

# St. Paul Lutheran Church

Serbin, Texas



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## The Last Sunday of the Church Year

20 November 2022

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### **Welcome! *Jesus Christ Reigns, Enduring the Cross — Its Scorn and Shame.***

The Lord Jesus reigns in love among those who are baptized in His name. “They shall be mine,” He says, “and I will spare them as a man spares his son who serves him” (Mal. 3:17). Jesus’ service through crucifixion for sinful men anchors us in new life. In the proclamation of His Son, God makes His justice clear, defining “the distinction between the righteous and the wicked” (Mal. 3:18). He truly is “the King of the Jews” (Luke 23:38), who governs His Church with all authority in heaven and on earth. He has come into His kingdom by His cross, and He graciously remembers us in paradise. Therefore, do not weep for Him, but with repentant faith “weep for yourselves and for your children” (Luke 23:28). Then the mountains and hills of Jerusalem, His holy Church, shall cover you with His righteousness and peace. For He “is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation” (Col. 1:15). “All things were created through him and for him” (Col. 1:16), and “all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell” bodily in Him, reconciling all things to Himself “by the blood of his cross” (Col. 1:19–20). Today is the last Sunday of the Church Year. As another year in Christ draws to a close we look forward to the day when our Lord will return in glory. May we always be ready to meet Him. We invite you all to worship with us again.

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### **In Our Prayers:**

Those recovering from surgeries and illness:

*Gladys Arldt-hospitalized*  
*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-hospitalized*  
*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) Newport, Rhode Island*

#### **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: 610, 645, 781 v. 1&2, 549, 802, 435, 761

Sermon Text: Malachi 3:13-18

The Sermon: **“Have Patience”**

† **The Altar flowers** are placed to the glory of God.

† **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 **\$33,000.00**. We are **\$4,500.00** away from meeting our 2022 goal.

† **Advent Devotional Books** are available from the ushers this morning and in the church office.

† **Thanksgiving Worship.** Make plans to attend our Thanksgiving Day Worship Service at 9:00 a.m. This service will be conducted in both German and English. May this special day be one in which we realize the gifts which come from God's hand so that we may receive such gifts with thanksgiving.

† **Radio Broadcast:** The Thanksgiving Day service will be broadcast on KBUK (FM 104.9) radio of LaGrange. Our thanks to First National Bank of Giddings for sponsoring this broadcast. Bulletins for the service will be available in the church office on Wednesday afternoon.

† **Nominating Committee.** The Nominating Committee met on November 15<sup>th</sup>. The list of nominations for various offices is included in the bulletin this morning. If for some reason you feel you cannot serve, please contact the Chairman, Scott Jones or call 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 LAF will meet** at 10:00a.m on Friday, November 25<sup>th</sup> to decorate the Church for Advent, and at 10:00a.m. on Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup> to set up and decorate the trees.

† **The St. Paul LYF** will set up the Nativity Scenes at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, November 26<sup>th</sup>.

† **Attention All Lutheran Ladies!** If you are interested in serving as a greeter for church services, please contact Melodi at 979-540-0039. No experience necessary and it's a great way to represent St. Paul to our visitors.

† **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 27<sup>th</sup>, **“Freshly Fallen Show”**. Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Dr. Michael Zeigler talks about fresh snow, fresh starts and three kinds of beauty. (Isaiah 2:1-5). 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](http://lhm.org) for a link to listen to the Lutheran Hour live.

**Life Thoughts in the Church Year:**

**November 20 – Last Sunday of the Church Year (Proper 29)**

Using death as a solution offers us dominion to spare ourselves from pain. But real kings and queens exercise majesty by saving their people instead (Luke 23:37-39). God's forgiveness and salvation have made us royalty so that we may do the same (Colossians 1:13). Lest our silence miscommunicate arrogance as blessedness, let us give voice to the sacred remembrance that He holds every human life as His own treasured possession (Malachi 3:15-17).

