

# St. Paul Lutheran Church

Serbin, Texas



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## The Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany

20 February 2022

**Welcome! As the Son of God Is Merciful and Forgives Your Sins, You Also Be Merciful and Forgive.** Your inheritance as a child of Adam is sin and death, but in Christ you are made alive through His resurrection from the dead (1 Cor. 15:21–22). As you have died with Him in Holy Baptism, so are you raised with Him to newness of life. Therefore, “do not go on sinning” (1 Cor. 15:34). Instead of serving your desires and harming your neighbors, live as “sons of the Most High,” and “be merciful, even as your Father is merciful” (Luke 6:35–36). Deal with others as you would have others deal with you (Luke 6:31, 37–38). As Christ loved you when you were at enmity with Him, as He blessed and prayed for those who abused Him, and as He did good to those who hated Him and hurt Him, so also “love your enemies, do good” (Luke 6:27–29, 35). For God sent His Son to bear the cross and suffer death, not to condemn the guilty, but “to preserve life.” So does He provide a place for you within His Church, where He is near and deals kindly with “you and your children and your children’s children” (Gen. 45:5–10).

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*

*Irene Buscha-recovering*

*Pat Hughes-recovering (friend of James and*

*Kathy Kalbas)*

*Hildegard Krause*

*Mary Loewe (mother of Christi Bradford)*

*Chris Miertschin*

*Shannon Miertschin*

*Glenda Paskett-recovering (mother of Lyndy Krause and*

*Melodi Oltmann)*

*Calvin Robertson*

*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-recovering*

**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 Kenneth Wiederhold*

*The family of Brian Becvar (cousin of Jessica Gruetzner)*

**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: 741, 851, 544, 814, 637, 660  
Sermon Text: Genesis 45:3-15  
The Sermon: **“At Work”**

- † **Altar flowers.** The altar flowers are placed to the glory of God in memory of Johnny Mutschink by Linda Jones.
- † **The Altar Stand flowers** are placed to the glory of God for her birthday by Irene Noack.
- † **The Side Stand flowers and window flowers** are placed to the glory of God from the Kenneth Wiederhold funeral.
- † **We express our sympathy** to the family of Kenneth Wiederhold. He fell asleep in Jesus on Monday, February 14, 2022. Funeral services for Mr. Wiederhold were held here at St. Paul Lutheran Church on Saturday, February 19, 2022. May the Lord comfort the family with His word of promise.
- † **The January Financial Statements** are available in the church office.
- † **Mark your calendars for VBS- June13th-17th!** Our VBS theme is: The Tree of Life- God's Promise of Salvation! Be sure to join us for fun lessons, music, crafts, snacks, and activities to learn how Jesus' cross became the tree of life in which God forgives us and gives us everlasting life. If you would like to volunteer this Summer for VBS, please contact VBS Director- Krista Rodriguez (979-716-0143).
- † **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. **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. If you'd still like to enter, please let us know ASAP. 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!**

**LUTHERAN HOUR:** Next Sunday, February 27<sup>th</sup>, **“Greatness”**. Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Dr. Michael Zeigler recounts the life of Eric Liddell, the Olympic champion who ran with perseverance a much different race as a Christian missionary in China. (Luke 9:1-48). 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 Through the Church Year:**  
**February 20 – Epiphany VII**

The Lord Jesus Christ means to destroy all that threatens any human life (1 Corinthians 15:26). This absolutely includes those who participate in abortion. Almighty God finds their lives just as precious as the ones that were lost. His Fatherly love removes their transgressions just as far as ours (Psalm 103:12-13). What better way to bless them (Luke 6:27-31) than to speak of it courageously and compassionately?

## THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

Today	<b>Worship Service w/communion – 8:30 a.m.</b> Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m. LYF meeting & Social – 6:30 p.m.
Monday	<b>President's Day</b> <b>No School</b>
Tuesday	Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m. PTLS Officers Meeting – 6:30 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. ECC Task Force Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
Thursday	Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m. Board of Elder's Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
Friday	Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.
Next Sunday	<b>Worship Service – 8:30 a.m.</b> Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m. Sunday School Teachers Meeting – 10:15 a.m. Acolytes: Rachel Schautschick and Brandon Burgdorf SLCVFD Chicken Barbecue

**Birthdays:** 21<sup>st</sup> – Rev. Paul Droegemueller, Cameron Kalbas; 22<sup>nd</sup> – Liana Adair, David Wittman II; 24<sup>th</sup> – Jacki Short, Reese Weiser; 26<sup>th</sup> – Kassi Oltmann. God's Blessings to you.

