

St. Paul Lutheran Church

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Reformation Sunday

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Welcome! *The Son of God Has Set Us Free from Sin and Death by His Grace.* “Wisdom is justified by her deeds” (Matt. 11:19), and the true wisdom of God, Christ Jesus, the incarnate Son, justifies us by His deeds. He prepares His way by the preaching of repentance, but He has suffered the violence of the Law and voluntarily handed Himself over to violent men, in order that we may eat and drink with Him in His Kingdom and “*remain in the house forever*” (John 8:35). He is “*a friend of tax collectors and sinners*” (Matt. 11:18–19), and He has rescued us by His grace from the slavery of sin and death. By the proclamation of His eternal Gospel “*to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people*” (Rev. 14:6), “*the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law*” (Rom. 3:21), “*that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus*” (Rom. 3:26). And by the hearing of that Gospel of Christ Jesus, “*whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith*” (Rom. 3:25), “*you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free*” (John 8:31–32).

We invite you all to worship with us again.

In Our Prayers:

Those recovering from surgeries and illness:

Gary D. Becker-thanks for successful treatment

Chris Birnbaum-recovering

Troy Bise-recovery

Monroe Brade-shut-in (uncle of James, Johnny, Larry,
Leroy Kalbas)

Patrice Caster-recovering

Ginger Clifford-recovering (sister of Nancy Kasper)

Karl Funk-recovering (brother-in-law of Heather Perry)

David Gersch-recovering

Nancy Kasper

Bobbie Krause-recovering

Paula Krause-recovering

Ruth Kluetz-recovering

Ruben Melcher-ahut-in (uncle of James, Johnny, Larry &
Leroy Kalbas)

Carolyn Mitschke-recovering (mother of Jonathan
Mitschke and Susan Schatte)

Larry Schatte-recovering

Barbara Schmidt-recovering

Edwin Schmidt, Jr.-recovering

Gary Turner-recovering (father of Katie Jenke)

LaVerne Urban-recovering

David Wachsmann (cousin of Billy Krause)

Alton Weiser-recovering

John Boy Weiser-recovering

Linda Wilkins-recovering

Our members in nursing homes and our shut-ins.

Those fighting cancer including:

Teresita Brodrick (aunt of David Wittman)

Vernon Bryant (friend of Dianna Noack)

Brandon Cleland (brother of Sonya Schautschick)

Cathy Harrel (Aunt of Laurie Kasper)

Dana Herzog (niece of Becky Weise)

Franklin Hoffman (father of Maxine Bradshaw)

John Huenefeld (friend of Craig and Melodi Oltmann)

Brenda Karisch (friend of Bonnie Wenke family)

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

Bethany Lara (daughter of Kathy Gersch)

Ruby Maass (mother of Linda Schonhoeft)

James Mertink (cousin of Fischer family and Rusty Mertink
family)

Carol Sander

Diane Sanders (friend of James & Kathy Kalbas)

Nancy Schautschick-recovering

Karen Symm (sister of Michael Symm)

Tina Warren (mother of Jason Heuermann)

Jordan Weidemann (friend of Byron Kalbas)

Judy Westbrook (mother of Heather Krause)

Those serving in the Armed Forces including:

Steven Cutlip (brother of Stephanie Symm), Fort Bliss, El Paso

Coy Hunt (son of Shannon & Christine Hunt) Ft. Drum, NY

Dylan Robbins (cousin of Michelle Birnbaum) Jacksonville,
North Carolina

Aron Marak (nephew of Mike & Susie Maass) Fr. Bragg, NC

Kyler Brown (friend of Dorthy Schautschick) U.S. Navy-
Bahrain

Benjamin Symm-Camp Pendleton, California

Jacob Droegemueller Ft. Stewart, Georgia

Brittany Loudon (daughter of Bryan and Antoinette Winkles)
Navy, stationed in Florida

Kolton Alen (nephew of Mike & Susie Maass) Army,
stationed at Ft. Sill, Lawton, OK

Henry Kalbas U.S. Naval Academy-Annapolis, MD

Those who mourn:

The family of Ralph Pitts (uncle of James, John, Larry,
and Leroy Kalbas)

