

# St. Paul Lutheran Church

Serbin, Texas



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## The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

18 August, 2024

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**Welcome! *Jesus Is the Word and Wisdom of God, Who Gives You Life and Light in His Flesh.*** Jesus is the divine Word by whom all things were made, who has become flesh and dwells among us. He gives His flesh “for the life of the world,” not only as a sacrifice for sin but as “the living bread” from heaven (John 6:51). Eat His flesh and drink His blood (John 6:54–57), and no longer walk in the darkness of sin, but walk in His light. “Arise from the dead” and live in Him, because you are “light in the Lord” (Eph. 5:8, 14). Being filled with His Spirit, confess Him to “one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart” (Eph. 5:18–19). Fear, love and trust in Him, “and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness” (Josh. 24:14). For He has brought you “out of the house of slavery” by His cross and resurrection, and now He does “great signs” in your sight (Josh. 24:17). Indeed, He is the divine wisdom, who has built His house, prepared His feast and set His table; He bids you to recline and eat of His bread and drink of the wine He has mixed (Prov. 9:1–5).

We invite you all to worship with us again.

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### **In Our Prayers:**

Those recovering from surgeries and illness:

- Chris Birnbaum-recovering*
- Christi Fritsche-recovering*
- George Hernandez-recovering*
- Beverly Johnson*
- Roselie Johnson-recovering (mother of Carie Oltmann)*
- Judy Kalbas*
- Pastor Joshua Knippa, Holy Cross, Nederland, recovering from liver transplant surgery*
- Paula Krause-recovering*
- Mike Maass-recovering*
- 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)*
- Irene Zoch-recovering (mother of Donnie Zoch)*

### **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)*
- 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)*
- Walter Rehle (friend of the Arldt's from Germany)*
- Carol Sander*
- Diane Sanders (friend of James & Kathy Kalbas)*
- 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*

### **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: 813, 696, 781 v. 1&2, 712, 411, 789, 655

Sermon Text: Proverbs 9:1-10

The Sermon: “**Are You Wise?**”

- † **The Altar flowers** are placed to the glory of God in memory of Hermine Zoch and Erwin Frisch by Doris Fritsche.
- † **Special Voters Meeting Minutes.** A special voters meeting was held on Sunday, August 4th immediately after church. A motion was made, seconded and passed to proceed with getting a Geotech to do a sample for the proposed expansion. Cost not to exceed \$7000 with money to come from the Building Fund.
- † **Community League Baseball** – Congratulations to the Serbin Jackrabbits on defeating Weimer by a score of 5 to 4 on Sunday, in the League Championship Game. The Jackrabbits finished the season by winning the Championship with a 10 and 0 won/loss season record.
- † **Installation of Acolytes.** Acolytes being installed this morning are: Dylan Arldt, Nathen Barnett, Emmalynn Knott, Whitney Smolik, and Max Sommerfield.
- † **Fried Chicken Dinner:** The St. Paul Lutheran Church Adult Fellowship in Serbin are having their 27<sup>th</sup> annual fried chicken dinner on Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup>. All proceeds will be going toward future church/school projects. Thank You!
- † **Adult Instruction Class.** Pastor Schmidt will begin an Adult Instruction class on September 8<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested, or know someone who is interested in taking the class, please call Pastor Schmidt or the church office.
- † **Orphan Grain Train** will be coming on Friday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10:00 a.m. If you have any donations, you are being asked to bring them the night before or the day of the pick-up. If you have any questions, please call Dorothy Schautschick at 716-0094.
- † **Financial Peace University:** Saint Michael’s Lutheran Church in Winchester will be offering Dave Ramsey’s Financial Peace University during the months of September and October. Financial Peace University is a comprehensive financial education program designed to help individuals and families create a plan for getting out of debt, managing their money, and building wealth. This nine-week course will meet every Wednesday in September and October at Saint Michael’s Park. A meal will be served at 6:00pm and the class itself will run from 6:30-8:00pm. The cost for the course is \$79 but anyone who has previously taken the class can participate again for free. If you would like to sign up, please contact Pastor Nate Hill at [pastor@stmichaelswinchester.org](mailto:pastor@stmichaelswinchester.org) or at 979-966-8036.
- † **SLCVFD.** The South Lee County Volunteer Fire Department would like to thank you for your support last Saturday at the annual barbecue and auction.
- † **Wreaths Across America.** We will again be participating in National Wreaths Across America Day on December 14, 2024. 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 25<sup>th</sup>, “**When the Monsters Come**”. Guest Speaker: Rev Dr. Dale A. Meyer. Archives August: We can never be to vigilant against the devil’s attacks but in Christ we can always be confident that the victory is ours. (Job 40:15-41:34). 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](http://lhm.org) for a link to listen to the Lutheran Hour live.

