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The Last Sunday of the Church Year

26 November 2023

Welcome! By the Cross of Christ, We Enter the Kingdom of Our God and Father. When the crucified and risen Lord Jesus comes to judge the living and the dead, “he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats” (Matt. 25:32). “To those on his right,” who have been crucified and raised with Him through repentance and faith in His Gospel, He will grant the blessed kingdom of His Father (Matt. 25:34). Having been justified by His grace, they live unto righteousness in Him (Matt. 25:35–40). But “those on his left,” who trust in themselves and despise their neighbor, will depart “into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels” (Matt. 25:41). Until that day, the Lord searches for His sheep “as a shepherd seeks out his flock” (Ezek. 34:11–12). Through His preaching of repentance, He disciplines the proud sheep and goats, “the fat and the strong,” but through the preaching of forgiveness He rescues the lost, binds up the injured, strengthens the weak and feeds “the lean sheep” (Ezek. 34:16, 20). In this way, He destroys the power of death in the children of Adam by His cross, so that “in Christ shall all be made alive” by His resurrection (1 Cor. 15:20–26).

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.

In Our Prayers:

Those recovering from surgeries and illness:

Royce Albrecht-recovering

Wayne Becker-recovering

Chris Birnbaum

Irene Buscha

Jerry Fischer-recovering

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

Stella Jackson

Roselie Johnson-recovering (mother of Carie Oltmann)

Judy Kalbas-recovering

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

Linda Meyer-recovering (mother of Rose Thorp)

Shannon Miertschin

Cheryl Riza

Greg Sorrento-recovering (nephew of Doris Fritsche)

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

Robert (Turtle)Warren-recovering (father of Jason

Heuermann)

Jeannie Werchan-recovering

Our members in nursing homes and our shut-ins.

Those fighting cancer including:

Leroy Albrecht (brother of Willard Albrecht and Milton Albrecht)

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)

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)

Bernice Zoch-recovering

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

Randall Weise (grandson of Bernice Doeblbler) Ft.

Huachuca, Arizona

Dylan Robbins (cousin of Michelle Birnbaum)

Jacksonville, NC

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

Bragg, North Carolina

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: 594, 710, 781 v. 1&2, 392, 706

Sermon Text: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

The Sermon: **“I Will”**

Adult Choir Anthem: *“Beautiful Savior”*

✠ *We begin today with the order of Baptism on page 268 of the hymnal*

We welcome to God’s people through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Kreed Stanton Schatte

Kreed is the son of Erich and Kelsey Schatte. His baptismal sponsors are Cody Mertink, Clay Mertink, Cole Mertink and his baptismal witness is Rowdy Pearson

- ✠ **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.
- ✠ **December Calendar.** The December calendar is available from the ushers this morning and in the church office.
- ✠ **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 \$36,748.66. We are **\$751.34** away from meeting our 2023 goal.
- ✠ **Midweek Advent Services** begin Wednesday, **Wednesday, December 6th**. The theme for our services this year will be **“Peace Came to Earth”**. The Lord’s Supper will also be celebrated on the December 6th service. Make room for Jesus and His word in this hectic season by attending mid-week Advent Services.
- ✠ **The LAF will meet** at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, December 2nd to set up and decorate the church for Advent.
- ✠ **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.
- ✠ **Wreaths Across America.** Thank you to everyone who purchased wreaths this year. We met our goal, so every veteran grave will receive a wreath. The Wreath Laying Ceremony will take place on Saturday, December 16th at 9:00 a.m., at the cemetery.
- ✠ **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 Thursday, December 12th. **Please note that due to availability no orders will be accepted after December 12th.** If you need further information, please contact Dorothy Schautschick at 716-0094.
- ✠ **St. Paul LWML** is having a clothing and toy drive for Orphan Grain Train until December 11th. The clothes and toys can be new/used. Orphan Grain Train will deliver items to The Cove, a homeless shelter in Coppers Cove and to Cy-Fair Helping Hands, another homeless shelter. It is requested that you put the items in a black trash bag. Items can be dropped off at the church office.

