

# St. Paul Lutheran Church

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## The Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany

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**Welcome! *Jesus Calls You to Repentance.*** “Unless you repent, you will all likewise perish” (Luke 13:3, 5). By this warning, the Lord would turn us away from wickedness and bring us to life in Himself. For He is patient with us, that we would not be cut down in our sin but live and bear fruit in Him. As He lives, the Lord has “no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live” (Ezek. 33:11). So the Scriptures have been “written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come” (1 Cor. 10:11), that we should not desire evil but trust in Christ. He alone is faithful, the Rock who feeds us with His “spiritual food” and pours out His “spiritual drink” (1 Cor. 10:3–4).

We invite you all to worship with us again.

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### In Our Prayers:

Those recovering from surgeries and illness:

*Chris Birnbaum-recovering*  
*Delvin Boriack-recovering*  
*Dorothy Exner-recovering*  
*Herbert Handrick (uncle of Shannon Handrick)*  
*Roselie Johnson-recovering (mother of Carie Oltmann)*  
*Dana Karisch*  
*Gladys Karisch*  
*Billy Krause-recovering*  
*Hildegard Krause-hospitalized*  
*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-hospitalized*  
*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*

#### Those who mourn

*The family of Karla Wuensche-sister-in-law of Antoinette Richardson*

#### 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: 761, 834, 781 v. 1&2, 845, 851

Sermon Text: 1 Corinthians 15:19-26, 30-42

The Sermon: **“What Do You Live For?”**

5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Anthems: ♪ “*Glory Be to Jesus*”

♪ “*Old Rugged Cross*”

- † **The Altar flowers** are placed to the glory of God in honor of Kassi Oltmann’s birthday by Curtis Oltmann family.
- † **Congratulations** to the combined team of girls from St. Paul Serbin and Immanuel Giddings for placing 1<sup>st</sup> in the silver division at the State Basketball Tournament.
- † **January Financial Statements** are available from the ushers this morning.
- † **Lenten Devotion Books** are available from the ushers this morning.
- † **The February 19<sup>th</sup> issue** of the Voyager Voice is available from the ushers this morning.
- † **The ladies of Serbin LWML** is having a bake sale today, 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
- † **The Holy Cross Warda Youth Group** annual pork steak fundraiser will be held Sunday, March 9<sup>th</sup>. 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 27<sup>th</sup> 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.
- † **Concordia Seminary Choir Tour.** We hope you can join us for the Laudamus 2025 Tour, “My Song is Love Unknown” at 10:00 a.m. on March 19<sup>th</sup> at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Serbin. Laudamus is a select choir of seminarians from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis who are preparing for full-time pastoral ministry. Please join us and invite your friends and family!
- † **Save the Date.** BBQ Chicken Fundraiser benefiting the Manheim Parish Hall Renovation Fund. Sunday, March 16. Serving at the Lincoln Community Center.
- † **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 \$90.00. for the Building Fund. Total given to the Restoration/Building fund is \$4,172.55.

**LUTHERAN HOUR:** Next Sunday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, **“It’s Best to Be with Jesus.”** Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz. Life was not meant to be a do-it-yourself project. We need God’s help, His strength, His gifts. 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.

**Through the Church Year:**

**Epiphany VII**

Joseph’s brothers aborted him well after his birth because they thought him a threat. History eventually disclosed the Heavenly Father’s design: a life-giving mission they don’t see (Genesis 45:7-8). The same holds true in the surprise pregnancies and terminal diagnoses we encounter. So Christians practice servanthood to apparently burdensome persons (Luke 6:29), because like mercy from God makes our lives possible.

**Serving today:** Elders– David Fritsche and Gary Oltmann  
**Organist-** Susan Michael  
**Acolytes-** Kylie Schmidt and Kelton Schulze  
**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-** Mason Becker  
 John Hinze, Philip Tharp, Chase 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.  
 Sunday School Teaches Meeting – 10:15 a.m.  
**SLCVFD Barbecue Chicken**

Monday Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.  
 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.  
**Pizza Hut Night**

Thursday Staff Bible Study – 7:30 a.m.  
 Board of Elders Meeting – 7:00 p.m.  
**Pizza Hut Night**

Friday **No School**  
**Lee County Jr. Livestock Show**

Next Sunday **Worship Service w/Communion – 8:30 a.m.**  
 Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.  
 Acolytes: Whitlee Smolik and Max Sommerfield  
 Greeter: Lisa Schmidt

**Birthdays: Today** – Steve Solomon; 24<sup>th</sup> – Jacki Short, Reese Weiser; 26<sup>th</sup> – Kassi Oltmann; 27<sup>th</sup> – Jared Becker, Carter Portales, Dennis Sander Darlene Schatte, KayAnne Zoch; 28<sup>th</sup> – Kailey Burgdorf, Myla Marak, Michelle Muniz, George Perry, III, Libbi Tharp, Russell Weiser, Chelsea Wiederhold; 29<sup>th</sup> – Nicole Jackson. God’s Blessings to you.

**ST. PAUL NOTES:**

**Attendance Last Week:** Morning Worship- 257, Communion- 106, Bible Class- 31; Sunday School- 32, Banner Classes: Grade 5, Grade 7, Offering- \$18.00.

**Offering Last Week:** \$33,650.50

<b>Home:</b>		<b>Mission:</b>	
General	\$15,143.56	Mission	\$463.00
Sunday School	\$18.00	<b>Mission Total</b>	<b>\$463.00</b>
Lunch Room	\$2,335.50	<b>Savings/Other:</b>	
ECC Operating	\$3,506.25	Building Fund	\$90.00
School Registration	\$2,250.00	Bus Replacement Fund	\$375.00
Other Income	\$485.55	<b>Savings/Other Total</b>	<b>\$465.00</b>
Tuition	\$8,983.64		
<b>Received 2/16/2025</b>	<b>\$32,722.50</b>	Total	\$33,650.50

**Est. needed per week** \$31,870.00  
**Received MTD** \$90,958.86  
**Est. needed per month** \$138,103.00

**MEMORIALS: General:** In memory of Dane Luedke by Calvin & Ina Mitschke - \$500.00. **Faith Lutheran High School:** In honor of M/M Franklin Hoffmann's Anniversary by M/M Delvin Boriack - \$20.00.



### **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!!

### **New Student Registration**

Registration for 2024-2025 is underway. One new student has already enrolled and we are looking to add more students to our family. 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](http://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](mailto:cyndy.zoch@gmail.com)) and are due May 1, 2025.

### **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**.