

# St. Paul Lutheran Church

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## The Last Sunday of the Church Year

24 November 2024

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### Welcome! *In Repentance We Are Alert to the Coming of Christ.*

The signs of the end are all around us, constant reminders that “heaven and earth will pass away.” But all of these signs are centered in the cross of Christ, whereby He has conquered sin and death, that we might be raised with Him in righteousness through His Word of the Gospel, which “will not pass away” (Mark 13:31). He is “the firstborn of the dead,” who in His great love “has freed us from our sins by his blood” (Rev. 1:5). His salvation is certain because “his dominion is an everlasting dominion” and His Kingdom “shall not be destroyed” (Dan. 7:14). For this purpose He came into the world, to reign in love through His voice of the Gospel, which is the truth (John 18:37). So is the righteousness of Christ “a light to the peoples,” which “will never be dismayed” because it is the justice of His cross and resurrection (Is. 51:4–6). As He “is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory,” so wait upon “the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life” (Jude 20–24). Today is the last Sunday of the Church Year. As another year in Christ draws to a close, we look forward to the day when our Lord will return in glory. May we always be ready to meet Him. We invite you all to worship with us again.

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### In Our Prayers:

Those recovering from surgeries and illness:

Milton Albrecht-recovering  
PJ Albrecht (nephew of Willard Albrecht and Milton Albrecht)  
Nicole Arldt-recovering  
Chris Birnbaum-recovering  
George Hernandez-hospitalized  
Roselie Johnson-recovering (mother of Carie Oltmann)  
Lorin Kieschnick (nephew of Billy & Eva Kieschnick)  
Pastor Joshua Knippa, Holy Cross, Nederland-recovering  
Mike Maass-recovering  
Charles Malke-recovering (brother of Carol Jean Noack and Douglas Malke)  
Douglas Malke-recovering  
Ernie Melcher-recovering (Aunt of James Kalbas)  
Russell Richards-recovering  
Zelda Richards-recovering  
Lucille Schatte  
Mildred Wachsmann-recovering (Mother of Peggy Wachsmann)  
Wesley Yurk-recovering  
Irene Zoch-recovering (mother of Donnie Zoch)

### Our members in nursing homes and our shut-ins.

#### Those fighting cancer including:

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)  
Brandon Cleland (brother of Sonya Schautschick)  
Ginger Clifford (sister of Nancy Kasper)  
Sherri Fritshce  
Ian Hailes (great-nephew of Marian Wiederhold and Stephen Kasper)  
Christie Hall (friend of Mark Arldt)  
Dana Herzog (niece of Becky Wiese)

Franklin Hoffman (father of Maxine Bradshaw)  
Devin Jackson (brother-in-law of Chris and Michelle Birnbaum)  
Judy Kalbas  
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)  
Heather Lilly (granddaughter of Irene Noack)  
Vic Lohberg  
Ruby Maass (mother of Linda Schonhoeft)  
Cannon Martin (nephew of Christopher Taylor)  
Glady's Mathena (sister of Frances Miertschin and Marilyn Miertschin)  
Rhonda Mitschke (friend of Christi Fritsche)  
Keith Muessel (brother of Chris Miertschin)  
Walter Rehle (friend of the Arldt's from Germany)  
Carol Sander  
Diane Sanders (friend of James & Kathy Kalbas)  
Karen Symm (sister of Michael Symm)  
Courtney Wagner (cousin of Mark Gruetzner)  
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, New York  
Randall Weise (grandson of Bernice Doebbler) Ft. Huachuca, Arizona  
Dylan Robbins (cousin of Michelle Birnbaum) Jacksonville, NC  
Aron Marak (nephew of Mike and Susie Maass) Fr. Bragg, North Carolina  
Kyler Brown (friend of Dorthy Schautschick) U.S. Navy-

