

St. Paul Lutheran Church

Serbin, Texas



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The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

16 October 2022

Welcome! Faith Clings to the Word and Promises of God and Perseveres in Prayer. "Left alone," Jacob wrestled through the night with the Lord, "until the breaking of the day" (Gen. 32:24). Though "Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him" (Gen. 32:25), he would not let go until the Lord blessed him. At times, we, too, strive with God; He strives with us and blesses us by grace. So Jesus teaches us "always to pray and not lose heart" (Luke 18:1). Jesus speaks of "a judge who neither feared God nor respected man" and of a widow "who kept coming to him and saying, 'Give me justice against my adversary'" (Luke 18:2-3). Because of her persistence, the judge agreed to "give her justice" (Luke 18:5). Our Lord dispenses justice generously and swiftly, giving "justice to his elect, who cry to him day and night" (Luke 18:7). He does so according to the Gospel. Therefore, His ministers are to persevere faithfully in their vocation, in what they "have learned and have firmly believed" (2 Tim. 3:14). On the basis of "the sacred writings" (2 Tim. 3:15), they are to "preach the word" at all times and not lose heart (2 Tim. 4:2).

We invite you all to worship with us again.

In Our Prayers:

Those recovering from surgeries and illness:
Barbara Birnbaum-recovering (mother of Chris Birnbaum)
Judy Boriack-surgery
Tom Geyer-hospitalized (Principal at Redeemer, Austin)
Evelyn Kaiser-recovering
Chris Miertschin
Frances Mieretschin-recovering (mother of Tommy Miertschin)
Shannon Miertschin
Dianna Noack-surgery
Zelda Richards-recovering
Greg Sorrento-recovering (nephew of Doris Fritsche)
Cindy Umphries-recovering (friend of James & Kathy Kalbas)
Ruby Weiser-surgery
Conway Whited (nephew of Ashley Schmidt)

Our members in nursing homes and our shut-ins.

Those fighting cancer including:
Lillian Bamsch (sister-in-law of Charlyn & Marvin Matthijetz)
Vicki Boriack
Teresita Brodrick (aunt of David Wittman)
Don Claxton (father of Jeff Claxton)
Russell Cleghorn (friend of James & Kathy Kalbas)
Ginger Clifford (sister of Nancy Kasper)
Franklin Hoffman (father of Maxine Bradshaw)
Steven Kelly (cousin of Jessica Gruetzner, brother-in-law of Christi Bradford)

Betty Kildair (aunt of Dorothy Schautschick)
Theresa Krause
Bethany Lara (daughter of Kathy Gersch)
Heather Lilly (granddaughter of Irene Noack)
Rhonda Mitschke (friend of Christi Fritsche)
Jack Pennington (brother-in-law of Marvin & Charlyn Matthijetz)
Carol Sander
Diane Sanders (friend of James & Kathy Kalbas)
Judy Westbrook (mother of Heather Krause)
Tiffany Wittman (sister-in-law of Jason & Cindy Heuermann)
Those serving in the Armed Forces including:
Steven Cutlip (brother of Stephanie Symm), Fort Irwin, CA
Kosh Ozmun (son of Stephanie Miertschin), Ft. Hood, TX
Coy Hunt (son of Shannon & Christine Hunt) Ft. Drum, New York
Jacob Knapp (cousin of Mark Gruetzner, son of Nathan & Heather Wenke) Ft. Stewart, Georgia
Dylan Robbins (cousin of Michelle Birnbaum) Camp Pendleton, CA
Those who mourn:
The family of Vestine Walther (uncle of Michelle Birnbaum)
The family of Ricky Meinholdt (brother-in-law of Carie Oltmann)
Those who mourn:
The family of Ronnie Schautschick
Those affected by natural disasters
Rain

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: 655, 686, 781 v. 1&2, 940, 588, 725,722

