

# St. Paul Lutheran Church

Serbin, Texas



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## All Saints Sunday

6 November 2022

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### 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 countless 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, fortifying us in Word and Sacrament, to our eternal home. 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.

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### In Our Prayers:

Those recovering from surgeries and illness:

*Judy Boriack-recovering*  
*Tom Geyer-recovering (Principal at Redeemer, Austin)*  
*Evelyn Kaiser-recovering*  
*Jeffrey Kanevsky-surgery (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)*  
*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)*  
*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 mourn:**  
*The family of Jack Pennington (brother-in-law of Marvin & Charlyn Matthijetz)*  
**Thanksgiving:**  
*Allene Schramm protection in auto accident*  
**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, 713 781 v. 1&2, 748, 461, 802, 712  
Sermon Text: Revelation 7:2-17  
The Sermon: **“Do You Remember?”**

- † **The Altar flowers** are placed to the glory of God in memory of Johnnie Noack by Wilbert & Carol Jean Noack and Arthur & Dianna Noack.
- † **The Altar Stand flowers** are placed to the glory of God in memory of Aunt Ruth Lewis and Barbara Symm by Karen Symm.
- † **THANK-YOU!!!** The 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade would like to say thank-you to all who donated and supported our bake sale last Sunday. The bake sale was a HUGE success and we couldn't have done it without all of your generous support! We appreciate it so much! Thank-you!
- † **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 **\$30,277.00**. We are **\$7,223.00** away from meeting our 2022 goal.
- † **Trustees Meeting.** The Trustees will meet tomorrow November 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. All trustees may pick up their packets in the church office today to review prior to the meeting.
- † **Sunday School Teachers.** We are in need of 3 new Sunday School Teachers. If you are interested, please contact Pastor or Mike Symm.
- † **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 52 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.
- † **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.
- † **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.

**Serving today:** Elders— Mark Jones and Steven Schautschick  
**Organist-** Susan Michael  
**Acolytes-** Benjamin Schonhoeft and Jozlyn Perry  
**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  
Pablo Rodriguez, Tommy Miertschin, Brooks Kasper  
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**LUTHERAN HOUR:** Next Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, “**Still-Holding-On**”. Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. God’s judgment clears the way for God’s new creation, in Christ. (Luke 21:28). 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 6—Pentecost XXI (Proper 27)**

God intends and imparts life (Luke 20:38). He wills life for every human being. He wills life even where the world witnesses only darkness, despair, and dying (Luke 20:29-32). He works life no matter how young or how old a person may be (Psalm 148:12). He works life that neither we nor anyone and anything else may end. Why would we not want to uncover, approach, and announce such a holy ground (Exodus 3:5) to everybody?

**THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK**

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

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

Mon. – Fri. National Young Readers Challenge

Tuesday **Election Day**  
 Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.  
 Circuit Meeting @ Grace, Elgin – 9:00 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.  
 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.  
**Veterans Day**  
 Veterans 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: Nathan Schautschick and Owen Wittman

**Birthdays: Today** –Dakota Reagan; 7<sup>th</sup> – Maxine Bradshaw, Courtland Tharp;8<sup>th</sup> – Nathan Barnett, Janice Becker, Alison Symons; 9<sup>th</sup> – Ashley Becker, Curtis Krause Christine Noack; 10<sup>th</sup> – Dawn Gersch, Cole Mertink; 12<sup>th</sup> – Daniel Krause, Melissa Taylor. God’s Blessings to you.

**ST. PAUL NOTES:**

**Attendance Last Week:** Morning Worship- 205, Bible Class- 17; Sunday School- 27, Offering- \$15.00.

**Offering Last Week:** \$10,256.00

<b>Home:</b>		<b>Mission:</b>	
General	\$5,556.00	Mission	\$385.00
Sunday School	\$15.00	<b>Mission Total</b>	<b>\$385.00</b>
Lunch Room	\$537.00	<b>Savings/Other:</b>	
ECC Operating	\$1,040.00	Building Fund	\$200.00
Use of Facility	\$1,500.00	Scholarship	\$20.00
Tuition	\$1,003.00	<b>Savings/Other Total</b>	<b>\$220.00</b>
<b>Received 10/30/2022</b>	<b>\$9,651.00</b>	Total	\$10,256.00
<b>Est. needed per week</b>	<b>\$22,500.00</b>		
<b>Received MTD</b>	<b>\$94,421.06</b>		
<b>Est. needed per month</b>	<b>\$97,500.00</b>		

**MEMORIALS: General:** In memory of Ronnie Schautschick by Yoakum National Bank - \$75.00. In memory of Van Durrenberger by Mrs. Rosalee Durrenberger - \$50.00. In memory of Joy Steinbach and Ronnie Schautschick by M/M Milton Albrecht - \$40.00. **Mission:** In memory of Ronnie Schautschick by Lynette Wiederhod - \$30.00. **Building:** In memory of Franklin "Jake" Weiser by Alton Weiser - \$25.00. In memory of J.C. Pohl by M/M Gilbert Krause - \$25.00. In memory of Calvin Robertson by Herman Gersch - \$25.00. In memory of Kenneth Lorenz by Herman Gersch - \$25.00. In memory of Linda Tate by Herman Gersch - \$25.00. In memory of Gary Schautschick by Herman Gersch - \$25.00. In memory of G.A. Lindner by Herman Gersch - \$25.00. In memory of Alfred Boriack by Herman Gersch - \$25.00. **Scholarship Fund:** In memory of Dorothy Westfall by David & Karen Schmidt - \$20.00. **Faith Lutheran High School:** In memory of Franklin "Jake" Weiser by Arthur & Dianna Noack - \$50.00.

