

St. Paul Lutheran Church

Serbin, Texas



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Welcome! Christ Jesus, the Living Bread from Heaven, Feeds the Children of God. By the Gospel of “the Christ, who is God over all, blessed forever” (Rom. 9:5), we are “the children of God” (Rom. 9:8), “not because of works but because of him who calls” (Rom. 9:11). Therefore, “listen diligently” and “hear, that your soul may live.” By His sacrificial death in His flesh and blood, He has made “an everlasting covenant” for us. Since He now calls us to Himself, we come to Him “and eat what is good, and delight ... in rich food” (Is. 55:2–3). He has come with divine compassion to save us from sin and death and to feed us with Himself. As our Lord Jesus once took bread, “said a blessing,” broke the loaves, “and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds” (Matt. 14:18–19), He also now takes bread, blesses it by His Word to be His very body, and distributes it to His Church by the hand of His called and ordained servants. Just as “they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces,” there is more than enough for His whole Church to eat and to be satisfied (Matt. 14:20).

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

Frances Hentschel (step-mother of Joan Gersch and

Janis Lehmann)

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)

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)

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) Newport,

Rhode Island

Randall Weise (grandson of Bernice Doebbler) Ft.

Huachuca, Arizona

Peyton Walker (son of Heather Mersiovsky) Ft. Benning,

Georgia

Those who mourn:

The family of Janet Mitschke (first cousin of Birnbaum's,

Krause's and Michael's)

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: 633, 699, 781 v. 1&2, 618, 895, 789, 806

Sermon Text: Isaiah 55:1-5

The Sermon: **“Come and Waste Not”**

- † **The Altar flowers** are placed to the glory of God.
- † **June Financial Statements.** The June Financial Statements are available from the ushers this morning.
- † **Community League Baseball** – The Serbin Jackrabbits will play the Shiner Clippers today in the first semi-final game. **The game will be played in LaGrange at 3:00 p.m.** The game will be broadcast over KVLG-KBUK. Results of last week’s game, Serbin 11 – Shiner 1.
- † **Trustees Meeting.** The Trustees will meet tomorrow August 7th at 7:00 p.m. All trustees may pick up their packets in the church office today to review prior to the meeting.
- † **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 13th.
- † **Promotion Sunday is August 13th.** Nursery – 8th grade Sunday School students will practice their songs after Sunday School this morning.
- † **Sunday School Promotion.** Sunday School Promotion will be held on Sunday, August 13th. 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 20st.
- † **South Lee County Volunteer Fire Department** Annual Barbecue will be held on Saturday, August 12th, on the Serbin Picnic Grounds. Beef, Pork BBQ to go at the pit beginning at 4:30 p.m. Beef and Pork BBQ plates served with all the trimmings from 5:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Free will donation for meal & beer. There will be a silent auction beginning at 3:00 p.m. and a live auction beginning at 6:30 p.m. Music throughout the afternoon by “Blue Sunsets”. All proceeds go toward updating Fire Equipment.
- † **Wreaths Across America.** We will again be participating in National Wreaths Across America Day on December 16, 2023. We have identified 20 Civil War Veterans buried in our cemetery and wish to honor them also, and have included them in our program. Therefore, we now have **98** Veterans that will have wreaths placed on their graves. Please consider sponsoring a wreath(s) so that we can honor all our Veterans at Christmas. Instructions for sponsoring a wreath(s) is included in the bulletin this morning. **Cost of a wreath is \$17.00.**
- † **Bus Drivers Needed.** St. Paul Lutheran School is in need of bus drivers for the 2023-2024 school year. Drivers are need for both the morning and afternoon routes. Drivers must hold a valid Texas driver’s license (Class C; no CDL license required) and insurance. Interested individuals should contact Mr. House for applications and employment information.

LUTHERAN HOUR: Next Sunday, August 13th, **“How Well Does Jesus Know Me?”** Speaker Emeritus of the Lutheran Hour: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus. The God who knows everything about you is also the God of grace who forgives on account of Christ. (John 1:48-51). 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.

Serving today: Elders– Monroe Schatte, Jr. and Dwayne Schulze

Organist- Susan Michael

Acolytes- Tucker Kalbas 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- Rex Perry

Troy Wiederhold, Bradley Albrecht, John Hinze

THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

Today **Worship Service w/Communion – 8:30 a.m.**
 Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.
 Community League Baseball – Serbin v. Shiner – 3:00 p.m.
 @ LaGrange
 LYF Meeting – 2:00 p.m.

