

St. Paul Lutheran Church

Serbin, Texas



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The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

August 7, 2022

Welcome! *The Lord Is Surely Coming to Give You His Kingdom.* The Lord Himself was Abraham's shield and great reward. For "the word of the LORD came to him" and sustained the patriarch's faith in the face of death (Gen. 15:4). By divine grace, Abraham "believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness" (Gen. 15:6), on account of the holy Seed, Christ Jesus. To that one old man, the Lord granted "descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore" (Heb. 11:12). The Lord is likewise faithful to you. It is His glad desire "to give you the kingdom" (Luke 12:32). Therefore, "do not be anxious about your life," but instead "seek his kingdom" (Luke 12:22, 31). Set your heart on that treasure. "Stay dressed for action and keep your lamps burning ... for the Son of Man is coming" (Luke 12:35, 40)

We invite you all to worship with us again.

In Our Prayers:

Those recovering from surgeries and illness:
Gary D. Becker-hospitalized
Hudson Corn-recovering
Van Durrenberger
Donnie Garrett-hospitalized (friend of Jamie Jordan)
Gladys Karisch-recovering
Hildegard Krause
Theresa Krause-medical testing
Mary Loewe (mother of Christi Bradford)
Douglas Malke-recovering
Chris Miertschin
Shannon Miertschin
Irene Noack-recovering
Zelda Richards-hospitalized
Greg Sorrento-recovering (nephew of Doris Fritsche)
Cindy Umphries-recovering (friend of James & Kathy Kalbas)
Kenneth Weiser
Laverne Weiser
Conway Whited (nephew of Ashley Schmidt)

Our members in nursing homes and our shut-ins.

Those fighting cancer including:

Lillian Bamsch (sister-in-law of Charlyn & Marvin Matthijetz)
Annie Beasley (niece of Shorty & Sandra Schimank)

Joyce Bise
Don Claxton-father of Jeff Claxton
Russell Cleghorn (friend of James & Kathy Kalbas)
Ginger Clifford (sister of Nancy Kasper)
Mandie Fritsche (granddaughter-in-law of Doris Fritsche)
Franklin Hoffman (father of Maxine Bradshaw)
Steven Kelly (cousin of Jessica Gruetzner, brother-in-law of Christi Bradford)
Bethany Lara (daughter of Kathy Gersch)
Heather Lilly (granddaughter of Irene Noack)
Jack Pennington (brother-in-law of Marvin & Charlyn Matthijetz)
Pat Richardson (friend of Darlene Schatte)
Carol Sander
Diane Sanders (friend of James & Kathy Kalbas)
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 Irwin, CA
Kosh Osmun (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

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.

As we gather at the Lord's Table, we practice close communion. For the sake of responsible pastoral care, members should have previously announced their intent to commune today. Guests who are members of a sister LCMS church and any others having concerns about their participation are asked to speak with Pastor before communing

The Order of Service— 184 of the hymnal

The Hymns: 744, 352, 781 v. 1&2, 748, 743, 712, 918

Sermon Text: Genesis 15:1-6

The Sermon: **“Faith and Fear”**

- † **The Altar flowers** are placed to the glory of God.
- † **Altar flowers** are needed for Sunday, August 21st and August 28th. If you would like to place flowers on either of these Sunday's please contact Lana Kaiser at 540-8011.
- † **Thank You.** Our family would like to thank Pastor Mumm for the comforting message and Mr. Wiederhold for playing the music for our mother's service. Thank you to Pastor Schmidt for the hospital visits, phone calls and prayers over the last few months. A special thank you to the LWML for providing the wonderful luncheon after the service. We have been grateful for the outpouring of love and kindness over the last few weeks. God's blessing.
John Tate, Liana, Luke, Joshua & Sharon Adair
- † **Special Called Voter's Meeting.** There will be a special called Voter's Meeting on Sunday, August 21st immediately following the service. There will be no Bible Class.
- † **Community League Baseball Playoff Game.** The Serbin Jackrabbits (1) will play Schulenburg (4) today, at LaGrange Fairgrounds. Time for the game is 3:00 p.m. The Championship game will be played on Sunday, August 14th. Place to be determined. There will be a \$5.00 charge at the gate for adults at the playoff games.
- † **South Lee County Volunteer Fire Department Annual Barbecue** will be held on Saturday, August 13th, on the Serbin Picnic Grounds. Beef, Pork and 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. Plates are \$12.00 for adults and \$6.00 for children 12 and under. All to go plates are \$12.00. 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 “Lost Cause Band”. All proceeds go toward updating Fire Equipment.
- † **Sunday School Teachers.** We are in need of 3 new Sunday School Teachers beginning in September. If you are interested, please contact Pastor or Mike Symm.
- † **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 14th.
- † **School Opening Worship Service:** The Opening worship service for the 2022-2023 school year will be August 14th at 5pm with parent orientation immediately following the service. The Board of Christian education and the staff of St. Paul will be serving hamburgers afterwards for all the families. Everyone is welcome to attend! We encourage families to visit the classrooms, bring school supplies and set up lockers at this time. We are looking forward to a great school year, and hope to see everyone there!
- † **Sunday School Promotion.** Sunday School Promotion will be held on Sunday, August 14th. 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 21st.
- † **Installation of Acolytes and PTLs officers.** The installation of Acolytes and PTLs officers will take place during the worship service on Sunday, August 21st.
- † **WENDISH FEST:** The 34th Annual Wendish Fest will be hosted by St. Paul Lutheran Church and the Texas Wendish Heritage Society on Sunday, September 25, 2022 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 \$12 and children \$6. To-Go and drive-thru will also be available at 9:30 – all take-out meals are \$12. Make plans to attend this annual event. For more information contact 979-366-2441 or museum@texaswendish.org or www.texaswendish.org.
- † **LWML Post Oak Zone.** Would you like to meet up with girls your own age who share a passion for Christ? All girls 5th – 12th grade are invited to an ice cream social and fellowship on Saturday, August 13, at 2:00 PM in the fellowship hall at Holy Cross Church in Warda. Moms are invited as well. We are starting up a teen LWML group in our zone (Post Oak) and this ice cream social is your chance to see what LWML is all about, meet other teens from area churches and even make a craft to take home. If you have any questions, please call Dorothy Schautschick at 979-716-0094. Hope to see you there!
- † **School Summer Mailings** were emailed to all school families on Friday, July 29. If you would like a hard copy of the material they can be picked up in the Church Office