LUTHERAN HOUR: Next Sunday, December 3rd, **“Before They Call”**. Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. SOS and Mayday are distress signals that cry out for rescue. So is “Lord, have mercy!” (Isaiah 64:4). 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:

November 26 – Pentecost XXIV

Guilt and grief can devastate those who abort their own children (Matthew 25:37-38). The Lord God longs to relieve their wounds with His forgiveness (Ezekiel 34:16). If Jesus overcomes death for us, He can also subdue it for them (1 Corinthians 15:25-26). May our mouths make the joyful noise (Psalm 95:2) of explicitly applying His atoning grace to every sin!

Serving today: Elders– Monroe Schatte, Jr. and Dwayne Schulze
Organist- Susan Michael
Acolytes- Alice Gurka and Lukas Iselt
Head Ushers- Donald Becker
Captain- Michael Becker **Assistant-** Shelby Becker
Ushers- Glen Albrecht, Wyatt Arldt, Virgil Becker,
Jace Heuermann, Clay Mertink, Cody Mertink,
Cole Mertink, Rusty Mertink, Robert Zoch
Counting and Posting offering this week:
Chairman- Rex Perry
Troy Wiederhold, John Hinze, Bradley Albrecht

ST. PAUL NOTES:

Attendance Last Week: Morning Worship- 248, Communion- 122, Bible Class- 30;
Sunday School- 24, Banner Classes: Nursery I, Offering- \$13.00.

Offering Last Week: \$29,073.46

| Home: | | Mission: | |
|------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------|--------------------|
| General | \$15,224.49 | Mission | \$531.22 |
| Sunday School | \$13.00 | Mission Total | \$531.22 |
| Lunch Room | \$2,635.50 | Savings/Other: | |
| ECC Operating | \$6,306.75 | Bus Replacement Fund | \$412.50 |
| School Registration | \$325.00 | Savings/Other Total | \$412.50 |
| Tuition | \$3,625.00 | | |
| Received 11/19/2023 | \$28,129.74 | Total | \$29,073.46 |
| Est. needed per week | \$27,230.00 | | |
| Received MTD | \$89,451.02 | | |
| Est. needed per month | \$118,000.00 | | |

MEMORIALS: General: In memory of Leroy Faske by Leonard & Lucy Mitschke - \$50.00. In memory of Michael Matthijetz by M/M Marvin Matthijetz - \$100.00.

Birthdays: Today – Mildred Perry; 27th – Emily Reagan; 28th – Clyde Schimank, Andrew Short; 29th – Pyper Schatte; 30th – Lukas Iselt; 1st – Audrey Hempel, Douglas Jatzlau; 2nd – Emily Gruetzner. God's Blessings to you.

THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

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| Today | Worship Service – 8:30 a.m. Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m. |
| Monday | Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m. |
| Tuesday | Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m. |
| Wednesday | Staff Bible Study – 7:30 a.m. School Chapel – 8:30 a.m. Youth Confirmation – 6:00 p.m. Adult Choir – 7:00 p.m. |
| Thursday | Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m. Board of Education – 7:30 p.m. |
| Friday | Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m. |
| Saturday | Jingle Bells & Jammies Christmas Fellowship – 9:00 a.m. LAF Advent set-up – 10:00 a.m. |
| Next Sunday | English Worship Service – 8:30 a.m. Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m. Acolytes: Cooper Hinze and Cole Kalbas Greeter: Bonnie Wenke |

2023 Advent/Christmas Schedule

| Service | Day | Date | Time | Detail | Offering |
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| Advent Services | Wed. | Dec. 6,13 | 7:00 p.m. | Communion Dec. 6 | General |
| Candlelight Carol Service | Wed. | Dec. 20 | 7:00 p.m. | | General |
| Song Service | Sun. | Dec. 24 | 8:30 a.m. | | General |
| Christmas Eve | Sun. | Dec. 24 | 6:00 p.m. | | ½ Lutheran Braille Workers & ½ Bus Fund |
| Christmas Day | Mon. | Dec. 25 | 9:00 a.m. | English/ German | ½ LSS & ½ LBT |
| New Year's Eve | Sun. | Dec. 31 | 7:00 p.m. | | General |
| New Year's Day | Mon. | Jan. 1 | 9:00 a.m. | Communion | General |

