

# St. Paul Lutheran Church

Serbin, Texas



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## The Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

13 February 2022

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### **Welcome! Christians Live by Faith in Christ and Rejoice in the Promise of His Resurrection.**

“Cursed is the man who trusts in man,” for all the strength of his flesh is like the grass that fades away (Jer. 17:5). The one who turns away from the Lord may have food and money and laugh for now, but he “shall mourn and weep” in the judgment (Luke 6:24–25). But “the man who trusts in the LORD” is blessed with all that he needs, “like a tree planted by water.” When heat comes, he survives (Jer. 17:7–8). For the Lord has come in the flesh to heal the people of all their diseases, to cleanse their spirits with forgiveness, and to preach the Gospel of the kingdom of God to the poor (Luke 6:18–20). As all of this is by way of His cross, it is solely by faith in the promise of His resurrection that Christians “rejoice” and “leap for joy” (Luke 6:21–23). “If Christ has not been raised,” our faith is in vain and we are most to be pitied (1 Cor. 15:14–19). But, in fact, just as “Christ died for our sins,” so has He also “been raised from the dead” (1 Cor. 15:3, 20).

We invite you all to worship with us again.

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### **In Our Prayers:**

Those recovering from surgeries and illness:

*Gladys Arldt*  
*Adelia Becker*  
*Donald Becker-recovering*  
*Pam Becker-recovering*  
*Brian Becvar-recovering (cousin of Jessica Gruetzner)*  
*Irene Buscha-recovering*  
*Pat Hughes-recovering (friend of James and Kathy Kalbas)*  
*Hildegard Krause-recovering*  
*Mary Loewe (mother of Christi Bradford)*  
*Chris Miertschin*  
*Shannon Miertschin-recovering*  
*Glenda Paskett-recovering (mother of Lyndy Krause and Melodi Oltmann)*  
*Calvin Robertson*  
*Bradly Schautschick-recovering*  
*Greg Sorrento-recovering (nephew of Doris Fritsche)*  
*Kynlee Stewart-recovering*  
*Cindy Umphries-recovering (friend of James & Kathy Kalbas)*  
*Laverne Weiser-recovering*  
*Conway Whited-surgery (nephew of Ashley Schmidt)*  
*Wesley Yurk-surgery*  
*Kenneth Wiederhold-hospitalized*

### **Our members in nursing homes and our shut-ins.**

#### **Those fighting cancer including:**

*Lillian Bamsch (sister-in-law of Charlyn & Marvin Matthijetz)*  
*Annie Beasley (niece of Shorty & Sandra Schimank)*  
*Joyce Bise*  
*Don Claxton-father of Jeff Claxton*

*Russell Cleghorn (friend of James & Kathy Kalbas)*  
*Ginger Clifford (sister of Nancy Kasper)*  
*Mandie Fritsche (granddaughter-in-law of Doris Fritsche)*  
*Franklin Hoffman (father of Maxine Bradshaw)*  
*Steven Kelly (cousin of Jessica Gruetzner, brother-in-law of Christi Bradford)*  
*Bethany Lara (daughter of Kathy Gersch)*  
*Heather Lilly (granddaughter of Irene Noack)*  
*Louis Muniz, Jr. (brother of Robert Muniz)*  
*Jack Pennington (brother-in-law of Marvin & Charlyn Matthijetz)*  
*Pat Richardson (friend of Darlene Schatte)*  
*Carol Sander*  
*Diane Sanders (friend of James & Kathy Kalbas)*  
*Jim Sladek (friend of Johnathan Noack)*  
*Barbara Symm*  
*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 Osmun (son of Stephanie Miertschin), Ft. Hood, TX*  
*Coy Hunt (son of Shannon & Christine Hunt) Camp Hovey, South Korea*

#### **Those who mourn:**

*The family of Melissa Lehmann (sister of Dustin Faske and niece of Cindy Becker)*  
*The family of Harry Christiansen (brother-in-law of William Kappler)*

#### **Those who rejoice:**

*Ronnie & Nancy Schautschick on their 45<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary*