**Serving today:** Elders– Mark Jones and Steven Schautschick  
**Organist-** Daniel Krause  
**Acolytes-** Gabriel Bailey and Kaden Kasper  
**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-** Glen Albrecht  
 Ty Kasper, Carson Becker, Nathan Michael  
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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.  
 Sunday School Teachers Meeting – 10:15 a.m.  
 Mon. – Fri. Thanksgiving Holiday- No School  
 Thursday **Thanksgiving English/German Worship – 9:00 a.m.**  
 Acolytes: Lydia Goodson and Cooper Hinze  
 Thurs. – Fri. Thanksgiving Holiday - ECC Closed  
 Friday LAF Decorate Church for Advent – 10:00 a.m.  
 Saturday LYF set up Nativity – 9:00 a.m.  
 Next Sunday **English Worship Service – 8:30 a.m.**  
 Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.  
 Acolytes: Tucker Kalbas and Kaden Kasper

**Birthdays:** 21<sup>st</sup> – Mason Becker, Robin Buscha, Steven Noack, James Oltmann; 23<sup>rd</sup> – Marjorie Albrecht, Jerry Fischer, Kendra Kalbas; 24<sup>th</sup> – Natalie Kalbas, Emma Miertschin, Travis Wiederhold, Dylan Zoch; 25<sup>th</sup> – Ayla Droegemueller, Karla Hinze, Priscilla Stanfield; 26<sup>th</sup> – Mildred Perry. God’s Blessings to you.

**ST. PAUL NOTES:**

**Attendance Last Week:** Morning Worship- 232, Bible Class- 19; Sunday School- 28, Banner Classes: Nursery II, Offering- \$18.25.

**Offering Last Week:** \$21,218.72

<b>Home:</b>		<b>Mission:</b>	
General	\$12,328.95	Mission	\$490.00
Sunday School	\$18.25	<b>Mission Total</b>	<b>\$490.00</b>
Lunch Room	\$523.50	<b>Savings/Other:</b>	
ECC Operating	\$2,984.42	Building Fund	\$20.00
Tuition	\$4,853.60	<b>Savings/Other Total</b>	<b>\$20.00</b>
<b>Received 11/13/2022</b>	<b>\$20,708.72</b>		
		Total	\$21,218.72
<b>Est. needed per week</b>	<b>\$22,500.00</b>		
<b>Received MTD</b>	<b>\$69,444.24</b>		
<b>Est. needed per month</b>	<b>\$97,500.00</b>		

**MEMORIALS: General:** In memory of Michael Matthijetz by Marvin & Charlyn Matthijetz - \$100.00.

## 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



### **Thanksgiving Break**

FLHS wishes each of you a wonderful Thanksgiving celebration. Our offices will be closed for Thanksgiving Break from November 21st to November 25th. Have a safe, happy, and healthy holiday!

### **Shadow Days**

Shadow days are a great opportunity for prospective students to follow us for a day and experience what FLHS is all about. 8th Grade parents, call us today at (979) 242-2889 to set up a shadow day for your child.

### **“Faith at Christmas” Program**

FLHS students will present a Christmas concert, “Faith at Christmas,” on Tuesday, December 13th at 7:00 pm at FLHS. Program will include a collection of choir pieces, handbell pieces, hymns, scripture readings and more. Refreshments will be served following the program. Please join us!!!

\*This event will also be live streamed on Facebook, for those who would prefer to view the sounds of Christmas from home.

### **Thank you!**

Everyone at FLHS is blessed by each gift that we receive from our supporters. It's not about the size of the gift, but the cheerful attitude that gives thanks to God (2 Corinthians 9:7). Whether your gift seems big or small, it is greatly appreciated and makes a bigger impact than you know!

### **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 one-time or enduring gift, Thrivent Action Grant, or volunteer your time and talents, please contact Nikki Kueck to learn more.

# The Voyager Voice

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for the week of November 20-26, 2022

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

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Nov. 21-25... Thanksgiving Break
- Nov. 29...BB Games vs. 1<sup>st</sup> Baptist-Caldwell 4:00 PM
- Dec. 1...BB Games vs. Thorndale 4:00/5:00/6:00 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
- Dec. 22...End of 3<sup>rd</sup> Six-Weeks All-School Christmas Party and Gift Exchange – dismissal @ 11:45 AM
- Dec. 23-Jan. 9... Christmas Vacation
- Dec. 24...Children’s Christmas Eve Service – 6:00 PM



## 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 . . .

**HAPPY THANKSGIVING.** . . to all the students and families of St. Paul Lutheran School. St. Paul Lutheran and the school office will be **closed next week, November 21-25 for Thanksgiving Break.**

Following Thanksgiving, we have 3 big events at SPS:

- **First Basketball games** – 11/29 (Home) and 12/1 (Home)
- **Jingle Bells & Jammies Christmas Fellowship** (12/3)
- **St. Nicholas Day** observed (12/8)

Stay safe and healthy and have a blessed Thanksgiving Week!  
~ Jim House, Principal

## NEWS, NOTES, and HAPPENINGS

**“JINGLE BELLS & JAMMIES”** . . . As we prepare for the seasons of Advent and Christmas, 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!** Look for the **Reservation Flyer coming home today** with your child and attached to today’s newsletter; email and **return it on Monday, Nov. 28<sup>th</sup>** following Thanksgiving. Mark your calendars now and plan to attend!



