

St. Paul Lutheran Church

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Welcome! *The Cross of Christ Opens to Us the Way of Repentance to Life with God.* The way of the Lord is righteous and just: *“the soul who sins shall die”* (Ezek. 18:4). However, because the Lord has *“no pleasure in the death of anyone”* (Ezek. 18:32), He calls sinners to repentance and faith in His gracious forgiveness of sins. The man who is thus turned away from his wickedness, who henceforth lives by the grace of God, *“shall surely live; he shall not die”* (Ezek. 18:28). This way of repentance has been opened for us by the cross of Christ. In the righteousness of faith and love, *“he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death”* (Phil. 2:8), and He was vindicated in His resurrection from the dead. Indeed, *“God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name”* (Phil. 2:9). He has given us this name in our Baptism into Christ, in whom we now *“shine as lights in the world”* (Phil. 2:15). He uses the authority that He has received from His Father (Matt. 21:23–27) to preach a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, by which even *“the tax collectors and the prostitutes go into the kingdom of God”* (Matt. 21:31–32).

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)
Pat Hughes (friend of James and Kathy Kalbas)
Ruth Kluetz-surgery (friend of Harold & Paula Krause)
Kenneth Lorenz
Chris Miertschin-recovering
Shannon Miertschin
Leonard Mitschke-recovering
Gary Oltmann-recovering
Franklin Richter-recovering (brother-in-law of Willard and Milton Albrecht)
Monroe Schatte, Jr.-recovering
Kermit Schautschick-recovering (son of Hattie Schautschick)
Melvin Schulze-hospitalized
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
Jerry Tallas (brother-in-law of Delvin Boriack)
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

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—Worship Folder

Sermon Text: Philippians 2:1-18

The Sermon: **“Und alle Zungen bekennen sollen”**
 (“And Every Tongue Confess”)

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 Wends who left their homeland in September of 1854 to begin their journey to Texas in search of religious freedom and the right to speak their language.
- ✠ **The Altar Stand flowers** are placed to the glory of God in memory of Minnie Mae Schulze by Robert & Brenda Muniz and Tommy & Linda Wilkins.
- ✠ **Altar flowers** are needed for Sunday, October 11th, Sunday, October 18th and Sunday, October 25th. If you would like to place flowers on any of these Sunday's, please contact Dorothy Schautschick at 716-0094.
- ✠ **Thank you.** Thank you to Rev. Michael Newman for delivering the message this morning.
- ✠ **Thank You.** The family of Adelia Lorenz would like to thank everyone for all the kind words and cards sent in the loss of our mother, grandma and great-grandma. Thank you to Pastor Schmidt for home visits and service, Jack Wiederhold for playing the organ. Special thanks to Donald Becker and usher team for always giving her the extra help when she attended church. God's Blessings.
- ✠ **Thank You.** Kenneth Lorenz wants to thank everyone for cards for in the loss of his mom in May. Thank you also for all the get well cards as he does appreciate them. Kenneth is currently at the Regency-Towers, 372 Hill Rd. Smithville, Texas 78957.
- ✠ **The Wendish Drive Through Meal** is today. Pick up your meal after church. Extra tickets are available. Country store items such as dry noodles, sausage by the link, pickles, beets, caps, etc. are also available beyond the pick-up line. Thank you for your support!
- ✠ **October Calendar.** The October calendar is available in the church office.
- ✠ **Trunk or Treat.** Due to COVID restrictions and CDC guidelines, Trunk or Treat has been cancelled this year.
- ✠ **Lutheran Witness.** The church provides a subscription of the Lutheran Witness for each family in the congregation, at a cost of \$14.25. If you are **not** receiving a monthly copy of the Lutheran Witness and would like to have it, or if you **are** receiving the monthly Lutheran Witness and do not want it, please contact the church office by Monday, October 5th.
- ✠ **Faith Lutheran High School** is holding a \$1 to \$100 envelope fundraiser. See details and envelopes in the church office.
- ✠ **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.

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

LUTHERAN HOUR: Next Sunday, October 4th, **“Victory in Defeat”**. Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. The thing about God is, He's winning—even when it doesn't look like He's winning. Maybe, especially when it doesn't look like He's winning. Dr. Michael Zeigler begins a series of messages based on the book of Daniel that tells how God uses history as a vehicle to bring about His eternal kingdom. (Daniel: 1). 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.

THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

Today **English/German Worship Service – 9:00 a.m.**
32nd Wendish Fest
 Mon. – Fri. Scholastic Family Book Fair
 Wednesday ECC Chapel – 8:00 a.m.
 School Chapel – 8:30 a.m.
 Youth Confirmation – 6:00 p.m.
 Thursday Early Dismissal – 11:45 a.m.
 Parent/Teacher Conferences
 Friday Early Dismissal – 11:45 a.m.
 Parent Teacher Conferences
 Next Sunday **Worship Service w/Communion – 8:30 a.m.**
LWML Sunday

Birthdays: Today – Ryan Buscha, Mark Gruetzner, Jonathan Mitschke; 28th – Chase Oltmann, LeAnn Jones; 29th – Camary Bradford; 1st – Troy Bise, Tyler Fritsche, Leonard Mitschke; 2nd – Sandra Kalbas, Gilbert Krause; 3rd – Gary Oltmann, Madison Rooks. God’s Blessings to you.

ST. PAUL NOTES:

Attendance Last Week: Morning Worship- 183, Communion- 81

Offering Last Week: \$25,769.40

Home:		Mission:	
General	\$8,310.00	Mission	\$220.00
Tape Ministry	\$695.00	Lutheran Hour	\$170.00
Lunchroom	\$501.25	Mission Total	\$390.00
ECC Operating	\$8,869.75	Savings/Other:	
Gifts from the heart	\$200.00	School Fund	\$20.00
Tuition	\$6,268.40	Building Fund	\$140.00
Received 9/20/2020	\$24,844.40	Bus Replacement Fund	\$375.00
		Savings/Other Total	\$535.00
Est. needed per week	\$22,500.00		
Received MTD	\$79,911.99	Total	\$25,769.40
Est. needed per month	\$97,500.00		

MEMORIALS: General: In memory of Elbert Becker by Chris, Connie, Mason, Carson Becker and Courtney Koehne - \$100.00. In memory of Adelia Lorenz by Hildegard Krause - \$20.00; by David & Susan Michael - \$25.00; by Allen & Mildred Perry - \$25.00; by Janiece Becker - \$25.00; by Larry & Rita Schatte - \$50.00; by Carl H. Mertink, Jr. - \$25.00; by Ken & Ruby Weiser - \$25.00; by Michael & Teresa Krause - \$25.00; by M/M Milton Bade - \$35.00; by Lawrence & Bermise Richter, Mike & Georgann Richter, Steve & Holly Richter, Terry & Susan Richter and Mark & Peggy Scheel - \$150.00. In memory of Elbert Becker and Adelia Lorenz by Marvin & Charlyn Matthijetz - \$40.00. **Mission:** In memory of Adelia Lorenz by Marvin & Ruth Lorenz - \$25.00. **Lutheran Hour:** In memory of Adelia Lorenz by Kenneth & Lynette Wiederhold - \$30.00; by Elmo & Adele Schulze - \$40.00; by Troy & Chelsea Wiederhold - \$30.00; by Lucille Schatte, Lynette and Darlene - \$20.00; by Dennis & Diann Pietsch - \$50.00. **Tape Ministry:** In memory of Adelia Lorenz by M/M Gilbert Krause - \$25.00; by the Chris Becker family - \$25.00; by Kevin & Sherri Coffman - \$25.00; by Wilbert & Carol Jean Noack - \$50.00; by Jan Wiederhold - \$50.00; by Joyce & Robert Hinze - \$100.00; by Ervin & Alice Miller - \$25.00; by Gary & Cindy Becker & family - \$25.00; by Employees of Nitsche Group - \$90.00; by M/M Floyd Schkade - \$25.00; by Ken & Virginia Arldt - \$50.00; by M/M Larry Teinert - \$25.00; by Edward & Ruth Reinhardt - \$35.00. **School Fund:** In memory of Adelia Lorenz by James & Janet Oltmann - \$20.00. **Building:** In memory of Adelia Lorenz by Curtis Oltmann family - \$100.00. **Faith Lutheran High School:** In memory of Peter K. Martin by Darlene Schatte - \$20.00. In memory of Adelia Lorenz by John & Lois Kalbas - \$40.00.



Busy Night? Dinner's On Us

Thank you to those who pre-ordered chicken spaghetti. Pans will be available for pick-up on Tuesday, Sept. 29th at either Immanuel or FLHS from 4pm to 6 pm. Cost is \$20 each.

Free Wednesday mornings?

Join us for our weekly Chapel Worship Service every Wednesday. Mr. Dylan Zoch, DCE, will be leading us beginning at 10:30 am. Please join us!!

Oktoberfest

Faith Lutheran High School will be hosting a drive through to-go plated meal in place of our traditional Oktoberfest celebration on Saturday, October 24th at the Holy Cross Picnic grounds. Pre-orders are encouraged. Additional details are still forthcoming, so watch your church bulletins and our Facebook page for more information.

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.