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Welcome! *Living as Humble Little Children of the Father.*

True greatness is not self-sufficient strength, but humility like that of a little child. The greatness of childlike faith receives all good things as gracious gifts from our Father in heaven. Apart from such faith, “you will never enter the kingdom of heaven,” but whoever is humbled like a little child will be “the greatest in the kingdom of heaven” (Matt. 18:3–4). Though in our sin we deserve to be “drowned in the depth of the sea” (Matt. 18:6), we have instead been drowned (“buried”) with Christ in Baptism and then raised to the new, humble life of a child of God. The Lord sends His watchman to warn us with a word from His mouth, in order that we may not die in our iniquity but be turned from our pride and selfishness to live (Ezek. 33:7–9). Thus, we live in humility and faith before God as well as in love for our neighbor, which “is the fulfilling of the law” (Rom. 13:10). In the reverent fear of God, we do no harm to our neighbor, but we “pay to all what is owed to them” (Rom. 13:7) and we “owe no one anything, except to love each other” (Rom. 13:8).

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

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-recovering (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)

Matt Kelley (Hinze family member)

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 Dorothy Seemann*

(mother of Anita Zoch)

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: 593, 578, 781 v. 1&2, 725, 965
Sermon Text: Matthew 18:1-20
The Sermon: **“The Church In Action”**

We welcome to God’s people through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Ruby Louise Haas

Ruby is the daughter of Brent and Allison Haas.
Her baptismal sponsors are Courtney Kaiser, Jordan Walther,
Kaylee Poston and her baptismal witness is Cayden Haas.

- † **The Altar flowers** are placed to the glory of God in honor of Ruby Louise Haas’s baptism by her parents Brent and Allison Haas.
- † **Portals of Prayer.** The October-December Portals of Prayer are available from the ushers this morning, and are also available in the church office.
- † **Special Voter’s Meeting.** The Special Voter’s Meeting that was held on Sunday, September 3rd was called to order with a quorum established with 32 voters in attendance. A motion was made, seconded and passed to leave the Health Insurance the same level as last year. The meeting was closed with prayer.
- † **Fried Chicken Dinner:** Just a reminder to pick up your fried chicken dinner plates from the St. Paul Lutheran Church Adult Fellowship today at the Serbin Picnic Grounds from 10:00-12:00. Thank you for your support!
- † **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 @ Serbin, Texas. Guest speaker for the 8:30 English Church Service and the 10:30 German Church Service will be Dr. Rev. Gerald Paul; Rev. John Schmidt, St. Paul Serbin (English Liturgy) and Rev. Thomas Obersat of Ebenezer Manheim (German Liturgy). Church tours will be offered @ 12:30 & 1:30p.m. The day will offer lots of Wendish history, heritage, culture and family activities @ the St. Paul Picnic Grounds. Tickets for the traditional Wendish noon meal will go on sale at 10:30 a.m. Adults are \$15 and children \$6. To-Go and drive-thru will also be available at 9:30 – all take-out meals are \$15. The joy of polka music will be shared throughout the day by The Shiner Hobo Band, and students of St. Paul Lutheran School will present Ptači Kwas (Wendish Bird Wedding). The Texas Wendish Heritage Museum Complex will feature Wendish folkways, demonstrations and exhibits, a German Christmas Market and the traditional decorated Wendish Easter Egg demonstrations and sales. Research and genealogy assistance will be available. Wendish Fest is made possible through the work of many volunteers. We appreciate each and every one! For information contact 979-366-2441 or museum@texaswendish.org or www.texaswendish.org
- † **Desserts Needed for Wendish Fest:** Wendish Fest attendees really appreciate having desserts available to them during Wendish Fest. All desserts donated by volunteers are greatly appreciated. Those who wish to provide a dessert are asked to bring them uncut, to the pavilion on Sunday morning by 8:30 a.m. Desserts can also be dropped at the museum the day before. Thank you!

