

St. Paul Lutheran Church

Serbin, Texas



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All Saints Sunday

5 November 2023

Welcome! Saints Are Blessed in the Eternal Presence of Christ. “A great multitude ... from all tribes and peoples and languages” cry out, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne” (Rev. 7:9–10). Faith-filled saints from every place and time with unified voices eternally magnify the Lamb of God. As His beloved children, we, too, “shall see him as he is” (1 John 3:2). Joined with the throng of angels and myriad saints, we shall “serve him day and night in his temple” (Rev. 7:15). In our earthly tension vacillating between saint and sinner, faith and doubt, sacred and profane, we earnestly seek Jesus to calm our fears, comfort our spirits and forgive our sins. The Holy Spirit, through faith in Christ, propels us forward to our eternal home, fortifying us in Word and Sacrament. In the midst of our constant struggle as believers, we need to be blessed. And so we are. The poor in spirit, the meek, the hungry, the thirsty, the merciful, the pure and the persecuted are all blessed, and we will most certainly inherit the kingdom of heaven (Matt. 5:1–12).

We invite you all to worship with us again.

In Our Prayers:

Those recovering from surgeries and illness:

Royce Albrecht-recovering
Janice Becker-recovering
Wayne Becker-recovering
Chris Birnbaum
Doris Fritsche-recovering
Robert House-healing from a fall (father of Jim House)
Stella Jackson
Roselie Johnson-recovering (mother of Carie Oltmann)
Judy Kalbas-recovering
Nancy Kasper
Dennis Kurio-recovering (brother of Kathleen Bigon and
uncle of Kyle Jenke)
Shannon Miertschin
Ethan Ray-recovering
Greg Sorrento-recovering (nephew of Doris Fritsche)
Cindy Umphries-recovering (friend of James & Kathy
Kalbas)
Kenneth Weiser-rehab
Jeannie Werchan-recovering

Our members in nursing homes and our shut-ins.

Those fighting cancer including:

Lillian Bamsch (sister-in-law of Charlyn & Marvin
Matthijetz)
Randy Belz (uncle of Amanda Carter)
Teresita Brodrick (aunt of David Wittman)
Vernon Bryant (friend of Arthur & Dianna Noack)
Russell Cleghorn (friend of James & Kathy Kalbas)
Ginger Clifford (sister of Nancy Kasper)
Franklin Hoffman (father of Maxine Bradshaw)
Brenda Karisch (friend of Bonnie Wenke family)
Matt Kelley (Hinze family member)
Steven Kelly (cousin of Jessica Gruetzner, brother-in-law
of Christi Bradford)
Theresa Krause
Bethany Lara (daughter of Kathy Gersch)
Heather Lilly (granddaughter of Irene Noack)

Ruby Maass (mother of Linda Schonhoeft)
Cannon Martin (nephew of Christopher Taylor)
Gladys Mathena (sister of Frances Miertschin and
Marilyn Miertschin)
Rhonda Mitschke (friend of Christi Fritsche)
Jo Ann Nelson (grandmother of Sydney Shaver)
Deborah Richards (sister-in-law of Zelda Richards)
Carol Sander
Diane Sanders (friend of James & Kathy Kalbas)
Cherie Todee-sister of Carrie Oltmann
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 Bliss,
El Paso
Kosh Ozmun (son of Stephanie Miertschin), Ft. Cavazos,
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
Randall Weise (grandson of Bernice Doebbler) Ft.
Huachuca, Arizona
Dylan Robbins (cousin of Michelle Birnbaum)
Jacksonville, NC
Randall Weise (grandson of Bernice Doebbler) Ft.
Huachuca, Arizona
Aron Marak (nephew of Mike and Susie Maass) Fr.
Bragg, North Carolina

Those who mourn:

The family of Leroy Faske (brother-in-law of Eleanor
Berger and step brother-in-law of Doris Fritsche)

Those who rejoice:

Bradley and Trisha Albrecht as they were married
yesterday

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– Worship Insert

The Hymns: 660, 802, 781 v. 1&2, 748, 461, 712, 940

Sermon Text: 1 John 3:1-3

The Sermon: **“How Is Your Health?”**

- ✠ **The Altar flowers** are placed to the glory of God in memory of Johnnie Noack by Wilbert & Carol Jean Noack and Arthur & Dianna Noack.
- ✠ **Altar flowers** are needed for Sunday, November 12 and Sunday, November 19. If you would like to place flowers on either of these Sunday's, please contact Lana Kaiser 979-540-8011.
- ✠ **Congratulations** to Michael and Teresa Krause on the birth of a granddaughter, Samantha Michaela Innes, daughter of Will and Kacie Innes. She was born October 31, 2023. She weighed 8 lbs.7 ounces and was 20 inches long. May God bless this growing family.
- ✠ **Congratulations** to Jorge and Kristina Sanchez on the birth of a daughter, Joselyn Ann Sanchez. She was born October 30, 2023. May God bless this growing family.
- ✠ **The Serbin LWML** wishes to thank everyone who donated desserts and bought desserts from our recent bake sale. We always appreciate your support! THANK YOU!
- ✠ **Mission Goal.** In the Voters Meeting held on October 9, 2022 the Voters set our 2023 Mission goal at \$37,500.00. To date our Mission contributions are at \$34,037.00. We are **\$3,463.00** away from meeting our 2023 goal.
- ✠ **Trustees Meeting.** The Trustees will meet tomorrow November 6th at 7:00 p.m. All trustees may pick up their packets in the church office today to review prior to the meeting.
- ✠ **Countdown to National Wreaths across America Day** on December 16th. We have identified **99** veteran's graves on our cemetery. Cost of a wreath is \$17.00. As of today, we have sponsored wreaths for **93** 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.
- ✠ **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.
- ✠ **The Game Day at Holy Cross Lutheran Church is returning!** The next Game Day will be held Thursday November 9 from noon-2:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. This will be a fun afternoon of games (cards, board games, dominoes, puzzles, etc.), it is a great opportunity to get out and get to know people. Lunch will be served. Plans are to host this fun day once a month. If you have a favorite game, you are encouraged to bring it. Help spread the word; everyone is invited. For questions contact Lisa at 979-218-6000.
- ✠ **American Legion York Post 276 Veteran's Day Breakfast**, Friday, November 10, 2023. Serving 6:00 am-8:00 am. Free Will Donation for Breakfast. American Legion Hall, Hwy. 77 South, Giddings,
- ✠ **Aluminum Cans:** Need somewhere to take your aluminum cans? There is a drop-off trailer by the pasture gate for anyone who would like to drop off their aluminum cans to be recycled. All money raised from the recycled cans will go to the Building Fund. We sold the cans this past week and raised another \$43.00. for the Building Fund. Total given to the Restoration/Building fund is \$3,766.20.

LUTHERAN HOUR: Next Sunday, November 12th, **“Again and Again and Again”**. Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Hearing many stories only once is not as good as hearing the same story many times. Hear again God's story of love, grace, and forgiveness. (Matthew 18:1-4). 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:

November 5 – Pentecost XXIII

The Lord our God has given us sexuality for relationship, family, and community. These matters cannot become merely private choices or personal preferences. What we do with our bodies also affects our neighbors (1 Thessalonians 4:3-6). Abortion reveals that lust always leads to destruction. Marriage and parenting prove we do not need abortion – indeed, these gifts leave us no room for it!

Serving today: Elders– Monroe Schatte, Jr. and Dwayne Schulze
Organist- Susan Michael
Acolytes- Owen Wittman and Jasmine Bailey
Head Ushers- Donald Becker
Captain- Michael Becker **Assistant**- Shelby Becker
Ushers- Glen Albrecht, Wyatt Arldt, Virgil Becker,
 Jace Heuermann, Clay Mertink, Cody Mertink,
 Cole Mertink, Rusty Mertink, Robert Zoch
Counting and Posting offering this week:
Chairman- Glen Albrecht
 Pablo Rodriguez, Tommy Miertschin, Brooks Kasper
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THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

Today **Worship Service w/Communion – 8:30 a.m.**
All Saints Sunday
 Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.
 Called Voters’ Meeting – 9:30 a.m.

Mon. – Fri. National Young Readers Challenge

Monday Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.
 Board of Trustee’s Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday **Election Day**
 Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.
 Board of Christian Education 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.
 4-H Meeting – 6:30 p.m.
 LWML Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
 Adult Choir – 7:00 p.m.

Thursday Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.

Friday Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.
 Veteran’s Day Assembly & Luncheon 10:30 a.m.

Next Sunday **Worship Service – 8:30 a.m.**
 Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.
 Acolytes: Everett Corn and Addyson Early
 Greeter: Melodi Oltmann
 LYF Meeting & Social – 2:00 p.m.

