

# St. Paul Lutheran Church

Serbin, Texas



John Schmidt, Pastor  
James L. House, Principal

Church 366-9650 Fax 366-2200  
School 366-2218 ECC 366-2870  
Rev. S. 716-7632

Church Office E-mail [st.paulserbin@verizon.net](mailto:st.paulserbin@verizon.net)  
Church Address: 1572 CR 211 Giddings, TX 78942

---

## The Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

13 November 2022

---

**Welcome! *God's Plan of Redemption Trumps Earthly Destruction and Violence.*** There are signs of the Lord's coming all around: the cross that marks His Church, the violence and death of the sinful world, and the shaking of the natural order. "There will be great distress upon the earth" (Luke 21:23), but the faithful know that "the kingdom of God is near" (Luke 21:31). Therefore, "straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near" (Luke 21:28). Be awake and alert, and heed the words of Christ, which "will not pass away" (Luke 21:33). For you, "the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings" (Mal. 4:2). He sends His preachers of repentance in the spirit and power of Elijah "before the great and awesome day of the LORD comes" (Mal. 4:5), in order to "direct your hearts to the love of God and to the steadfastness of Christ" (2 Thess. 3:5). Although you are often faithless, "the Lord is faithful," and by the preaching of His Word "he will establish you and guard you against the evil one" (2 Thess. 3:3). Therefore, "do not grow weary in doing good" (2 Thess. 3:13). In the midst of calamity, believe upon the Lord, Jesus Christ.

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*

*Jeffrey Kanevsky-recovering (son of Linda Schonhoeft)*

*Chris Miertschin*

*Frances Mieretschin-recovering (mother of Tommy Miertschin)*

*Shannon Miertschin*

*Zelda Richards-recovering*

*Greg Sorrento-recovering (nephew of Doris Fritsche)*

*Cindy Umphries-recovering (friend of James & Kathy Kalbas)*

*Mary Walther-hospitalized (mother of Michelle Birnbaum)*

*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)*

*Gladys Mathena (sister of Frances Miertschin and Marilyn Miertschin)*

*Rhonda Mitschke (friend of Christi Fritsche)*

*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*

**Veterans**

**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: 592, 508, 781 v. 1&2, 348, 895  
Sermon Text: 2 Thessalonians 3:1-13  
The Sermon: **“Tick, Tock, Tick, Tock”**  
PreK-K Anthems: ♪ *“We Are In God’s House Today”*  
♪ *“Jesus Loves Me”*  
Adult Choir Anthem: ♪ *“Great is Thy Faithfulness”*

We welcome to God’s people through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism

**Luna Jay Jackson**

Luna is the daughter of Harviell and Nicole Jackson.

Her baptismal sponsors are Phillip Wagner, Courtney Wagner,  
Clint Teinert, Emily Gruetzner and Nicolas Gruetzner.

Her baptismal witness is Mayra Wagner.

