

St. Paul Lutheran Church

Serbin, Texas



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The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

17 August 2025

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:

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

Vic Lohberg

Ruby Maass-recovering (mother of Linda Schonhoeft)

*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)*

Arthur Richards-recovering

Richard Schonhoeft-recovering

Barbara Schmidt-recovering

Camie Smiley-recovering (friend of Thomas Birnbaum)

David Wachsmann (cousin of Billy Krause)

Ruby Weiser-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)

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 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*

*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*

**Pastor Schmidt and Lisa as they prayerfully consider
a call to St. Paul Lutheran Church, Marshfield,
Missouri.**

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: 578, 655, 781 v. 1&2, 677, 497, 662, 588

Sermon Text: Hebrews 12:1-2

The Sermon: **“Step by Step to the Victor’s Circle”**

- ✝ **The Altar flowers** are placed to the glory of God.
- ✝ **Pastor Schmidt and Lisa** are in Iowa this week-end for the wedding of their nephew. Pastor will be back in the office on Monday
- ✝ **Thank you** to Pastor Paul Droegemueller for conducting the worship service this morning.
- ✝ **Thank you** for your prayers and words of encouragement during my recovery. A special thank you to Pastor for his visits and prayers. *Wesley Yurk*
- ✝ **Installation of Acolytes (Correction).** The installation of Acolytes will take place during the worship service on Sunday, August 24th.
- ✝ **LYF Meeting.** The LYF will meet on Sunday, August 24th for their meeting and social.
- ✝ **Community League Baseball** – The Serbin Jackrabbits came up short by a score of Serbin 0 – Weimar 1 in the Championship Game on Sunday. We do congratulate them on an exciting season.
- ✝ **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>
- ✝ **The Ladies of Serbin LWML** wish to thank the congregation for the gift cards collected for flood relief in the Hill Country area. Those will be distributed to needy individuals for their immediate needs. Thanks!!!!
- ✝ **SLCVFD.** The South Lee County Volunteer Fire Department would like to thank you for your support last Saturday at the annual barbecue and auction. Thank you to all the individuals that brought dessert for the meal and all the volunteers that worked so hard to make the barbecue and auction a success.
- ✝ **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 24th, **“Gideon, the Farmer General”**. Guest Speaker: Dr. Oswald Hoffmann. Archives August-Dr. Oswald Hoffmann recounts the story of Gideon, an unlikely military leader. (Judges 6:1-8:27) 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 17 - Pentecost X

Proclaiming and practicing the Word of the Lord doesn’t always make people glad (Luke 12:5-52). Discomfort and persecution come with speaking truth and showing love (Hebrews 11:36-38). But Almighty God’s insistence on the sanctity of every human life, though occasionally unpopular, always bring precisely the community, fellowship, and belonging that we all need (Hebrews 12:1-2).

THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

Today **Worship Service w/Communion– 8:30 a.m.**
Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.

Monday Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.

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Wednesday Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.
School Chapel – 8:30 a.m.

Thursday Staff Bible Study – 7:30 a.m.

Friday Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.

Next Sunday **Worship Service – 8:30 a.m.**
Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.
Acolytes: Nathen Barnett and Emmalynn Knott
Greeter: Laurie Kasper
Sunday School Teachers Meeting 10:15 a.m.
LYF Meeting & Social – 2:00 p.m.

Birthdays: Today – Max Sommerfield; 18th – Shelby Becker, Kyle Kasper; 19th – Brett Kasper; 20th – Kathleen Kalbas, Dwayne Schulze; 21st – Donald Menzel; 22nd – Wyatt Arldt, Russell Kappler, Ethan Ray. God's Blessings to you.

ST. PAUL NOTES:

Attendance Last Week: Morning Worship- 294, Sunday School- 35, Offering- \$7.00.

Offering Last Week: \$22,260.34

Home:		Mission:	
General	\$9,357.20	Mission	\$208.80
Thrivent Choice	\$172.00	Mission Total	\$208.80
Sunday School	\$7.00	Savings/Other:	
Lunch Room	\$350.00	Building Fund	\$25.00
ECC Operating	\$2,124.34	Savings/Other Total	\$25.00
Tuition	\$10,016.00		
Received 8/10/2025	\$22,026.54		
		Total	\$22,260.34
Est. needed per week	\$31,870.00		
Received MTD	\$72,314.17		
Est. needed per month	\$138,103.00		

MEMORIALS: Faith Lutheran High School: In honor of M/M Kenneth Patschke's wedding anniversary by M/M Delvin Boriack - \$25.00.

Serving today: Elders– David Fritsche and Gary Oltmann
Organist- Jack Wiederhold
Acolytes- Max Sommerfield and Dylan Arldt
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- Glen Albrecht
Virgil Becker, Dan Marak



Great Start to the School Year

We have had a great start to the school year! We love having our students back on campus and pray that their education and faith may grow abundantly this year! Registration remains on-going. Call us today - (979) 242-2889!

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.

Free Wednesday mornings?

Join us for our weekly Chapel Worship Service every Wednesday. Mr. Jonathan Kueck will be leading chapel this week, beginning at 11:05 am.

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.

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.

Camp Lone Star Retreat

FLHS students will be traveling to Camp Lone Star on August 28th and 29th. We are looking forward to two days of challenge courses, Bible Study and learning about belonging in Christ's family. We are thankful for this opportunity to grow together as a Falcon family! We appreciate your prayers for a successful trip!