

# St. Paul Lutheran Church

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## The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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**Welcome! Our Father Cares for His Children with the Gospel of His Son.** The sinful heart is filled with “bitter jealousy and selfish ambition” (James 3:14), which causes hostility, quarrels and conflicts, even among those who are fellow members of the Body of Christ. This should not be so! Rather, God “opposes the proud” with His Law, in order to humble them unto repentance; He “gives grace to the humble,” in order to exalt them by His Gospel of forgiveness (James 4:6–10). This true “wisdom from above” is found in the gentleness, mercy and peace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, who humbled Himself and sacrificed Himself for the salvation of sinners (James 3:17). He was “like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter,” committing Himself to God, His Father, “who judges righteously, who tests the heart and the mind” (Jer. 11:19–20). Therefore, “after three days,” His Father exalted Him by raising Him from the dead (Mark 9:31). In Holy Baptism, He takes disciples of all ages into His arms like little children. In receiving Him through repentance and faith in His forgiveness of sins, they receive from His Father a share in the glory of His cross and resurrection (Mark 9:36–37).

We invite you all to worship with us again and ask our visitors to please sign our Guest Book. Greeting you at the register this morning, Janet Oltmann and Melodi Oltmann.

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### In Our Prayers:

Those recovering from surgeries and illness:

*PJ Albrecht (nephew of Willard Albrecht and Milton Albrecht)*

*Nicole Arldt-recovering*

*Chris Birnbaum-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*

*Bradly Schautschick-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)*

*Ian Hailes (great-nephew of Marian Wiederhold and*

*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)*

*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*

*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 Dorothy 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.

### **The Order of Service–** Worship Insert

- † **The Altar flowers** are placed to the glory of God in honor of the Wends who left their homeland in September of 1854 to begin their journey to Texas in search of religious freedom and the right to speak their language.
- † **Lutheran Witness.** The church provides a subscription of the Lutheran Witness for each family in the congregation, at a cost of \$24.75. If you are **not** receiving a monthly copy of the Lutheran Witness and would like to have it, or if you **are** receiving the monthly Lutheran Witness and do not want it, please contact the church office by Monday, October 7<sup>th</sup>.
- † **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.**

### **THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK**

Today	<b>English Worship Service – 8:30 a.m.</b> Sunday School– 9:30 a.m. <b>German Wendish Fest Service – 10:30 a.m.</b> Thirty-sixth Annual Wendish Festival
Monday	Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.
Tuesday	Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m. V Volleyball @ Coupland – 5:00 p.m. V Football @ Coupland – 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday	Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m. “See You at the Pole” Event – 8:30 a.m. Youth Confirmation - 6:00 p.m. Adult Choir – 7:00 p.m.
Thursday	Staff Bible Study – 7:30 a.m. Early Dismissal – 11:45 a.m. Parent/Teacher Conferences JV Volleyball & JV Football @ Immanuel – 4:00 p.m. V Volleyball & V Football @ Immanuel – 5:00 p.m. Board of Elder’s Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
Friday	Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m. Early Dismissal – 11:45 a.m. Parent/Teacher Conferences
Saturday	V Volleyball Tournament @ Immanuel
Next Sunday	<b>Song Service– 8:30 a.m.</b> Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m. Sunday School Teacher’s Meeting – 10:15 a.m. Acolytes: Cole Kalbas and Emmalynn Knott Greeter: Deanna Miertschin

**Birthdays: Today** – Olin Carter, Kreed Schatte, Dorothy Schautschick; 23<sup>rd</sup> – Andrea Goedrich, Deanna Miertschin, Delbert Prellop, Stephanie Symm, Christian Weddle; 24<sup>th</sup> – Joyce Dowling; 26<sup>th</sup> – Nicole Arldt, Tim Glass; 27<sup>th</sup> – Ryan Buscha, Mark Gruetzner, Jonathan Mitschke; 28<sup>th</sup> – LeeAnne Jones, Chase Oltmann. God’s Blessings to you.