- † **The Altar flowers** are placed to the glory of God for His many blessings on their anniversary by Delvin & Judy Boriack.
- † **Mission Goal.** In the Voters Meeting held on December 12, 2021, the Voters set our 2022 Mission goal at \$37,500.00. To date our Mission contributions are at **\$31,510.00**. We are **\$5,990.00** away from meeting our 2022 goal.
- † **Advent Devotional Books** are available from the ushers this morning and in the church office.
- † **Sunday School Teachers.** We are in need of 3 new Sunday School Teachers. If you are interested, please contact Pastor or Mike Symm.
- † **The Nominating Committee** will meet Tuesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m.
- † **Countdown to National Wreaths across America Day** on December 17<sup>th</sup>. We have identified **76** veteran’s graves on our cemetery. As of today, we have sponsored wreaths for **68** 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. All funds must be in the Wreaths Across America office by **November 29, 2022**, to be considered a 2022 Wreaths Across America contribution.
- † **Holy Cross Lutheran Church-Warda Couples Club**, Fried Chicken Dinner-Sunday November 20, 2022. All Tickets \$12.00–Plates to-Go Only. Pick up 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon. Contact Robert & Joyce Hinze at 366-2398 or 540-0355, Dennis & Dianne Pietsch at 542-1141 or Holy Cross Lutheran Church at 242-3333 for tickets. Cutoff for purchasing tickets is November 14<sup>th</sup>. All funds must be in the Wreaths Across America office by **November 29, 2022**, to be considered a 2022 Wreaths Across America contribution.
- † **Scrip Program.** Getting ready to do your holiday shopping, or giving gift cards as gifts? You can do it all with a Scrip Card. Order them through the Church’s Scrip Program. Orders can be placed through the Church Office or you can go online and order your cards.
- † **LWML.** The Serbin LWML will be collecting clothing, socks, and underwear, all sizes, male or female. They will also be collecting lego’s, and stuffed animals, this is for Orphan grain Train. They will be collecting until December 2, 2022. There is a box in the church office, labeled Orphan Grain Train. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Dorothy Schautschick at 979-716-0094.
- † **Bingo for Seniors Beginning Wednesday, December 7** – Immanuel, Giddings is excited to partner with A Perfect Way Home Health Care to offer an opportunity for all seniors in our community to get together for bingo and fellowship. Mark your calendar for the first Wednesday of each month at 1:00 PM at Immanuel’s fellowship hall. Everything is provided at no cost, including bingo supplies, prizes, and food. If you need assistance with transportation, please contact the Immanuel church office (979) 542-2918. For all other information you may contact Mrs. Brittany Behrens 979-540-0181.

**LUTHERAN HOUR:** Next Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup>, **“Where It All Comes Together”**. Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. John Nunes. We see division and discord all around us, but there is one place where it all comes together—the fullness of God in the person of Jesus Christ. (Colossians 1:19-20) 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.

**Serving today:** **Elders**– Mark Jones and Steven Schautschick  
**Organist**- Jack Wiederhold  
**Acolytes**- Nathan Schautschinck and Owen Wittman  
**Head Ushers**- Donald Becker  
**Captain**- Troy Menzel **Assistant**- Mark Jones  
**Ushers**- Joshua Adair, John Hinze, Scott Jones,  
Russell Kappler, Brooks Kasper, Kyle Kasper,  
Ty Kasper, Caleb Oltmann, Curtis Oltmann,  
Clyde Schimank, Troy Wiederhold  
**Counting and Posting offering this week:**  
**Chairman**- Rex Perry  
Virgil Becker, Tim Symm, Chase Oltmann  
\*\*\*\*\*

**THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK**

Today **Worship Service – 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.  
Nominating Committee Meeting – 7:00 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.  
Board of Elders Meeting – 7:00 p.m.  
Friday Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.  
Thanksgiving Family Luncheon – 11:00 a.m.  
Next Sunday **Worship Service w/Communion – 8:30 a.m.**  
Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.  
Acolytes: Gabriel Bailey and Kaden Kasper  
Sunday School Teachers Meeting – 10:15 a.m.

**Birthdays: Today** – Bruce Prellap; 14<sup>th</sup> – Junell Schulz; 15<sup>th</sup> – Royce Albrecht, John Hempel, Shannon Miertschin, Clinton Teinert; 16<sup>th</sup> – Christi Fritsche; 17<sup>th</sup> – Patricia Barnett, Caden Portales, Camdyn Portales; 18<sup>th</sup> – Serenity Johnson, Brianna Lehmann, Troy Wiederhold; 19<sup>th</sup> – Randy Becker, Kinlea Jenke, Logan Taylor. God’s Blessings to you.

**ST. PAUL NOTES:**

**Attendance Last Week:** Morning Worship- 248, Communion- 136, Bible Class- 29; Sunday School- 37, Banner Classes: Nursery II, Grade 3, Offering- \$27.00.

