

St. Paul Lutheran Church

Serbin, Texas



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The First Sunday after Christmas

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Welcome! *The Time Has Fully Come for Redemption and Purification through Jesus Christ, Our Lord.* “When the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son,” born of the woman, “to redeem those who were under the law” (Gal. 4:4–5). Therefore, “according to the Law of Moses,” Mary and Joseph “brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord” (Luke 2:22). There He was received and taken up into the arms of Simeon, who was righteous and devout, “waiting for the consolation of Israel” (Luke 2:25). Simeon praised God and blessed the parents by confessing the cross for which this child was appointed. “At that very hour,” old and faithful Anna, who had watched, prayed and worshiped in the temple for so long, came up and “began to give thanks to God and to speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem” (Luke 2:38). The Lord causes “righteousness and praise to sprout up before all the nations” (Is. 61:11). We also “greatly rejoice in the LORD,” because this child has clothed us “with the garments of salvation,” covered us “with the robe of righteousness” and called us “by a new name” (Is. 61:10; 62:2).

We invite you all to worship with us again.

In Our Prayers:

Those recovering from surgeries and illness:

Milton Albrecht-hospitalized

Tamshaw Becker

Mary Sue Canales (cousin of Nancy Kasper)

Eldor Fritsche-hospitalized (brother-in-law of

Doris Fritsche)

Pat Hughes (friend of James and Kathy Kalbas)

Chris Miertschin-recovering

Shannon Miertschin

Monroe Prellop-hospitalized

Franklin Richter-recovering (brother-in-law of Willard and Milton Albrecht)

Lil Robertson-recovering

Kermit Schautschick-recovering (son of Hattie

Schautschick)

Melvin Schulze-recovering

Ruby Schulze-hospitalized

Becky Weise-recovering

Reagan Wilhelm-recovering (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)

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 mourn:

The family of Howard Muniz (uncle of Robert Muniz)

The family of Sandy Christiansen (grandmother of

Sydni & Paige Havel)

The family of Frances Iselt (grandmother of Christi

Fritsche)

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: 387, 563, 367, 924

Sermon Text: Glatians 4:4-7

The Sermon: “Selected”

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** on Christmas Day were placed to the glory of God in thanksgiving for His greatest gift “Jesus”.
- ✝ **Altar flowers** are needed for each Sunday in January. If you would like to place flowers on any of these Sunday’s please contact Dorothy Schautschick at 716-0094.
- ✝ **Thank You.** The staff of St. Paul Lutheran Church, School and Early Childhood Center would like to thank the congregation for the Gift Cards at Christmas, and for your prayers and support as we work together for the ministry of the Church
- ✝ **Thank You** for the many cards and gifts as we celebrated the birth of our Savior. *Pastor and Lisa Schmidt and family*
- ✝ **January Calendar.** The January Calendar is available in the church office.
- ✝ **Installation of Officers.** Installation of the new congregational officers will be next Sunday, January 3, 2021.
- ✝ **Annual Report.** Reports from various committees and organizations for our congregation’s annual report are asked to be completed and turned in to the church office by January 18th.
- ✝ **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 \$34,539.60. We are **\$460.40** away from meeting our 2020 goal.
- ✝ **2021 Offering Envelopes.** There are still some 2021 offering envelopes in the church office meeting room. If you have not picked up your 2021 envelopes, please do so and begin using the 2021 envelopes on January 1, 2021 and discard the 2020 envelopes.
- ✝ **South Lee County Volunteer Fire Department.** The SLCVFD Annual Meeting that was originally scheduled for January 17th has been postponed due to covid.
- ✝ **DVD’s** are available for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. If you would like a DVD please contact the church office. Cost of a DVD is \$10.

Serving today: Elders– Tim Hartfield and Keith Oltmann
Organist- Susan Michael
Head Ushers- Donald Becker
Captain- Mason Becker **Assistant-** Carson Becker
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THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

Today **Worship Service – 8:30 a.m.**
 Bible Class – 9:30 a.m.

Mon. – Fri. No School-Christmas Vacation

Thurs. – Fri. ECC Closed

Thursday **New Year’s Eve Worship Service – 7:00 p.m.**

Friday **New Year’s Day Worship Service w/Communion – 9:00 a.m.**

Next Sunday **Worship Service w/Communion– 8:30 a.m.**
 Bible Class – 9:30 a.m.
 Install Congregational Officers

Birthdays: Today – Luke Adair, Carrie Gonzales; 28th – Jake Coble, Taylor Glass, Marcia Wenke; 30th – Allen Perry. God’s Blessings to you.

