

St. Paul Lutheran Church

Serbin, Texas



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The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

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Welcome! Faith in Christ Is Rich Toward God. To live for earthly things “is vanity and a striving after wind,” and work that is driven by such vanity “is an unhappy business” (Eccl. 1:13–14). The man who lives like that has nothing to show for “all the toil and striving of heart with which he toils beneath the sun ... all his days are full of sorrow” (Eccl. 2:22–23). So, too, your “covetousness, which is idolatry” (Col. 3:5), makes a god out of that which cannot give you life or happiness. For “one’s life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions” (Luke 12:15). But “Christ who is your life” (Col. 3:4), in giving you Himself, gives you all the wealth of heaven. Instead of striving to lay up treasures for yourself, be “rich toward God” in Him (Luke 12:21). 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 Klutz-recovering

Billy Krause-recovering

Hildegard Krause-recovering

Vic Lohberg

Ruby Maass-recovering (mother of Linda Schonhoeft)

Douglas Malke-recovering

*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)*

Allen Perry-recovering

Arthur Richards-recovering

Richard Schonhoeft-recovering

Camie Smiley-recovering (friend of Thomas Birnbaum)

David Wachsmann (cousin of Billy Krause)

Wesley Yurk-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)

Susan 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*

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: 861, 782, 781 v. 1&2, 611, 704, 761, 791

Sermon Text: Colossians 3:1-11

The Sermon: **“Aim High”**

- † **The Altar flowers** are placed to the glory of God.
- † **Altar flowers** are needed for August 17th and 31st. If you would like to place flowers on any of those dates, please contact Lana Kaiser at 540-8011.
- † **Congratulations** to Glenn and Lisa Teinert on the birth of a grandson, Hudson Hayes Teinert. He is the son of Clint and Gabrielle Teinert, born Monday, July 28th. He weighed 7 lbs. 10 ozs. and was 19 ¾ inches long. May God bless this growing family.
- † **Community League Baseball** – The Serbin Jackrabbits will play Flatonia today in the first semifinal game at the Fair Grounds in LaGrange. Time for the game is 6:00 p.m. The results of last week’s game, Serbin 13 Weimar 3.
- † **Today is Endowment Sunday.** This year three scholarships are being awarded to Timothy Meyer, Kurtis Hankemeier and Kelsey Schatte. You can support the work of the Scholarship Committee in providing resources for students preparing for full time church work. Gifts given to the **Scholarship Fund** are used for scholarships each year. Gifts given to the **Endowment Fund** build an endowment the interest of which is used for scholarships. Envelopes for each of these purposes are found in your offering envelope sets.
- † **Trustees Meeting.** The Trustees will meet tomorrow August 4th at 7:00 p.m. All trustees may pick up their packets in the church office today to review prior to the meeting.
- † **Serbin LWML** is collecting gift cards to assist with disaster relief efforts due to the recent Hill Country floods. Specifically, any amounts for **HEB and Walmart gift cards** will do. You can give to Nancy Beckcom or Melodi Oltmann by August 10. Any questions - call Melodi at 979-540-0039. Cards can be ordered through the church scrip account. Contact Pastor or the church office.
- † **The South Lee County Volunteer Fire Department** is requesting baked goods to be served with the Barbecue meal. If you would like to provide baked goods, please bring any items to the Picnic grounds on Saturday. Thanks for your support!
- † **Re-dedication of Teachers.** The re-dedication of our School, Early Childhood Center and Sunday School Teachers will be held during the worship service on Sunday, August 10th.
- † **Sunday School Promotion.** Sunday School Promotion will be held on Sunday, August 10th. Sunday School Teachers will be introduced and students will be dismissed by class to go with them. Regular Sunday School classes will begin on Sunday, August 17st.
- † **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.
- † **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>

LUTHERAN HOUR: Next Sunday, August 10th, **“Writing Him Off”**. Speaker Emererius of the Lutheran Hour: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus. After Jesus claimed the Old Testament was written about Him, the people of His hometown wrote Him off. (Luke 4:21-32). 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 3 – Pentecost VIII

The Lord our God has made human lives His business (Psalm 100:3; Luke 13:20). That makes the sanctity of every human life the Church’s business. Crucified and ascended Jesus Christ invites us to press even death into service-

never the death of the neighbor's body, but rather the death of the sinful and selfish desires (Colossians 3:5) that lie behind abortion and assisted suicide.