Birthdays: Today – Jeffrey Claxton, Diane Habel; 6th – Dylan Glass, Dakota Reagan; 7th – Maxine Bradshaw, Courtland Tharp; 8th – Nathan Barnett, Janice Becker, Alison Symons; 9th – Ashley Becker, Curtis Krause, Sydney Shaver; 10th – Dawn Gersch, Cole Mertink. God’s Blessings to you.

ST. PAUL NOTES:

Attendance Last Week: Morning Worship- 195, Bible Class- 15; Sunday School- 27, Visitors- 1, Offering- \$16.00.

Offering Last Week: \$7,057.25

Home:		Mission:	
General	\$4,480.50	Mission	\$1,260.00
Sunday School	\$16.00	Mission Total	\$1,260.00
Lunch Room	\$251.50	Savings/Other:	
ECC Operating	\$681.25	Building Fund	\$43.00
Received 10/29/2023	\$5,429.25	Bus Replacement Fund	\$325.00
		Savings/Other Total	\$368.00
Est. needed per week	\$27,230.00		
Received MTD	\$101,363.36	Total	\$7,057.25
Est. needed per month	\$118,000.00		

MEMORIALS: General: In memory of Melvin Schulze by Linda Jones – \$25.00. **Mission:** In memory of Melvin Schulze by Marvin Lorenz - \$25.00.



Junior High Game Night

FLHS will be hosting a game night for 7th and 8th grade students on Friday, November 10th from 6:00 pm until 9:00 pm at Faith Lutheran High School. We will have lots of food, fun, and fellowship! Please join us for this fun evening!

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 at (979) 242-2889 today to set up a shadow day for your child.

Pie Sale

FLHS will have a Pie Sale on Sunday, November 19th with pick up at Holy Cross, Immanuel, St. Paul Serbin and Mt. Calvary. All pies are a generous 10-inch size and deep-dish. PreOrders only. **Pecan pies** are \$30 each and **Pumpkin pies** are \$25 each. Place your order by calling FLHS at 242-2889. Deadline to order is Monday, November 13th.

Thanksgiving Chapel and Feast

Join us Thursday, November 16th, beginning at 10:30 am for our 7th Annual Thanksgiving Celebration. Rev. Thomas Obersat will be leading us in worship. Stay and fellowship with us during our pot-luck Thanksgiving feast lunch, immediately following chapel.

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

for the week of November 5-11, 2023

2023-24 School Year Theme – “Connected” – Romans 15:5

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Nov. 1-15... National Young Reader Challenge
- Nov. 5... Daylight Saving Time Ends
- Nov. 6... Campus Evacuation Drill
- Nov. 9... 2nd 6-Week Report Card Distribution
- Nov. 10... Veterans Day Assembly & Luncheon – 10:30 AM
Corny Cozy Reading Marathon – 1:00 PM
- Nov. 13... BB Games vs. 1st Baptist-Caldwell – TBA
- Nov. 15... OCC Shoebox Packing Party – 1:00 PM
- Nov. 17... Thanksgiving Family Luncheon – 11:30 AM
- Nov. 20-24... Thanksgiving Break
- Dec. 1... Midterm 3rd Six-Weeks
- Dec. 2... “Jingle Bells and Jummies” Christmas Fellowship – 9:00-10:30 AM

From the Principal's Desk . . .

November is upon us with lots of activities planned. The Veterans Day Assembly is next Friday, (11/10) @ 10:30 AM; last-minute reservations for veterans lunch are **due on Monday morning, (11/6).**

Bring in your ***donations for the OCC Shoebox Packing*** (11/15) and Thanksgiving “Stock the Cart” project next week.

Keep reading toward your 300-page goal for Young Readers Challenge. The first “sticker check” is Monday!

And, remember to return your ***Thanksgiving Family Lunch (11/17) Reservation Form by next Friday, Nov. 10th.***

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

NEWS, NOTES, and HAPPENINGS

REPORT CARD DISTRIBUTION. . . Parents, look for your child’s 2nd six-week report card coming home on ***Thursday, Nov. 9th*** with your child. If you have any questions concerning your child’s progress, please contact your child’s teacher early next week.

VETERANS’ DAY ASSEMBLY. . . Veterans’ Day will be observed at St. Paul Lutheran ***next Friday, Nov. 10th*** 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 Veterans Day luncheon*** for those whose names were turned in to the school office. If you forgot today’s deadline, we will still take lunch reservations ***through 9:00 AM Monday morning.*** We look forward to honoring our God, country, and veterans next week!



