

St. Paul Lutheran Church

Serbin, Texas



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The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 7, 2024

Welcome! *The Ministers of Christ Are Sent with His Authority to Forgive Sins and Give Life.* The prophet Ezekiel was raised up by the Spirit of the Lord and sent to speak an unpopular Word to the rebellious house of Israel. As a prophet, he was not to speak his own word, but to preach the Law and the Gospel: “Thus says the Lord GOD,” whether the people “hear or refuse to hear” (Ezek. 2:4–5). So, too, in the footsteps of the prophets before Him, the Lord Jesus “went about among the villages teaching” (Mark 6:6). In His hometown, as elsewhere, “many who heard him were astonished,” marveling at His wisdom and at the “mighty works done by his hands,” and yet “they took offense at him” (Mark 6:2–3). The offense culminates in His cross, which is, ironically, the heart and center of His “authority over the unclean spirits” (Mark 6:7). It is by that authority of His cross that those He sends preach repentance, “cast out many demons” and heal the sick (Mark 6:12–13). Thus, the apostle Paul boasts in the cross of Christ and in his own weaknesses, knowing that God’s grace is sufficient and that the power of Christ “is made perfect in weakness” (2 Cor. 12:8–9).

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
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)
Ken Weiser-recovering
Jim Wells (cousin of the Oltmann families)
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)
Keith Muessel (brother of Chris Miertschin)
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 Dorthy Schautschick) U.S. Navy-Bahrain

Those who mourn: *The family of Marvin Zoch (brother of Dennis Zoch).*

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: 966, 570, 781 v. 1&2, 965, 527, 643
Sermon Text: 2 Corinthians 12:1-10
The Sermon: **“Our Thorn in the Flesh”**

- † **The Altar flowers** are placed to the glory of God in memory of Victor and Gladys Symm and Barbara Symm by their family.
- † **Thank You** to Pastor Herbert Keistman for conducting the worship service this morning.
- † **Community League Baseball** – There are no scheduled games this Sunday. Next Sunday, July 14th, Serbin is idle. Results of last week's game, Serbin 4, Flatonia 3.
- † **Church Council** – This Thursday, July 11th at 7:00 p.m. the church council will meet to set the agenda for the July 14th voters meeting. All congregational officers and board members are part of the church council
- † **Congratulations** to David and Michelle Fritsche on the birth of twin granddaughters, Reese Avery Fritsche and Margot May Fritsche. They were born on Tuesday July 2nd, 2024 . Reese Avery weighed 5 lbs. 5 ounces and Margot May weighed 5 lbs. 4 ounces. They are also the great granddaughters of Doris Fritsche and Allen & Mildred Perry. May God bless this growing family.
- † **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, July 14th, **“Words of Grace Build Us Up”**. Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Daniel Paavola. The gracious words of God change our lives for the better, tell us of our inheritance, and remind us that we are part of a much larger family. (Acts 20:32). 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- Susan Michael
Acolytes- Addyson Early and Tyler Fritsche
Head Ushers- Donald Becker
Captain- Craig Oltmann Assistant- Payton Oltmann
Ushers- Bradley Albrecht, Thomas Birbaum, Seth Kalbas,
Chase Oltmann, Gary Oltmann, Grant Oltmann,
David Michael, Nathan Michael, Austin Schmidt
Counting and Posting offering this week:
Chairman- Glen Albrecht
Tommy Miertschin, Ty Kasper, Payton Oltmann

Life Thoughts in the Church Year:
July 7 – Pentecost VII

Surprise pregnancy and terminal diagnosis confront us with our own weakness. It even leads some to exclude embryos or incapacitated persons from humankind and execute them because of their weakness. Almighty God promises, “My power is made perfect precisely in your weaknesses.” His grace radiates in human frailty, and the blessings He brings in every life more that make up for what we cannot.

THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

Today **Worship Service w/Communion – 8:30 a.m.**
Reset Classrooms

Sun – Mon Pastor’s Vacation

Wednesday ECC Chapel – 8:30 a.m.

Thursday Church Council Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

Next Sunday **Worship Service – 8:30 a.m.**
Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.
Acolytes: Jagger Garner and Lane Gersch
Greeter: Marian Wiederhold
Voter’s Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

Birthdays: Today – Dustin Faske, Conner Kalbas, Antoinette Richardson, Philip Tharp; 8th – Nancy Beckcom, Douglas Hartfield, Stephen Iselt, Ricky Lehmann; 10th – Keeley Schautschick; 11th – Stephen Mersiovksy; 12th – Lily Maass; 13th – Everett Corn, Jace Heuerman. God’s Blessings to you.

ST. PAUL NOTES:

Attendance Last Week: Morning Worship- 208.

Offering Last Week: \$18,145.35

Home:		Mission:	
General	\$16,627.00	Mission	\$385.00
ECC Operating	\$983.35	Mission Total	\$385.00
Received 6/30/2024	\$17,610.35	Savings/Other:	
		Cemetery Fund	\$150.00
Est. needed per week	\$29,635.00	Savings/Other Total	\$150.00
Received MTD	\$92,912.20		
Est. needed per month	\$128,417.00	Total	\$18,145.35

MEMORIALS: General: In memory of Leonard Vogt and Marvin Zoch by Marvin & Charlyn Matthijetz - \$50.00. **Cemetery Fund:** In memory of August & Marie Schulze by Schulze Reunion attendees - \$50.00. In memory of Calvin Robertson by Lil Robertson on their anniversary - \$100.00. **Texas Wendish Heritage Society:** In memory of Clifford Ahlhorn by Linda Jones - \$25.00.

✝ **Pictorial Directory:** Plans are underway for our 2024 Pictorial Directory. Photography dates for the directory are 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>





Share the Gift of Love

Faith Lutheran High School has a unique role in combining knowledge and God's love in a student's high school experience. We are partnering with families at the intersection of education and faith development. If you would like to support our ministry through a one-time or enduring gift, Thrivent Action Grant or volunteer your time and talents, please contact Mrs. Nikki Kueck.

** FLHS now has ACH payment options available. You can set up monthly, quarterly, or even yearly payments to FLHS without the hassle of remembering to write a check. Please contact us to learn more.

New Student Registration

Registration for the 2024-2025 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.

Transportation Fund

Did you know FLHS is raising funds to purchase a transportation option? FLHS plans to use this fund to purchase a bus to help transport our students to extracurricular activities and events. We have already made significant progress, but please consider a donation to help us finish raising the funds needed to move forward with this project. Thanks to some wonderful supporters, we are moving closer to our goal each week! Thank you for your support!!

Save the Date!

FLHS's annual Oktoberfest will be Saturday, October 26th. **The Battle of the Vines** and **The Battle of the Brew**, our home brew competitions are back, so start planning your brews now. Our traditional German meal, domino tournament, auction, cornhole tournament, music, kids games, fellowship, and lots of fun are sure to be had. Make plans to attend this wonderful event!

Amazon Wish 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!!