Welcome! The Word of Christ Is the One Thing Needed. “The LORD appeared to [Abraham] by the oaks of Mamre” (Gen. 18:1) and received his hospitality. But Abraham received the gracious promise of a son. Though Abraham and Sarah were very old, nothing is “too hard for the LORD” (Gen. 18:14). His Word appointed the time and fulfilled the promise. In the same way, the Lord Jesus “entered a village” and received Martha’s hospitality (Luke 10:38). “Martha was distracted with much serving” because she was “anxious and troubled about many things” (Luke 10:40–41), but her sister, Mary, “sat at the Lord’s feet and listened to his teaching” (Luke 10:39). The service of love is no sin, but “one thing is necessary” for both faith and love — the Word of Christ (Luke 10:42). Thus, the ministers of Christ are sent “to make the word of God fully known, the mystery hidden for ages and generations but now revealed to his saints” (Col. 1:25–26).

We invite you all to worship with us again.

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In Our Prayers:

Those recovering from surgeries and illness:

Delvin Boriack-recovering
Hudson Corn-recovering
Dora Durrenberger-recovering
Lola Hembry-recovering (mother of Lisa Schmidt and Pam Krause)
Pat Hughes-recovering (friend of James and Kathy Kalbas)
Gladys Karisch-recovering
Hildegard Krause
Mary Loewe (mother of Christi Bradford)
Douglas Malke-recovering
Chris Miertschin
Shannon Miertschin
Irene Noack-hospitalized
Gary Schautschick-recovering
Koralyn Schautschick-recovering
Peggy Simmang-hospitalized (friend of Chris Birnbaum)
Greg Sorrento-recovering (nephew of Doris Fritsche)
Cindy Umphries-recovering (friend of James & Kathy Kalbas)
Kenneth Weiser-recovering
Laverne Weiser
Conway Whited (nephew of Ashley Schmidt)

Our members in nursing homes and our shut-ins.

Those fighting cancer including:

Lillian Bamsch (sister-in-law of Charlyn & Marvin Matthijetz

Annie Beasley (niece of Shorty & Sandra Schimank)
Joyce Bise
Don Claxton-father of Jeff Claxton
Russell Cleghorn (friend of James & Kathy Kalbas)
Ginger Clifford (sister of Nancy Kasper)
Mandie Fritsche (granddaughter-in-law of Doris Fritsche)
Franklin Hoffman (father of Maxine Bradshaw)
Steven Kelly (cousin of Jessica Gruetzner, brother-in-law of Christi Bradford)
Bethany Lara (daughter of Kathy Gersch)
Heather Lilly (granddaughter of Irene Noack)
Louis Muniz, Jr. (brother of Robert Muniz)
Jack Pennington (brother-in-law of Marvin & Charlyn Matthijetz)
Pat Richardson (friend of Darlene Schatte)
Carol Sander
Diane Sanders (friend of James & Kathy Kalbas)
Judy Wesbrook (mother of Heather Krause)
Tiffany Wittman (sister-in-law of Jason & Cindy Heuermann)

Those serving in the Armed Forces including:

Steven Cutlip (brother of Stephanie Symm), Fort Irwin, CA
Kosh Osmon (son of Stephanie Miertschin), Ft. Hood, TX
Jacob Knapp (cousin of Mark Gruetzner, son of Nathan & Heather Wenke) Ft. Stewart, Georgia

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: 685, 728, 781 v. 1&2, 633, 575, 851, 919
The Sermon: “Which Did You Choose?”

- The Altar flowers are placed to the glory of God in honor of Addie Handrick’s birthday by her family.
- Voters Meeting Minutes. The minutes of the Voter’s meeting that was held on Sunday, July 10 are available from the ushers this morning.
- Thank You to everyone who donated to purchase the bus safety seats.
- Mid-Year Contribution Statements. Mid-year contribution statements can be picked up in the church office. Please review your statement and if there are any errors, please call the church office.
- Clean out Classrooms and reset. The School Board is requesting your help today, immediately following the service, to clean out the classrooms so that the floors can be striped and waxed on Monday, July 18th. Your help is also requested on Sunday, July 24th, immediately following the service, to reset the classrooms.
- Community League Baseball. The Serbin Jackrabbits will play Weimar today, at Weimar. Time for the game is 3:00 p.m. Next Sunday, July 24th, Serbin will play New Elm at New Elm. Time for the game is 3:00 p.m.