OCC DONATIONS NEEDED. . . In order to pack 100 shoeboxes for OCC, we need some help! We’re accepting ***donations of WOW items—small toys, personal items, school supplies, etc.*** for the boxes. Check out the list of items needed (see the flyer attached to the News Blast email), and consider making a donation. All items should be ***brought to the school office by Friday, Nov. 10th***; we will hold our “Packing Party” on Nov. 15th. Please consider making a donation in support of Operation Christmas Child.



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Our Mission

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

CAMPUS EVACUATION DRILL. . . The students and staff of St. Paul Lutheran will participate in the annual Campus Evacuation Drill as part of our school safety program (per accreditation requirements) *on Monday, Nov. 6th at 10:00 AM.* The students will be supervised by school staff as they walk to the designated evacuation point (at St. Paul Picnic Grounds) west of the campus. If you have any questions about our drill, contact the school office.

THANKSGIVING LUNCH. . . The annual St. Paul *Thanksgiving Family Lunch* is being planned for *Friday, Nov. 17th 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. A freewill donation will be gathered to help cover meal expenses. Watch for a special *Luncheon Reservation Form* sent home last week; it's *due back (without fail) next Friday, Nov. 10th*. We hope you and your family will be able to join us for this special pre-holiday lunch and fellowship on Nov. 17th.



READING CHALLENGE. . . Hey Voyagers! How's your reading coming along during the first few days of our 2023 National Young Readers Challenge? Hopefully, you're on your way toward reaching your 300-page goal and helping our school reach its 30,000-page goal by Nov. 15th. *Our first "Sticker Check Day" will be Monday, Nov. 6th;* so remember to bring your "Challenge Tracking Sheet" to school that day. *Next Friday, Nov. 10th, we'll enjoy reading at our "Comfy Cozy" Reading Marathon from 1:00-3:00 PM.* Also remember, every student who reaches their personal 300-page goal by Nov. 15th will receive a special Ice Cream treat at lunchtime. Who will be the top reader from each grade? Which class will read the most pages? Will we reach our school goal? Keep reading as you help us celebrate National Young Readers Day.



NEW OFFERING PROJECT. . . Our weekly chapel offerings in November & December go to support *Lutheran Bible Translators.* This important ministry provides copies of Bibles and other Gospel-centered materials for individuals around the world in their native languages. Specifically, we will be *supporting LBT workers in Papua New Guinea.* What an incredible opportunity to share God's Word about our Savior Jesus with people! This past Wednesday, we *collected \$56.12* for the project. Please remember your chapel offerings every Wednesday in support of the Lutheran Bible Translators-Papua New Guinea.



CHRISTIAN SERVICE FORM. . . Just a reminder—all 2nd Six-Week Christian "Service Opportunity" (Gr. K-4) and "Service Hour" (Gr. 5-8) forms are due Nov. 6th. New "service opportunities" sheets for the 3rd Six-Weeks are coming home on Nov. 3rd with K-4 students; 5th-8th graders can pick up a new "service hours" sheet at the office when they return their previous sheets. Forms are also available on the website. We encourage all students to participate in our Christian Service Program this year!



THANKSGIVING COLLECTION

Thank you to all the St. Paul students and families who brought *canned foods and dried goods* (fruits & vegetables, boxed cereals, pastas, rice, etc.) for a special "Thanksgiving Stock the Cart" collection last week. *Our goal is to collect 200 items each week.* We have two more opportunities to bring items for this year's special collection. Students should *bring items to their Chapel family classrooms.* Then, on Wednesdays, these items will be placed in the cart and brought to chapel. All items donated will be given to the Giddings Food Pantry for distribution to individuals less fortunate than ourselves. Help share the love of Jesus with others this Thanksgiving by *bringing your donation next week for our "Thanksgiving Stock the Cart" collection.*



JINGLE BELLS & JAMMIES. . .

St. Paul will sponsor a special holiday activity, "Jingle Bells & Jammies" on *Saturday, Dec. 2nd 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 4th Grade and their families!* Watch for more information available later this month, but mark your calendars now plan to attend!



HAVE A GREAT WEEK! . .

The month of November is off to a great start! I'm looking forward to a great Veterans Day Assembly next Friday Nov. 10th. Remember to return your Thanksgiving Family Luncheon reservation next week and keep reading for our Reading Challenge! 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