

St. Paul Lutheran Church

Serbin, Texas



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The Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 15, 2022

Welcome! *Jesus Turns Sorrow into Joy.* On earth "you will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy" (John 16:20). Already the Spirit grants you peace and joy through the forgiveness of your sins. For by the cross of Christ, "God has granted repentance that leads to life" (Acts 11:18). His Gospel is "a message by which you will be saved, you and all your household" (Acts 11:14). He gives freely "from the spring of the water of life" (Rev. 21:6), "and death shall be no more" (Rev. 21:4). He dwells with His people, adorning His Church as a bride for her husband, "making all things new" (Rev. 21:5). Therefore, as the Son of Man is glorified by His cross, "and God is glorified in him" (John 13:31), so He is glorified in us by our "love for one another" (John 13:35), which His Spirit works in us by His grace.

We invite you all to worship with us again.

In Our Prayers:

Those recovering from surgeries and illness:

Chris Birnbaum

Hudson Corn-hospitalized

Dora Durrenberger-recovering

Pat Hughes-recovering (friend of James and

Kathy Kalbas)

Hildegard Krause

Mary Loewe (mother of Christi Bradford)

Douglas Malke-hospitalized

Chris Miertschin

Shannon Miertschin

Calvin Robertson

Gary Schautschick-recovering

Greg Sorrento-recovering (nephew of Doris Fritsche)

Linda Tate

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

Laverne Weiser-recovering

Conway Whited-recovering (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

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)

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) Ft. Drum, New York

Jacob Knapp (cousin of Mark Gruetzner, son of Nathan & Heather Wenke) Ft. Stewart, Georgia

Also in our Prayers:

The Lee County Deputy that was shot

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.

As we gather at the Lord's Table, we practice close communion. For the sake of responsible pastoral care, members should have previously announced their intent to commune today. Guests who are members of a sister LCMS church and any others having concerns about their participation are asked to speak with Pastor before communing.

The Order of Service— 184 of the hymnal

The Hymns: 605, 633, 781 v. 1&2, 566, 818, 628, 644

Sermon Text: Revelations 21:1-7

The Sermon: **“Want Something New?”**

✠ *We begin today with the order of Baptism on page 268 of the hymnal*

We welcome to God's people through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Ellie Marie Menzel

Ellie is the daughter of Troy and Leah Menzel.

Her baptismal sponsors are Mark and Danielle Jones, Scott and LeeAnne Jones, Kalen Kalbas
and Tiffany Kirkwood

- ✠ **The Altar flowers** are placed to the glory of God in honor of the Wends and Rev. Jan Kilian who was called in 1854 as the Pastor for the Lutheran Congregation that formed to emigrate to Texas.
- ✠ **The Altar Stand flowers** are placed to the glory of God in honor of Ellie Marie Menzel's baptism by Troy, Leah, and Landon Menzel.
- ✠ **Graduates:** We would like to acknowledge the accomplishment of those who will be graduating from college this year (2022) and those that graduated last year (2021) in the church bulletin. Please let us know the names of those who have reached this milestone, the college graduated from, and what degree was achieved by Monday, May 16th.
- ✠ **Serbin Alumni Basketball Game 2022.** Mark your calendar for May 28, 2022. A registration form is available in the church office or you can register online at the school website at stpaulserbinschool.org.
- ✠ **5K/KID'S COLOR RUN.** . .The 8th annual St. Paul-Serbin 5K/Kid's Color Run is quickly approaching on Saturday, May 28th. This annual event is sponsored by the PTLs and profits from the run will go to support the educational programs of St. Paul Lutheran. Walk or run, sign up for fun or competition. Prizes will be awarded by gender in 7 different age groups. Individuals can register at <https://personalbestevents.raceentry.com/serbin-voyagers-5kkids-k/race-information#!> Questions?—contact Karla Hinze @ kjsurman@hotmail.com.
- ✠ **Anniversary Celebration** – Sunday, May 29, 2022 we will be recognizing the 40 years Mrs. Pam Krause has served the Lord and the families here at St. Paul Lutheran in the teaching ministry. If you would like to provide a card or gift in recognition of her service, you may do so by dropping them in the wooden church in the church office.
- ✠ **Attention Bakers!** We need your desserts on Picnic Sunday! Please drop them off before church at the LWML booth at the picnic. Any questions you can call Melodi @ 979-540-0039. Thanks for your support!
- ✠ **Texas Wendish Heritage Society Scholarship Program.** The Texas Wendish Heritage Society (TWHS) appreciates support given to our scholarship program. All Texas Wendish Heritage Scholarship funds are received through fundraising projects and donations. The TWHS scholarship program is available to students of Wendish descent and encourages students to learn more about their Wendish heritage. Applicants must be enrolled in an accredited college, university or trade school for Fall 2022 semester. 2022-2023 scholarship applications will be available beginning April 19th online at texaswendish.org and on the Texas Wendish Facebook Page. The entire process is online and must be submitted digitally by the deadline; 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 15th, 2022. For more information contact the Texas Wendish Heritage Museum at 979-366-2441 or museum@texaswendish.net. In 2021, a total of \$15,000 was awarded in scholarships to thirteen students. **Thanks for your support!**

