

St. Paul Lutheran Church

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All Saints Day

1 November 2020

Welcome! Welcome! Saints Are Blessed in the Eternal Presence of Christ. “A great multitude ... from all tribes and peoples and languages” cry out, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne” (Rev. 7:9–10). Faith-filled saints from every place and time with unified voices eternally magnify the Lamb of God. As His beloved children, we, too, “shall see him as he is” (1 John 3:2). Joined with the throng of angels and myriad saints, we shall “serve him day and night in his temple” (Rev. 7:15). In our earthly tension vacillating between saint and sinner, faith and doubt, sacred and profane, we earnestly seek Jesus to calm our fears, comfort our spirits and forgive our sins. The Holy Spirit, through faith in Christ, propels us forward to our eternal home, fortifying us in Word and Sacrament. In the midst of our constant struggle as believers, we need to be blessed. And so we are. The poor in spirit, the meek, the hungry, the thirsty, the merciful, the pure and the persecuted are all blessed, and we will most certainly inherit the kingdom of heaven (Matt. 5:1–12).

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 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

Our Nation as we prepare for Election Day

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: 932, 644, 645, 663,

Sermon Text: Revelation 7:2-17

The Sermon: **“What Gets You Excited?”**

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 memory Johnnie Noack’s birthday by Wilbert & Carol Jean Noack and Arthur & Dianna Noack.
- † **The Altar Stand, Side Stand and Window** flowers are from the Charles Arldt funeral.
- † **Altar flowers** are needed for Sunday, November 29th. If you would like to place altar flowers on that Sunday, contact Lana Kaiser at 540-8011.
- † **The Trustees** will meet on Monday, November 2nd for their monthly meeting at 7:00 p.m. All trustees may pick up their packets in the church office today to review prior to the meeting.
- † **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.
- † **LWML.** The LWML will resume regular monthly meetings in November.
- † **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 \$25,477.60. We are **\$9,522.40** 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.
- † **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.
- † **LWML.** The LWML is again selling Christmas Cards. They are \$4/box. Contact Doris Fritsche at 979-212-1886.
- † **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.
- † **Countdown to National Wreaths across America Day** on December 14th. We have identified 71 veteran’s graves on our cemetery. As of today we have sponsored wreaths for 47 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.

Serving today: Elders—David Fritsche and David Schmidt

Organist- Susan Michael

Head Ushers- Donald Becker

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

LUTHERAN HOUR: Next Sunday, November 6th, **“Tied into the Same Lifeline”**. Speaker Dr. Michael Zeigler. Humble pie is on the menu at an ill-fated feast. (Daniel 5). 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 w/Communion – 8:30 a.m.**
All Saints Day
 Online Christian Education

Sun. – Sat. National Young Readers challenge

Monday **Campus Evacuation Drill**
 Trustees Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday **Election Day**
 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.

Next Sunday **Worship Service – 8:30 a.m.**
 Online Christian Education

Birthdays: Today – Shelby Barnett; 3rd – Lance Krause; 5th – Jeffrey Claxton, Diane Habel, Shiloh Sowders; 6th – Dakota Reagan; 7th – Maxine Bradshaw, Courtland Tharp. God’s Blessings to you.

ST. PAUL NOTES:

Attendance Last Week: Morning Worship- 164

Offering Last Week: \$9,637.68

Home:		Mission:	
General	\$6,925.00	Mission	\$414.00
Lunch Room	\$299.00	Lutheran Hour	\$300.00
ECC Operating	\$1,052.00	Mission Festival	\$50.00
Tuition	\$522.00	Mission Total	\$764.00
Received 10/25/2020	\$8,798.00	Savings/Other:	
		School Oil & Gas Fund	\$11.68
Est. needed per week	\$22,500.00	Cemetery Fund	\$25.00
Received MTD	\$79,796.90	Bus Replacement Fund	\$39.00
Est. needed per month	\$97,500.00	Savings/Other Total	\$75.68
		Total	\$9,637.68

MEMORIALS: General: In memory of Herbert & Katherine Fielder, Leander Fiedler and Cecelia Ramirez by Paula Fiedler - \$20.00. In memory of Lynn Noack by Delbert & Maureen Berryman - \$30.00. In memory of Pat Davidson, Lynn Noack and Charles Arldt by David & Karen Schmidt - \$60.00. In memory of Charles Arldt by Carolyn Noack - \$25.00; by Carl H. Mertink, Jr. - \$25.00; by Janiece Becker - \$25.00; by Gary & Tracy Oltmann - \$50.00; by Keith & Cherie Oltmann - \$100.00; by Elmo & Adele Schulze - \$40.00; by Kenneth & Lynette Wiederhold - \$30.00; by Daniel & Ruby Schulze - \$20.00; by Milton & Geraldine Albrecht - \$50.00; by Albert & Judy Matthijetz - \$25.00; by Doug Malke - \$50.00. In memory of “Papa” Charles Arldt by Bruce & Sara Prellop - \$100.00. **Lutheran Hour:** In memory of Lynn Noack by Lucille Schatte, Lynette and Darlene - \$20.00. In memory of Lynn Noack and Charles Arldt by Michael & Teresa Krause - \$50.00. In memory of Charles Arldt by Ken & Ruby Weiser - \$25.00; by Doris Fritsche - \$20.00; by Stephen & Nancy Kasper - \$50.00; by Irene Noack - \$20.00; by Robert & Brenda Muniz - \$40.00; by Wilbert & Carol Jean Noack - \$50.00; by Kevin & Sherri Coffman - \$25.00. **Cemetery Fund:** In memory of Charles Arldt by Dennis & Betty Kurio - \$25.00. **Faith Lutheran High School:** In memory of Charles Arldt by Craig, Melodi, Payton and Grant Oltmann - \$100.00; by Adelia Becker - \$25.00; by Arthur & LaVerne Urban - \$100.00; by Paul & Tina Somerfield, Max and Macy - \$25.00. **Texas Wendish Heritage Society:** In memory of Charles Arldt by Leonard & Lucy Mitschke - \$50.00; by Arthur & Dianna Noack - \$50.00; by Arthur & LaVerne Urban - \$100.00.

Life Through the Church Year:**November 1, - Pentecost XXI**

Abortion often offers cover for sexual immorality, like pre-marital intercourse, infidelity, and abuse. Forgiveness and everlasting life in Jesus Christ release us from enslavement to such lusts (1 Thessalonians 4:3-7). We get to engage our bodies in lives of holy worship to God and righteous service to one another. And since we share one Father (Matthew 23:9), we pursue purity not only for our own bodies but for each other's as brothers' and sister' keepers.

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

Wreaths Across America

To sponsor a wreath(s):

You can go online to www.wreathscrossamerica.org. or you can call direct to 1-877-385-9504.

Online: www.wreathscrossamerica.org

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 **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 14, 2020.

If you have questions or need assistance contact the church office.