

St. Paul Lutheran Church

Serbin, Texas



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All Saints Day

2 November 2025

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 countless 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, fortifying us in Word and Sacrament, to our eternal home. 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:

Monroe Brade (uncle of James, Johnny, Larry & Leroy
Kalbas)
Anna Boriack-recovering (daughter-in-of Delvin & Judy
Boriack)

Ginger Clifford-surgery (sister of Nancy Kasper)
Herbert Handrick (uncle of Shannon Handrick)
Cindy Hardy-hospitalized (cousin of Harold Krause)
Roselie Johnson-recovering (mother of Carrie Oltmann)
Seth Kalbas-recovering
Billy Krause-recovering
Mary Ann McCombs-recovering
Ruben Melcher-recovering (uncle of James, Johnny, Larry
& Leroy Kalbas)
Stephen Mersiovsky-recovering (son of Stephen
Mersiovsky)

Chris Miertschin-recovering
Gene Namken-recovering (brother of Linda Oltmann)
David Wachsmann (cousin of Billy Krause)

Our members in nursing homes and our shut-ins.

Those fighting cancer including:

Teresita Brodrick (aunt of David Wittman)
Vernon Bryant (friend of Arthur & Dianna Noack)
Brandon Cleland (brother of Sonya Schautschick)
Ralph & Debbie Domel (sister & brother-in-law of Mary
Jatzlau)

Sherri Fritsche
Christie Hall (friend of Mark Arldt)
Dana Herzog (niece of Becky Weise)
Franklin Hoffman (father of Maxine Bradshaw)
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)
Jensyn Lesikar (nephew of Kasey Rosales)
Ruby Maass (mother of Linda Schonhoeft)
Suzanne Mogonye-recovering (mother of Lindsey Hansen)

Cannon Martin (nephew of Christopher Taylor)
Kelli Meinholdt (sister of Carrie Oltmann)
Rhonda Mitschke (friend of Christi Fritsche)
Walter Rehle (friend of the Arldt's from Germany)
Carol Sander
Diane Sanders (friend of James & Kathy Kalbas)
Karen Symm (sister of Michael Symm)
Christopher Taylor

Tina Warren (mother of Jason Heuermann)
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
Dylan Robbins (cousin of Michelle Birnbaum) Jacksonville,
North Carolina
Aron Marak (nephew of Mike and Susie Maass) Fr. Bragg,
North Carolina
Kyler Brown (friend of Dorothy Schautschick) U.S. Navy-
Bahrain
Benjamin Symm-Training Camp Johnson, North Carolina
Jacob Droegemueller Ft. Eisenhower, Georgia
Corey Pedeville (friend of Dorothy Schautschick) Army-
serving in Saudia Arabia
Brittany Loudon (daughter of Bryan and Antoinette
Winkles) Navy, stationed in Florida
Kolton Alen (nephew of Mike & Susie Maass) Army,
stationed at Ft. Sill, Laughton, OK

Those who mourn:

The family of Betty Jenkins (mother of Jared Jenkins)
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: 908, 728, 781 v. 1&2, 861, 570, 83, 571

Sermon Text: 1 John 3:1-3

The Sermon: **“How Is Your Health?”**

- † **The Altar flowers** are placed to the glory of God in memory of Johnnie Noack by Wilbert & Carol Jean Noack and Arthur & Dianna Noack.
- † **Altar flowers** are needed for Sunday, November 16th and November 30th. If you would like to place flowers on either of those Sunday's please call Lana Kaiser at 540-8011.
- † **The Serbin LWML** would like to extend a big THANK YOU to those who donated and purchased items for last Sunday's bake sale. The proceeds will be split between the St. Paul General Fund and assisting our seminarian, Kurtis Hankemeier. We appreciate it greatly!
- † **Faith Lutheran High School's Oktoberfest 2025** was held on Saturday, October 25, and was an absolute huge success! Thanks to our St. Paul Church family for donating items for the live and silent auction, baking coffee cakes, volunteering, and just celebrating the day with us. A special THANK YOU to Michael Krause and his Schnitzel crew for the delicious Schnitzel - it was a HIT! If you missed out on this wonderful meal and event, be sure to come to Oktoberfest 2026! All proceeds from this event support the mission and operations of FLHS. Many thanks from your FLHS delegates: *Craig & Melodi Oltmann and Nancy Beckcom.*
- † **“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. Their goal is to collect over 700 items, so far they have collected a little over 100 items. If you would like to designate your items to a certain child, just include that child's name.
- † **Mission Goal**. In the Voters Meeting held on October 13, 2024 the Voters set our 2025 Mission goal at \$37,500.00. To date our Mission contributions are at \$31,542.51 which includes \$8,008.83 Mission Festival offering. We are **\$5,947.49** away from meeting our 2025 goal
- † **Trustees Meeting**. The Trustees will meet tomorrow November 3rd at 7:00 p.m. All trustees may pick up their packets in the church office today to review prior to the meeting.
- † **The Nominating Committee** will meet Tuesday, November 11th 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 10th.
Committee members may pick up their packet this morning in the church, or in the church office during the week.
- † **Turkey Supper**. Friday, November 7th, 2025. Christ Lutheran Church – Loebau, 4654 CR 114, Lincoln, TX 78948. All Plates \$15.00. Drive-Thru Only. Serving Begins at 5:00 pm. First come, First served – No Pre Orders.
- † **The Holy Cross Couple's Club** will host their Fried Chicken Dinner on Sunday, November 23rd, at the Holy Cross picnic grounds in Warda. Drive-thru only from 10:30-12:00. All plates are \$15 ea. and include fried chicken, buttered potatoes, green beans & corn. Tickets are available in the Holy Cross church office or call Robert Hinze (979-540-6911) or Joyce Hinze (979-540-0355). Advance purchase only by Tuesday, November 18th.
- † **Countdown to National Wreaths across America Day** on December 13th. 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 **81** 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 2025 Wreaths Across America day on December 13th is November 30. Any wreaths purchased after that date will be credited to 2026.**
- † **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 \$48.00. for the Building Fund. Total given to the Restoration/Building fund is \$4,472.60.