**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: 557, 394, 699, 904

Sermon Text: Jeremiah 17:5-8

The Sermon: **“Where are You Rooted?”**

**Adult Choir Anthem:** ♪ *“Come Unto Me, Ye Weary”*

- † **Altar flowers.** The altar flowers are placed to the glory of God in honor of Rachel Mertink’s birthday by Rusty, Cody, Clay and Cole.
- † **Altar Stand flowers.** The altar stand flowers are placed to the glory of God in honor of Trey Fritsche’s 14<sup>th</sup> birthday by his grandparents.
- † **Side Stand flowers.** The side stand ivy’s are placed to the glory of God in honor of Ronnie & Nancy Schautschick’s 45<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary by Ronnie & Nancy Schautschick, children and grandchildren.
- † **Thank You.** Thank you to Pastor Schmidt for the prayers and visiting me in the hospital after my surgery. Also, thanks to everyone for all the prayers, texts, get well cards, flowers and encouraging words. God has truly blessed me. *Cindy Becker*
- † **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 14<sup>th</sup>.
- † **2022 Board of Elder Assignments:**
  - Tim Hartfield – Chairman – Mit - R
  - Keith Oltmann – Secretary – T - Z
  - Mark Jones - S
  - Steven Schautschick – A - F
  - Monroe Schatte, Jr. – Kf - Mie
  - Dwayne Schulze – G - Ke
- † **South Lee County Volunteer Fire Department** is preparing Barbecue Chicken on Sunday, February 27<sup>th</sup> at the Serbin picnic grounds from 10:00 a.m. – 12 noon. The barbecue is to go only. Order forms are available on the table as you enter the church. 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 21<sup>st</sup>.
- † **PTLS Chili Supper & Live Auction:** We are back this year with the Annual Chili Supper & Live Auction on **Sunday, March 6<sup>th</sup>** at the Serbin Picnic Grounds. Silent Auction (4pm), Live Auction (5:30pm), Chili/Hot Dog Supper (5-7pm) eat here and to-go available. Tickets: Chili-\$7, 2 Hot Dogs-\$5. All School & ECC children are selling tickets until February 18<sup>th</sup>, or you can purchase by calling the school office. **NEW** this year is the **1<sup>st</sup> Annual Chili Cook-Off!** Enter your secret family recipe for a chance to win. \$25 entry fee - 3 gallons minimum. Prizes awarded. Deadline to register is February 18<sup>th</sup>. Proceeds will go toward the Sports Program and other projects in the School and ECC. If you would like to make a donation to the meat and condiments, please contact Patricia Barnett (512-581-1154), any PTLs officer, or the school office. Come out for some Food, Fun, and Fellowship while supporting our PTLs and children!
- † **Wood Cutters for Picnic.** We will be cutting and hauling wood for the picnic on Saturday, February 19<sup>th</sup>. 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.

**LUTHERAN HOUR:** Next Sunday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, **“Like Riding a Bike”**. Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Law and Gospel are the two reins of Jesus’ teaching that express His care for who we are now and His conviction about the people we will become. (Luke 6:20-49). 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 Through the Church Year:**

**February 13 – Epiphany VI**

“Cursed is the one who makes flesh his strength” (Jeremiah 17:5) – don’t abortion and assisted suicide do exactly that? Humankind’s hope lies not in the skills or comforts of this life but in the Savior who imparts everlasting life to everybody (1 Corinthians 15:19, 22). Blessed indeed are those who heed not worldly counsels but harken to the Lord’s words (Psalm 1:1) about human worth!

**THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK**

Today **Worship Service – 8:30 a.m.**  
 Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 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.  
 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.  
 PTLs “Pizza & Movie” Night – 6:30 p.m.

Next Sunday **Worship Service w/Communion – 8:30 a.m.**  
 Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.  
 Acolytes: Maison Schautschick and Malynda Schautschick  
 LYF Meeting & Social – 2:00 p.m.

**Birthdays:** 14<sup>th</sup> – Dana Karisch, Doris Kunkel, Rachel Mertink; 15<sup>th</sup> – Lucy Becker, Trey Fritsche, Lawrence Irwin, Jr., Joseph Kalbas, Keith Oltmann; 16<sup>th</sup> – Marian Wiederhold; 17<sup>th</sup> – Irene Noack; 18<sup>th</sup> – Frances Mutscher.  
 God’s Blessings to you.