LUTHERAN HOUR: Next Sunday, July 24th, The Broth of Life”. Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Mortal life is a sieve, not a stock pot. (Ecclesiastes 12:1). 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 Through the Church Year:
July 17 – Pentecost VI
Abortion means abandonment. Parents desert their little ones to death because they themselves feel forsaken. Today’s appointed Psalm describes how God wants all those whom others disregard: “Though father and mother have forsaken me, the Lord will take me in” (Psalm 27:10). In the Body of Christ, no one goes unwanted, even during surprise pregnancy. We share Father Abraham’s delight (Genesis 18:10) in abundance!

THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK
Today Worship Service w/Communion – 8:30 a.m.
Clear out Classrooms
Community League Baseball – Serbin v. Weimar – 3:00 p.m. @ Weimar
Monday Strip & Wax Classroom Floors
Wednesday ECC Chapel – 8:30 a.m.
Next Sunday Worship Service – 8:30 a.m.
Intergenerational Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.
Acolytes: Brooke Lehmann and Grant Oltmann
Sunday School Teacher’s Meeting – 9:30 a.m.

Serving today: Elders– Tim Hartfield and Keith Oltmann
Organist- Daniel Krause
Acolytes– Troy Fritsche and Brandon Burgdorf
Head Ushers- Donald Becker
Captain- Troy Menzel  Assistant- Mark Jones
Ushers- Joshua Adair, John Hinze, Scott Jones, Russell Kappler, Brooks Kasper, Kyle Kasper, Ty Kasper, Caleb Oltmann, Curtis Oltmann, Clyde Schimank, Troy Wiederhold
Counting and Posting offering this week:
Chairman- Glen Albrecht
Pablo Rodriguez, Tommy Miertschin, Brooks Kasper

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ST. PAUL NOTES:
Attendance Last Week: Morning English-162.
Offering Last Week: $13,303.61

