

St. Paul Lutheran Church

Serbin, Texas



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The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

29 January 2023

Welcome! God Manifests His Glory in the Humility and Weakness of Christ Crucified. The Lord tells His people, "I brought you up from the land of Egypt and redeemed you from the house of slavery" (Micah 6:4). By the sacrifice of His beloved Son, He has redeemed us from our slavery of sin and death; He has forgiven our transgressions by the shedding of His blood. His great mercy and salvation lead us "to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly" with our God (Micah 6:8). We boast only in the incarnate and crucified Lord Jesus. He is "the power of God and the wisdom of God" (1 Cor. 1:24). He is our life and salvation, our "wisdom" and "righteousness and sanctification and redemption" (1 Cor. 1:30). Now He opens His mouth and teaches us His wisdom. By His cross and Passion, the kingdom of heaven is ours. We receive mercy and are satisfied; we see God and are called sons of God in Christ. "Blessed are you," therefore, "when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely" on account of Christ (Matt. 5:11).

We invite you all to worship with us again.

In Our Prayers:

Those recovering from surgeries and illness:

Gail Albrecht-surgery
Gladys Arldt-recovering
Cynthia Boriack-recovering (mother of Antoinette Richardson)
Irene Hempel
Judy Kalbas-recovering
Leroy Kalbas-recovering
Douglas Malke-hospitalized
Chris Miertschin
Shannon Miertschin
Carol Jean Noack-recovering
Keeley Schautschick-recovering
Greg Sorrento-recovering (nephew of Doris Fritsche)
Cindy Umphries-recovering (friend of James & Kathy Kalbas)
Ruby Weiser-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)
Leroy Grimm-hospitalized (uncle of Lori Becker)
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

Those who mourn:

The family of Norbert Schultz (uncle of Harold Krause)

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: 904, 435, 414, 953, 537, 400, 842, 781 v.1-2,
395, 394, 922

K-4th Grade Anthem: ♪ “Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”

- † **The Altar flowers** are placed to the glory of God in honor of Jack Wiederhold on his birthday by his wife, children and grandchildren.
- † **THANK YOU!** The Texas Wendish Heritage Society thanks all the people who helped to make last week's Pork Steak Fundraiser a success. We appreciate the LAF and all the other volunteers who made the meal possible. We also thank all who supported the fundraiser and bought meals. Your support will make it possible to give scholarships to Wendish students again this year. Thank you!
- † **December Financial Statements.** The December Financial Statements are available from the ushers this morning and can also be picked up in the church office.
- † **February Calendar.** The February Calendar is available from the ushers this morning and can also be picked up in the church office.
- † **Year End Contribution Statements** can be picked up in the church office during the week. Please review your statement and if there are any errors, contact the church office.
- † **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. **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.
- † **South Lee County Volunteer Fire Department** is preparing Barbecue Chicken on Sunday, February 26th at the Serbin picnic grounds from 10:00 a.m. – 12 noon. The barbecue is to go only. Order forms are inserted in this morning's bulletin. If you wish to order please fill out this form and return it to the ushers, or contact Paul Somerfield at 713-922-7501 or St. Paul Lutheran church office at 979-366-9650 by Monday, February 20th.
- † **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 February 13th.
- † **PTLS Chili Supper & Live Auction: SAVE THE DATE!** The Annual Chili Supper & Live Auction is scheduled for **Sunday, March 5th** at the Serbin Picnic Grounds. Silent Auction (4-5:30pm), Live Auction (5:30pm), Chili/Hot Dog Supper (5-7pm). All School & ECC children will begin selling tickets on February 1st until February 15th, or you can purchase by calling the school office. **CHILI COOK-OFF:** With its success last year, we will be bringing back the Chili Cook-Off! Enter your secret family recipe for a chance to win! Please contact Patricia Barnett (512-581-1154) for details and registration.

LUTHERAN HOUR: Next Sunday, February 5th, “Your Time to Shine”. Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. John Nunes. Light is necessary for life; God's light, even more so. (Matthew 5:14-16). 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:

January 29 – Epiphany IV

The coming of Jesus as Christ shows the way of the Lord: He exalts the lowly instead of abandoning or executing them (1 Corinthians 1:27-28). We ought neither encourage nor invite expectant mothers and fathers to sacrifice the fruit of their bodies for righting their wrongs (Mica 6:7). Christ Jesus has already become that redemption (1 Corinthians 1:30), and such compassion to the neighbor lifts us up to stand alongside God Himself (Micah 6:8).

