

# St. Paul Lutheran Church

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## The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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**Welcome!** Marriage Is a Sign that Manifests the Gospel of Christ and His Church. Humanity is created in the image and likeness of God. “It is not good that the man should be alone” (Gen. 2:18). For the Lord Himself is a perfect communion of three Persons — the Father, Son and Holy Spirit — in one God. Therefore, “the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs,” which “he made into a woman” and brought “to the man” (Gen. 2:21–22). It is for this reason that “a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh” (Gen. 2:24; Mark 10:7). This great mystery of holy marriage signifies Christ Jesus, the incarnate Son of God, and His Bride, the Church. Divorce and all manner of adultery contradict and undermine this sign, and in doing so, they confess a false Christ and a false gospel. “What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate” (Mark 10:9). In truth, Christ Jesus has atoned for all such sins, and He has perfected marriage in Himself “through suffering,” that He might bring “many sons to glory” in His resurrection (Heb. 2:8–10).

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)*  
*Maxine Bradshaw*  
*Pat Hughes-recovering (friend of James and Kathy Kalbas)*  
*William Johnson (father of Heather Perry)*  
*Tim Kleinschmidt-recovering (friend of Delvin & Judy Boriack)*  
*Hildegard Krause-recovering*  
*Mary Loewe (mother of Christi Bradford)*  
*Eugene Menzel-recovering (brother of Elaine Mersiovsky and Donald Menzel)*  
*Chris Miertschin*  
*Shannon Miertschin-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*  
*Laverne Schulze-recovering (sister of Judy Boriack)*  
*Melvin Schulze-recovering*  
*Greg Sorrento-recovering (nephew of Doris Fritsche)*  
*Alan Turner-recovering (friend of Delvin & Judy Boriack)*  
*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*

### Those who mourn:

*The family of Cindy Lehmann (friend of Shane & Melissa Ray and Johnathan Noack)*  
*The family of Sharon Bamsch (niece of Marvin & Charlyn Matthijetz and Dennis & Bernice Zoch)*  
*The family of Harvey Symm (brother of Michael Symm)*

**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: 913, 795, 704, 740, 706, 623

Sermon Text: 1Peter 1:22

The Sermon: **“Love One Another from Pure Hearts”**

- † **The Altar flowers** are placed to the glory of God by the LWML in honor of LWML Sunday.
- † **Altar Flowers** are needed for Sunday, October 17<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to place flowers on that Sunday, please contact Dorothy Schautschick at 716-0094.
- † **LWML Sunday.** Today is LWML Sunday and we recognize the work done by this organization not only in our community but throughout the world.
- † **Congratulations** to Stacey Schautschick on the birth of a son, Anthony Oliver Schautschick. He was born on September 13, 2021 in Austin, TX. He weighed 9 lbs. 3ounces and was 21 inches long. May God bless this growing family.
- † **Holy Communion.** As we gather at the Lord’s Table, for the sake of responsible pastoral care, members should have previously announced their intent to commune. **Please fill out a communion card, call the church office, or text Pastor Schmidt prior to Sunday morning.** This will help the Elder’s prepare as we receive God’s precious gift to us.
- † **Trustees** will meet this Monday, October 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Packets are available to be picked up in the church office to review prior to the meeting.
- † **Voyager View.** The October Voyager View Newsletter is available in the church office.
- † **Church Council** – This Thursday, October 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. the Church Council will meet to set the agenda for the October 10<sup>th</sup> Voters meeting. All congregational officers and board members are part of the Church Council.
- † **Mission Festival.** Next Sunday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, will be our Mission Festival service. Vicar Gary Johnson from Sion, Schulenburg will deliver the message and lead us in Bible Class.
- † **The St. Paul Lutheran Women’s League** invites each woman of our congregation to join us on Sunday October 10, 2021 for our fall rally. It will be held in the school gym. Our guest speaker is Amanda Hankemeier. Come enjoy fellowship with other Lutheran ladies of other congregations and find out what LWML is all about. The fun starts at 2:00 p.m.
- † **South Lee County Volunteer Fire Department** is preparing Barbecue Chicken on Sunday, October 31<sup>st</sup> 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. If you wish to order please fill out this form and return it to the ushers, the church office or contact Paul Somerfield at 713-922-7501 or St. Paul Lutheran church office at 979-366-9650 by Monday, October 25<sup>th</sup>.
- † **Trunk or Treat – Sunday, Oct. 31<sup>st</sup> from 5:30-7:00 p.m.** Halloween finds children of all ages dressing up and sharing treats with one another. We would again like to invite families to the church picnic grounds to decorate your “area”, share your treats and fellowship together. The children will then be able to walk from area to area or vehicle to vehicle to receive the treats. The St. Paul cheerleaders will be selling Hot Dogs, Chips & Drink from 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
- † **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 19 veteran’s graves. 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.