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General Fund: In memory of Calvin Robertson by Directors, Officers & Staff at First National Bank - $100.00; by Billie Dixon - $25.00; by Douglas, Charles & Beverly Malke - $100.00; by M/M Curtis Oltmann & family - $100.00; by M/M Gary Oltmann & family - $25.00; by Leonard & Lucy Mitscheke - $50.00; by Linda Jones - $25.00; by M/M Morris Reedy - $100.00; by M/M Rodney Meyer - $50.00; by Calvin & Agnes Lay - $30.00; by Tommy & Nancy Ewing - $25.00; by Keith & Cherie Oltmann - $50.00; by Carolyn Noack - $25.00; by Robert & Brenda Muniz - $40.00; by George & Virginia Hernandez - $50.00; by Allen & Mildred Perry - $25.00. In memory of Linda Tate by Dennis & Betty Kurio - $25.00; by Douglas Malke - $50.00; by M/M Troy Menzel & family - $50.00; by James & Kathy Kalbas - $100.00; by Roland & Betty Guettler, Jr. - $50.00; by Fritz & Jeanette Schoenst - $25.00; by Keith & Cherie Oltmann - $50.00; by Allen & Mildred Perry - $25.00; by George & Virginia Hernandez - $50.00; by Liana, Luke, Joshua & Sharron Adair – $100.00; by James & Janet Oltmann - $25.00. In memory of Kenneth Lorenz by Keith & Cherie Oltmann - $50.00; by Arthur & LaVerne Urban - $100.00; by M/M Mike Becker & family - $20.00; by Tommy & Nancy Ewing - $50.00; by Allen & Mildred Perry - $25.00; by Carl & Ann Steinbach and Earl Steinbach - $100.00; by James & Janet Oltmann - $25.00; by Angela Watts - $40.00; by Robert & Joyce Hinze - $100.00; by Shirley Lorenz - $50.00; by Carl Mertink, Jr. - $25.00; by Patsy Steglich - $25.00; by Doris Fritsche - $50.00; by M/M Lawrence Richter - $5.00; by M/M Gilbert Krause - $25.00; by Linda Jones - $25.00; by Gladys Arldt & Raymond - $25.00; by Janiece Becker - $25.00; by Carolyn Noack - $25.00; by Stephen & Nancy Kasper - $50.00; by Margie, Wes and Sherri Murray - $75.00; by Kevin & Debbie Schkade - $40.00; by Lynette Wiederhold - $30.00; by Jan Wiederhold - $40.00; by Gary & Cindy Becker & family - $25.00; by Paul & Tina Sommerfield & family - $25.00; by Robert & Brenda Muniz - $40.00. In memory of Calvin Robertson, Linda Tate, and Kenneth Lorenz by Michael & Theresa Krause - $100.00; by Chris & Connie Becker - $75.00; by Calvin & Ina Mitsche - $200.00; by Marvin & Charlyn Matthijetz - $50.00. In memory of Glenn Luedke’s birthday by Calvin & Ina Mitsche - $500.00. In honor of Leonard & Lucy Mitsche’s 50th anniversary by M/M Dwight Friedrich - $25.00. In memory of Marvin Berger by Edwin & Barbara Schmidt, Jr. - $35.00. Mission: In memory of Calvin Robertson by Marvin Lorenz - $25.00. In memory of Linda Tate by Marvin Lorenz - $25.00. In memory of Kenneth Lorenz by Marvin Lorenz - $25.00. Building Fund: In memory of Calvin Robertson by Alton Weiser - $25.00; by Dennis & Betty Kurio - $25.00; by Kyle, Laurie & Kaden Kasper - $50.00; by Randy & Janice Becker - $25.00. In memory of Linda Tate by Cindy Orsag Simons & Larry Orsag - $25.00; by Evelyn Maass - $25.00; by Maurice & Debbie Pitts, Jr. - $25.00; by Paulie & Sharon Sanchez - $25.00; by Rebecca Sherrill - $20.00; by Ruth Medack - $20.00; by Linda Jones - $25.00; by Curtis Oltmann & family - $100.00; by M/M Michael Conn - $50.00; by Michael & Susan Mitscheke - $100.00; by Kevin & Deborah Cole - $100.00; by Alton Weiser - $25.00; by Patsy Steglich - $50.00; by Mrs. Jeanette Mitsche - $100.00; by Leonita Sanders -
$25.00; by Round Table @ the Bullpen - $200.00; by Adeline Melcher - $25.00; by Doris Fritsche - $20.00; by Carl H. Mertink, Jr. - $25.00; by Leonard & Lucy Mitschke - $50.00; by Carolyn Noack - $50.00; by Michael & Susan - $40.00; by M/M Wayne Frosch - $250.00; by Randy & Janice Becker - $25.00; by Janiece Becker - $25.00; by Robert & Brenda Muniz - $40.00; by Arthur & LaVerne Urban - $100.00. In memory of Kenneth Lorenz by Randy & Janice Becker - $30.00; by Jack & Marian Wiederhold - $50.00; by Curtis Oltmann family - $100.00. Lutheran Hour: In memory of Calvin Robertson by Edwin & Barbara Schmidt, Jr. - $35.00. In memory of Linda Tate by Edwin & Barbara Schmidt, Jr. - $35.00. In memory of Kenneth Lorenz by Edwin & Barbara Schmidt, Jr. - $35.00. In memory of Kenneth Lorenz and Linda Tate by Lucille, Lynette, and Darlene Schatte - $50.00. School Fund: In memory of Calvin Robertson by William & Theresa Krause - $100.00. In memory of Linda Tate by Dan & Suzzet Engler - $50.00; by Tommy & Flora Fischer - $20.00; by William & Theresa Krause - $25.00. In memory of Kenneth Lorenz by M/M Tommy Fischer - $20.00; by M/M Billy Krause - $25.00. In memory of Calvin Robertson, Linda Tate and Kenneth Lorenz by Alfred & Nancy Schulze - $200.00. In memory of Kenneth Lorenz and Linda Tate by Philip, Rose, Courtland and Libbi Tharp - $100.00. Cemetery Fund: In memory of Linda Tate by Earl Steinbach - $75.00. LWML Quilting: In memory of Calvin Robertson, Linda Tate, and Kenneth Lorenz by M/M Kenneth Weiser - $75.00. Tape Ministry: In memory of Calvin Robertson, Linda Tate and Kenneth Lorenz by Monroe Becker - $50.00. Texas Wendish Heritage Society: In memory of Linda Tate by Jack & Marian Wiederhold - $50.00. Faith Lutheran High School: In memory of Calvin Robertson by Bobby & Carolyn Oltmann - $25.00. In memory of Linda Tate by Mary Ann & Delbert Prellop - $25.00; by Lois & John Kalbas - $40.00; by Bobby & Carolyn Oltmann - $25.00. In memory of Marvin Berger by Lois & John Kalbas - $40.00. Scholarship Fund: In memory of Kenneth Lorenz by M/M Arthur Noack - $50.00.