

St. Paul Lutheran Church

Serbin, Texas



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The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

23 October 2022

Welcome! In Humble Repentance, Faith Lives by Grace and Mercy and Is Exalted by God in Christ. Jesus tells a parable “to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous” (Luke 18:9). In this parable, the Pharisee unjustly boasted before God on the basis of his own merits, whereas the tax collector intently prayed, “God, be merciful to me, a sinner!” (Luke 18:13). That poor, miserable sinner trusted Christ, and he went “down to his house justified, rather than the other” (Luke 18:14). So do little children, “even infants,” come to Jesus with their need, and they “receive the kingdom of God” through faith (Luke 18:15–17). For “the one who humbles himself will be exalted,” but “everyone who exalts himself will be humbled” (Luke 18:14). That is why “the LORD had regard for Abel and his offering, but for Cain and his offering he had no regard” (Gen. 4:4–5). St. Paul’s life, “poured out as a drink offering,” was another sacrifice like Abel’s (2 Tim. 4:6). The Lord stood by Paul and strengthened him, that “the message might be fully proclaimed” (2 Tim. 4:17). It is by that Gospel message of Christ that we “have loved his appearing” and as repentant sinners pray to “the Lord, the righteous judge” by faith (2 Tim. 6:8).

We invite you all to worship with us again.

In Our Prayers:

Those recovering from surgeries and illness:

Judy Boriack-recovering
Tom Geyer-recovering (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-recovering
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 rejoice:

Tara Oltmann and DaCota Kauffman as they are united in marriage on Saturday

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: 433, 745, 781 v. 1&2, 570, 660

Sermon Text: Luke 18:9-17

The Sermon: **“How Do You Live?”**

Adult Choir Anthem: ♪ *“Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me”*

- † **The Altar flowers** are placed to the glory of God in thanksgiving for 60 wonderful years by Ken & Ruby Weiser.
- † **The Altar Stands, Side Stands and Window flowers** are from the Ronnie Schautschick funeral.
- † **Congratulations** to John and Ashley Hinze on the birth of a son, Brazos Lee Hinze. He was born Thursday, October 20, 2022 in Bryan, TX. He weighed 7 lbs. 4 ounces and was 20 inches long. May God bless this growing family.
- † **September Financial Statements** are available from the ushers and in the church office.
- † **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!!
- † **All Saints Observance:** As a part of our worship Sunday, November 6th, we will remember those who have entered into their heavenly rest over the course of the past year by reading their names during our worship service. Those who died as members of our congregation will automatically be included. If you have a departed family member or loved one who died in the faith this past year that you would also like remembered, please notify the church office by Tuesday, November 1st. *“Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.”* (Rev. 14:13)
- † **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!



LUTHERAN HOUR: Next Sunday, October 30th, “**Give Your Brother a Call**”. Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. God cares that we relate to Him with childlike faith and relate to others with Christlike love. (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.

Life Thoughts in the Church Year:

October 23 – Pentecost XX (Proper 25)

The earliest Christian congregation in Jerusalem recognized the lives of despised Gentiles as precious as their own (Acts 15:17-18). Along with James, they each understood the dignity Jesus bestowed by making human beings God’s own brothers and sisters, even though the public took offense at it (Matthew 13:55-57). Let us not let this Gospel they gave us with their lives fall silent!

Serving today: **Elders**– Tim Hartfield and Keith Oltmann
Organist- Susan Michael
Acolytes- Elizabeth Richardson and Kenedy Schatte
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- Glen Albrecht
Ty Kasper, Carson Becker, Nathan Michael

THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

Today	Worship Service – 8:30 a.m. Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m. Sunday School Teacher’s Meeting – 10:15 a.m. LYF Meeting & Social – 2:00 p.m.
Mon. – Fri.	Red Ribbon Week
Monday	Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.
Tuesday	Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.
Wednesday	Staff Bible Study – 7:30 a.m. School Chapel – 8:30 a.m. Youth Confirmation – 6:00 p.m. 4-H Meeting – 6:30 p.m. Adult Choir – 7:00 p.m.
Thursday	Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m. Board of Elder’s Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
Friday	Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.
Next Sunday	Song Service – 8:30 a.m. Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m. Acolytes: Malynda Schautachick and Rachel Schautschick SLCVFD BBQ Chicken

Birthdays: Today – Madilyn Kalbas, Edwin Schmidt, Jr., Brooks Spivey; 24th – Dustin Schatte, Kenedy Schatte, Ralph Wenke; 25th – Laurie Kasper; 26th – Eldor Becker, Christine Grange, Mary Reagan; 28th – Jim Bob Bigon, Susanne Maass, Tyler Roeber; 29th – Mary Ann Becker. God’s Blessings to you.