**Those affected by hurricane Helene and Milton  
Seasonal Weather**

**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: 578, 336, 781 v. 1&2, 506, 816

Sermon Text: **Jude 20-25**

The Sermon: **“If I Knew You Were Comin’”**

- † **The Altar flowers** are placed to the glory of God to commemorate the 1977 donation by St. Paul Lutheran Church of the 1915 St. Paul Lutheran Serbin School Building to the Texas Wendish Heritage Society to establish the first Wendish Museum by the Wendish Society.
- † **Mission Goal.** In the Voters Meeting held on October 8, 2023 the Voters set our 2024 Mission goal at \$37,500.00. To date our Mission contributions are at \$33,546.00. We are **\$3,954.00** away from meeting our 2024 goal
- † **Advent Devotional Books** are available from the ushers this morning and in the church office.
- † **The December Calendar** is available from the ushers this morning.
- † **Thanksgiving Worship.** Make plans to attend our Thanksgiving Day Worship Service at 9:00 a.m. This service will be conducted in both German and English. May this special day be one in which we realize the gifts which come from God's hand so that we may receive such gifts with thanksgiving.
- † **Radio Broadcast:** The Thanksgiving Day service will be broadcast on KBUK (FM 104.9) radio of LaGrange. Our thanks to First National Bank of Giddings for sponsoring this broadcast. Bulletins for the service will be available in the church office on Wednesday afternoon.
- † **The St. Paul LYF** will set up the Nativity Scenes at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, November 30<sup>th</sup>.
- † **The LAF** will decorate the church for Advent at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, November 30<sup>th</sup>.
- † **St. Paul Serbin LWML** is hosting a Christmas party with various games and your favorite Christmas snacks and desserts. Join us in the school gym on Sunday, December 1 at 2:00 p.m. Everyone of all ages is welcome to join in the fellowship and fun! Wear your favorite Christmas sweater, shirt, hat, etc! Please reach out to Melodi Oltmann with any questions at 979-540-0039.
- † **Serbin LWML** is asking for donations for the Orphan Grain Train to distribute to needy families in the US and around the world. Specifically, OGT is requesting new and/or gently used **socks, undies, and stuffed animals** for boys and girls through the month of December. Please bring any of these items to the church office meeting room by December 9<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions, please contact Dorothy Schautschick or Melodi Oltmann.
- † **Stock the Cart Food Drive.** The school children have been collecting food items for the Giddings Food Pantry. They have collected 1,359 items. If you would like to donate items you may do so up till Thanksgiving. They can be dropped off at the church office.
- † **Sunday School Teacher.** We are in need of a Sunday School Teacher and Helper for Nursery I and II. Please contact Mike Symm or the church office.
- † **Scrip Program.** Getting ready to do your holiday shopping, or giving gift cards as gifts? You can do it all with a Scrip Card. Order them through the Church's Scrip Program. Orders can be placed through the Church Office or you can go online and order your cards.
- † **The LWML** will be selling Poinsettias for \$10.00 each to be used to decorate the sanctuary for Christmas. To order please fill out the order form in the bulletin this morning, and return it to the Church Office or put it in the collection plate. Orders are due by Monday, December 16<sup>th</sup>. **Please note that due to availability no orders will be accepted after December 16<sup>th</sup>.** If you need further information, please contact Dorothy Schautschick at 716-0094.

**LUTHERAN HOUR:** Next Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, **“Will Everything Sad Come Untrue?”** Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. A mother and her young son trade a life of privilege for one of poverty, a story that is borderline unbelievable, yet nonetheless true. (Jeremiah 33:16). 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 Through the Church Year:**

**November 24 – Pentecost XXVII**

The Scriptural Ancient of Days has gray hair (Daniel 7:9). The Word of the Lord pictures Him as aged. And while the world idolizes youthfulness, the bible speaks flatteringly of getting old. “Elder” is a compliment, long life is blessing, and advanced years embody wisdom and honor, even though they often also entail weaknesses. The gospel of everlasting life in Christ leaves no room for physician-assisted suicide.

**Serving today:** Elders– Douglas Hartfield and Michael Krause  
**Organist-** Susan Michael  
**Acolytes-** Lukas Iselt and Cole Kalbas  
**Head Ushers-** Donald Becker  
**Captain-** Craig Oltmann **Assistant-** Payton Oltmann  
**Ushers-** Bradley Albrecht, Thomas Birnbaum, Seth Kalbas,  
Chase Oltmann, Gary Oltmann, Grant Oltmann,  
Nathan Michael, Austin Schmidt  
**Counting and Posting offering this week:**  
**Chairman-** Glen Albrecht  
Ty Kasper, Tommy Miertschin, Payton Oltmann  
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**THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK**

Today **Worship Service – 8:30 a.m.**  
Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.  
Mon.- Fri. **Thanksgiving Holiday – No School**  
Tuesday Adult Choir – 7:00 p.m.  
Thursday **Thanksgiving English/German Worship – 9:00 a.m.**  
Acolytes: Kenzie Stewart and Alice Gurka  
Greeter: Marian Wiederhold  
Thurs. – Fri. **Thanksgiving Holiday - ECC Closed**  
Saturday LYF Set up Nativity – 9:00 a.m.  
LAF Decorate Church – 10:00 a.m.  
Next Sunday **Worship Service w/Communion – 8:30 a.m.**  
Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.  
Acolytes: Emmalynn Knott and Kalisa Oltmann  
Greeter: Judy Boriack

**Birthdays: Today** – Natalie Kalbas, Emma Miertschin, Sonya Schautschick, Travis Wiederhold, Dylan Zoch; 25<sup>th</sup> – Ayla Droegemueller, Karla Hinze, Priscilla Standfield; 26<sup>th</sup> – Mildred Perry; 27<sup>th</sup> – Emilly Reagan; 28<sup>th</sup> – Clyde Schimank, Andrew Short; 29<sup>th</sup> – Pyper Schatte; 30<sup>th</sup> – Lukas Iselt. God’s Blessings to you.

