Paul Lutheran and the school office will be closed next week, November 22-26 for Thanksgiving Break.

Following Thanksgiving, we have 3 big events at SPS:

- First Basketball games – 11/30 (Away) and 12/2 (Home)
- Jingle Bells & Jammies Christmas Fellowship (12/4)
- St. Nicholas Day observed (12/6)

Stay safe and healthy and have a blessed Thanksgiving Week!
~ Jim House, Principal

NEWS, NOTES, and HAPPENINGS

“JINGLE BELLS & JAMMIES”...St. Paul will sponsor a special holiday activity, “Jingle Bells & Jammies” on Saturday, Dec. 4th from 9:00-10:30 AM in the gym. Following a light “donut & milk or juice” breakfast, we’ll sing carols, do Christmas crafts, enjoy Christmas treats, and share the story of Christ’s birth at Christmas. Great fun for children ages 2 through 4th Grade and their families!

Look for the Reservation Flyer in the church office or school hallway and return it on Monday, Nov. 29th following Thanksgiving. Mark your calendars now and plan to attend!

SPECIAL THANKSGIVING COLLECTION...Thank you to all the St. Paul students and families who brought canned foods and dried goods for a special “Thanksgiving Stock the Cart” collection in November. Thanks to your generosity, we’ve collected over 900 food items for the Giddings Food Pantry’s distribution to individuals less fortunate than ourselves. Thanks again for sharing the love of Jesus with others this Thanksgiving through your donations to our “Thanksgiving Stock the Cart” collection.

SHOEBOX PACKING SUCCESS...Thanks to your generous donations of small toys, personal items, school supplies, etc., we were able to pack 101 shoeboxes last Wednesday for the children of Operation Christmas Child. The boxes have now been delivered to the collection centers for shipment to children around the world this Christmas. Along with the box of items we packed, these children will also receive a Bible Story booklet telling them about the Love of Jesus, the Christ Child born on Christmas.
READING CHALLENGE RESULTS . Hey, Voyagers! You did an outstanding job reading for the National Young Readers Day Challenge! You read a total of 44,706 pages in two weeks blowing away our 25,000 page goal. More importantly, 54 of our 76 students surpassed their individual goals of 250 pages. That’s great! This year’s high class was the 5th grade who read a total of 13,221 pages followed closely by the 6th graders with 8,051 pages. Individual classroom reading leaders were:

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Now that the Challenge is over, don’t stop reading. We encourage everyone at St. Paul-Serbin to continue to read...read...read as National Young Readers.

ALL-SCHOOL PARTY/GIFT EXCHANGE . The St. Paul Lutheran All-School Christmas Party will be held on Friday, Dec. 17th, hosted by our 8th graders & families. Our tradition at St. Paul is to have students exchange small Christmas gifts with each other during the Party. Earlier this week, students exchanged names; last Friday they brought home a sheet with the name of their special “gifting” friend and details about purchasing the gift. Grades 3-8 have their “Wish Lists” on their lockers; Grades K-2 lists are posted on the entryway bulletin board. Gifts can be brought to the classrooms beginning Wednesday, Dec. 15th. Questions? Contact the school office.

ST. NICHOLAS DAY . .will be observed by the students and staff of SPS on Monday, Dec. 6th by participating in the ancient custom of placing their shoes outside their classroom doors and receiving a special treat. Be sure to ask your child about the “Legend of St. Nicholas” and the lessons of Christian generosity learned from this early Christian church leader.

HOOPS SEASON BEGINS . .The Voyager Boys’ & Girls’ basketball teams are ready to tip-off their 2021-22 season following Thanksgiving Break on Tuesday, Nov. 30th at 1st Baptist-Brenham – Girls @ 4:00 PM, JV Boys @ 5:00 PM. The Girls and Varsity Boys see their first home action of the season on Tuesday, Dec. 3rd vs. St. Paul-Thorndale; Girls @ 4:30 PM; Varsity Boys @ 5:30 PM. Watch next week’s New Blast for a complete list of December games (season schedule is available on the SPS website). Plan now to attend and cheer our efforts throughout the season!

CHAPEL OFFERING PROJECT During November & December, our weekly chapel offerings will go to support Lutheran Heritage Foundation and their “Juan 3:16” project. “Juan 3:16” sends Bible story books to children and families in Peru, Mexico, and the Dominican Republic. What an incredible opportunity we have to share God’s Word about our Savior Jesus with people! To date, we collected $211.55 for the project. Please remember your chapel offerings every Wednesday in support of “Juan 3:16 Project” and the Lutheran Heritage Foundation.

ECC POSITION OPEN . .Love working with children? The St. Paul Lutheran Early Childhood Center is in need of full and part time help (hours are flexible). If you or anyone you know love children and would like to join our awesome team and help train them up (Proverbs 22:6), please call Cheyenne Shed at 979-366-2870.

HAVE A GREAT WEEK! . .As we approach our national day of Thanksgiving, we pause to give thanks to our Loving God for the many blessings showered upon us during the past year at St. Paul-Serbin. My prayer for you this Thanksgiving is that you and your family focus on your blessings and respond to the Lord’s love for you by serving others through “thanksgiving”. Stay safe and healthy this Thanksgiving Week!

Your partner in Christ,
James L. House, Principal
Thanksgiving Break
FLHS wishes each of you a wonderful Thanksgiving celebration. Our offices will be closed for Thanksgiving Break from November 22nd to November 26th. Have a safe, happy, and healthy holiday!

Falcons Making History
The FLHS boys basketball team has their first (EVER) game on Friday, December 3rd at McDade High School at 7pm. Come on out to support our boys, wear your blue and white and cheer the Falcons on to a victory!!

“Faith at Christmas” Program
FLHS students will present a Christmas concert, “Faith at Christmas,” on Tuesday, December 7th at 7:00 pm at FLHS. Program will include a collection of choir pieces, handbell pieces, hymns, scripture readings and more. Refreshments will be served following the program. Please join us!!!
*This event will also be live streamed on Facebook, for those who would prefer to view the sounds of Christmas from home.

Shadow Days
Shadow days are a great opportunity for prospective students to follow us for a day and experience what FLHS is all about. Parents, call us today at (979) 242-2889 to set up a shadow day for your child.

Thank you!
Everyone at FLHS is blessed by each gift that we receive from our supporters. It's not about the size of the gift, but the cheerful attitude that gives thanks to God (2 Corinthians 9:7). Whether your gift seems big or small, it is greatly appreciated and makes a bigger impact than you know!

Share the Gift of Love
Faith Lutheran High School has a unique role in combining knowledge and God’s love in a student’s high school experience. We are partnering with families at the intersection of education and faith development. If you would like to support our ministry through a one-time or enduring gift, Thrivent Action Grant, or volunteer your time and talents, please contact Nikki Kueck to learn more.