

St. Paul Lutheran Church

Serbin, Texas



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The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

13 August 2023

Welcome! *Christ the Crucified Comes to Save Us by the Word of Faith.*

The Lord who “laid the foundation of the earth” (Job 38:4) is the Author and Giver of life who governs all things by His Word. His wisdom and power are beyond our understanding, except as He reveals Himself in the incarnate Word, Christ Jesus. He has “entered into the springs of the sea” and “walked in the recesses of the deep” (Job 38:16), and He draws near to us in mercy. We have been “a long way from the land, beaten by the waves” and tossed about by hostile winds (Matt. 14:24). In our mortality and sinful unbelief, we do not always recognize the Lord Jesus. But as we cry out in fear, He speaks tenderly to us, “Do not be afraid,” and He reaches out His hand to save us (Matt. 14:27, 31). “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved” (Rom. 10:13), and now we call upon Him in faith, because we have heard “through the word of Christ” (Rom. 10:17). “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (Rom. 10:8).

We invite you all to worship with us again.

In Our Prayers:

Those recovering from surgeries and illness:

Marvin Bamsch-rehab center (brother of Charlyn Matthijetz)
Chris Birnbaum
Frances Hentschel (step-mother of Joan Gersch and Janis Lehmann)
Robert House-healing from a fall (father of Jim House)
Roselie Johnson-recovering (mother of Carie Oltmann)
Judy Kalbas-recovering
Naomi McDonald (daughter of Rev. David & Kathy Mumm)
Chris Miertschin
Shannon Miertschin
Dwayne Muzny-recovering from surgery (friend of Susie Maass)
Kelsey Schatte-hospitalized-pre term pregnancy concerns
Greg Sorrento-recovering (nephew of Doris Fritsche)
Cindy Umphries-recovering (friend of James & Kathy Kalbas)
Arthur Urban-recovering from fall that broke 5 ribs
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)
Teresita Brodrick (aunt of David Wittman)
Vernon Bryant (friend of Arthur & Dianna Noack)
Russell Cleghorn (friend of James & Kathy Kalbas)
Ginger Clifford (sister of Nancy Kasper)
Franklin Hoffman (father of Maxine Bradshaw)
Brenda Karisch (friend of Bonnie Wenke family)

Steven Kelly (cousin of Jessica Gruetzner, brother-in-law of Christi Bradford)
Theresa Krause
Bethany Lara (daughter of Kathy Gersch)
Heather Lilly (granddaughter of Irene Noack)
Ruby Maass (Mother of Linda Schonhoeft)
Gladys Mathena (sister of Frances Miertschin and Marilyn Miertschin)
Rhonda Mitschke (friend of Christi Fritsche)
Deborah Richards (sister-in-law of Zelda Richards)
Carol Sander
Diane Sanders (friend of James & Kathy Kalbas)
Cherie Todee-sister of Carrie Oltmann
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 Bliss, El Paso
Kosh Ozmun (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
Dylan Robbins (cousin of Michelle Birnbaum) Jacksonville, NC
Randall Weise (grandson of Bernice Doebbler) Ft. Huachuca, Arizona
Peyton Walker (son of Heather Mersiovsky) Ft. Benning, Georgia

Those who mourn:

The family of Jerry Flipppo (brother of Mary Jatzlau)

Rain

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: 816, 717, 781 v. 1&2, 722, 712

Sermon Text: Job 38:4-18

The Sermon: **“Whose Plan Will You Work?”**

Nursery-Kindergarten: ♪ “Jesus Loves Me”

Kindergarten-8th Grade: ♪ “I Am Jesus’ Little Lamb”

- † **The Altar flowers** are placed to the glory of God in honor of Doris Fritsche’s 85th birthday by her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.
- † **Community League Baseball** – The Serbin Jackrabbits were defeated by Shiner in the game last Sunday by a score of Serbin 3 – Shiner 7. They would like to thank all their fans for and appreciate their support.
- † **School Opening Worship Service:** The Opening worship service for the 2023-2024 school year will be this evening at 5pm 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 and PTLs officers.** The installation of Acolytes and PTLs officers will take place during the worship service on Sunday, August 20th.
- † **Fried Chicken Dinner:** The St. Paul Lutheran Church Adult Fellowship in Serbin are having their 26th annual fried chicken dinner on Sunday, September 10th 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 6th. All proceeds will be going toward future church/school projects. Thank You!
- † **Adult Choir Practice Begins.** Adult Choir practice will resume **Wednesday, August 23rd**, at 7:00 p.m. in the church under the direction of Susan Michael. New voices are very welcome. Use your gifts to praise our faithful God.
- † **Adult Instruction Class.** Adult Instruction Class will begin on Sunday, September 10th. Classes will be held immediately following Bible Class. If interested, please contact Pastor Schmidt.
- † **Voyager Spirit Wear.** If you would like to order some Voyager Spirit Wear, please fill out the enclosed order form, attach payment, and return to Mrs. Wiederhold or the church office. Checks payable to St. Paul Lutheran School. Orders are due by Friday, September 1.

