

St. Paul Lutheran Church

Serbin, Texas



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The Seventh Sunday of Easter

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Welcome! Our Great High Priest Preserves Us in the Name of His Father. On the eve of His Passion, Christ Jesus intercedes for the disciples as their merciful and great High Priest. He prays that His Father would protect them “*from the evil one*” and preserve them in His name (John 17:11–12, 15). Along with His prayer, Christ Himself comes to the Father by His self-sacrifice upon the cross, thereby consecrating Himself for the sake of His disciples, “*that they also may be sanctified in truth*” (John 17:19). To that same end, He speaks to them in the world and gives them His Father’s Word, that is, Himself. His apostles, in turn, have written these things “*to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life*” (1 John 5:13). For “*this life is in his Son,*” whom He has given by His Word, and “*whoever has the Son has life*” (1 John 5:11–12). By this apostolic testimony, disciples are gathered together “*with one accord,*” as one Body in Christ, “*devoting themselves to prayer*” and waiting upon the Lord in “*the upper room*” of His Church on earth (Acts 1:13–14). We invite you all to worship with us again.

In Our Prayers:

Those recovering from surgeries and illness:

Lori Becker-surgery
Tamshaw Becker
Brian Becvar (cousin of Jessica Gruetzner)
Eleanor Berger-recovering
Chris Birnbaum
Mary Sue Canales (cousin of Nancy Kasper)
Pat Hughes-recovering (friend of James and Kathy Kalbas)
William Johnson (father of Heather Perry)
Gladys Karisch-recovering
Ruth Lorenz-recovering
Chris Miertschin
Shannon Miertschin
Mark Noack-brother of Lori Becker
Pat Nusbaum-recovering (mother of Melissa Ray)
Ralph Pitts (uncle of James Kalbas)
Herb Roeber
Larry Schatte-recovering from surgery
Barbara Schreckengost-recovering (sister of Theresa Krause)
Cindy Umphries-recovering (friend of James & Kathy Kalbas)
Becky Weise
Kenneth Weiser-recovering
Bonnie Wenke-recovering
Our members in nursing homes and our shut-ins.
Those fighting cancer including:
Annie Beasley (niece of Shorty & Sandra Schimank)
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)
Franklin Hoffman (father of Maxine Bradshaw)
Ross Hughes-recovering (friend of James and Kathy Kalbas)
Steven Kelly (cousin of Jessica Gruetzner, brother-in-law of Christi Bradford)
Rev. Fred Krebs (friend of Shorty & Sandra Schimank)
Harold Krause-recovering from surgery
Bethany Lara (daughter of Kathy Gersch)
Kathy Lohberg (niece of Adelia Becker and Hattie Mutschink)
Mike Maass
Carie Oltmann
Pat Richardson (friend of Darlene Schatte)
Diane Sanders (friend of James & Kathy Kalbas)
Karen Schmidt-recovering
Jim Sladek (friend of Johnathan Noack)
Barbara Symm
Judy Wesbrook (mother of Heather Krause)
Tiffany Wittman (sister-in-law of Jason & Cindy Heuermann)
Cathy Woolbright (friend of Ken & Ruby Weiser)
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 Hattie Schautschick

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: 650, 539, 644, 735, 842

Sermon Text: John 17:11-19

The Sermon: **“Kept In Christ!”**

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 the Church’s Website. All bulletins and announcements will continue to be posted on the Church’s Website. **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 the Wends and Rev. Jan Kilian who was called in 1845 as the Pastor for the Lutheran Congregation that formed to emigrate to Texas.
- † **We express our sympathy** to the family of Hattie Schautschick. She fell asleep in Jesus on Wednesday, May 12, 2021. Funeral services for Mrs. Schautschick will be held here at St. Paul Lutheran Church on Thursday, May 20, 2021. May the Lord comfort the family with His word of promise.
- † **Thank You.** Thank every one of you for your inquiries and words of encouragement during my recent surgery. I especially thank Marjorie and Lisa for putting up with my many requests. Most of all, I thank God for his care and healing. God bless you all. *Willard Albrecht*
- † **Thank You.** Thank you for the beautiful flower arrangement sent in memory of our father. We also thank you for the many thoughts and prayers over the course of the past few years. *Pam Krause, Lisa*
- † *Schmidt and the rest of the Doyle Hembry family.*
- † **Preschool Graduation.** The Preschool graduation will be held in the church this evening at 4:00 p.m.
- † **VBS Volunteer Meeting.** If you have volunteered to help lead or assist with VBS this year, please plan to attend a short meeting after Bible class.
- † **Picnic Worklist.** The picnic worklist can be picked up in the church office.
- † **Graduates:** We would like to acknowledge the accomplishment of those who will be graduating from college this year (2021) and those that graduated last year (2020) in the church bulletin. Please let us know the names of those who have reached this milestone, the college graduated from, and what degree was achieved by Monday, May 17th.
- † **Graduation Cards** are available for purchase in the church office meeting room.
- † **Bell Dedication:** There will be a Dedication Ceremony of a bronze replica of the 1854 St. Paul, Serbin, Bell that the Wends brought with them on the Ben Nevis. The Texas Wendish Heritage Society invites you to this dedication on May 23, 2021 at 3:00 p.m. at the museum complex. All are invited to attend this joyous occasion at the museum of the first ringing of this German made Bronze Bell. Pastor Aaron Kalbas, Pastor of St. Paul Thorndale, a Wend and son of St. Paul Serbin Congregation, will perform the dedication. Refreshments including Ben Nevis Beer will be served afterwards. View displays of bell history and the journey to have the replica made and brought to the museum. The museum complex will be open. In order to better help us plan please RSVP to museum@texaswendish.org or 979-366-2441. The Texas Wendish Heritage Society

