

# St. Paul Lutheran Church

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## The Eighteenth after Pentecost

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**Welcome! *The True Vine Redeems the Vineyard of the LORD of Hosts.*** “*The vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel*” (Is. 5:7), which He planted “*on a very fertile hill*” (Is. 5:1). He did everything for His vineyard, not only clearing it of stones and planting it with “*choice vines,*” but also building the “*wachtower*” of His prophets and hewing out the “*wine vat*” of His priesthood in its midst (Is. 5:2). But when “*he looked for it to yield grapes,*” there were only “*wild grapes*” of bloodshed and unrighteousness (Is. 5:2, 7). The Lord Jesus likewise described the unfaithfulness of those who were called to care for His vineyard (Matt. 21:33–35). But in this He also describes His cross and Passion (Matt. 21:38–39), by which He has redeemed the vineyard for Himself. He is the true Vine, planted by death into the ground, and in His resurrection He brings forth “*the fruits in their seasons*” (Matt. 21:41). Among those good grapes of the true Vine is the apostle Paul. Once a zealous persecutor of the Church, he “*suffered the loss of all things*” in order to “*gain Christ and be found in him,*” to “*know him and the power of his resurrection*” (Phil. 3:8–10).

We invite you all to worship with us again.

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### In Our Prayers:

Those recovering from surgeries and illness:

*Pam Becker-recovering*  
*Delvin Boriack-recovering*  
*David Brand-recovering (brother-in-law of Jim House)*  
*Irene Buscha-recovering*  
*Mary Sue Canales (cousin of Nancy Kasper)*  
*Pat Hughes (friend of James and Kathy Kalbas)*  
*Ruth Kluetz-surgery (friend of Harold & Paula Krause)*  
*Kenneth Lorenz*  
*Chris Miertschin-recovering*  
*Shannon Miertschin*  
*Leonard Mitschke-recovering*  
*Gary Oltmann-recovering*  
*Franklin Richter-recovering (brother-in-law of Willard and Milton Albrecht)*  
*Monroe Schatte, Jr.-recovering*  
*Kermit Schautschick-recovering (son of Hattie Schautschick)*  
*Melvin Schulze-recovering*  
*Louis Symons-recovering*  
*Jordan Walch (grandson of Irene Noack)*  
*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*  
*Jerry Tallas (brother-in-law of Delvin Boriack)*  
*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*  
**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: 901, 506, 627, 528, 830

Sermon Text: Matthew 21:43

The Sermon: **“Kingdom People produce Kingdom Fruit”**

**Weekly Church Services**

St. Paul Lutheran Church is open for worship. Beginning in September we will begin celebrating Holy Communion on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 by the LWML in honor of LWML Sunday.
- † **Altar flowers** are needed for Sunday, October 11<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, October 25<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to place flowers on either of these 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.
- † **Cedar Putzen.** Thank you to everyone who came out and helped trim the cemetery cedars on Saturday.
- † **Trustees Meeting.** The Trustees will meet tomorrow October 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. All trustees may pick up their packets in the church office today to review prior to the meeting.
- † **Church Council** – This Thursday, October 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. the Church Council will meet to set the agenda for the October 11<sup>th</sup> Voters meeting. All congregational officers and board members are part of the Church Council.
- † **Lutheran Witness.** The church provides a subscription of the Lutheran Witness for each family in the congregation, at a cost of \$14.25. If you are **not** receiving a monthly copy of the Lutheran Witness and would like to have it, or if you **are** receiving the monthly Lutheran Witness and do not want it, please contact the church office by Monday, October 5<sup>th</sup>.
- † **Trunk or Treat.** Due to COVID restrictions and CDC guidelines, Trunk or Treat has been cancelled this year.
- † **Voyager View.** The October Voyager View is available in the church office.
- † **South Lee County Volunteer Fire Department** is preparing Barbecue Chicken on Sunday, October 25<sup>th</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 and may be turned in to the church office, the ushers or contact Paul Sommerfield at 713-922-7501.
- † **Countdown to National Wreaths across America Day** on December 19<sup>th</sup>. We have identified 71 veteran’s graves on our cemetery. As of today we have sponsored wreaths for 18 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– Doug Hartfield and Gary Oltmann  
**Organist-** Susan Michael  
**Head Ushers-** Donald Becker  
**Captain-** Michael Becker **Assistant-** Shelby Becker  
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**LUTHERAN HOUR:** Next Sunday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, **“Unscaled Heights of Empathy”**. Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. A king’s dream, a mysterious statue with feet of clay, an unearthly rock that rows to fill all the earth, and God’s empathy for a weeping world, embodied in Christ-it’s all part of Dr. Michael Zeigler’s message this week. (Daniel 2). 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.

