

St. Paul Lutheran Church

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The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

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Welcome! Faith in Christ Is Rich Toward God. To live for earthly things “is vanity and a striving after wind,” and work that is driven by such vanity “is an unhappy business” (Eccl. 1:13–14). The man who lives like that has nothing to show for “all the toil and striving of heart with which he toils beneath the sun ... all his days are full of sorrow” (Eccl. 2:22–23). So, too, your “covetousness, which is idolatry” (Col. 3:5), makes a god out of that which cannot give you life or happiness. For “one’s life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions” (Luke 12:15). But “Christ who is your life” (Col. 3:4), in giving you Himself, gives you all the wealth of heaven. Instead of striving to lay up treasures for yourself, be “rich toward God” in Him (Luke 12:21). We invite you all to worship with us again.

In Our Prayers:

Those recovering from surgeries and illness:

Hudson Corn-recovering

Van Durrenberger

Gladys Karisch-recovering

Hildegard Krause

Mary Loewe (mother of Christi Bradford)

Douglas Malke-recovering

Chris Miertschin

Shannon Miertschin

Irene Noack-recovering

Zelda Richards-hospitalized

Greg Sorrento-recovering (nephew of Doris Fritsche)

Cindy Umphries-recovering (friend of James & Kathy Kalbas)

Kenneth Weiser

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)

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 Westbrook (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 Osmun (son of Stephanie Miertschin), Ft. Hood, 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

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.

LUTHERAN HOUR: Next Sunday, August 7th, “**These Are Not Our Kind of People**”. Guest Speaker: Dr. Oswald Hoffman. Prejudice says, “These are not our kind of people.” Charity says, “These are all people for whom Christ died.” (Matthew 5:43-48). 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.

The Order of Service—Worship Insert

The Hymns: 771, 704, 789, 954, 861, 528, 724,
781 v. 1&2, 940, 761, 707

- † **The Altar flowers** are placed to the glory of God in memory of Bonnie Menzel by her family.
- † **The Altar Stand** flowers are placed to the glory of God in memory of Alfred Buscha on his birthday by Irene, Robin and Sherri Buscha.
- † **Today is Endowment Sunday.** This year scholarships are awarded to Madison Medack and Maggie Obersat. You can support the work of the Scholarship Committee in providing resources for students preparing for full time church work. Gifts given to the **Scholarship Fund** are used for scholarships each year. Gifts given to the **Endowment Fund** build an endowment the interest of which is used for scholarships. Envelopes for each of these purposes are found in your offering envelope sets.
- † **Community League Baseball.** The Serbin Jackrabbits will play Schulenburg today, at Serbin. Time for the game is 3:00 p.m. The playoff games will begin on Sunday, August 7th. The results of last week's game Serbin 16, New Ulm 1.
- † **Trustees Meeting.** The Trustees will meet tomorrow August 1st, at 7:00 p.m. All trustees may pick up their packets in the church office today to review prior to the meeting.
- † **LWML Quilting:** The quilters will not meet in August but will resume in September
- † **South Lee County Volunteer Fire Department** Annual Barbecue will be held on Saturday, August 13th, on the Serbin Picnic Grounds. Beef, Pork and BBQ to go at the pit beginning at 4:30 p.m. Beef and Pork BBQ plates served with all the trimmings from 5:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Plates are \$12.00 for adults and \$6.00 for children 12 and under. All to go plates are \$12.00. There will be a silent auction beginning at 3:00 p.m. and a live auction beginning at 6:30 p.m. Music throughout the afternoon by "Lost Cause Band". All proceeds go toward updating Fire Equipment.
- † **Sunday School Teachers.** We are in need of 3 new Sunday School Teachers beginning in September. If you are interested, please contact Pastor or Mike Sym.
- † **LWML Post Oak Zone.** Would you like to meet up with girls your own age who share a passion for Christ? All girl's 5th – 12th grade, are invited to an ice cream social and fellowship on Saturday, August 13, at 2:00 PM in the fellowship hall at Holy Cross Church in Warda. Moms are invited as well. We are starting up a teen LWML group in our zone (Post Oak) and this ice cream social is your chance to see what LWML is all about, meet other teens from area churches and even make a craft to take home. If you have any questions, please call Dorothy Schautschick at 979-716-0094. Hope to see you there!
- † **School Summer Mailings** were emailed to all school families on Friday, July 29. If you would like a hard copy of the material they can be picked up in the Church Office

Life Through the Church Year:

Pentecost VII

Why settle for "my body, my choice?" Death used as a solution like in abortion or assisted suicide offers pride, pleasure, property, and popularity, but all these only end up in vanity (Ecclesiastes 1:2). The real wealth that eyes don't always see and money cannot ever buy comes from believing our bodies, hearts, and lives belong to the Father and Savior who made each one for His own (Psalm 100:3). Let God give life!

