

St. Paul Lutheran Church

Serbin, Texas



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The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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Welcome! *The Lord Jesus Christ Is the Son of the Living God.* Jesus asked His disciples: "But who do you say that I am?" (Matt. 16:15). The question is also put to us: Who do you say that He is? Flesh and blood do not reveal this to us, but by the ministry of the Gospel, the Father in heaven reveals His Son to us on earth, who has become flesh and suffered death for our salvation. Thus, we believe and confess that He is "the Christ, the Son of the living God" (Matt. 16:16). As He died for our transgressions and was raised for our justification, He looses us from all our sins and preserves our life within His Church, against which even "the gates of hell shall not prevail" (Matt. 16:18-19). His salvation is forever, and His righteousness "will never be dismayed" (Is. 51:6). He comforts us with the Gospel in His Church, so that "joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song" (Is. 51:3). Therefore, "according to the measure of faith that God has assigned" (Rom. 12:3), we also offer ourselves "as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God" (Rom. 12:1) through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

We invite you all to worship with us again.

In Our Prayers:

Those recovering from surgeries and illness:
Marvin Bamsch-rehab center (brother of Charlyn Matthijetz)
Chris Birnbaum
Ollie Carter-hospitalized
Jackie Handrick-recovering
Robert House-healing from a fall (father of Jim House)
Roselie Johnson-recovering (mother of Carie Oltmann)
Judy Kalbas-recovering
Dennis Kurio-hospitalized (brother of Kathleen Bigon and uncle of Kyle Jenke)
Naomi McDonald (daughter of Rev. David & Kathy Mumm)
Chris Miertschin
Shannon Miertschin
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)
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)
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 Hilda Neidig (mother of Kathy Gersch)

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: 802, 645, 781 v. 1&2, 912, 655

Sermon Text: Romans 11:33 – 12:8

The Sermon: **“Transform not Conform”**

PreK – Kindergarten Anthem: ♪“*This Little Gospel Light of Mine*”

- † **The Altar flowers** are placed to the glory of God in memory of Erwin Fritsche and Hermine Zoch by Doris Fritsche.
- † **The Altar Stand flowers** are placed to the glory of God in honor of Billy & Theresa Krause’s 36th wedding anniversary by Jarrett, Stephanie, Jace and Levi Bise.
- † **Special Voter’s Meeting.** There will be a special Voter’s Meeting on Sunday, September 3rd after Church. There will be no Bible Class
- † **September Calendar.** The September Calendar is available from the ushers this morning and can also be picked up in the church office.
- † **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 Instruction Class.** Adult Instruction Class will begin on Sunday, September 10th. Classes will be held immediately following Bible Class. If interested, please contact Pastor Schmidt.
- † **WENDISH FEST:** The 35th 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 or www.texaswendish.org.

LUTHERAN HOUR: Next Sunday, September 3rd, **“Entryway”**. Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. The Psalms are God’s words, given to us as an entryway into His presence. (Psalm 26:8). 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 Through the Church Year:

August 27 – Pentecost XIII

Confessing the Christ means advocating the sanctity of every human life. If Jesus is indeed the Son of the Living God (Matthew 16:16), then He also serves as Lord of life-and-death situations and decisions. May He whose Word has plundered us out of Hell’s gates grant our testimony to extend this same courage and compassion to everyone considering abortion or physician-assisted suicide.

- Serving today:** **Elders**– Monroe Schatte, Jr. and Dwayne Schulze
Organist- Susan Michael
Acolytes- Jozlyn Perry and Cooper Hinze
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- Glen Albrecht
Ty Kasper, Carson Becker, Payton Oltmann

THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

Today **Worship Service – 8:30 a.m.**
 Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.
 PTLS Meeting – 10:15 a.m.

Monday Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.

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

Thursday Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.

Friday Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.
 School Picture Day

Next Sunday **Worship Service w/Communion– 8:30 a.m.**
 Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.
 Acolytes: Jasmine Bailey and Everett Corn
 Greeter: Judy Boriack

Birthdays: Today – Wesley Carter, Tara Kauffman; 28th – McKayla Miertschin, Kayla Weddle; 29th – Raymond Arldt, Erich Schatte, Steeley Schatte, Steven Schautschick; 30th – Carolyn Noack, Rex Perry; 31st – Heather Perry, Pablo Rodriguez, Jr.; 1st – Willard Albrecht, Gracelyn Kalbas. God’s Blessings to you.

ST. PAUL NOTES:

Attendance Last Week: Morning Worship- 266, Communion- 113, Bible Class- 27; Sunday School- 34, Offering- \$35.00.

Offering Last Week: \$67,659.31

Home:		Mission:	
General	\$13,375.10	Mission	\$500.00
Sunday School	\$35.00	Mission Total	\$500.00
Lunch Room	\$4,812.75	Savings/Other:	
ECC Operating	\$6,630.96	School Fund	\$150.00
School Registration	\$3,513.00	Building Fund	\$25.00
Tuition	\$36,630.00	Cemetery Fund	\$50.00
Received 8/20/2023	\$64,996.81	Bus Replacement Fund	\$1,912.50
		Scholarship	\$25.00
Est. needed per week	\$27,230.00	Savings/Other Total	\$2,162.50
Received MTD	\$105,776.66		
Est. needed per month	\$118,000.00	Total	\$67,659.31

MEMORIALS: General: In memory of Evelyn Boriack by Leonard & Lucy Mitschke - \$100.00. **School Fund:** In memory of Jerry Flippo by Philip Tharp family - \$100.00. In memory of Bob Howland by Linda Jones - \$50.00. **Building:** In memory of Otto Fuchs by M/M Gilbert Krause - \$25.00. **Cemetery Fund:** In memory of Bill Derenbuger by Janiece Becker - \$50.00. **Scholarship Fund:** In memory of Otto Fuchs, Jr. by David & Susan Michael - \$25.00.



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!

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!

Free Wednesday mornings?

Join us for our weekly Chapel Worship Service every Wednesday, beginning at 10:30 am.

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!

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.