

St. Paul Lutheran Church

Serbin, Texas



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The Second Sunday after the Epiphany

15 January 2023

Welcome! *God Reveals His Glory in Christ and His Cross.*

“The LORD, the Redeemer of Israel,” calls forth “his Holy One” (Is. 49:7), Jesus, the Christ, “from the womb” of His mother (Is. 49:1). The incarnate Son of God is revealed as the Savior, not only for Israel but also “as a light for the nations,” whose salvation reaches “to the end of the earth” (Is. 49:6). John came “baptizing with water” (John 1:31) to reveal Jesus as “the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world” (John 1:29), and who glorifies His God and Father by His atoning sacrifice upon the cross. When Jesus was baptized in the waters of the Jordan, the Holy Spirit descended “from heaven like a dove” and “remained on him” (John 1:32). By our Baptism, we are anointed by the same Spirit, adopted by God the Father, and “called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ” (1 Cor. 1:9). Therefore, we “are not lacking in any gift,” but we can trust Him who promises to sustain us to the end, “guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ” (1 Cor. 1:7–8). We invite you all to worship with us again.

In Our Prayers:

Those recovering from surgeries and illness:

Gladys Arldt-recovering

Cynthia Boriack-recovering (mother of Antoinette Richardson)

Irene Hempel-awaiting surgery

Leroy Kalbas-recovering

Nancy Kasper-recovering

Chris Miertschin

Shannon Miertschin

Keeley Schautschick-recovering

Greg Sorrento-recovering (nephew of Doris Fritsche)

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

Ruby Weiser-recovering

Ralph Wenke-recovering

Our members in nursing homes and our shut-ins.

Those fighting cancer including:

Lillian Bamsch (sister-in-law of Charlyn & Marvin Matthijetz)

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)

Brenda Karisch (friend of Bonnie Wenke family)

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)

Ruby Maass (Mother of Linda Schonhoeft)

Gladys Mathena (sister of Frances Miertschin and

Marilyn Miertschin)

Rhonda Mitschke (friend of Christi Fritsche)

Carol Sander

Diane Sanders (friend of James & Kathy Kalbas)

Arthur Urban

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. 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

Randall Weise (grandson of Bernice Doebbler) Ft.