## ST. PAUL NOTES:

**Attendance Last Week:** Morning Worship- 135, Bible Class- 22; Sunday School- 34, Banner Nursery I, Offering- \$24.00.

**Offering Last Week:** \$15,641.98

<b>Home:</b>		<b>Mission:</b>	
General	\$9,357.38	Mission	\$480.00
Sunday School	\$24.00	<b>Mission Total</b>	<b>\$480.00</b>
Lunch Room	\$1,063.00	<b>Savings/Other:</b>	
ECC Operating	\$2,394.50	<b>Savings/Other Total</b>	
Tuition	\$2,323.10		
<b>Received 2/13/2022</b>	<b>\$15,161.98</b>	Total	\$15,641.98
<b>Est. needed per week</b>	<b>\$22,500.00</b>		
<b>Received MTD</b>	<b>\$57,949.46</b>		
<b>Est. needed per month</b>	<b>\$97,500.00</b>		

## MEMORIALS:

**Serving today:** Elders– Mark Jones and Steven Schautschick  
**Organist-** Daniel Krause  
**Acolytes-** Maison Schautschick and Malynda Schautschick  
**Head Usher-** 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-** Rex Perry  
John Hinze, Bradley Albrecht, Troy Wiederhold

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### **Athletics**

The men's basketball team wrapped up their first successful season this week. Improvement was made each time they stepped onto the court. Thank you to our two seniors, Ben and Will, for their leadership and encouragement to their teammates. It's exciting to see the program develop and grow!

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 Wolfmuehler 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 19-25, 2022

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

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Feb. 18...End of 4<sup>th</sup> Six-Weeks
- Feb. 18-20...LMST State Basketball  
Tourney @ Tomball
- Feb. 21...Presidents' Day  
– NO SCHOOL
- Feb. 23... School Chapel Service  
– 8:30 AM
- Feb. 24...Severe Weather Preparedness  
Drill – 10:00 AM  
Distribution of 4<sup>th</sup> Six-Week  
Report Cards
- Mar. 1...Mardi Gras Pancake  
Breakfast – 7:15 AM
- Mar. 2...Ash Wednesday Chapel  
Service (Imposition of  
Ashes) – 8:30 AM
- Mar. 4...Lee Co. Jr. Livestock Show  
– NO SCHOOL
- Mar. 6-12...Lutheran Schools Week
- Mar. 6...LSW All-School Sing  
– 8:30 AM  
School Open House – 9:30 AM  
PTLS Chili Supper, Auction,  
and Chili Cook-Off  
– 5:00-7:00 PM

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### Our Mission

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

## From the Principal's Desk . . .

**MIDYEAR SCHOOL SURVEYS, AHA KIDS HEART CHALLENGE PLEDGES, and Chili Supper monies and unsold tickets** were all due last Friday, Feb. 18<sup>th</sup>. If you forgot to return these items, please do so on Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup> (without fail).

Good Luck to our Varsity Boys BB team playing at the **LMST STATE TOURNAMENT** in Tomball this weekend!

**RE-ENROLLMENT FORMS** were sent home last Thursday; return them by Spring Break.

Watch for **REPORT CARDS** coming home on Thursday, Feb. 24<sup>th</sup>!

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

## NEWS, NOTES, and HAPPENINGS

**SCHOOL HOLIDAY** . . . Presidents' Day will be observed at St. Paul Lutheran School *next Monday, February 21<sup>st</sup>*. There will be **NO SCHOOL** that day! Classes resume Tuesday, Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup> at 8:15 AM. Plan ahead for your child care needs and enjoy your mid-winter holiday!



**RE-ENROLLMENT TIME** . . . February is Re-Enrollment Time at St. Paul Lutheran for the 2022-23 school year. A **Re-Enrollment Packet**, containing a 2022-23 Re-Enrollment Form, Tuition & Fee schedule, and details explaining the process, *was sent home on February 17<sup>th</sup>* with each student in Kindergarten through Grade 7 currently enrolled at St. Paul. Please note the Tuition and Fee Schedule on the back page of the form. Also



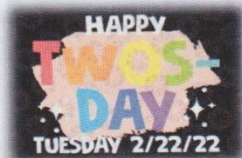
**Now RE-ENROLLING  
current students for  
the 2022-23 school year  
(forms due Mar. 11<sup>th</sup>)**

included is the “**Commitment to Christian Education**” policy and an **Application for Active Member Tuition Rate** form. We encourage every St. Paul family to prayerfully consider the quality education and eternal benefits offered for your children at St. Paul-Serbin and complete and return the Re-Enrollment Form for each child. **Re-Enrollment Forms are due back by Friday, March 11<sup>th</sup>**. Come grow with us in 2022! Complete and return your Re-Enrollment Form right away!

