

St. Paul Lutheran Church

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The Last Sunday of the Church Year

22 November 2020

Welcome! By the Cross of Christ, We Enter the Kingdom of Our God and Father. When the crucified and risen Lord Jesus comes to judge the living and the dead, “*he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats*” (Matt. 25:32). “*To those on his right,*” who have been crucified and raised with Him through repentance and faith in His Gospel, He will grant the blessed kingdom of His Father (Matt. 25:34). Having been justified by His grace, they live unto righteousness in Him (Matt. 25:35–40). But “*those on his left,*” who trust in themselves and despise their neighbor, will depart “*into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels*” (Matt. 25:41). Until that day, the Lord searches for His sheep “*as a shepherd seeks out his flock*” (Ezek. 34:11–12). Through His preaching of repentance, He disciplines the proud sheep and goats, “*the fat and the strong,*” but through the preaching of forgiveness He rescues the lost, binds up the injured, strengthens the weak and feeds “*the lean sheep*” (Ezek. 34:16, 20). In this way, He destroys the power of death in the children of Adam by His cross, so that “*in Christ shall all be made alive*” by His resurrection (1 Cor. 15:20–26).

Today is the last Sunday of the Church Year. As another year in Christ draws to a close we look forward to the day when our Lord will return in glory. May we always be ready to meet Him.

We invite you all to worship with us again.

In Our Prayers:

Those recovering from surgeries and illness:

Adelia Becker

Tamshaw Becker-hospitalized

Mary Sue Canales (cousin of Nancy Kasper)

Gene Fritsche-recovering

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

Becky Weise-recovering

Reagan Wilhelm-surgery(fiancée of Bradly Schautschick)

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 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

Coy Hunt (son of Shannon & Christine Hunt) Camp Hovey, South Korea

Those who rejoice:

Haley and Daniel Marek as they begin their married life together.

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: 735, 709, 710, 537

Sermon Text: Matthew 25:31-46

The Sermon: “Priorities”

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 to commemorate the 1977 donation by St. Paul Lutheran Church of the 1915 St. Paul Lutheran Serbin School Building to the Texas Wendish Heritage Society to establish the first Wendish Museum, by the Texas Wendish Heritage Society.
- ✠ **The Altar Stand flowers** are placed to the glory of God from the Hartfield/Marek wedding.
- ✠ **Congratulations** to Kyle and Katie Jenke on the birth of a daughter, Kinlea Ross Jenke. She was born November 16, 2020 in Austin, TX. She weighed 7 lbs.1 oz. and was 19 inches long. May God bless this growing family.
- ✠ **October Financial Statements.** The October Financial Statements are available in the church office.
- ✠ **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.
- ✠ **Thanksgiving Worship.** Make plans to attend our Thanksgiving Day Worship Service at 9:00 a.m. This service will be conducted in both German and English. May this special day be one in which we realize the gifts which come from God's hand so that we may receive such gifts with thanksgiving.
- ✠ **Radio Broadcast:** The Thanksgiving Day service will be broadcast on KBUK (FM 104.9) radio of LaGrange. Our thanks to First National Bank of Giddings for sponsoring this broadcast. Bulletins for the service will be available in the church office on Wednesday afternoon.
- ✠ **All Bulletin Announcements** for next Sunday’s bulletin need to be turned in to the church office by tomorrow. Due to the Thanksgiving holidays, we will be printing the bulletins earlier than normal.
- ✠ **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 \$27,202.60. We are **\$7,797.40** away from meeting our 2020 goal.
- ✠ **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 of the church office.
- ✠ **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. Cards are also available in the church office.
- ✠ **Poinsettias:** The LWML will be selling Poinsettias for \$10.00 each to be used to decorate the sanctuary for Christmas. To order please fill out the order form in the bulletin this morning, and return it to the Church Office or put it in the collection plate. Orders are due by Wednesday, December 16th. **Please note that due to availability no orders will be accepted after December 16th.** If you need further information, please contact Dorothy Schautschick at 716-0094.

