

St. Paul Lutheran Church

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The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

1 October 2023

Welcome! *The Cross of Christ Opens to Us the Way of Repentance to Life with God.* The way of the Lord is righteous and just: "The soul who sins shall die" (Ezek. 18:4). However, because the Lord has "no pleasure in the death of anyone" (Ezek. 18:32), He calls sinners to repentance and faith in His gracious forgiveness of sins. The man who is thus turned away from his wickedness, who henceforth lives by the grace of God, "shall surely live; he shall not die" (Ezek. 18:28). This way of repentance has been opened for us by the cross of Christ. In the righteousness of faith and love, "he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death" (Phil. 2:8), and He was vindicated in His resurrection from the dead. Indeed, "God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name" (Phil. 2:9). He has given us this name in our Baptism into Christ, in whom we now "shine as lights in the world" (Phil. 2:15). He uses the authority that He has received from His Father (Matt. 21:23-27) to preach a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, by which even "the tax collectors and the prostitutes go into the kingdom of God" (Matt. 21:31-32).

We invite you all to worship with us again.

In Our Prayers:

Those recovering from surgeries and illness:

Royce Albrecht-recovering
Marvin Bamsch-rehab center (brother of Charlyn Matthijetz)
Janice Beckerr-recovering
Chris Birnbaum
Jackie Handrick-recovering
Robert House-healing from a fall (father of Jim House)
Roselie Johnson-recovering (mother of Carie Oltmann)
Judy Kalbas-recovering
Nancy Kasper-hospitalized
Dennis Kurio-recovering (brother of Kathleen Bigon and uncle of Kyle Jenke)
Naomi McDonald (daughter of Rev. David & Kathy Mumm)
Chris Miertschin
Shannon Miertschin
Ethan Ray-recovering
Kelsey Schatte-pre term pregnancy concerns
Greg Sorrento-recovering (nephew of Doris Fritsche)
Cindy Umphries-recovering (friend of James & Kathy Kalbas)
Arthur Urban-recovering from fall that broke 5 ribs
Jeannie Werchan-recovering

Our members in nursing homes and our shut-ins.

Those fighting cancer including:

Lillian Bamsch (sister-in-law of Charlyn & Marvin Matthijetz)
Randy Belz (uncle of Amanda Carter)
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)
Matt Kelley (Hinze family member)
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)
Cannon Martin (nephew of Christopher Taylor)
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)
Jacksonville, NC
Randall Weise (grandson of Bernice Doebbler) Ft. Huachuca, Arizona
Peyton Walker (son of Heather Mersiovsky) Ft. Benning, Georgia

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: 644, 527,575, 781 v. 1&2, 348, 637, 912, 653
Sermon Text: Psalm 24:7-10
The Sermon: **“The King is Coming”**

- † **The Altar Stand flowers** are placed to the glory of God by the LWML in honor of LWML Sunday.
- † **Altar Flowers** are needed for Sunday, October 8th, and Sunday, October 29th. If you would like to place flowers on either of those Sunday's, please contact Dorothy Schautschick at 716-0094.
- † **Congratulations** to Erich and Kelsey Schatte on the birth of a son, Kreed Stanton Schatte. He was born Friday, September 22nd. He weighed 6 lbs. 2 ounces and was 18½ inches long. May God bless this growing family.
- † **Thank You.** Thank you to everyone for the prayers, phone calls and cards during my health concerns.

