

St. Paul Lutheran Church

Serbin, Texas



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The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

8 September 2024

Welcome! *Our Merciful Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, Does All Things Well.*

The Lord proclaims the Gospel “to those who have an anxious heart” to comfort and encourage them with His presence. He comes not only with threats of “vengeance” and “recompense,” but with His gracious salvation (Is. 35:4). He opens “the eyes of the blind” and “the ears of the deaf,” and He loosens “the tongue of the mute” to “sing for joy” (Is. 35:5–6). Like water on thirsty ground, He speaks His life-giving Word to people of all nations. With His Word and the touch of His hand, He does “all things well,” so that you may now speak “plainly” (Mark 7:31–37). You confess the truth of God in Christ to the glory of His holy name, and you call upon His name in every trouble, confident that He will hear and answer. As you pray and confess with your tongue, so also “love your neighbor as yourself” (James 2:8). Show your faith “in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory,” by loving without partiality. For God has “chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom” (James 2:1–5). We invite you all to worship with us again.

In Our Prayers:

Those recovering from surgeries and illness:

PJ Albrecht (nephew of Willard Albrecht and Milton Albrecht)

Nicole Arldt-recovering

Chris Birnbaum-recovering

Christi Fritsche-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

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)

Brandan 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)

Martin Werchan

Judy Westbrook (mother of Heather Krause)

Those serving in the Armed Forces including:

Steven Cutlip (brother of Stephanie Symm), Fort Bliss, El Paso

Kosh Ozmun (son of Stephanie Miertschin), Ft. Cavazos, 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

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 Dorthy Schautschick) U.S. Navy-Bahrain

Those who mourn:

The family of David Michael

The family of Shalom “Shay” Ashlynn Hajovsky (infant great niece of Chris & Michelle Birnbaum)

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— 184 of the hymnal

The Hymns: 528, 797, 781 v. 1&2, 398, 524

Sermon Text: Isaiah 36:4-7

The Sermon: **“Be Strong!”**

- † **The Altar flowers** are placed to the glory of God in memory of Paula Weiser’s 77th birthday by Alton Weiser.
- † **Altar Stands, Side Stands, and Window flowers** are placed to the glory of God from the David Michael funeral
- † **We express our sympathy** to the family of David Michael. He fell asleep in Jesus, Tuesday, September 3, 2024. Funeral services for Mr. Michael were held here at St. Paul Lutheran Church on Saturday, September 7, 2024. May the Lord comfort the family with His word of promise.
- † **Fried Chicken Dinner:** Just a reminder to pick up your fried chicken dinner plates from the St. Paul Lutheran Church Adult Fellowship today at the Serbin Picnic Grounds from 10:00-12:00. Thank you for your support!
- † **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.**
- † **Wanted:** Volunteers to help with the Scholastic Book Fair on September 25th, 26th, and 27th in the afternoon/evening. Please contact Mrs. Bradshaw at 979-716-0163 if you are willing to help.
- † **Wendish Fest:** The 36th Annual Wendish Fest will be hosted by St. Paul Lutheran Church and the Texas Wendish Heritage Society on Sunday, September 22, 2024 in Serbin, Texas. Guest speakers for the 8:30 English Church Service and the 10:30 German Church Service will be Rev. Bernie Schey, Rev. John Schmidt, St. Paul Serbin (English Liturgy), and Rev. Thomas Obersat of Ebenezer Manheim (German Liturgy). Church tours will be offered at 12:30 & 1:30p.m. The day will offer lots of Wendish history, heritage, culture and family activities at the St. Paul Picnic Grounds. Tickets for the traditional Wendish noon meal will go on sale at 10:30 a.m. Adults are \$15 and children \$6. To-Go and drive-thru will also be available at 9:30 – all take-out meals are \$15. The joy of polka music will be shared throughout the day by the Jodie Mikula Orchestra, 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. Wendish Fest is made possible through the work of many volunteers. We appreciate each and every one! If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the museum or Katy Kasper. For information contact 979-366-2441 or museum@texaswendish.org or www.texaswendish.org

