

# St. Paul Lutheran Church

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## The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

2 October 2022

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**Welcome! We Walk by Faith, and Not by Sight, in the Peace of Christ's Forgiveness.** We are surrounded by "destruction and violence" (Hab. 1:3) because the Law "is paralyzed, and justice never goes forth" (Hab. 1:4). In fact, the Law cannot rescue us from our enemies; it is our fiercest enemy of all. Therefore, not by sight, experience or feeling, nor by works, "the righteous shall live by his faith" (Hab. 2:4). "Temptations to sin are sure to come" (Luke 17:1), but as often as we sin, the Lord rebukes us, turns us to repentance and forgives us. We pray that He would thus "increase our faith" (Luke 17:5). And indeed, He does! Though we are His "unworthy servants" (Luke 17:10), He prepares His Supper for us, dresses us properly and gives us His body and blood to eat and drink. He appoints pastors for us, "by the will of God according to the promise of the life that is in Christ Jesus" (2 Tim. 1:1). For the Gospel brings "life and immortality to light" (2 Tim. 1:10). This we believe. Therefore, "follow the pattern of the sound words that you have heard," by which He guards you "in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus" (2 Tim. 1:13). We invite you all to worship with us again.

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### In Our Prayers:

Those recovering from surgeries and illness:

Barbara Birnbaum-recovering (mother of Chris Birnbaum)  
Donnie Garrett-hospitalized (friend of Jamie Jordan)  
Tom Geyer-hospitalized (Principal at Redeemer, Austin)  
Evelyn Kaiser-recovering  
Gladys Karisch  
Hildegard Krause  
Chris Miertschin  
Frances Mieretschin-hospitalized (mother of Tommy Miertschin)  
Shannon Miertschin  
Irene Noack  
Zelda Richards-recovering  
Melvin Schulze  
Greg Sorrento-recovering (nephew of Doris Fritsche)  
Cindy Umphries-recovering (friend of James & Kathy Kalbas)  
Laverne Weiser  
Conway Whited (nephew of Ashley Schmidt)

**Our members in nursing homes and our shut-ins.**  
**Those fighting cancer including:**  
Lillian Bamsch (sister-in-law of Charlyn & Marvin Matthijetz)  
Teresita Brodrick (aunt of David Wittman)  
Don Claxton (father of Jeff Claxton)  
Russell Cleghorn (friend of James & Kathy Kalbas)  
Ginger Clifford (sister of Nancy Kasper)  
Franklin Hoffman (father of Maxine Bradshaw)  
Steven Kelly (cousin of Jessica Gruetzner, brother-in-law of Christi Bradford)

Betty Kildair (aunt of Dorothy Schautschick)  
Theresa Krause  
Bethany Lara (daughter of Kathy Gersch)  
Heather Lilly (granddaughter of Irene Noack)  
Ricky Meinholdt (brother-in-law of Carie Oltmann)  
Rhonda Mitschke (friend of Christi Fritsche)  
Jack Pennington (brother-in-law of Marvin & Charlyn Matthijetz)  
Carol Sander  
Diane Sanders (friend of James & Kathy Kalbas)  
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 Irwin, CA  
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

**Those who Rejoice:**  
Matt and Kelly Neal as they begin their married life together.

**Those who mourn:**  
The family of Alfred Boriack (brother-in-law of Janiece Becker and Mary Ann Becker)  
Ruth Lewis (aunt of the Oltmann's & Symm's)

**Those affected by natural disasters**  
**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: 912, 803, 594, 781 v. 1&2, 743, 725, 728  
Sermon Text: Romans 8:31-39  
The Sermon: “For Us and With Us”

- † **The Altar flowers** are placed to the glory of God from the Kelly Becker/ Matthew Neal wedding.
- † **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 9<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to place flowers on that Sunday, please contact Dorothy Schautschick at 716-0094.
- † **October Voyager View** is available from the ushers this morning and also in the church office.
- † **Trustees Meeting.** The Trustees will meet tomorrow October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 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 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. the Church Council will meet to set the agenda for the October 9<sup>th</sup> Voters meeting. All congregational officers and board members are part of the Church Council.
- † **Mission Festival.** Next Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup>, will be our Mission Festival service. Rev. Joshua Hahn from Immanuel, Giddings will deliver the message.
- † **Adult Bible Class.** On October 9<sup>th</sup> during the Adult Bible study time Becky Bartelt will be sharing about God’s work in Asia where she will serve as a sacred music educator based in Taiwan starting in January. Becky was the choir director at the Lutheran High School of San Antonio from 2005-2019 and is looking forward to working together with people from various countries in Asia to develop faithful Lutheran music for their churches and hopefully start a music conservatory outreach program. Please come to learn more about this work and how you can be a part of it.
- † **South Lee County Volunteer Fire Department** is preparing Barbecue Chicken on Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup>.
- † **Trunk or Treat – Sunday, Oct. 31<sup>st</sup> from 5:30-7:00 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 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
- † **Countdown to National Wreaths across America Day** on December 17<sup>th</sup>. We have identified 75 veteran’s graves on our cemetery. As of today we have sponsored wreaths for 20 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.
- † **Aluminum Cans:** Need somewhere to take your aluminum cans? There is a drop-off trailer by the pasture gate for anyone who would like to drop off their aluminum cans to be recycled. All money raised from the recycled cans will go to the Building Fund. We sold the cans this past week and raised another \$58.50 for the Building Fund. Total given to the Restoration/Building fund is \$3,573.60.

