

St. Paul Lutheran Church

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The Day of Pentecost

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Welcome! *The Holy Spirit Brings the Dead to Life by the Righteousness of Christ.* In returning to His Father by way of the cross and resurrection, Christ Jesus sends “*the Helper*” to His Church, that is, “*the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father.*” The Spirit testifies of Christ and glorifies Him by taking what is His and declaring it to the world in the preaching of repentance for the forgiveness of sins (John 15:26; 16:7, 14). He convicts the world of sin by the word of the Law, He forgives sins and justifies sinners by the Word of the Gospel, and He bestows the faith that says “Amen” to this righteousness of God (John 16:8–11). Therefore, the Lord pours out His Spirit on the apostles, that by their preaching, the Spirit should be given to His entire Church. As the multitudes are gathered from all the nations by “*this sound,*” that is, by the preaching of “*the mighty works of God*” in Christ Jesus, so does God the Father pour out the Spirit of His Son “*on all flesh*” (Acts 2:6, 11, 17). The Lord God breathes upon the slain, and so shall they live; for so the Lord has spoken, and He shall do it (Ezek. 37:5–14).

We invite you all to worship with us again.

In Our Prayers:

Those recovering from surgeries and illness:

Lori Becker-recovering
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)
Brenda Symm-surgery
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
Don Claxton-father of Jeff Claxton
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-hospitalized (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 rejoice:
Meghan Schatte and Aaron Cooper 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: 498, 497, 905, 643
Sermon Text: Ezekiel 37:1-14
The Sermon: **“The Giver of Life”**

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 Emma and Ava Noack on their 7th birthday by Grandpa and Grandma.
- † **Altar Stand, Side Stand and Window flowers** are placed to the glory of God from the Hattie Schautschick Funeral.
- † **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 today 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.
- † **Graduation Service.** The St. Paul Lutheran 8th Grade and Kindergarten Class of 2021 will be honored at their Graduation Service on Thursday, May 27th at 6:30 PM in the gym. Diplomas will be distributed at that time to our nine graduating 8th graders and 9 Kindergarteners. **Due to COVID restrictions, only members of the graduates’ immediate family (parents, siblings, grandparents) will be able to attend.** We will broadcast the service on St. Paul YouTube for viewing by those who cannot physically attend.
- † **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.
- † **Alumni Kudos.** The following St. Paul Serbin Alumni were honored earlier this week for ranking in the “Top Ten” of their respective classes at Giddings High School. They are: Baylie Becker (’20), Reagan Hinze (’19), Emily Schulze (’19), Carlie Weiser (’19), Malia Droegemueller (’18), Sophie Becker (’17), Kailey Burgdorf (’17), Emily Gruetzner (’17), and Chase Oltmann (’17). In addition, Kailey Burgdorf was named GHS Class of 2021 Valedictorian. Congratulations to all these outstanding students! You continue to make us proud of you at SPS!

- † **LWML Picnic Update:** The ladies of LWML would appreciate any baked goodies for their booth at the annual picnic. You can drop them off at their stand before church that day. We will have a Silent Auction this year, so please be sure to check it out!
- † **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.
- † **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!**
- † **Scrip Program.** Gift Cards make wonderful gifts for Graduation. 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. We also have some Walmart and HEB cards on hand in the Church Office.
- † **April Financial Statements.** The April Financial Statements are available in the church office,

THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

Today	Worship Service – 8:30 a.m. Bible Class– 9:30 a.m. Dedication of the replica of the 1854 bell at the Wendish Museum – 3:00 p.m.
Wednesday	ECC Chapel – 8:00 a.m. School Closing Chapel – 8:30 a.m.
Thursday	K & 8 th Grade Graduation Service – 6:30 p.m.
Friday	End of school year picnic & fellowship – 9:00 a.m. Final Day of School
Saturday	PTLS 5K-Kids'K Run – 8:30 a.m.
Next Sunday	English Worship Service – 8:30 a.m. 127 SERBIN HOMECOMING PICNIC

Birthdays: Today – Elaine Mersiovsky; 25th – Louis Doebbler, Helen Gonzales; 26th – Debra Hartfield, Emerson Weise; 28th – Macy Sommerfield; 29th – Jasmine Bailey, Reinleigh Kappler, Keith Miertschin. God's Blessings to you.

Life Through the Church Year

May 23 – Pentecost

The only ways embryos differ from adults are age, location, appearance, and ability. These qualities present no obstacle to the Lord and Giver of life. He easily and eagerly overcomes helplessness (Ezekiel 37:9-10) and distance (Acts 2:9-11) to bestow sanctity on the youngest and the oldest of us (Acts 2:17-18). Will it not delight us just as much to declare it?



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: Ascension Worship Service- 36, Communion- 21, Morning Worship- 175, Communion- 93.

Offering Last Week: \$15,794.85

Home:		Mission:	
General	\$7,532.75	Mission	\$530.00
Lunch Room	\$886.00	Lutheran Hour	\$55.00
ECC Operating	\$2,141.50	Mission Total	\$585.00
School Registration	\$1,140.00	Savings/Other:	
Tuition	\$2,879.60	School Fund	\$25.00
Received 5/16/2021	\$14,579.85	Building Fund	\$75.00
		Ascension Service	\$495.00
Est. needed per week	\$22,500.00	Bus Replacement Fund	\$35.00
Received MTD	\$64,855.94	Savings/Other Total	\$630.00
Est. needed per month	\$97,500.00		
		Total	\$15,794.85

MEMORIALS: General: In memory of the 12 members who passed away in 2020 by the LWML - \$240.00. In memory of Doyle Hembry by Wilbert & Carol Jean Noack - \$30.00; by Doug & Mary Jatzlau - \$25.00; by Janiece Becker - \$25.00; by Jack & Marian Wiederhold - \$50.00; by Carl Mertink, Jr. - \$25.00. In memory of Larry Schmidt and Doyle Hembry by Martin & Jeannie Werchan - \$200.00. In memory of Hattie Schautschick by Wilbert & Carol Jean Noack - \$30.00. **Lutheran Hour:** In memory of Virginia Wilkins by Irene Noack - \$15.00. In memory of Doyle Hembry by John & Lois Kalbas - \$40.00. **School Fund:** In memory of Doyle Hembry by M/M Gilbert Krause - \$25.00. **Building:** In memory of Claud Kissman by Alton Weiser - \$25.00. In memory of Gerald Birkelbach by Herman Gersch - \$25.00. In memory of Hattie Schautschick by Herman Gersch - \$25.00. **Faith Lutheran High School:** In memory of Doyle Hembry by Arthur & LaVerne Urban - \$100.00; by Bobby & Carolyn Oltmann - \$50.00. **Texas Wendish Heritage Society:** In memory of Hattie Schautschick by Arthur & Dianna Noack - \$50.00; by Jack & Marian Wiederhold - \$50.00.

LUTHERAN HOUR: Next Sunday, May 30th, “**Before Kings**”. Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. The person who excels in their work will be noticed by kings. Dr. Michael Zeigler talks about the King who took note of us before we did any work. (Proverbs 22:29) 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- Susan Michael

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.

Close of 2020-2021 School Year

Thursday will be the last day of classes at FLHS for this school year. Please pray for the students as they prepare to take finals and pray for our seniors as they graduate. Thank you for keeping FLHS in your prayers and gifts this year! We have been blessed beyond measure!

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.

Closing Chapel

Our final chapel service of the school year will be Tuesday, May 25th at 10:30 am. Pastor Nate Hill from St. Michael's Winchester will be leading us as we close this school year.

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!