Huachuca, Arizona

Peyton Walker (son of Heather Mersiovsky) Ft. Benning, Georgia

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— Page 184 of the hymnal

The Hymns: 688, 402, 781 v. 1&2, 392, 434, 544, 702

Sermon Text: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

The Sermon: **“Called By God”**

- † **The Altar flowers** are placed to the glory of God thanking Him for the many blessings and protection granted to the South Lee County Volunteer Fire Department.
- † **Voter’s Meeting Minutes.** The minutes of the Voter’s Meeting that was held on Sunday, January 8 are included in the bulletin this morning.
- † **Confirmation Parents.** The parents of this year’s confirmation class will meet in the church this morning, following bible class.
- † **LWML Officer Installation.** Deanna Miertschin, President and Lana Kaiser, Treasurer were installed at the regular LWML meeting held on Wednesday, January 11th.
- † **Year End Contribution Statements** are available from the finance Co-Chairmen this morning. You can also pick them up in the church office during the week. Please review your statement and if there are any errors, contact the church office.
- † **South Lee County Volunteer Fire Department:** The annual membership meeting and election of officers of the South Lee County Volunteer Fire Department is this evening at the fire station in Northrup. Doors open at 5:00 p.m. Meeting at 6:00 p.m. All area residents are encouraged to attend. Refreshments and a chili supper will be provided.
- † **Poinsettias.** The Poinsettias that were left in the Church after New Year have been moved to the church meeting room. Please pick them up by Friday, January 20th.
- † **Texas Wendish Heritage Society Scholarship Fundraiser** – The Wendish Society will again have its annual Scholarship Fundraiser Drive-Thru meal on January 22nd at Serbin Picnic Grounds. This year the menu will again be grilled boneless pork steaks, noodles, corn, green beans and pickles along with a bowl of Wendish Bird Wedding Soup. The cost is \$15. Pre-sale only by Tuesday, January 17th. Advance tickets may be reserved by calling the museum at 979-366-2441 or emailing Museum@TexasWendish.org. Drive through to-go only. Pick up 10:00 am-12:30pm at the St. Paul picnic grounds. Proceeds benefit the TWHS Scholarship Program. In 2023 there were thirteen Texas Wendish Heritage Scholarship recipients. A total of \$17,000 was awarded. Thank you for supporting our Wendish students!
- † **Stew Luncheon Fundraiser for our 7th & 8th Graders going to Washington DC:** Sunday, February 5th at First National Bank Drive-Thru from 10:00-noon. \$12.00 a ticket which includes a cup of stew, cornbread, & drink. Tickets can be purchased after church today, 22nd, 29th or by calling/texting Laurie Kasper at 979-540-9073. **We thank you in advance for supporting our children!**
- † **Wood Cutters for Picnic.** We will be cutting and hauling wood for the picnic on Saturday, February 4th. For more information or just to let us know that you will be there, please call Russell @ 979-540-0741 or Troy @ 979-412-0341. Any and all help would be greatly appreciated.
- † **Sunday School Teachers.** We are in need of 3 new Sunday School Teachers. If you are interested, please contact Pastor or Mike Symm
- † **Help Wanted.** Consider being a volunteer at the Immanuel PSIA competition on March 24. You can assist in grading papers, etc. Please contact Mrs. Bradshaw by February 13th at 979-716-0163.
- † **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.
- † **Annual Report.** Reports from various committees and organizations for our congregation’s annual report are asked to be completed and turned in to the church office by January 23rd.
- † **2023 Offering Envelopes.** There are still some 2023 offering envelopes in the church office meeting room. If you have not picked up your 2023 envelopes, please do so.

LUTHERAN HOUR: Next Sunday, January 22nd, **“Whatever You Do”**. Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Jason Broge. The mundane just isn’t mundane when seen through heaven’s eyes. (Colossians 3:17-21). 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**– Monroe Schatte, Jr. and Dwayne Schulze
Organist- Daniel Krause
Acolytes- Rachel Schautschick and Benjamin Schonhoeft
Head Ushers- Donald Becker
Captain- Mason Becker **Assistant**- Carson Becker
Ushers- Jason Becker, Randy Becker, Brandon Burgdorf,
Trey Fritsche, Mike Krause, Ethan Miertschin,
Rex Perry, Brad Schmidt, Tim Symm, John Tate
Counting and Posting offering this week:
Chairman- Glen Albrecht
Carson Becker, Ty Kasper, Payton Oltmann

THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

Today **Worship Service w/Communion – 8:30 a.m.**
Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.
SLCVFD Annual Meeting

Monday Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
No School

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.
Adult Choir 7:00 p.m.

Thursday Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.
PTLS Officer’s Meeting – 6:30 p.m.

Friday Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.

Next Sunday **Worship Service – 8:30 a.m.**
Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.
Acolytes: Owen Wittman and Gabriel Bailey
Greeter: Dorothy Schautschick
Sunday School Teacher’s Meeting – 10:15 a.m.

Birthdays: Today – Wesley Burgdorf; 16th – Landon Menzel, Becky Weise; 17th – Haley Marak; 18th – Milton Albrecht, Sierra Bradshaw; 19th – Nicole Birnbaum, Jarrett Bise, Christopher Taylor, Alton Weiser; 20th – Geraldine Albrecht, Michael Symm; 21st – George Hernandez. God’s Blessings to you.

Life Thoughts in the Church Year:
January 15– Epiphany II

Abortion and assisted suicide lead many astray after lies (Psalm 40:4). They promise deliverance but only provide destruction. How much more blessed to trust the Lord to sustain us unto the end (1 Corinthians 1:8)? Can He secure us the life we seek even in surprise pregnancy or terminal diagnosis? Come and see (John 1:38-39)—and then courageously proclaim His faithful salvation (Psalm 40:10)!