## 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.

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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.



### **Junior High Game Night**

FLHS will be hosting a game night for 7th and 8th grade students on Friday, November 11th 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 today at (979) 242-2889 to set up a shadow day for your child.

### **Pie Sale**

FLHS will have a Pie Sale on Sunday, November 20th with pick up at the Warda Picnic Grounds. This will be in addition to the Holy Cross Couple's Club fried chicken dinner, which is also occurring that day. All pies are a generous 10-inch size and deep-dish. Pre Orders only. **Pecan pies** are \$30 each and **Pumpkin pies** are \$20 each. Place your order by calling FLHS at 242-2889. Deadline to order is Monday, November 14th.

### **Thanksgiving Chapel and Feast**

Join us Wednesday, November 16th, beginning at 10:30 am for our 6th 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](http://www.stpaulserbinschool.org) †

for the week of November 6-12, 2022

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

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Nov. 7... Campus Evacuation Drill
- Nov. 9... 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Visit Day @ FLHS
- Nov. 10... 2<sup>nd</sup> 6-Week Report Card Distribution
- Nov. 11... Veterans Day Assembly & Luncheon – 10:30 AM  
Comfy Cozy Reading Marathon – 1:00 PM
- Nov. 16... OCC Shoebox Packing Party – 1:00 PM
- Nov. 18... TX Word Wranglers – 9AM (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. 3... “Jingle Bells and Jammies” Christmas Fellowship 9:00-11:30 AM



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

## From the Principal's Desk . . .

November is upon us with lots of activities planned. The Veterans Day Assembly is next Friday, (11/11) @ 10:30 AM; last-minute reservations for veterans lunch are **due Monday morning, (11/7).**

Bring in your **donations for the OCC Shoebox Packing** (11/16) and Thanksgiving “Stock the Cart” project next week.

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

And, remember to return your **Thanksgiving Family Lunch** (11/18) **Reservation Form by Monday, Nov. 14<sup>th</sup>.**

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

## NEWS, NOTES, and HAPPENINGS

**VETERANS' DAY ASSEMBLY.** . . Veterans' Day will be observed at St. Paul Lutheran **next Friday, Nov. 11<sup>th</sup>** 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. 11<sup>th</sup>**; we will hold our “Packing Party” on Nov. 16<sup>th</sup>. Please consider making a donation in support of Operation Christmas Child.



**REPORT CARD DISTRIBUTION.** . . Parents, look for your child's 2<sup>nd</sup> six-week report card coming home on **Thursday, Nov. 10<sup>th</sup>** with your child. If you have any questions concerning your child's progress, please contact your child's teacher early next week.

### **THANKSGIVING LUNCH.**

The annual St. Paul *Thanksgiving Family Lunch* is being planned for **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. A freewill donation will be gathered to help cover meal expenses. Watch for a special *Luncheon Reservation Form* coming home today (11/4); *due back (without fail) on Monday, Nov. 14<sup>th</sup>.* We hope you and your family will be able to join us for this special pre-holiday lunch and fellowship on Nov. 18<sup>th</sup>.



### **READING CHALLENGE.**

Hey Voyagers! How's your reading coming along during the first week of our 2022 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. 15<sup>th</sup>. *Our next "Sticker Check Day" will be next Wednesday, Nov. 9<sup>th</sup>;* so remember to bring your "Challenge Tracking Sheet" to school that day. *Next Friday, Nov. 11<sup>th</sup>, we'll enjoy reading at our "Confy Cony" Reading Marathon from 1:00-3:00 PM.* Also remember, every student who reaches their personal 300-page goal by Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> 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.



### **THANKSGIVING COLLECTION**

Thank you to all the St. Paul students and families who brought the 52 *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 classrooms or the collection cart in the gym.* 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.*



### **BASKETBALL NEWS.**

The Voyager Boys' & Girls' Basketball teams are busy practicing in preparation for the opening of the 2022-23 season in a few weeks. 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 Now 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 available later this month, but mark your calendars now plan to attend!



### **NEW 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! This past Wednesday, we collected \$34.25 for the project. 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!**

The month of November is off to a great start! I'm looking forward to a great Veterans Day Assembly on Friday Nov. 11<sup>th</sup>. Keep reading this week for our Reading Challenge and stay healthy and safe! 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