**ST. PAUL NOTES:**

**Attendance Last Week:** Morning Worship- 244, Communion- 146, Bible Class- 28;  
Sunday School- 27, Visitors- 2, Offering- \$82.00.

**Offering Last Week:** \$11,200.34

<b>Home:</b>		<b>Mission:</b>	
General	\$9,547.00	Mission	\$389.00
Sunday School	\$82.00	Lutheran Hour	\$135.00
ECC Operating	\$1,027.34	<b>Mission Total</b>	<b>\$524.00</b>
<b>Received 11/17/2024</b>	<b>\$10,656.34</b>	<b>Savings/Other:</b>	
		Scholarship Fund	\$20.00
<b>Est. needed per week</b>	<b>\$29,635.00</b>	<b>Savings/Other Total</b>	<b>\$20.00</b>
<b>Received MTD</b>	<b>\$68,815.66</b>		
<b>Est. needed per month</b>	<b>\$128,417.00</b>	Total	\$11 200.34

**MEMORIALS: General:** In memory of Michael Matthijetz by Marvin & Charlyn Matthijetz - \$100.00.  
**Lutheran Hour:** In memory of Junell Schulz by Lucille, Lynette and Darlene Schatte - \$25.00. In memory of David Michael by Edwin, Jr. & Barbara Schmidt - \$40.00. In memory of Billy Morgan by Wilbert & Carol Jean Noack - \$30.00. In memory of Junell Schulz by Edwin, Jr. & Barbara Schmidt - \$40.00. **Mission:** In memory of

Junell Schulz and Kimberly Hembry by Randy & Janice Becker - \$40.00. **Scholarship Fund:** In memory of Billy Morgan by David & Karen Schmidt – \$20.00. **Faith Lutheran High School:** In memory of Esther Namken by Lois, John & Seth Kalbas - \$40.00. In memory of Carolyn Buscha by Carolyn Noack - \$25.00.

### 2024 Advent/Christmas Schedule

Service	Day	Date	Time	Detail	Offering
Thanksgiving Day	Thurs.	Nov. 28	9:00 a.m.	English/ German	General
Advent Services	Wed.	Dec. 4, 11	7:00 p.m.	Communion Dec. 4	General
Candlelight Carol Service	Wed.	Dec. 18	7:00 p.m.		General
Song Service	Sun.	Dec. 22	8:30 a.m.		General
Christmas Eve	Tues.	Dec. 24	6:00 p.m.		½ Lutheran Braille Workers & ½ Bus Fund
Christmas Day	Wed.	Dec. 25	9:00 a.m.	English/ German	½ LSS & ½ LBT
New Year's Eve	Tues.	Dec. 31	7:00 p.m.		General
New Year's Day	Wed.	Jan. 1	9:00 a.m.	Communion	General



#### **Thanksgiving Break**

FLHS wishes each of you a wonderful Thanksgiving celebration. Our offices will be closed for Thanksgiving Break from November 25th to November 29th. Have a safe, happy, and healthy holiday!

#### **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.

#### **Athletic Schedule**

The next basketball game is Tuesday, November 26th at 11:15 am at Dime Box ISD. Come cheer on our Falcons!

#### **“Faith at Christmas” Program**

FLHS students will present a Christmas concert, “Faith at Christmas,” on Tuesday, December 10th at 7:00 pm at FLHS. Program will include a collection of choir pieces, handbell pieces, hymns, scripture readings and more. Refreshments will be served following the program. Please join us!!!

\*This event will also be live streamed on Facebook, for those who would prefer to view the sounds of Christmas from home.

#### **Raffle Items**

The Spring Raffle is just around the corner. The Board of Directors is currently looking for valuable items or monetary donations to be used in the raffle. Please contact Nikki Kueck if you have something to donate! Thank you!

#### **Thank you!**

Everyone at FLHS is blessed by each gift that we receive from our supporters. It's not about the size of the gift, but the cheerful attitude that gives thanks to God (2 Corinthians 9:7). Whether your gift seems big or small, it is greatly appreciated and makes a bigger impact than you know!