- † **5K/KID'S COLOR RUN.** . . The 7th annual St. Paul-Serbin 5K/Kid's Color Run is quickly approaching on Saturday, May 29th. This annual event is sponsored by the PTLs and profits from the run will go to support the educational programs of St. Paul Lutheran. Walk or run, sign up for fun or competition. Prizes will be awarded by gender in 7 different age groups. Individuals can register at www.runsignup.com (search for Giddings). Questions?—contact Karla Hinze @ kjsurman@hotmail.com.
- † **Texas Wendish Heritage Society Scholarship Program.** The Texas Wendish Heritage Society (TWHS) appreciates support given to our scholarship program. All Texas Wendish Heritage Scholarship funds are received through fundraising projects and donations. The TWHS scholarship program is available to students of Wendish descent and encourages students to learn more about their Wendish heritage. Applicants must be enrolled in an accredited college, university or trade school for Fall 2021 semester. 2020 scholarship applications will be available beginning April 17th online at texaswendish.org and on the Texas Wendish Facebook Page. The entire process is online and must be submitted digitally by the deadline; 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 17th, 2021. For more information contact the Texas Wendish Heritage Museum at 979-366-2441 or museum@texaswendish.net. In 2019 a total of \$18,000 was awarded in scholarships to twenty-three students. **Thanks for your support!**
- † **WENDISH FISH FRY:** The Texas Wendish Heritage Society will be hosting a drive through Fish Fry lunch on Sunday, June 6 at Serbin Picnic Grounds from 10:00 am to 12:30 pm. The menu includes Fried Fish, Potato Salad, Brown Beans, Coleslaw and Hush Puppies. There will also be a country store with Desserts, Dry Noodles, etc. Tickets are \$12 and calling to reserve tickets is encouraged. To reserve tickets call 979-366-2441 or email wendish@bluebon.net. All proceeds benefit the Texas Wendish Heritage Society Scholarship Fund.

THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

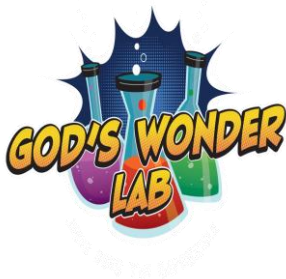
Today	Worship Service w/Communion— 8:30 a.m. Bible Class – 9:30 a.m. VBS Volunteer Meeting Preschool Graduation – 4:00 p.m.
Wednesday	ECC Chapel – 8:00 a.m. School Chapel – 8:30 a.m. LWML – 7:30 p.m.
Thursday	Board of Elder's Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
Friday	ECC Rainbow Day
Next Sunday	Worship Service – 8:30 a.m. Bible Class – 9:30 a.m. Bell Dedication – 3:00 p.m.

Birthdays: 17th – Nancy Kasper, William Krause, Lillian Robertson; 18th – Glenn Albrecht; 19th – Kim Droegemueller; 20th – Lucille Schatte; 21st – Tillie Zoch; 22nd – Katherine Beeman, Lindsay Ruthven. God's Blessings to you.

Life Through the Church Year:

Easter VII

Jesus' solution to human suffering is not to end life but to accompany it (John 17:15). Christians resist assisted suicide because we have the privilege of carrying a neighbor's cross instead of letting it crush him or her. In this way our Lord makes us one as He and the Father are one (John 17:11). And we receive nothing less than the fullness of His joy (John 17:13).



Register for God's Wonder Lab! God's Wonder Lab is the VBS theme for 2021. Join us June 14-18th from 8:15-11:15. Register by following the link on the church website or on the school Facebook page! St. Paul's VBS is for children ages 3 - 7th Grade! We have an exciting week planned of learning about Jesus, our Savior, with lots of fun activities, singing great songs, crafts and snacks, and so much more! I hope you can join us!