**ST. PAUL NOTES:**

**Attendance Last Week:** Morning Worship- 279, Communion- 154, Bible Class- 20; Sunday School- 47, Banner Classes: Grade 2 & 3, Offering- \$33.50.

**Offering Last Week:** \$45,282.48

<b>Home:</b>		<b>Mission:</b>	
General	\$30,189.98	Mission	\$1,160.00
Sunday School	\$33.50	<b>Mission Total</b>	<b>\$1,160.00</b>
Lunch Room	\$511.80	<b>Savings/Other:</b>	
ECC Operating	\$7,783.50	School Fund	\$335.00
Tuition	\$4,268.70	Building Fund	\$1,000.00
<b>Received 2/6/2022</b>	<b>\$42,787.48</b>	<b>Savings/Other Total</b>	<b>\$1,335.00</b>
<b>Est. needed per week</b>	<b>\$22,500.00</b>	Total	\$45,282.48
<b>Received MTD</b>	<b>\$42,787.48</b>		
<b>Est. needed per month</b>	<b>\$97,500.00</b>		

**MEMORIALS: General:** In memory of Alfred Buscha and in honor of Irene Buscha by Carl & Rose Turner - \$100.00. In memory of Melissa Lehmann by Chris Becker family - \$25.00; by Randy & Janice Becker - \$30.00.

**School Fund:** In memory of Melissa Lehmann by Mr. & Mrs. Marvin Matthijetz - \$40.00; by Gary & Cindy Becker & family - \$50.00; by Leonard & Lucy Mitschke - \$50.00; by David & Karen Schmidt - \$20.00; by Paul & Tina Sommerfield, Max & Macy - \$50.00; by Linda Jones - \$25.00. In memory of Lillian Ripper by Arthur & LaVerne Urban - \$100.00.

**Serving today:** **Elders**– Mark Jones and Steven Schautschick  
**Organist**- Jack Wiederhold  
**Acolytes**- Jay Woelfel and Lydia Schautschick  
**Head Ushers**- Donald Becker  
**Captain**- Mason Becker **Assistant**- Carson Becker  
**Ushers**- Jason Becker, Randy Becker, Hudson Corn,  
 Michael Krause, Dylan Lambert, Ethan Miertschin,  
 Logan Perry, Rex Perry, Bradley Schmidt,  
 Tim Symm, Courtland Tharp  
**Counting and Posting offering this week:**  
**Chairman**- Glen Albrecht  
 Nathan Michael, Carson Becker, Ty Kasper

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### **Athletics**

The final boys basketball game of the season will be Monday, February 14th, at 4pm at Fayetteville High School. Congratulations to all our archery athletes as they competed well for the state qualifier. 7 FLHS archers have qualified for the state competition. Congratulations to Will, Thomas, Erik, Ben, Dylan, Nichole, and Layna. The state competition will be March 22 in Belton, TX.

### **Texas Lutheran Writer's Round Up**

FLHS will welcome Sarah Baughman, Christina Hergenrader, Susan Maluschka, Ruth Meyer, and Brian Wolfmueller on Friday, February 25th for the 3rd annual Texas Lutheran Writer's Round Up. The authors will give a presentation beginning at 10 am and then be available for questions and book signings. See our flier for the Round Up to see the full list of opportunities during the event. We are blessed to offer this event to our community, so please plan to join us!

### **Spring Raffle**

FLHS raffle tickets are now available!! Tickets are \$20 each. Drawing will be the week of March 7-11, during National Lutheran Schools Week. Items include:

- Flounder Giggling Trip for 4 on Texas Coast
- 3 Nights at Port Aransas Beach Condo for 8 people
- Picnic Table, Ice Chest, Ribeye, Spices and \$100 HEB gift card
- Ruger LPC II.380
- One Week Summer Camp Session at Camp Lone Star and \$250 Visa Card
- Custom Cedar Carousel and \$100 Visa Card
- Handmade Quilt (Queen) and \$100 Visa Card
- Dessert a Month for a Year
- Casserole a Month for a Year

Limited amount of tickets available - get yours today! Please contact any FLHS delegate, student, staff or call (979) 242-2889 to get your tickets!! You don't want to miss out!!

