

St. Paul Lutheran Church

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The Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

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Welcome! *Christians Live by Faith in Christ and Rejoice in the Promise of His Resurrection.*

“Cursed is the man who trusts in man,” for all the strength of his flesh is like the grass that fades away (Jer. 17:5) for now, but he “shall mourn and weep” in the judgment (Luke 6:24–25). But “the man who trusts in the LORD” is blessed with all that he needs, “like a tree planted by water.” When heat comes, he survives (Jer. 17:7–8). For the Lord has come in the flesh to heal the people of all their diseases, to cleanse their spirits with forgiveness, and to preach the Gospel of the kingdom of God to the poor (Luke 6:18–20). As all of this is by way of His cross, it is solely by faith in the promise of His resurrection that Christians “rejoice” and “leap for joy” (Luke 6:21–23). “If Christ has not been raised,” our faith is in vain and we are most to be pitied (1 Cor. 15:14–19). But, in fact, just as “Christ died for our sins,” so has He also “been raised from the dead” (1 Cor. 15:3, 20).

We invite you all to worship with us again.

In Our Prayers:

Those recovering from surgeries and illness:

PJ Albrecht (nephew of Willard Albrecht and Milton Albrecht)

Chris Birnbaum-recovering

Delvin Boriack-recovering

Dorothy Exner-recovering

Herbert Handrick (uncle of Shannon Handrick)

Roselie Johnson-recovering (mother of Carie Oltmann)

Billy Krause-recovering

Vic Lohberg

Mike Maass-recovering

Ruben Melcher-recovering (uncle of James, Johnny, Larry & Leroy Kalbas))

Chris Miertschin-recovering

Antoinette Richardson-recovering

Mildred Wachsmann-recovering (Mother of Peggy Wachsmann)

Laverne Weiser-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)

Ralph & Debbie Domel (sister & brother-in-law of Mary Jatzlau)

Sherri Fritsche

Christie Hall (friend of Mark Arldt)

George Hernandez-recovering

Dana Herzog (niece of Becky Wiese)

Franklin Hoffman (father of Maxine Bradshaw)

Devin Jackson (brother-in-law of Chris and Michelle Birnbaum)

Cheryl Jurk (friend of Stephen & Dorothy Schautschick)

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)

Cannon Martin (nephew of Christopher Taylor)

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-Bahrain

Benjamin Symm-Completed Basic Training

Seasonal Weather

Those affected by disasters

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— Page 184 of the hymnal

The Hymns: 904, 394, 781 v. 1&2, 557, 474, 797,704

Sermon Text: Jeremiah 17:5-8

The Sermon: **“Where Are You Rooted?”**

- † **The Altar flowers** are placed to the glory of God in memory of Edna Noack’s 95th birthday by Gene & Cathy Noack and Vic & Kathy Lohberg.
- † **The Altar Stand flowers** are placed to the glory of God in honor of Mr. & Mrs. Franklin Hoffman’s 69th wedding anniversary by the Bradshaw family.
- † **Door Offering.** We collected \$551.00 last week for LCMS Wildfire relief.
- † **The ladies of Serbin LWML** will be having a bake sale on Sunday, February 23, in conjunction with the SLCVFD BBQ Chicken fundraiser. All profits from this bake sale are designated to benefit Kurtis Hankemeier and his family while he is in the seminary. We will have a large variety of baked goods, including all types of desserts, cakes, cookies, and bread. Please bring any items you would like us to sell to the picnic grounds before church. We would love for everyone to buy something to help our current mission! See you then!
- † **The Serbin LWML** invites any confirmed women wishing to participate with any Lutheran Women in Mission events and activities. Please text or call Melodi Oltmann at 979-540-0039 for more information. We have big plans and ideas for 2025! No obligation for membership or monthly meetings are required - just having fun serving the Lord!
- † **South Lee County Volunteer Fire Department** is preparing Barbecue Chicken on Sunday, February 23rd at the Serbin picnic grounds from 10:00 a.m. – 12 noon. The barbecue is to go only. Order forms are from the ushers this morning. If you wish to order please fill out this form and return it to the ushers, or contact Paul Somerfield at 713-922-7501 or St. Paul Lutheran church office at 979-366-9650 by Monday, February 17th.
- † **The Holy Cross Warda Youth Group** annual pork steak fundraiser will be held Sunday, March 9th. Drive thru only at the Holy Cross picnic grounds from 10:00-12:30. Plates are \$15 each and include: pork steak, green beans, noodles, and corn. Tickets are PRESALE only by Thursday, February 27th and may be purchased at Holy Cross Lutheran Church or from Scott Schramm or Mark Woelfel. Baked goods will also be available for a freewill donation.

LUTHERAN HOUR: Next Sunday, February 23rd, **“Need to Know”**. Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. If you don’t need God, you won’t know God. (John 7:28-29). 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.

Through the Church Year:

Epiphany VI

Only in 1 Corinthians 15:8 (“untimely born”) do the Scriptures use a technical term for “abortion.” Paul labeled himself like a miscarriage or one designated for intentional termination. But the Lord God intervened by reaching out with the resurrection of Jesus Christ. The Savior dying and rising makes abortion entirely unnecessary – and diametrically opposite to the Gospel message and community.

