

St. Paul Lutheran Church

Serbin, Texas



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The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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Welcome! *The Glory of God Is the Passion and Cross of Christ Jesus.* After St. Peter confessed that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God, our Lord “*began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised*” (Matt. 16:21). Upon hearing this “*theology of the cross,*” Simon Peter stumbled into a satanic “*theology of glory.*” But the glory of God is revealed in the Passion and cross of His incarnate Son. The faithful prophets, such as Jeremiah, suffered persecution and rejection in anticipation of Jesus’ cross. Yet the Lord did not abandon them; He remembered them, and He was with them to deliver them (Jer. 15:15–20). By His cross, Jesus has redeemed the world, and in His resurrection, He has vindicated all who trust in Him. Thus, the Christian life is a discipleship of self-sacrificing love. Since Christ Jesus has reconciled us to God, we “*live peaceably with all*” (Rom. 12:18). By the certainty of His cross and resurrection, we “*rejoice in hope,*” and we are “*patient in tribulation*” and “*constant in prayer*” (Rom. 12:12).

We invite you all to worship with us again.

In Our Prayers:

Those recovering from surgeries and illness:

Gail Albrecht-recovering
Pam Becker-recovering
Delvin Boriack-recovering
David Brand-recovering (brother-in-law of Jim House)
Mary Sue Canales (cousin of Nancy Kasper)
Doris Fritsche-recovering
Pat Hughes (friend of James and Kathy Kalbas)
Ruth Kluetz-recovering (friend of Harold & Paula Krause)
Kenneth Lorenz
Chris Miertschin-recovering
Shannon Miertschin
Leonard Mitschke-recovering
Jenny Priem-hospitalized (mother of Louise Wittman)
Franklin Richter-hospitalized (brother-in-law of Willard and Milton Albrecht)
Monroe Schatte, Jr.-recovering
Kermit Schautschick-recovering (son of Hattie Schautschick)
Louis Symons-recovering
Becky Weise-recovering
Lillian Wenke-recovering

Our members in nursing homes and our shut-ins.

Those fighting cancer including:

Charles Arldt-recovering
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)

Doyle Hembry (father of Pam Krause and Lisa Schmidt)
Franklin Hoffman (father of Maxine Bradshaw)
Ross Hughes (friend of James and Kathy Kalbas)
Susan Jatzlau (friend of Jennifer Wenke)
Steven Kelly (cousin of Jessica Gruetzner, brother-in-law of Christi Bradford)
Harold Krause
Bethany Lara-hospitalized (daughter of Kathy Gersch)
Mike Maass
Carie Oltmann
Pat Richardson (friend of Darlene Schatte)
Diane Sanders (friend of James & Kathy Kalbas)
Mark Scharringhausen-father of Denee Wehr (friend of Dan Engler)
Jim Sladek (friend of Johnathan Noack)
Barbara Symm
Amy Wagner Bryant (niece of Joan Gersch)
Judy Wesbrook (mother of Heather Krause)
Tiffany Wittman (sister-in-law of Jason & Cindy Heuermann)

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

Those who mourn: *The family of Mildred Wiederhold (aunt of Jack and Kenneth Wiederhold)*

Rain

Those affected by hurricane Laura

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 Folder

The Hymns: 566, 688, 685, 851
Sermon Text: Matthew 16:21-28
The Sermon: **“Good Intentions”**

Weekly Church Services

St. Paul Lutheran Church is open for worship. Beginning in September we will begin celebrating Holy Communion on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month. We will continue with private communion and ask that you contact Pastor Schmidt to set up a time. We will be following social distancing guidelines and ask for your active participation to protect yourself and those around you. We will have one entry point for both the church and gymnasium and ushers will be available to direct you prior to entering either building---typical seating patterns will not apply. All those who are at risk are encouraged to please stay home and continue to follow us on Facebook live on the school Facebook page or the Church’s Website.