### **Staff Positions Available**

Faith Lutheran High School will have part time openings on its faculty for the 2022-2023 academic year! Interested individuals who teach any subject area are encouraged to apply, but science, social studies, English, or electives are sought after skills. Applicants may submit resumes to Faith Lutheran High School, PO Box 138, Warda, TX 78960, call (979) 242-2889, or email them to [kueckn@flhstx.org](mailto:kueckn@flhstx.org). If you have the time and talents, please consider applying and sharing your gifts with our students. Thank you!

### **New Student Registration**

Any new student who registers for FLHS by March 11, 2021 will have registration fees waived for the 2022-2023 school year. 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](http://www.flhstx.org).

### **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.

### **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 Mrs. Nikki Kueck.



# The Voyager Voice

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for the week of February 12-18, 2022

2021-22 School Year Theme – “Follow Me” – John 12:26

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Feb. 15...New Family Open House  
– 8:30-10:30 AM and  
4:30-6:30 PM
- Feb. 16... School Chapel Service  
– 8:30 AM
- Feb. 18...End of 4<sup>th</sup> Six-Weeks  
Winter Sports Pep Rally  
– 8:30 AM  
PTLS Pizza & Movie Night  
– 6:30 PM
- Feb. 18-20...LMST State Basketball  
Tourney @ Tomball
- Feb. 21...Presidents’ Day  
– NO SCHOOL
- Feb. 24...Distribution of 4<sup>th</sup> Six-Week  
Report Cards
- Mar. 1...Mardi Gras Pancake  
Breakfast – 7:15 AM
- Mar. 4...Lee Co. Jr. Livestock Show  
– NO SCHOOL
- Mar. 6...PTLS Chili Supper, Auction,  
and Chili Cookoff



## From the Principal’s Desk. . .

**HAPPY VALENTINE’S DAY!!** As we celebrate with hearts and candy on Monday, let us remember our Greatest Lover, Jesus Christ who gave his life for our sins. **“Greater love has no man than this, that he lay down his life for his friends.”** (John 15:13)

**Pep Rally, LMST Tourney and PTLs Pizza and Movie Night** next week. Check out all the upcoming activities noted in the New Blast!

Complete your **MIDYEAR SCHOOL SURVEYS** and return it next Friday, Feb. 18<sup>th</sup>.

All **monies and unsold tickets** for Chili Supper should be turned in by next Friday, Feb. 18<sup>th</sup>, too.

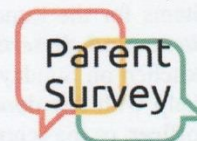
Have a blessed week in the Lord! ~ Jim House, Principal

## NEWS, NOTES, and HAPPENINGS

**COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE.** . .We’re planning a Community & New Family Open House next Tuesday, Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> 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 2020-21 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. If you know of a relative, friend, or co-worker interested in enrolling, please let us know—but more importantly, invite them to attend the Community & New Family Open House” on February 15<sup>th</sup>!



**MIDYEAR SCHOOL SURVEY.** . .were sent home earlier this week. As we are constantly trying to improve our quality of instruction and your child’s learning experience at St. Paul Lutheran School, one important part of doing so is to hear from our families about how we’re doing! To that end, we are interested in your opinions and comments concerning a variety of programs and services at St. Paul Lutheran School. Please complete this brief survey and return the completed form in the attached envelope to the school office no later than Friday, Feb. 18<sup>th</sup>. All responses and comments will be shared in strict confidence with members of the Board of Christian Education. Results of the survey will be available for your review in late March. Thank you for your assistance in making St. Paul Lutheran-Serbin the best school it can be!



## The Voyager Voice

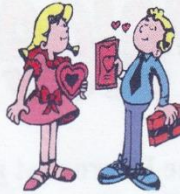
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### Our Mission

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



**HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY.** . .from the Faculty and staff of St. Paul Lutheran School. Our hope is that as you celebrate this special day of love *next Monday, Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>*, you remember the "GREATEST LOVER" of all, our Savior Jesus Christ! Share the words of John 15:13 with others—"Greater love has no one than this, that he (Jesus) lay down his life for his friends (you and me)."