Mon. – Wed. Faculty Pre-Service Meetings & Professional Development

Monday Board of Trustee’s Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday LWML Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

Saturday SLCVFD Annual BBQ & Auction

Next Sunday **Worship Service – 8:30 a.m.**
 Promotion Sunday – 9:30 a.m.
 Rededication of Teachers
 School Opening Service & parent Orientation – 5:00 p.m.
 Acolytes: Tyler Fritsche and Elizabeth Richardson
 Greeter: Lisa Schmidt

Birthdays: 7th – Joan Gersch, Sharon Hoffman; 8th – Heather Mersiovsky, Grant Oltmann; 9th – Wilma Droegemueller; 10th – Seth Kalbas, Alyssa Wilkins; 11th – Sherri Coffman, Nathan Michael, Wilbert Noack, Mackenzie Oltmann, Beverly Ramos; 12th – Doris Fritsche. God’s Blessings to you.

ST. PAUL NOTES:

Attendance Last Week: Morning Worship- 227.

Offering Last Week: \$10,103.65

Home:		Mission:	
General	\$8,023.00	Mission	\$523.00
ECC	\$707.65	Mission Total	\$523.00
LWML Quilting Group	\$115.00	Savings/Other:	
Received 7/30/2023	\$8,845.65	Building Fund	\$135.00
		Cemetery Fund	\$550.00
Est. needed per week	\$27,230.00	Scholarship	\$50.00
Received MTD	\$69,625.80	Savings/Other Total	\$735.00
Est. needed per month	\$118,000.00		
		Total	\$10,103.65

MEMORIALS: General: In memory of Carolyn Bamsch by Marvin & Charlyn Matthijetz - \$40.00; by Daniel & Ruby Schulze - \$20.00. In memory of Gladys Dillman and Carolyn Bamsch by Janet Oltmann - \$50.00. In memory of Gladys Dillman by Kevin & Sherri Coffman - \$20.00; by Wilbert & Carol Jean Noack - \$30.00; by Elaine Krause - \$25.00; by Gertrude Hobratchke - \$15.00; by Warner & Helen Mize - \$50.00; by Doris Fritsche - \$30.00; by Robert & Joyce Hinze - \$25.00; by Dawn & Stuart Barron - \$30.00; by Mike & Cathy Seigler - \$50.00; by Jarrene Mitschke - \$100.00; by Sidonia Hardee – \$280.00; by M/M Kroos - \$50.00. **Mission:** In memory of Gladys Dillman by Marvin A. Lorenz - \$25.00. **LWML Quilting Group:** In memory of Evelyn Boriack by M/M Delvin Boriack - \$20.00. In memory of Carolyn Bamsch by M/M Delvin Boriack - \$20.00. In memory of Gladys Dillman by St. Paul LWML - \$50.00; by Ken & Ruby Weiser - \$25.00. **Building:** In memory of Gladys Dillman by Arthur & Dianna Noack - \$50.00; by Robert & Brenda Muniz - \$50.00. In memory of Carolyn Bamsch by M/M Gilbert Krause - \$25.00. **Cemetery Fund:** In memory of Willie & Amanda Zoch by the Willie & Amanda Zoch Families - \$500.00. In memory of August & Maria (Biar) Schulz by 40th Annual Schulz Reunion attendees - \$50.00. **Scholarship Fund:** In memory of Gladys Dillman and Carolyn Bamsch by Michael & Teresa Krause - \$50.00. **Faith Lutheran High School:** In memory of Carolyn Bamsch by Gary & Cindy Becker - \$25.00. **Texas Wendish Heritage Society:** In memory of Carolyn Bamsch by Carolyn Noack - \$25.00. In memory of Evelyn Boriack by Milton & Geraldine Albrecht - \$30.00.

Life Through the Church Year:

August 6 – Pentecost X

Why should anxiety over expenses darken a terminal diagnosis? Why should panic about poverty affect a surprise pregnancy? He who sends mouths also sends meat, even conjuring necessities out of thin air (Matthew 14:19). Our gracious Savior bestows in abundance, and the Body of Christ knows how to share. If God spends His riches on relationships, how can we do any better?



New Student Registration

It's not too late to register for the 2023-2024 school year. We already have new students enrolled and would love to welcome you into our Falcon family as well. Call us at (979) 242-2889 or visit our website at www.flhstx.org for registration information.

First Day of School

Please keep our faculty and students in your prayers as classes begin Wednesday, August 16th. Final preparations are underway in preparation for the big day!

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.

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!

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!

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!

2023 - 2024 Faculty and Staff

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