All bulletins and announcements will continue to be posted on the Church’s Website for the foreseeable future. **If you are experiencing any symptoms of the virus 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 birthdays of Carolyn Noack and Tara Oltmann, by Gary, Tracy, Tara and Chase.
- ✠ **Altar flowers** are needed for Sunday, September 6th. If you would like to place flowers on that Sunday, please contact Dorothy Schautschick at 716-0094.
- ✠ **Thank You.** The family of Elbert Becker would like to express their sincere thanks to everyone for their prayers, kind words, texts, calls, cards, food, flowers and memorials given in his name. Special thanks to Pastor Schmidt for his inspiring message at the funeral and to Jack Wiederhold for the beautiful music. We truly appreciate all the love and support given to us during this time.
- ✠ **September Calendar.** The September Calendar is available in the church office.
- ✠ **July Financial Statements.** The July financial statements are available in the church office.
- ✠ **Holy Cross, Warda** will have BBQ pork by the pound and BBQ sauce to-go on Sunday, Sept. 6th. BBQ Pork \$11.00/lb. 16oz. Cups of Sauce \$2.00/each. Drive-thru only at the church picnic grounds starting at 10:00 a.m. Preorders are appreciated, but not necessary. To place your order, call the church office at 242-3333 or Chris Kovar at 318-458-8558. Please leave a message. No other picnic activities will be held this year.
- ✠ **South Lee County Volunteer Fire Department Raffle.** In the interest of keeping our community safe during this pandemic, SLCVFD has canceled their annual Auction and BBQ. They are instead holding a raffle. Contact any fireman for tickets. All proceeds go toward updating Fire Equipment.
- ✠ **LWML Fall Rally.** The Lutheran Women Missionary League of the Post Oak Zone fall rally has been cancelled due to the coronavirus. I felt like it would be safe for all of us not to meet in person. I hope we can have our spring rally. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me. Thank You, President Dorothy Schautschick.
- ✠ **Fried Chicken Dinner:** The St. Paul Lutheran Church Adult Fellowship in Serbin, are having their 23rd annual fried chicken dinner on Sunday, September 13th from 10:00-12:00 at the Serbin Picnic Grounds. Only advance meal tickets will be sold for \$12.00 and all plates are to-go. If you would like to order plates please contact Susan Michael at 540-0854 or Sharon Claxton at 540-7154 by September 7th. All proceeds will be going toward future church/school projects. Thank You!

THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

Today **Worship Service – 8:30 a.m.**
Tuesday Board of Christian Education Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday ECC Chapel – 8:00 a.m.
School Chapel – 8:30 a.m.
LWML Quilting – 9:00 a.m.
Friday Donuts w/Dad’s-Parent Fellowship Event – 7:15 a.m.
Next Sunday **Worship Service w/Communion – 8:30 a.m.**

Birthdays: Today – Carolyn Noack, Rex Perry, Adele Sherk; 31st – Heather Perry, Pablo Rodriguez, Jr.; 1st – Willard Albrecht, Thomas Irwin, Gracelyn Kalbas, Herbert Roeber, Shianne Sander; 3rd – Stella Jackson; 4th – Christi Bradford, Nancy Schautschick; 5th – Kaylee Berdoll, Justin Elliott, Cooper Hinze. God’s Blessings to you.

Serving today: Elders– David Fritsche and David Schmidt
Organist- Susan Michael
Head Ushers- Donald Becker
Captain- Mason Becker **Assistant**- Carson Becker

LUTHERAN HOUR: Next Sunday, September 6th, “**Jesus In The House**’. Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Messy prayers, loud tables, open doors-three signs of a spiritually vibrant household. (Luke 19:1-10). 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.

ST. PAUL NOTES:

Attendance Last Week: Morning Worship- 201

Offering Last Week: \$66,323.96

Home:		Mission:	
General	\$8,347.00	Mission	\$245.00
Tape Ministry	\$1,110.00	Lutheran Hour	\$80.00
Lunchroom	\$1,500.75	Mission Total	\$325.00
ECC Operating	\$10,043.01	Savings/Other:	
Gifts from the Heart	\$285.00	School Fund	\$50.00
School Registration	\$3,900.00	Building Fund	\$315.00
Tuition	\$36,809.20	Cemetery Fund	\$125.00
Received 8/23/2020	\$61,994.96	Bus Replacement Fund	\$3,389.00
		Scholarship Fund	\$125.00
Est. needed per week	\$22,500.00	Savings/Other Total	\$4,004.00
Received MTD	\$131,199.91		
Est. needed per month	\$97,500.00	Total	\$66,323.96