# FEBRUARY



**TUESDAY IS "TWOS-DAY".** . . Yep, it only comes around once a century! This Tuesday is "Twos-Day"—2/22/22! We've made some special plans to celebrate this special day. Along with these activities, we've changed the lunch menu for the day—we're serving **TWOS-DAY TACOS** on 2/22/22! Note the menu change & enjoy the day!



**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 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**

Come for the cook-off and stay for the supper and auction! Mark your calendars, invite your relatives, neighbors, & friends, and plan now to attend!

**TICKETS & MONEY DUE.** . . Remember, all Chili Supper money and/or unsold tickets should have been returned to the school office by **Friday, Feb. 18<sup>th</sup>**. If you forgot today, return them Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup> (without fail).

**WORKERS' LIST.** . . is ready and was sent home on Thursday; it's also posted on the school website under PTLS tab. If you have any questions, Tina Sommerfield 713-304-7059.

**AUCTION DONATIONS.** . . Donation of **items are still needed for both the live and silent auction**. Items can be dropped off at either the church or school office **by Thursday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>**. 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.

**READING CHALLENGE.** . . After Week 3 of the Lutheran Schools Accelerated Reading Challenge, our Serbin students are in 7<sup>th</sup> Place overall out of 33 participating schools. Parents, continue to encourage your kids to read toward their 6-week AR goals! **Let's see how many AR points we can read during the next three weeks.** Reading can occur at home, at school, in the car, etc. Points are recorded weekly on the national AR Challenge website; the winning schools will be announced after Spring Break.



**CHAPEL PROJECT.** . . Thank you for your support of our weekly chapel offerings during the last 12 weeks for the **Lutheran Heritage Foundation** and the **Juan 3:16" project**. This week's offering brings our **total to \$1,484.07**. Watch next week's News Blasts for information about of final chapel offering project for 2021-22; and remember your chapel offerings weekly and contribute generously in support of our worthy project.

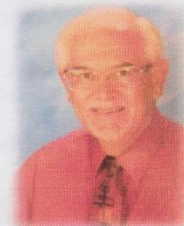
### **AHA KIDS HEART CHALLENGE.**

. . Thank you to all the SPS students who participated in the American Heart Association "Kids Heart Challenge" during February. To date, we have **raised over \$4,700 for the AHA** through your pledges and donations. The Kids Heart Challenge officially ended on Feb. 18<sup>th</sup>. **All pledge money and your collection envelope indicating your prize selections and sizes must be returned to the school office by next Thursday, Feb 24<sup>th</sup>.** Thanks once again for the great job and your participation in this year's AHA Kids Heart Challenge!



### **HAVE A BLESSED WEEK!**

Enjoy your 3-day Presidents' Day Weekend! Share the love of Jesus with all that you know this week! 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





*St. Paul Lutheran PTLs  
Chili Supper, Auction, and  
1<sup>st</sup> Annual  
Chili Cook Off*

Location: St. Paul Lutheran Picnic Grounds  
(County Road 211, Giddings TX 78942)

Date: Sunday March 6, 2022

Times: Cooks Meeting and Check - in: 1:00

Meal: 5:00 - 7:00 P.M.

Bake Sale: 5:00 - Sold Out

Silent Auction: 4:00 - 5:30 P.M.

Live Auction: 5:30 - 7:00 P.M.

Chili Cook off Turn- in: 6:00 P.M.

Entry Fee: \$25.00 per Chili Team

\$5.00 Hotdog Ticket (pre-sale only)

\$7.00 Chili Ticket (pre-sale only)

\$5.00 Test and Judge Cook off armband

Cash Prizes: 1<sup>st</sup> Place Winner- \$200.00

2<sup>nd</sup> Place Winner- \$100.00

3<sup>rd</sup> Place Winner- \$50.00

Proceeds Benefit: Future Projects and Improvements for St.  
Paul Lutheran School And Early Child Center!

Come for the cook off stay for the Chili Supper and Auction!

For more information Contact Patricia Barnett (512) 581-1154

