

St. Paul Lutheran Church

Serbin, Texas



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The Second Sunday after Pentecost

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Welcome! *Jesus Has Defeated the Devil and Released Us from the Bondage of Sin and Death.* The devil deceived us, enticing us to disregard and disobey the Word of God and driving us to hide “*from the presence of the LORD God.*” But the Lord, in His mercy, promised a Savior, who would set Himself against the devil on our behalf (Gen. 3:8–15). The Son of Man came, the incarnate Son of God, conceived and born of the woman. He “*first binds the strong man,*” Satan, by atoning for the sins of the world, thereby removing the condemnation of the Law and the fear of death (Mark 3:27). Now He plunders the devil’s house by calling all men to repent. Though He appears to be “*out of his mind*” (Mark 3:21), He fulfills the will of God and makes of us His own brothers and sisters. Therefore, “*we do not lose heart,*” despite the suffering, sin and death that we experience in this fallen world. “*He who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus.*” By His grace, we are “*being renewed day by day.*” For the Gospel is daily bringing us into His presence, not for punishment, but for “*an eternal weight of glory*” (2 Cor. 4:14–17).

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-surgery
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)
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-hospitalized
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
Prayer of Thanksgiving:
Jeremy Becker-recovering from auto accident
Those who rejoice:
Arthur & Dianna Noack on their 50th wedding anniversary

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: 735, 645, 850, 633, 721

Sermon Text: 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

The Sermon: **“Therefore I Am”**

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 by Arthur & Dianna Noack on their 50th wedding anniversary.
- † **Special Voters Meeting.** There is a special voter's meeting following the service this morning for review and approval of a contract offer for a Teacher at the school.
- † **WENDISH FISH FRY.** Remember to pick up your fried fish dinner from the Wendish Society today. There are extra plates available if you did not purchase tickets.
- † **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 plates 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.
- † **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!**
- † **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.

THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

Today **Worship Service w/Communion – 8:30 a.m.**
Special Voter’s Meeting – 9:30 a.m.
Wendish Society Fried Fish Dinner

Monday Trustee’s Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday ECC Chapel – 8:30 a.m.
LWML Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

Thurs. – Sat. Texas District Convention

Next Sunday **Worship Service – 8:30 a.m.**
Anniversary Recognitions & Reception – 9:30 a.m.
LYF Meeting & Social – 2:00 p.m.
Decorate for VBS – 4:00 p.m.

Birthdays: 7th – Mark Arldt, Ray McCorquodale, Kenzie Stewart; 8th – Sharron Adair, Larry Schatte; 9th – Izabella Garcia, Gable Weise; 10th – Christopher Kanevsky; 11th – Donald Becker, Randall Becker, Mark Weiser; 12th – Jolee Faske. 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- Susan Michael
Head Ushers- Donald Becker
Captain- Craig Oltmann **Assistant**- Payton Oltmann

LUTHERAN HOUR: Next Sunday, June 13th. **“Clearly Christian: Good”**. Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Many think they know what Christianity is all about, but Dr. Michael Zeigler asks, what if what they think it is, it isn’t? 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 6 – Pentecost II

“Our outer self is wasting away...in this (earthly) tent we groan” (2 Corinthians 4-16-5:2). The Scriptures understand the difficulties of a terminal diagnosis. And it holds life precious all the way through the bitter end: “Our inner self is being renewed day by day...preparing for us an eternal weight of glory.” Physician-assisted suicide cannot even compare!

ST. PAUL NOTES:

Attendance Last Week: Morning Worship- 159

Offering Last Week: \$5,505.00

Home:

General \$4,375.00

ECC Operating \$695.00

Received 5/30/2021 \$5,070.00

Est. needed per week \$22,500.00

Received MTD \$91,971.89

Est. needed per month \$97,500.00

Mission:

Mission \$355.00

Lutheran Hour \$30.00

Mission Total \$385.00

Savings/Other:

Scholarship \$50.00

Savings/Other Total \$50.00

Total \$5,505.00

MEMORIALS: General: In honor of Confirmation Anniversary by Sherwin & Jane Siegmund - \$50.00. In loving memory of Larry Schmidt and Doyle Hembry by Marvin & Charlyn Matthijetz - \$40.00. **Lutheran Hour:** In memory of Hattie Schautschick by Lucille Schatte - \$15.00. In memory of Norma Walch by Irene Noack - \$15.00. **Scholarship Fund:** In memory of Rosie Millner, Edna Groeschel and Hattie Schautschick by Milton & Geraldine Albrecht - \$50.00. **Faith Lutheran High School:** In memory of Doyle Hembry by Lucille Schatte, Darlene & Lynette - \$20.00