ST. PAUL NOTES:

Attendance Last Week: Candlelight Carol Service (12/16/2020)- 128,
Morning English- 156, Communion- 80, Bible Class- 21.

Offering Last Week: \$28,340.98

Home:

General	\$16,289.61
Advent	\$883.00
Lunch Room	\$180.00
ECC Operating	\$6,901.37
Tuition	\$1,674.00
Received 12/20/2020	\$25,927.98

Mission:

Mission	\$1,293.00
Lutheran Hour Ministry	\$30.00
Lutheran Hour	\$90.00
Mission Total	\$1,413.00

Savings/Other:

School Fund	\$1,000.00
Savings/Other Total	\$1,000.00

Est. needed per week \$22,500.00

Received MTD \$86,808.03

Est. needed per month \$97,500.00

Total \$28,340.98

MEMORIALS: General: In memory of Sandy Christiansen by Mark & Sunny Woelfel - \$100.00. In memory of Izzy Birnbaum by Mark & Sunny Woelfel - \$100.00. In memory of Robert Yurk by Louis & Bernice Doebbler - \$100.00. In memory of Bernell Teinert by Arthur & LaVerne Urban - \$100.00. In memory of Roy Becker by Louis & Bernice Doebbler - \$100.00. In memory of Melvin & Dorothy Schautschick by Jerry & Karen Faske - \$50.00. In memory of Charles Arldt by Herman Gersch - \$25.00. In memory of Elbert Becker by Herman Gersch - \$25.00. In memory of Harold Kutschke by Herman Gersch - \$25.00. In memory of Adelia Lorenz by Herman Gersch - \$25.00. **Lutheran Hour:** In memory of Robert Yurk by Gladys Arldt & Raymond - \$20.00; by Mary Ann & Delbert Prellop - \$25.00. In memory of Roy Becker by Gladys Arldt & Raymond - \$20.00; by Mary Ann & Delbert Prellop - \$25.00. **Lutheran Hour Ministries:** In memory of Roy Becker by Kenneth & Lynette Wiederhold - \$30.00. **ECC Operating:** In honor of our 54th wedding anniversary by Arthur & LaVerne Urban - \$2,000.00. **School Fund:** In memory of Bernell Teinert by Joseph & Kalen Kalbas & family - \$1,000.00 (for library books). **Faith Lutheran High School:** In memory of our parents by M/M Delvin Boriack - \$50.00.

LUTHERAN HOUR: Next Sunday, January 3rd, “**Too Much**”. Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. The Gospel according to St. Mark shows us the Savior Who is always on the move. (Mark 1:1-2:12) 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:

St. John, Apostle and Evangelist

St. John testifies of a Savior whose atoning sacrifice saves from all our sins and shortcomings (1 John 2:2). His shed blood (Revelation 1:5) has rendered that of abortion and physician assisted suicide as unnecessary as it is ineffective and immoral. These measures have no power to deliver, and even their power to condemn fails—if we confess our sins, even sins against the sanctity of life, Jesus faithfully forgives and cleanses (1 John 1:9).





Merry Christmas!!

Faith Lutheran High School wishes you and your family a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year! We pray God would shower blessings upon you this holiday season and in the year ahead! Thank you for being a blessing to FLHS!

Christmas Hours

Faith will be out of school from December 19-

January 4. During that time, we will have limited office hours to allow our staff the opportunity to spend time with their families. We will reopen with regular hours starting January 5. If you need immediate assistance, please contact Nikki Kueck at (501) 940-6259.

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.

End of Year Giving

In Proverbs 2:6, God's Word promises: "The LORD gives wisdom; from his mouth comes knowledge and understanding." Faith Lutheran High School exists to instill Christ's wisdom in His Word to prepare faithful leaders for tomorrow. Thank you for being a part of this mission through your prayers and financial support. The Board of Directors encourages faithful giving during this time to further the ministry and mission of FLHS. Please prayerfully consider how you can give to further Lutheran education in our area. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Mrs. Nikki Kueck at (979) 242-2889.

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!