ST. PAUL NOTES:

Attendance Last Week: Morning Worship- 248, Bible Class- 13; Sunday School- 25, Visitors- 1, Banner Classes: Nursery II, Offering- \$22.00.

Offering Last Week: \$34,919.17

| Home: | | Mission: | |
|------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|-------------------|
| General | \$20,142.29 | Mission | \$365.00 |
| Sunday School | \$22.00 | Mission Total | \$365.00 |
| Lunch Room | \$298.00 | Savings/Other: | |
| ECC Operating | \$8,751.42 | School Fund | \$50.00 |
| Tuition | \$4,221.00 | Building Fund | \$1,040.00 |
| Received 1/8/2023 | \$33,434.71 | Cemetery Fund | \$30.00 |
| | | Savings/Other Total | \$1,120.00 |
| Est. needed per week | \$22,500.00 | | |
| Received MTD | \$41,208.71 | Total | \$34,919.71 |
| Est. needed per month | \$97,500.00 | | |

MEMORIALS: General: In memory of Herb Roeber by Doug & Mary Jatzlau - \$35.00. **School Fund:** In memory of Herb Roeber by Bobby & Carolyn Oltmann- \$25.00; by Elaine Mersiovsky - \$25.00. **Building:** In memory of Herb Roeber by Randy & Janice Becker - \$40.00. **Cemetery Fund:** In memory of Tommy Groeschel by Robert & Joyce Hinze - \$30.00.

The Voyager Voice

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for the week of January 15-22, 2023

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Jan. 16...M.L. King Day – No School
- Jan. 17...Campus Lockdown Drill
1:00 PM
BB games @ Thorndale
4:00, 5:00 & 6:00 PM
- Jan. 18...AHA Heart Challenge
Assembly – 1:00 PM
- Jan. 19...JVBB games vs. GS-Bastrop
– 4:00 & 5:00 PM
- Jan. 20...Parent-Student Lunch
11:20 AM-12:15 PM
- Jan. 20-21...Thorndale Varsity BB
Tournament
- Jan. 23-27...Gospel Adventure Online
India Mission Trip
- Jan. 24...BB games vs. Caldwell
4:00/5:00/6:00 PM
- Jan. 25...Bird Wedding Assembly
– 9:00 AM
- Jan. 27...Midterm 4th Six-Weeks
- Jan. 27-28...Immanuel-Giddings
JV Basketball Tournament
- Jan. 29...PTLS Meeting – 10:15 AM

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Our Mission

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

From the Principal's Desk . . .

Welcome back for the 2nd semester of the 2022-23 school year.

Check out all the activities planned for next week listed on the Calendar of Events and articles below.

Enjoy your 3-day weekend. Have a blessed 2nd Week of Epiphany! ~ Jim House, Principal



Epiphany

NEWS, NOTES, and HAPPENINGS

SCHOOL HOLIDAY. . . There will be no classes held at St. Paul Lutheran *next Monday, Jan. 16th* in observation of Martin Luther King Day. Parents, plan ahead for your child care needs on M.L. King Day.



SCHOOL CLOSURES. . . If weather conditions warrant school closing or delayed start during the winter months, please remember that St. Paul generally will follow the lead of Giddings ISD in such decisions. We will notify parents of such closings or late starts via REMIND texts, emails, and postings on the St. Paul website and Facebook page. Bus information will be included in these communications.

LOCKDOWN DRILL. . . The second scheduled Campus Lockdown Drill for 2022-23 is planned for *next Tuesday, Jan. 17th at 1:00 PM*. The purpose of this drill is to practice the safety precautions that would be taken in the event that an intruder would gain access to our building and present a dangerous situation to the students and staff. This drill is one more way in which we intend to maintain a safe campus for our school family.

