

St. Paul Lutheran Church

Serbin, Texas



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Reformation Day Observed

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Welcome! *In Divine and Holy Love, the Lord Jesus Sanctifies Us by the Gospel of His Cross.*

The people of God are to be holy as He is holy. Therefore, we should fear, love and trust in Him above all things, and in such faith “you shall love your neighbor as yourself” (Lev. 19:18). Such faith toward God and love for the neighbor are the two great commandments upon which “depend all the Law and the Prophets” (Matt. 22:40). The Lord, our God Himself, has fulfilled His Law on our behalf — in His great love for us, with all His heart and soul and mind, and in a body of flesh and blood like ours. David’s Lord has become David’s Son, so that all our enemies might be put under His feet and that we might be exalted to the right hand of God in Him (Matt. 22:43–45). So His servants bear His cross in faith and love. For the sake of the Gospel, they suffer persecution for their work, bearing their burdens in gentleness, “like a nursing mother taking care of her own children” (1 Thess. 2:7). In like manner and with tender affection, they exhort and encourage “like a father with his children” (1 Thess. 2:11–12).

We invite you all to worship with us again.

In Our Prayers:

Those recovering from surgeries and illness:

Royce Albrecht-recovering

Janice Becker-recovering

Wayne Becker-recovering

Chris Birnbaum

Doris Fritsche-surgery

Robert House-healing from a fall (father of Jim House)

Roselie Johnson-recovering (mother of Carie Oltmann)

Judy Kalbas-recovering

Nancy Kasper

*Dennis Kurio-recovering (brother of Kathleen Bigon and
uncle of Kyle Jenke)*

Shannon Miertschin

Ethan Ray-recovering

Greg Sorrento-recovering (nephew of Doris Fritsche)

*Cindy Umphries-recovering (friend of James & Kathy
Kalbas)*

Kenneth Weiser-rehab

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)

Jo Ann Nelson (grandmother of Sydney Shaver)

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. Cavazos,
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 Doeblbler) Ft.

Huachuca, Arizona

*Peyton Walker (son of Heather Mersiovsky) Ft. Benning,
Georgia*

Aron Marak (nephew of Mike and Susie Maass) Fr.

Bragg, North Carolina

Those who mourn:

The Family of Melvin Schulze

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: 555, 656, 506, 953, 744, 566, 655,
781 v. 1&2, 571, 865, 923

- † **The Altar flowers** are placed to the glory of God in honor of Sandra Schimank's birthday by her family and grandchildren.
- † **The Altar Stand flowers.** Lord today in remembrance of Martin Luther and the Reformation we present our gifts to you on the Altar stands. We also celebrate our family's October birthdays Will Kasper 2nd, Taya Murry 14th, Allison Kasper 15th, Andrea Clifford 18th, Samuel Wiederhold & Andrea Ray 19th, Laurie Kasper 25th; Baptism birthdays Will, Tess & Jay Cannon 29th; Anniversaries Tom & Carol Dove 6th, James & Ginger Clifford 24th, by Stephen and Nancy Kasper.
- † **Mission Goal.** In the Voters Meeting held on October 9, 2022 the Voters set our 2023 Mission goal at \$37,500.00. To date our Mission contributions are at \$33,777.00. We are **\$3,723.00** away from meeting our 2022 goal
- † **November Calendar.** The November Calendar is available from the ushers and in the church office.
- † **Voyager View Newsletter.** The Voyager View Newsletter is available from the ushers this morning and in the church office.
- † **The Nominating Committee** will meet Tuesday, November 14th 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 Scott Jones, 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 Jones or Pastor by Sunday, November 12th.
- † **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.
- † **All Saints Observance:** As a part of our worship Sunday, November 5th, 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 Monday, October 30th "*Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.*" (Rev. 14:13)
- † **Countdown to National Wreaths across America Day** on December 16th. We have identified **99** veteran's graves on our cemetery. Cost of a wreath is \$17.00. As of today, we have sponsored wreaths for **60** 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, November 5th, "**Times of Mourning, Times of Blessing**". Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. John Nunes. We will all go through times of mourning, but we don't all necessarily face it the same way. (Matthew 54). 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:

Pentecost XXII/Reformation Day

Our Reformation heritage includes boldly and gladly confessing God's Word. The Scriptures speak frequently and forcefully of taking care of children (1Thessalonians 2:7) and standing up for a neighbor's life (Leviticus 19:16). Christians cannot promote or even permit putting people to death by abortion, assisted suicide, and embryo experimentation. Love for our Father means love for each other!