Serving today: Elders— Tim Hartfield and Keith Oltmann

Organist- Susan Michael

Acolytes- Kenedy Schatte and Rylee Smolik

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

Ty Kasper, Carson Becker, Nathan Michael

THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

Today **Song Service – 8:30 a.m.**
Endowment Sunday
 Sunday School Teacher’s Meeting – 9:30 a.m.
 Community League Baseball – Serbin v. Schulenburg – 3:00 p.m. @ Serbin

Monday Football Clinic – 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
 Volleyball Clinic – 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
 Trustee’s Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday Football Clinic – 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
 Volleyball Clinic – 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
 Board of Christian Education Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

Wed. - Thurs Faculty Pre-Service School Meetings –
 8:00 a.m.– 4:00 p.m.

Thursday Football Clinic – 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
 Volleyball Clinic – 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Next Sunday **Worship Service w/communion– 8:30 a.m.**
 Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.
 Acolytes: Emma Short and Benjamin Schonhoeft
 LYF Meeting & Social – 2:00 p.m.

Birthdays: Today – Whitney Faske, Lois Kalbas, Royce Schulze; 1st – Kristin Becker, Brian Miertschin; 2nd – Everlee Oltmann; 3rd – Megan Becker, Tucker Kalbas, Marcus Sander, Bonnie Wenke; 4th – Meghan Schatte; 5th – Amanda Becker. God’s Blessings to you.

ST. PAUL NOTES:

Attendance Last Week: Morning Worship- 263.

Offering Last Week: \$24,983.96

Home:		Mission:	
General	\$20,571.00	Mission	\$495.00
ECC Operating	\$2,037.96	Lutheran Hour Ministry	\$65.00
LWML Quilting	\$50.00	Mission Total	\$560.00
Received 7/24/2022	\$22,658.96	Savings/Other:	
		Building Fund	\$1,565.00
Est. needed per week	\$22,500.00	Cemetery Fund	\$100.00
Received MTD	\$71,710.48	Scholarship	\$100.00
Est. needed per month	\$97,500.00	Savings/Other Total	\$1,765.00
		Total	\$24,983.96

MEMORIALS: General Fund: In memory of Gary Schautschick by Jerry Fischer - \$50.00; by Robert & Brenda Muniz - \$40.00; by Martin & Jeannie Werchan - \$50.00; by Leonard & Lucy Mitschke - \$50.00; by George & Virginia Hernandez - \$50.00; by Doris Fritsche - \$20.00; by Betty Lou & Charles Pietsch - \$20.00. In memory of Calvin Robertson by Jean Herzik - \$50.00; by Raymond & Ann Kipp - \$25.00; by David & Kathleen Arthur - \$30.00. In memory of Dorine Sistar by Doris Fritsche - \$20.00. In memory of Kenneth Lorenz by Lil Robertson - \$20.00; by Ralph V. Buscha - \$25.00; by Greg & Sandy Northrup - \$25.00; by Douglas & Nancy Alexander - \$50.00; by Warda Couples Club - \$25.00; by Douglas Malke - \$50.00; by Reagan Baccus Wolfe, Kacey Baccus and Cameron Fanning - \$75.00; by Wade and Nancy Eilers - \$50.00; by Bruce, Sara & Hattie Mae Prellop - \$40.00; by June & Nancy Pietsch - \$30.00; by Leonard & Lucy Mitschke - \$50.00. In memory of Linda Tate by Lil Robertson - \$20.00; by Greg & Sandy Northrup - \$25.00; by Julie Alspau - \$50.00; by Raymond & Lanetta Kipp - \$25.00; by Douglas & Nancy Alexander - \$50.00. In memory of Steven Lorenz and Ruth Lorenz by Michael & Beverly Heimstead - \$100.00. **Building Fund:** In memory of Gary Schautschick by Dennis & Betty Kurio - \$25.00; by Linda & Tommy Wilkins - \$25.00; by Edna Houston - \$15.00. In memory of Kenneth Lorenz by Dennis

