

St. Paul Lutheran Church

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The Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

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Welcome! God's Gift of Forgiveness Engenders Our Forgiveness of Others. The Day of the Lord is "near and hastening fast," and it will be "a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation" (Zeph. 1:14, 15). The Lord will search out and punish "the men who are complacent" concerning His Word, "who fill their master's house with violence and fraud" (Zeph. 1:9, 12). Then all their works and efforts will be for nothing: "Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them" (Zeph. 1:13). But those who fear, love and trust in the Lord are "good and faithful" stewards of His property (Matt. 25:21). They live by faith in His free gift of forgiveness, and they multiply His goods in the loving forgiveness of their neighbor, and "the master of those servants" settles His accounts with them by the gracious reckoning of His Gospel (Matt. 25:19). Likewise, "God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Thess. 5:9). Therefore, let us also "put on the breastplate of faith and love" in our dealings with one another (1 Thess. 5:8).

We invite you all to worship with us again.

In Our Prayers:

Those recovering from surgeries and illness:

Adelia Becker-hospitalized

Pam Becker-recovering

Tamshaw Becker-hospitalized

Mary Sue Canales (cousin of Nancy Kasper)

Gene Fritsche-recovering

Pat Hughes (friend of James and Kathy Kalbas)

Dorothy Kollaja-surgery (mother of Dorothy

Schautschick)

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

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 Wesbrook (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 rejoice:

Haley Hartfield and Daniel Marek as they are united in marriage on Saturday

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: 660, 783, 516, 655

Sermon Text: Matthew 25:14-30

The Sermon: **“What Are You Doing With Your Talent?”**

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 COVID 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 Mr. & Mrs. Willard Albrecht’s 60th wedding anniversary by their children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.
- † **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 \$26,837.60. We are **\$8,162.40** away from meeting our 2020 goal.
- † **Nominating Committee.** The Nominating Committee met on November 12th. The list of nominations for various offices is included in the bulletin this morning. If for some reason you feel you cannot serve, please contact the Chairman, Gary D. Becker or call the church office.
- † **Serving the Lord:** The Lord has blessed each of us daily. His desire is that we serve Him in all we do and say. One way of serving our gracious God is by becoming a voting member of St. Paul. All males over the age of 21 are encouraged to prayerfully consider serving our Risen Lord in this way. If you are willing to become a voting member please contact Chairman Gary Becker or the church office.
- † **The Holy Cross Couple’s Club** will have a BBQ Chicken fundraiser on Sunday, November 22nd. Pick up from 10:00-noon at the Holy Cross picnic grounds. Chickens are \$9.00 each and 16oz cups are sauce are \$2.00. Advance orders only by calling the church office at 242-3333 by November 16th. You can also place orders with Robert Hinze (540-6911), Joyce Hinze (540-0355) (366-2398) (home).
- † **Advent Devotion Books** are available this morning or you may pick one up in the church office at your convenience.
- † **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.
- † **LWML.** The LWML is again selling Christmas Cards. They are \$4/box. Contact Doris Fritsche at 979-212-1886.
- † **Countdown to National Wreaths across America Day** on December 14th. We have identified 72 veteran’s graves on our cemetery. As of today we have sponsored wreaths for 67 veteran’s graves. **The cut-off date to purchase a wreath for 2020 is November 30th.** 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.

† **Orphan Grain Train** is a Christian volunteer network that shares personal and material resources with needy people in America and around the world. Grain Train volunteers gather donations of clothing, medical supplies, food, Christian literature, and other aid to meet real needs. The Orphan Grain Train movement is a loving response to Jesus Christ's example as a servant and his love for us. Orphan Grain Train is a non-profit organization, created in 1992, to provide assistance to those in need, and in natural disasters in both the United States and foreign countries.

UNDE SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2020

Orphan Grain Train will be collecting NEW KIDS UNDES AND SOCKS, NEW/LOVING STUFFED ANIMALS.

These items will go to children in areas in and around an

Orphanage in Quemado, Texas. There is a box in the church office. Orphan Grain Train will pick up on December 6, 2020.

If you have any questions, please contact Dorothy Schautschick at 979-716-0094.

Serving today: Elders– David Fritsche and David Schmidt

Organist- Daniel Krause

Head Ushers- Donald Becker

Captain- Craig Oltmann **Assistant**- Payton Oltmann

LUTHERAN HOUR: Next Sunday, November 22nd, “**Politics in Perspective**”. Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Political turmoil is nothing new and political security is only temporary. We can't escape politics. However, Dr. Michael Zeigler offers good news of a kingdom that cannot be overthrown and will never pass away. (Daniel 7:1-14). 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	English Communion Worship Service – 8:30 a.m. Online Christian Education
Wednesday	ECC Chapel – 8:00 a.m. School Chapel – 8:30 a.m. Youth Confirmation – 6:00 p.m.
Thursday	Elders Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
Friday	Thanksgiving Family Luncheon – 11:00 a.m.
Next Sunday	English Worship Service – 8:30 a.m. Online Christian Education

Birthdays: Today – Royce Albrecht, Robin Elliott, John Hempel, Shannon Miertschin, Clinton Teinert; 16th – Christi Fritsche; 17th – Patricia Barnett, Hattie Schautschick; 18th – Brianna Lehmann, Troy Wiederhold; 19th – Randy Becker, Logan Taylor; 21st – Mason Becker, Robin Buscha, Steven Noack, James Oltmann. God's Blessings to you.