**Offering Last Week:** \$51,056.02

<b>Home:</b>		<b>Mission:</b>	
General	\$22,090.00	Mission	\$1,233.00
Thanksgiving	\$1,000.00	Lutheran Hour	\$20.00
Sunday School	\$27.00	<b>Mission Total</b>	<b>\$1,253.00</b>
Lunch Room	\$2,232.00	<b>Savings/Other:</b>	
ECC Operating	\$15,985.52	Building Fund	\$1,030.00
LWML Quilting	\$40.00	Bus Replacement Fund	\$37.50
Use of Facility	\$150.00	<b>Savings/Other Total</b>	<b>\$1,067.50</b>
Tuition	\$7,211.00		
<b>Received 11/6/2022</b>	<b>\$48,735.52</b>	Total	\$51,056.02

**Est. needed per week** \$22,500.00  
**Received MTD** \$48,735.52  
**Est. needed per month** \$97,500.00

**MEMORIALS: General:** In memory of Zack “Jack” Pennington by Marvin & Charlyn Matthijetz - \$50.00. In memory of Dot Westfall and Mary Medack by Martin & Jeannie Werchan - \$50.00. In memory of Ronnie Schautschick by Barbara, Douglas & Michael Watson - \$100.00; by Linda Jones - \$25.00. **Lutheran Hour:** In memory of Ronnie Schautschick by Lucille Schatte, Lynette and Darlene - \$20.00. **LWML Quilting Group:** In memory of our parents by M/M Delvin Boriack - \$40.00.

### **Life Thoughts in the Church Year:**

#### **November 13—Pentecost XXIII (Proper 28)**

Parents delivering children to death, as in abortion, indicates the end of the age is near (Luke 21:16). We rejoice that God has given limits to evil., and this will not linger forever. Our neighbors cannot afford for our tongues or talents to grow idle (2 Thessalonians 3:6). The Lord moves in surprise pregnancy and terminal diagnosis, turning hearts of parents and children to one another (Malachi 4-6). Let us also be about this the Father’s business!

## **Wreaths Across America**

### **To sponsor a wreath(s):**

You can go online to [www.wreathscrossamerica.org](http://www.wreathscrossamerica.org). or you can call direct to 1-877-385-9504.

Online: [www.wreathscrossamerica.org](http://www.wreathscrossamerica.org)

Click on the MENU button at the top right of the home page

Click on Search Locations

Click on Participating Locations

Type in TXPLCS

Select dropdown–St. Paul Lutheran Church of Serbin, (TXPLCS) Giddings, TX 78942

Click on Sponsor

This page will appear:

Wreath Sponsorship

St. Paul Lutheran Church of Serbin, Giddings, TX 78942 (TXPLCS) |159667|

At this point you can select to sponsor a grave specific wreath(s) and/or wreath(s) in honor or memory of.

Once you have selected grave specific and/or in honor or memory of, simply follow the instructions.

Cost of a wreath is \$15.00

All funds must be in the Wreaths Across America office by **November 29, 2022**, to be considered a 2022 Wreaths Across America contribution. Any funds received after that date will be considered a 2023 donation.

National Wreaths Across America Day is December 17, 2022.

## 2022 Advent/Christmas Schedule

Service	Day	Date	Time	Detail	Offering
Thanksgiving Day	Thursday	Nov. 24	9:00 a.m.	English	General
Advent Services	Wednesday	Nov. 30 Dec. 7,14	7:00 p.m.	Communion Nov. 30	General
Song Service	Sunday	Dec. 18	8:30 a.m.		General
Candlelight Carol Service	Wednesday	Dec. 21	7:00 p.m.		General
Christmas Eve	Saturday	Dec. 24	6:00 p.m.		½ Lutheran Braille Workers & ½ Bus Fund
Christmas Day	Sunday	Dec. 25	9:00 a.m.	English/German	½ LSS & ½ LBT
New Year's Eve	Saturday	Dec. 31	7:00 p.m.		General
New Year's Day	Sunday	Jan. 1	9:00 a.m.	Communion	General

