

St. Paul Lutheran Church

Serbin, Texas



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The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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Welcome! *We Are Cleansed and Sustained by the Word of God.*

Wickedness and evil come “from within, out of the heart,” and that is what defiles a person (Mark 7:21–23). Hence, we cannot save ourselves, because we are sinful and unclean from the inside out. But as the Lord Jesus “declared all foods clean” (Mark 7:19), so He cleanses us by His Word, the preaching of repentance and the forgiveness of sins. Therefore, “listen to the statutes and the rules” of the Lord, “and do them, that you may live” (Deut. 4:1). For His Word is righteous, and to live according to it is “your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples” (Deut. 4:6). Cling to His Word, and also teach it “to your children and your children’s children” (Deut. 4:9). Put on this “armor of God” by hearing and heeding what He speaks to you, that you may “stand firm” in the evil day (Eph. 6:11–13). Gird yourself with the righteousness of Christ, by faith in the “gospel of peace,” and take up “the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God,” by confessing Christ Jesus and “praying at all times in the Spirit” (Eph. 6:14–18).

We invite you all to worship with us again.

In Our Prayers:

Those recovering from surgeries and illness:

Chris Birnbaum-recovering
Christi Fritsche-recovering
George Hernandez-recovering
Beverly Johnson
Roselie Johnson-recovering (mother of Carie Oltmann)
Pastor Joshua Knippa, Holy Cross, Nederland, recovering from liver transplant surgery
Paula Krause-recovering
Mike Maass-recovering
Charles Malke-recovering (brother of Carol Jean Noack and Douglas Malke)
Braycen Mersiovsky (son of Rodney and Gina Mersiovsky)
Sylvin Mersiovsky (father of Stephen Merisovsky)
Bobby Oltmann-recovering
Ethan Ray-recovering
Zelda Richards-recovering
Cindy Umphries-recovering (friend of James & Kathy Kalbas)
Irene Zoch-recovering (mother of Donnie Zoch)

Our members in nursing homes and our shut-ins.

Those fighting cancer including:

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)
Brandon Cleland (brother of Sonya Schautschick)
Ginger Clifford (sister of Nancy Kasper)
Stephen Kasper
Dana Herzog (niece of Becky Wiese)
Franklin Hoffman (father of Maxine Bradshaw)
Devin Jackson (brother-in-law of Chris and Michelle Birnbaum)
Judy Kalbas
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)
Heather Lilly (granddaughter of Irene Noack)
Vic Lohberg
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)
Keith Muessel (brother of Chris Miertschin)
Walter Rehle (friend of the Arldt’s from Germany)
Carol Sander
Diane Sanders (friend of James & Kathy Kalbas)
Karen Symm (sister of Michael Symm)
Martin Werchan
Judy Westbrook (mother of Heather Krause)
Those serving in the Armed Forces including:
Steven Cutlip (brother of Stephanie Symm), Fort Bliss, El Paso
Kosh Ozmun (son of Stephanie Miertschin), Ft. Cavazos, 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
Randall Weise (grandson of Bernice Doebbler) Ft. Huachuca, Arizona
Dylan Robbins (cousin of Michelle Birnbaum) Jacksonville, NC
Aron Marak (nephew of Mike and Susie Maass) Fr. Bragg, North Carolina
Kyler Brown (friend of Dorthy Schautschick) U.S. Navy-Bahrain

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.

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: 908, 566, 781 v. 1&2, 905, 587, 662, 924

Sermon Text: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

The Sermon: **“Where Will It Get You?”**

- ✠ **The Altar flowers** are placed to the glory of God in honor of Gracelyn Kalbas and Willard Albrecht on their birthday by Joseph & Kalen Kalbas & Family.
- ✠ **The Altar Stand flowers** are placed to the glory of God in honor of Linda Jones on her birthday by the Scott Jones and Mark Jones families.
- ✠ **The Church Office** will be closed on Monday, September 2nd in observance of Labor Day.
- ✠ **PTLS Officers.** Newly elected PTLs Officers that were installed at the PTLs meeting that was held last Sunday, August 25th are: President-Patricia Barnett; Vice President-Kristy Hentschel; Secretary-Erica Iselt; Treasurer-Ashely Schmidt.
- ✠ **Adult Choir Practice Begins.** Adult Choir practice will resume this **Wednesday, September 4th**, 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.
- ✠ **Fried Chicken Dinner:** The St. Paul Lutheran Church Adult Fellowship in Serbin are having their 27th annual fried chicken dinner on Sunday, September 8th 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 TOMORROW. All proceeds will be going toward future church/school projects. Thank You!
- ✠ **Adult Instruction Class.** Pastor Schmidt will begin an Adult Instruction class on September 8th. If you are interested, or know someone who is interested in taking the class, please call Pastor Schmidt or the church office.
- ✠ **Wreaths Across America.** We will again be participating in National Wreaths Across America Day on December 14, 2024. 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.**
- ✠ **Wanted:** Volunteers to help with the Scholastic Book Fair on September 25th, 26th, and 27th in the afternoon/evening. Please contact Mrs. Bradshaw at 979-716-0163 if you are willing to help.
- ✠ **Wendish Fest:** The 36th Annual Wendish Fest will be hosted by St. Paul Lutheran Church and the Texas Wendish Heritage Society on Sunday, September 22, 2024 in Serbin, Texas. Guest speakers for the 8:30 English Church Service and the 10:30 German Church Service will be Rev. Bernie Schey, Rev. John Schmidt, St. Paul Serbin (English Liturgy), and Rev. Thomas Obersat of Ebenezer Manheim (German Liturgy). Church tours will be offered at 12:30 & 1:30p.m. The day will offer lots of Wendish history, heritage, culture and family activities at 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 Jodie Mikula Orchestra, 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! If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the museum or Katy Kasper. For information contact 979-366-2441 or museum@texaswendish.org or www.texaswendish.org

