

St. Paul Lutheran Church

Serbin, Texas



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The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 28, 2022

Welcome! We Are Humbled and Exalted by the Cross of Christ. “Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled,” Jesus proclaims, but “he who humbles himself will be exalted” (Luke 14:11). For your hope is in the name of the Lord, who humbled Himself unto death on the cross and was exalted in His resurrection. So, are you humbled by His cross, and “at the resurrection of the just,” He will say to you, “Friend, move up higher” (Luke 14:10, 13–14)? By His grace, the King will honor you “in the presence of a noble,” where your eyes will gaze upon the Prince, His dearly beloved Son (Prov. 25:7). As He has dealt so graciously with you, “do not neglect to do good and to share what you have” (Heb. 13:16), and “do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers” (Heb. 13:2). Humble yourself and exalt your neighbor

We invite you all to worship with us again.

In Our Prayers:

Those recovering from surgeries and illness:

Gary D. Becker-recovering

Hudson Corn-recovering

Donnie Garrett-hospitalized (friend of Jamie Jordan)

Bonnie Johnson-hospitalized (friend of Billie and Eva Kieschnick)

Gladys Karisch

Ludwig Krause-recovering

Hildegard Krause

Theresa Krause

Chris Miertschin

Shannon Miertschin

Irene Noack-recovering

Zelda Richards-recovering

Melvin Schulze-recovering

Greg Sorrento-recovering (nephew of Doris Fritsche)

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

Alton Weiser-recovering

Laverne Weiser

Conway Whited (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

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)

Jack Pennington (brother-in-law of Marvin & Charlyn Matthijetz)

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

Those who mourn:

The family of Matt Rumuly (friend of Billy and Theresa 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— 184 of the hymnal
The Hymns: 592, 842, 781 v. 1&2, 685, 907
Sermon Text: Luke 14:1-14
The Sermon: **“Humble Service”**

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

Rory Elizabeth Schatte

Rory is the daughter of Erich and Kelsey Schatte.

Her baptismal sponsors are Meghan Cooper, Cody Mertink, Kari Stewart and her baptismal witness is Wyatt Pearson

- ✠ **The Altar flowers** are placed to the glory of God in honor of Suzzet Engler’s birthday by Billy, Eva Jo, Randy, Jill and Adam.
- ✠ **The Altar Stand flowers** are placed to the glory of God by Billy and Theresa Krause for their 35th wedding anniversary.
- ✠ **Altar Flowers** are needed for Sunday, September 4 and Sunday September 11. If you would like to place flowers on either of these Sunday’s, please contact Dorothy Schautschick at 716-0094.
- ✠ **September Calendar.** The September Calendar is available from the ushers this morning and can also be picked up in the church office.
- ✠ **Minutes of the Special Called Voter’s Meeting.** The minutes of the Special Called Voter’s Meeting that was held on Sunday, August 21st are included in the bulletin this morning.
- ✠ **Adult Choir Practice Begins.** Adult Choir practice will resume **Wednesday, September 7th** at 7:00 p.m. in the church under the direction of Susan Michael. New voices are very welcome. Use your gifts to praise our faithful God.
- ✠ **Fried Chicken Dinner:** The St. Paul Lutheran Church Adult Fellowship in Serbin are having their 25th annual fried chicken dinner on Sunday, September 11th from 10:00-12:00 at the Serbin Picnic Grounds. Preorders are preferred and all to-go plates will be sold for \$12.00. If you would like to order plates, please contact Susan Michael at 540-0854 or Sharon Claxton at 540-7154 by September 5th. All proceeds will be going toward future church/school projects. Thank You!
- ✠ **WENDISH FEST:** The 34th Annual Wendish Fest will be hosted by St. Paul Lutheran Church and the Texas Wendish Heritage Society on Sunday, September 25, 2022 at Serbin, Texas. The day will offer lots of Wendish history, heritage, culture and family activities at the St. Paul Picnic Grounds. The traditional Wendish noon meal will be available at 10:30 for \$12 and children \$6. To-Go and drive-thru will also be available at 9:30 – all take-out meals are \$12. Make plans to attend this annual event. For more information contact 979-366-2441 or museum@texaswendish.org or www.texaswendish.org.

LUTHERAN HOUR: Next Sunday, September 4th, **“Count the Cost”**. Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Jesus offers a gracious buyout, even as He speaks of counting the cost of following Him. (Luke 14:25-35). 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.

Serving today: **Elders**— Mark Jones and Steven Schautschick
Organist- Susan Michael
Acolytes- Malynda Schautschick and Rachel Schautschick
Head Ushers- Donald Becker
Captain- Michael Becker **Assistant**- Shelby Becker
Ushers- Glen Albrecht, Wyatt Arldt, Virgil Becker,
Jace Heuermann, Clay Mertink, Cody Mertink,
Cole Mertink, Ethan Ray, Shane Ray,
Shane Sander, Robert Zoch
Counting and Posting offering this week:
Chairman- Glen Albrecht
Ty Kasper, Carson Becker, Nathan Michael

THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

Today **Worship Service – 8:30 a.m.**
 Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.
 Sunday School Teacher’s 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.

Thursday Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.

Friday Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.