LUTHERAN HOUR: Next Sunday, May 22nd, **“What the Bible Is For”**. Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Dr. Michael Zeigler outlines five principles to help us better hear what Scripture is saying. (1 Timothy 4:13). 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:

May 15 – Easter V

Don't abortion and physician-assisted suicide call common—or—worse what God the Lord has made precious (Acts 11:9)? And should the transitory sorrows of surprise pregnancy or terminal diagnosis blind us to the joy and hope He has invested in every human being (John 16:21)? May our witness to the sanctity of all human lives begin to wipe away the tears from all eyes (Revelation 21:4) with the Gospel of Christ's salvation!

THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

Today	Worship Service – 8:30 a.m. Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m. 4-H Fried Chicken Dinner
Monday	Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m. All School Award Assembly – 2:00 p.m.
Tuesday	Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m. Circuit Meeting @ Holy Cross, Warda – 9:00 a.m.
Wednesday	Staff Bible Study – 7:30 a.m. School Chapel – 8:30 a.m.
Thursday	Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m. Board of Elder's Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
Friday	Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.
	ECC Rainbow Day
Next Sunday	Worship Service w/Communion – 8:30 a.m. Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m. Acolytes: Kaden Kasper and Brooke Lehmann Sunday School Teacher's Meeting – 10:15 a.m. Pre-K Graduation – 2:00 p.m. School Graduation & Musical – 4:00 p.m.

Birthdays: Today – Keaton Bradford; 17th – Nancy Kasper, William Krause, Lillian Robertson; 18th – Glen Albrecht; 19th – Kim Droegemueller; 20th – Lucille Schatte; 21st – Tillie Zoch. God's Blessings to you.

Serving today: **Elders**– Mark Jones and Steven Schautschick
Organist- Daniel Krause
Acolytes- Ayla Droegemueller and Trey Fritsche
Head Ushers- Donald Becker
Captain- Craig Oltmann **Assistant**- Payton Oltmann
Ushers- Bradley Albrecht, Thomas Birnbaum, Seth Kalbas,
Chase Oltmann, Gary Oltmann, David Michael,
Nathan Michael, Bradly Schautschick, Austin Schmidt,
Benjamin Symm, Sebastian Symm
Counting and Posting offering this week:
Chairman- Rex Perry
John Hinze, Bradley Albrecht, Troy Wiederhold

ST. PAUL NOTES:

Attendance Last Week: Morning Worship- 306, Bible Class- 23, Sunday School- 48, Banner Classes: Nursery I, Nursery II, Grade 1, Grade 2. Offering- \$23.00.

Offering Last Week: \$115,073.56

Home:		Mission:	
General	\$17,429.06	Mission	\$585.00
Thrivent Choice	\$50.00	Lutheran Hour	\$35.00
Sunday School	\$48.00	Lutheran Hour Ministries	\$25.00
Lunch Room	\$1,420.10	Mission Total	\$645.00
ECC Operating	\$8,670.30	Savings/Other:	
ECC Grant	\$68,992.00	School Fund	\$1,065.00
LWML	\$25.00	Cemetery Fund	\$100.00
School Donations	\$400.00	Building Fund	\$1,125.00
School Registration	\$2,450.00	Savings/Other Total	\$2,290.00
Tuition	\$12,654.10		
Received 5/8/2022	\$112,138.56	Total	\$115,073.56
Est. needed per week	\$22,500.00		
Received MTD	\$127,681.31		
Est. needed per month	\$97,500.00		

