

St. Paul Lutheran Church

Serbin, Texas



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All Saints Day

1 November 2026

Welcome! Saints Are Blessed in the Eternal Presence of Christ. "A great multitude ... from all tribes and peoples and languages" cry out, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne" (Rev. 7:9-10). Faith-filled saints from every place and time with unified voices eternally magnify the Lamb of God. As His beloved children, we, too, "shall see him as he is" (1 John 3:2). Joined with the throng of angels and myriad saints, we shall "serve him day and night in his temple" (Rev. 7:15). In our earthly tension vacillating between saint and sinner, faith and doubt, sacred and profane, we earnestly seek Jesus to calm our fears, comfort our spirits and forgive our sins. The Holy Spirit, through faith in Christ, propels us forward to our eternal home, fortifying us in Word and Sacrament. In the midst of our constant struggle as believers, we need to be blessed. And so we are. The poor in spirit, the meek, the hungry, the thirsty, the merciful, the pure and the persecuted are all blessed, and we will most certainly inherit the kingdom of heaven (Matt. 5:1-12).

We invite you all to worship with us again.

In Our Prayers:

Those recovering from surgeries and illness:

Chris Birnbaum-recovering
Troy Bise-recovery
Patrice Caster-recovering
Ginger Clifford-recovering (sister of Nancy Kasper)
Sydney Fischer (friend of Geraldine Albrecht and Joyce Hinze)

David Gersch-recovering
Nancy Kasper
Randy Kauffman-recovering
Ruth Kluetz-recovering
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)
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 Wesbrook (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 Dorothy 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 Patricia Albertson (mother of Sarah Vay who has a child at the ECC)

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: 904, 411, 781 v. 1&2, 725, 813, 392, 507

Sermon Text: Revelation 7:2-17

The Sermon: **“He Will Wipe Every Tear from Our Eyes”**

- ✠ **The Altar flowers** are placed to the glory of God in memory of Otto Becker, Jr on his birthday by Douglas & Debra Hartfield & family.
- ✠ **November Calendar.** The November Calendar is available from the ushers and in the Church Office this morning.
- ✠ **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 \$34,764.82. We are **\$2,735.18** away from meeting our 2026 goal.
- ✠ **Trustees Meeting.** The Trustees will meet tomorrow November 2nd at 7:00 p.m. All trustees may pick up their packets in the church office today to review prior to the meeting.
- ✠ **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.
- ✠ **“Stock the Cart”.** The school children are collecting food items, from now to Thanksgiving, for the Giddings Food Bank. If you would like to help, please bring your items to the church office. If you would like to designate your items to a certain child, just include that child's name.
- ✠ **Countdown to National Wreaths across America Day** on December 19th. We have identified **105** veteran's graves on our cemetery. Cost of a wreath is \$17.00. As of today, we have sponsored wreaths for **72** 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 last day to purchase wreaths for credit to 2026 Wreaths Across America day on December 19th is November 30. Any wreaths purchased after that date will be credited to 2027.**

LUTHERAN HOUR: Next Sunday, November 8th, **“The Survivor Tree”**. Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Trees play a prominent role in the Bible. Hear how the tree of Christ's cross leads us back to the Tree of Life. Luke 13:6 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:

All Saints Day

Every believer (saint) lives a life of tribulation, being hated by the world and mourning the sin in their own heart and the sins of the world, like abortion, human trafficking and other such evils (Revelation 7:14: 1John 3:1). Yet, God's children live hopefully awaiting the day in which He will wipe every tear away from our eyes. When we find ourselves in that great, innumerable multitude, we will rejoice to be freed for all such evil and to greet all the saints washed in Christ's blood, including many of the victims of our culture of death (Revelation 7:9, 14, 17).

THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

Today	Worship Service w/Communion – 8:30 a.m. All Saints Day Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.
Monday	Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m. Board of Trustees Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday	Election Day Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m. LWML Quilting – 9:00 a.m. Board of Christian Education Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	School Chapel – 8:30 a.m. Youth Confirmation – 6:00 p.m. Adult Choir – 7:00 p.m.
Thursday	Staff Bible Study – 7:30 a.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. Acolytes: James Miertschin and Macy Sommerfield Greeter: Tammy Hartfield LYF Meeting & Social – 2:00 p.m.

Birthdays: Today – Shelby Barnett; 5th – Jeffrey Claxton, Diane Habel; 7th – Maxine Bradshaw, Courtland Tharp.
God's Blessings to you.

ST. PAUL NOTES:

Attendance Last Week: Morning Worship- 237, Bible Class- 22; Sunday School- 30, Offering- \$13.00.

Offering Last Week: \$53,003.91

Home:		Mission:	
General	\$38,101.25	Mission	\$672.00
Sunday School	\$13.00	Mission Total	\$672.00
Lunch Room	\$543.75	Savings/Other:	
ECC Operating	\$796.91	School Fund	\$70.00
Tuition	\$12,207.00	Bus Replacement Fund	\$600.00
Received 10/25/2026	\$51,661.91	Savings/Other Total	\$670.00
Est. needed per week	\$33,625.00	Total	\$53,003.91
Received MTD	\$143,319.33		
Est. needed per month	\$145,708.00		

MEMORIALS: General: In memory of Ralph Pitts by David & Karen Schmidt - \$25.00. In memory of Andrea Muniz and Ralph Pitts by Martin & Jeannie Werchan - \$100.00. In memory of Andrea Muniz by Calvin & Ina Mitschke - \$200.00; by Marvin & Charlyn Matthijetz - \$50.00. In memory of Nora Bamsch, Melvin Bamsch and Marvin Arldt by the Gus & Lydia Bamsch Family Reunion - \$75.00. **School Fund:** In memory of Curtis Christiansen by William & Tina Kappler - \$50.00; by Doris Fritsche – \$20.00. **Texas Wendish Heritage Society:** In memory of David Christianson by Milton & Geraldine Albrecht - \$50.00.

Serving today: Elders– Keith Oltmann and Tim Weise
Organist- Susan Michael
Acolytes- Lucy Gurka and Madilyn Kalbas
Head Ushers- Donald Becker
Captain- Troy Menzel **Assistant-** Mark Jones
Ushers- Cooper Hinze, John Hinze, Scott Jones,
 Russell Kappler, Brooks Kasper, Kaden Kasper,
 Kyle Kasper, Ty Kasper, Clyde Schimank.
 Troy Wiederhold
Counting and Posting offering this week:
Chairman- Mason Becker
 Philip Tharp, Chase Oltmann, Robert Zoch
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Goings On at a Glance:

- 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**
- Monday, November 9th - Grade Check
- Thursday, November 12th - Sports Photos, Archery Competition Home @ 3pm
- Thursday, November 19th - **Thanksgiving Chapel & Feast**

Thank you!!

Thank you to everyone who participated in any way with this year's Oktoberfest event and helped to make it so successful. Final totals are still being calculated, but we are so thankful to be a part of a wonderful community that supports Lutheran education so faithfully!

Election Day!

Faith students thoroughly learn the history and structure of America. Our responsibility as citizens to vote in each election is part of that education. If you didn't already early vote, please do so on **Election Day, Tuesday, November 3rd**. The People Thank You!

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

Please join us **Thursday, November 19th**, beginning at **11:00 am** for our 10th Annual Thanksgiving Celebration. We will begin with a special chapel service, and then we encourage you to stay for our pot-luck Thanksgiving luncheon. It's the ultimate Friendsgiving fellowship and feast event!

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!