

# St. Paul Lutheran Church

Serbin, Texas



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## The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

3 September 2023

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### Welcome! *The Glory of God Is the Passion and Cross of Christ Jesus.*

After St. Peter confessed that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God, our Lord “began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised” (Matt. 16:21). Upon hearing this “theology of the cross,” Simon Peter stumbled into a satanic “theology of glory.” But the glory of God is revealed in the Passion and cross of His incarnate Son. The faithful prophets, such as Jeremiah, suffered persecution and rejection in anticipation of Jesus’ cross. Yet the Lord did not abandon them; He remembered them, and He was with them to deliver them (Jer. 15:15–20). By His cross, Jesus has redeemed the world, and in His resurrection, He has vindicated all who trust in Him. Thus, the Christian life is a discipleship of self-sacrificing love. Since Christ Jesus has reconciled us to God, we “live peaceably with all” (Rom. 12:18). By the certainty of His cross and resurrection, we “rejoice in hope,” and we are “patient in tribulation” and “constant in prayer” (Rom. 12:12).

We invite you all to worship with us again.

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### 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-hospitalized (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)*

*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: 722, 851, 781 v. 1&2, 861, 706, 427, 685

Sermon Text: Jeremiah 15:15-21

The Sermon: **“Remember Me!”**

- † **The Altar flowers** are placed to the glory of God in honor of Nancy Schautschick on her birthday by her family.
- † **Altar flowers** are needed for Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to place flowers on that Sunday, please contact Dorothy Schautschick at 979-716-0094.
- † **Congratulations** to Brent and Allison Haas on the birth of a daughter, Ruby Louise Haas. She was born Monday, August 28<sup>th</sup> in College Station, TX. She weighed 8 lbs.15 ounces and was 21¼ inches long. May God bless this growing family.
- † **The Church Office** will be closed Monday, September 4<sup>th</sup> in observance of Labor Day.
- † **Trustees Meeting.** The Trustees will meet tomorrow September 4<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m. All trustees may pick up their packets in the church office today to review prior to the meeting.
- † **Fried Chicken Dinner:** The St. Paul Lutheran Church Adult Fellowship in Serbin are having their 26<sup>th</sup> annual fried chicken dinner on Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup> 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.** Adult Instruction Class will begin on Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>. Classes will be held immediately following Bible Class. If interested, please contact Pastor Schmidt.
- † The **Men's Club of Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church**, La Grange, will hold their annual **BBQ chicken & sausage dinner** on Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup> from 11 AM to 12:30 PM. Plates will be available by drive through only at the church's parking lot at 800 N. Franklin. Tickets are \$15 per plate. The meal includes half a barbecued chicken, sausage, homemade noodles, pinto beans, bread and sauce. Tickets are available at the church office, Mt. Calvary Lutheran Preschool, Lukas Bakery, La Grange Chevron, or with any Men's Club member. Tickets will also be available in the drive through line.
- † **WENDISH FEST:** The 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Wendish Fest will be hosted by St. Paul Lutheran Church and the Texas Wendish Heritage Society on Sunday, September 24, 2023 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 \$15 and children \$6. To-Go and drive-thru will also be available at 9:30 – all take-out meals are \$15. Make plans to attend this annual event. For more information contact 979-366-2441 or [museum@texaswendish.org](mailto:museum@texaswendish.org) or [www.texaswendish.org](http://www.texaswendish.org).
- † **Salem JV Volleyball Tournament at Tomball** is on September 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>, not on September 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> as indicated on the September calendar.
- † **The Voyager View** September newsletter is available from the ushers this morning.

**LUTHERAN HOUR:** Next Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, **“Not Just a Formality”**. Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. After trust has been broken, forgiveness is more than a mere formality. (Psalm 32). 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.

**Serving today:** Elders– Douglas Hartfield and Michael Krause  
Organist- Susan Michael  
Acolytes- Jasmine Bailey and Everett Corn  
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- Rex Perry  
Troy Wiederhold, Bradley Albrecht, John Hinze

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**Life Through the Church Year:**

**September 3 – Pentecost XIV**

Our bodies and lives are on loan from Almighty God. He creates us in His image, redeems us with His Son, and calls us by His name (Jeremiah 15:16) from fertilization to forever. So He does not abandon us in our frailties and mistakes. Shall we not extend this Gospel also to neighbors facing surprise pregnancy and terminal diagnosis?

**THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK**

- Today **Worship Service w/Communion – 8:30 a.m.**  
 Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.  
 Special Voters’ Meeting – 9:30 a.m.
- Monday **Labor Day**  
 No School  
 ECC Closed  
 Trustee’s Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
- Tuesday Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.  
 Board of Christian Education Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
- Wednesday Staff Bible Study – 7:30 a.m.  
 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 Devotions – 7:30 a.m.
- Friday Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.
- Next Sunday **Worship Service – 8:30 a.m.**  
 Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.  
 Acolytes: Addyson Early and Tyler Fritsche  
 Greeter: Doris Fritsche  
 LYF Meeting & Social – 2:00 p.m.  
 LAF Fried Chicken Dinner

**Birthdays:** Today – Stella Jackson; 5<sup>th</sup> – Cooper Hinze 7<sup>th</sup> – Linda Jones; 8<sup>th</sup> – Michael Becker, Tammy Brooks  
Conner Ray; 9<sup>th</sup> – Trevor Rumuly. God’s Blessings to you.

**ST. PAUL NOTES:**

**Attendance Last Week:** Morning Worship- 282, Bible Class- 38; Sunday School- 41, Banner Classes: Nursery III, Grade 6,  
Offering- \$44.00.

**Offering Last Week:** \$12,548.87

<b>Home:</b>		<b>Mission:</b>	
General	\$8,073.00	Mission	\$1,095.00
Sunday School	\$44.00	<b>Mission Total</b>	<b>\$1,095.00</b>
ECC Operating	\$1,401.87	<b>Savings/Other:</b>	
Use of Facility	\$100.00	<b>Savings/Other Total</b>	
Tuition	\$1,835.00		
<b>Received 8/27/2023</b>	<b>\$11,453.87</b>	Total	\$12,548.87
<b>Est. needed per week</b>	<b>\$27,230.00</b>		
<b>Received MTD</b>	<b>\$117,230.53</b>		
<b>Est. needed per month</b>	<b>\$118,000.00</b>		

**MEMORIALS: Texas Wendish Heritage Society:** In memory of Carolyn Bamsch by Linda Jones - \$25.00.