# The Voyager Voice

St. Paul Lutheran School  
1578 CR 211 Giddings, TX 78942  
Office Phone 979-366-2218

† Check us out on the Internet at [www.stpaulserbinschool.org](http://www.stpaulserbinschool.org) †

for the week of November 13-19, 2022

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

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Nov. 15... National Young Reader Challenge concludes
- Nov. 16... School Chapel Service – 8:30 AM  
OCC Shoebox Packing Party – 1:00 PM
- Nov. 18... TX Word Wranglers – 8AM (Gr. 3-4 Field Trip)  
Thanksgiving Family Luncheon – 11:30 AM
- Nov. 21-25... Thanksgiving Break
- Nov. 29... BB Games vs. 1<sup>st</sup> Baptist-Caldwell – 4:00 PM
- Dec. 2... Midterm 3<sup>rd</sup> Six-Week
- Dec. 3... “Jingle Bells and Jammies” Christmas Fellowship 9:00-10:30 AM
- Dec. 6... St. Nicholas Day observed
- Dec. 21... Favorite Carol Chapel Service – 8:30 AM



## The Voyager Voice

A weekly publication of  
St. Paul Lutheran School – Serbin  
Jim House, Principal  
Home Phone 972-948-3980

### Our Mission

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

## From the Principal's Desk. . .

With Thanksgiving approaching, our thoughts turn to celebrating with our families and remembering the many blessings of the past year. Next week, we have three big events at SPS:

- OCC Shoebox Packing (11/16) – donated items should be brought to school on Monday, Nov. 14<sup>th</sup>.
- Thanksgiving “Stock the Cart” – bring donations by Wed (11/16).
- Thanksgiving Family Luncheon (11/18) – reservations are **due no later than Mon, Nov. 14<sup>th</sup>** (reservations cannot be accepted after that day!)

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

## NEWS, NOTES, and HAPPENINGS

**THANKSGIVING LUNCH. . .** The annual St. Paul *Thanksgiving Family Lunch* will be held *next Friday, Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> beginning at 11:30 AM*. Parents and other family members are invited to come join their children for lunch that day—turkey & all the fixin’s. Families are encouraged to sit together. **A freewill donation will be gathered** to help cover meal expenses. So that we can get an accurate count for the lunch, we ask that you **call or email the school office** or complete the **Thanksgiving Family Lunch Reservation Form** (a copy can be found on The school website). Please let us know of your attendance **no later than next Monday, Nov. 14<sup>th</sup>**. Reservations received after this date cannot be honored. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.



**SPECIAL THANKSGIVING COLLECTION. . .** To date, we’ve gathered 142 **canned foods and dried goods** (fruits & vegetables, boxed cereals, pastas, rice, etc.) items for the Giddings Food Pantry. **Next Wednesday, Nov. 16<sup>th</sup> is the final opportunity** to bring donated items for this year’s special collection. Students should **bring items to the collection cart in the gym**. Thanks to all who have donated to date, and remember your donations next week for our **“Thanksgiving Stock the Cart” collection** and help share the love of Jesus with others this Thanksgiving.



**SHOEBOX DONATIONS. . .** for Operation Christmas Child project will still be accepted early next week. Please bring your donation of WOW items (**small toys, personal items, school supplies, etc.**) to the school office. Remember, our “Shoebox Packing Party” will be held **next Wednesday, Nov. 16<sup>th</sup>**. We hope to pack 100 shoeboxes as Christmas gifts for children around the world as part of the Samaritan’s Purse OCC project.