ST. PAUL NOTES:

Attendance Last Week: Morning Worship- 262, Communion- 132, Bible Class- 14; Sunday School- 38, Banner Classes: Nursery II, Grade 1, Grade 3, Grade 5, Offering- \$27.00.

Offering Last Week: \$17,364.03

Home:		Mission:	
General	\$7,175.40	Mission	\$440.00
Sunday School	\$27.00	Mission Total	\$440.00
Lunch Room	\$400.00	Savings/Other:	
ECC Operating	\$2,780.03	School Fund	\$50.00
LWML Quilting	\$20.00	Savings/Other Total	\$50.00
Tuition	\$6,471.60		
Received 10/16/2022	\$16,874.03	Total	\$17,364.03
Est. needed per week	\$22,500.00		
Received MTD	\$71,083.14		
Est. needed per month	\$97,500.00		

MEMORIALS: General: In memory of Tante Ruth Lewis by Karen Symm - \$250.00. In memory of Joyce Bise, Joe Rizzo and Ronald Schautschick by Martin & Jeannie Werchan - \$120.00. **LWML Quilting:** In memory of Alfred Boriack by M/M Delvin Boriack - \$20.00. **School Fund:** In memory of Alfred Boriack by Frances, Brian, Ana, James & Sara Miertschin - \$50.00.



Cross Country Meet

Faith Lutheran High School is hosting the 4th Annual Private Schools of Central Texas Cross Country Meet on Friday, November 4th for students in K to 8th Grade with the first race at 2pm. We are excited to host this fun event on our campus!

Basketball and Archery Season Underway

FLHS archery program has been hard at work the past two months preparing for the archery season. They have their first competition this week at Concordia Lutheran High School in Tomball. Good luck archers! Basketball season will start this week. We have a very excited group of boys ready to begin another season. Information will be coming soon regarding schedules so you can make plans to come cheer on your Falcons!

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 beginning to gather grants for our Oktoberfest event on October 22nd.

Shadow Days

Shadow days are a great opportunity for prospective students to follow us for a day and experience what FLHS is all about. Parents, call us today at (979) 242-2889 to set up a shadow day for your child.

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 you can share them with your friends!

The Voyager Voice

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for the week of October 21-29, 2022

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Oct. 24-28... Red Ribbon Week
- Oct. 26... School Chapel Service
– 8:30 AM
- Oct. 27... Author Assembly (J. Miller)
9:00 AM
- 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... FLHS Cross Country Meet
7:00-5:00 PM
PTLS “Pizza & Movie
Night” 6:30 PM
- Nov. 6... Daylight Saving Time Ends
- Nov. 7... Campus Evacuation Drill
- Nov. 11... Veterans Day Assembly &
Luncheon – 11:30 AM
- Nov. 16... OCC Sneakers Packing
Party – 1:00 PM
- Nov. 18... Thanksgiving Family
Luncheon – 11:30 AM
- Nov. 21-25... Thanksgiving Break

The Voyager Voice

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Our Mission

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

From the Principal's Desk. . .

Lots of activities next week as we close out the month of October; **Red Ribbon Week** activities each day, **Author Assembly** on Thursday, and **LutherFest 2022** on Monday (10/31).

Watch for **Reading Challenge** and **Veteran's Day** information coming home next Friday.

Mark your calendars... the **PSCT Cross Country Meet** will be held in two weeks on Friday, Nov. 4th at Faith LHS-Warda.

More details about these events and special activities 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

RED RIBBON WEEK 2022, . . . will be observed at St. Paul next week, October 24-28. What is Red Ribbon Week? It's the time when we join with other schools nationally to show our community that students at St. Paul are drug, alcohol, tobacco, and bullying free and wish to stay that way! This year's national theme is “*Celebrate Life—Live Drug Free!*”. We'll have a variety of fun activities that we hope will help our Students recognize the importance of remaining drug, alcohol, tobacco, and bullying free. Check out the Red Ribbon Week flyer attached to today's News Blast email. We encourage all St. Paul students and families to participate in our Red Ribbon Week activities.