Sermon Text: 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

The Sermon: **“Continue in what You have Learned”**

- † **The Altar flowers** are placed to the glory of God in honor of Jackie & Shannon Handrick’s wedding anniversary by their children.
- † **We express our sympathy** to the family of Ronnie Schautschick. He fell asleep in Jesus on Friday, October 14, 2022. Services for Mr. Schautschick will be held at St. Paul Lutheran Church on Wednesday, October 19th, 2022, at 1:30 p.m. May the Lord comfort the family with His word of promise.
- † **Voters Meeting Minutes.** The minutes from the Voter’s Meeting that was held on Sunday, October 9th are included in the bulletin this morning.
- † **South Lee County Volunteer Fire Department** is preparing Barbecue Chicken on Sunday, October 30th at the Serbin picnic grounds from 10:00 a.m. – 12 noon. The barbecue is to go only. Order forms are available from the ushers. If you wish to order please fill out this form and return it to the ushers, the church office or contact Paul Somerfield at 713-922-7501 or St. Paul Lutheran church office at 979-366-9650 by Monday, October 24th.
- † **Trunk or Treat – Monday, Oct. 31st from 5:30-7:00 p.m.** Halloween finds children of all ages dressing up and sharing treats with one another. We would again like to invite families to the church picnic grounds to decorate your “area”, share your treats and fellowship together. The children will then be able to walk from area to area or vehicle to vehicle to receive the treats. The St. Paul cheerleaders will be selling Hot Dogs, Chips & Drink from 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
- † **Countdown to National Wreaths across America Day** on December 17th. We have identified 75 veteran’s graves on our cemetery. As of today, we have sponsored wreaths for 36 veteran’s graves. Won’t you please consider purchasing a wreath(s) so we can honor all of our veteran’s. Please contact the church office if you have questions or need help in navigating the website.
- † **OLD TYME TEXAS WENDISH SUNDAY** will be held on October 23, 2022 from 10:00 to 2:00, at the Texas Wendish Museum in Serbin. Kaffee, Klatch & Kuchen at 10:00, refreshments (generously provided by Ben Nevis Brewing) at 11:00, a presentation at 11:30 and the Wendish meal at 12:00 (free will donation). Games, Displays, Christmas Market, Fellowship & Kids' Activities from 1:00 to 2:00. Please RSVP no later than October 18, museum@texaswendish.org or 979-366-2441.
- † **BAKE SALE!!!** If you would be willing to donate any baked goods to the 7th and 8th Grade’s DC Trip Bake Sale which is being held in conjunction with the South Lee County BBQ chickens it would be GREATLY appreciated!! Feel free to bring your items to the Serbin Picnic Grounds between 7:45am-8:30am on Sunday, October 30th. All proceeds will benefit the Washington D.C. trip taking place in June 2023. We appreciate your support!!

LUTHERAN HOUR: Next Sunday, October 23rd, **“He Gets Me”**. Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. It might sound strange to regard God as a friend, and the more fear, awe, and respect you have for God, the stranger it gets. (Luke 18:9-14). 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 Thoughts in the Church Year:

October 16 – Pentecost XIX (Proper 23).

Jacob wrestled blessing out of his competitor (Genesis 1:26). Timothy exhorted itching ears in season and out of season (2 Timothy 4:2-3). And the Savior’s persistent window wouldn’t stop pleading to the authorities for justice (Luke 18:2). Our Lord will not let our advocating prevail any less when we speak the truth in love about the sanctity of every human life to leaders and neighbors.

Serving today: Elders– Tim Hartfield and Keith Oltmann
Organist- Daniel Krause
Acolytes- Kaden Kasper and Maison Schautschick
Head Ushers- Donald Becker
Captain- Mason Becker **Assistant-** Carson Becker
Ushers- Jason Becker, Randy Becker, Hudson Corn,
Michael Krause, Dylan Lambert, Ethan Mertschin,
Logan Perry, Rex Perry, Bradley Schmidt,
Tim Symm, Courtland Tharp
Counting and Posting offering this week:
Chairman- Rex Perry
Virgil Becker, Tim Symm, Chase Oltmann

THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

Today **Worship Service w/Communion– 8:30 a.m.**
Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.
Monday Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.
Tuesday Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.
PTLS Meeting – 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday Staff Bible Study – 7:30 a.m.
School Chapel – 8:30 a.m.
Youth Confirmation – 6:00 p.m.
Adult Choir – 7:00 p.m.
Thursday Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.
Friday Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.
Next Sunday **Worship Service – 8:30 a.m.**
Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.
Acolytes: Elizabeth Richardson and Kenedy Schatte
Sunday School Teachers Meeting – 10:15 a.m.
LYF Meeting & Social – 2:00 p.m.

