

St. Paul Lutheran Church

Serbin, Texas



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The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

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Welcome! The Lord Is Surely Coming to Give You His Kingdom. The Lord Himself was Abraham's shield and great reward. For "the word of the LORD came to him" and sustained the patriarch's faith in the face of death (Gen. 15:4). By divine grace, Abraham "believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness" (Gen. 15:6), on account of the holy Seed, Christ Jesus. To that one old man, the Lord granted "descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore" (Heb. 11:12). The Lord is likewise faithful to you. It is His glad desire "to give you the kingdom" (Luke 12:32). Therefore, "do not be anxious about your life," but instead "seek his kingdom" (Luke 12:22, 31). Set your heart on that treasure. "Stay dressed for action and keep your lamps burning ... for the Son of Man is coming" (Luke 12:35, 40).

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-recovering (sister of Nancy Kasper)

Dorothy Exner-recovering

Herbert Handrick (uncle of Shannon Handrick)

Roselie Johnson-recovering (mother of Carie Oltmann)

Seth Kalbas-recovering

Ruth Kluetz-recovering

Billy Krause-recovering

Hildegard 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)

*Valerie Namken-hospitalized (sister-in-law of Linda
Oltmann)*

Allen Perry-recovering

Arthur Richards-recovering

Richard Schonhoeft-recovering

Camie Smiley-recovering (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 Gruetznier, brother-in-law of
Christi Bradford)*

Bethany Lara (daughter of Kathy Gersch)

Suzanne 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 Gruetznier)

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*

*Dylan Robbins (cousin of Michelle Birnbaum) Jacksonville,
North Carolina*

*Aron Marak (nephew of Mike and Susie Maass) Fr. Bragg,
North Carolina*

*Kyler Brown (friend of Dorthy 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*

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: 748, 666, 781 v. 1&2, 813, 918

Sermon Text: Luke 12:22-40

The Sermon: **“Where is Your Heart?”**

- ✠ **The Altar flowers** are placed to the glory of God in honor of Doris Fritsche’s birthday by her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren
- ✠ **Altar flowers** are needed for Sunday, August 17th. If you would like to place flowers on that Sunday, please contact Lana Kaiser at 540-8011.
- ✠ Thank You. Thank you for your thoughts and prayers during her illness and loss of our sister-in-law, aunt and great aunt. We appreciate your words of kindness in the cards, texts, and visits. Special thanks to Pastor Schmidt for the visits and the beautiful message, Jack Wiederhold for the beautiful music and all the members that prepared and served the luncheon. God bless you. *The Joyce Dowling family.*
- ✠ **School Opening Worship Service:** The Opening worship service for the 2025-2026 school year will be this evening at 4:00 pm with parent orientation immediately following the service. The Board of Christian Education and the staff of St. Paul will be serving hamburgers afterwards for all the families. Everyone is welcome to attend! We encourage families to visit the classrooms, bring school supplies and set up lockers at this time. We are looking forward to a great school year, and hope to see everyone there!
- ✠ **Installation of Acolytes.** The installation of Acolytes will take place during the worship service on Sunday, August 17th.
- ✠ **Community League Baseball** – The Serbin Jackrabbits will play Weimar today in the Championship Game at the Fair Grounds in LaGrange. Time for the game is 6:00 p.m. The game will be broadcast on KVLG/KBUK radio station. The results of last week’s game, Serbin 10 Flatonia 0, with game called in the 7th inning.
- ✠ **Sunday School Help.** We are looking for Sunday School Teachers for grades 1 & 2, grades 3 & 4, and a helper for kindergarten. Please consider donating your time and talents in service to the Lord and join our Sunday School team.
- ✠ **Fried Chicken Dinner:** The St. Paul Lutheran Church Adult Fellowship in Serbin are having their 28th annual fried chicken dinner on Sunday, September 14th from 10:00-12:00 at the Serbin Picnic Grounds. Preorders are preferred and all to-go plates will be sold for \$15.00. If you would like to order plates please contact Susan Michael at 540-0854 or Sharon Claxton at 540-7154 by September 8th. All proceeds will be going toward future church/school projects. Thank You!
- ✠ **Young Adult Conference – October 3–5.** Join us for a weekend of worship, fellowship, and learning as we explore how Lutheran theology brings clarity and peace in a chaotic world. Designed for young adults (ages 18–35), the conference will include sessions on evangelism, cultural engagement, and bold Christian living, along with worship services and Q&A with Pastor Bryan Wolfmueller. Cost is \$10 – register online now! <https://splcaustin.regfox.com/christian-comfort-in-a-chaotic-cosmos>
- ✠ **Wreaths Across America.** We will again be participating in National Wreaths Across America Day on Saturday, December 13, 2025. We have 100 Veterans that will have wreaths placed on their graves. Please consider sponsoring a wreath(s) in memory of or in honor of Veterans so that we can honor all our Veterans at Christmas. **Cost of a wreath is \$17.00.**

LUTHERAN HOUR: Next Sunday, August 17th, **“The Stuttering Man of Destiny”**. Guest Speaker: Dr. Oswald Hoffmann. Archives August-Dr. Oswald Hoffmann recounts the story of Moses. (Exodus 4:10-12). 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:

August 10 - Pentecost IX

The Heavenly Father hopes for human offspring as numerous as the stars (Genesis 15:5) and countless as grains of sand (Hebrews 11:12). So, Christians encourage our communities to share our joy in regarding children – no matter what size, skills, or circumstances – as more precious than any amount of income, possessions, or pets (Luke 12:22-24).

THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

Today	Worship Service – 8:30 a.m. Sunday School Promotion Sunday School Opening Service – 4:00 p.m. Community League Baseball – Serbin v. Weimar – 6:00 p.m.@ LaGrange Fairgrounds
Mon. – Tues.	Staff Training Days
Wednesday	First Day of School Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m. School Opening Chapel – 8:30 a.m. LWML Meeting – 7:30 p.m.
Thursday	Staff Bible Study – 7:30 a.m.
Friday	Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.
Next Sunday	Worship Service w/Communion– 8:30 a.m. Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m. Acolytes: Max Sommerfield and Dylan Arldt Greeter: Lana Kaiser LYF Meeting & Social – 2:00 p.m.

Birthdays: Today – Seth Kalbas; 11th – Sherri Coffman, Nathan Michael, Wilbert Noack, Mackenzie Oltmann, Beverly Ramos; 12th – Doris Fritsche; 13th – Irene Hemple, Harold Krause; 14th – Ricky Schulze, Joshua Smith; 15th – Billie Kieschnick, Hildegard Krause, Eleanor Schulze; 16th – Joyce Jenke, Jeffrey Kanevsky, Marshala Schautschick, Randolph Schautschick. God's Blessings to you.

ST. PAUL NOTES:

Attendance Last Week: Morning Worship-252, Communion- 165, Bible Class- 22;
Sunday School- 29, Banner Classes: Nursey I, Offering- \$20.00.

Offering Last Week: \$53,513.43

Home:		Mission:	
General	\$33,654.45	Mission	\$1,150.80
Sunday School	\$20.00	Mission Total	\$1,150.80
Lunch Room	\$641.00	Savings/Other:	
ECC Operating	\$10,280.18	Building Fund	\$1,000.00
Tuition	\$5,692.00	Bus Replacement Fund	\$375.00
Received 8/3/2025	\$50,287.63	Endowment Fund	\$500.00
		Scholarship	\$200.00
Est. needed per week	\$31,870.00	Savings/Other Total	\$2,075.00
Received MTD	\$50,287.63		
Est. needed per month	\$138,103.00	Total	\$53,513.43

MEMORIALS: General: In memory of George Hernandez by Virginia Hernandez & children - \$500.00. In memory of Val Gene Hinze & Evelyn Schuster by Robert & Joyce Hinze - \$100.00.

Serving today: Elders– David Fritsche and Gary Oltmann
Organist- Susan Michael
Acolytes- Emmalynn Knott and Whitlee Smolik
Head Ushers- Donald Becker
Captain- Troy Menzel **Assistant-** Mark Jones
Ushers- Cooper Hinze, John Hinze, Scott Jones,
Russell Kappler, Brooks Kasper, Kaden Kasper,
Kyle Kasper, Ty Kasper, Clyde Schimank,
Troy Wiederhold
Counting and Posting offering this week:
Chairman- Mason Becker
Philip Tharp, John Hinze, Chase Oltmann





Be a Falcon!

It's not too late to register for the 2025-2026 school year. We look forward to greeting many new students on campus! We offer an awesome high school experience with our caring faculty, safe Christian atmosphere, strong academics and numerous activities and athletics. If you know of a family with a high school student that would thrive in this environment, please reach out to them and us! We would love to share more about Faith! Contact us by calling (979) 242-2889 or visiting our website at www.flhstx.org.

*Any newly enrolled student at FLHS will receive \$1,000 off of their first semester tuition - Please reach out to Mrs. Kueck for more information about this.

First Day of School

Please keep our faculty and students in your prayers as classes begin Wednesday, August 13th. Final preparations are underway as we await the big day!

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!

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.

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.

2025 - 2026 Faculty and Staff

- Mrs. Chelsea Beck - History, English, Spanish
- Pastor Dustin Beck - Part-time Religion
- Mr. Gary Himmler - Part-time Science, Math
- Mr. Jonathan Kueck - Religion, English, P.E.
- Mrs. Nikki Kueck - Administrator, Math, History
- Mrs. Kristin Lehmann - Science, Math, Technology
- Mr. Dan Schaefer - Part-time History, Music

Save the Date!

FLHS's annual Oktoberfest will be Saturday, October 25th. The Battle of the Vines and Brew, our home brew competitions are back, so start planning your brews now, in addition to our newest competition, Sapientia Infiniti (see description below). Our traditional German meal, domino tournament, auction, cornhole tournament, live music, kids games, fellowship, and lots of fun are sure to be had. Make plans to attend this wonderful event! More details and information coming soon!

Sapientia Infiniti (infinite wisdom)

Spend this year preparing an infinity bottle* of whiskey for yourself at home. Please submit a pint or half-pint of this bottle for judging. Submissions will be judged, by our judges and the attendees, in separate categories.* Infinity Bottle rules: start with a clean, empty bottle. Throughout the year, add a pour of any size from the whiskeys you've enjoyed this year. KEEP NO RECORD! The infinity bottle is intended to be unique to you and unrepeatable.