& Betty Kurio - \$25.00; by Kyle, Laurie & Kaden Kasper - \$50.00. In memory of Calvin Robertson, Linda Tate, Kenneth Lorenz and Gary Schautschick by Elaine Mersiovsky - \$100.00. In memory of Kenneth Lorenz, Linda Tate, Ricky Schueler and Louis Muniz, Jr. by Tommy & Linda Wilkins - \$100.00. In memory of Linda Tate by Peggy Bertsch - \$25.00; by Robert & Mirian Vaughn – \$100.00; by Elmo & Frances Miertschin - \$50.00. **Lutheran Hour:** In memory of Gary Schautschick by Lynette Wiederhold - \$30.00; by Edwin, Jr. & Barbara Schmidt - \$35.00. **LWML Quilters:** In memory of Tim Otte and Gary Schautschick by Ken & Ruby Weiser - \$50.00. In memory of Kenneth Lorenz by M/M Delvin Boriack - \$20.00. **Early Childhood Center:** In memory of Herbert Hosea by Arthur & Dianna Noack - \$50.00. **Cemetery Fund:** In memory of Kenneth Lorenz by David, Carol & Christopher Schulz - \$100.00. **Scholarship:** In memory of Kenneth Lorenz by Jerry Fischer - \$50.00. In memory of Linda Tate by Jerry Fischer - \$50.00. **Faith Lutheran High School:** In memory of Kenneth Lorenz by John & Lois Kalbas - \$30.00. In memory of Gary Schautschick by Michael & Teresa Krause - \$25.00; by Linda Jones - \$25.00; by John & Lois Kalbas - \$30.00; by Curtis Oltmann Family – \$100.00

† **Wreaths Across America.** We will again be participating in National Wreaths Across America Day on December 17, 2022. Please consider sponsoring a wreath(s) so that we can honor all our Veterans at Christmas.

Wreaths Across America

To sponsor a wreath(s):

You can go online to www.wreathscrossamerica.org. or you can call direct to 1-877-385-9504.

Online: www.wreathscrossamerica.org

Click on the MENU button at the top right of the home page

Click on Search Locations

Click on Participating Locations

Type in TXPLCS

Select dropdown-St. Paul Lutheran Church of Serbin, (TXPLCS) Giddings, TX 78942

Click on Sponsor

This page will appear:

Wreath Sponsorship

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At this point you can select to sponsor a grave specific wreath(s) and/or wreath(s) in honor or memory of.

Once you have selected grave specific and/or in honor or memory of, simply follow the instructions.

Cost of a wreath is \$15.00

All funds must be in the Wreaths Across America office by Monday, November 28, 2022, to be considered a 2022 Wreaths Across America contribution. Any funds received after that date will be considered a 2023 donation.

National Wreaths Across America Day is December 17, 2022.

If you have questions or need assistance contact the church office.



New Student Registration

Registration for the 2022-2023 school year is underway. We already have new students enrolled and would love to welcome you into our Falcon family as well. Call us at (979) 242-2889 to schedule a shadow day or visit our website at www.flhstx.org for registration information.

First Day of School

Please keep our faculty and students in your prayers as classes begin Wednesday, August 17th. Final preparations are underway in preparation for the big day!

Opening Service

Please join us on Sunday, August 21st at 3 pm as we will officially open our sixth academic school year. "Build Up" based on 1 Thessalonians 5:11 is the theme for 2022-2023. A worship service will be held at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Warda. The service will be led by our association Pastors. Offering will be collected to support the FLHS Scholarship Fund. A potluck dessert and punch reception will follow.

Thank You!

Thank you for all the prayers and support you have offered on behalf of FLHS. As we prepare to begin another year, we are thankful for each of you who faithfully pray and support the ministry God has created at FLHS. Thank you, on behalf of the students who will be instilled with wisdom as they become faithful leaders tomorrow, for your generous support!

Help us clear our list!

FLHS has created a wish list on Amazon, for needed materials for the upcoming school year. The easiest way to find it is by clicking on the link on the FLHS Facebook page or website. Thank you for your generous support as we provide the necessary materials and supplies for our students and staff!

Commuting from Bastrop?

FLHS has some students in the Bastrop and surrounding community who would benefit from carpooling to Faith during the school year. Are you already coming this direction? Please call Nikki Kueck at (979) 242-2889.

Thrivent Action Team Grants

If you are a Thrivent member willing to submit an application for a \$250 grant to be used on projects at Faith, please contact Nikki Kueck by calling (979) 242-2889. Help us to be able to take advantage of these funds for the good of our school. *We are currently looking to utilize Action Grants for opening worship service, student retreat, family fun night, and student spirit shirts.