**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

**THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK**

Today **Worship Service w/Communion – 8:30 a.m.**  
**LWML Sunday**  
 Monday Trustee's Meeting – 7:00 p.m.  
 Tuesday Board of Christian Education Meeting – 7:00 p.m.  
 Wednesday ECC Chapel – 8:00 a.m.  
 School Chapel – 8:30 a.m.  
 LWML Quilting – 9:00 a.m.  
 Youth Confirmation – 6:00 p.m.  
 Wed. – Fri. Outdoor Education Experience-Grades 5-6  
 @ Camp Lone Star  
 Thursday Church Council Meeting - 7:00 p.m.  
 Next Sunday **Worship Service – 8:30 a.m.**  
**Mission Festival**  
 Voter's Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

**Birthdays:** 5<sup>th</sup> – Calvin Robertson; 6<sup>th</sup> – Wayne Becker, Bernice Doebbler, Cynthia Heuermann, Caroline Noack; 7<sup>th</sup> – Abigail Eindorf, Gladys Karisch; 8<sup>th</sup> – Tammy Hartfield; 9<sup>th</sup> – Miguel Garcia; 10<sup>th</sup> – Jamie Jordan, Heather Snowden, Teresa Zoch. God's Blessings to you.

**ST. PAUL NOTES:**

**Attendance Last Week:** Morning Worship- 133

**Offering Last Week:** \$16,952.46

<b>Home:</b>		<b>Mission:</b>	
General	\$14,529.70	Mission	\$425.00
Tape Ministry	\$475.00	Lutheran Hour	\$60.00
ECC Operating	\$1,387.76	<b>Mission Total</b>	<b>\$485.00</b>
<b>Received 9/27/2020</b>	<b>\$16,392.46</b>	<b>Savings/Other:</b>	
		School Fund	\$25.00
<b>Est. needed per week</b>	<b>\$22,500.00</b>	Building fund	\$50.00
<b>Received MTD</b>	<b>\$96,304.45</b>	<b>Savings/Other Total</b>	<b>\$75.00</b>
<b>Est. needed per month</b>	<b>\$97,500.00</b>		
		Total	\$16,952.46

**MEMORIALS: General:** In memory of Adelia Lorenz by Douglas Malke - \$50.00; by Milton & Geraldine Albrecht - \$100.00; by Steve & Holly Richter - \$25.00. In memory of Elbert Becker by Paul & Tina Sommerfield, Max & Macy (for 1<sup>st</sup> grade classroom) - \$100.00. **Lutheran Hour:** In memory of Adelia Lorenz by Edwin Jr. & Barbara Schmidt - \$35.00; by Linda Tate - \$25.00. **Tape Ministry:** In memory of Adelia Lorenz by Kyle, Laurie & Kaden Kasper - \$50.00; by Raymond & Deborah Herbrich - \$100.00; by Richard & Enda Herzog - \$50.00; by Tom and Royce Groeschel - \$100.00; by Monroe Becker - \$25.00; by Lucille Halpern and Jim Reinhardt - \$50.00; by David & Shirley Christiansen - \$100.00. **School Fund:** In memory of Grace Hataway by Linda Tate - \$25.00. **Building:** In memory of Adelia Lorenz and Paul Lentz by Tommy & Linda Wilkins - \$50.00. **Faith Lutheran High School:** In memory of Elbert Becker's birthday by David & Karen Schmidt - \$100.00.

**Life Through the Church Year:**

**October 4 – Pentecost XVIII** – Jesus' parable about vineyard tenants (Matthew 21:38-41) warns against abortion and assisted suicide. These acts always kill a son or daughter, without ever delivering the liberty they advertise. They ink us into contracts payable only with guilt and grief. But entrusting ourselves to Christ, who creates bodies and sustains souls even amid costs and losses (Philippians 3:7-8) like surprise pregnancy or terminal diagnosis, this gives life not only to "me" but to "us" (Psalm 80:18).

† **Wreaths Across America.** We will again be participating in National Wreaths Across America Day on December 19, 2020. Please consider sponsoring a wreath(s) so that we can honor all our Veterans at Christmas.

## **Wreaths Across America**

### **To sponsor a wreath(s):**

You can go online to [www.wreathscrossamerica.org](http://www.wreathscrossamerica.org). or you can call direct to 1-877-385-9504.

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Click on the MENU button at the top right of the home page

Click on Search Locations

Click on Participating Locations

Type in TXPLCS

Select dropdown-St. Paul Lutheran Church of Serbin, (TXPLCS) Giddings, TX 78942

Click on Sponsor

This page will appear:

#### Wreath Sponsorship

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At this point you can select to sponsor a grave specific wreath(s) and/or wreath(s) in honor or memory of.

Once you have selected grave specific and/or in honor or memory of, simply follow the instructions.

Cost of a wreath is \$15.00

All funds must be in the Wreaths Across America office by Monday, November 30, 2020, to be considered a 2020 Wreaths Across America contribution. Any funds received after that date will be considered a 2021 donation.

National Wreaths Across America Day is December 19, 2020.

If you have questions or need assistance contact the church office at 979-366-9650.



### **Free Wednesday mornings?**

Join us for our weekly Chapel Worship Service every Wednesday, 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. Pre-orders are recommended. Additional details are still forthcoming, so watch your church bulletins and our Facebook page for more information.

### **Thank you!**

Thank you to each and every person who helped make our chicken spaghetti casserole fundraiser a success - those who cooked chicken, those who helped with preparing the casseroles, those of you who ordered them, and everything in between - we are thankful for YOU!

### **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. We are excited to host this fun event!

### **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.