Birthdays: 17th – Bradley Albrecht; 19th – Kamrie Stewart; 20th – Jonathon Kanevsky; 21st – Erica Iselt, Bertha Walch; 22nd – Linda Schonhoeft. God’s Blessings to you.

ST. PAUL NOTES:

Attendance Last Week: Morning Worship- 246, Bible Class- 37; Sunday School- 33, Banner Classes: Nursery II, Grade 3, Offering- \$19.00.

Offering Last Week: \$42,022.88

Home:		Mission:	
General	\$19,048.06	Mission Festival	\$6,450.00
Sunday School	\$19.00	Mission Total	\$6,450.00
Lunch Room	\$1,827.00	Savings/Other:	
ECC Operating	\$7,700.80	School Fund	\$100.00
LWML Quilting	\$100.00	Building Fund	\$1,000.00
Tuition	\$5,403.02	Bus Replacement Fund	\$375.00
Received 10/09/2022	\$34,097.88	Savings/Other Total	\$1,475.00
Est. needed per week	\$22,500.00	Total	\$42,022.88
Received MTD	\$54,209.11		
Est. needed per month	\$97,500.00		

MEMORIALS: General: In memory of Matt Rumuly by Steven & Nancy Kasper - \$50.00. **School Fund:** In memory of Alfred Boriack by Philip Tharp Family - \$100.00. **LWML Quilting:** In memory of Edna Krause by David & Susan Michael - \$100.00.

The Voyager Voice

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† Check us out on the Internet at www.stpaulserbinschool.org †

for the week of October 16-22, 2022

2022-23 School Year Theme – “Won By One” – 1 Corinthians 15:57

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Oct. 18... PTLIS Meeting – 6:30 PM
- Oct. 19... School Chapel Service
– 8:30 AM
- Oct. 20... Thursday Parent Lunch
11:30-12:30 PM
- Oct. 24-28... Red Ribbon Week
- Oct. 31... LutherFest activities
– 8:30 AM
“Trunk or Treat” Fellowship
5:30-7:00 PM
- Nov. 1-15... National Young Reader
Challenge
- Nov. 4... JLHS Cross Country Meet
- Nov. 6... Daylight Saving Time Ends
- Nov. 11... Veteran’s Day Assembly
and Luncheon – 10:30 AM



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Our Mission
“To Educate Children for Life to
Witness the Word to the World.”

From the Principal’s Desk . . .

Plan to attend the October **PTLS Meeting** next Tuesday, Oct. 18th at 6:30 AM. Watch for the agenda email coming home soon.

Join us for the **Thursday Parent Lunch** next Thurs., Oct. 20th. The attached **reservation form must be returned by Monday, Oct. 17th**.

Check out the calendar for next week’s events and special activities. More details are available by reading the online Voyager News Blast at the website www.stpaulserbinschool.org.

Have a blessed week in the Lord! – Jim House, Principal



NEWS, NOTES, and HAPPENINGS

PTLS NEWS. . . Plan to attend the October PTLIS Meeting **next Tuesday, Oct. 18th at 6:30 PM** in the church. Our topic presenter will be Kimber Locke who will share information related to National Anti-Bullying Month. Various items of business will also be shared with the group that evening. Gr. 7 & 8 families will serve as hosts for the meeting. Look for the agenda emailed home soon and plan now to attend!



PARENT LUNCH. . . The first Parent Lunch for 2022 will be held **next Thursday, Oct. 20th from 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM**. Parents, you are invited to come “lunch” with your child that day during their class’ regular lunch time (and enjoy fellowship with each other, too!). A flyer with reservation information is attached to today’s newsletter email (one also was sent home with your child yesterday). If you plan to eat a St. Paul hot lunch, we ask that you **return the Lunch Reservation Form with method of payment by Monday, Oct. 17th**. We hope to see you at the October Parent Lunch!



SCHOOL PICTURES HAVE ARRIVED! . . Yes, the 2022 School Pictures arrived and were distributed to the students on Thursday. Hopefully, your child’s packet made it home and you’re pleased with this year’s photos. Class group pictures will be coming home next week. If you have any questions about your order, contact Mr. Dabbs at www.mrdabbs.com or call 866-598-4911.