Serving today: Elders– David Fritsche and Gary Oltmann

Organist- Susan Michale

Acolytes- Dylan Arldt and Nathen Barnett

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 Merrtink. Payton Oltmann, Tommy Miertschin

THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

Today **Worship Service w/Communion– 8:30 a.m.**
Bible Class– 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School Teachers Meeting 10:15 a.m.
Community League Baseball – Serbin v. Flatonia –
6:00 p.m. @ LaGrange Fairgrounds

Mon. – Fri. Staff Training Days

Monday Board of Trustees Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday LWML Quilting – 9:00 a.m.

Wednesday ECC Chapel – 8:30 a.m.
Board of Christian Education Meeting– 7:00 p.m.

Saturday SLCVFD BBQ/Auction

Next Sunday **Worship Service – 8:30 a.m.**
Bible Class – 9:30 a.m.
School Opening Service – 4:00 p.m.
Acolytes: Emmalynn Knott and Whitlee Smolik
Greeter: Joyce Hinze

Birthdays: Today – Megan Becker, Bonnie Bise, Tucker Kalbas, Marcus Sander; 4th – Meghan Cooper; 5th – Amanda Becker, Lindsey Hansen; 7th – Joan Gersch, Sharon Hoffman; 8th – Heather Mersiovsky, Grant Oltmann; 9th – Wilma Droegemueller. God's Blessings to you.

ST. PAUL NOTES:

Attendance Last Week: Morning Worship- 245.

Offering Last Week: \$11,931.70

Home:		Mission:	
General	\$6,117.40	Mission	\$257.60
Other Income	\$3,565.00	Lutheran Hour	\$30.00
ECC Operating	\$1,911.70	Mission Total	\$287.60
Received 3/27/2011	\$11,594.10	Savings/Other:	
		School Fund	\$50.00
Est. needed per week	\$31,870.00	Savings/Other Total	\$50.00
Received MTD	\$81,295.62		
Est. needed per month	\$138,103.00	Total	\$11,931.70

MEMORIALS: General: In memory of Paul Albrecht by Milton & Geraldine Abrecht - \$50.00. **Lutheran Hour:** In memory of Evelyn Schuster by Randy & Janice Becker - \$50.00. **School Fund:** In memory of Evelyn Loewe by M/M Larry Schatte - \$50.00.



Be a Falcon!

It's not too late to register for the 2025-2026 school year. We look forward to greeting many new students on campus! We offer an awesome high school experience with our caring faculty, safe Christian atmosphere, strong academics and numerous activities and athletics. If you know of a family with a high school student that would thrive in this environment, please reach out to them and us! We would love to share more about Faith! Contact us by calling (979) 242-2889 or visiting our website at www.flhstx.org.

***Any newly enrolled student at FLHS will receive \$1,000 off of their first semester tuition - Please reach out to Mrs. Kueck for more information about this.**

First Day of School

Please keep our faculty and students in your prayers as classes begin Wednesday, August 13th. Final preparations are underway in preparation for the big day!

Opening Service

Please join us on Wednesday, August 6th at 6 pm as we will officially open our ninth academic school year. "Belong" based on Ephesians 2:19-20 is the theme for 2025-2026. 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. Hamburgers and hot dogs will be served, as well as a potluck dessert bar will follow the service.

Help us clear our list!

FLHS has created a wish list on Amazon, for needed materials for the upcoming school year. The easiest way to find it is by clicking on the link on the FLHS Facebook page or website. Thank you for your generous support as we provide the necessary materials and supplies for our students and staff!

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.**

Thank You!

Thank you for all the prayers and support you have offered on behalf of FLHS. As we prepare to begin 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.

2025 - 2026 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, History
- Mrs. Kristin Lehmann - Science, Math, Technology
- Mr. Dan Schaefer - Part-time History, Music

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.