

St. Paul Lutheran Church

Serbin, Texas



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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)*

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 Gruetznier, 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 Gruetznier)

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*

*Brittany Loudon (daughter of Bryan and Antoinette
Winkles) Navy, stationed in Florida*

**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: 791, 516, 781 v. 1&2, 740, 433

Sermon Text: Luke 13:22-30

The Sermon: **“Make Every Effort”**

- † **The Altar flowers** are placed to the glory of God in honor of Jack & Marian Wiederhold’s 55th Wedding Anniversary, and in thankfulness to God for all His blessings through the years by their children and grandchildren.
- † **Installation of Acolytes.** Acolytes being installed today: Ryleigh Bailey, Max Faske, Lucy Gurka, Madilyn Kalbas, James Miertschin, Nicholas Taylor.
- † **July Financial Statements** are available from the ushers this morning and in the church office.
- † **Adult Choir Practice Begins.** Adult Choir practice will resume on **Wednesday, September 3rd** 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.
- † **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>
- † **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.**
- † **Orphan Grain Train** will be here at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, September 3rd. If you have questions, please contact Dorothy Schautschick at 716-0094.

LUTHERAN HOUR: Next Sunday, August 31st, **“Life Narrows Down”**. Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Dale A. Meyer. “Life narrows down and crisis comes. There, in the narrow place stands Jesus.” (John 1:6-8, 19-28). 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 24 – St. Bartholomew

Proverbs 3:8 promises that fearing the Lord and turning from evil brings healing to “your navel.” Belly buttons testify to gestation. Scripture’s prescription for surprise pregnancy encourages rejecting death. If Apostle Bartholomew gave his very skin trusting in the resurrection body (tradition suggests his martyrdom flayed him alive), the Gospel leaves no room for “my body, my choice.”

THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

Today **Worship Service – 8:30 a.m.**
Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School Teachers Meeting – 10:15 a.m.
LYF Meeting and Social – 2:00 p.m.

Monday Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.
JV A&B Volleyball @ Thorndale-4pm & 5pm
JV/V Football @ Thorndale 4pm & 5pm

Tuesday Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.

Wednesday School Chapel – 8:30 a.m.
4-H Meeting – 6:30 p.m.

Thursday Staff Bible Study – 7:30 a.m.
JV/Varsity Volleyball game @ Home – 4pm & 5pm
Varsity Football Game @ Home – 5pm
Board of Elders Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

Friday Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.

Next Sunday **Song Service – 8:30 a.m.**
Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.
Acolytes: Whitlee Smolik and Max Sommerfield
Greeter: Pam Krause

Birthdays: 25th – William Todd; 26th – Suzet Engler, Larry Lambert, Jr.; 27th – Wesley Carter, Tara Kauffman; 28th Ruby Haaas, McKayla Miertschin, Kayla Weddle; 29th – Raymond Arldt, Erich Schatte, Steeley Schatte, Steven Schautschick; 30th – Carolyn Noack, Rex Perry. God's Blessings to you.

ST. PAUL NOTES:

Attendance Last Week: Morning Worship- 244, Communion- 115, Bible Class- 13; Sunday School- 22, Offering- \$21.00.

Offering Last Week: \$67,904.68

Home:		Mission:	
General	\$7,419.20	Mission	\$318.80
Sunday School	\$21.00	Mission Total	\$318.80
Lunch Room	\$3,116.00	Savings/Other:	
ECC Operating	\$12,667.68	Cemetery Fund	\$75.00
Tuition	\$41,212.00	Bus Replacement Fund	\$3,075.00
Received 8/17/2025	\$64,435.88	Savings/Other Total	\$3,150.00
Est. needed per week	\$31,870.00	Total	\$67,904.68
Received MTD	\$136,750.05		
Est. needed per month	\$138,103.00		

MEMORIALS: Cemetery Fund: In memory of Laverne Weiser by Michael & Susan Mitschke, Andrew & Sara and Hanna & Tino Quiocho – \$75.00.

Serving today: Elders– David Fritsche and Gary Oltmann
Organist- Susan Michael
Acolytes- Nathen Barnett and Emmalynn Knott
Head Ushers- Donald Becker
Captain- Troy Menzel Assistant- Mark Jones
Ushers- Jason Becker, Randy Becker, Brandon Burgdorf,
Michael Krause, Erha Miertschin, Rex Perry,
Bradley Schmidt, Timothy Symm
Counting and Posting offering this week:
Chairman- Mason Becker
Carson Becker, Nathan Michael, Tim Symm



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!

Camp Lone Star Retreat

FLHS students will be traveling to Camp Lone Star this coming week. We are looking forward to two days of challenge courses, Bible Study and learning about building up the body of Christ. We are thankful for this opportunity to grow together as a Falcon family!

Volleyball Season Underway

The Falcons girls volleyball team has their first game on Tuesday, August 26th, at 6pm at Austin Classical School (6301 Woodrow Ave. Austin, TX 78757). We are excited to kick off another season, glorify God through our play and have some fun. The full volleyball schedule is available on our website (including two home games this season).

Free Wednesday mornings?

Join us for our weekly Chapel Worship Service every Wednesday. Pastor David Woelmer, Grace Smithville, 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.

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With a new school year underway, you may want to see the exciting things happening inside here on a daily basis! By "liking" our Facebook page and "sharing" our posts, you will be in the loop on all the great things happening and sharing Faith with your friends as well. If you're not on social media, head to our website (flhstx.org) which is updated regularly as well.