LUTHERAN HOUR: Next Sunday, September 15th, **“Bent Necks and a Better Brother”**. Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Seigler. The Book of Genesis is no fairy tale. It depicts real people—people like us, with half-truths, crooked ways, and sore necks—but also the God Who created us and bears with us because He loves us. (Genesis 27:35-36). 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 Through the Church Year:

September 8 - Pentecost XVI

Almighty God makes the Prophet Isaiah solemnly proclaim, “Behold, your God will come...He will come and save” (Isaiah 35:4). Jesus demonstrates its fulfillment when He does not cast aside but cares for the burdened body of a neighbor with impairments (Mark 7:32-35). So why would we hold our tongues any longer when we could be dispensing the same hope to those facing surprise pregnancy or terminal diagnosis?

THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

Today **Worship Service – 8:30 a.m.**
 Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.
 LAF Fried Chicken Dinner

Monday Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.
 JV Volleyball vs Grace Lutheran @ Serbin – 4:00 p.m.
 V Football vs Grace Lutheran @ Serbin – 4:00 p.m.

Tuesday Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.
 Circuit Meeting @ St. James, Lexington – 9:00 a.m.

Wednesday **Patriot Day**
 School Chapel – 8:30 a.m.
 Youth Confirmation – 6:00 p.m.
 LWML Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

Thursday Staff Bible Study – 7:30 a.m.
 JV Volleyball vs Good Shepherd @ Serbin – 3:00 p.m.

Friday Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.

Next Sunday **Worship Service w/Communion – 8:30 a.m.**
 Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.
 Acolytes: Addyson Early and Jagger Garner
 Greeter: Pam Krause
 LYF Meeting & Social – 1:30 p.m.

Birthdays: Today – Michael Becker, Tammy Brooks; 9th – Trevor Rumuly; 10th – Jackie Handrick; 12th – Jared Jenkins; 13th – Rebecca Burgdorf, Kathy Lohberg, Anthony Schautschick; 14th – Ryleigh Bailey, Joyce Hinze. God’s Blessings to you.

Serving today: Elders– David Fritsche and Gary Oltmann
 Organist- Jack Wiederhold
 Acolytes- Nathen Barnett and Everett Corn
 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
 Troy Wiederhold, Philip Tharp, John Hinze
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ST. PAUL NOTES:

Attendance Last Week: Morning Worship- 241, Communion- 146. Bible Class- 10; Sunday School- 27, Visitors- 1, Offering- \$22.00.

Offering Last Week: \$20,810.07

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| Home: | | Mission: | |
| General | \$11,920.82 | Mission | \$953.00 |
| Sunday School | \$22.00 | Mission Total | \$953.00 |
| Lunch Room | \$685.00 | Savings/Other: | |
| ECC Operating | \$381.25 | Savings/Other Total | |
| Tuition | \$6,848.00 | | |
| Received 9/1/2024 | \$19,857.07 | Total | \$20,810.07 |
| Est. needed per week | \$29,635.00 | | |
| Received MTD | \$19,857.07 | | |
| Est. needed per month | \$128,417.00 | | |

MEMORIALS:



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 conflict-resolution from a Biblical perspective, grow together as a family, and have loads of fun!

Volleyball Season Underway

Faith Lutheran has their first ever volleyball team this season. The girls already participated in the Faith Academy Tournament on August 16 and 17, and got the program's first WIN! The next game is Thursday, September 5th at St. Paul Catholic in Shiner TX, beginning at 5pm.

Thank You!

Thank you for all the prayers and support you have offered on behalf of FLHS. As we have 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.

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 26th.

Save the Date!

FLHS's annual Oktoberfest will be Saturday, October 26th. New this year will be **The Battle of the Vines**, in addition to **The Battle of the Brew** - both are home brew competitions, so start planning your brews now. Returning will be our traditional German meal, domino tournament, cornhole tournament, music, kids games, fellowship, and lots of fun!

Follow Us On Facebook!

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 sharing Faith with your friends as well. If you're not on social media, head to our website (flhstx.org) which is updated regularly as well.