Chris Miertschin

- † **October Calendar** is available from the ushers this morning.
- † **Trustees Meeting.** The Trustees will meet tomorrow October 2nd, at 7:00 p.m. All trustees may pick up their packets in the church office today to review prior to the meeting.
- † **Church Council** – This Thursday, October 5th at 7:00 p.m. the Church Council will meet to set the agenda for the October 8th Voters meeting. All congregational officers and board members are part of the Church Council.
- † **Mission Festival.** Next Sunday, October 8th, will be our Mission Festival service. Rev. J. Brown from Legacy Deo will deliver the message, and conduct Bible Class.
- † **Orphan Grain Train.** Orphan Grain Train will be coming on October 4, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.
- † **Lutheran Witness.** The church provides a subscription of the Lutheran Witness for each family in the congregation, at a cost of \$22.50. If you are **not** receiving a monthly copy of the Lutheran Witness and would like to have it, or if you **are** receiving the monthly Lutheran Witness and do not want it, please contact the church office by Monday, October 2nd.
- † **Learn about LCMS Disaster Relief** - When disasters strike, the people of God respond with mercy toward their neighbors, showing the love of Christ to any who have need. On **Sunday, October 8**, Rev. Michael Meyer, LCMS Managing Director for Congregations and Districts, will be at Holy Cross in Warda as their Mission Festival Preacher. **Area LCMS congregations are invited to join Pastor Meyer for a light lunch at noon and a presentation at 12:30 on the LERT Program (Lutheran Early Response Teams) and how you can join in this loving act of service! (Please RSVP if you plan to eat! holycrosswarda@gmail.com or 979-242-3333).**
- † **South Lee County Volunteer Fire Department** is preparing Barbecue Chicken on Sunday, October 29th at the Serbin picnic grounds from 10:00 a.m. – 12 noon. The barbecue is to go only. Order forms are inserted in this morning's bulletin. If you wish to order please fill out this form and return it to the ushers, the church office or contact Paul Somerfield at 713-922-7501 or St. Paul Lutheran church office at 979-366-9650 by Monday, October 23rd.
- † **Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church, La Grange,** will hold their annual Turkey & Dressing dinner on Monday, October 9th from 4:30 PM – 6:00 PM. Plates will be available by DRIVE THRU ONLY at the church parking lot located at 800 N. Franklin. Tickets are \$15 per plate. The meal includes turkey, dressing, homemade noodles, green beans, and cranberry sauce. Tickets are available at the church office, church Preschool, Lukas Bakery, LG Chevron, Men's Club members, or LYF members. This popular meal always sells out, so please purchase your tickets in advance!
- † **Trunk or Treat – Tuesday, Oct. 31st from 5:00-7:00 p.m.** Halloween finds children of all ages dressing up and sharing treats with one another. We would again like to invite families to the church picnic grounds to decorate your “area”, share your treats and fellowship together. The children will then be able to walk from area to area or vehicle to vehicle to receive the treats. The St. Paul cheerleaders will be selling Hot Dogs, Chips & Drink from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
- † **Countdown to National Wreaths across America Day** on December 16th. We have identified **98** veteran's graves on our cemetery. Cost of a wreath is \$17,00. As of today, we have sponsored wreaths for **39** veteran's graves. Won't you please consider purchasing a wreath(s) so we can honor all of our veteran's. Please contact the church office if you have questions or need help in navigating the website.

LUTHERAN HOUR: Next Sunday, October 8th, “**Whatever and Wherever, Thank You, Lord.**” Guest Speaker: Pastor Keith Haberstock. “The Lord is my Shepherd...” that’s how the 23rd Psalm begins. It goes on to describe the ways in which our Good Shepherd leads, comforts, and protects the sheep of His flock. Every line gives us a reason to be thankful. (Psalm 23). 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.

Serving today: Elders– Mark Jones and Steven Schautschick
Organist- Jack Wiederhold
Acolytes- Cole Kalbas and Tucker Kalbas
Head Ushers- Donald Becker
Captain- Troy Menzel **Assistant**- Mark Jones
Ushers- Joahua Adair, John Hinze, Scott Jones,
Russell Kappler, Brooks Kasper, Kyle Kasper,
Ty Kasper, Caleb Oltmann, Curtis Oltmann,
Clyde Schimank, Troy Wiederhold
Counting and Posting offering this week:
Chairman- Rex Perry
Troy Wiederhold, John Hinze, Bradley Albrecht

THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

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| Today | Worship Service w/Communion – 8:30 a.m. LWML Sunday Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m. |
| Monday | Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m. Board of Trustee’s Meeting – 7:00 p.m. |
| Tuesday | Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m. Board of Christian Education Meeting – 7:00 p.m. |
| Wed. – Fri. | Outdoor Education Experience-Grades 5-6 |
| Wednesday | Staff Bible Study – 7:30 a.m. School Chapel – 8:30 a.m. LWML Quilting – 9:00 a.m. Youth Confirmation – 6:00 p.m. Adult Choir – 7:00 p.m. |
| Thursday | Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m. Church Council Meeting – 7:00 p.m. |
| Friday | Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m. |
| Next Sunday | Worship Service – 8:30 a.m. Mission Festival Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m. Acolytes: Kalisa Oltmann and Nathan Schautschick Greeter: Lana Kaiser Voter’s Meeting – 7:00 p.m. |

Birthdays: Today – Troy Bise, Tyler Fritsche, Leonard Mitschke; 2nd – Sandra Kalbas, Gilbert Krause; 3rd – Gary Oltmann; 5th – Jozlyn Perry; 6th – Wayne Becker, Bernice Doebbler, Brent Haas, Cynthia Heuermann; 7th – Gladys Karisch. God’s Blessings to you.

Life Through the Church Year: October 1 – Pentecost XVIII

Remaining silent about the sanctity of life enslaves us to selfishness just like abortion does. But God’s grace and forgiveness in Christ Jesus free us from looking out only for ourselves. We get to speak His truth and show His love to every one of our neighbors—not out of “selfish ambition or conceit,” but in service to “the interests of others” (Philippians 2:3-4).

ST. PAUL NOTES:

Attendance Last Week: English Worship- 228, German Worship- 93, Sunday School- 31, Visitors- 1, Offering- \$19.00.

Offering Last Week: \$76,151.77

| Home: | | Mission: | |
|------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------|--------------------|
| General | \$5,626.05 | Mission | \$547.00 |
| Sunday School | \$19.00 | Mission Total | \$547.00 |
| ECC Operating | \$947.72 | Savings/Other: | |
| Received 8/24/2023 | \$6,592.77 | Daycare Savings Fund | \$68,992.00 |
| | | Daycare Savings Fund | \$20.00 |
| Est. needed per week | \$27,230.00 | Savings/Other Total | \$69,012.00 |
| Received MTD | \$101,595.16 | | |
| Est. needed per month | \$118,000.00 | Total | \$76,151.77 |



Oktoberfest Meal Tickets

Tickets for our annual Oktoberfest celebration are now available! Meal includes brats, noodles, green beans, potato salad, kraut, bread and coffee cake. Meals will be available on Saturday, October 28 from 11 am to 1 pm at the Holy Cross Picnic Grounds. Tickets are \$15 each and available for pre-sale only! (Deadline is Thursday, October 19th.) Talk to a FLHS student, staff, board, or delegate today!!

Oktoberfest

FLHS will be hosting a family friendly event on Saturday, October 28th at the Holy Cross Picnic grounds.

Events for the day include:

- German meal of brats, kraut, green beans, noodles, bread and coffee cake for dessert will be served from 11:00 am until 1:00 pm by pre-sale tickets only. \$15/plate *Tickets are available NOW!
- Concession stand will also be available for purchase all day with items like hot dogs, warm pretzels, cheese and nuts.
- The **NEW Battle of the Brew and Battle of the Vine Contest** submissions need to be made by 10:00 am. See our Facebook page for more information regarding this contest.
- Silent Auction items will be available for bidding until 1:15 pm.
- Live Auction of items will take place at between 12:15 pm and 1:00 pm.
- Children's games and activities will begin at 12:00 pm and include activities such as a bounce house, temporary tattoos, photo backdrop, pumpkin painting, hayride, and more!
- 42 Domino and Cornhole tournaments will begin at 1:30 pm.

Please visit our website for more information! (www.flhstx.org)

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.

Follow Us On Facebook!

With a new school year underway, you may want to see the exciting things happening inside here on a daily basis! By "liking" our Facebook page and "sharing" our posts, you will be in the loop on all the great things happening and you can share them with your friends!