

St. Paul Lutheran Church

Serbin, Texas



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The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 14, 2022

Welcome! *Christ's Suffering and Death Bring Division.* The Lord Jesus causes fear and trembling and division because His Word is "like fire ... and like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces" (Jer. 23:29). His Law puts us all to death, whereas only His Gospel can bring us to life. He has fulfilled that Word for us by His cross and in His resurrection from the dead. He undergoes such a distressing baptism, accomplished by His death, in order to open the way for us through our Holy Baptism into His cross and resurrection. So, then, if we are able "to interpret the appearance of earth and sky" (Luke 12:56), let us mark this sign of His cross — recognizing that this world is subject to death, but knowing that Christ Jesus also has conquered death and obtained life everlasting for us. Let us fix our eyes on "Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith," and "run with endurance the race that is set before us" (Heb. 12:1-2).

We invite you all to worship with us again.

In Our Prayers:

Those recovering from surgeries and illness:

Gary D. Becker-recovering
Hudson Corn-recovering
Donnie Garrett-hospitalized (friend of Jamie Jordan)
Gladys Karisch-recovering
Hildegard Krause
Theresa Krause
Mary Loewe (mother of Christi Bradford)
Douglas Malke-recovering
Chris Miertschin
Shannon Miertschin
Irene Noack-recovering
Zelda Richards-hospitalized
Melvin Schulze-hospitalized
Greg Sorrento-recovering (nephew of Doris Fritsche)
Cindy Umphries-recovering (friend of James & Kathy Kalbas)
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

Those who mourn:

The family of Van Durrenberger
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: 905, 655, 781 v. 1&2, 664, 726

Sermon Text: Jeremiah 23:16-29

The Sermon: **“Were You there?”**

Sunday School Anthem: ♪ ”Jesus Loves Me”

- † **The Altar flowers** are placed to the glory of God in honor of Hildegard Krause’s 90th birthday by her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.
- † **We express our sympathy** to the family of Van Durrenberger. He fell asleep in Jesus on Wednesday, August 10, 2022. Services for Mr. Durrenberger will be held at St. Paul Lutheran Church on Monday, August 15, 2022. May the Lord comfort the family with His word of promise
- † **Special Called Voter’s Meeting.** There will be a special called Voter’s Meeting on Sunday, August 21st immediately following the service. There will be no Bible Class.
- † **June Financial Statements:** The June Financial Statements are available in the church office.
- † **Community League Baseball Championship Game.** The Serbin Jackrabbits will play Weimar today, at LaGrange Fairgrounds. Time for the game is 3:00 p.m. There is a \$5.00 charge at the gate for adults for the championship game. Results of last week’s playoff game, Serbin 6, Schulenburg 0.
- † **School Opening Worship Service:** The Opening worship service for the 2022-2023 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 21st.
- † **Adult Choir Practice Begins.** Adult Choir practice will resume **Wednesday, September 7th** 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.
- † **School Yearbooks.** The 2019-2020 School Yearbooks are in and can be picked up from Kalen Kalbas after church this morning. They will also be available at tonight’s school opening. After Sunday, they can be picked up in the school office.
- † **WENDISH FEST:** The 34th Annual Wendish Fest will be hosted by St. Paul Lutheran Church and the Texas Wendish Heritage Society on Sunday, September 25, 2022 at Serbin, Texas. The day will offer lots of Wendish history, heritage, culture and family activities at the St. Paul Picnic Grounds. The traditional Wendish noon meal will be available at 10:30 for \$12 and children \$6. To-Go and drive-thru will also be available at 9:30 – all take-out meals are \$12. Make plans to attend this annual event. For more information contact 979-366-2441 or museum@texaswendish.org or www.texaswendish.org.

