

St. Paul Lutheran Church

Serbin, Texas



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Welcome! We Are Recreated in the Image of God by the Cross of Christ.

Plotting against Jesus, the Pharisees attempted “to entangle him in his words” by asking about the payment of taxes to Caesar (Matt. 22:15). The Lord pointed to coins required for the tax, and He answered that we should “render to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s” (Matt. 22:21). But if coins bearing the image of Caesar should be rendered to him, then man — who is made in the image of God — must be rendered to the Lord. That tax is paid for us by the Lord Jesus, the image of God in the flesh, by His self-offering on the cross. And from His cross, as the Lord’s anointed, He reigns as the true Caesar over all nations “from the rising of the sun and from the west” (Is. 45:6). The Lord once called and anointed Cyrus “to subdue nations before him and to loose the belts of kings” (Is. 45:1). Now by the preaching of the Gospel, “in power and in the Holy Spirit” (1 Thess. 1:5), foreigners from all over the world are “turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God” (1 Thess. 1:9–10).

We invite you all to worship with us again.

In Our Prayers:

Those recovering from surgeries and illness:

Pam Becker-recovering
Mary Sue Canales (cousin of Nancy Kasper)
Pat Hughes (friend of James and Kathy Kalbas)
Theresa Krause-recovering
Kenneth Lorenz
Chris Miertschin-recovering
Shannon Miertschin
Franklin Richter-recovering (brother-in-law of Willard and Milton Albrecht)
Lil Robertson-recovering
Kermit Schautschick-recovering (son of Hattie Schautschick)
Melvin Schulze-recovering
Louis Symons-recovering
Becky Weise-recovering

Our members in nursing homes and our shut-ins.

Those fighting cancer including:

Charles Arldt-recovering
Diane Biehle (friend of Dorothy Schautschick)
Joyce Bise
Russell Cleghorn (friend of James & Kathy Kalbas)
Ginger Clifford (sister of Nancy Kasper)
Mandie Fritsche (granddaughter-in-law of Doris Fritsche)
Doyle Hembry (father of Pam Krause and Lisa Schmidt)
Franklin Hoffman (father of Maxine Bradshaw)
Ross Hughes (friend of James and Kathy Kalbas)
Susan Jatzlau (friend of Jennifer Wenke)

Steven Kelly (cousin of Jessica Gruetzner, brother-in-law of Christi Bradford)

Harold Krause
Bethany Lara (daughter of Kathy Gersch)
Mike Maass
Carie Oltmann
Pat Richardson (friend of Darlene Schatte)
Diane Sanders (friend of James & Kathy Kalbas)
Mark Scharringhausen-father of Denee Wehr (friend of Dan Engler)
Jim Sladek (friend of Johnathan Noack)
Barbara Symm
Amy Wagner Bryant (niece of Joan Gersch)
Judy Westbrook (mother of Heather Krause)
Tiffany Wittman (sister-in-law of Jason & Cindy Heuermann)

Those serving in the Armed Forces including:

Keith Schreckengost (Billy & Theresa Krause’s brother-in-law), Fort Hood, TX
Steven Cutlip (brother of Stephanie Symm), Fort Irwin, CA
Kosh Osmun (son of Stephanie Miertschin), Basic Training
Coy Hunt (son of Shannon & Christine Hunt) Camp Hovey, South Korea

Those celebrating anniversaries: *Gilbert & Dorothy Krause on their 60th wedding anniversary*

Those who mourn: *The family of Lynn Noack (cousin to Becker’s, Mitschke’s, Noack’s, Perry’s, Schatte’s and Schulze’s)*

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—Worship Insert

The Hymns: 965, 940, 549, 783

Sermon Text: Isaiah 45:1-7

The Sermon: “Who Gets the Credit?”

Weekly Church Services

St. Paul Lutheran Church is open for worship. Beginning in September we will begin celebrating Holy Communion on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month. We will continue with private communion and ask that you contact Pastor Schmidt to set up a time. We will be following social distancing guidelines and ask for your active participation to protect yourself and those around you. We will have one entry point for both the church and gymnasium and ushers will be available to direct you prior to entering either building---typical seating patterns will not apply. All those who are at risk are encouraged to please stay home and continue to follow us on Facebook live on the school Facebook page or the Church’s Website.

