

# St. Paul Lutheran Church

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## The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

20 August 2023

**Welcome! *The Church Lives Under the Cross of Christ and Prays in the Hope of His Mercy.*** By her persistent prayer that Jesus would have mercy and help her (Matt. 15:22, 24), and even in the face of His initial silence and apparent rejection (Matt. 15:23–26), the Canaanite woman boldly confessed her faith in Him (Matt. 15:27–28). Her beautiful example encourages us to cling to the words and promises of the Gospel, even in the face of the Law that accuses and condemns us. “For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable” (Rom. 11:29), and His Law “has consigned all to disobedience” for the very purpose “that he may have mercy on all” (Rom. 11:32). Hence, the woman’s faith and hope were not disappointed, but her prayers were answered in the mercy of Christ. Not only does He grant us the crumbs from His table, but He also feeds us with “the children’s bread” in the house of His Father (Matt. 15:26–27). He has brought us to His “holy mountain,” and He makes us joyful in His house, where He hears our prayers and accepts our sacrifice of praise upon the altar of His cross (Is. 56:7).

We invite you all to worship with us again.

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### In Our Prayers:

Those recovering from surgeries and illness:  
*Marvin Bamsch-rehab center (brother of Charlyn Matthijetz)*  
*Chris Birnbaum*  
*Jackie Handrick-surgery*  
*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)*  
*Ethan Ray-recovering*  
*Kelsey Schatte-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)*  
*Cannon Martin (nephew of Christopher Taylor)*  
*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 Frances Hentschel (step-mother of Joan Gersch and Janis Lehmann)*  
**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: 901, 615, 781 v. 1&2, 571, 832, 411, 922  
Sermon Text: Romans 11:13-15  
The Sermon: **“Only By Mercy”**

- † **The Altar flowers** are placed to the glory of God in honor of Doug and Debra Hartfield’s 35th wedding anniversary by Heather, Haley and Dan.
- † **July Financial Statements** are available from the ushers this morning.
- † **Installation of Acolytes.** Acolytes being installed this morning are: Jasmine Bailey, Everett Corn. Addyson Early, Jagger Garner, Lane Gersch, Trenton Grange, Alice Gurka, Lukas Iselt, Cole Kalbas, Kalisa Oltmann, Kylie Schmidt, Kelton Schulze, Hudson Short, Kenzie Stewart.
- † **Installation of PTLS Officers.** PTLS Officers being installed this morning are: President: Tina Sommerfield, Vice President: Patricia Barnett, Secretary: Kalen Kalbas, Treasurer: Nicole Arldt.
- † **The annual 4-H Awards Program** will be held this afternoon, at 2 pm, in the Family Life Center of St. John’s Lutheran Church in Lincoln.
- † **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 23<sup>rd</sup>**, 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 10<sup>th</sup>. 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.
- † **WENDISH FEST:** The 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Wendish Fest will be hosted by St. Paul Lutheran Church and the Texas Wendish Heritage Society on Sunday, September 24, 2023 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 \$15 and children \$6. To-Go and drive-thru will also be available at 9:30 – all take-out meals are \$15. Make plans to attend this annual event. For more information contact 979-366-2441 or [museum@texaswendish.org](mailto:museum@texaswendish.org) or [www.texaswendish.org](http://www.texaswendish.org).
- † **SLCVFD.** The South Lee County Volunteer Fire Department would like to thank you for your support last Saturday at the annual barbecue and auction.

**As we gather at the Lord’s Table**, we practice close communion. For the sake of responsible pastoral care, members should have previously announced their intent to commune today. Guests who are members of a sister LCMS church and any others having concerns about their participation are asked to speak with Pastor before communing.

**LUTHERAN HOUR:** Next Sunday, August 27<sup>th</sup>, **“Rising the Praise”**. Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. John Nunes. Every day and everywhere they go, followers of Jesus bring the “echo” of Easter with them. (1 Peter 1:3). 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 20 – Pentecost XII**

He who made and still sustains nature and all creatures has no anxieties about overpopulation. The Lord our God delights in adding another human life (Isaiah 56:8) and wrapping the next neighbor in magnificent mercy (Romans 15:32). Let the peoples praise You, O God, in ever increasing number (Psalm 67:5-6)—the unborn one, the impaired one, and even our Gospel-motivated voices For Life!

**Serving today:** **Elders**– Monroe Schatte, Jr. and Dwayne Schulze  
**Organist**- Daniel Krause  
**Acolytes**- Nathan Schautschick and Owen Wittman  
**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**- Rex Perry  
Virgil Becker, Chase Oltmann, Tim Symm  
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**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 Teachers Meeting – 10:15 a.m.  
4-H Awards Program – 2:00 p.m.

Monday Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.  
Classroom Orientation Night:  
Grade 1 – 6:00 p.m.  
Grade 2 – 6:30 p.m.  
Grades 3&4 – 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.  
Classroom Orientation Night:  
Grades 5&6 – 6:00 p.m.  
Grades 7&8 – 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.  
School Chapel – 8:30 a.m.  
Adult Choir – 7:00 p.m.

Thursday Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.  
Board of Elders Meeting – 7:00 p.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: Jozlyn Perry and Cooper Hinze  
Greeter: Marion Wiederhold  
PTLS Meeting – 10:15 a.m.

**Birthdays:** Today – 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; 25<sup>th</sup> – William Todd; 26<sup>th</sup> – Suzzet Engler, Dylan Lambert. God’s Blessings to you.

**ST. PAUL NOTES:**

**Attendance Last Week:** Morning Worship- 254, Sunday School- 45, Banner Classes: Nursery I, Grade 4, Offering- \$33.00.

**Offering Last Week:** \$15,208.95

<b>Home:</b>		<b>Mission:</b>	
General	\$4,532.00	Mission	\$285.00
Sunday School	\$33.00	Lutheran Hour	\$525.00
Lunch Room	\$240.00	<b>Mission Total</b>	<b>\$810.00</b>
ECC Operating	\$4,051.45	<b>Savings/Other:</b>	
Tuition	\$3,937.50	Building Fund	\$30.00
<b>Received 8/13/2023</b>	<b>\$12,793.95</b>	Bus Replacement Fund	\$1,575.00
		<b>Savings/Other Total</b>	<b>\$1,605.00</b>
<b>Est. needed per week</b>	<b>\$27,230.00</b>		
<b>Received MTD</b>	<b>\$40,779.85</b>	Total	\$15,208.95

Est. needed per month    \$118,000.00

**MEMORIALS: General:** In memory of Gladys Dillman by M/M Thomas Jackson - \$25.00; by Peggy Bertsch - \$35.00. In memory of Myrtle Becker by Maurice & Debbie Pitts – \$25.00. In memory of Gladys Arldt by Raymond, Mark, Janice, Mary Ann & families - \$500.00. **Lutheran Hour:** In memory of Gladys Arldt by Raymond, Mark, Janice, Mary Ann & families - \$500.00. In memory of Delbert Baack by Ken & Ruby Weiser - \$25.00. **Building:** In memory of Larry Kubecka by Doris Fritsche - \$30.00.



### 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.

### 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!

### 2023 - 2024 Faculty and Staff

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