

# St. Paul Lutheran Church

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## Reformation Day

31 October 2021

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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, has justified 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, that we might 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.

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### In Our Prayers:

Those recovering from surgeries and illness:

*Adelia Becker*  
*Lori Becker-recovering*  
*Brian Becvar (cousin of Jessica Gruetzner)*  
*Pat Hughes-recovering (friend of James and Kathy Kalbas)*  
*William Johnson (father of Heather Perry)*  
*Gracelyn Kalbas-recovering*  
*Hildegard Krause-recovering*  
*Mary Loewe (mother of Christi Bradford)*  
*Ruth Lorenz*  
*Chris Miertschin*  
*Shannon Miertschin-recovering*  
*Kathy Mumm-recovering*  
*Mark Noack-brother of Lori Becker*  
*Linda Oltmann-recovering*  
*Glenda Paskett-recovering (mother of Lyndy Krause and Melodi Oltmann)*  
*Ralph Pitts (uncle of James Kalbas)*  
*Antionette Richardson-recovering*  
*Calvin Robertson-recovering*  
*Katie Schmidt-recovering (mother of Pastor Schmidt)*  
*Dwayne Schulze-recovering*  
*Greg Sorrento-recovering (nephew of Doris Fritsche)*  
*Josie Symm-hospitalized (sister-in-law of Mike & Barbara Symm)*  
*Cindy Umphries-recovering (friend of James & Kathy Kalbas)*  
*Conway Whited-surgery (nephew of Ashley Schmidt)*

### Our members in nursing homes and our shut-ins.

#### Those fighting cancer including:

*Annie Beasley (niece of Shorty & Sandra Schimank)*

*Diane Biehle (friend of Dorothy Schautschick)*

*Joyce Bise*

*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)*

*Ross Hughes-recovering (friend of James and Kathy Kalbas)*

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

*Rev. Fred Krebs (friend of Shorty & Sandra Schimank)*

*Bethany Lara (daughter of Kathy Gersch)*

*Heather Lilly (granddaughter of Irene Noack)*

*Kathy Lohberg (niece of Adelia Becker and Hattie Mutschink)*

*Louis Muniz, Jr. (brother of Robert Muniz)*

*Carie Oltmann*

*Pat Richardson (friend of Darlene Schatte)*

*Diane Sanders (friend of James & Kathy Kalbas)*

*Karen Schmidt*

*Jim Sladek (friend of Johnathan Noack)*

*Barbara Symm*

*Judy Westbrook (mother of Heather Krause)*

*Tiffany Wittman (sister-in-law of Jason & Cindy Heuermann)*

*Cathy Woolbright (friend of Ken & Ruby Weiser)*

### 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) Camp Hovey, South Korea*

**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: 645, 656, 655, 947  
Sermon Text: John 8:31-38  
The Sermon: **“Do You Belong?”**

- † **The Altar flowers** are placed to the glory of God in honor of Doug & Mary Jatzalu’s 50th wedding anniversary, placed by their daughter’s Kris & Kari and their families.
- † **Mission Goal.** In the Voters Meeting held on December 13, 2020, the Voters set our 2021 Mission goal at \$37,500.00. To date our Mission contributions are at \$31,983.48. We are **\$5,516.52** away from meeting our 2021 goal.
- † **November Calendar.** The November Calendar is available in the church office.
- † **Trustees** will meet this Monday, November 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Packets are available to be picked up in the church office to review prior to the meeting.
- † **The Nominating Committee** will meet Thursday, November 11<sup>th</sup> 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 Scott Jones, 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 Jones or Pastor by Sunday, November 7<sup>th</sup>.
- † **All Saints Observance:** As a part of our worship Sunday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, 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 Monday, November 1<sup>st</sup>. *“Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.”* (Rev. 14:13)
- † **Countdown to National Wreaths across America Day** on December 18<sup>th</sup>. We have identified 74 veteran’s graves on our cemetery. As of today we have sponsored wreaths for 30 veteran’s graves. **The cut-off date to purchase a wreath for 2021 is November 30<sup>th</sup>.** Won’t you please consider purchasing a wreath(s) so we can honor all of our veteran’s. Please contact the church office if you have questions or need help in navigating the website.
- † **LWML.** The LWML has a variety of greeting cards for sale in the church office. The cards are \$.50 each or can be bought by the box for \$4.00.
- † **Scrip Program.** Getting ready to do your holiday shopping, or giving gift cards as gifts? You can do it all with a Scrip Card. Order them through the Church’s Scrip Program. Orders can be placed through the Church Office or you can go online and order your cards.

**LUTHERAN HOUR:** Next Sunday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, **“The Father of Solomon, by Uriah’s Wife”**. Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. The story of David and Bathsheba is a scandalous tale of adultery, treachery, and murder—but it also shows God’s undeserved mercy for David and for us. (2 Samuel 12:13). 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](http://lhm.org) for a link to listen to the Lutheran Hour live.

**Serving today:** Elders— David Fritsche and David Schmidt  
Organist- Susan Michael  
Acolytes- Ayla Droegemueller and Trey Fritsche  
Head Ushers- Donald Becker  
Captain- Craig Oltmann Assistant- Payton Oltmann  
**Counting and Posting offering this week:**  
Chairman- Johnathan Noack  
Troy Wiederhold, John Hinze, Bradley Albrecht  
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**THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK**

Today **Worship Service – 8:30 a.m.**  
**Reformation Day**  
 Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.  
 “Trunk or Treat” – 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.  
 SLCVFD Chicken BBQ

Mon. – Sat. National Young Readers Challenge

Monday **All Saints Day**  
 Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.  
 Trustee’s Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.  
 Election Day  
 Board of Christian Education Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday Staff Bible Study – 7:30 a.m.  
 School Chapel – 8:30 a.m.  
 LWML Quilting – 9:00 p.m.  
 Youth Confirmation – 6:00 p.m.  
 Adult Choir – 7:00 p.m.

