

St. Paul Lutheran Church

Serbin, Texas



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Welcome! *Living as Humble Little Children of the Father.* True greatness is not self-sufficient strength, but humility like that of a little child. The greatness of childlike faith receives all good things as gracious gifts from our Father in heaven. Apart from such faith, “you will never enter the kingdom of heaven,” but whoever is humbled like a little child will be “the greatest in the kingdom of heaven” (Matt. 18:3–4). Though in our sin we deserve to be “drowned in the depth of the sea” (Matt. 18:6), we have instead been drowned (“buried”) with Christ in Baptism and then raised to the new, humble life of a child of God. The Lord sends His watchman to warn us with a word from His mouth, in order that we may not die in our iniquity but be turned from our pride and selfishness to live (Ezek. 33:7–9). Thus, we live in humility and faith before God as well as in love for our neighbor, which “is the fulfilling of the law” (Rom. 13:10). In the reverent fear of God, we do no harm to our neighbor, but we “pay to all what is owed to them” (Rom. 13:7) and we “owe no one anything, except to love each other” (Rom. 13:8).

We invite you all to worship with us again.

In Our Prayers:

Those recovering from surgeries and illness:

Gary D. Becker-recovering

Troy Bise-recovery

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

Ginger Clifford-recovering (sister of Nancy Kasper)

Carl Dittmar-testing (father of Jennifer Smith)

Karl Funk-recovering (brother-in-law of Heather Perry)

David Gersch-recovering

Cathy Harrel-recovering (Aunt of Laurie Kasper)

Nancy Kasper

Billy Krause-recovering

Bobbie Krause-recovering

Paula Krause-recovering

Ruth Kluetz-recovering

Mike Maass-recovering

Douglas Malke-recovering

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

Heather Mersiovsky-recovering

Carolyn Mitschke-recovering (Mother of Jonathan
Mitschke and Susan Schatte)

Andrea Muniz (mother of Robert Muniz)

Kathryn Richter-heart procedure (sister of Willard and
Milton Albrecht)

Darrell Sanders-recovering from surgery (friend of James
& Kathy Kalbas)

Larry Schatte-recovering

Edwin Schmidt, Jr.-recovering

Peggy Siegeler-recovering (sister of Billy Kieschnick)

LaVerne Urban-recovering

David Wachsmann (cousin of Billy Krause)

Marie Watson-surgery(sister of Wayne Zander)

Alton Weiser-recovering

John Boy Weiser-recovering

Linda Wilkins-recovering

Our members in nursing homes and our shut-ins.

Those fighting cancer including:

Teresita Brodrick (aunt of David Wittman)

Vernon Bryant (friend of Dianna Noack)

Brandon Cleland (brother of Sonya Schautschick)

Dana Herzog (niece of Becky Weise)

Franklin Hoffman (father of Maxine Bradshaw)

John Huenefeld (friend of Craig and Melodi Oltmann)

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)

Ruby Maass (mother of Linda Schonhoeft)

James Mertink (cousin of Fischer family and Rusty Mertink
family)

Rhonda Mitschke (friend of Christi Fritsche)

Carol Sander

Diane Sanders (friend of James & Kathy Kalbas)

Nancy Schautschick

Karen Symm (sister of Michael Symm)

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, NY

Dylan Robbins (cousin of Michelle Birnbaum) Jacksonville,
North Carolina

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

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

Benjamin Symm-Australia

Jacob Droegemueller Ft. Stewart, Georgia

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

Kolton Alen (nephew of Mike & Susie Maass) Army,
stationed at Ft. Sill, Lawton, OK

Henry Kalbas U.S. Naval Academy-Annapolis, MD

Those Who Mourn:

The family of Melvin Bamsch (brother of Charlyn Matthijetz
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: 578, 820, 781 v. 1&2, 725, 709, 686, 902

