

St. Paul Lutheran Church

Serbin, Texas



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The Third Sunday after Pentecost

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Welcome! *The Cross of Christ Is the Tree of Life, Which Bears Abundant Fruit after Its Own Kind.* The parables of our Lord convey the mysteries of the kingdom of God to those who are “able to hear it,” that is, “to his own disciples,” who are catechized to fear, love and trust in Him by faith (Mark 4:33–34). He scatters “seed on the ground,” which “sprouts and grows” unto life, even as “he sleeps and rises” (Mark 4:26–27). “On the mountain height of Israel,” He plants a young and tender twig, and it becomes “a noble cedar.” Indeed, His own cross becomes the Tree of Life, under which “every kind of bird” will dwell, and in which “birds of every sort will nest” (Ezek. 17:22–25). His cross is our resting place, even while now in mortal bodies, we “groan, being burdened” (2 Cor. 5:1–4). Yet in faith, we live for God in Christ, who for our sake “died and was raised” (2 Cor. 5:15). We know that, in His resurrected body, “we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens” (2 Cor. 5:1).

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-recovering
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
Nellie McCormack-hospitalized (mother of Brandi Perry)
Chris Miertschin
Shannon Miertschin
Mark Noack-brother of Lori Becker
Pat Nusbaum-recovering (mother of Melissa Ray)
Ralph Pitts (uncle of James Kalbas)
Larry Schatte-recovering
Barbara Schreckengost-recovering (sister of Theresa Krause)
Brenda Symm-recovering
Cindy Umphries-recovering (friend of James & Kathy Kalbas)
Becky Weise
Kenneth Weiser-recovering
Ruby 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
Bethany Lara-hospitalized (daughter of Kathy Gersch)
Kathy Lohberg (niece of Adelia Becker and Hattie Mutschink)
Mike Maass
Louis Muniz, Jr. (brother of Robert Muniz)
Carie Oltmann
Pat Richardson (friend of Darlene Schatte)
Diane Sanders (friend of James & Kathy Kalbas)
Karen Schmidt
Jim Sladek (friend of Johnathan Noack)
Barbara Symm
Judy Westbrook (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 Melva Richter (mother of Lavonne Berdoll)

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— 184 of the hymnal

The Hymns: 577, 500, 811, 923
Sermon Text: 2 Corinthians 5:1-17
The Sermon: “A New Creation”

Beginning Sunday, July 11th, St. Paul Lutheran Church plans to return to full seating capacity in the church. The gym will remain available for those wishing to gather there and will be set up with current social distancing guidance. We also plan to again gather at the altar for Holy Communion during the worship service beginning July 18th and will continue using individual cups during the distribution. Services will remain on YouTube and be livestreamed. The bulletin information and announcements will continue to be posted on the church website. We thank and praise our gracious heavenly Father for His continued protection. If you have any questions or concerns please contact one of the Eders or Pastor Schmidt.