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**. Students will participate in a variety



of fun activities that teach them about the Great Reformer, Martin Luther and the key events of his life and Reformation Era. To make this year's celebration the best ever, we need some parent helpers. If you can volunteer your morning to help with the activities, please complete and return the slip of the LutherFest 2022 flyer (coming home today) and return it to the school office by Monday, Oct. 24th. Thanks in advance for your help at LutherFest 2022!

AUTHOR ASSEMBLY. . . Next week, St. Paul-Serbin will host children's author, Jonathan Miller at a special assembly on *Thursday, Oct. 27th at 9:00 AM* in the gym. Mr. Miller will share his book, *"The Adventures of Sammy the Wonder Dachshund"* with the K-4 students as well as his story of how to write and illustrate books. Watch for a flyer coming home that day with your child enabling you to purchase several of Jonathan's "Sammy the Wonder Dachshund" books.



"TRUNK OR TREAT". . . Each year, Halloween finds children of all ages dressing up and sharing treats with one another. Again this year, we'd like to invite all the children and families of St. Paul Lutheran to join us at the church Picnic Grounds for *"Trunk or Treat" on Monday, Oct. 31st at 5:30-7:00 PM.* Come decorate your "area", share your Halloween treats, and enjoy the fellowship! The children will be able to walk safely from area to area/vehicle to vehicle to receive treats. Also, the St. Paul Cheerleaders will be selling hot dogs, chips, and drinks—so make plans now to attend!



READING CHALLENGE. . . National Young Readers Day will be celebrated again this year on November 15th. To promote the pleasure of reading, Mr. House and the teachers are challenging the students of St. Paul Lutheran to read 30,000 pages during *the weeks of Nov. 1 thru 15th.* Last year, we blew away our goal—let's see if we can do so again this year! If the whole school exceeds the 30,000 page goal and each student reaches their personal page goal, they will receive a variety of special prizes and treats. Watch for the flyer coming home next week that will explain more details about our *"30,000 Page Reading Challenge"* and get ready to encourage each other to read...read...read!



CONGRATULATIONS. . . to our Lady Voyagers Varsity Volleyball team and coach Danielle Jones on winning the *4th Place Trophy in the Silver Division* at last weekend's Texas LCVT Tourney in Tomball. The girls played well against some very good competition finishing 8th overall among 29 Lutheran teams from around Texas. Way to go girls—we're proud of you!



VETERANS' DAY ASSEMBLY. . . Veterans' Day will be observed at St. Paul Lutheran on *Friday, Nov. 11th* with a special *Veterans' Day Assembly at 10:30 AM* in the gym. Various activities include prayers for those who have and are presently serving our country in the Armed Forces, patriotic readings and songs, a special visual presentation, and the pledge to the American flag. Following the assembly, we will *honor our veterans with a special Veteran's Day Luncheon.* All veterans are especially invited to join us for this Veterans' Day tribute as we give glory to God and honor our service men and women. Watch for a

special flyer coming home next week to help you invite your parents, relatives, and friends who are veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces to join us on Nov. 11th.



OFFERING PROJECT. . . Next Wednesday is our final Chapel offering gathered for the Samaritan Purse *"Operation Christmas Child"* project. To date, we've collected \$499.50 for the project. Our goal is to raise \$500 so that we can *pack 100 shoeboxes* for children in Latin America this Christmas. Thanks for your support of this important project; and please remember to bring your Chapel offerings next week as we wrap up our Operation Christmas Child project.



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.



DQ FUNDRAISER. . . Dairy Queen is sponsoring a "Tear 2 Care" fundraiser for schools. Simply purchase a DQ meal, look for the "DQ Tear 2 Care" coupon on the bag, tear it off, and send it to school. It's that simple! Thanks for your help in earning a few more fundraising dollars for St. Paul-Serbin!



HAVE A GREAT WEEK! . . I'm looking forward to wrapping up the month of October with some fun activities for Red Ribbon Week and celebrating the Reformation at Luther Fest. 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