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 Mierteschin-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 Bradrick (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)
Steve Kelly (cousin of Jessica Gruetzner, brother-in-law of Christi Bradford)

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
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 Schaatschick

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 lh.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

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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.


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

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Est. needed per week: $22,500.00
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.
2022-23 School Year Theme – "Won By One" – 1 Corinthians 15:57

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 PTLS Meeting next Tuesday, Oct. 18th at 6:30 PM in the church. Our topic presenter will be Kimberlee who will share information related to National Anti-Bullying Month. Various items of business will also be shared with the group that evening.

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 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 photo 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. Dobbs at www.mrdobbs.com or call 888 598 4911.
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!