MEMORIALS: General: In memory of Barbara Symm by Donnie & Bobbie Krause - \$50.00; by Cindy Novak - \$10.00; by Kenneth & Cindy Matthijetz - \$25.00; by Clarence & Gladys Iselt - \$40.00; by Larry & Carol Dube - \$50.00; by Mark & Tricia Krugler - \$40.00; by Wayne & Pam Iselt - \$50.00; by Janiece Becker - \$25.00; by Carl H. Mertink, Jr. - \$25.00; by William & Theresa Krause - \$50.00; by M/M Callan Oltmann - \$25.00; by Karen Symm - \$300.00; by Larry & Jennifer Teinert - \$25.00; by M/M Gilbert Krause - \$25.00; by Marvin & Charlyn Matthijetz - \$40.00; by Carolyn Noack - \$20.00. In memory of Curtis Urban by Linda Jones - \$25.00. **Mission:** In memory of Barbara Symm by Marvin A. Lorenz - \$25.00. **Lutheran Hour:** In memory of Barbara Symm by Edwin, Jr. & Barbara Schmidt - \$35.00. **School Fund:** In memory of Barbara Symm by Michael & Teresa Krause - \$25.00; by Philip, Rose, Courtland & Libbi Tharp - \$50.00; by M/M Larry Schatte - \$50.00; by Mark, Nicole, Wyatt & Dylan Arldt - \$25.00; by Johnny & Maxine Bradshaw - \$30.00; by Franklin & Lorene Hoffman - \$10.00; by Mary Kieschnick - \$25.00; by Susan Cook - \$15.00; by M/M Dennis Iselt - \$100.00; by Paul & Beverly Richter - \$50.00; by Arthur & LaVerne Urban - \$100.00; by M/M Paulie Sanchez - \$25.00; by M/M John Kalbas & Seth - \$100.00; by Anton & Nancy Absnider - \$20.00; by M/M Gary Oltmann & family - \$50.00; by M/M Larry Kalbas - \$100.00; by Jack & Marian Wiederhold - \$50.00; by Mel's Men's Coffee Group - \$140.00. In memory of Mary Katherine Juneau, Joe Schroeder and Barbara Symm by Doug & Mary Jatzlau - \$100.00. **LWML Quilting Group:** In memory of Barbara Symm by Ken & Ruby Weiser - \$25.00. **Lutheran Hour Ministries:** In memory of Curtis Urban by Ken & Ruby Weiser - \$25.00. **ECC Operating:** In memory of Barbara Symm by Jarrett & Stephanie Bise - \$50.00. **Sunday School:** In memory of Barbara Symm by Linda Jones - \$25.00. **School Library:** In memory of Barbara Symm by Elaine Mersiovsky - \$100.00; by Robert & Susan Poulsen - \$50.00; by Friends & family @ Enterprise Center - \$200.00. **Building:** In memory of Barbara Symm by Monroe Becker - \$25.00; by Curtis Oltmann family - \$100.00. **Cemetery Fund:** In memory of Barbara Symm by Ann & Carl Steinbach - \$100.00. **Faith Lutheran High School:** In memory of Walter Noack and Barbara Symm by Craig & Melodi Oltmann & boys - \$200.00. In memory of Barbara Symm by Lucille Schatte, Lynette & Darlene - \$20.00.

Register now for VBS 2022: The Tree of Life- God's Plan for Salvation- June 13th - 17th.

Register for VBS on the church website or on the school facebook page! St. Paul's VBS is for children age 3 - 7th Grade! We have an exciting week planned of learning about how Jesus' cross became the tree of life in which God forgives us and gives us everlasting life! We will have lots of fun activities, sing great songs, have crafts, snacks, and so much more! I hope you can join us!

Volunteer for VBS-June 13th-17th! If you would like to volunteer this Summer for VBS, please contact VBS Director- Krista Rodriguez (979-716-0143). Volunteer meeting for VBS volunteers is Sunday, May 15th following Bible class.



The Voyager Voice

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✠ Check us out on the Internet at www.stpaulserbinschool.org ✠

for the week of May 15-21, 2022

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- May 16...All-School Awards
Assembly – 2:00 PM
- May 18... School Chapel Service
– 8:30 AM
- May 20...School Library Closing
(all books must be returned)
- May 22...Graduation Service (K & 8)
– 4:00 PM
Spring Musical – 5:00 PM
- May 25...Closing Chapel Service
– 8:30 AM
Accelerated Reader Goal
Reward Party
- May 26...8th Gr. Spotlight Assembly
– 2:30 PM
- May 27...Final Day of School
End-of-Year Picnic
@ Camp Lone Star
– 9:00 AM-2:00 PM
Dismissal for Summer
– 2:00 PM
- May 28...PTLS 5K/Kids Color Run
– 8:30 AM
Voyager Alumni Basketball
Game – 12-3 PM
- May 29...Serbin Homecoming Picnic

From the Principal's Desk. . .

