

St. Paul Lutheran Church

Serbin, Texas



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The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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Welcome! Our Help Is Not in Worldly Riches. “The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham’s side,” and “the rich man also died and was buried” (Luke 16:22). The poor man Lazarus, who knew many bad things on earth, began to be comforted forever, whereas the rich man, after a lifetime of good things, began to be “in anguish” (Luke 16:25). Therefore, “woe to those who are at ease in Zion” (Amos 6:1), for “the revelry of those who stretch themselves out shall pass away” (Amos 6:7). The wealthy are urged “not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches,” but “to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share” (1 Tim. 6:17–18). Covetous desire for what God has not given is idolatry and “a root of all kinds of evils” (1 Tim. 6:10). Contentment belongs to faith, by which the Christian has “great gain” in godliness (1 Tim. 6:6).

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.

In Our Prayers:

Those recovering from surgeries and illness:

Wayne Becker-recovering

Monroe Brade (uncle of James, Johnny, Larry & Leroy Kalbas)

Ginger Clifford-recovering (sister of Nancy Kasper)

Herbert Handrick (uncle of Shannon Handrick)

Cindy Hardy-hospitalized (cousin of Harold Krause)

Roselie Johnson-recovering (mother of Carie Oltmann)

Seth Kalbas-recovering

Billy Krause-recovering

Vic Lohberg

Ruby Maass-recovering (mother of Linda Schonhoeft)

Ruben Melcher (uncle of James, Johnny, Larry & Leroy Kalbas)

Chris Miertschin-recovering

Naomi Mumm-recovering

Gene Namken-recovering (brother of Linda Oltmann)

Richard Schonhoeft-recovering

Barbara Schmidt-recovering

David Wachsmann (cousin of Billy Krause)

Our members in nursing homes and our shut-ins.

Those fighting cancer including:

Teresita Brodrick (aunt of David Wittman)

Vernon Bryant (friend of Arthur & Dianna Noack)

Brandon Cleland (brother of Sonya Schautschick)

Ralph & Debbie Domel (sister & brother-in-law of Mary Jatzlau)

Sherri Fritsche

Christie Hall (friend of Mark Arldt)

Dana Herzog (niece of Becky Weise)

Franklin Hoffman (father of Maxine Bradshaw)

Betty Jenkins (mother of Jared Jenkins)

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)

Jensyn Lesikar-nephew of Kasey Rosales

Suzanne Mogonye-recovering (mother of Lindsey Hansen)

Cannon Martin (nephew of Christopher Taylor)

Kelli Meinholdt (sister of Carie Oltmann)

Rhonda Mitschke (friend of Christi Fritsche)

Walter Rehle (friend of the Arldt's from Germany)

Carol Sander

Diane Sanders (friend of James & Kathy Kalbas)

Karen Symm (sister of Michael Symm)

Christopher Taylor

Courtney Wagner (friend of Mark Gruetzner)

Tina Warren (mother of Jason Heuermann)

Jordan Weidemann (friend of Byron Kalbas)

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

Aron Marak (nephew of Mike & Susie Maass) Fr. Bragg, North Carolina

Dylan Robbins (cousin of Michelle Birnbaum) Jacksonville, NC

Kyler Brown (friend of Dorothy Schautschick) U.S. Navy-Bahrain

Benjamin Symm Camp Pendleton, California

Jacob Droegemueller Ft. Eisenhower, Georgia

Corey Pedeville (friend of Dorothy Schautschick) Army-serving in Saudia Arabia

Brittany Loudon (daughter of Bryan and Antoinette Winkles) Navy, stationed in

Florida

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.
- ✠ **The Altar Stand and Side Stand flowers** are placed to the glory of God in honor of Kyle & Laurie Kasper's 19th wedding anniversary, for Shawn Kasper's 44th birthday, for Kevin & Debbie Schkade's 45th wedding anniversary, for Stephen & Nancy Kasper's 47th wedding anniversary and the **Window flowers** are placed to the glory of God in memory of Edna Kasper (Grossmama) and Edna Voight (Granny) by Stephen & Nancy Kasper.
- ✠ **The October Calendar** is available from the ushers and in the Church Office this morning.
- ✠ **The August Financial Statements** are available from the ushers this morning.
- ✠ **LWML Fall Rally.** The Post Oak Zone LWML Fall Rally is Sunday, October 5, at St. John Lutheran-Lincoln. Registration begins at 1:30 p.m. and the rally starts at 2:00 p.m. Patricia Fick from GO MISSIONS of Concordia University will be the guest speaker. A monetary ingathering for GO MISSIONS is appreciated. Participants are encouraged to enjoy fellowship and a light meal following the business meeting.
- ✠ **South Lee County Volunteer Fire Department** is preparing Barbecue Chicken on Sunday, October 26th at the Serbin picnic grounds from 10:00 a.m. – 12 noon. The barbecue is to go only. Order forms are available from the ushers this morning. If you wish to order please fill out this form and return it to the ushers, or contact Paul Somerfield at 713-922-7501 or St. Paul Lutheran church office at 979-366-9650 by Monday, October 20th.
- ✠ **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 13th.
- ✠ **Wreaths Across America.** We will again be participating in National Wreaths Across America Day on December 13, 2025. 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.**
- ✠ **Faith Lutheran High School:** Grant Oltmann is selling tickets for FLHS Oktoberfest lunch meal for Oct 25.

THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

Today	English Worship Service – 8:30 a.m. Sunday School– 9:30 a.m. German Wendish Fest Service – 10:30 a.m. Thirty-Seventh Annual Wendish Festival
Monday	Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m. Dev Volleyball game @ Grace Lutheran – 4:00 p.m. JV Football game @ Grace Lutheran – 4:00 p.m.
Tuesday	Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.
Wednesday	School Chapel – 8:30 a.m. Youth Confirmation – 6:00 p.m. Adult Choir – 7:00 p.m.
Thursday	Staff Bible Study – 7:30 a.m. V Football game @ Coupland – 5:00 p.m. Dev/JV/V Volleyball games @ home – 4:00 p.m./5:00 p.m./6:00 p.m. Board of Christian Education Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
Friday	Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m. Salem Volleyball Tournament
Saturday	Salem Volleyball Tournament
Next Sunday	Worship Service w/Communion – 8:30 a.m. LWML Sunday Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m. Acolytes: Nicholas Taylor and Dylan Arldt Greeter: Lisa Schmidt

Birthdays: Today – LeeAnn Jones, Chase Oltmann; 1st – Troy Bise, Leonard Mitschke; 2nd – Kendra Kalbas, Gilbert Krause; 3rd – Gary Oltmann, Madison Rooks. God's Blessings to you.

LUTHERAN HOUR: Next Sunday, October 5th, “Every Age Has a Stage”. Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Daniel Paavola. Every age has a stage, not just a stage of life, but also a stage on which to perform and to serve. (Numbers 8:23-26). 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.

ST. PAUL NOTES:

Attendance Last Week: Morning Worship- 263, Communion- 133, Bible Class- 20; Sunday School- 25, Banner Class- Grade 6; Offering- \$20.00.

Offering Last Week: \$25,103.23

Home:		Mission:	
General	\$8,663.16	Mission	\$292.60
Sunday School	\$20.00	Mission Total	\$292.60
Lunch Room	\$450.00	Savings/Other:	
ECC Operating	\$8,278.57	Savings/Other Total	
Tuition	\$7,398.90		
Received 9/21/2025	\$24,810.63	Total	\$25,103.23
Est. needed per week	\$31,870.00		
Received MTD	\$122,642.26		
Est. needed per month	\$138,103.00		

MEMORIALS: General: In memory of Alois Jaeger by Robert & Joyce Hinze - \$50.00. **Daycare Operating:** In memory of Valerie Namken by Arthur & Dianna Noack - \$75.00.

Life Through the Church Year:

September 28 – Pentecost XVI

Abortion and physician-assisted suicide find their primary motivation in protecting leisure and luxury. The prophet Amos proclaims woe to such priorities (Amos 6:1), and the Apostle Paul warns Timothy that they invite evils (1 Timothy 6:10). Instead, we get to remind one another to take hold of that which is truly life” (1 Timothy 6:19), namely the Savior and the neighbor right in front of us (Luke 16:20-22).

Serving today: Elders– Keith Oltmann and Tim Weise

Organist- 8:30 a.m. – Susan Michael

10:30 a.m. – Susan Michael

Acolytes- 8:30 a.m. – Emmalynn Knott and James Miertschin

10:30 a.m. – Whitlee Smolik and Max Sommerfield

Head Ushers- Donald Becker

Captain- Michael Becker **Assistant-** Glen Albrecht

Ushers- Wyatt Arldt, Gabriel Bailey, Virgil Becker,
Jace Heuermann, Clay Mertink, Cody Mertink,
Cole Mertink, Owen Wittman, Robert Zoch

Counting and Posting offering this week:

Chairman- Glen Albrecht

Payton Oltmann, Tommy Miertschin, Virgil Becker

Texas Monthly Filming Notice

Texas Monthly is working on their docuseries for PBS.

They are filming a series on the Wends.

**They will be filming inside the church during the service this morning
and also at the Wendish Fest today.**



Fall Break

FLHS offices will be closed Thursday and Friday, October 2nd and 3rd for fall break.

Volleyball Season Underway

The Falcons volleyball team's season continues. Our next game is Tuesday, September 30th, at 5:30pm at Berean Christian Academy (600 Pin Oak Rd, Katy, TX 77494). The full volleyball schedule is available on our website.

Free Wednesday mornings?

Join us for our weekly Chapel Worship Service every Wednesday. Pr. Jason Kapar will be leading chapel this week, beginning at 11:05 am.

Oktoberfest Meal Tickets

Tickets for our annual Oktoberfest meal are now available! The meal includes schnitzel, noodles, green beans, potato salad, kraut, bread and coffee cake. Plated meals will be available on Saturday, October 25th from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm at the Holy Cross Picnic Grounds for dine in or carry out. Tickets are \$15 each and available for pre-sale only by October 14th! Talk to a FLHS student, staff, board, or delegate today!!

Oktoberfest!

FLHS's annual Oktoberfest will be Saturday, October 25th. It is going to be a great day - you aren't going to want to miss this! Find our Facebook event, or see our flier for all the details about the day!

Battle of the... Competition !

The Battle of the Vines and Brew, our home brew competitions, are back so start planning your brews now, in addition to our newest competition, **Sapientia Infiniti** (see description below).

Sapientia Infiniti (infinite wisdom)

Spend this year preparing an infinity bottle* of whiskey for yourself at home. Please submit a pint or half-pint of this bottle for judging. Submissions will be judged, by our judges and the attendees, in separate categories.* Infinity Bottle rules: start with a clean, empty bottle. Throughout the year, add a pour of any size from the whiskeys you've enjoyed this year. KEEP NO RECORD! The infinity bottle is intended to be unique to you and unrepeatable.

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, memorial contribution, or a Thrivent Action Grant, please contact us.