PARENT-STUDENT LUNCH. . . The January Parent-Student Lunch will be held *next Friday, Jan. 20th from 11:20 AM to 12:15 PM*. Parents, you are invited to come “lunch” with your child that day *during their regularly scheduled lunch time* (and enjoy fellowship with the other parents, too!). A flyer which includes a lunch reservation form is coming home today (also attached to next week’s News Blast email). If you desire a hot lunch, please return your lunch reservation by Tuesday morning, January 17th.



KIDS HEART CHALLENGE. . . . During the next 4 weeks, our Voyager kids will be participating in the American Heart Association "Kids Heart Challenge". The purpose of the Heart Challenge is to raise awareness of the importance of keeping your heart healthy through diet, exercise, and development of healthy life habits as well as raise money for the work of the American Heart Association. This year's challenge is "Jump Ropes for Hearts". The students will learn more about the challenge at the *Heart Challenge "Kick-off Assembly" next Wednesday, Jan. 18th at 1:00 PM* in the gym. We encourage every student to in the AHA Kids Heart Challenge.



GOSPEL ADVENTURES. . . . Lutheran Hour Ministries wants to "fuel the enthusiasm" for evangelism and mission involvement among young people by providing opportunities for "hand-on" service and learning with Christians around the world. To this end, LHM is sponsoring *Gospel Adventures: Celebrate India—Shout for Joy to the Lord, all the Earth!*—an online mission trip by which our St. Paul students can connect with the people, culture, and ministry of that south Asian country. During the week of Jan. 23-27, our students will be visiting the LHM website to view videos and chat online with LHM staff in India to have questions answered about ministry in that country. What a great way to learn



more about another culture and how God's Word is working in mighty ways to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with them. Watch for more information coming next week about the 2023 LHM "Gospel Adventures: Celebrate India!" Online Mission Trip.

BIRD'S WEDDING. . . . The annual Vogelhochzeit Praži Kvas or "Bird's Wedding" Assembly will be held on *Wednesday, Jan. 25th at 10:00 AM* in the St. Paul gym. Chelsea Beck from the Wendish Heritage Museum will talk



to the students about this age-old Wendish tradition of children placing plates of bird seed outdoors and waking up the next morning to find the plates filled with candy and cookies. The sweets are supposedly left by birds that had just celebrated their marriage. We look forward to celebrating this special cultural event.

BASKETBALL NEWS. . . . Our Voyager Boys' & Girls' basketball teams tipped off the second half of the 2022-23 season this week. We'll play several games both home and away during the month of January:

- 1/17 – JV Boys @ Thorndale – 4:00 PM (A)
– JV Girls @ Thorndale – 5:00 PM (A)
– Var. Boys @ Thorndale – 6:00 PM (A)
- 1/19 – JV Girls vs GS-Bastrop – 4:00 PM (H)
– JV Boys vs GS-Bastrop – 5:00 PM (H)
- 1/20-21 – Thorndale Varsity Tournament
- 1/24 – JV Boys vs. 1st Bapt-Caldwell – 4:00 PM (H)
– Girls vs. 1st Bapt-Caldwell – 5:00 PM (H)
– Var. Boys vs. 1st Bapt-Caldwell – 6:00 PM (H)
- 1/26 – Var. Girls @ Immanuel-Giddings – 3:00 PM (A)
– JV Boys @ Immanuel-Giddings – 4:00 PM (A)
– Var. Boys @ Immanuel-Giddings – 5:00 PM (A)
- 1/27-28 – JV Boys @ Immanuel-Giddings JV Tournament



Check out the schedule of games on the school website and January Events calendar and plan to come cheer for our teams throughout the remainder of the 2022-23 season. Go Voyagers!

CHAPEL OFFERING PROJECT

Our chapel offerings in January will continue our support of 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! To date, we've collected \$368.50 for the project. Please remember your chapel offerings every Wednesday in January as we continue our 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! . . . We're

off to a great start to the 2nd semester of 2022-23! After the long Christmas vacation, it was great to see everyone back healthy and happy again this week! If I can be of any service to you this month, feel free to stop by my office or call for an appointment. Enjoy the beautiful weather during this 3-day weekend!



Your partner in Christ,
James L. House, Principal