- † **The LAF will meet** at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 28th to decorate the Church, and at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 13th to set up and decorate the trees.
- † **The St. Paul LYF** will set up the Nativity Scenes at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 28th.
- † **Aluminum Cans:** Need somewhere to take your aluminum cans? There is a drop-off trailer by the pasture gate for anyone who would like to drop off their aluminum cans to be recycled. All money raised from the recycled cans will go to the Building Fund. We sold the cans this past week and raised another \$51.25 for the Building Fund. Total given to the Restoration/Building fund is \$2,919.30.
- † **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.

THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

Today	Worship Service – 8:30 a.m. Online Christian Education
Mon. – Fri.	Thanksgiving Holiday No School
Wednesday	ECC Chapel – 8:00 a.m.
Thursday	Thanksgiving English/German Worship – 9:00 a.m.
Thurs. – Fri	Thanksgiving Holiday ECC Closed
Saturday	LAF put up Advent Decorations – 2:00 p.m. LYF put up Nativity Scene – 2:00 p.m.
Next Sunday	Worship Service – 8:30 a.m. Intergenerational Bible Study

Birthdays: 23rd – Marjorie Albrecht, Jerry Fischer, Kendra Kalbas; 24th – Emma Miertschin, Natalie Schnell, Dylan Zoch; 25th – Ayla Droegemueller, Karla Hinze, Priscilla Stanfield; 26th – Mildred Perry; 27th – Emily Reagan; 28th – Clyde Schimank, Andrew Short. God's Blessings to you.

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 29th, “**Magnum Opus**”. Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. How is God like a band director? Learn how God enables us to play our part in His “Magnum Opus.” 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.

Life Through the Church Year:

November 29 – Last Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 29A)

“As you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me” (Matthew 25:40). Jesus has consecrated your life in His incarnation and crucifixion. And in the same way He has sanctified every human life, no matter what age, appearance, or ability. When we behold our unborn neighbors, when we care for incapacitated ones, when we advocate for embryos or elderly, we encounter God.

ST. PAUL NOTES:

Attendance Last Week: Morning Worship- 141, Communion- 74

Offering Last Week: \$13,527.28

Home:		Mission:	
General	\$7,595.83	Mission	\$365.00
Lunch Room	\$465.00	Lutheran Hour	\$20.00
ECC Operating	\$2,052.00	Mission Total	\$385.00
Tuition	\$2,734.20	Savings/Other:	
Received 11/15/2020	\$12,847.03	Building Fund	\$51.25
		Cemetery Fund	\$200.00
Est. needed per week	\$22,500.00	Bus Replacement Fund	\$44.00
Received MTD	\$58,273.31	Savings/Other Total	\$295.25
Est. needed per month	\$97,500.00		
		Total	\$13,527.28

MEMORIALS: General: In memory of Lynn Noack by Martin Vavra - \$50.00; by Monroe Becker - \$25.00.
Lutheran Hour: In memory of Adelia Lorenz by Sandra Huntsman - \$20.00. **Cemetery Fund:** In memory of Lynn Noack by Herb & Patricia Noack, Chris & Kathy Noack and Jarrod & Desiree Noack - \$200.00.



Thanksgiving Chapel and Feast

Thanksgiving Break

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

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.

“Faith at Christmas” Program

FLHS students will present a Christmas concert, “Faith at Christmas,” on Tuesday, December 8th at 7:00 pm at FLHS. Program will include a collection of choir pieces, handbell pieces, hymns, scripture readings and more. Refreshments will be served following the program. Masks are required for those in attendance. Please join us!!!

*This event will also be live streamed on Facebook, for those who would prefer to view the sounds of Christmas from home.

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.

Raffle Items

The Spring Raffle is just around the corner. The Board of Directors is currently looking for valuable items or monetary donations to be used in the raffle. Please contact Nikki Kueck if you have something to donate! Thank you!

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.