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— 184 of the hymnal

The Hymns: 645, 656, 781 v. 1&2, 506, 392

Sermon Text: Psalm 46

The Sermon: **“Be Still”**

- ✠ **The Altar flowers** are placed to the glory of God in honor of Madilyn Kalbas for her birthday by Joseph & Kalen Kalbas.
- ✠ **The Side Stand flowers** are placed to the glory of God. Happy Birthday Laurie Kasper. Thank you for all you do for us, our family and the community from Nancy & Stephen Kasper.
- ✠ **Mission Goal.** In the Voters Meeting held on October 12, 2025 the Voters set our 2026 Mission goal at \$37,500.00. To date our Mission contributions are at \$34,092.82. We are **\$3,407.18** away from meeting our 2026 goal.
- ✠ **Trunk or Treat – Saturday 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.
- ✠ **Bless Their Feet and Cover Their Seats!** The Serbin LWML is collecting **new socks and underwear (ALL sizes), and new/gently used stuffed toys for Orphan Grain Train through Sunday, November 8, 2026.** Please bring your donations to the **Church Office Meeting Room.** Please help us fill the collection area! **Pick up an extra package of socks or underwear the next time you shop and donate it to this special mission project.** Every donation, large or small, can make a difference! Cash donations are also welcome and will be used to purchase needed items and help cover Orphan Grain Train transportation costs. Together, let’s **“Bless their feet and cover their seats!”** For questions, please contact **Melodi at 979-540-0039.** Thank you for helping the Serbin LWML share Christ’s love through your generous support!
- ✠ **The Nominating Committee** will meet Tuesday, November 10th at 7:00 p.m. The nominating committee is composed of those elected officers and board members whose terms of service are coming to an end. Any voter who is unable to accept a nomination for health or other compelling reasons, please contact Chairman Rusty Mertink, Pastor Schmidt or another member of the nominating committee. If you would like to serve in a position, are over 65 and still willing to stand for nomination, or would like to recommend someone for an office, please also contact Chairman Mertink or Pastor by Sunday, November 1st.
- ✠ **Wreaths Across America.** We will again be participating in National Wreaths Across America Day on Saturday, December 19, 2026. We have 100 Veterans that will have wreaths placed on their graves. **We currently have 44 wreaths purchased for veteran’s graves.** Please consider sponsoring a wreath(s) in memory of or in honor of Veterans so that we can honor all our Veterans at Christmas. **Cost of a wreath is \$17.00.**
- ✠ **All Saints Observance:** As a part of our worship Sunday, November 1st, we will remember those who have entered into their heavenly rest over the course of the past year by reading their names during our worship service. Those who died as members of our congregation will automatically be included. If you have a departed family member or loved one who died in the faith this past year that you would also like remembered, please notify the church office by Wednesday, October 28th *“Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.”* (Rev. 14:13)
- ✠ **Upright Piano.** The old upright piano in Mrs. Bradshaws room is going to be removed. If anyone would like to have the piano, please contact the church office by Monday, November 23rd.

LUTHERAN HOUR: Next Sunday, November 1st, **“What We Will Be”.** Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. What we will be has not yet appeared. But even now, we are God’s adopted children, through faith in Christ. 1 John 3:2. 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 for a link to listen to the Lutheran Hour live.

Life Thoughts in the Church Year:

Reformation

Luther said, "My conscience is captive to the Word of God." The Word of God teaches clearly that God is our Maker: "You formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb." The Word of God holds us captive to the truth that all human life is wonderfully made by God, and no laws, nor politicians, nor celebrities, nor councils, not anything will sway us otherwise. We, too, are persuaded by the Word of God "that neither death nor life...shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

Today	Worship Service – 8:30 a.m. Reformation Sunday Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m. Sunday School Teachers Meeting – 10:15 a.m.
Monday	Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.
Tuesday	Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m. Board of Elders Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	School Chapel – 8:30 a.m. Youth Confirmation – 6:00 p.m.
Thursday	Staff Bible Study – 7:30 a.m.
Friday	Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.
	Lutherfest
Saturday	"Trunk or Treat" Fellowship Event 5:00-7:00 p.m.
Next Sunday	Worship Service w/Communion – 8:30 a.m. All Saints Day Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m. Acolytes: Lucy Gurka and Madilyn Kalbas Greeter: Debra Hartfield

Birthdays: Today – Laurie Kasper; 26th – Eldor Becker, Christine Grange, John Medack; 28th – Jim Bob Bigon, Susanne Maass; 29th – Mary Becker, Daniel Selvey; 30th – Sandra Schimank, Angie Stanfield; 31st – Jeremy Davis, Leah Menzel, Jennifer Wenke. God's Blessings to you.

