

St. Paul Lutheran Church

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The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

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Welcome! The Lord Grants Peace and Life to His Church. The Lord restores Jerusalem, His Church, because she is the mother of His children, whom He comforts “as one whom his mother comforts” (Is. 66:13). We are “satisfied from her consoling breast” with the pure milk of the Word, and we “drink deeply with delight from her glorious abundance” (Is. 66:11). The messengers of Christ bestow such gifts upon His Church. For He sends them out “as lambs in the midst of wolves” (Luke 10:3), bearing in their bodies the sacrifice of His cross, by which “the kingdom of God has come near” (Luke 10:9, 11). Wherever He enters in with this Gospel, Satan is cast out and falls “like lightning from heaven” (Luke 10:18). Thus, we do not “boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ” (Gal. 6:14). Rejoicing in this Gospel, we “bear one another’s burdens” in love, according to “the law of Christ” (Gal. 6:2).

We invite you all to worship with us again.

In Our Prayers:

Those recovering from surgeries and illness:

Wayne Becker-recovering

Monroe Brade (uncle of James, Johnny, Larry & Leroy Kalbas)

Ginger Clifford (sister of Nancy Kasper)

Dorothy Exner-recovering

Herbert Handrick (uncle of Shannon Handrick)

Roselie Johnson-recovering (mother of Carie Oltmann)

Ruth Kluetz-recovering

Billy Krause-recovering

Vic Lohberg

Ruby Maass-recovering (mother of Linda Schonhoeft)

Douglas Malke-recovering

Ruben Melcher-recovering (uncle of James, Johnny, Larry & Leroy Kalbas))

Chris Miertschin-recovering

Gene Namken-recovering (brother of Linda Oltmann)

Arthur Richards-hospitalized

Camie Smiley-surgery (friend of Thomas Birnbaum)

David Wachsmann (cousin of Billy Krause)

Wesley Yurk-recovering

Irene Zoch-recovering (mother of Donnie Zoch)

Our members in nursing homes and our shut-ins.

Those fighting cancer including:

Teresita Brodrick (aunt of David Wittman)

Vernon Bryant (friend of Arthur & Dianna Noack)

Brandon Cleland (brother of Sonya Schautschick)

Ralph & Debbie Domel (sister & brother-in-law of Mary Jatzlau)

Sherri Fritsche

Christie Hall (friend of Mark Arldt)

Dana Herzog (niece of Becky Weise)

Franklin Hoffman (father of Maxine Bradshaw)

Devin Jackson (brother-in-law of Chris and Michelle Birnbaum)

Betty Jenkins (mother of Jared Jenkins)

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)

Susan Mogonye-recovering (mother of Lindsey Hansen)

Cannon Martin (nephew of Christopher Taylor)

Kelli Meinholdt (sister of Carie Oltmann)

Rhonda Mitschke (friend of Christi Fritsche)

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 Doeblner) 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

Benjamin Symm-Training Camp Johnson, North Carolina

Jacob Droegemueller Ft. Eisenhower, Georgia

Corey Pedeville (friend of Dorothy Schautschick) Army-serving in Saudia Arabia

Those who mourn:

The family of Paul Albrecht (brother of Willard Albrecht and Milton Albrecht)

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.

The Order of Service— 184 of the hymnal

The Hymns: 826, 425, 781 v. 1&2, 965, 527, 924

Sermon Text: Galatians 6:1-10, 14-18

The Sermon: **“Choose Death or Life”**

- † **The Altar flowers** are placed to the glory of God in honor of Kaden's 16th Birthday by Kyle & Laurie Kasper.
- † **Altar Stand flowers** are placed to the glory of God in memory of Lisa Hartfield and in honor of Lana Kaiser on her birthday by her family.
- † **Altar flowers** are needed for Sunday, July 20th and 27th. If you would like to place flowers on any of these Sunday's, please call Dorothy Schautschick at 716-0094.
- † **Pastor Schmidt and his family** are on vacation and will return on Monday, July 14th. If you need assistance during this time please call Pastor David Mumm, your Elder or the church office.
- † **Thank You** to Pastor Herbert Keistman for conducting the service this morning.
- † **Sunday, July 13th** Pastor Paul Droegemueller will conduct the service.
- † **Community League Baseball** –. There is no game this week. Next week, Sunday July 13th, Serbin is idle.
- † **In Thanksgiving for Service.** Thursday, July 24 marks the 121st anniversary of the dedication of the organ. For 20 years Jack Wiederhold has led us in worship through playing the organ, and has announced his retirement from full time service at the beginning of the year. Since 1991 Jack and Marian have rung the church bells at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday evening which they have discontinued. On Sunday, July 20 we wish to recognize and give thanks to God for their service all these years.
- † **Attention Ladies!** If you would like a light-hearted evening away with the ladies, we will be having an informal gathering at Los Patrones in Giddings at 6:00 on Weds, July 9. Dinner (and drinks) is at your own expense, but it will be a fun time getting to know your Sisters in Christ! Bring a friend, your daughter, or your mom, if you wish! Please text Melodi Oltmann to RSVP at 979-540-0039.
- † **Sunday School Help.** We are looking for a Sunday School Teacher for grades 1 & 2 and a helper for kindergarten. If you are interested, please contact the church office.
- † **Various items** are available for purchase from the school. These can be viewed in the middle of the gym. If you would be interested in any of these items, please submit a bid to the church office before July 13th. Bid sheets are available in the church office.
- † **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 \$80.80. for the Building Fund. Total given to the Restoration/Building fund is \$4,343.35.