**Life Through the Church Year:**

**August 18 - Pentecost XIII**

The Word of the Lord quite clearly declares, “Do not become partners with the sons of disobedience” (Ephesians 5:6-7). It does not allow the luxury of concluding, “I wouldn’t abort, but I won’t tell anyone else what to do.” Our God and Father has commissioned us to expose the works of darkness and not to accommodate or compromise. Indeed, we get to displace these evils with the words of eternal life (Jon 6:68)

**THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK**

- Today **Worship Service w/Communion – 8:30 a.m.**  
Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday School Teacher’s Meeting – 10:15 a.m.
- Monday Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.  
V Volleyball Practice  
JV Football Practice  
Classroom Orientation:  
3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> grades – 6:00 p.m.  
5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grades – 6:30 p.m.  
7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grades – 7:00 p.m.
- Tuesday Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.  
JV Volleyball Practice  
Classroom Orientation:  
1<sup>st</sup> grade – 6:00 p.m.  
2<sup>nd</sup> grade – 6:30 p.m.
- Wednesday School Chapel – 8:30 a.m.  
V Volleyball Practice  
PTLS Officers Meeting – 6:30 p.m.
- Thursday Staff Bible Study – 7:30 a.m.  
JV Volleyball Practice  
JV/V Football Practice  
Board of Elder’s Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
- Friday Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.  
Library Day
- Next Sunday **Worship Service – 8:30 a.m.**  
Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.  
Acolytes: Alice Gurka and Lukas Iselt  
Greeter: Irene Hempel  
PTLS Meeting – 10:15 a.m.

**Birthdays: Today** – Shelby Becker, Kyle Kasper; 19<sup>th</sup> – Brett Kasper; 20<sup>th</sup> – Kathleen Kalbas, Dwayne Schulze; 21<sup>st</sup> – Donald Menzel; 22<sup>nd</sup> – Wyatt Arldt, Russell Kappler, Ethan Ray; 23<sup>rd</sup> – Eleanor Berger. God’s Blessings to you.

- Serving today: Elders**– Douglas Hartfield and Michael Krause
- Organist**- Daniel Krause
- Acolytes**- Lane Gersch and Trenton Grange
- Head Ushers**- Donald Becker
- Captain**- Mason Becker **Assistant**- Carson Becker
- Ushers**- Jason Becker, Randy Becker, Brandon Burgdorf,  
Michael Krause, Ethan Miertschin, Rex Perry,  
Bradley Schmidt, Timothy Symm
- Counting and Posting offering this week:**
- Chairman**- Glen Albrecht  
Brooks Kasper, Dan Marak, Pablo Rodriguez

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## ST. PAUL NOTES:

**Attendance Last Week:** Morning Worship- 263.

**Offering Last Week:** \$9,915.64

<b>Home:</b>		<b>Mission:</b>	
General	\$8,146.00	Mission	\$235.00
Sunday School	\$6.00	<b>Mission Total</b>	\$235.00
ECC Operating	\$1,153.64	<b>Savings/Other:</b>	
<b>Received 8/11/2024</b>	\$9,305.64	Bus Replacement Fund	\$375.00
		<b>Savings/Other Total</b>	\$375.00
<b>Est. needed per week</b>	<b>\$29,635.00</b>		
<b>Received MTD</b>	<b>\$52,328.42</b>	Total	\$9,915.64
<b>Est. needed per month</b>	<b>\$128,417.00</b>		

**MEMORIALS: General:** In memory of Jerry Hielscher by David & Karen Schmidt - \$20.00.



### Opening Service

Please join us on Sunday, August 18th at 3 pm as we will officially open our eighth academic school year. "Self-less" based on Philippians 2:3 is the theme for 2024-2025. 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 have begun 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!

### 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!

### Free Wednesday mornings?

Join us for our weekly Chapel Worship Service every Wednesday. Mr. Jonathan Kueck will be leading chapel this week, beginning at 10:30 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.

### 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!

### 2024 - 2024 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
- Mrs. Kristin Lehmann - Science, Math, Technology
- Mrs. Jane Obersat - Part-time German, Library
- Mr. Dan Schaefer - Part-time History, Music