ST. PAUL NOTES:

Attendance Last Week: Morning Worship- 218, Communion- 104, Bible Class- 21; Sunday School- 25, Offering- \$23.00.

Offering Last Week: \$28,952.57

Home:		Mission:	
General	\$9,772.14	Mission	\$1,000.00
Thrivent Choice	\$958.00	Mission Festival	\$1,560.32
Sunday School	\$23.00	Mission Total	\$2,560.32
Lunch Room	\$545.00	Savings/Other:	
ECC Operating	\$10,757.11	Savings/Other Total	
Tuition	\$4,337.00		
Received 10/18/2026	\$26,392.25	Total	\$28,952.57
Est. needed per week	\$33,625.00		
Received MTD	\$91,657.42		
Est. needed per month	\$145,708.00		

MEMORIALS: General: In memory of Andrea Muniz by David & Karen Schmidt - \$25.00.

Serving today: Elders– David Fritsche and Gary Oltmann
Organist- Jack Wiederhold
Acolytes- Karly Hentschel and Selah Hicks
Head Ushers- Donald Becker
Captain- Mason Becker **Assistant-** Carson Becker
Ushers- Jason Becker, Randy Becker, Brandon Burgdorf,
Trenton Grange, Lukas Iselt, Mike Krause,
Ethan Miertschin, Rex Perry, Brad Schmidt, Tim Symm
Counting and Posting offering this week:
Chairman- Glen Albrecht
Tommy Miertschin, Cole Mertink, Ethan Miertschin
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Goings On at a Glance:

-Monday, October 26th - **Grade Check & State Cross Country Meet** in Waco
-Friday, October 30th - **Lutherfest @ St. Paul, Serbin**

-Tuesday, November 3rd - **ELECTION DAY**

-Wednesday, November 4th - **7th & 8th grade visit day**

-Friday, November 6th - **FLHS hosts the 8th Annual Private Schools of Central Texas K-8 Cross Country Meet**

Oktoberfest 2026 in the Rearview Mirror

Thank you to everyone who supported one of our largest fundraising events of the year. Whether you donated, worked, attended, or all of the above, your time, treasure, and talent helped us make this year's event a huge success. What a wonderful way to support Faith and kick off the holiday season! Be blessed, and see y'all next year.

7th & 8th Visit Day

FLHS is opening its doors to our local 7th & 8th graders on **Wednesday, November 4th**. This provides an opportunity for students to experience what high school at Faith Lutheran looks and feels like, and we can showcase all that we have to offer them. Students should arrive at 12:15 pm for lunch, and then an afternoon of "mock" classes, games, and other activities. This on campus event will end at 2:45pm. Please call today to reserve your spot!

K-8 Cross Country Meet

Faith Lutheran is hosting the 8th Annual Private Schools of Central Texas Cross Country Meet on Friday, November 6th for students in K through 8th grades. The first race will take place at 1:30pm. We are excited to host this fun event on our beautiful campus!

Thanksgiving Chapel and Feast

Join us Thursday, November 19th, beginning at 11:00 am for our 10th Annual Thanksgiving Celebration. Join us for worship at 11 and then stay and fellowship with us during our pot-luck Thanksgiving feast lunch, immediately following chapel.

It's the Most Wonderful Sound of the Year

Listen for "The Voice of FLHS" on KTIM, 89.1 FM, KNRG, 92.3 FM, and KBUK, 104.9 FM. We have transitioned to a holiday themed ad for the rest of 2026!

Faith on the Big Screen

Get to your theater a little early to catch our FLHS ad running before every movie in both Bastrop and Brenham! Our goal is to raise awareness and grow our wonderful school.

Follow Us On Social Media!

Keep up with all the exciting things happening here at FLHS. By following us on **Facebook and/or Instagram**, you'll be in the know and help Faith grow. Just click either icon on our website landing page to find us. Currently, we are showcasing Oktoberfest auction items each day at 5pm right up until the day of. Don't miss these sneak peeks!

Amazon Wish List

FLHS has an Amazon wish list of continually needed materials. Just click on the **Amazon link on either our Facebook page or website**. Thank you for your generous support, as we provide the necessary supplies for both students and staff!