Serving today: Elders– Mark Jones and Steven Schautschick
Organist- Susan Michael
Acolytes- Hudson Short and Kenzie Stewart
Head Ushers- Donald Becker
Captain- Troy Menzel **Assistant**- Mark Jones
Ushers- Joshua 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
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THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

Today **Song Service – 8:30 a.m.**
Reformation Day Observed
 Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.
 SLCVFD Barbecue Chicken
 Monday Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.
 Tuesday Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.
 Luther Fest Activities – 8:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
 “Trunk or Treat” Fellowship Event – 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
 Wed – Fri. National Young Readers Challenge
 Wednesday **All Saints Day**
 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.
 Friday Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.
 Next Sunday **Worship Service w/Communion – 8:30 a.m.**
All Saints Sunday
 Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.
 Acolytes: Owen Wittman and Jasmine Bailey
 Greeter: Dianna Noack

Birthdays: Today – Mary Ann Becker, Daniel Selvey; 30th – Sandra Schimank, Agela Stanfield; 31st – Jeremy Davis, Leah Menzel, Jennifer Wenke; 1st – Shelby Barnett; 3rd – Lance Krause. God’s Blessings to you.

ST. PAUL NOTES:

Attendance Last Week: Morning Worship- 258, Bible Class- 17; Sunday School- 25, Visitors- 1, Offering- \$20.00.

Offering Last Week: \$24,791.49

Home:		Mission:	
General	\$6,847.50	Mission	\$300.00
Sunday School	\$20.00	Lutheran Hour	\$20.00
Lunch Room	\$800.00	Mission Total	\$320.00
ECC Operating	\$10,811.49	Savings/Other:	
Tuition	\$2,500.00	School Fund	\$3,455.00
Received 10/22/2023	\$20,978.99	Bus Replacement Fund	\$37.50
		Savings/Other Total	\$3,492.50
Est. needed per week	\$27,230.00		
Received MTD	\$93,934.11	Total	\$24,791.49
Est. needed per month	\$118,000.00		

MEMORIALS: General: In memory of Gladys Dillman by Ryan Aschenbeck - \$50.00. In memory of Melvin Schulze by Allen & Mildred Perry - \$30.00; by Lynette Wiederhold - \$30.00; by David & Karen Schmidt - \$20.00; by Janet Campbell - \$50.00; by Wilbert & Carol Jean Noack - \$30.00. **Lutheran Hour:** In memory of Melvin Schulze by Lucille Schatte, Lynette and Darlene - \$20.00. **ECC Operating:** In memory of Melvin Schulze by Arthur & Dianna Noack - \$50.00.



Cross Country Meet

Faith Lutheran High School is hosting the 5th Annual Private Schools of Central Texas Cross Country Meet on Friday, November 3rd for students in K to 8th Grade with the first race at 2pm. We are excited to host this fun event on our campus!

Junior High Game Night

FLHS will be hosting a game night for 7th and 8th grade students on Friday, November 10th from 6:00 pm until 9:00 pm at Faith Lutheran High School. We will have lots of food, fun, and fellowship! Please join us for this fun evening!

Pie Sale

FLHS will have a Pie Sale on Sunday, November 19th with pick up at Holy Cross, Immanuel, St. Paul Serbin and Mt. Calvary. All pies are a generous 10-inch size and deep-dish. PreOrders only. **Pecan pies** are \$30 each and **Pumpkin pies** are \$25 each. Place your order by calling FLHS at 242-2889. Deadline to order is Monday, November 13th.

Thanksgiving Chapel and Feast

Join us Thursday, November 16th, beginning at 10:30 am for our 7th Annual Thanksgiving Celebration. Rev. Thomas Obersat will be leading us in worship. Stay and fellowship with us during our pot-luck Thanksgiving feast lunch, immediately following chapel.

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 at (979) 242-2889 today to set up a shadow day for your child.

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.