

St. Paul Lutheran Church

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Reformation Sunday

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Welcome! *The Son of God Has Set Us Free from Sin and Death by His Grace.* “Wisdom is justified by her deeds” (Matt. 11:19), and the true wisdom of God, Christ Jesus, the incarnate Son, justifies us by His deeds. He prepares His way by the preaching of repentance, but He has suffered the violence of the Law and voluntarily handed Himself over to violent men, in order that we may eat and drink with Him in His Kingdom and “*remain in the house forever*” (John 8:35). He is “*a friend of tax collectors and sinners*” (Matt. 11:18–19), and He has rescued us by His grace from the slavery of sin and death. By the proclamation of His eternal Gospel “*to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people*” (Rev. 14:6), “*the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law*” (Rom. 3:21), “*that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus*” (Rom. 3:26). And by the hearing of that Gospel of Christ Jesus, “*whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith*” (Rom. 3:25), “*you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free*” (John 8:31–32).

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)
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
Joyce Simms-hospitalized (grandmother of Amy Noack)
Louis Symons-recovering
Becky Weise-recovering

Our members in nursing homes and our shut-ins.

Those fighting cancer including:

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)
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 who mourn: *The family of Charles Arldt*

The family of Mark Scharringhausen-father of Denee Wehr (friend of Dan Engler)

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: 744, 656, 645, 566
Sermon Text: John 8:31-36
The Sermon: **“We are Free”**

Weekly Church Services

St. Paul Lutheran Church is open for worship. We continue celebrating Holy Communion on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month. Private communion is available and we ask that you contact Pastor Schmidt to set up a time. Social distancing guidelines continue to be followed and we ask for your active participation to protect yourself and those around you. 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 Kenneth and Ruby Weiser’s anniversary by the John Weiser family.
- ✠ **The Altar Stand flowers** are placed to the glory of God in honor of Laurie Kasper on her birthday by Kyle and Kaden.
- ✠ **We express our sympathy** to the family of Charles Arldt. He fell asleep in Jesus on Thursday, October 22, 2020. Funeral services for Mr. Arldt will be held here at St. Paul Lutheran Church on Tuesday, October 27, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. May the Lord comfort the family with His word of promise.
- ✠ **SLCVFD Barbecue Chicken** is today. Don’t forget to pick up your order after services this morning.
- ✠ **November Calendar.** The November Calendar is available in the church office.
- ✠ **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. *“Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.”* (Rev. 14:13)
- ✠ **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.
- ✠ **Mission Goal.** In the Voters Meeting held on October 13, 2019, the Voters set our 2020 Mission goal at \$35,000.00. To date our Mission contributions are at \$25,013.60. We are \$9,986.40 away from meeting our 2020 goal.
- ✠ **Turkey Supper.** Christ Lutheran Church-Loebau, 4654 CR 114, Lincoln, Friday, November 6th. All plates \$10.00. Drive-thru only. Serving begins at 5:00 p.m. First come, first served – No Pre-orders.
- ✠ **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.
- ✠ **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.

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

LUTHERAN HOUR: Next Sunday, November 1st, **“Some People Never change?”** Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Some people never change. Most people do. With God, all people can. (Daniel 4). 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 – 8:30 a.m.**
Reformation Sunday

Wednesday ECC Chapel – 8:00 a.m.
Youth Confirmation – 6:00 p.m.
4-H Meeting – 6:30 p.m.

Friday School Chapel – 8:30 a.m.
Lutherfest Activities – 8:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Saturday Reformation Day

Next Sunday **Worship Service w/Communion – 8:30 a.m.**
All Saints Day
2:00 a.m. Daylight Savings
-set clocks back 1 hour

Birthdays: Today – Laurie Kasper; 26th – Eldor Becker, Mary Reagan; 28th – Jim Bob Bigon, Lori Henderson, Tyler Roeber, Mary Ann Becker; 30th – Adam Richards, Sandra Schimank, Angela Stanfield; 31st – Leah Menzel, Carol Schulz, Jennifer Wenke. God’s Blessings to you.

ST. PAUL NOTES:

Attendance Last Week: Morning Worship- 162, Communion- 66

Offering Last Week: \$23,640.87

Home:		Mission:	
General	\$8,509.62	Mission	\$565.00
Tape Ministry	\$25.00	Mission Festival	\$125.00
Lunch Room	\$858.00	World Relief	\$100.00
ECC Operating	\$8,579.25	Mission Total	\$790.00
LWML	\$40.00	Savings/Other:	
Tuition	\$4,464.00	Bus Replacement Fund	\$375.00
Received 10/18/2020	\$22,475.87	Savings/Other Total	\$375.00
Est. needed per week	\$22,500.00	Total	\$23,640.87
Received MTD	\$70,998.90		
Est. needed per month	\$97,500.00		

MEMORIALS: General: In memory of Mark Scharringhausen by M/M Chris Becker - \$25.00. In memory of Lynn Noack by Wilbert & Carol Jean Noack - \$50.00; by Arthur & Dianna Noack - \$50.00; by Allen & Mildred Perry - \$30.00. **World Relief:** In memory of Adelia Lorenz by Walter & Penny Noack - \$100.00. **Tape Ministry:** In memory of Adelia Lorenz by Warda Couples Club - \$25.00. **LWML:** In memory of Adelia Lorenz by M/M Delvin Boriack - \$20.00 (for quilting group). In memory of Jerry Tallas by M/M Delvin Boriack - \$20.00 (for quilting group).

Life Through the Church Year:

October 25 – Pentecost XXI

Scripture highly praises motherhood (1 Thessalonians 2:7-8) and fatherhood (1 Thessalonians 2:11-12). The Holy Spirit inspires the Apostle Paul to use them as words for the love of one Christian for another. We protect each other like fathers and take care of each other like mothers. If this clearly excludes the killing of even a neighbor (Leviticus 19:16), how much more shall we cherish the lives of children, however young, and parents, however old!



Free Wednesday mornings?

Join us for our weekly Chapel Worship Service every Wednesday. Chapel begins at 10:30 am. Social distancing will be practiced. Please join us!!

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!

Shadow Days

Shadow days are a great opportunity for prospective students to follow us for a day and experience what FLHS is all about. Parents, call us today at (979) 242-2889 to set up a shadow day for your child.

Junior High Game Night

FLHS will be hosting a game night for 7th and 8th grade students on Friday, November 13th from 6:00 pm until 9:00 pm at Faith Lutheran High School. We will have lots of food, fun, and fellowship! It may look a little different this year, due to Covid, but we are excited to host this memorable event. Parents, you must call FLHS to reserve your child's spot at Game Night this year, as limited space will be available! Please join us!

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!