- † **The Altar flowers** are placed to the glory of God in honor of James House’s 40th anniversary in education, Rev. David Mumm’s 40th anniversary in ministry and Dianna Noack’s 10th anniversary as secretary of the church.
- † **The Altar Stand flowers** are placed to the glory of God in honor of Arthur & Dianna Noack’s 50th wedding anniversary on June 5th by Johnathan, Amy, Emma & Ava Noack.
- † **Thank You** for your prayers, calls and cards during my recent battle with various health issues. Please continue to keep me and my family in your prayers as we move forward. It is wonderful to be part of such a loving and caring congregation. May God bless each of you. *Chris Birnbaum*
- † **Thank you** to all who supported the Wendish Society Scholarship Fish Fry Fundraiser last Sunday. TWHS’s first fish fry to raise money for scholarships was a success thanks to all who purchased meals, and to the many volunteers who helped to make the event happen. Thank you to all who participated. Your support is greatly appreciated! *Texas Wendish Heritage Society*
- † **Congratulations** to Bruce and Sara Prellop on the birth of a daughter, Hattie Mae Prellop. She was born June 4th in College Station, TX. She weighed 5 lbs. 4 ounces and was 18¼ inches long. May God bless this growing family.
- † **Portals of Prayer.** July-September Portals of Prayer are available in the church office.
- † **Active Member Attendance** - Beginning July 4th we will renew the attendance recording toward our active member tuition policy. Just a reminder that the policy is 15 services from July 1 through December 31st. Forms will be available at both doors of the church and the double doors of the gym.
- † **Our Vacation Bible School** snack team has lots of fun and delicious snacks planned for this year’s God’s Wonder Lab VBS! We need your help in providing some of the snacks for the kids and volunteers. A snack sign up poster will be out front of church each Sunday and online via the church website. You can drop your items off at the church office the week before, at church on Sunday, June 13 or on the first day of VBS, Monday, June 14. Any questions can be directed to Kalen Kalbas-Snacks Coordinator (979-540-0370).
- † **BBQ Pork Steak Dinner:** The St. Paul Lutheran Church Adult Fellowship in Serbin is having a BBQ Pork Steak dinner on Sunday, June 20th from 10:00-12:00 at the Serbin Picnic Grounds. Only advance plates will be sold for \$12.00 and all are to-go. If you would like to order tickets please contact Susan Michael at 979-540-0854 or Sharon Claxton at 979-540-7154 by June 14th. All proceeds will be going toward future church/school projects. Thank You!
- † **School Office Summer Hours.** The school office will be staffed June 7th thru June 19th, Monday thru Friday, 9:00 a.m. to Noon. After that, the office will be staffed June 21st thru July 23rd Tuesday and Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to Noon. If you need assistance call the school office 979-366-2218 or Mr. House at 972-948-3980.
- † **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.

† **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.**
Anniversary Reception – 9:30 a.m.
LYF Meeting – 2:00 p.m.
Decorate for VBS – 4:00 p.m.

Mon. – Fri. Vacation Bible School

Monday **Flag Day**

Tuesday Board of Christian Education Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

Next Sunday **Worship Service w/Communion– 8:30 a.m.**
VBS Week in Review – 9:30 a.m.
Father’s Day
LAF Pork Steak Dinner

Birthdays: Today – Robert Zoch; 14th – Joseph Kalbas, Mike Maass, Bobby Oltmann, Ashley Spivey; 15th – Ollie Carter; 16th – Carson Becker, Addyson Early, Kari Kappler; 18th – Carl Mertink, Jr., Dennis Zoch; 19th – Lorianne Becker. 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!

Serving today: Elders– Mark Jones and Steven Schatuschick
Organist- Jack Wiederhold
Head Ushers- Donald Becker
Captain- Troy Menzel **Assistant-** Payton Oltmann

LUTHERAN HOUR: Next Sunday, June 20, “**Clearly Christian: Spiritual**”. Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. God is above all, but that doesn’t mean material “stuff” is somehow beneath Him. Dr. Michael Zeigler talks about the unique nature of Christian spirituality. (Genesis 1:31). 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:
 June 13 – Pentecost III**

The teachings of Jesus frequently smile at the mention of seeds (Mark 4:26, 31). The Lord likes how tiny and inactive things leave Him ample room to work life. Since He holds inanimate objects in such high regard, what exhilaration must He have over embryonic human beings! Declaring God’s kingdom means defending the unborn.

ST. PAUL NOTES:

Attendance Last Week: Morning Worship- 188, Communion- 108.

Offering Last Week: \$29,432.50

Home:		Mission:	
General	\$19,926.00	Mission	\$529.00
ECC Operating	\$6,952.50	Mission Total	\$529.00
Use of Facility	\$800.00	Savings/Other:	
Received 6/6/2021	\$27,678.50	School Fund	\$25.00
		Building Fund	\$1,100.00
Est. needed per week	\$22,500.00	Scholarship	\$100.00
Received MTD	\$27,678.50	Savings/Other Total	\$1,225.00
Est. needed per month	\$97,500.00		
		Total	\$29,432.50

MEMORIALS: General: In honor of 50th anniversary confirmation by David Symm - \$50.00. **School Fund:** In memory of Doyle Hembry by Linda Jones - \$25.00. **Scholarship Fund:** In honor of the 1st graduating class of Faith Lutheran High School by Kristin Becker - \$100.00. **Faith Lutheran High School:** In memory of Hattie Schatuschick by Lois & John Kalbas - \$25.00.