**LUTHERAN HOUR:** Next Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup>, **Thankfulness, eh?”**. Guest Speaker: Rev. Cody Cooper. It’s only right to be thankful for what we have and what we are. The question is, to whom are we thankful? (Luke 2:17-19). 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](http://lhm.org) for a link to listen to the Lutheran Hour live.

## Life Thoughts in the Church Year:

### October 2 – Pentecost XVII

Abortion, assisted suicide, and other deals with death bless with their mouths—as Psalm 62 warns us—by promising freedom and control. But inwardly these measures curse by delivering guilt and grief. Power over life and death belongs to God alone (Psalm 62:11), and his steadfast love provides salvation even amid surprise pregnancy and terminal diagnosis. The gospel of Jesus Christ always brings life and immortality to light (2 Timothy 1:10).

**Serving today:** Elders– Tim Hartfield and Keith Oltmann  
**Organist-** Susan Michael  
**Acolytes-** Tucker Kalbas and Brooke Lehmann  
**Head Ushers-** Donald Becker  
**Captain-** Mason Becker **Assistant-** Carson Becker  
**Ushers-** Jason Becker, Randy Becker, Hudson Corn,  
Michael Krause, Dylan Lambert, Ethan Mertschin,  
Logan Perry, Rex Perry, Bradley Schmidt,  
Tim Symm, Courtland Tharp  
**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 **Worship Service w/Communion – 8:30 a.m.**  
Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.  
**LWML Sunday**

Monday Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.  
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 Experiences 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.**  
Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.  
**Mission Festival**  
Acolytes: Kaden Kasper and Jozlyn Perry  
Voter’s Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

**Birthdays: Today** – Sandra Kalbas, Gilbert Krause; 3<sup>rd</sup> – Gary Oltmann; 5<sup>th</sup> – Jozlyn Perry; 6<sup>th</sup> – Wayne Becker, Bernice Doebbler, Cynthia Heuermann; 7<sup>th</sup> – Abigail Eindorf, Gladys Karisch; 8<sup>th</sup> – Tammy Hartfield. God’s Blessings to you.

**ST. PAUL NOTES:**

**Attendance Last Week:** English Worship- 245, German Worship- 149, Sunday School- 23, Visitors- 2, Offering- \$19.00.

**Offering Last Week:** \$10,731.73

<b>Home:</b>		<b>Mission:</b>	
General	\$8,292.05	Mission	\$1,066.00
Sunday School	\$19.00	Lutheran Hour	\$40.00
Use of Facility	\$50.00	<b>Mission Total</b>	<b>\$1,106.00</b>
ECC Operating	\$1,106.18	<b>Savings/Other:</b>	
<b>Received 9/25/2022</b>	<b>\$9,467.23</b>	Building Fund	\$58.50
		Cemetery Fund	\$100.00
<b>Est. needed per week</b>	<b>\$22,500.00</b>	<b>Savings/Other Total</b>	<b>\$158.50</b>
<b>Received MTD</b>	<b>\$92,797.79</b>		
<b>Est. needed pe month</b>	<b>\$97,500.00</b>	Total	\$10,731.73

**MEMORIALS: General:** In memory of Harold & Edna Noack by Cathy & Gene Noack and Kathy & Vic Lohberg - \$100.00. **Lutheran Hour:** In memory of Gene Lester by Edwin, Jr. & Barbara Schmidt - \$40.00. **Cemetery Fund:** In memory of Lynn Noack by Beth, Craig and Brandon Noack - \$100.00.



### **Fall Break**

FLHS students are preparing for fall break next week. The students will have Wednesday, October 5 to Friday, October 7th off of school. So, there will be no chapel service this week!

The teachers will be using this time to attend the Lutheran Educators Association National Convocation in Milwaukee, WI, and join with over 3,000 other Lutheran teachers from around the country. This is an opportunity for professional development, connecting with other teachers in shared ministry, and fellowship with one another.

### **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 22 from 11 am to 1 pm at the Holy Cross Picnic Grounds. Tickets are \$12 each and available for pre-sale only! Talk to a FLHS student, staff, board, or delegate today!!

### **Oktoberfest**

FLHS will be hosting a family friendly event on Saturday, October 22nd 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. \$12/plate \*Tickets are available NOW!
- Concession stand will also be available for purchase all day with items like hot dogs, warm pretzels, and nuts.
- The NEW **Battle of the Brew Contest** submissions need to be made by 10:00 am.
- Silent Auction items will be available for bidding until 1:15 pm.
- Children's games and activities will begin at 12:00 pm and include activities such as a bounce house, face painting, 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](http://www.flhstx.org))

### **Thrivent Action Team Grants**

If you are a Thrivent member willing to submit an application for a \$250 grant to be used on projects at Faith, please contact Nikki Kueck by calling (979) 242-2889. Help us to be able to take advantage of these funds for the good of our school. \*We are beginning to gather grants for our Oktoberfest event on October 22nd.

### **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!