LUTHERAN HOUR: Next Sunday, August 21st, **“Facing the Worst”**. Are you prepared to face the worst, as one day we all must? Live without fear through faith in Christ. (John 11:25-26). 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**— Mark Jones and Steven Schautschick
Organist- Jack Wiederhold
Acolytes- Kamrie Stewart and Evelyn Williams
Head Ushers- Donald Becker
Captain- Michael Becker **Assistant**- Shelby Becker
Ushers- Glen Albrecht, Wyatt Arldt, Virgil Becker,
Jace Heuermann, Clay Mertink, Cody Mertink,
Cole Mertink, Ethan Ray, Shane Ray,
Shane Sander, Robert Zoch
Counting and Posting offering this week:
Chairman- Glen Albrecht
Brooks Kasper, Tommy Miertschin, Pablo Rodriguez

THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

Today **Worship Service – 8:30 a.m.**
 Sunday School Promotion – 9:30 a.m.
 School Opening Service & Parent Orientation – 5:00 p.m.
 Community League Baseball Playoff – Serbin v. Weimar – 3:00 p.m. @ LaGrange Fairgrounds

Wednesday **First Day of School**
 School 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.**
 Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.
 Called Voter’s Meeting – 9:30 a.m.
 Acolytes: Lydia Schautschick and Maison Schautschick
 PTLS Meeting 10:15 a.m.
 Faith Lutheran High School Opening Service – 3:00 p.m.

Birthdays: Today – Ricky Schulze, Joshua Smith; 15th – Billie Kieschnick, Hildegard Krause, Eleanor Schulze; 16th – Jeffrey Kanevsky, Marshall Schatutschick, Randolph Schautschick; 17th – Max Sommerfield; 18th – Shelby Becker, Kyle Kasper, Rev. David Mumm; 19th – Brett Kasper; 20th – Kathleen Kalbas, Dwayne Schulze. God’s Blessings to you.

**Life Through the Church Year:
 Pentecost X**

Abortion, assisted suicide, and embryocidal experimentation deal in false prophecies and fraudulent promises. They advertise peace and escape but only deliver grief and guilt (Jeremiah 23:16-17), The gospel of God’s love and salvation for every human life cuts through (Luke 12:51) the tangles and tethers of the culture’s lies (Hebrews 12:1). Faith in Jesus as Lord brings real liberty in His grace and true luxury in His favor

ST. PAUL NOTES:

Attendance Last Week: Morning Worship- 233, Communion- 149, Bible Class- 24; Sunday School- 21, Offering- \$18.00.

Offering Last Week: \$31,237.75

Home:		Mission:	
General	\$21,474.86	Mission	\$790.00
Sunday School	\$18.00	Mission Total	\$790.00
ECC Operating	\$7,785.42	Savings/Other:	
LWML Quilting	\$25.00	Building Fund	\$1,050.00
Received 8/7/2022	\$29,303.28	Organ Restoration	\$25.00
		Tuition Assistance Fund	\$40.00
Est. needed per week	\$22,500.00	Scholarship	\$29.47
Received MTD	\$29,303.28	Savings/Other Total	\$1,144.47
Est. needed per month	\$97,500.00		
		Total	\$31,237.75

MEMORIALS: General: In memory of G.A. Lindner by Jason, Teshia & Lucy Becker - \$20.00. In memory of Calvin Robertson by Stephen & Nancy Kasper - \$25.00. **LWML Quilting Fund:** In memory of G.A. Lindner by Ken & Ruby Weiser - \$25.00. **Building:** In memory of Linda Tate by Stephen & Nancy Kasper - \$50.00. **Faith Lutheran High School:** In memory of Herbert Hosea by Lois & John Kalbas - \$30.00.



New Student Registration

We are overjoyed to have **16 students** registered for the 2022-2023 school year. Prospective families continue to call and tour the school, and we continue to add more students to our family. FLHS offers a Christ-centered education, a rigorous college prep curriculum, and small class sizes. You can receive registration materials by visiting our website, at www.fhlstx.org, or calling (979) 242-2889. Tuition scholarships are available.

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!

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.

2022 -2023 Faculty and Staff

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