Volunteer for VBS! God has given us all unique gifts and abilities to share with others! Please contact VBS Director, Krista Rodriguez (979-716-0143) to share your gifts! Serve our risen Lord by volunteering to lead Bible stories, crafts, games, music, or just be a helper to the lead teachers at each station. Volunteers can be from those entering 8th Grade through 88th year of life.

ST. PAUL NOTES:

Attendance Last Week: Morning English- 193, Bible Class- 24.

Offering Last Week: \$21,517.82

Home:		Mission:	
General	\$7,615.32	Mission	\$384.00
Lunch Room	\$988.80	Mission Total	\$384.00
ECC Operating	\$5,843.50	Savings/Other:	
School Registration	\$985.00	School Fund	\$275.00
Tuition	\$5,301.20	Building Fund	\$75.00
Received 5/9/2021	\$20,733.82	Tuition Assistance Fund	\$50.00
		Savings/Other Total	\$400.00
Est. needed per week	\$22,500.00		
Received MTD	\$50,276.09	Total	\$21,517.82
Est. needed per month	\$97,500.00		

MEMORIALS: General: In memory of Marty Stanfield by Becky Werchan Klepac and Marissa Ruiz - \$100.00. In memory of Doyle Hembry and James Pietsch by David & Karen Schmidt - \$40.00. In memory of Doyle Hembry by Eldor & Lori Becker - \$25.00; by Robert & Brenda Muniz - \$50.00; by David & Susan Michael - \$50.00; by Ludwig Krause - \$100.00. **School Fund:** In memory of Marty Stanfield by George & Virginia Hernandez - \$100.00. In memory of James Pietsch by James & Kathy Kalbas - \$100.00. In memory of Doyle Hembry by Gary & Cindy Becker & family - \$25.00; by Ken & Ruby Weiser - \$25.00; by Michael & Teresa Krause - \$25.00. **Building:** In honor of John & Lois Kalbas on their 41st wedding anniversary by Curtis Oltmann family - \$50.00. In memory of James Pietsch by Alton Weiser - \$25.00. **Tuition Assistance Fund:** In honor of John & Lois Kalbas on their 41st wedding anniversary by James & Janet Oltmann - \$50.00. **Faith Lutheran High School:** In memory of Doyle Hembry by Craig & Melodi Oltmann & boys - \$200.00.

LUTHERAN HOUR: Next Sunday, May 23rd, **“Wisdom Knows When”**. Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Does someone need to hear words of rebuke-or redemption? A message about harsh words, gentle answer, and the wisdom of God. (Proverbs 15:1). 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.

Serving today: Elders– Tim Hartfield and Keith Oltmann
Organist- Daniel Krause
Head Ushers- Donald Becker
Captain- Michael Becker **Assistant**- Shelby Becker



Graduation

The first senior class of Faith Lutheran High School will be graduating this May. Graduation will be Saturday, May 29th at 1:30 pm at Holy Cross Lutheran Church. Congratulations to Valedictorian - Magdalena Obersat and Salutatorian - Andrew Laake. Please join us as we celebrate all our seniors and celebrate their accomplishments.

Youth Camps

Summer camps are back! We are excited to offer a variety of camps for youth this spring and summer. Ages are for grades NEXT school year.

June 7-9 - Volleyball - Grade 3 to 8 - \$15

June 14-16 - Basketball - Grades K to 8 - \$15

June 21-23 - Art Camp - Grades K to 6 - \$ 30

June 28-30 - STEM Camp - Grades K to 6 - \$30

Please visit our website or Facebook page for more information! Don't wait --- Sign up today!! Limited spots remaining!

New Student Registration

Registration for the 2021-2022 school year is underway. **Nine new students** have already enrolled. We would love to welcome you into our Falcon family as well. Call us at (979) 242-2889 to schedule a shadow day or visit our website at www.faithlutheranhighschool.com for registration information.

Free Wednesday mornings?

Join us for our weekly Chapel Worship Service every Wednesday, beginning at 10:30 am. Pastor Thomas Obersat, Ebenezer Manheim will be leading us this week!

Staff Positions Available

Faith Lutheran High School will have part time openings on its faculty for the 2021-2022 academic year! Interested individuals who teach science, social studies, English, Spanish, or electives, or would like to supervise dual credit or study hall students may submit resumes to Faith Lutheran High School, PO Box 138, Warda, TX 78960, call (979) 242-2889, or email them to kueckn@faithlutheranhighschool.com. If you have the time and talents, please consider applying and sharing your gifts with our students. Thank you!

Thrivent Action Team Grants

If you are a Thrivent member willing to submit an application for a \$250 grant to be used on projects at Faith, please contact Nikki Kueck by calling (979) 242-2889. Help us to be able to take advantage of these funds for the good of our school. *We are currently looking to utilize Action Grants to offset expenses associated with our summer camps!