I hope you enjoyed our “Voyager Tribal Olympics **FIELD DAY** last Friday as much as the kids did! Thanks for coming out to support the students and staff!

Join us online for the **ALL-SCHOOL AWARDS ASSEMBLY** on **Monday, May 16th beginning at 2:00 PM**. Parents are invited to attend; we'll also broadcast the assembly on Facebook Live for parents and friends to view.

END-OF SCHOOL PICNIC information and participation forms were sent home yesterday with students. **Forms are due Friday, 5/20.**

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

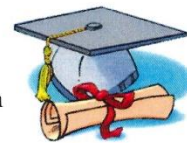
NEWS, NOTES, and HAPPENINGS

AWARDS ASSEMBLY. . .We wish to recognize and celebrate the many accomplishments of our Voyager students this school year by holding a special *All-School Awards Assembly on Monday, May 16th at 2:00 PM* in the gym. We will present a variety of awards to deserving students, including academic, athletic, and participation awards. *Parents are invited to attend this special awards assembly, too.*

We also plan to broadcast the Awards Assembly on Facebook Live and make it available on the St. Paul YouTube page for later viewing by family and friends.



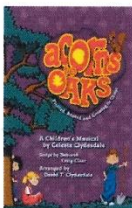
GRADUATION SERVICE. . .The St. Paul Lutheran 8th Grade and Kindergarten Class of 2022 will be honored at their Graduation Service *next Sunday, May 22nd at 4:00 PM* in the church. Diplomas will be distributed at that time to our nine graduating 8th graders and 11 Kindergarteners. All members of St. Paul Lutheran Church, parents, relatives, and friends of the graduates are invited to join us for the service as we wish the graduates the Lord's richest blessings on their future schooling!



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



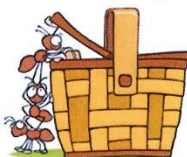
SPRING MUSICAL. . .will be performed *next Sunday, May 22nd* in the gym following the 4:00 PM Graduation Service. This year's musical entitled “*Acorns to Oaks*”, is a delightful and creative adaptation of the Parable of the Seed and the Sower teaches kids that best way to produce the fruit God desires in their lives is to plan their roots firmly in God's Word. Mark the date on your calendars now, invite your relatives and friends, and plan to attend.

HOT LUNCH FINALE. . .We have a total of **9 hot lunch days** remaining in the 2022-23 school year. Please check your lunch account on FACTS and make sure your payments are “up-to-date” for this school year. And, thanks for your participation in our Hot Lunch program this year!

LIBRARY CLOSING. . .Next week is the final week the St. Paul Library will be open for the 2021-22 school year. The final day to check out books was today, May 13th; and ***all library books must be returned next Friday, May 20th***. Now’s a great time to check around the house, under the bed, in book bags, desks, and lockers for unreturned books. Please help Mrs. Kalbas complete her work by returning your books promptly. Remember, fines will be assessed and report cards withheld if your child has overdue books at year’s end.



SCHOOL PICNIC. . .Once again this year, we will hold our St. Paul Lutheran End-of-School Picnic on ***Friday, May 27th at Camp Lone Star beginning at 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM.*** The Board of Education will grill hamburgers for all kids and adults. Yesterday, an ***Information Letter*** was sent home with each student. Attached to this letter were ***two important forms:*** the ***Picnic Participation Form*** and the ***LOMT Liability Waiver Form.*** Both forms are required of all students and parents who wish to attend. These form ***must be returned to the school office no later than next Friday, May 20th.*** Parents, please remember—all adults attending ***must pay the \$10 day use fee*** and complete the permission waiver, too! All SPS families are encouraged to attend and share in the good food and fellowship of the day!



PICNIC TRANSPORTATION. . .It’s vital that we know in advance your plans for transporting your child to and from the End-of-Year Picnic at Camp Lone Star on May 27th. ***Please choose your options*** on the Picnic Participation Form and return the forms to the school office by next Friday, May 20th. Keep in mind—the school bus will be running regular pick-up route in the morning; afternoon routes will bring students home beginning around 2:30 PM (about an hour earlier than normal).