**PIZZA & MOVIE NIGHT.** . .St. Paul PTLS will host its next Family "Pizza & Movie" Night *next Friday, February 18<sup>th</sup> beginning at 6:30 PM.* We'll be serving pizza and soft drinks in the gym beginning at 6:30 PM

followed by a showing of the Disney classic "Pete's Dragon". All families attending the movie are asked to bring a blanket or sleeping bag, pillows, air mattress, or lawn chairs to sit on during the show. Look for the reservation flyer coming home today with more information. And, be sure to return your reservation slip to the school office no later than next Tuesday, Feb. 15<sup>th</sup>. Plan now to join us for our PTLS Family "Pizza & Movie" next Friday!



**CHILI SUPPER, AUCTION, & COOKOFF.** . .The annual St. Paul Chili Supper and Auction is planned for *Sunday, March 6<sup>th</sup>* beginning at 4:00 PM. A new twist added to this year's event is a *Chili Cook-Off.* Our local chefs will prepare their chili (3 gallon minimum) to taste and judge the "Best Serbin Chili for 2022" (\$5.00 wristbands available for purchase the day of the event)! *Cook-off Rules and Entry Forms* are attached to this newsletter email or available on the school website under the PTLS tab. Here's the schedule for the event:



- 1:00 PM – Cooks Meeting
- 4:00 PM – Tasting and Judging begins (w/wristbands)
- 4:00-5:30 PM – Silent Auction  
(tables close beginning at 5:00 PM)
- 5:00 PM – Bake Sale (until sold out)
- 5:00-7:00 PM – Chili Supper (pre-sale tickets only)
- 5:30-7:00 PM – Live Auction
- 6:00 PM – Chili Cook-Off turn in

Ticket prices are: \$7.00–Chili Bowl, \$5.00–2 Hot Dogs, \$5.00 per "Taste & Judge" Cook-off Armband). Extra tickets are available for purchase at the school office. All profits from the event will go toward future projects and improvements for St. Paul Lutheran School & ECC. Come for the cook-off and stay for the supper and auction! Remember, all monies and/or unsold tickets must be returned to the school office by Friday, Feb. 18<sup>th</sup>. Mark your calendars, invite your relatives, neighbors, & friends, and plan now to attend!

**AUCTION DONATIONS.** . .Donation of *items are needed for both the live and silent auction.* Items can be dropped off at either the church or school office. We're also seeking *donations of condiments and meat* for the chili; we're also *accepting monetary donations* for purchase of food items for the Luncheon. We're also in need of families to *donate baked items and desserts* for the Chili Supper. Desserts can be brought to the kitchen on Sunday morning prior to the beginning of the event. If you can help with any donations, contact Patricia Barnett 512-581-1154, any PTLS officer, or the school office.

**CHAPEL OFFERING PROJECT**

Next Wednesday is our final opportunity to bring chapel offerings for *Lutheran Heritage Foundation* and the *Juan 3:16* project. "Juan 3:16" sends Bible story books to children in Peru, Mexico, and the Dominican Republic. To date, we *collected \$1,445.57* for the project. remember your chapel offerings every Wednesday in support of the "Juan 3:16 Project" and the Lutheran Heritage Foundation.



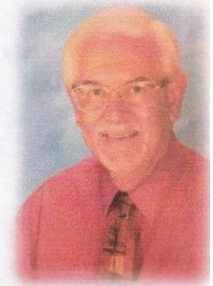
**KIDS HEART CHALLENGE.**

.Voyagers, awesome is only way to describe your participation in this year's Kids Heart Challenging. To dates, you've *raised over \$4,500.00* surpassing our goal twice! Thank you for your support of the challenge as we help raise everyone's awareness of the importance of keeping your heart healthy through diet, exercise, and development of healthy life habits. Remember, the Challenge concludes this weekend; all donations (including all online gifts) are due next Friday, Feb. 18<sup>th</sup>. Cash donations should be returned to the school office in the collection envelope—please include your name. Thanks again for your participation in this year's American Heart Association Kids Heart Challenge.



**HAVE A BLESSED WEEK!**

Have a Happy Valentine's Day! Share the love of Jesus with all that you know 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.



Your partner in Christ,  
James L. House, Principal

