

St. Paul Lutheran Church

Serbin, Texas



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The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 4, 2022

Welcome! Christ Jesus Has Paid the Cost of Discipleship for You. A disciple of Jesus Christ will “bear his own cross” (Luke 14:27) and follow the Lord through death into life. Discipleship is costly because it crucifies the old man with “all that he has” (Luke 14:33), in order to raise up the new man in Christ. The disciple disavows “his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life” (Luke 14:26), in deference to Christ. That way of the cross is impossible, except that Christ Jesus has already paid the cost. His cross is set before you as “life and good, death and evil” (Deut. 30:15). Taking up His cross is to “choose life, that you and your offspring may live, loving the LORD your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him” (Deut. 30:19–20). To live that life in Christ is also to bear His cross in love, “that your goodness might not be by compulsion but of your own accord” (Philemon 14).

We invite you all to worship with us again.

In Our Prayers:

Those recovering from surgeries and illness:

Gary D. Becker-recovering
Barbara Birnbaum-hospitalized (mother of Chris Birnbaum)
Hudson Corn-recovering
Donnie Garrett-hospitalized (friend of Jamie Jordan)
Bonnie Johnson-hospitalized (friend of Billie and Eva Kieschnick)
Gladys Karisch
Ludwig Krause-recovering
Hildegard Krause
Theresa Krause-hospitalized
Chris Miertschin
Shannon Miertschin
Irene Noack-recovering
Zelda Richards-recovering
Melvin Schulze-recovering
Greg Sorrento-recovering (nephew of Doris Fritsche)
Cindy Umphries-recovering (friend of James & Kathy Kalbas)
Laverne Weiser
Conway Whited (nephew of Ashley Schmidt)

Our members in nursing homes and our shut-ins.

Those fighting cancer including:

Lillian Bamsch (sister-in-law of Charlyn & Marvin Matthijetz)

Don Claxton-father of Jeff Claxton
Russell Cleghorn (friend of James & Kathy Kalbas)
Ginger Clifford (sister of Nancy Kasper)
Mandie Fritsche (granddaughter-in-law of Doris Fritsche)
Franklin Hoffman (father of Maxine Bradshaw)
Steven Kelly (cousin of Jessica Gruetzner, brother-in-law of Christi Bradford)
Bethany Lara (daughter of Kathy Gersch)
Heather Lilly (granddaughter of Irene Noack)
Rhonda Mitschke (friend of Christi Fritsche)
Jack Pennington (brother-in-law of Marvin & Charlyn Matthijetz)
Carol Sander
Diane Sanders (friend of James & Kathy Kalbas)
Judy Wesbrook (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 Irwin, CA
Kosh Osmun (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

Those who mourn:

The family of Joyce Bise

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: 556, 918, 781 v. 1&2, 851, 685, 729, 919
Sermon Text: Luke 14:25-35
The Sermon: “At What Cost?”

- † **The Altar flowers** are placed to the glory of God in memory of Joyce Bise by Troy, Jarrett, Stephanie, Jace and Levi.
- † **We express our sympathy** to the family of Joyce Bise. She fell asleep in Jesus on Monday, August 29, 2022. Services for Mrs. Bise will be held at St. Paul Lutheran Church on Wednesday, September 7, 2022. May the Lord comfort the family with His word of promise.
- † **September Calendar.** The September calendar has been revised. You may pick up a corrected copy from the ushers this morning or in the church office.
- † **Trustees Meeting.** The Trustees will meet Thursday, September 8th, 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 25th annual fried chicken dinner on Sunday, September 11th from 10:00-12:00 at the Serbin Picnic Grounds. Preorders are preferred and all to-go plates will be sold for \$12.00. If you would like to order plates, please contact Susan Michael at 540-0854 or Sharon Claxton at 540-7154 by September 5th. All proceeds will be going toward future church/school projects. Thank You!
- † **WENDISH FEST:** The 34th Annual Wendish Fest will be hosted by St. Paul Lutheran Church and the Texas Wendish Heritage Society on Sunday, September 25, 2022 @ Serbin, Texas. Guest speaker for the 8:30 English Church Service and the 10:30 German Church Service will be Rev. Michael Newman, President, Texas District LCMS; 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 \$12 and children \$6. To-Go and drive-thru will also be available at 9:30 – all take-out meals are \$12. 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. This year we are celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Texas Wendish Heritage Society so people are encouraged to wear their sunbonnets or hats! 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 11th, “**Lost and Found**”. Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. When Jesus told stories about lost sheep and lost coins, He was really talking about lost people. (Luke 15:1-10). 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— Monroe Schatte, Jr. and Dwayne Schulze
Organist- Susan Michael
Acolytes- Gabriel Bailey and Kaden Kasper
Head Ushers- Donald Becker
Captain- Craig Oltmann Assistant- Payton Oltmann
Ushers- Bradley Albrecht, Thomas Birnbaum, Seth Kalbas, Chase Oltmann,
Gary Oltmann, David Michael, Nathan Michael, Bradly Schautschick,
Austin Schmidt, Benjamin Symm, Sebastian Symm
Counting and Posting offering this week:
Chairman- Rex Perry
Troy Wiederhold, Bradley Albrecht, John Hinze

