

St. Paul Lutheran Church

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The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

9 October 2022

Welcome! Faith Returns Thanks to God and Worships Him in the Person of Christ Jesus. Jesus comes in mercy and, by His Word, heals you in body and soul. “Go and show yourselves to the priests,” for you are cleansed (Luke 17:14), and you are granted access to the Lord’s temple. It is “at Jesus’ feet, giving him thanks” (Luke 17:16), that you worship God, for Christ Jesus is your great High Priest; His body is the true temple. In Him, you “find rest, each of you in the house of her husband” (Ruth 1:9), for the Lord has “visited his people and given them food” (Ruth 1:6). The person of Jesus Christ lodges Himself in holy food — bread and wine for believers to eat and drink. You lodge where Jesus lodges; His Father is your God, His people are your people. Death cannot part you from Him because His death and resurrection are eternally yours through Holy Baptism. “Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead” (2 Tim. 2:8). As surely as death could not hold Him, so surely “the word of God is not bound” (2 Tim. 2:9). His Gospel is entrusted “to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also” (2 Tim. 2:2), so that you “may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus” (2 Tim. 2:10). Such is the confession of faith for all the saints, who believe, teach and confess the one Lord and Savior — Jesus Christ

We invite you all to worship with us again.

In Our Prayers:

Those recovering from surgeries and illness:

Barbara Birnbaum-recovering (mother of Chris Birnbaum)

Tom Geyer-hospitalized (Principal at Redeemer, Austin)

Evelyn Kaiser-recovering

Gladys Karisch

Hildegard Krause

Chris Miertschin

Frances Mieretschin-recovering (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)

Vicki Boriack

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)

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

Dylan Robbins (cousin of Michelle Birnbaum) Camp Pendleton, CA

Those who mourn:

The family of Vestine Walther (uncle of Michelle Birnbaum)

The family of Ricky Meinholdt (brother-in-law of Carie Oltmann)

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— 184 of the hymnal

The Hymns: 685, 528, 781 v. 1&2, 662, 924

Sermon Text: Luke 17:11-19

The Sermon: **“The River Has Moved”**

Adult Choir Anthem: ♪ *“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”*

- ✠ **The Altar flowers** are placed to the glory of God in thankfulness of our girls for all they do for our family and for their October birthdays: Taya 14th, Allison 15th and Laurie 25th from Stephen (Papa) and Nancy (Granna) Kasper
- ✠ **The Altar Stand flowers** are placed to the glory of God in memory of Matt Rumuly by Stephen and Nancy Kasper.
- ✠ **The Side Stand flowers** are placed to the glory of God in memory of Hattie Mutschink by Linda Jones.
- ✠ **The Window flowers** are placed to the glory of God in memory of Verna Mae Becker’s birthday by Monroe Becker.
- ✠ **Mission Festival.** Today in Mission Festival and we thank Pastor Hahn for delivering the message this morning.
- ✠ **Voters Meeting.** The April Voters Meeting will be held this evening at 7:00 p.m. The agenda is included in the bulletin this morning. All voting members are encouraged to attend
- ✠ **South Lee County Volunteer Fire Department** is preparing Barbecue Chicken on Sunday, October 30th 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 24th.
- ✠ **Trunk or Treat – Monday, Oct. 31st 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 17th. We have identified 75 veteran’s graves on our cemetery. As of today, we have sponsored wreaths for 32 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.
- ✠ **The Texas Wendish Heritage Society** would like to thank all who attended and helped with the Wendish Fest on September 25. Your support is very much appreciated.
- ✠ **OLD TYME TEXAS WENDISH SUNDAY** will be held on October 23, 2022 from 10:00 to 2:00, at the Texas Wendish Museum in Serbin. Kaffee, Klatch & Kuchen at 10:00, refreshments (generously provided by Ben Nevis Brewing) at 11:00, a presentation at 11:30 and the Wendish meal at 12:00 (free will donation). Games, Displays, Christmas Market, Fellowship & Kids' Activities from 1:00 to 2:00. Please RSVP no later than October 18, museum@texaswendish.org or 979-366-2441.

LUTHERAN HOUR: Next Sunday, October 16th, **“Look at Me”**. Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. God hears our cry for justice, not as an indifferent judge, but as our merciful heavenly Father. (Luke 18:1-8). 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:

October 9 – Pentecost XVIII

Naomi insisted Ruth abandon her because of her age and infirmity (Ruth 1;11-12). But Ruth instead trusted in the God who shares in suffering (2 Timothy 2:3). Likewise, the ten lepers were left for dead, but Jesus reaches even into our severest afflictions with presence and compassion. And He invites and encourages us also to accompany and assist rather than settling for physician-assisted suicide.

Serving today: **Elders**– Tim Hartfield and Keith Oltmann
Organist- Jack Wiederhold
Acolytes- Grant Oltmann and Jozlyn Perry
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- Glen Albrecht
Pablo Rodriguez, Tommy Miertschin, Brooks Kasper

THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

Today **Worship Service – 8:30 a.m.**
Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.
Mission Festival
Voters’ Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

Mon. – Fri. Fire Prevention Week

Monday Columbus Day
No School

Tuesday Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.
School Chapel – 8:30 a.m.
Circuit Meeting @ St. Paul Lutheran – 9:00 a.m.

Wednesday Staff Bible Study – 7:30 a.m.
Youth Confirmation – 6:00 p.m.
LWML Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

Thursday Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.

Friday Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.

Fri. – Sat. Lutheran State Volleyball Championship Tournament

Next Sunday **Worship Service w/Communion – 8:30 a.m.**
Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.
Acolytes: Kaden Kasper and Maison Schautschick

Birthdays: 10th – Jaimie Jordan, Teresa Zoch; 12th – Cydell Hartfield, Carolyn Oltmann; 14th – Austin Andrews, John Kalbas; 15th – Alivia Eindorf, Michael Krause, Craig Oltmann, Owen Wittman. God’s Blessings to you.

ST. PAUL NOTES:

Attendance Last Week: Morning Worship- 244, Communion- 141, Bible Class- 16; Sunday School- 32, Banner Classes: Grade 1, Offering- \$22.00.

Offering Last Week: \$20,866.23

Home:		Mission:	
General	\$18,832.00	Mission	\$550.00
Sunday School	\$22.00	Lutheran Hour	\$35.00
Use of Facility	\$300.00	Mission Total	\$585.00
ECC Operating	\$957.23	Savings/Other:	
Received 10/2/2022	\$20,111.23	School Fund	\$100.00
		Building Fund	\$50.00
Est. needed per week	\$22,500.00	Cemetery Fund	\$20.00
Received MTD	\$20,111.23	Savings/Other Total	\$170.00
Est. needed per month	\$97,500.00		
		Total	\$20,866.23

MEMORIALS: General: In memory of Johann & Flora Noack by the Noack Reunion - \$200.00. In memory of Alfred Boriack by the Chris Becker family - \$25.00; by Carolyn Noack - \$50.00; by Allen & Mildred Perry - \$25.00. In memory of Ruth Lewis by Arthur & Dianna Noack - \$50.00. **Lutheran Hour:** In memory of Alfred Boriack by Edwin, Jr. & Barbara Schmidt - \$35.00. **School Fund:** In memory of Alfred Boriack by Arthur & LaVerne Urban - \$100.00. **Cemetery Fund:** In memory of Alfred Boriack by Doris Fritsche - \$20.00.