Sermon Text: Ezekiel 33:7-9

The Sermon: **“Awesome Authority”**

- † **The Altar flowers** are placed to the glory of God in memory of Michael Mitschke by Calvin & Ina Mitschke.
- † **Special Voters Meeting.** There will be a Special Voters Meeting after the Service on Sunday, September 13th to approve the Concordia Plan rates for 2027. There will be no Bible Class.
- † **Minutes of the Special Voters** meeting that was held on Sunday, August 30th are included in the bulletin this morning,
- † **Trustees** will meet this Tuesday, September 8th at 7:00 p.m. Packets are available to be picked up in the church office to review prior to the meeting.
- † **Thank you** to everyone who has generously donated school supplies for our Orphan Grain Train school kits! Your support is helping provide children around the world with the supplies they need to succeed in school. OGT will pickup these items on September 17.
- † **Cash donations** are still needed to purchase additional supplies and help cover shipping costs, and will be accepted through **September 13**. If you wish to help assemble the school kits, please text Melodi at 979-540-0039. Thank you for your continued generosity and support of this mission!
- † **Fried Chicken Dinner:** The St. Paul Lutheran Church Adult Fellowship in Serbin are having their 29th annual fried chicken dinner on Sunday, September 13th 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!
- † **Bake Sale...Free Will Donation!** Sunday, September 13th in conjunction with the LAF Fried Chicken Luncheon. All donations support the Lee County Young Farmers Giddings FFA board members attending National FFA Convention in Indianapolis in October. If you would like to donate bake goods, they can be dropped off on that Sunday beginning at 7:45am at the picnic grounds. For questions, please contact Laurie Kasper 979-540-9073. **Thank you in advance for supporting our youth!**
- † **WENDISH FEST:** The 38th Annual Wendish Fest will be hosted by St. Paul Lutheran Church and the Texas Wendish Heritage Society on Sunday, September 27, 2026, in Serbin, Texas. Guest speakers for the 8:30 a.m. English and 10:30 a.m. German Church Services will be Rev. Christopher Ahlman and Rev. John Schmidt of St. Paul Lutheran Church, Serbin. Church tours will be offered at 12:30 and 1:30 p.m. The day will feature Wendish history, heritage, culture and family activities at the St. Paul Picnic Grounds. Traditional Wendish meal tickets go on sale at 10:30 a.m.; adults are \$15 and children are \$6. To-go and drive-thru meals will be available beginning at 9:30 a.m. for \$15. Enjoy polka music by the Shiner Hobo Band and performances by Tanzenfest Volkstanzkreis, a German dance group from Houston. The Texas Wendish Heritage Museum Complex will feature Wendish folkways, demonstrations and exhibits, a German Christmas Market, traditional decorated Wendish Easter egg demonstrations and sales, and genealogy assistance. Wendish Fest is made possible by many wonderful volunteers. To volunteer or for more information, contact the museum or Katy Kasper at 979-366-2441, museum@texaswends.org, or www.texaswends.org.

LUTHERAN HOUR: Next Sunday, September 13th, **“Forgiveness Is a Non-Negotiable”**. Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. In God’s family, forgiveness is non-negotiable. It’s not up for debate because forgiveness is what makes us who we are. Matthew 6:12. 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 Thoughts in the Church Year:

Trinity 14

The lepers are given to be our example today (Luke 17:11-19). They see themselves apart, for they were unclean. We, too, know the sin of our covetous and lustful hearts revealed by God's Word. Yet, despite their exile and lowly state, the lepers boldly cried out for mercy to the One who is mercy. Jesus comes for sinners. God's mercy is for those who know their need. Whatever you have done to sin against God and your neighbor, repent, confess your sin, and be healed in body and soul. His mercy is for you. Rejoice, beloved, for those in Christ have forgiveness of all their sins.

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 Church Office Closed ECC Closed No School
Tuesday	Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m. Board of Trustees Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	School Chapel – 8:30 a.m. Youth Confirmation – 6:00 p.m. 4-H Meeting – 6:30 p.m. LWML Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
Thursday	Staff Bible Study – 7:30 a.m.
Friday	Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.
Next Sunday	Patriot Day Worship Service – 8:30 a.m. Sunday School – 9:30 a.m. Called Voters Meeting – 9:30 a.m. LYF Meeting & Social – 2:00 p.m. LAF Fried Chicken Dinner Acolytes: Logan Taylor and Nicholas Taylor Greeter: Marian Wiederhold

Birthdays: 7th – Linda Jones; 8th – Michael Becker, Tammy Brooks; 10th – Jackie Handrick; 12th – Jared Jenkins.
God's Blessings to you.