MEMORIALS: General: In memory of Elbert Becker by Kyle, Laurie & Kaden Kasper - \$50.00; by Michael & Teresa Krause - \$100.00; by Lance Krause - \$50.00; by Mike & Pat Sommerfield (for 3rd & 4th grade classroom) - \$100.00; by Marvin & Ruth Lorenz - \$25.00; by Calvin & Lil Robertson - \$25.00; by Mary Ann & Delbert Prellor - \$30.00; by Elmo & Adele Schulze - \$40.00; by Jan Wiederhold - \$40.00; by Kenneth & Lynette Wiederhold - \$30.00; by Stephen & Nancy Kasper - \$25.00; by Tim & Becky Weise - \$100.00; by Irene Buscha - \$20.00; by Pastor & Kathy Mumm - \$20.00; by M/M Eldor Becker - \$50.00; by Jeremy Becker - \$20.00; by Gary, Tracy, Tara & Chase Oltmann - \$50.00; by Carl Mertink, Jr. - \$25.00; by Janiece Becker - \$25.00; by Michael, Amanda, Shelby & Baylie Becker - \$20.00; by Allen & Mildred Perry - \$30.00; by M/M Daniel Krause - \$50.00; by Jack & Marian Wiederhold - \$50.00; by James & Kathy Kalbas - \$100.00; by Bobby & Carolyn Oltmann - \$25.00; by David & Susan Michael - \$50.00; by Ludwig Krause - \$25.00; by Wilbert & Carol Jean Noack - \$50.00; by Doug & Mary Jatzlau - \$25.00; by Troy, Chelsea & Levi Wiederhold - \$30.00; by Keith & Cherie Oltmann - \$100.00. **Lutheran Hour:** In memory of Elbert Becker by Edwin, Jr. & Barbara Schmidt - \$50.00; by Pam Schmidt - \$30.00. **Tape Ministry:** In memory of Elbert Becker by Directors, Officers & Staff of First National Bank - \$100.00; by Mary Gutierrez & Melaine - \$20.00; by M/M Steven Schautschick - \$40.00; by Jerry & Karen Faske - \$50.00; by Douglas Malke - \$50.00; by Tommy & Nancy Ewing - \$25.00; by Calvin & Agnes Lay - \$20.00; by Becky Koehne & Mark Kmiec - \$50.00; by Allene Schramm - \$25.00; by Angela Watts - \$35.00; by Robert & Joyce Hinze - \$40.00; by Gene Noack family - \$150.00; by Randy, Janice, Ashley & Megan Becker - \$50.00; by Carolyn Noack - \$50.00; by Margie Whited - \$25.00; by Robert & Diane Schmidt - \$50.00; by Ryan Krause - \$50.00; by Allan & Julie Becker - \$50.00; by Christian Weddle - \$30.00; by Michael & Teresa Krause - \$100.00; by David & Karen Schmidt - \$100.00. **ECC Operating:** In memory of Elbert Becker by Jason & Teshia Becker - \$50.00. **School Fund:** In memory of Elbert Becker by Lance Krause - \$50.00. **Building:** In memory of Elbert Becker by Monroe Becker - \$40.00; by Arthur & LaVerne Urban - \$100.00; by Alton Weiser - \$25.00; by Lucille Schatte, Lynette & Darlene - \$25.00; by Curtis Oltmann family - \$100.00; by M/M Gilbert Krause - \$25.00. **Cemetery Fund:** In memory of Elbert Becker by Dennis & Betty Kurio - \$25.00; by Carl & Ann Steinbach and Earl & Ann Steinbach - \$100.00. **Scholarship Fund:** In memory of Elbert Becker by Ken & Ruby Weiser - \$25.00; by Kacie & Will Innes - \$100.00. **Faith Lutheran High School:** In memory of Elbert by Craig & Melodi Oltmann - \$100.00; by James & Janet Oltmann - \$20.00; by Arthur & Dianna Noack - \$50.00; by Charles, Gladys & Raymond Arldt - \$30.00.



A Gift from the Heart for Our Little Ones at St. Paul Lutheran Early Childhood Center

As many of you may be aware, St. Paul Lutheran ECC typically holds an annual Golf Outing. However, with the pandemic, the golf course is not holding tournaments. The ECC has utilized the funds from the tournament to cover regular operating costs.

We would like to ask that you prayerfully consider making a donation with the envelope enclosed in the bulletin, and place it in the church where the offerings are collected. These donations will help us maintain our efforts to cover costs at the Center. Any thoughts, prayers, or donations are so greatly appreciated for this ministry to our little ones! May God bless all gifts from the heart!



Great Start to the School Year

We have had a great start to the school year! We love having our students back on campus and pray that their education and faith may grow abundantly this year! Registration remains on-going. Call us today - (979) 242-2889!

Free Wednesday mornings?

Join us for our weekly Chapel Worship Service every Wednesday, beginning at 10:30 am. We will be social distancing.

Oktoberfest

FLHS will be hosting a family friendly event on Saturday, October 24th at the Holy Cross Picnic grounds. Lots of games, activities and food will be available. Stay tuned for more details!

Camp Lone Star Retreat

FLHS students had a wonderful time at Camp Lone Star this past week. It was a great two days of challenge courses, Bible Study and learning about building up the body of Christ. We are thankful for this opportunity to grow together as a Falcon family!

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 for our Family Fun Nights and Oktoberfest!