**Life Through the Church Year:
November 15 - Pentecost XXIV**

Isn't abortion at least a little like wrapping precious treasure in a napkin and throwing it in a hole? Isn't assisted suicide literally burying unappreciated talents in the ground (Matthew 25:18)? Jesus warns it's a one-way ticket to weeping and gnashing of teeth (Matthew 25:28-30). But what joy awaits us when we receive both our lives and everyone else's as a gift and expect that each will improve the other (Matthew 25:20-21)!

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.

ST. PAUL NOTES:

Attendance Last Week: Morning Worship- 140

Offering Last Week: \$32,512.28

Home:		Mission:	
General	\$16,308.83	Mission	\$275.00
Lunch Room	\$467.05	Lutheran Hour	\$25.00
ECC Operating	\$5,652.00	Mission Total	\$300.00
Tuition	\$8,734.40	Savings/Other:	
Received 11/8/2020	\$31,162.28	School Fund	\$50.00
		Building Fund	\$1,000.00
Est. needed per week	\$22,500.00	Savings/Other Total	\$1,050.00
Received MTD	\$45,426.28		
Est. needed per month	\$97,500.00	Total	\$32,512.28

MEMORIALS: General: In memory of Charles Arldt by Edna Houston - \$10.00; by Rodney & Peggy Casey - \$30.00; by Calvin & Ina Mitschke - \$100.00; by Nancy & Doug Herms - \$40.00; by Lucille Schatte, Lynette & Darlene - \$20.00; by M/M Herbert Zoch - \$30.00; by Lillian Wenke - \$20.00; by Doug & Connie Thielemann - \$30.00. In memory of Lynn Noack by Thomas & Glenda Bibb - \$100.00; by Bernita Schaver - \$10.00; by Calvin & Ina Mitschke - \$150.00. **Lutheran Hour:** In memory of Charles Arldt by cousins, Rufus, Deirdre and Cindy Markert - \$25.00. **School Fund:** In memory of Charles Arldt by William & Tina Kappler - \$50.00. **Faith Lutheran High School:** In memory of Charles Arldt by John & Lois Kalbas - \$35.00.

2020 Advent/Christmas Schedule

Service	Day	Date	Time	Detail	Offering
Thanksgiving Day	Thurs	Nov.26	9:00 a.m.	English/German	General
Advent Services	Wed	Dec. 2, 9	7:00 p.m.	Communion December 2	General
Candlelight Carol Service	Wed	Dec. 16	7:00 p.m.		General
Song Service	Sun	Dec.20	8:30 a.m.		General
Christmas Eve	Thurs	Dec. 24	6:00 p.m.		½ Lutheran Braille Workers & ½ Bus Fund
Christmas Day	Fri	Dec. 25	9:00 a.m.	English/German	½ LSS & ½ LBT
New Year's Eve	Thurs	Dec, 31	7:00 p.m.		General
New Year's Day	Fri	Jan. 1	9:00 a.m.	Communion	General





Thanksgiving Chapel and Feast

Join us Wednesday, November 18th, beginning at 10:30 am for our 4th Annual Thanksgiving Celebration. Rev. Thomas Obersat will be leading us in worship and some students will be assisting with music. Stay and fellowship with us during our pot-luck Thanksgiving feast lunch, immediately following chapel. Students are encouraged to invite their families and friends to join us for this wonderful holiday celebration and fellowship!

*Students and guests are asked to bring a holiday dish to share. Mrs. Kueck will make the turkeys, but sides and desserts are welcome!

Accreditation Visit

The FLHS had a very successful accreditation visit on November 8th - 10th. FLHS has been recommended for accreditation in good standing, with no major deficiencies. Praise the Lord for the wonderful blessings He continues to bestow on FLHS.

The visiting team was able to identify some major strengths of FLHS as noted below:

- The faculty of FLHS are intentional about creating and fostering a culture and climate that exemplifies the mission and ministry of the school.
- The variety of course offerings surpasses the expectation for a school of this size.
- The faculty of FLHS have genuine care and concern for the students and each other, which creates a positive, supportive family atmosphere.
- FLHS does an excellent job of offering struggling students opportunities for additional academic support through 1:1 instruction, homework support, and Power Hour.

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.

Thanksgiving Break

FLHS offices will be closed for Thanksgiving Break from November 23rd to November 27th. Have a safe, happy, and healthy holiday!

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!