

St. Paul Lutheran Church

Serbin, Texas



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The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

July 21, 2024

Welcome! *The Lord Jesus Shepherds His Church on Earth by the Ministry of the Gospel.* The Lord rebukes and removes “the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep” (Jer. 23:1). He gathers the flock, brings them back to the fold, and sets “shepherds over them who will care for them” (Jer. 23:3–4). He raises up the Son of David, the great Good Shepherd, to “reign as king and deal wisely” (Jer. 23:5). He is “our righteousness,” in whom we “dwell securely” (Jer. 23:6). He has compassion on all of us, who were “like sheep without a shepherd” (Mark 6:34). Not only does He teach us many things, but taking the bread, He blesses and breaks and gives it to the disciples “to set before the people” (Mark 6:41). He abundantly provides for His Church on earth, so that everyone is fed and fully satisfied in body and soul. He preaches peace “to you who were far off,” and “by the blood of Christ,” He brings you near (Eph. 2:13, 17). Though you were “separated from Christ” by your sin, “having no hope and without God in the world” (Eph. 2:12), now “you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God” (Eph. 2:19). We invite you all to worship with us again.

In Our Prayers:

Those recovering from surgeries and illness:

- 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*
- Ludwig Krause*
- Charles Malke-recovering (brother of Carol Jean Noack and Douglas Malke)*
- Braycen Mersiovsky (son of Rodney and Gina Mersiovsky)*
- Sylvin Mersiovsky (father of Stephen Merisovsky)*
- Bobby Oltmann-recovering*
- Ethan Ray-recovering*
- Cindy Umphries-recovering (friend of James & Kathy Kalbas)*
- Jim Wells (cousin of the Oltmann families)*
- Jeannie Werchan-recovering*
- Irene Zoch-hospitalized (mother of Donnie Zoch)*
- 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)*
- 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)*
- Keith Muessel (brother 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 Dorthy Schautschick) U.S. Navy-Bahrain*

Those who mourn:

- The family of Paul Kappler*
- The family of Linda Arldt (aunt of the Arldt's)*

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— 184 of the hymnal

The Hymns: 645, 644, 781 v. 1&2, 748, 709, 797, 912

Sermon Text: Jeremiah 23:1-6

The Sermon: **“How Is Your Flock?”**

- † **The Altar flowers** are placed to the glory of God in memory of Erwin Fritsche's birthday by Doris Fritsche.
- † **The Altar Stand flowers** are placed to the glory of God in thankfulness for the multitude of blessings that God has graciously given us by James, Kathy and Byron Kalbas.
- † **The Side Stand flowers** are placed to the glory of God in honor of Frances Miertschin's 90th birthday (Tommy Miertschin's mother) by Tommy & Deanna Miertschin & family,
- † **We express our sympathy** to the family of Paul Kappler. He fell asleep in Jesus, Saturday, July 13, 2024. Funeral services for Mr. Kappler were held here at St. Paul Lutheran Church on Friday, July 19, 2024. May the Lord comfort the family with His word of promise.
- † **Voters Meeting.** The minutes of the Voters Meeting that was held on Sunday, July 14th are included in the bulletin this morning.
- † **June Financial Statements.** The June Financial Statements are available from the ushers this morning.
- † **2024 Picnic Fund Report.** The 2024 Picnic Fund Report is available from the ushers this morning.
- † **Community League Baseball** – The Serbin Jackrabbits will play New Ulm today at New Ulm. Time for the game is 3:00 p.m. Next Sunday, July 28th Serbin will play Weimar at Serbin. Time for the game is 3:00 p.m.
- † **Ebenezer Lutheran Church** will be sponsoring a sit-down Spaghetti, salad and garlic bread lunch fundraiser at its fellowship hall, on August 11, 2024 starting at noon. A free will offering will be collected to help support Deaconess Jane Obersat in her mission work. She will be working with Pastor Hugo Gevers and Deaconess Kim Bueltmann, who work with former Muslims in Leipzig, Germany.
- † **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, July 28th, **“Thus and So Spoke the Girl from Israel”**. Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Jesus is making His people into a light for a world that's crying for help. He came to make God's light shine on us so that all people might see the face of God. (2 Kings 5:4) 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.

Serving today: Elders— Monroe Schatte, Jr. and Dwayne Schulze

Organist- Jack Wiederhold

Acolytes- Trenton Grange and Alice Gurka

Head Ushers- Donald Becker

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

Ushers- Bradley Albrecht, Thomas Birnbaum,

Seth Kalbas, Chase Oltmann, Gary Oltmann,

Grant Oltmann, David Michael, Nathan Michael, Austin Schmidt

Counting and Posting offering this week:

Chairman- Glen Albrecht

Pablo Rodriguez, Daniel Marak, Brooks Kasper

Life Through the Church Year:

July 21 - Pentecost IX

The world wants to discriminate between lives it finds worthy and ones it regards as undeserving. The coming of Christ Jesus has brought about something better – reconciliation that has dissolved all division and abolished hostility in God’s forgiveness and fellowship (Ephesians 2:14-17). His kingdom leaves neither need nor room for discounting anyone because of shade, shape, sex, age, income, education, or residence.

THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

Today **Worship Service w/Communion – 8:30 a.m.**
Wednesday ECC Chapel – 8:30 a.m.
Next Sunday **Worship Service – 8:30 a.m.**
Acolytes: Everett Corn and Jagger Garner
Greeter: Judy Boriack
Sunday School Teacher’s Meeting – 9:30 a.m.

Birthdays: Today – Larry Durrenberger, Carol Jean Noack; 22nd – Pamela Becker, Shane Hoffman, Dorothy Krause; 23rd – Dylan Arldt, Ty Kasper, Brandy Todd; 24th – Frances Miertschin, Kelly Neal, Payton Oltmann, Louise Wittman; 25th – Weston Jenkins, Garrett Oltmann; 26th – Dora Durrenberger, Carl Kasper III, Teresa Krause; 27th – Addie Handrick. God’s Blessings to you.

ST. PAUL NOTES:

Attendance Last Week: Morning Worship- 252.

Offering Last Week: \$18,600.40

Home:		Mission:	
General	\$12,317.05	Mission	\$1,250.00
ECC Operating	\$4,683.35	Mission Total	\$1,250.00
School Registration	\$325.00	Savings/Other:	
Received 7/14/2024	\$17,325.40	Building Fund	\$25.00
		Savings/Other Total	\$25.00
Est. needed per week	\$29,635.00		
Received MTD	\$47,641.65	Total	\$18,600.40
Est. needed per month	\$128,417.00		

MEMORIALS: General: In memory of Andrew & Anna Weiser by Weiser family members for Bell Tower - \$5,603.47.
Building: In memory of Gilbert Proske by Eldor & Lori Becker - \$25.00