**LUTHERAN HOUR:** Next Sunday, September 29, “**Love at First Sight, Love That Lasts**”. Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Daniel Paavola. God loved us at first sight, from eternity. And He has given us Jesus so that we can know His love. 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](http://lhm.org) for a link to listen to the Lutheran Hour live.

**ST. PAUL NOTES:**

**Attendance Last Week:** Morning Worship- 251, Communion- 102, Bible Class- 25; Sunday School- 27, Visitors-1; Banner Class- Kindergarten, Grade 5, Grade 7; Offering- \$24.00.

**Offering Last Week:** \$52,407.66

<b>Home:</b>		<b>Mission:</b>	
General	\$41,160.41	Mission	\$253.00
Sunday School	\$24.00	<b>Mission Total</b>	<b>\$253.00</b>
Lunch Room	\$745.50	<b>Savings/Other:</b>	
ECC Operating	\$3,481.25	School Fund	\$125.00
Tuition	\$6,306.00	Building Fund	\$25.00
Use of Facility	\$150.00	Bus Replacement Fund	\$37.50
<b>Received 9/15/2024</b>	<b>\$51,867.16</b>	Scholarship Fund	\$100.00
		<b>Savings/Other Total</b>	<b>\$287.50</b>
<b>Est. needed per week</b>	<b>\$22,500.00</b>		
<b>Received MTD</b>	<b>\$116,637.32</b>	Total	\$52,407.66
<b>Est. needed per month</b>	<b>\$97,500.00</b>		

**MEMORIALS: General:** In memory of David Michael by Lynette Wiederhold - \$30.00; by Jan Wiederhold - \$50.00; by Michael & Teresa Krause - \$100.00; by Linda Jones - \$25.00; by Evelyn, Melissa & Michele Maass - \$50.00; by M/M Tony Dooley - \$40.00; by Sarge & Deena Muniz - \$40.00; by Dennis & Betty Kurio - \$25.00; by Jason & Cassandra Mersiovsky - \$50.00; by Raymond & Lanetta Kipp - \$25.00; by M/M Calvin Coufal - \$100.00; by M/M Marvin Vahlenkamp - \$25.00; by Gary, Diane & Sophie Becker - \$30.00; by Shannon & Cristine Hunt - \$20.00; by The Bayless-Henning family - \$50.00; by Paul & Diana Mikalen - \$20.00; by Ginger Friemil - \$20.00; by Violet "Patsy" Zbranek - \$20.00; by M/M Robert McArty - \$100.00; by Lance Krause - \$50.00; by Lucille Schatte, Lynette & Darlene - \$20.00; by Andy & Patti Masek - \$20.00. **Building Fund:** In memory of David Michael by Tommy & Linda Wilkins - \$25.00. **School Fund:** In memory of David Michael by Murice & Debbie Pitts - \$25.00; by Philip, Rose, Courtland & Libbi Tharp - \$100.00. **Scholarship Fund:** In memory of David Michael by Will & Kacie Innes & family - \$100.00. **Tuition:** In memory of David Michael by John, Christine, Trenton & Caitlyn Grange - \$20.00. **Faith Lutheran High School:** In memory of David Michael by Bobby & Carolyn Oltmann - \$40.00.

**Life Through the Church Year:  
September 22 – Pentecost XVIII**

In Mark 9:36-37, Jesus explicitly instructs us to receive children as His own precious treasures. Sometimes this does indeed involve difficulty, but our God enlists both the Prophet Jeremiah (11:20) and the apostle James (4:7) to encourage us in resisting selfish ambition and committing this cause to the lord. He will sustain the Gospel-motivated voice For Life until it succeeds!

- Serving today: Elders**– David Fritsche and Gary Oltmann  
**Organist**- 8:30 a.m. – Susan Michael  
10:30 a.m. – Susan Michael  
**Acolytes**- 8:30 a.m. – Lane Gersch and Trenton Grange  
10:30 a.m. – Alice Gurka and Lukas Iselt  
**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**- Rex Perry  
Virgil Becker, Tim Symm, Nathan Michael

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