All bulletins and announcements will continue to be posted on the Church’s Website for the foreseeable future. **If you are experiencing any symptoms of the virus you are required to stay home.** We pray God’s protective hand upon us as we move forward in His love and care during this uncertain time.

- ✠ **The Altar flowers** are placed to the glory of God in honor of Gilbert and Dorothy Krause on their 60th wedding anniversary by family and friends.
- ✠ **Voters Meeting Minutes.** The minutes of the Voter’s meeting that was held on Sunday, October 11th are included in the bulletin this morning.
- ✠ **September Financial Statements** are available in the church office.
- ✠ **Educational opportunity-** As we continue through this pandemic attempting to keep our children safe and follow the guidelines established; we still want to provide the Sunday Morning education opportunity for our children. Towards that end we are offering short educational videos, on the school Facebook page and on our church website. Please take advantage of this opportunity and watch the videos after worship with your family.
- ✠ **South Lee County Volunteer Fire Department** is preparing Barbecue Chicken on Sunday, October 25th at the Serbin picnic grounds from 10:00 a.m. – 12 noon. The barbecue is to go only. Order forms are inserted in this morning’s bulletin and may be turned in to the church office, the ushers or contact Paul Sommerfield at 713-922-7501.
- ✠ **Need a dessert to go along with your SLCVFD chicken?** We have you covered! The 7th and 8th Graders of St Paul will have desserts of all kinds ready for you. We will be selling them on Sunday the 25th under the pavilion at the picnic grounds. So please stop by when picking up your chicken from the SLCVFD and get yourself a treat! All the proceeds will go towards our Washington D.C. trip in June of 2021. Thanks so much for all your support! See you then!
- ✠ **All Saints Observance:** As a part of our worship Sunday, November 1st, we will remember those who have entered into their heavenly rest over the course of the past year by reading their names during our worship service. Those who died as members of our congregation will automatically be included. If you have a departed family member or loved one who died in the faith this past year that you would also like remembered, please notify the church office by Sunday, October 25th. *“Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.”* (Rev. 14:13)
- ✠ **Trunk or Treat.** Due to COVID restrictions and CDC guidelines, Trunk or Treat has been cancelled this year.
- ✠ **The Nominating Committee** will meet Thursday, November 12th at 7:00 p.m. The nominating committee is composed of those elected officers and board members whose terms of service are coming to an end. Any voter who is unable to accept a nomination for health or other compelling reasons, please contact Chairman Gary D. Becker, Pastor Schmidt or another member of the nominating committee. If you would like to serve in a position, are over 65 and still willing to stand for nomination, or would like to recommend someone for an office, please also contact Chairman Becker or Pastor by Sunday, November 1st.
- ✠ **Nominating Committee:** Packets of information for those serving on the committee (to help you in your work) are available in the back of the church this morning, or you can pick them up in the church office during the week.
- ✠ **Benefit Fundraiser.** A Pork Steak Dinner Fundraiser for Amy Wagner, daughter of Willie and Judy Wagner of Warda, will be held on Sunday, November 15th. Drive-thru at the Holy Cross picnic grounds from 10:00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.; presale tickets will be guaranteed until 12:00 p.m. Tickets are \$12.00 each and can be purchased from the Holy Cross church office by November 5th. Tickets are available from Joan Gersch, after church this morning or contact her at 979-540-6277.

As we gather at the Lord's Table, we practice close communion. For the sake of responsible pastoral care, members should have previously announced their intent to commune today. Guests who are members of a sister LCMS church and any others having concerns about their participation are asked to speak with Pastor before communing

Serving today: Elders– Doug Hartfield and Gary Oltmann
Organist- Daniel Krause
Head Ushers- Donald Becker
Captain- Michael Becker **Assistant**- Shelby Becker

LUTHERAN HOUR: Next Sunday, October 25th, **“No Boasting, Just Belonging”**. Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. “The kingdom of God is not a game. The law teaches us how to love others as God first loved us. Our performance matters, but in God’s kingdom belonging comes before performance.” (Romans 3:19-31). 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.

THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

Today **Worship Service w/Communion– 8:30 a.m.**
 Monday No School
 Texas District Lutheran Educators Conference
 Wednesday ECC Chapel – 8:00 a.m.
 School Chapel – 8:30 a.m.
 Youth Confirmation – 6:00 p.m.
 Thursday Board of Elder’s Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
 Next Sunday **Worship Service – 8:30 a.m.**

Birthdays: 19th – Kamrie Stewart 21st – Erica Iselt; 22nd – Linda Schonhoeft; 23rd – Madilyn Kalbas, Edwin Schmidt, Jr., Brooks Spivey; 24th – Dustin Schatte, Ralph Wenke, Kenedy Wheelis. God’s Blessings to you.

ST. PAUL NOTES:

Attendance Last Week: Morning Worship- 167

Offering Last Week: \$31,492.65

Home:		Mission:	
General	\$19,991.00	Mission	\$210.00
Lunch Room	\$989.25	Lutheran Hour	\$40.00
ECC Operating	\$1,720.00	Mission Festival	\$4,725.00
LWML	\$5.00	Mission Total	\$4,975.00
Tuition	\$2,687.40	Savings/Other:	
Received 10/11/2020	\$25,392.65	School Fund	\$100.00
		Organ Restoration	\$25.00
Est. needed per week	\$22,500.00	Building Fund	\$1,000.00
Received MTD	\$48,523.03	Savings/Other Total	\$1,125.00
Est. needed per month	\$97,500.00		
		Total	\$31,492.65

MEMORIALS: **Lutheran Hour:** In memory of Caroline Hengst by Marvin & Charlyn Matthijetz - \$40.00. **School Fund:** In memory of Grace Hataway by Karen Symm - \$100.00. **Organ Restoration:** In memory of Adelia Lorenz by Irene Buscha - \$25.00. **Faith Lutheran High School:** In memory of Harold Kutschke by Charles & Gladys Arldt - \$30.00

**Life Through the Church Year:
 October 18 – St. Luke, Evangelist**

Abortion and assisted suicide insist on a salvation by works. They believe only pretty, popular, powerful, productive persons deserve to survive. Almighty God doesn’t delight in this kind of physical strength (Psalm 147:11). His grace and love give every life value, and so St. Luke’s Gospel proclaims the Lord’s joy and ours over blind, deaf, lame, mute (Isaiah 35:5-6), unborn (Luke 1:44), elderly (Luke 2:36-38), and even me and you!



Free Wednesday mornings?

Join us for our weekly Chapel Worship Service every Wednesday. This week, Pastor Jason Kaspar will be leading, beginning at 10:30 am. Social distancing will be practiced. Please join us!!

Oktoberfest

Faith Lutheran High School will be hosting a drive through to-go plated meal in place of our traditional Oktoberfest celebration on Saturday, October 24th at the Holy Cross Picnic grounds with pick-up from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm. Plate will include brats, kraut, green beans, warm potatoes, noodles, and bread for \$12 each. Pre-orders are required. Please call FLHS to reserve your plates today!

Cross Country Meet

Faith Lutheran High School is hosting the 2nd Annual Private Schools of Central Texas Cross Country Meet on Friday, October 30th for students in K to 8th Grade, with the first race at 2pm. We are excited to host this fun event!

Accreditation Visit

Faculty and staff at FLHS are anxiously preparing for our accreditation visit on November 8th - 10th. This visit was delayed last spring due to Covid, but we are so excited to walk through this process as the ministry at FLHS continues to grow.

Thank you!

Everyone at FLHS is blessed by each gift that we receive from our supporters. It's not about the size of the gift, but the cheerful attitude that gives thanks to God (2 Corinthians 9:7). Whether your gift seems big or small, it is greatly appreciated and makes a bigger impact than you know!

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, Thrivent Action Grant, or volunteer your time and talents, please contact Nikki Kueck to learn more.