ST. PAUL NOTES:

Attendance Last Week: Morning Worship- 229, Sunday School- 31, Offering- \$30.00.

Offering Last Week: \$38,757.71

Home:		Mission:	
General	\$15,773.00	Mission	\$633.00
Sunday School	\$30.00	Mission Total	\$633.00
ECC Operating	\$264.71	Savings/Other:	
Tuition	\$21,857.00	Cemetery Fund	\$100.00
Received 8/30/2026	\$37,924.71	Scholarship	\$100.00
		Savings/Other Total	\$200.00
Est. needed per week	\$33,625.00		
Received MTD	\$181,353.03	Total	\$38,757.71
Est. needed per month	\$145,708.00		

MEMORIALS: General: In memory of Michael Mitschke by Calvin & Ina Mitschke - \$2,500.00. In memory of Juanice Thiele and Harold Galipp by Martin & Jeannie Werchan - \$100.00. In memory of Dennis Melcher by Marvin & Charlyn Matthijet - \$50.00. **Faith Lutheran High School:** In memory of Allan Marburher by M/M Delvin Boriack - \$50.00

Serving today: **Elders**– David Fritsche and Gary Oltmann
Organist- Susan Michael
Acolytes- James Miertschin and Macy Sommerfield
Head Ushers- Donald Becker
Captain- Mason Becker **Assistant**- Carson Becker
Ushers- Jason Becker, Randy Becker, Brandon Burgdorf,
Trenton Grange, Lukas Iselt, Mike Krause,
Ethan Miertschin, Rex Perry, Brad Schmidt,
Tim Symm
Counting and Posting offering this week:
Chairman- Mason Becker
Philip Tharp, Chase Oltmann, Robert Zoch
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Goings On at a Glance:

- Tuesday, September 1st - Volleyball game 5pm at Texas School for the Deaf
- Wednesday, September 2nd - School Picture Day
- Saturday, September 5th - Fayette County Parade Float
- Sunday, September 6th - Holy Cross Picnic with FLHS nachos/snow cone booth
- Monday, September 7th - **Labor Day/No School**
- Tuesday, September 8th - Volleyball game, 5:30 pm at Valor South Austin

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 personality types, grow together as a family, and have loads of fun! We are thankful for this opportunity to grow together as a Falcon family!

Weekly Chapel Service - You're Invited

Are you free on Wednesday mornings? Please join our staff and students **any Wednesday beginning at 11:05am**, as they gather in the Holy Cross sanctuary for dedicated worship.

Faith on the Big Screen

Starting in September, you'll find us at the movies both in Bastrop and Brenham. Get to your theater a little early to see our ad playing before every movie in both locations!

Faith-full Listeners

Faith is also on the air! 30-second radio spots run daily on local stations KTIM, 89.1 FM, KBUK, 104.9 FM, and KNRG, 92.3 FM. Listen for "The Voice of FLHS"!

Future Falcons Are Out There

Please help us spread the word about our small but mighty FLHS! In person and on social media, don't forget to mention our **HALF-PRICE enrollment fee!** Those interested can learn more and request registration materials by calling (979) 242-2889 or visiting our website at flhstx.org. Thank You, All!

Follow Us On Facebook!

Keep up with all the exciting things happening here at FLHS. By following our Facebook page and sharing with friends, you'll be in the know and help Faith grow!

<https://www.facebook.com/faithlhscentraltx>

Thrivent Action Team Grants

Thrivent member? To supplement ongoing projects and activities at Faith, we ask those willing to submit an application for a \$250 grant to contact Mrs. Nikki Kueck at (979) 242-2889 or kueckn@flhstx.org. Thank you for helping us access these additional funds!

2026 Oktoberfest - SAVE the DATE

Oktoberfest will take place **Saturday, October 24th**. We are currently planning, recruiting, and creating. If you or someone you know has items to donate for either auction, please contact the school or simply bring them to Mrs. Phillips in the office. If you are interested in volunteering on a team, please contact Mr. or Mrs. Kueck for details. It takes a German village!

The Battle of the Vines and Brews, our homebrewing competitions, are back too. Start planning your wine and beer submissions now. Plus, this is the inaugural year of our newest competition, **Sapientia Infiniti/Infinite Wisdom**. Details: 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 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.