LUTHERAN HOUR: Next Sunday, September 8th, “**Conditioned by the Unconditional**”. Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. God’s forgiving love for you in Christ is love that your accomplishments can’t enhance and your failures can’t diminish. (Genesis 25:23). 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 Through the Church Year:

September 1 - Pentecost XV

The Lord Jesus insists that visible qualities like age, appearance, and ability do not subtract value from life or impart worth to it (Mark 7:18-23). Rather, invisible sinfulness disqualifies us all from both bodily rights and spiritual privileges. But invisible forgiveness-God’s grace in creating, redeeming, and calling-delivers sanctity to every member of our race. May this truth proceed forth from our hearts and out of our lips!

THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

Today	Worship Service w/Communion – 8:30 a.m. Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.
Monday	Labor Day No School ECC Closed
Tuesday	Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m. JV Volleyball & JV Football v. Immanuel – 4:00 p.m. V Volleyball & V Football v. Immanuel – 5:00 p.m. Board of Christian Education Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	School Chapel – 8:30 a.m. LWML Quilting – 9:00 a.m. Youth Confirmation – 6:00 p.m. Adult Choir – 7:00 p.m.
Thursday	Staff Bible Study – 7:30 a.m. JV Volleyball & JV Football v. Thorndale – 4:00 p.m. V Volleyball & V Football v. Thorndale – 5:00 p.m.
Friday	Donuts with Dads – 7:15 a.m.
Next Sunday	Worship Service – 8:30 a.m. Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m. Acolytes: Nathen Barnett and Everett Corn Greeter: Lana Kaiser LYF Meeting & Social – 2:00 p.m. LAF Fried Chicken Dinner

Birthdays: Today – Willard Albrecht, Gracelyn Kalbas, Shianne Sander; 3rd – Stella Jackson; 4th – Christi Bradford, Nancy Schautschick; 5th – Kaylee Berdoll, Cooper Hinze; 7th – Linda Jones. God’s Blessings to you.

Serving today: **Elders**– David Fritsche and Gary Oltmann
Organist- Susan Michael
Acolytes- Dylan Arldt and Jasmine Bailey
Head Ushers- Donald Becker
Captain- Troy Menzel **Assistant**- Mark Jones
Ushers- John Hinze, Scott Jones, Russell Kappler,
Brooks Kasper, Kaden Kasper, Kyle Kasper,
Ty Kasper, Caleb Oltmann, Curtis Oltmann,
Clyde Schimank, Troy Wiederhold
Counting and Posting offering this week:
Chairman- Glen Albrecht
Ty Kasper, Tommy Miertschin, Payton Oltmann

ST. PAUL NOTES:

Attendance Last Week: Morning Worship- 324, Bible Class- 16; Sunday School- 41, Visitors- 2, Banner Classes: Grade 5, Grade 7. Offering- \$28.00.

Offering Last Week: \$32,383.32

Home:		Mission:	
General	\$7,091.00	Mission	\$253.00
Sunday School	\$28.00	Mission Total	\$253.00
Lunch Room	\$2,830.50	Savings/Other:	
ECC Operating	\$1,088.32	School Fund	\$250.00
School Registration	\$650.00	Building Fund	\$60.00
Tuition	\$17,507.50	Bus Replacement Fund	\$2,625.00
Received 8/25/2024	\$29,195.32	Savings/Other Total	\$2,935.00
Est. needed per week	\$29,635.00	Total	\$32,383.32
Received MTD	\$119,765.93	Deficit to Savings	0.00
Est. needed per month	\$128,417.00		

MEMORIALS: General: In memory of Lillian Bamsch by Marvin & Charlyn Matthijetz - \$40.00. **School Fund:** In memory of Theresa Krause by Billy Krause - \$250.00. **ECC Operating:** In memory of Theresa Krause by Billy Krause - \$250.00.



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!

Volleyball Season Underway

Faith Lutheran has their first ever volleyball team this season. The girls already participated in the Faith Academy Tournament on August 16 and 17, and got the program's first WIN! The next game is Thursday, September 5th at St. Paul Catholic in Shiner TX, beginning at 5pm.

Thank You!

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

Free Wednesday mornings?

Join us for our weekly Chapel Worship Service every Wednesday, beginning at 10:30 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 26th.

Save the Date!

FLHS's annual Oktoberfest will be Saturday, October 26th. 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!

Follow Us On Facebook!

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.