

St. Paul Lutheran Church

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The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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Welcome! Welcome! *Disciples Live in Their Vocations by Grace through Faith in Christ.* Those who are sent as “*laborers for his vineyard*” (Matt. 20:1) depict the wide diversity of vocations to which the disciples of Christ Jesus are called. Whatever our particular stations in life may be, we are called to live and serve by faith in His promises. Our labors do not merit anything before Him, for He is already generous to one and all without partiality. In mercy, He has chosen to bear “*the burden of the day and the scorching heat*” on our behalf, to make us equal to Himself and to give us what belongs to Him, that is, the kingdom of heaven (Matt. 20:12–15). This way of the Lord is foolishness to the world and foreign to our thoughts, but He draws near, so that “*he may be found*” (Is. 55:6), “*have compassion*” and “*abundantly pardon*” (Is. 55:7). So it is that we are found in Christ Jesus, and He is honored in our bodies, “*whether by life or by death*” (Phil. 1:20), by “*fruitful labor*” (Phil. 1:22) or by suffering. It is by faith in His forgiveness that our works are “*worthy of the gospel*” (Phil. 1:27).

We invite you all to worship with us again.

In Our Prayers:

Those recovering from surgeries and illness:

Pam Becker-recovering
Delvin Boriack-recovering
David Brand-recovering (brother-in-law of Jim House)
Irene Buscha-recovering
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
Gary Oltmann-recovering
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
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 (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 morurn: *The family of Adelia Lorenz*
The family of Grace Hataway (aunt of Michael Symm)

Rain

Those affected by natural disasters

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: 596, 555, 851, 618
 Sermon Text: Philippians 1:12-14, 19-30
 The Sermon: **“Why Am I Here?”**

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 Arthur Urban on his birthday by his family.
- † **The Altar Stand and Side Stand flowers** are placed to the glory of God from the Adelia Lorenz funeral.
- † **Welcome:** Joining our congregation this morning through Adult Confirmation are Daniel Marak, Teresa Zoch and Thomas & Norma Chalmers. We welcome them as a part of our congregation and pray God will richly bless their affiliation with our congregation.
- † **We express our sympathy** to the family of Adelia Lorenz. She fell asleep in Jesus on Saturday, September 12, 2020. Funeral services for Mrs. Lorenz were held here at St. Paul Lutheran Church on Tuesday, September 15, 2020. May the Lord comfort the family with His word of promise.
- † **Portals of Prayer.** The October-December Portals of Prayer are available in the church office.
- † **Help send our 7th and 8th grade to Washington D.C.!** - Let Outlaw BBQ and the 7th and 8th graders prepare lunch for you! We will be serving a chopped beef sandwich with chips, cookie and a drink on Sunday, October 4th. It is to-go only at the Outlaw BBQ location in Giddings from 10:30am - 1pm. Tickets are \$10, and will be sold outside after church. If you are unable to purchase them today - let Mrs. D know and she can get you some tickets! All proceeds will go towards the students' price of their trip to Washington D.C. in June of 2021! We appreciate your support!
- † **Faith Lutheran High School** is holding a \$1 to \$100 envelope fundraiser. See details on the table as you entered the church.
- † **Cedar Putzen** (trimming of the cemetery cedars) is scheduled for Saturday, October 3rd, at 8:00 a.m. Please bring tree trimming equipment and rakes. All members and volunteers are welcome to help.
- † **Aluminum Cans:** Need somewhere to take your aluminum cans? There is a drop-off trailer by the pasture gate for anyone who would like to drop off their aluminum cans to be recycled. All money raised from the recycled cans will go to the Building Fund. We sold the cans this past week and raised another \$56.00 for the Building Fund. Total given to the Restoration/Building fund is \$2,868.05.
- † **TEXAS WENDISH HERITAGE SOCIETY TO GO MEAL FUNDRAISER.** The TWHS board made the difficult but necessary decision to cancel our normal Wendish Fest for 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. We have an alternative event on Wendish Sunday, September 27th, at St. Paul that will allow us to safely celebrate the rich heritage of the Wends here in Texas and raise some funds for the society. Please join us for a pick-up only meal at the St. Paul Picnic Grounds in Serbin. Meal tickets are \$12 and will be loaded with sausage, Wendish Noodles, pickles, beets, sauerkraut, green beans, bread, and peaches. Pick up your plate from 10am to 1pm. Reserve your plate by buying a ticket, or calling, (979)366-2441, or emailing (museum@texaswendish.org) the Wendish Museum. After you pick up your meal, stop by our drive-through country store where you can purchase uncooked sausage & noodles, pickles, sauerkraut, pot holders, hats, and other Wendish related goods. While we are disappointed not to host Wendish Fest this year, we look forward to seeing you at the festival in 2021. THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Serving today: Elders— Tim Hartfield and Keith Oltmann
 Organist- Daniel Krause
 Head Ushers- Donald Becker
 Captain- Troy Menzel Assistant- Mark Jones

THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

Today **Worship Service w/Communion – 8:30 a.m.**
 Monday Circuit Visitors Meeting
 ECC Parent Teacher Conferences
 Wednesday ECC Chapel – 8:00 a.m.
 School Chapel – 8:30 a.m.
 “See You at the Pole” Prayer Event
 Youth Confirmation – 6:00 p.m.
 Thursday Board of Elders Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
 Fri. – Sat. Salem JV Volleyball Tournament @ Tomball
 Next Sunday **English/German Worship Service – 9:00 p.m.**
32nd Annual Wendish Fest

Birthdays: Today – Gail Albrecht, Noah Carrizales, Mary Ann Prellop, Arthur Urban; 21st – Jace Bise, Harviell Jackson, Kynlee Stewart, Martin Werchan; 22nd – Olin Carter, Dorothy Schautschick; 23rd – Andrea Goedrich, Deanna Miertschin, Delbert Prellop, Stephanie Symm, Christian Weddle; 24th – Joyce Dowling; 26th – Nicole Arldt, Melissa Ray. God’s Blessings to you.

LUTHERAN HOUR: Next Sunday, September 27th, “**Room at the Table**”. Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Jason Broge. Open doors and loud tables—places where God does His quiet work of changing lives, one dinner invitation at a time. God made room at His table for us so that we can make room at our tables for others. New Series, “Households of Faith”. (1 Peter 4). 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- 151

Offering Last Week: \$26,377.96

Home:		Mission:	
General	\$7,700.00	Mission	\$660.00
Tape Ministry	\$410.00	Lutheran Hour	\$120.00
Lunchroom	\$2,199.80	Mission Total	\$780.00
ECC Operating	\$1,880.96	Savings/Other:	
School Registration	\$500.00	School Fund	\$90.00
Tuition	\$12,196.20	Building Fund	\$206.00
Received 9/13/2020	\$24,886.96	Bus Replacement Fund	\$415.00
		Savings/Other Total	\$711.00
Est. needed per week	\$22,500.00		
Received MTD	\$55,067.59	Total	\$26,377.96
Est. needed per month	\$97,500.00		

MEMORIALS: General: In memory of Elbert Becker by Troy , Leah & Landon Menzel - \$100.00; by Philip, Rose, Courtland & Libbi Tharp - \$50.00; by The Texas Wendish Heritage Society - \$ 50.00. In memory of Adelia Lorenz by Doug & Nancy Alexander - \$50.00; by Calvin & Ina Mitschke - \$100.00; by Adelia Becker - \$25.00; by David & Karen Schmidt - \$25.00; by Maurice & Debbie Pitts - \$25.00; by Wade & Nancy Eilers - \$50.00; by Calvin & Lil Robertson - \$25.00; by Turner & Angela Watts - \$50.00; by Evelyn Maass - \$20.00. **Lutheran Hour:** In memory of Adelia Lorenz by Annette Menzel - \$50.00; by Irene Noack - \$20.00; by Mary Ann & Delbert Prellop - \$50.00. **Tape Ministry:** In memory of Adelia Lorenz by John & Eunice Siegmund - \$30.00; by David & Kathy Mumm - \$20.00; by Arthur & Dianna Noack - \$50.00; by Doug & Mary Jatzlau - \$25.00; by Alton Weise - \$25.00; by Doris Fritsche - \$20.00; by Randy & Janice Becker - \$40.00; by Cindy Watson - \$25.00; by Elaine Mersiovsky - \$25.00; by Carolyn Noack - \$25.00; by Curt & Elaine Kieschnick - \$30.00; by Tommy & Nancy Ewing - \$25.00; by Nina & Pat Smith - \$50.00; by Calvin & Agnes Lay - \$20.00; by Mary Gutierrez & Melanie - \$20.00; by Ryan, Kristy, Karly, Rylee & Hadlee Hentschel - \$25.00; by Directors, Officers & Staff of First National Bank - \$100.00. **School Fund:** In memory of Elbert Becker by Giddings Livestock Commission - \$40.00; by M/M Larry Schatte - \$50.00. **Building:** In memory of Adelia Lorenz by Arthur & LaVerne Urban - \$100.00; by Robert & Brenda Muniz - \$40.00. In memory of C.W. Kasper by Herman Gersch - \$25.00. In memory of Elbert Becker by Herman Gersch - \$25.00. **Faith Lutheran High School:** In memory of Adelia Lorenz by Charles, Gladys & Raymond Arldt - \$50.00.



Busy Night? Dinner's On Us

FLHS is selling 8 X 8 Chicken Spaghetti casseroles, available for pick-up on Tuesday, Sept. 29th. Pre-order by Wednesday, Sept. 23rd. Cost is \$20 each. Limited amounts available. Call FLHS to order yours today!

Follow Us On Facebook!

With a new school year underway, you may want to see the exciting things happening inside here on a daily basis! By "liking" our Facebook page and "sharing" our posts, you will be in the loop on all the great things happening and sharing Faith with your friends as well. If you're not on social media, head to our website (faithlutheranhighschool.com) which is updated regularly as well.

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. This event may look different than in years past, so stay tuned for more details!

Thank you!

Thank you so much for your participation in the Fall Envelope fundraiser. It has been a wonderful blessing to us. Your generous contributions continue to enable Faith Lutheran High School to grow and instill wisdom as the students become faithful leaders for tomorrow. 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 onetime or enduring gift, Thrivent Action Grant, or volunteer your time and talents, please contact Nikki Kueck to learn more.