Serving today: Elders– Mark Jones and Steven Schautschick
Organist- Susan Michael
Acolytes- Tyler Fritsche and Lydia Goodson
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
Pablo Rodriguez, Tommy Miertschin, Brooks Kasper

THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

Today **Song Service – 8:30 a.m.**
Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.
PTLS Meeting – 10:15 a.m.
Monday Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.
Tuesday Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.
Wednesday Staff Bible Study – 7:30 a.m.
School Chapel – 8:30 a.m.
LWML Quilting – 9:00 a.m.
Youth Confirmation – 6:00 p.m.
Adult Choir – 7:00 p.m.
Thursday Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.
Friday Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.
Next Sunday **Worship Service w/Communion – 8:30 a.m.**
Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.
Acolytes: Elizabeth Richardson and Jozlyn Perry
Greeter: Bonnie Wenke

Birthdays: Today – Hudson Corn, Benjamin Schonhoeft, Jack Wiederhold; 30th – Irene Buscha; 31st – Kristen Portales, Emily Schulze, Jessica Zettel; 1st – Gary D. Becker, Conner Stewart; 2nd – Chris Miertschin; 3rd – Kathleen Bigon, Candace Kaiser, George Perry, Jr., David Schmidt; 4th – Ina Mitschke. God’s Blessings to you.

ST. PAUL NOTES:

Attendance Last Week: Morning Worship- 211, Bible Class- 20; Sunday School- 31,
Banner Classes: Nursery II, Nursery III, Offering- \$37.25.

Offering Last Week: \$99,772.46

Home:		Mission:	
General	\$7,211.00	Mission	\$350.00
Sunday School	\$37.25	Mission Total	\$350.00
Lunch Room	\$1,077.00	Savings/Other:	
ECC Operating	\$6,756.25	Building Fund	\$50.00
Tuition	\$15,298.96	Daycare Savings	\$68,992.00
Received 2/22/2023	\$30,380.46	Savings/Other Total	\$69,042.00
Est. needed per week	\$27,200.00	Total	\$99,772.46
Received MTD	\$101,033.30		
Est. needed per month	\$118,000.00		

MEMORIALS: General: In memory of Tamshaw Becker by Dennis & Elaine Boettcher - \$100.00. In memory of Alice Luedke by the Mitschke family - \$500.00. **Texas Wendish Heritage Society:** In memory of Bob Zoch by Leonard & Lucy Mitschke - \$100.00.

† **Save the Date- VBS JUNE 12-16th!** During Rainforest Explorers VBS, we will learn how Jesus is our ultimate guide in our lives! **Volunteer for VBS-** Please contact Krista Rodriguez at 979-716-0143 if you would like to assist with VBS this Summer.



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.

New Student Registration

Registration for the 2023-2024 school year is underway. One new student has already enrolled and we are looking to add more students to our family. Any new student who registers for FLHS prior to **Friday, March 10, 2023** will only pay \$100 in registration fees. Register early to take advantage of this savings! You can receive registration materials by calling (979) 242-2889 or visiting our website at www.flhstx.org.

Texas Lutheran Writer's Round Up

FLHS will host the Texas Lutheran Writer's Round Up on Friday, February 24th. More details will be forthcoming. We are blessed to offer this event to our community, so please plan to join us!

Amazon Smile

Did you know Faith Lutheran High School is on Amazon Smile? After you select FLHS as the charity of your choice, every time you purchase something from Amazon Smile, FLHS will receive a donation. Thank you! *This program is ending February 20, 2023, so please help us take advantage of this program before the opportunity expires.

Spring Raffle

FLHS raffle tickets will be available soon (by Sun, Feb 5). The Board of Directors has put together an amazing slate of items. You don't want to miss out!! Tickets are \$20 each. Drawing will be the week of March 6-10, during National Lutheran Schools Week. A limited number of tickets will be available! Please contact any FLHS delegate, student, staff or call (979) 242-2889 to get your tickets!!

We've Got SPIRIT, YES, we do!

FLHS has partnered with BSN Sports and is now offering an online spirit wear store - including clothes, tumblers, decals, and more, and it's all customizable. Use the code SPIRIT before February 15, 2023 and you will receive 25% off your total purchase. Please use the QR code shown or visit

<https://sideline.bsnsports.com/schools/texas/warda/faith-lutheran-high-school> to place an order.



The Voyager Voice

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for the week of January 30-February 5, 2023

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Jan. 31... 100th Day of School
- Feb. 1... School Chapel Service
– 8:30 AM
- Feb. 2... BB Games @ Brenham
– 4:00 & 5:00 PM
- Feb. 7... BB Game vs. TNT Academy
4:00 PM
- Feb. 9... New Family Open House
– 8:30-10:30 AM and
4:30-6:30 PM
- Feb. 17... End of 4th Six-Weeks
Winter Sports Pep Rally
8:30 AM
- Feb. 17-19... TLRT State Basketball
Tournament
- Feb. 20... Presidents’ Day
NO SCHOOL
- Feb. 21... Mardi Gras Pancake
Breakfast 7:15 AM



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Our Mission

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

From the Principal's Desk . . .

