

St. Paul Lutheran Church

Serbin, Texas



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The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

June 16, 2024

Welcome! *The Cross of Christ Is the Tree of Life, Which Bears Abundant Fruit after Its Own Kind.*

The parables of our Lord convey the mysteries of the kingdom of God to those who are “able to hear it,” that is, “to his own disciples,” who are catechized to fear, love and trust in Him by faith (Mark 4:33–34). He scatters “seed on the ground,” which “sprouts and grows” unto life, even as “he sleeps and rises” (Mark 4:26–27). “On the mountain height of Israel,” He plants a young and tender twig, and it becomes “a noble cedar.” Indeed, His own cross becomes the Tree of Life, under which “every kind of bird” will dwell, and in which “birds of every sort will nest” (Ezek. 17:22–25). His cross is our resting place, even while now in mortal bodies, we “groan, being burdened” (2 Cor. 5:1–4). Yet in faith, we live for God in Christ, who for our sake “died and was raised” (2 Cor. 5:15). We know that, in His resurrected body, “we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens” (2 Cor. 5:1).

We invite you all to worship with us again.

In Our Prayers:

Those recovering from surgeries and illness:

Red Arldt-recovering
Chris Birnbaum-recovering
Christi Fritsche-recovering
Garry Fritsche-recovering (nephew of Doris Fritsche)
George Hernandez-recovering
Roselie Johnson-recovering (mother of Carie Oltmann)
Judy Kalbas
Russell Kappler-recovering
Pastor Joshua Knippa, Holy Cross, Nederland, recovering from liver transplant surgery
Claudelle Krska (friend of Antionette Richardson)
Charlyn Matthijetz
Sylvin Mersiovsky (father of Stephen Merisovsky)
Bobby Oltmann-recovering
Ethan Ray-recovering
Antoinette Richardson-recovering
Ruth Siegmund-hospitalized (friend of Eldor & Lori Becker)
Cindy Umphries-recovering (friend of James & Kathy Kalbas)
Jeannie Werchan-recovering

Our members in nursing homes and our shut-ins.

Those fighting cancer including:

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)
Brandon Cleland (brother of Sonya Schautschick)
Ginger Clifford (sister of Nancy Kasper)
Stephen Kasper
Franklin Hoffman (father of Maxine Bradshaw)
Devin Jackson (brother-in-law of Chris and Michelle Birnbaum)
Paul Kappler
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)
Gladys Mathena (sister of Frances Miertschin and Marilyn Miertschin)
Rhonda Mitschke (friend of Christi Fritsche)
Ron Muessel (father of Chris Miertschin)
Walter Rehle (friend of the Arldt's from Germany)
Carol Sander
Diane Sanders (friend of James & Kathy Kalbas)
Louise Schubert (aunt of Bonnie Bise and Steven Schautschick)

Karen Symm (sister of Michael Symm)
Martin Werchan
Judy Westbrook (mother of Heather Krause)
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 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 Dorothy Schautschick) U.S. Navy-Bahrain

Those who mourn:

The family of Betty Kildair (aunt of Dorothy Schautschick)

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.

As we gather at the Lord's Table, we practice close communion. For the sake of responsible pastoral care, members should have previously announced their intent to commune today. Guests who are members of a sister LCMS church and any others having concerns about their participation are asked to speak with Pastor before communing.

The Order of Service– Worship Insert

The Hymns: 790, 895, 781 v. 1&2, 618, 811, 923

- ✠ **The Altar flowers** are placed to the glory of God in honor Addy Early's 13th birthday and Mike Maass's 69th birthday by their families.
- ✠ **Altar flowers** are needed for Sunday, 30th. If you would like to place flowers that Sunday, please contact Dorothy Schautschick at 716-0094.
- ✠ **Thank you** to the PTLs for providing recognition gifts for fathers this morning.
- ✠ **Portals of Prayer.** The July-September Portals of Prayer are available from the ushers this morning.
- ✠ **Community League Baseball** – The Serbin Jackrabbits will play Weimar today at Weimar. Time for the game is 3:00 p.m. Next Sunday, June 23rd, Serbin will play Shiner at Serbin. Time for the game is 3:00 p.m. Results of last week's game, Serbin 10, New Ulm 0.
- ✠ **Music Program.** As we prepare for the next school year, we are looking for anyone willing to help with the music program. If you are interested in helping, please contact the church office
- ✠ **Sunday School Help.** We are looking for a Sunday School Teacher/Helper to help with the 3&4 grade. If you are interested, please contact the church office.

LUTHERAN HOUR: Next Sunday, June 23rd, **You're Really into This, Aren't You?"** Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. People can be passionate about sports, gardening, video games, or family. All those things can be good, but none of them can save you. (Acts 16:30) 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: June 16 – Pentecost IV/Father's Day

Fathers embody how much difference the little things make. What seems just a personal choice at first quickly affects everyone around with its repercussions. The devil uses privacy and independence and deceptions. But salvation also only starts small (Mark 4:30-32). An embryo soon grows into the Savior of the universe, and one word spoken in courage and compassion changes untold hearts and saves countless lives.