**Serving today:** Elders– David Fritsche and David Schmidt  
**Organist-** Susan Michael  
**Acolytes-** Kamrie Stewart and Kenedy Schatte  
**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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**LUTHERAN HOUR:** Next Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, “**Giving God Our Garbage**”. Guest Speaker: Dr. Harold Ristau. Everything belongs to God and there isn’t anything anyone could possibly give Him that He doesn’t already have. And yet, there is one thing He desires: our garbage—our sins, our shame, our guilt—that He might put it all on Jesus. (1 Samuel 2:1-10). 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.

**THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK**

Today **Worship Service w/Communion– 8:30 a.m.**  
Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.  
**LWML Sunday**  
Sunday School Teacher’s Meeting – 10:15 a.m.

Sun. – Tues. Accreditation Visit

Sun. – Fri. Fire Prevention Week

Monday Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.  
VVB game @ Coupland – 4:30 p.m.  
Board of Trustee’s Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.

Wed. – Fri. Outdoor Education Experience @ Camp Lone Star

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

Thursday Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.  
Church Council Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

Friday Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.

Next Sunday **Worship Service – 8:30 a.m.**  
Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.  
**Mission Festival**  
LWML Rally – 2:00 p.m.  
Voter’s Meeting – 7:00 p.m.  
Acolytes: Jay Woelfel and Sharron Adair

**Birthdays: Today** – Gary Oltmann, Madison Rooks; 5<sup>th</sup> – Jozlyn Perry, Calvin Robertson; 6<sup>th</sup> – Wayne Becker, Bernice Doebbler, Cynthia Heuermann; 7<sup>th</sup> – Abigail Eindorf, Gladys Karisch; 8<sup>th</sup> – Tammy Hartfield; 9<sup>th</sup> – Miguel Garcia. God’s Blessings to you.

**Life Through the Church Year:  
October 3 – Pentecost XIX**

This world idolizes sexuality so much it sacrifices unborn children in worship. Our Heavenly Father establishes boundaries to protect us from this slavery. He elevates us by connecting sexuality to marriage, intimacy, procreation, and family. Human bodies testify that we’re born already belonging to somebody. Where the world sees selves for expressing or enjoying, we celebrate them in sharing and serving.

## ST. PAUL NOTES:

**Attendance Last Week:** Morning Worship- 238, Communion- 132, Bible Class- 14; Sunday School- 51, Offering- \$44.00.

**Offering Last Week:** \$14,964.50

### Home:

General	\$7,518.00
Sunday School	\$44.00
Lunch Room	\$210.00
ECC Operating	\$5,706.50
Tuition	\$930.00
<b>Received 9/19/2021</b>	<b>\$14,408.50</b>

### Mission:

Mission	\$275.00
<b>Mission Total</b>	<b>\$275.00</b>
<b>Savings/Other:</b>	
Building Fund	\$281.00
<b>Savings/Other Total</b>	<b>\$281.00</b>

Total \$14,964.50

<b>Est. needed per week</b>	<b>\$22,500.00</b>
<b>Received MTD</b>	<b>\$76,204.17</b>
<b>Est. needed per month</b>	<b>\$97,500.00</b>

**MEMORIALS: General:** In memory of Joyce Schulze Carlton by the Winkler Reunion - \$100.00. **Lutheran Hour:** In memory of Delores Marburger by Irene Noack - \$10.00. In memory of Wanda Shannon by Lucille Schatte, Lynette & Darlene - \$20.00.



### 7th and 8th Grade Game Night

FLHS will be hosting a game night for 7th and 8th grade students on Friday, October 8th 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!

### Oktoberfest

FLHS will be hosting a family friendly event on Saturday, October 23rd at the Holy Cross Picnic grounds.

Events for the day include:

German meal of brats, kraut, green beans, noodles, bread and coffee cake for dessert will be served for dine in and to go from 11:00 am until 1:00 pm by pre-sale tickets only. \$12/plate

Concession stand will also be available for purchase all day with items like hot dogs, warm pretzels, and nuts.

Music by CK the DJ will be playing through 3:00 pm.

Silent Auction items will be available for bidding until 1:30 pm.

Children's games and activities will begin at 1:00 pm and include activities such as a bounce house, face painting, photo backdrop, pumpkin painting and more!

Domino and Cornhole tournaments will begin at 2:00 pm.

\*See attached flyer!

### How can you support FLHS for Oktoberfest?

First, come to Oktoberfest! It's going to be a great time!

Additionally, we can use help from volunteers throughout the day to help with the variety of activities. We are also seeking items for our silent auction, or donations to gather the necessary items for the event. Please contact Mrs. Kueck at (979) 242-2889 if you would like to know more about how you can help! Thank you!

### 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 23rd.

### Free Wednesday mornings?

Join us for our weekly Chapel Worship Service every Wednesday at 10:30 am.

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