

St. Paul Lutheran Church

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The Sixth Sunday of Easter

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Welcome! *The Lord Jesus Is with His Church in the Apostolic Ministry of the Gospel.* The crucified and risen Lord Jesus is with His Church through the word of His apostles, who “*are witnesses of all that he did.*” He was anointed by God “*with the Holy Spirit and with power,*” and “*he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil,*” and so He was with those whom He sent “*to preach to the people*” (Acts 10:38–42). The Holy Spirit is bestowed on those who hear that apostolic preaching, who are “*baptized in the name of Jesus Christ,*” so that “*everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name*” (Acts 10:43–44, 48). For as He came by the water of His Baptism, even to the blood of His Passion, so the Spirit testifies to the truth with “*the water and the blood*” in the apostolic ministry of the Gospel (1 John 5:6–7). By these means, Christ Jesus speaks to us, that His joy may be in us and that our “*joy may be full.*” For this purpose, He appointed the apostles to “*go and bear fruit*” in order to make known His divine friendship to us (John 15:11, 15–16).

We invite you all to worship with us again.

In Our Prayers:

Those recovering from surgeries and illness:

Willard Albrecht-recovering
Lori Becker-surgery
Tamshaw Becker-hospitalized
Brian Becvar (cousin of Jessica Gruetzner)
Chris Birnbaum-hospitalized
Mary Sue Canales (cousin of Nancy Kasper)
Pat Hughes (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-hospitalized (mother of Melissa Ray)
Ralph Pitts (uncle of James Kalbas)
Herb Roeber
Larry Schatte-recovering from surgery
Hattie Schautschick
Barbara Schreckengost-recovering (sister of Theresa Krause)
Cindy Umphries-hospitalized (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 (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
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 Doyle Hembry (father of Lisa Schmidt and Pam Krause)

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: 469, 556, 660, 655

Sermon Text: 1 Samuel 2:18-21

The Sermon: **“Motherhood and Faith”**

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 my Mommy and Grandma on Mother's Day by Elizabeth Rodriguez.
- † **Mother's Day.** The PTLS has a small recognition gift for all mothers this morning. Please stop by the table outside in front of the church and pick up your gift. Thank you to the PTLS for providing recognition gifts for mothers this morning.
- † **Mother's Day BBQ Chicken:** Remember to pick up your BBQ Chickens today at Warda picnic grounds if you placed an order.
- † **Preschool Graduation.** The Preschool graduation will be held on Sunday, May 16th. The graduation service will be held in the church at 4:00 p.m.
- † **VBS Volunteer Meeting** Sunday, May 16th! 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 is included in the bulletin this morning. You can also pick up a copy 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.
- † **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.
- † **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 at museum@texaswendish.org or 979-366-2441. The Texas Wendish Heritage Society

† **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. 2021 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!**

THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

Today	Worship Service – 8:30 a.m. Bible Class – 9:30 a.m. Mother’s Day
Tuesday	Circuit Meeting @ Immanuel, Giddings – 9:00 a.m.
Wednesday	ECC Chapel – 8:00 a.m. School Chapel – 8:30 a.m. LWML Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
Thursday	Ascension Day Worship Service w/Communion – 7:00 p.m.
Next Sunday	Worship Service w/ Communion – 8:30 a.m. Bible Class – 9:30 a.m. VBS Meeting after Bible Class Pre-K Graduation – 4:00 p.m.

Birthdays: Today – Berkley Schatte; 10th – Jason Heuermann, Christopher Schulz; 11th – Malia Droegemueller, Paul Sommerfield; 12th – Evelyn Williams; 14th – Joshua Adair, Monroe Becker, Reagan Hinze, Jacob Ray; 15th – Keaton Bradford. God’s Blessings to you.



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- 185, Communion- 105.

Offering Last Week: \$31,499.27

Home:		Mission:	
General	\$21,654.77	Mission	\$857.00
Lunch Room	\$1,225.00	Mission Total	\$857.00
ECC Operating	\$2,017.50	Savings/Other:	
School Registration	\$3,275.00	School Fund	\$50.00
Tuition	\$1,370.00	Building Fund	\$1,000.00
Received 5/2/2021	\$29,542.27	Scholarship	\$50.00
		Savings/Other Total	\$1,100.00
Est. needed per week	\$22,500.00		
Received MTD	\$29,542.27	Total	\$31,499.27
Est. needed per month	\$97,500.00		

MEMORIALS: General: In memory of Marty Stanfield by M/M Howard Hansen, Jr. - \$75.00; by M/M Suvern O'Dell – \$50.00. **School Fund:** In memory of Marty Stanfield by Bradshaw family - \$50.00. **Scholarship Fund:** In memory of Doyle Hembry and Harold Pieratt by Arthur & Dianna Noack - \$50.00.

LUTHERAN HOUR: Next Sunday, May 16th, **“Gain a Heart of Wisdom”**. Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Fear, love, and trust in the Lord is the way to Wisdom in person, and we meet God’s eternal wisdom in Jesus, the Messiah. (Psalm 90:12). 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:

May 9 – Easter VI/Mother’s Day

“My body, my choice,” says a sinful world. “You did not choose me, but I chose you: (John 15:16), answers a loving God. Motherhood comes about by His gift, not because of our will. Choice forces us to look out only for number one, but grace invites us to “love one another as I have loved you” (John 15:12). Praise the Lord for mother’s love!

Serving today: Elders– Tim Hartfield and Keith Oltmann

Organist- Jack Wiederhold

Head Ushers- Donald Becker

Captain- Michael Becker **Assistant-** Shelby Becker



The Spring Thing!

FLHS is proud to present The Spring Thing! This will be a showcase of our students' work in the fine art department. Please join us Wednesday, May 12th, at 7pm in the fellowship hall at Holy Cross Lutheran Church.

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 Jason Kaspar, from Mt. Calvary, La Grange 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!

Share the Gift of Love

Faith Lutheran High School has a unique role in combining knowledge and God's love in a student's high school experience. We are partnering with families at the intersection of education and faith development. If you would like to support our ministry through a one-time or enduring gift, Thrivent Action Grant, or volunteer your time and talents, please contact Nikki Kueck to learn more.