Serving today: Elders– David Fritsche and Gary Oltmann
Organist- Daniel Krause
Acolytes- Kelton Schulze and Hudson Short
Head Ushers- Donald Becker
Captain- Michael Becker Assistant- Glen Albrecht
Ushers- Wyatt Arldt, Gabriel Bailey, Virgil Becker,
Jace Heuermann, Clay Mertink, Cody Mertink,
Cole Mertink, Benjamin Schonhoeft, Robert Zoch
Counting and Posting offering this week:
Chairman- Rex Perry
Philip Tharp, Troy Wiederhold, John Hinze

Birthdays: 16th – Carson Becker, Addyson Early, Kari Kappler; 18th – Carl Mertink, Jr., Dennis Zoch; 19th – Lori Becker; 20th – Jacey Kessler, Pamela Krause, Shawn Sander, Lynette Schatte, Amy Weston; 21st – Stephanie Bise; 22nd – Devon Kalbas. God's Blessings to you.

THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

Today **VBS Closing Service w/Communion– 8:30 a.m.**
Father’s Day
Community League Baseball – Serbin v. Weimar –
3:00 p.m. @ Weimar
LAF Pork Steak Dinner

Wednesday ECC Chapel – 8:30 a.m.
LWML Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

Thursday Board of Elder’s Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

Next Sunday **Worship Service – 8:30 a.m.**
Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.
Acolytes: Kenzie Stewart and Owen Wittman
Greeter: Dorothy Schautschick
Clear Classrooms

ST. PAUL NOTES:

Attendance Last Week: Morning Worship- 249, Sunday School- 24, Offering- \$17.00.

Offering Last Week: \$30,141.56

Home:		Mission:	
General	\$19,513.31	Mission	\$250.00
Sunday School	\$17.00	Mission Total	\$250.00
Lunch Room	\$97.00	Savings/Other:	
ECC Operating	\$9,264.25	Building Fund	\$1,000.00
Received 6/9/2024	\$28,891.56	Savings/Other Total	\$1,000.00
Est. needed per week	\$29,635.00	Total	\$30,141.56
Received MTD	\$42,319.20		
Est. needed per month	\$128,417.00		

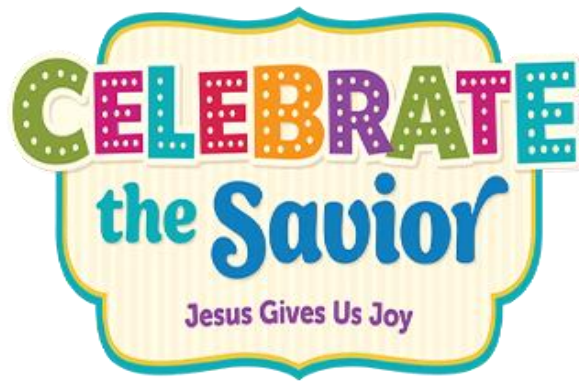
MEMORIALS: General: In memory of Alice Lobban by Carolyn Noack - \$25.00; by Mary Ann & Delbert Prellor - \$25.00.
Faith Lutheran High School: In honor of Jim House, Chelsea Wiederhold, Alicia Moerbe, Diana Roeber, Nayeli Sota and the ministry of St. Paul by Craig & Melodi Oltmann & Boys – \$500.00

✝ **Pictorial Directory:** Plans are underway for our 2024 Pictorial Directory. Photography dates for the directory will be June 17 – June 23 and July 15 – July 21. Sign up for photography times. Sign-up sheets are in the church office on Sunday mornings. You can come by or call the Church Office during the week and we will be happy to sign you up. Check your calendars and get ready to come and be a part of this 2024 edition of the directory.

Here is the link for sign up:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4FAAAA29A2F8CF8-48684408-stpaul>





THANK YOU so much to everyone who made VBS a success this year! Thank you to everyone who donated in various ways, to the volunteers, and children participating. We shared the JOY of Jesus with over 100 children each day at VBS!! This does not include the 30 plus volunteers who were present each day! Thank you for supporting the VBS ministry!

-Krista Rodriguez (VBS Director)

VBS Site Leaders:

Director- Krista Rodriguez

Opening/Closing- Pastor Schmidt

Preschool A- Pam Krause

Preschool B- Kristin Lehmann

Preschool C- Savannah Wieser

Preschool Crafts- Leah Menzel

Snacks- Kalen Kalbas

Bible Exploration- Susie Maass, Lily Maass, Trey Fritsche

Bible Storytelling- Rachel Mertink and Kim Droegemueller

Crafts- Alicia Moerbe

Music- Lisa Schmidt

Games- Christi Fritsche, Lily Maass, Trey Fritsche

VBS Site Helpers:

Carrie Oltmann, Kassi Oltmann, Elizabeth Richardson, Grant Oltmann, Patricia Barnett, Ayla Droegemueller, Sadie Claxton, Tyler Fritsche, Carol Jean Noack, Joan Gersch, Chelsea Wiederhold, Baylie Becker, Owen Wittman, Kaydence Handrick, Brandon Burgdorf, Kaden Kasper, Rylee Smolik, Elijah Kueck, Benjamin Schonhoeft