Thursday Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.

Friday Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.  
 Cross Country Invitational @ FLHS

Next Sunday Daylight Savings-set clocks back 1 hour – 2:00 a.m.  
**Worship Service w/Communion– 8:30 a.m.**  
**All Saints Sunday**  
 Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.  
 Acolytes: Grant Oltmann and Kenedy Schatte

**Birthdays: Today** – Leah Menzel, Jennifer Wenke; 1<sup>st</sup> – Shelby Barnett; 3<sup>rd</sup> – Lance Krause; 5<sup>th</sup> – Jeffrey Claxton, Diane Habel, Shiloh Sowders; 6<sup>th</sup> – Dylan Glass, Dakota Reagan. God’s Blessings to you.

**ST. PAUL NOTES:**

**Attendance Last Week:** Morning Worship- 240, Bible Class- 20; Sunday School- 57, Visitors- 3, Banner Classes: Nursery I, II, III, Offering- \$24.25.

**Offering Last Week:** \$10,456.16

<b>Home:</b>		<b>Mission:</b>	
General	\$8,029.41	Mission	\$645.00
Sunday School	\$24.25	Lutheran Hour	\$50.00
Use of Facility	\$150.00	<b>Mission Total</b>	<b>\$695.00</b>
ECC Operating	\$1,257.50	<b>Savings/Other:</b>	
<b>Received 10/24/2021</b>	<b>\$9,461.16</b>	Building Fund	\$25.00
		Cemetery Fund	\$75.00
<b>Est. needed per week</b>	<b>\$22,500.00</b>	Endowment Fund	\$200.00
<b>Received MTD</b>	<b>\$76,758.50</b>	<b>Savings/Other Total</b>	<b>\$300.00</b>
<b>Est. needed per month</b>	<b>\$97,500.00</b>		
		Total	\$10,456.16

**MEMORIALS: General:** In memory of Hattie Mutschink by M/M Mark McClain - \$20.00; by Keith & Cherie Oltmann - \$100.00; by Lois & John Kalbas - \$50.00. In memory of Nancy Lambert by Russell Millner & Alan Kirkhart - \$50.00. In memory of Hattie Mutschink and Dorothy Marburger by Marvin & Charlyn Matthijetz - \$50.00. In memory of Deborah Schindler and Nancy Lambert by Linda Jones - \$50.00. In memory of Pastor Hartfield by Frances Mutscher - \$30.00.  
**Lutheran Hour:** In memory of Sharon Bamsch by Lois & John Kalbas - \$50.00. **Building:** In memory of Harvey Symm by Alton Weiser - \$225.00. **Cemetery Fund:** In memory of Hattie Mutschink by M/M Earl Steinbach - \$75.00. **Faith Lutheran High School:** In honor of Kenny & Nora Jurecks’s 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary by Kevin & Sherri Coffman - \$20.00.

## Life Through the Church Year

October 31 – Pentecost XXIII

The grace of God doesn't prevail only in private. His life-giving words belong in bedrooms and on bodies (Deuteronomy 6:6-8), brought before congregations and into conversations for the sanctity of every human life. So, we do not keep these life-affirming convictions to ourselves because His blessings become even better when celebrating them with others (Deuteronomy 6:3).

### 2021 Advent/Christmas Schedule

Service	Day	Date	Time	Detail	Offering
Thanksgiving Day	Thurs	Nov. 25	9:00 a.m.	English/German	General
Advent Services	Wed	Dec. 1, 8	7:00 p.m.	Communion December 1	General
Candlelight Carol Service	Wed	Dec. 15	7:00 p.m.		General
Song Service	Sun	Dec. 19	8:30 a.m.		General
Christmas Eve	Fri	Dec. 24	6:00 p.m.		½ Lutheran Braille Workers & ½ Bus Fund
Christmas Day	Sat	Dec. 25	9:00 a.m.	English/ German	½ LSS & ½ LBT
New Year's Eve	Fri	Dec. 31	7:00 p.m.		General
New Year's Day	Sat	Jan. 1	9:00 a.m.	Communion	General



### **Free Wednesday mornings?**

Join us for our weekly Chapel Worship Service every Wednesday at 10:30. This week, Pastor Timothy Appel from Smithville will be leading us. We look forward to seeing you!

### **Basketball Season Underway**

Basketball season started this week. We have a very excited group of boys ready to begin this new program for FLHS. Information will be coming soon regarding schedules so you can make plans to come cheer on your Falcons!

### **Cross Country Meet**

Faith Lutheran High School is hosting the 3rd Annual Private Schools of Central Texas Cross Country Meet on Friday, November 5th for students in K to 8th Grade with the first race at 2pm. We are excited to host this fun event!

### **Junior High Game Night**

FLHS will be hosting a game night for 7th and 8th grade students on Friday, November 12th from 6:00 pm until 9:00 pm at Faith Lutheran High School. We will have lots of food, fun, and fellowship! Please join us for this fun evening!

### **Thanksgiving Chapel and Feast**

Join us Wednesday, November 17th, beginning at 10:30 am for our 5th Annual Thanksgiving Celebration. Rev. Thomas Obersat will be leading us in worship and students will be assisting with music. Stay and fellowship with us during our pot-luck Thanksgiving feast lunch, immediately following chapel.

### **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.