Serving today: Elders– David Fritsche and Gary Oltmann

Organist- Daniel Krause

Acolytes- Emmalynn Knot and Dylan Arldt

Head Ushers- Donald Becker

Captain- Craig Oltmann **Assistant-** Payton Oltmann

Ushers- Bradley Albrecht, Thomas Birnbaum, Seth Kalbas,

Kaleb Oltmann, Chase Oltmann, Curtis Oltmann,

Gary Oltmann, Grant Oltmann, Nathan Michael

Counting and Posting offering this week:

Chairman- Glen Albrecht

Payton Oltmann, Tommy Miertschin, Cole Mertink

THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

Today **Worship Service w/Communion– 8:30 a.m.**
 Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.

Monday **Presidents Day**
No School

Tuesday Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.

Wednesday School Chapel – 8:30 a.m.
 Youth Confirmation – 6:00 p.m.
 Adult Choir – 7:00 p.m.

Thurs.-Fri. **ECC Closed - Conference**

Thursday Staff Bible Study– 7:30 a.m.

Friday Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.
 PSIA @ Immanuel, Giddings

Next Sunday **Worship Service – 8:30 a.m.**
 Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.
 Acolytes: Kylie Schmidt and Kelton Schulze
 Greeter: Dorothy Schautschick
 Sunday School Techers Meeting – 10:15 a.m.
 SLCVFD Chicken Barbecue

Birthdays: Today – Marian Wiederhold; 18th – Frances Mutscher; 21st – Rev. Paul Droegemueller, Cameron Kalbas; 22nd – Liana Adair, David Wittman II. God’s Blessings to you.

ST. PAUL NOTES:

Attendance Last Week: Morning Worship- 233, Bible Class- 18; Sunday School- 29, Offering- \$19.00.

Offering Last Week: \$43,737.35

Home:		Mission:	
General	\$16,386.00	Mission	\$80.00
LCMS Wildfire Relief	\$551.00	Lutheran Hour	\$60.00
Sunday School	\$19.00	Mission Total	\$140.00
Lunch Room	\$1,762.00	Savings/Other:	
ECC Operating	\$9,758.35	Building Fund	\$1,000.00
Thrivent	\$260.00	Tuition Assistance Fund	\$140.00
Tuition	\$13,721.00	Savings/Other Total	\$1,140.00
Received 2/9/2025	\$42,457.35		
		Total	\$43,737.35
Est. needed per week	\$31,870.00		
Received MTD	\$58,236.36		
Est. needed per month	\$138,103.00		

MEMORIALS: General: In memory of Jasmine Bailey and Ernest Beisert by Marvin & Charlyn Matthijetz - \$40.00. **Lutheran Hour:** In memory of Clyde Maass by Wilbert & Carol Jean Noack - \$30.00. In memory of Jasmine Bailey by Troy, Chelsea, Levi & Travis Wiederhold - \$30.00. **Tuition Assistance Fund:** In memory of Judy Kalbas by Dennis & Becky Neeb - \$40.00; by Glenn & Lisa Teinert - \$100.00.



Spring Raffle

FLHS raffle tickets are now available! Tickets are \$20 each. Drawing will be the week of March 3-7, during National Lutheran Schools Week. Items on this year's raffle include:

- 1) Stihl RZ142 Zero Turn Mower - Valued at \$4000
- 2) \$1500 Travel Voucher
- 3) 1/2 Cow With Processing
- 4) Savage Axis 7mm Deer Rifle with Scope - Valued at \$500
- 5) \$500 Visa Gift Card
- 6) Metal Patriotic Yard Sign
- 7) Porch Package with Ribeye Roll - Includes a 2 person outdoor steel glider/rocker, 5X7 outdoor rug, 16' round end table, and plant
- 8) Hand Crafted wooden train and Lone Star Back Roads Package
- 9) Casserole of the Month for a year
- 10) Dessert of the Month for a year

To see details about each package, please view our Facebook page. A limited number of tickets will be available - get yours today! Please contact any FLHS delegate, student, staff or call (979) 242-2889 to get your tickets!! You don't want to miss out!!

Thrivent Choice Dollars

If you are a Thrivent member, you may have Choice Dollars that allow you to designate where the funds go, and by sending them to Faith, you can help us continue in our mission of Instilling Wisdom Today for Faithful Leaders Tomorrow! The deadline to designate your choice dollars from 2024 is **March 31, 2025**.

New Student Registration

Any new student who registers for FLHS prior to Friday, March 7, 2025 will only pay \$100 in registration fees. Register early to take advantage of this savings! You can receive registration materials by calling (979) 242-2889 or visiting our website at www.flhstx.org.

Shadow Days

Shadow days are a great opportunity for prospective students to follow us for a day and experience what FLHS is all about. 8th Grade parents, call us today at (979) 242-2889 to set up a shadow day for your child.

Scholarship Opportunities

Applications are now being accepted for an academic-based scholarship from the Amanda (Zoch) Knox Memorial Scholarship Fund. This fund will pay for the full tuition for an incoming 9th grade student of Faith Lutheran beginning in the Fall of 2025. Applications are available from Mrs. Kueck or from Cyndy Zoch (cyndy.zoch@gmail.com) and are due May 1, 2025.