

St. Paul Lutheran Church

Serbin, Texas



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The Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 22, 2022

Welcome! We Pray to the Father in Jesus' Name. "In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world" (John 16:33). Jesus has opened the way to the Father so that "whatever you ask of the Father" in Jesus' name, "he will give it to you" (John 16:23). We pray, therefore, in the confidence that we will be heard and answered, that our "joy may be full" (John 16:24). We pray because the Gospel has been preached to us and the Lord has opened our hearts to believe the Gospel (Acts 16:10, 14). We pray in the name of Jesus because we have been baptized into Him, as Lydia and her household were baptized (Acts 16:15). We have been healed, and we live and walk and pray in newness of life (John 5:8-9). For we stand upon the firm foundation "of the twelve apostles of the Lamb" (Rev. 21:14), and our temple is "the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb" (Rev. 21:22).

We invite you all to worship with us again.

In Our Prayers:

Those recovering from surgeries and illness:

Chris Birnbaum-surgery
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-recovering
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

Prayer of Thanksgiving:

Dustin Faske

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— 184 of the hymnal

The Hymns: 826, 556, 781 v. 1&2, 672, 588

Sermon Text: John 16:23

The Sermon: **“How Are You Asking?”**

- † **The Altar flowers** are placed to the glory of God in honor of Lucille Schatte’s 90th birthday by her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.
- † **The Altar stand flowers (Correction from 5-6 Bulletin)** are placed to the glory of God in loving memory of my wife, Barbara Symm, by Michael Symm, and in loving memory of mom, Barbara Symm, by Andrea, Jordan, Holden and Kamdyn Goedrich, Erica, Stephen, Lukas and Cora Iselt, and Tim and Stephanie Symm.
- † **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!
- † **Serbin Jackrabbit Baseball.** The Jackrabbits baseball season begins today. A schedule of the games is included in the bulletin this morning.
- † **Community League Baseball** – The Serbin Jackrabbits will play Schulenburg at Schulenburg. Time for the game is 3:00 p.m. Next Sunday, May 29th Serbin will play Weimar at Serbin. **Time for this game is 2:00 p.m.**
- † **LWML Quilting Group.** The Serbin Quilting Group is in need of people who can sew and help with putting quilts together. We meet the 1st Wednesday & 3rd Wednesday of the month at 9:00 a.m. in the church meeting room. They are in need of good used sheets & fabric.
- † **Orphan Grain Train.** There is a box in the church meeting room for Orphan Grain Train. They are in need of good used clothes (all sizes), and toys. If you have questions, please feel free to call Dorothy Schautschick at 979-716-0094.
- † **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!**
- † **Scrip Program.** Gift Cards make wonderful gifts for Graduation. You can do it all with a Scrip Card. Order them through the Church’s Scrip Program. Orders can be placed through the Church Office or you can go online and order your cards. We also have some Walmart and HEB cards on hand in the Church Office.

† **Our Vacation Bible School** snack team has lots of fun and delicious snacks planned for this years' The Tree of Life! We need your help in providing some of the snacks for the kids and volunteers. A snack sign- up poster will be out front of church each Sunday and online via the church website. You can drop your items off at the church office the week before, at church on Sunday, June 12 or on the first day of VBS, Monday, June 13. Any questions can be directed to Kalen Kalbas-Snacks Coordinator (979-540-0370).

LUTHERAN HOUR: Next Sunday, May 29th, **“Imagine That!”** Guest Speaker: Dr. Dean Nadasdy. Dr. Dean Nadasdy reflects on five images from the Book of Revelation and shows how God’s Word plus faith and imagination equals hope. (Revelation 22:1-7). 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 22 – Easter VI

Will euthanasia “let the peoples praise you, O God”? Does embryo experimentation “let all the peoples praise you” (Psalm 67:3)? If the heavenly city’s structures have the brilliance of gemstones (Revelation 21), what inestimable value resides in the human bodies whom the Lamb has written into His book of life by creating, redeeming, and calling them each? Our witness to the sanctity of life may bring tribulation, but His grace alone has overcome it already (John 16:33).

THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

Today	Worship Service – 8:30 a.m. Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m. Sunday School Teachers Meeting – 10:15 a.m. Community League Baseball – Serbin v. Schulenburg – 3:00 p.m. @ Schulenburg PK Graduation – 2:00 p.m. School Graduation & Musical – 4:00 p.m.
Monday	Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.
Tuesday	Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.
Wednesday	Staff Bible Study – 7:30 a.m. Closing Chapel Service – 8:30 a.m.
Thursday	Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m. 8 th Grade “Spotlight” Assembly – 2:30 p.m. Ascension Day Service w/Communion – 7:00 p.m. Acolytes: Grant Oltmann and Brandon Burgdorf
Friday	End-of-School Year Picnic & Fellowship – 9:00 a.m.
Sunday	PTLS 5K – Kids K Run
Next Sunday	Worship Service – 8:30 a.m. Sunday School – 9:30 a.m. Acolytes: Benjamin Schonhoeft and Emma Short 128TH SERBIN HOMECOMING PICNIC

Birthdays: Today – Katherine Beeman, Lindsay Maass; 23rd – Elaine Mersiovsky; 25th – Louis Doebller, Helen Gonzales; 26th – Debra Hartfield, Emerson Weise; 28th – Macy Sommerfield. God’s Blessings to you.

Serving today: **Elders**– Mark Jones and Steven Schautschick
Organist- Susan Michael
Acolytes- Kaden Kasper and Brooke Lehmann
Head Ushers- Craig Oltmann
Captain- Payton Oltmann **Assistant**- Shelby Becker
Ushers- Bradley Albrecht, Thomas Birnbaum, Seth Kalbas, Chase Oltmann,
Gary Oltmann, David Michael, Nathan Michael, Bradly Schautschick,
Austin Schmidt, Benjamin Symm, Sebastian Synm
Counting and Posting offering this week:
Chairman- Glen Albrecht
Pablo Rodriguez, Tommy Miertschin, Brooks Kasper

ST. PAUL NOTES:

Attendance Last Week: Morning Worship- 226, Communion- 111, Bible Class-24; Sunday School- 18. Offering- \$10.50.

Offering Last Week: \$22,083.03

Home:		Mission:	
General	\$11,877.92	Mission	\$440.00
Sunday School	\$10.50	Mission Total	\$440.00
Lunch Room	\$308.75	Savings/Other:	
ECC Operating	\$2,709.26	School Fund	\$275.00
LWML Quilting	\$40.00	Building Fund	\$125.00
School Library	\$550.00	Savings/Other Total	\$400.00
School Registration	\$1,600.00		
Tuition	\$4,146.60	Total	\$22,083.03
Received 5/15/2022	\$21,243.03		
Est. needed per week	\$22,500.00		
Received MTD	\$148,924.34		
Est. needed per month	\$97,500.00		

MEMORIALS: General: In memory of Dena Luedke Kuhlmann's birthday by the Mitschke family - \$500.00. **School Fund:** In memory of Barbara Symm by Steven & Janice Schulze - \$250.00; by M/M Herbert Zoch - \$25.00. **School Library:** In memory of Barbara Symm by Kyle, Laurie & Kaden Kasper - \$50.00; by Joseph & Kalen Kalbas & family - \$500.00. **Building:** In memory of Jim Tobola by Alton Weiser and Michele Muniz - \$25.00. In memory of Curtis Urban by the Curtis Oltmann family - \$100.00. **LWML Quilting Group:** In memory of Barbara Symm by M/M Delvin Boriack - \$20.00. In honor of Pam Krause for 40 years teaching - \$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 22-28, 2022

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Sunday...Graduation Service (K & 8)
– 4:00 PM
Spring Musical (immediately following Graduation)
- May 25...Closing Chapel Service
– 8:30 AM
AR Rewards Party @
Gatti's – 11:00 AM
- 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
– K-8 students sing @ 2 PM
- June 14-18...Vacation Bible School
– 8:15-11:15 AM
- Aug. 1...First Tuition Payment due
for 2022-23 school year
(10-month payment option)

From the Principal's Desk. . .

FINAL NEWSLETTER. . . This is the final Voyager View newsletter of the 2021-22 school year. I hope you've received your email copy with the various attachments each week and that you've found them informative. Thanks for reading the newsletters faithfully, and look for them again next year.



Check out the updates for next week's events as well as information on various end-of-school year and summer activities!