LUTHERAN HOUR: Next Sunday, November 9th, “**The Lead of Life**”. Guest Speaker: Pastor Ryan Tinetti. The lead (or ‘lede’) of a news story conveys the most essential information. What is the lead of the God News, the Gospel? (Luke 20:27-40). 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.

THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

Today	Worship Service w/Communion – 8:30 a.m. All Saints Sunday 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	Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m. Election Day 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: Max Sommerfield and Nicholas Taylor Greeter: Doris Fritsche LYF Meeting & Social – 2:00 p.m.

Birthdays: 5th – Jeffrey Claxton, Diane Habel; 7th – Maxine Bradshaw, Courtland Tharp; 8th – Nathen Barnett, Janice Becker, Jennifer Dittmar, Alison Sumons. God’s Blessings to you.

Serving today: **Elders**– David Fritsche and Gary Oltmann
Organist- Susan Michael
Acolytes- James Miertschin and Whitlee Smolik
Head Ushers- Donald Becker
Captain- Mason Becker **Assistant**- Carson Becker
Ushers- Jason Becker, Randy Becker, Brandon Burgdorf,
Mike Krause, Dan Marek, Ethan Miertschin,
Rex Perry, Brad Schmidt, Tim Symm
Counting and Posting offering this week:
Chairman- Mason Becker
John Hinze, Philip Tharp, Chase Oltmann

Life Thoughts in the Church Year:

November 2

The crowd around Jesus reminds us that our sinful flesh is always tempted to look upon those of small stature as those who are less worthy of Christ’s love and protection (Luke 19:3-7). But Jesus reminds us that whether they are physically small (like the unborn), or if we belittle them because of their sins (like Zacchaeus), He desires His salvation to come unto every person and each house (Luke 19:9), “for with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with Him is plentiful redemption” (Psalm 130:7).

ST. PAUL NOTES:

Attendance Last Week: Morning Worship- 243, Bible Class- 16; Sunday School- 29,
Banner Classes: Grade 6, Offering- \$29.00.

Offering Last Week: \$18,528.09

Home:		Mission:	
General	\$16,032.19	Mission	\$790.00
Sunday School	\$29.00	Mission Total	\$790.00
ECC Operating	\$1,628.90	Savings/Other:	
Received 10/26/2025	\$17,690.09.	Building Fund	\$48.00
		Savings/Other Total	\$48.00
Est. needed per week	\$31,870.00		
Received MTD	\$117,601.95	Total	\$18,528.19
Est. needed per month	\$138,103.00		

MEMORIALS: General: In memory of Mildred Wachsmann by Marvin & Charlyn Matthijetz - \$40.00. **ECC Operating:** In memory of Herbert Noack by Arthur & Dianna Noack - \$75.00. **Texas Wendish Heritage Society:** In memory of Max Albrecht and Valerie Namken by Milton & Geraldine Albrecht - \$50.00.



Faith Lutheran High School continues to provide Christ-centered education that equips students out into the world to serve God and others. As we enter our ninth year, we give thanks for our association congregations and the faithful support that you have offered to make this ministry possible.

This year we have faced significant financial challenges due to a decrease in enrollment. We are asking each congregation to prayerfully consider how you can partner with us to help meet the immediate needs and secure Faith's future.

How You Can Help:

Pray — for God's continued provision and for our students, families, and staff.

Give — with a one-time or sustaining gift from your family or congregation to support Faith's mission.

Serve — by utilizing your gifts and talents to help with fundraising, marketing, recruiting and congregational connections.

Together, through faith and partnership, we can ensure that Faith Lutheran High School continues to shine as a beacon of Lutheran education for generations to come.

Contact us by visiting our website: www.flhstx.org or calling (979) 242-2889.

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"Instilling wisdom today for faithful leaders tomorrow."



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 do know that proceeds were higher than budgeted - Praise the Lord!! We are so thankful to be a part of a wonderful community that supports Lutheran education so faithfully!

Free Wednesday mornings?

Join us for our weekly Chapel Worship Service every Wednesday. Rev. Dustin Beck, Pastor at Holy Cross in Warda, will be leading chapel this week, beginning at 11:05 am.

Cross Country Meet

Faith Lutheran High School is hosting the 7th Annual Private Schools of Central Texas Cross Country Meet on Friday, November 7th for students in K to 8th Grade with the first race at 1:30 pm. We are excited to host this fun event on our campus!

Thanksgiving Chapel and Feast

Join us Thursday, November 20th, beginning at 11:00 am for our 9th Annual Thanksgiving Celebration. Rev. Nate Hill will be leading us in worship. Stay and fellowship with us during our pot-luck Thanksgiving feast lunch, immediately following chapel.

Pie Sale

FLHS will have a Pie Sale along with the Holy Cross Couple's Club fried chicken dinner, with pickup on Sunday, November 23rd. All pies are a generous 9-inch size and deep-dish. PreOrders only. Pecan pies are \$30 each and Pumpkin pies are \$25 each. Place your order by calling FLHS or the Holy Cross church office. Deadline to order is Tuesday, November 18th.

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.

Share the Gift of Love

Faith Lutheran High School has a unique role in combining knowledge and God's love in a student's high school experience. We are partnering with families at the intersection of education and faith development. If you would like to support our ministry through a one-time or enduring gift, memorial contribution, or a Thrivent Action Grant, please contact us.