BOOK FAIR SUCCESS. . .The annual Scholastic Book Fair held the week of *Sept. 27-Oct. 2* was a huge success! We sold \$2,732.58 in books and related materials and *profited \$1,093.03 in free books* from Scholastic for our school library. Special thanks to Mrs. Bradshaw for organizing the Book Fair and to all who helped all week long!

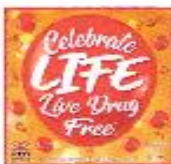
OFFERING PROJECT. . .Thanks for remembering your Chapel offerings every Wednesday for the Samaritan Thrust *“Operation Christmas Child”* project. We’ve already collected *\$416.00* for the project which provides a shoebox gift and the Gospel of Jesus to children around the world at Christmas. Remember your offerings next week and contribute generously in support of this worthy project.



OUTDOOR EDUCATION FUN. . .The 5th & 6th graders, Mr. House, Mrs. Wiederhold, Mrs. Casey Gurka, Mr. Paul Sommerfield, Mr. Shelby Bamert, and Mr. John Grange enjoyed three beautiful, fun-filled days of *Outdoor Education at Camp Lone Star* in LaGrange last week. Both students and adults have lots of fun stories and experiences to share with you from their ODE trip. Check out the many ODE pictures we’re posting on our St. Paul Facebook page and see what we did as we learned and experienced the grandeur of God’s creation under the theme, *“Won By One”*.



RED RIBBON WEEK 2022. . .will be observed later this month at St. Paul the week of October 24-28. This year’s national theme is *“Celebrate Life—Live Drug Free!”*. We’re planning a variety of fun activities that we hope will help our students recognize the importance of remaining drug, alcohol, tobacco, and bullying free. Watch for the Red Ribbon Week flyer with information on special dress days attached to this newsletter email and coming home next week, and plan to celebrate with us.



LUTHERFEST 2022. . .The students and faculty of St. Paul will observe the 505th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation and its message of *“Saved by Grace through faith in Jesus Christ”* by participating in Lutherfest 2022 on *Monday, Oct. 31st from 8:30 AM to lunch*. We’re planning some exciting group activities that will be enjoyed by all! But, we need some parent helpers to make it the best celebration ever! Check your calendars, clear the date, and plan to join us for some LutherFest fun! Watch for more information about how you can become involved coming home next week!



CROSS COUNTRY NEWS. . .The Voyager kids are practicing to participate in the *4th annual Private Schools of Central Texas Cross Country Invitational* hosted by Faith LHS on *Friday, Nov. 4th* beginning at 2:00 PM. Our Voyager runners from Grades K-8 will run in four divisions. Parents are encouraged to attend and cheer for all the runners. Watch for more information next week about race times and transportation. Questions?—contact Mrs. Gurka.



NEW LOGO DECALS. . .Hey Voyager families! Have you put your new *St. Paul-Serbin Voyagers logo window decal* on your vehicle yet? Here’s a great way to show your “Voyager Pride” and help us get our name out to the Lee Co. community! We encourage you to proudly display this attractive sticker on your car window to let others know you’re a “Voyager backer”! If you’d like a second window sticker for another vehicle or other appropriate spot, additional stickers are available at the school office (please consider a small free-will donation to help offset the cost).



HAVE A GREAT WEEK! . .I hope to see all of you at the PTLS Meeting next Tuesday. I’m looking forward to some cooler temperatures next week as we move into the second half of October. If I can be of any service to you throughout the week, feel free to stop by my office or call for an appointment.



Your partner in Christ,
James L. House, Principal

CHEERLEADING UNIFORMS FOR SALE: Would you like to own a piece of Serbin history? Used cheerleading uniforms from the years 2014-2021 are now for sale in a variety of sizes. Tops are \$10 each, and skirts are \$10 each. Chelsea Wiederhold will be in the school gym after church on 10/16, 10/23, and 10/30 for anyone who is interested in purchasing. It will be first-come, first-serve on the sizes. All proceeds will go to St. Paul Cheerleading. Thank you!