LUTHERAN HOUR: Next Sunday, September 17th, **“Pure Michigan and the Problem of Praise”**. Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. People praise that which they find laudable, valuable, beautiful. But when does praise become a problem? (Psalm 103). 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**– Douglas Hartfield and Michael Krause
Organist- Jack Wiederhold
Acolytes- Addyson Early and Tyler Fritsche
Head Ushers- Donald Becker
Captain- Mason Becker **Assistant**- Carson Becker
Ushers- Jason Becker, Randy Becker, Brandon Burgdorf,
Trey Fritsche, Mike Krause, Ethan Miertschin,
Rex Perry, Brad Schmidt, Tim Symm, John Tate
Counting and posting offering this week:
Chairman- Glen Albrecht
Brooks Kasper, Tommy Miertschin, Pablo Rodriguez

Life Through the Church Year:

September 10 – Pentecost XV

Abortion doesn't just end unborn lives. It also breaks hearts with grief and guilt. So, the Lord doesn't exempt it from condemnation. He commands us to warn our brothers and sisters about its sinfulness (Ezekiel 33:7-8). Nor does He exclude abortion from His forgiveness. He would have us apply His absolution as explicitly to this iniquity as to our own (Psalm 32:5).

THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

Today **Worship Service – 8:30 a.m.**
 Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.
 LYF Meeting & Social – 2:00 p.m.
 LAF Fried Chicken Dinner

Monday Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.
Patriot Day
 Campus Lockdown Drill

Tuesday Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.

Wednesday Staff Bible Study – 7:30 a.m.
 School Chapel – 8:30 a.m.
 Youth Confirmation – 6:00 p.m.
 4-H Meeting – 6:30 p.m.
 LWML Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

Thursday Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.

Friday Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.
 PTLs “Family Social Night” – 6:30 p.m.
 ECC Music Day

Next Sunday **Worship Service w/Communion – 8:30 a.m.**
 Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.
 Acolytes: Jagger Garner and Lane Gersch
 Greeter: Tammy Hartfield
 Sunday School Teacher’s Meeting – 10:15 a.m.

Birthdays: Today – Jackie Handrick; 13th – Rebecca Burgdorf; 14th – Ryleigh Bailey, Joyce Hinze, Gabrielle Teinert; 15th – Casey Gurka, Christopher Habel, Kyle Jenke, Allen Kaiser, Paul Kappler, Logan Teinert; 16th – Amy Billig, Judy Boriack, James Kalbas, Pamela Schmidt. God’s Blessings to you.

ST. PAUL NOTES:

Attendance Last Week: Morning Worship- 268, Communion- 169; Sunday School- 26, Banner Classes: Nursery III, Offering- \$21.00.

Offering Last Week: \$40,217.25

Home:		Mission:	
General	\$19,290.00	Mission	\$665.00
Sunday School	\$21.00	Lutheran Hour	\$40.00
Lunch Room	\$1,544.50	Mission Total	\$705.00
ECC Operating	\$7,566.75	Savings/Other:	
Tuition	\$10,015.00	Building Fund	\$1,075.00
Received 9/3/2023	\$38,437.25	Savings/Other Total	\$1,075.00
Est. needed per week	\$27,230.00	Total	\$40,217.25
Received MTD	\$38,437.25		
Est. needed per month	\$118,000.00		

MEMORIALS: General: In memory of Jimmy Oltmann by Douglas Malke - \$100.00. In memory of Irene Noack by Douglas Malke - \$50.00. In memory of Gladys Dillman by Douglas Malke - \$50.00. **Lutheran Hour:** In memory of Hilda Neidig by Lois & John Kalbas - \$40.00. **Building:** In memory of Gladys Dillman by Herman Gersch - \$25.00.



Thank You!

Thank you for all the prayers and support you have offered on behalf of FLHS. As we have just 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!

7th and 8th Grade Visit Day

8th grade students from our area private schools will be joining us in the afternoon of Wednesday, September 20th, and 7th grade students will be joining us in the afternoon of Wednesday, September 27th. This annual visit event is a great opportunity for future students to see what FLHS is all about and what high school might look like. If you have a 7th or 8th grader, and would like to bring them for visit day, please contact Mrs. Nikki Kueck at (979) 242-2889.

7th and 8th Grade Game Night

FLHS will be hosting a game night for 7th and 8th grade students on Friday, September 29 from 6:00 pm until 9:00 pm at Faith Lutheran High School. We will have lots of food, fun, and fellowship!

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!

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 28th.

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 conflict-resolution from a Biblical perspective, grow together as a family, and have loads of fun!