LUTHERAN HOUR: Next Sunday, August 14th, “**Everything Is So Expensive**”. Guest Speaker: Dr. Oswald Hoffmann. Everything is so expensive-but do we really need everything? (Luke 12:15). 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**– Mark Jones and Steven Schautschick
Organist- Susan Michael
Acolytes- Emma Short and Benjamin Schonhoeft
Head Ushers- Donald Becker
Captain- Michael Becker **Assistant**- Shelby Becker
Ushers- Glen Albrecht, Wyatt Arldt, Virgil Becker,
Jace Heuermann, Clay Mertink, Cody Mertink,
Cole Mertink, Ethan Ray, Shane Ray,
Shane Sander, Robert Zoch
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. Schulenburg – 3:00 p.m. @ LaGrange Fairgrounds
LYF Meeting & Social – 2:00 p.m.

Monday JV Cheerleading Practice – 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
V Cheerleading Practice – 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Strength & Conditioning 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday Strength & Conditioning 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday Area Lutheran School Opening Service @ New Braunfels
LWML Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

Thursday JV Cheerleading Practice – 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
V Cheerleading Practice – 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Strength & Conditioning – 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Saturday SLCVFD Annual BBQ and Auction.

Next Sunday **Worship Service – 8:30 a.m.**
Rededication of Teachers
Sunday School Promotion – 9:30 a.m.
School Opening Service & Parent Orientation – 5:00 p.m.
Acolytes: Kamrie Stewart and Evelyn Williams

Birthdays: Today – 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; 13th – Irene Hempel, Harold Krause. God’s Blessings to you.

Life Through the Church Year:

Pentecost IX

Surprise pregnancy and terminal diagnosis can inflict real anxiety about material necessities. But abortion and assisted suicide will only leave its victims lacking even more. Our Heavenly Father, one the other hand, gets giddy to furnish sufferers with not just what we need but all the assets, land, and families He has (Luke 12:31-32). Death, even when we wield it, leaves us empty, but faith never fails to fill hands and hearts.

ST. PAUL NOTES:

Attendance Last Week: Morning Worship- 210.

Offering Last Week: \$9,159.96

Home:		Mission:	
General	\$7,532.46	Mission	\$300.00
ECC Operating	\$1,167.50	Mission Total	\$300.00
Received 7/31/2022	\$8,699.96	Savings/Other:	
		Building Fund	\$160.00
Est. needed per week	\$22,500.00	Savings/Other Total	\$160.00
Received MTD	\$80,410.44		
Est. needed per month	\$97,500.00	Total	\$9,159.96

MEMORIALS: General: In memory of Dorine Sistare by Milton & Geraldine Albrecht - \$20.00. In memory of Herbert Hosea by Milton & Geraldine Albrecht - \$20.00; by Kyle, Laurie & Kaden Kasper - \$50.00. In memory of Gary Schautschick by Milton & Geraldine Albrecht - \$20.00; by James & Janet Oltmann - \$25.00; by Barbara, Doug & Michael Watson - \$100.00. In memory of Linda Tate by Herman & Beverly Arldt - \$25.00. In memory of Louis Muniz, Jr., Calvin Robertson, Kenny Lorenz and Gary Schautschick by M/M Robin Buscha - \$140.00. **Building:** In memory of G.A. Lindner by Eldor & Lori Becker and Jeremy - \$25.00. In memory of Louis Muniz, Jr. by Randy & Janice Becker - \$25.00. In memory of Linda Tate by Linda Colfield - \$50.00; by Office of Attorney General Accounting - \$60.00. **Faith Lutheran High School:** In memory of Linda Tate by Mark, Nicole, Wyatt & Dylan Arldt - \$25.00. In memory of Kenny Lorenz by Mark, Nicole, Wyatt & Dylan Arldt - \$25.00. In memory of Gary Schatuschick by Gary & Cindy Becker family - \$25.00. In memory of G.A. Lindner by Arthur & Dianna Noack - \$50.00. In memory of G.A. Lindner and Dorine Sistare by Michael & Teresa Krause - \$50.00.



New Student Registration

We are overjoyed to have **15 students** registered for the 2022-2023 school year. Prospective families continue to call and tour the school, and we continue to add more students to our family. FLHS offers a Christ-centered education, a rigorous college prep curriculum, and small class sizes. You can receive registration materials by visiting our website, at www.fhlstx.org, or calling (979) 242-2889. Tuition scholarships are available.

First Day of School

Please keep our faculty and students in your prayers as classes begin Wednesday, August 17th. Final preparations are underway in preparation for the big day!

Opening Service

Please join us on Sunday, August 21st at 3 pm as we will officially open our sixth academic school year. "Build Up" based on 1 Thessalonians 5:11 is the theme for 2022-2023. 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.

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!

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.

2022 -2023 Faculty and Staff

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