PSIA STATE RESULTS. . .Congratulations to the following SPS students who placed at last weekend’s PSIA State competition in Ft. Worth:

Evelyn Williams (8) – 2nd Place – Art Memory
Sharron Adair (8) – 2nd Place – Information Skills
Caitlyn Grange (8) – 6th Place – Modern Oratory
Grant Oltmann (7) – 8th Place – Number Sense
Ayla Droegemueller (8) – 10th Place – Number Sense
Trenton Grange (5) – 8th Place – Vocabulary



Again, congratulations to all our state qualifiers and to all those students who participated in PSIA this school year!

5K/KID’S COLOR RUN. . .The 8th annual St. Paul-Serbin 5K/Kid’s Color Run is quickly approaching on Saturday, May 28th. Profits from this annual event will go to support the educational programs of St. Paul Lutheran. Walk or run, sign up for fun or competition. Prizes will be awarded by gender in 7 different age groups. Individuals can register by completing the information on the flyer attached to the newsletter email (available on website, too) and return to Karla Hinze at the address indicated or by clicking on the link below:



<https://personalbestevents.raceentry.com/serbin-voyagers-5kkids-k/race-information>

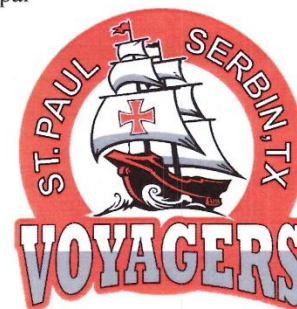
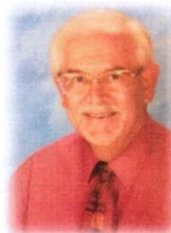
It’s not too late to sign up to participated—but do so today! Questions?—contact Karla at kjsurman@hotmail.com.

NEW ENROLLMENTS. . . Applications are available for new families who wish to enroll for the first time at St. Paul Lutheran School in the 2022-23 school year. Several new families have toured our school and expressed interest in enrollment. If you have a friend, relative, or neighbor who desires a quality, Christian education for their child, pass this word along and encourage them to enroll at SPS.

CHAPEL OFFERING PROJECT
Our weekly chapel offerings for the final trimester will go to support the ministry of The Lutheran Confessional Church of Pakistan and Pastor Jay Dass, his wife Julie, and Pastor Soren Trifa. These servants work in Romania and Pakistan to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the Muslim population of those countries. To date, we’ve ***collected \$432.81*** for the project. Remember your chapel offerings every Wednesday in support of the LCCP.



HAVE A GREAT WEEK! . .Only two weeks remaining before summer vacation begins! Let’s finish the school year strong as we continue to model our Lord Jesus by serving and loving one another! Have a great weekend, and be safe and healthy in service to the Lord!
Your partner in Christ,
James L. House,
Principal





Graduation

Graduation for the second class of Faith Lutheran High School will be Saturday, May 28th at 1:30 pm at Holy Cross Lutheran Church. Congratulations to Valedictorian - Benjamin Meyer and Salutatorian - Nichole Jakobeit. Please join us as we celebrate all our seniors and celebrate their accomplishments.

Youth Camps

Summer camps are back! We are excited to offer a variety of camps for youth this summer. Ages are for grades NEXT school year.

June 1 - Frog Dissection - Grade 6 to 8 - \$15

June 6-8 - Volleyball - Grade 3 to 8 - \$15

June 13-15 - Basketball - Grades K to 8 - \$15

June 20-22 - STEM Camp - Grades K to 6 - \$ 30

June 27-29 - Art Camp - Grades K to 6 - \$30

Aug 1-2 - Archery - Grade 4 to 8 - \$15

Please visit our website or Facebook page for more information! Don't wait --- Sign up today!! Space is limited!

Free Wednesday mornings?

Join us for our weekly Chapel Worship Service every Wednesday, beginning at 10:30 am. Pastor Robert Tiner, from Immanuel Giddings will be leading us this week!

New Student Registration

Registration for the 2022-2023 school year is underway. We already have new students enrolled and would love to welcome you into our Falcon family as well. Call us at (979) 242-2889 to schedule a shadow day or visit our website at www.flhstx.org for registration information.

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.

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. In the past two years, FLHS has received over \$400 from this program. Thank you!