**SPECIAL THANKSGIVING COLLECTION.** . . Thank you to all the St. Paul students and families who brought **canned foods and dried goods** (fruits & vegetables, boxed cereals, pasta, rice, etc.) for a special “Thanksgiving Stock the Cart” collection over the past few weeks. Thanks to your generosity, we’ve **collected 515 food items** that will be given to the Giddings Food Pantry for distribution to individuals less fortunate than ourselves. Thanks again for sharing the love of Jesus with others this Thanksgiving through your donations to our “Thanksgiving Stock the Cart” collection.



### Have a Happy and Blessed Thanksgiving Break!

From the Faculty and Staff  
of St. Paul Lutheran-Serbin



### SHOEBOX PACKING SUCCESS.

Thanks to your generous donations of small toys, personal items, school supplies, etc., we were able to pack 100 shoeboxes on Wednesday for the children of Operation Christmas Child.



The boxes have now been delivered to the collection center in Smithville and will soon be sent to the main distribution center in Dallas for shipment to children around the world this Christmas. Along

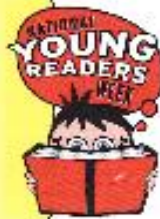


with the box of items we packed, these children will also receive a Bible or Bible Story booklet telling them about the Love of Jesus, the Christ Child born on Christmas. Check our scenes from our "Packing Party" on the school Facebook page! Thank you to all who donated items, and thanks kids for all your good work!

### READING CHALLENGE RESULTS.

Hey, Voyagers! You did an outstanding job reading for the National Young Readers Day Challenge! You read a total of 33,309 pages in two weeks blowing away our 30,000 page goal. More importantly, 46 of our 65 students surpassed their individual goals of 300 pages. That's great! This year's high class was the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade who read a total of 6,584 pages followed closely by the 6<sup>th</sup> graders with 6,519 pages. Individual classroom reading leaders were:

<i>Kind.</i>	<i>Gabriel Kueck</i>	<i>422 pages</i>
<i>1<sup>st</sup> Gr.</i>	<i>Reinleigh Kappler</i>	<i>1,021 pages</i>
<i>2<sup>nd</sup> Gr.</i>	<i>Jack Hill</i>	<i>1,804 pages</i>
<i>3<sup>rd</sup> Gr.</i>	<i>Logan Taylor</i>	<i>767 pages</i>
<i>4<sup>th</sup> Gr.</i>	<i>Ryleigh Bailey</i>	<i>2,062 pages</i>
<i>5<sup>th</sup> Gr.</i>	<i>Whitsee Smolik</i>	<i>467 pages</i>
<i>6<sup>th</sup> Gr.</i>	<i>Cole Kalbas</i>	<i>1,615 pages</i>
<i>7<sup>th</sup> Gr.</i>	<i>Miriam Meyer</i>	<i>2,114 pages</i>
<i>8<sup>th</sup> Gr.</i>	<i>Kaden Kasper</i>	<i>1,399 pages</i>



Now that the Challenge is over, don't stop reading. We encourage everyone at St. Paul-Serbin to continue to read...read...read as National Young Readers.

### HOOPS SEASON BEGINS.

The Voyager Boys' & Girls' basketball teams are ready to tip-off their 2022-23 season following Thanksgiving Break with two home games:

- **Tuesday, Nov. 29<sup>th</sup> vs. 1<sup>st</sup> Baptist-Caldwell**  
– JV Boys @ 4:00 PM, Girls @ 5:00 PM,  
and Varsity Boys @ 6:00 PM.
- **Thursday, Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> vs. St. Paul-Thorndale**  
– JV Boys @ 4:00 PM, Vars Girls @ 5:00 PM,  
and Varsity Boys @ 6:00 PM.

Watch next week's New Blast for a complete list of December games (season schedule is available on the SPS website). Plan now to attend and cheer our efforts throughout the season!



### 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 three weeks, we've collected **\$122.00** 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 "Slip & 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!

As we approach our national day of Thanksgiving, we *pause to give thanks* to our Loving God for the many blessings showered upon us during the past year at St. Paul-Serbin. My prayer for you this Thanksgiving is that you and your family *focus on your blessings* and respond to the Lord's love for you by *servicing others through "thanks-living"*. Stay safe and healthy this Thanksgiving Week!



Your partner in Christ,  
James L. House, Principal