LUTHERAN HOUR: Next Sunday, August 20th, **“The Latest Polls”**. Speaker Emeritus of The Lutheran Hour: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus. What people think about something—that’s a poll. What that something actually is—that’s the truth. (Matthew 21:80-11 and Luke 23:23-25). 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- Tyler Fritsche and Elizabeth Richardson
Head Ushers- Donald Becker
Captain- Craig Oltmann **Assistant**- Payton Oltmann
Ushers- Bradley Albrecht, Thomas Birnbaum, Seth Kalbas,
Chase Oltmann, Gary Oltmann, David Michael,
Nathan Michael, Austin Schmidt
Counting and Posting offering this week:
Chairman- Glen Albrecht
Brooks Kasper, Tommy Miertschin, Pablo Rodriguez

Life Through the Church Year:

August 13 – Pentecost XI

Contrary to the logic of abortion and assisted suicide, human worth doesn't come from age, appearance, or ability. God's grace in creating, redeeming, and calling makes every life precious. No one else's labor or lack thereof can improve or impair it. We declare and demonstrate a righteousness based on this faith and not based instead on works of the law (Romans 10:5-6).

THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

- Today **Worship Service – 8:30 a.m.**
 Sunday School Promotion - 9:30 a.m.
 School Opening Service and Parent Orientation –
 5:00 p.m.
- Wednesday **First Day of School**
 Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.
 School Opening Chapel – 8:30 a.m.
- Thursday Staff Devotions – 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: Nathan Schautschick and Owen Wittman
 Greeter: Bonnie Wenke
 Sunday School Teacher's Meeting – 10:15 a.m.
 4-H Awards Meeting – 6:30 p.m.

Birthdays: Today – Irene Hempel, Harold Krause, Anthony Schautschick; 14th – Ricky Schulze, Joshua Smith; 15th – Billie Kieschnick, Hildegard Krause, Eleanor Schulze; 16th – Marshall Schautschick, Randolph Schautschick; 17th Max Sommerfield; 18th – Shelby Becker, Kyle Kasper; 19th – Brett Kasper. God's Blessings to you.

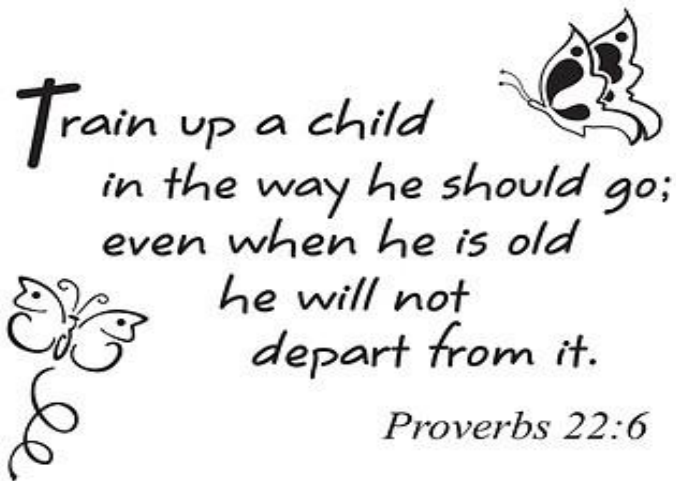
ST. PAUL NOTES:

Attendance Last Week: Morning Worship- 284, Communion- 174, Bible Class- 31; Sunday School- 15, Banner Class- Nursery II. Offering- \$15.00.

Offering Last Week: \$29,935.90

Home:		Mission:	
General	\$20,392.90	Mission	\$525.00
Sunday School	\$15.00	Mission Total	\$525.00
Lunch Room	\$90.00	Savings/Other:	
ECC Operating	\$6,213.00	Building Fund	\$1,000.00
Tuition	\$1,275.00	Endowment	\$300.00
Received 8/6/2023	\$27,985.90	Scholarship	\$125.00
		Savings/Other Total	\$1,425.00
Est. needed per week	\$27,230.00		
Received MTD	\$27,985.90	Total	\$29,935.90
Est. needed per month	\$118,000.00		

MEMORIALS: General: In memory of Janet Young by David & Susan Michael - \$25.00.



New Student Registration

It's not too late to register for the 2023-2024 school year. We already have new students enrolled and would love to welcome you into our Falcon family as well. Call us at (979) 242-2889 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 16th. Final preparations are underway in preparation for the big day!

Opening Service

Please join us on Sunday, August 20th at 3 pm as we will officially open our seventh academic school year. "Better Together" based on Romans 15:5-6 is the theme for 2023-2024. 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.

Save the Date!

FLHS's annual Oktoberfest will be Saturday, October 28th. New this year will be **The Battle of the Vines**, in addition to **The Battle of the Brew** - both are home brew competitions, so start planning your brews now. Returning will be our traditional German meal, domino tournament, cornhole tournament, music, kids games, fellowship, and lots of fun!

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!

2023 - 2024 Faculty and Staff

- Mrs. Chelsea Beck - History, Spanish,

- Pastor Dustin Beck - Part-time Religion
- Ms. Kristin Becker - Science, Math, Technology
- Mr. Gary Himmler - Part-time Science, Math
- Mr. Jonathan Kueck - Religion, English, P.E.
- Mrs. Nikki Kueck - Administrator, Electives
- Mrs. Jane Obersat - Part-time German, Art, Library
- Mr. Dan Schaefer - Part-time History, Music