### READING CHALLENGE CONCLUDES

The 2022 National Young Readers Challenge concludes next Tuesday, Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>. Hopefully, you've been reading all week and you're surpassing your 300-page goal. Students are reminded to return their Reading Challenge Tracking Sheets on Wednesday, Nov. 16<sup>th</sup>. At that time, we will tally up the totals and reward prizes to the top readers in each class. In addition to those prizes, every student who reaches their personal 300-page goal by Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> and returns their sheets on Wednesday will receive a special Ice Cream treat at lunchtime. Help our school reach its 30,000-page goal by reading this weekend and celebrate National Young Readers Day.



### CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS

The Serbin Voyagers did a marvelous job at last Friday's PSCT Cross Country Invitational at Faith LHS in Warca. 33 Serbin runners participated in the event. Eight students placed in the "Top 6" in their respective division:

- Jolee Faske (2) – 3<sup>rd</sup> Place*
- Macy Sommerfeld (3) – 1<sup>st</sup> Place*
- Colton Early (4) – 3<sup>rd</sup> Place*
- Max Faske (4) – 4<sup>th</sup> Place*
- Whitlee Smolik (5) – 4<sup>th</sup> Place*
- Max Sommerfeld (5) – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place*
- Kaden Kasper (7) – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place*
- Kennedy Schatte (8) – 4<sup>th</sup> Place*



We congratulate all our runners on their fine efforts cross country success!

### A "GRAND" EVENT

That's the best way to describe the success of our 2022 Veterans Day celebration held last Friday. During the assembly, we honored God and country in song, learned about the history of Veterans Day, watched informative and entertaining video presentations, and recognized nearly 30 veterans and guests. Veterans, thanks for attending! And kids, be sure to thank your veterans, too, and plan now to invite your guests to attend next year's event.



### BASKETBALL NEWS

The Voyager Boys' & Girls' Basketball teams are busy practicing in preparation for the opening of the 2022-23 season following Thanksgiving Break. This year, we're fielding three teams: Varsity Boys, JV Boys team, and Girls. We'll tip off the season on *Tuesday, Nov. 29<sup>th</sup> at home vs. 1<sup>st</sup> Baptist-Caldwell; games beginning at 4:00 PM*. Watch the New Blast for a complete list of November & December games (complete season schedule is available on the SPS website). Plan now to attend and cheer our efforts throughout the season!



### JINGLE BELLS & JAMMIES

St. Paul will sponsor a special holiday activity, "Jingle Bells & Jammies" on *Saturday, Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> from 9:00-10:30 AM* in the gym. Following a light "donut & milk or juice" breakfast, we'll sing carols, do Christmas crafts, enjoy Christmas treats, and share the story of Christ's birth at Christmas. Great fun for children ages 2 through 4<sup>th</sup> Grade and their families! Watch for more information coming home next week, but mark your calendars now plan to attend!



### CHAPEL OFFERING PROJECT

Our weekly chapel offerings in November & December go to support the *Lutheran Braille Workers*. This important ministry provides Gospel-centered materials for individuals who are visually impaired. What an incredible opportunity to share God's Word about our Savior Jesus with people! After two weeks, we've collected **\$85.50** for the project.



Check out the bulletin board in the school hallway and please remember your chapel offerings every Wednesday in support of the Lutheran Braille Workers.

### EASY FUND RAISERS

Keep saving those Coke Rewards *bottle caps* and "Sip & Scan" product codes. General Mills "Box Tops for Education", and Dairy Queen "DQ Tear 2 Care" coupon for St. Paul Lutheran. Collectible items can be brought to the school office each week. Your yearlong support of our "Easy Fund Raisers" is greatly appreciated!



### HAVE A GREAT WEEK!

One more week until Thanksgiving Break—and oh, how much we have to be thankful for! As we approach this special time of "thanks-giving", let's also remember that we as God's people should be of the mind and heart to be "thanks-giving", as we Follow Jesus" who became a servant for us and gave this life as a ransom for our sins. If I can be of any service to you next week, feel free to stop by my office or call for an appointment.



Your partner in Christ,  
James L. House, Principal