LUTHERAN HOUR: Next Sunday, July 13th, **“Fearless and Endless Growing”**. Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Daniel Paavola. God's Word grows like a perfect garden, bearing fruit in every season. (Colossians 1:1-14). 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:

July 6 – Pentecost IV

Our Lord Jesus Christ has the courage to speak warning to His country's culture and communities (Luke 10:13-15). He whose eyes keep watch on national happenings (Palm 66:7) knows no other way to restore ones He loves. Only abandoning evil allows anyone to embrace the Gospel's comfort (Isaiah 66:13, 15-16!) and joy (Luke 10:19-20). May our sanctity of life witness follow His lead!

Serving today: Elders– Douglas Hartfield and Michael Krause
Organist- Susan Michael
Acolytes- Lane Gersch and Trenton Grange
Head Ushers- Donald Becker
Captain- Mason Becker **Assistant-** Carson Becker
Ushers- Jason Becker, Randy Becker, Brandon Burgdorf,
Mike Krause, Dan Marak, Ethan Miertschin,
Rex Perry Brad Schmidt, Tim Symm
Counting and Posting offering this week:
Chairman- Glen Albrecht
Tommy Miertschin, Cole Mertink, Payton Oltmann
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THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

Today **Worship Service w/Communion – 8:30 a.m.**
Sun. – Sat. Pastor's Vacation
Thursday Church Council Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
Next Sunday **Worship Service – 8:30 a.m.**
Acolytes: Alice Gurka and Lukas Iselt
Greeter: Doris Fritsche
Voter's Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

Birthdays: Today: Jessica Gruetzner, Tracy Oltmann, Kari Sewart; 7th – Dustin Faske, Conner Kalbas, Antoinette Richardson, Philip Tharp; 8^h – Nancy Beckcom, Douglas Hartfield, Stephen Iselt, Ricky Lehmann; 10th – Keeley Schautschick. God's Blessings to you.

ST. PAUL NOTES:

Attendance Last Week: Morning Worship- 198.

Offering Last Week: \$30,631.99

Home:		Mission:	
General	\$12,953.79	Mission	\$586.80
PTLS	\$6,202.31	Lutheran Hour	\$75.00
ECC Operating	\$650.00	Mission Total	\$661.80
School Registration	\$300.00	Savings/Other:	
Received 6/29/2025	\$20,106.10	Building Fund	\$80.80
		Cemetery Fund	\$25.00
Est. needed per week	\$31,870.00	Tuition Assistance Fund	\$2,500.00
Received MTD	\$103,085.52	Menzel Endowment	\$7,258.29
Est. needed per month	\$138,103.00	Savings/Other Total	\$9,864.09
		Total	\$30,631.99

MEMORIALS: General: In memory of Elmo Miertschin by Linda Jones - \$25.00; by Chris & Connie Becker - \$50.00. In memory of Charles Winkler by Lillian Robertson - \$35.00. In honor of Rev. David & Kathy Mumm's 50th anniversary by David & Karen Schmidt - \$50.00 **Lutheran Hour:** In memory of Elmo Miertschin by Lucille Schatte, Lynette & Darlene - \$25.00. In memory of Laverne Weiser by Lucille Schatte, Lynette & Darlene - \$20.00. In memory of Evelyn Loewe by Wilbert & Carol Jean Noack - \$30.00. **Cemetery Fund:** In memory of Laverne Weiser by Raymond & Lanetta Kipp - \$25.00. **Texas Wendish Heritage Society:** In memory of Laverne Weiser, Don Hurst, Shirley Christinsen and Elmo Miertschin by Milton & Geraldine Albrecht - \$100.00.