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 Church Office Closed
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. Youth Confirmation – 6:00 p.m. Adult Choir – 7:00 p.m.
Thursday	Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m. LWML Quilting – 9:00 a.m. Trustee’s Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
Friday	“Donuts with Dads” Parent Fellowship – 7:15 a.m.
Next Sunday	Worship Service – 8:30 a.m. Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m. Acolytes: Brooke Lehmann and Grant Oltmann LYF Meeting & Social – 2:00 p.m. LAF Fried Chicken Dinner

Birthdays: Today – Christi Bradford, Nancy Schautschick; 5th – Kaylee Berdoll, Cooper Hinze; 7th – Linda Jones; 8th – Michael Becker, Tammy Brooks, Conner Ray; 9th – Trevor Rumuly; 10th – Jackie Handrick. God’s Blessings to you.

ST. PAUL NOTES:

Attendance Last Week: English Worship- 278, Bible Class- 16; Sunday School- 41, Banner Classes: Nursery II, Grade 1, Offering- \$30.00.

Offering Last Week: \$35,482.14

Home:		Mission:	
General	\$14,029.06	Mission	\$546.00
Sunday School	\$30.00	Mission Total	\$546.00
Lunch Room	\$2,930.50	Savings/Other:	
ECC Operating	\$1,326.58	Savings/Other Total	
School Registration	\$325.00		
Tuition	\$16,295.00	Total	\$35,482.14
Received 8/28/2022	\$34,936.14		
Est. needed per week	\$22,500.00		
Received MTD	\$112,931.01		
Est. needed per month	\$97,500.00		

MEMORIALS: General: In memory of Michael Mitschke’s birthday by Calvin & Ina Mitschke - \$2,500.00. In memory of Annie Beasley and Van Durrenberger by Milton & Geraldine Albrecht - \$50.00. In memory of Clarence Mitschke by James & Kathy Kalbas - \$100.00. In memory of Van Durrenberger by Robert & Joyce Hinze - \$25.00. In memory of Gary Schautschick by Jerry & Karen Faske - \$50.00.

Life Through the Church Year:

Pentecost XIII

Conventional wisdom once equated slaves with property instead of people. The Gospel Paul proclaimed in Philemon, about God incarnate as humankind’s slave and becoming our brother, eventually ended the injustice. And will we not delight to declare it and demonstrate the same sanctity of every human life until abortion and assisted suicide also become obsolete?



Camp Lone Star Retreat

FLHS students had a wonderful time at Camp Lone Star this past week. It was a great two days of challenge courses, Bible Study and learning about habits at/of Faith. We are thankful for this opportunity to grow together as a Falcon family!

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!

Free Wednesday mornings?

Join us for our weekly Chapel Worship Service every Wednesday, beginning at 10:30 am. This week, Mr. Dan Schaefer, teacher at FLHS, will be leading chapel.

Oktoberfest

FLHS will be hosting a family friendly event on Saturday, October 22nd at the Holy Cross Picnic grounds. **New this year will be - The Battle of the Brew** - a home brew competition. Returning will be our traditional German meal, domino tournament, cornhole tournament, music, kids games, 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 22nd.

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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