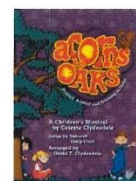
Have a great final week in service to the Lord!
~ Jim House, Principal

NEWS, NOTES, and HAPPENINGS

GRADUATION SERVICE. . . The St. Paul Lutheran 8th Grade and Kindergarten Classes of 2022 will be honored at their Graduation Service **this 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!



SPRING MUSICAL. . . Our 2022 spring musical, “*Acorns to Oaks*”, will be performed **this afternoon, May 22nd** in the gym following the 4:00 PM Graduation Service. This year's musical is a delightful and creative adaptation of the Parable of the Seed and the Sower that teaches kids the best way to produce the fruit God desires in their lives is to plan their roots firmly in God's Word. Invite your relatives and friends, and join us Sunday afternoon!



Remember, students should arrive in their classrooms no later than 5:00 PM to ready themselves for the performance!

FINAL DAY OF SCHOOL. . . **next Friday (May 27th)** is the final day of school for the 2021-22 school year. Classes will be **dismissed at 2:00 PM** for the summer at the conclusion of the End-of-School Picnic at Camp Lone Star. The afternoon bus routes will be available that day to take regular riders home; times will be adjusted to accommodate the earlier dismissal time. All students returning to school from Camp Lone Star **should be picked up from school no later than 2:30 PM.**

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

HOT LUNCH FINALE. . .We have a total of *4 hot lunch days* remaining in the 2021-22 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!

CLOSING CHAPEL SERVICE. . .will be held *next Wednesday, May 25th at 8:30 AM* in the church as we close our 2021-22 academic year in the name of our Triune God.

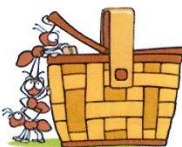
CHAPEL OFFERING PROJECT. . .Our chapel offerings during May have been in support of The Lutheran Confessional Church of Pakistan and its work of spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ. To date, we’ve *collected \$432.81* for the project. Next Wednesday is our final offering for the year. Remember your chapel offerings as we hopefully reach our \$400 goal.



SPOTLIGHT ASSEMBLY. . .The underclassmen and faculty of SPS wish to honor our 2022 Graduates (as well as have a little good-hearted, last-minute fun with them) *next Thursday, May 26th at 2:30 PM* as we hold our 8th Grade “Spotlight” Assembly in the gym. Come join us as we honor these special students and recognize their many accomplishments during their years at St. Paul Lutheran School.



SCHOOL PICNIC. . .We’re looking forward to closing out the 2021-22 school year by holding our St. Paul Lutheran End-of-School Picnic *next 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. Today was the deadline to return your *Picnic Participation Forms* and *LOMT Liability Waiver Form*. Remember, *no student or adult will be allowed to participate in picnic activities without these forms on file.* Also, parents attending the picnic should also include payment of their \$10.00 camp activity fee along with submission of these forms. If you forgot to return your form by today’s deadline, do so without fail on Monday!



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

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



SERBIN PICNIC VOLUNTEERS Attention all parent who volunteered to work the PTLS Game Stand at the upcoming Serbin Homecoming Picnic on May 29th—your work schedule is available on the school website under the PTLS tab (a copy is also attached to today’s newsletter email). If you have any questions concerning the schedule, contact Tina Sommerfield at 713-304-7059. Volunteers are still needed—if you can help, contact Tina.

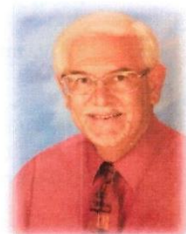
STUDENT TO SING. . .Keep in mind that our Voyager K-8 students will provide entertainment at the Serbin Picnic on May 29th. Students should *assemble at the pavilion to sing at 2:00 PM.* See you then!

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.

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS. . .The St. Paul Lutheran School office will be open *Monday through Friday from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM* through the month of June (closed on holidays). Watch the church bulletin and website for office hours in July. If you have any special summer needs or questions, be sure to give us a call or stop by—we’ll be around!



HAVE A HAPPY SUMMER. . . . Our wish for you at the close of the school year is that you have a very happy, safe, healthy, and Christ-filled summer vacation. For those members of our school family—students, parents, and faculty—who will not be returning to St. Paul Lutheran in August, may the Lord continue to bless you and keep you safe in His loving arms as we continue to carry out Jesus’ call to each of us to follow & serve him and be his witnesses, ever trusting in our Loving God, as we **“FOLLOW JESUS”!**



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!