

St. Paul Lutheran Church

Serbin, Texas



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The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

31 August 2025

Welcome! We Are Humbled and Exalted by the Cross of Christ. “Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled,” Jesus proclaims, but “he who humbles himself will be exalted” (Luke 14:11). For your hope is in the name of the Lord, who humbled Himself unto death on the cross and was exalted in His resurrection. So, are you humbled by His cross, and “at the resurrection of the just,” He will say to you, “Friend, move up higher” (Luke 14:10, 13–14)? By His grace, the King will honor you “in the presence of a noble,” where your eyes will gaze upon the Prince, His dearly beloved Son (Prov. 25:7). As He has dealt so graciously with you, “do not neglect to do good and to share what you have” (Heb. 13:16), and “do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers” (Heb. 13:2). Humble yourself and exalt your neighbor. 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

Naomi Mumm-surgery

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)

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)

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)

Jensyn Lesikar (nephew of Kasey Rosales)

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)

Christopher Taylor

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

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

Those who mourn: *The family of Pat Malone (mother of Sherri Buscha)*

Those affected by the shooting in Minneapolis
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— Worship Insert

- ✠ **The Altar flowers** are placed to the glory of God in memory of Hermine Zoch and Erwin Fritsche by family.
- ✠ **The Altar Stand flowers** are placed to the glory of God in honor of Payton's and Grant's baptismal birthdays by Craig and Melodi Oltmann.
- ✠ **Labor Day.** Monday, September 1st the Church Office, School and ECC will be closed in observance of Labor Day.
- ✠ **September Calendar.** The September calendar is available from the ushers this morning and in the church office.
- ✠ **Trustees** will meet this Monday, September 1st at 7:00 p.m. Packets are available to be picked up in the church office to review prior to the meeting.
- ✠ **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.
- ✠ **Special Voters Meeting.** There will be a Special Voters Meeting after the Service on Sunday, September 7th to approve the Concordia Plan rates for 2026. There will be no Bible Class.
- ✠ **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>
- ✠ **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.
- ✠ **Can Trailer.** The can trailer is being repaired. You can leave your cans in the well house during this time.
- ✠ **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, September 7th, “**Dying, We Live**”. Lutheran Hour speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. God's love finds his people in the wilderness, the place where God gives bread from heaven, water from a rock, and streams in the desert. (Numbers 14:19-20). 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 31 – Pentecost XII

God in His glory disguises the sanctity of life so that we may know the joy of finding it (Proverbs 25:2). Great delight awaits those who search beyond appearances, behind ages, beneath abilities to receive every neighbor as a blessing. May we with both lips and fingers reach into sin's hiding places to pull sons and daughters out. (Luke 14:5).

THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

Today	Song Service – 8:30 a.m. Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.
Monday	Labor Day Church Office Closed No School ECC Closed Board of Trustees Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday	Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m. LWML Quilting – 9:00 a.m. JV & V Football game (home) 4pm/5pm JV & V Volleyball game (home) 4pm/5pm
Wednesday	School Chapel – 8:30 a.m. Youth Confirmation – 6:00 p.m. Adult Choir – 7:00 p.m.
Thursday	Staff Bible Study– 7:30 a.m. Dev JV Volleyball game @ First Baptist 4pm JV Football game @ First Baptist 5:30pm
Friday	Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.
Next Sunday	Worship Service w/Communion – 8:30 a.m. Sunday School – 9:30 a.m. Special Voters Meeting – 9:30 a.m. Acolytes: Nathen Barnett and Ryleigh Bailey Greeter: Deanna Miertschin

Birthdays: Today – Heather Perry; 1st – Willard Albrecht, Gracelyn Kalbas; 3rd – Stella Jackson; 4th – Nancy Schautschick; 5th – Cooper Hinze, Jady Robinson. God's Blessings to you.

ST. PAUL NOTES:

Attendance Last Week: Morning Worship- 251, Bible Class- 20; Sunday School- 31, Banner Classes: Grade 8, Offering- \$22.00.

Offering Last Week: \$16,007.81

Home:		Mission:	
General	\$9,878.51	Mission	\$753.80
Sunday School	\$22.00	Mission Total	\$753.80
Lunch Room	\$961.00	Savings/Other:	
ECC Operating	\$1,037.50	Savings/Other Total	
Tuition	\$3,355.00		
Received 8/24/2025	\$15,254.01	Total	\$16,007.81
Est. needed per week	\$31,870.00		
Received MTD	\$152,004.06		
Est. needed per month	\$138,103.00		

MEMORIALS:

Serving today: **Elders**– David Fritsche and Gary Oltmann
Organist- Susan Michael
Acolytes- Whitlee Smolik and Max Sommerfield
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
Cole Mertink, Tommy Miertschin, Payton Oltmann



Retreat Success

FLHS students were privileged to spend last Thursday and Friday at Camp Lone Star. This was part of our annual student retreat. Students were able to participate in challenge courses, learn about communication, grow together as a family, and have loads of fun! We are thankful for this opportunity to grow together as a Falcon family!

Volleyball Season Underway

The Falcons girls volleyball season is underway. Our next game is Tuesday, September 2nd, at 5pm at Texas School for the Deaf (1102 S Congress Ave, Austin, TX 78704). 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. DCE Katie Otto, Immanuel, Giddings, will be leading chapel this week, beginning at 11:05 am.

Thrivent Action Team Grants

If you are a Thrivent member willing to submit an application for a \$250 grant to be used on projects at Faith, please contact Nikki Kueck by calling (979) 242-2889. Help us to be able to take advantage of these funds for the good of our school. *We are beginning to gather grants for our Oktoberfest event on October 25th

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!

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.