Students in *Gr. K-4* sing at 8:30 AM Worship Service this Sunday, Jan. 29th. Meet in the gym by 8:15 AM.

Plan to attend the January meeting of the St. Paul PTLIS this *Sunday, Jan. 29th* @ 10:15 AM in the church.

Help us spread the word about our *Community/New Family Open House on Thursday, Feb. 9th* by sharing the flyer on our Facebook page and website.

Have a great start to February and a blessed 4th Week of Epiphany!
~ Jim House, Principal

NEWS, NOTES, and HAPPENINGS

COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE. . . We're planning a Community & New Family Open House on *Thursday, Feb. 9th* from 8:30-10:30 AM and 4:30-6:30 PM for new families who desire a Christian education and would like to learn more about our program of instruction at St. Paul Lutheran for the upcoming 2023-2024 school year. *Help us get the word out today* about the wonderful, life-changing Christian education offered at St. Paul Lutheran-Serbin by *“liking and sharing” the flyer* posted on the St. Paul Facebook page and school website. Or better yet—if you know of a relative, friend, or co-worker interested in enrolling, please let us know—and more importantly, *invite them to attend the Community & New Family Open House* on February 9th!



KIDS HEART CHALLENGE. . . Hey Voyagers! You're doing fantastic with this year's Kids Heart Challenge. After just ten days, 28 SPS kids have accepted the challenge and obtained *donations/pledges of over \$4,500* surpassing their \$4000 goal. It's not too late to register online and Receive your KHC bracelet and start raising money for the American Heart Association. Collect all the “Heart Heroes” for your class. Let's see how many more dollars can be raised for the AHA. Remember, all donations (including all online gifts) are *due on Friday, Feb. 10th*. Thanks again for your participation in this year's American Heart Association Kids Heart Challenge.





HAPPY 100th DAY... Tuesday, Jan. 31st is the 100th Day of School for the 2022-23 school year! Be sure to ask your child about the special activities they will be involved in that day as we have some special "100th Day" fun and thank God for the many blessings we've received during the first 100 school days!

CHAPEL OFFERING PROJECT. . . Thank you to everyone who remembered their chapel offerings this week for the special LHM "*Celebrate India*" offering cube project. We gathered \$107.48 to support the ministry of the Lutheran Hour in bringing the Good News of Jesus to India.



In February, we will continue our support of the *Lutheran Braille Workers*. This important ministry provides Gospel-centered materials for individuals who are visually impaired. To date, we've collected \$400.25 for the project. Please remember your chapel offerings every Wednesday in February as we continue our support of the Lutheran Braille Workers.



PSIA PREPARATION. . . Hey Voyagers! Keep studying for your PSIA events next week - the 2023 District PSIA competition will be here sooner than you think on March 24th. Keep studying your materials and reviewing the rules, especially the scoring rules! And parents, if you've volunteered to help this year, Mrs. Bradshaw will be contacting you in February. Let's make this our best year ever as we prepare for our PSIA competition in the spring!



BASKETBALL NEWS. . . The 2022-23 Basketball season concludes in early February with these games:

- 2/2 - JV Boys @ Grace-Brenham - 4:00 PM (A)
- Varsity CoEd @ Grace-Brenham - 5:00 PM (A)
- 2/10 - Varsity Boys vs. TNT - 4:00 PM (H)

Then, on Feb. 17-19, our Varsity Boys team will participate in the annual *LMST State BB Tournament at Salem-Tomball*. Watch the weekly News Blast for journey game times. Thanks for your support of our Voyager teams throughout these past months and come cheer them on one final time in February!



CHILI SUPPER, AUCTION, & COOK-OFF

The annual St. Paul Chili Supper and Auction is planned for *Sunday, March 5th* at the Serbin Picnic Grounds. Check out the flyer attached to this email (also available on the school website). Once again this year, we'll add to our auction and supper fun with the *Chili Cook-Off*. Our local chefs will prepare their chili for all to taste and vote the "Best Serbin Chili for 2023"! Watch for your family's *Ticket & Information Packet* coming home with your child next week. All profits from the event will go toward future projects and improvements for St. Paul Lutheran School & ECC. Mark the date March 5th and plan to attend the 2023 PLS Chili Supper, Auction & Cook-Off!



HAVE A BLESSED WEEK! . . As we wrap up the month of January and look forward to the start of February, watch for information coming home soon regarding Re-Enrollment for 2023-24. I'll be of any service to you this week, feel free to stop by my office or call for an appointment.

Your partner in
Christ,
James L. House,
Principal