Picture Day

Next Sunday **Worship Service w/ Communion – 8:30 a.m.**
 Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.
 Acolytes: Gabriel Bailey and Kaden Kasper

Birthdays: Today – MaKayla Miertschin, Kayla Weddle; 29th Raymond Arldt, Erich Schatte, Steely Schatte, Steven Schautschick; 30th – Carolyn Noack, Rex Perry, Adele Sherk; 31st – Heather Perry, Pablo Rodriguez, Jr.; 1st – Willard Albrecht, Gracelyn Kalbas, Herbert Roeber, Shianne Sander; 3rd – Stella Jackson. God’s Blessings to you.

ST. PAUL NOTES:

Attendance Last Week: Morning Worship- 278, Communion- 124, Sunday School- 41, Banner Classes: Grade 1 and Grade 4, Offering- \$25.00.

Offering Last Week: \$37,705.49

Home:		Mission:	
General	\$7,564.06	Mission	\$455.00
Sunday School	\$25.00	Lutheran Hour	\$35.00
Lunch Room	\$3,140.50	Mission Total	\$490.00
ECC Operating	\$5,361.18	Savings/Other:	
School Registration	\$325.00	Building Fund	\$87.25
Tuition	\$17,300.00	Bus Replacement Fund	\$3,412.50
Received 8/21/2022	\$33,715.74	Savings/Other Total	\$3,499.75
Est. needed per week	\$22,500.00	Total	\$37,705.49
Received MTD	\$77,994.87		
Est. needed per month	\$97,500.00		

MEMORIALS: General: In memory of Van Durrenberger by Rodney & Suzy Zoch - \$25.00; by Teresa Siegler Muniz - \$25.00; by Raymond & Ann Kipp - \$25.00; by Biebas family - \$100.00; by Ernest Farrack - \$25.00; by Stephen & Nancy Kasper - \$100.00; by Ginger & Aaron Drager - \$50.00; by Linda Jones - \$25.00. In memory of Kenneth Lorenz by Rodney & Suzy Zoch - \$25.00. In memory of Louis Muniz, Jr. by Calvin & Ina Mitschke - \$150.00. In memory of Clarence Mitschke by Carolyn Noack - \$20.00; by Arthur & LaVerne Urban - \$100.00. **Lutheran Hour:** In memory of Van Durrenberger by Edwin Jr., and Barbara Schmidt - \$35.00. **Mission:** In memory of Van Durrenberger by Marvin Lorenz - \$25.00. **Building:** In memory of Van Durrenberger by Janiece Becker \$25.00; by Jack & Marian Wiederhold - \$50.00.

Life Through the Church Year:

Pentecost XII

“It is the glory of God to conceal things:” (Proverbs 25:2), like the sanctity of life hidden behind surprise pregnancy or terminal diagnosis. “The glory of Kings is to search things out,” like the sanctity of life beheld in embryo and elderly ones. Our own souls embody little children (Psalm 131:2), and angels inhabit the needs of strangers (Hebrews 13:2). If rescuing pets brings relief (Like 14:5), what rejoicing will be ours in defending our endangered neighbors?



Great Start to the School Year

We have had a great start to the school year! We love having our students back on campus and pray that their education and faith may grow abundantly this year! Registration remains on-going. Call us today - (979) 242-2889!

Camp Lone Star Retreat

FLHS students will be traveling to Camp Lone Star this coming week. We are looking forward to two days of challenge courses, Bible Study and learning about building up the body of Christ. We are thankful for this opportunity to grow together as a Falcon family!

Thank You!

Thank you for all the prayers and support you have offered on behalf of FLHS. As we prepare to begin another year, we are thankful for each of you who faithfully pray and support the ministry God has created at FLHS. Thank you, on behalf of the students who will be instilled with wisdom as they become faithful leaders tomorrow, for your generous support!

Free Wednesday mornings?

Join us for our weekly Chapel Worship Service every Wednesday, beginning at 10:30 am.

Oktoberfest

FLHS will be hosting a family friendly event on Saturday, October 22nd at the Holy Cross Picnic grounds. **New this year will be - The Battle of the Brew** - a home brew competition. Returning will be our traditional German meal, domino tournament, cornhole tournament, music, kids games, and lots of fun!

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

for the week of August 28 - September 3, 2022

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Aug. 29...VB & FB practices
- Aug. 30...VB & FB games (Away)
@ Grace-Brenham
– 2:00 & 4:00 PM
- Aug. 31...School Chapel Service
– 8:30 AM
Cheer practice – 3:30 PM
- Sept. 1...VB & FB games (Away)
@ St. Paul-Brenham
– 4:00 & 5:30 PM
- Sept. 2...Mid-Term (2 Weeks)
School Picture Day
- Sept. 5...Labor Day – **NO SCHOOL**
- Sept. 7...Deadline for P.S.I.A. Entry
Forms
Health Screening Day
9:00 AM to 12 PM
- Sept. 9...“Donuts with Dads”
Fellowship – 7:15-8:00 AM
- Sept. 12...Campus Lockdown Drill
9:15 AM

The Voyager Voice

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Our Mission

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

From the Principal's Desk. . .

We're 8 days into the 2022-23 school year and off to a great start! We're blessed with lots of healthy kids and staff learning and growing daily in the love of Jesus.

Thanks for being part of our school family through your prayers and support. Join us this week for chapel and our away sporting events.

School Picture Day is schedule for Friday! Get your smiles ready!

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

NEWS, NOTES, and HAPPENINGS

SCHOOL PICTURE DAY...is scheduled for *next Friday, Sept. 2nd* beginning at 8:15 AM. Sibling portraits will be taken at 8:15 AM; groups and individual school pictures will be taken beginning at 9:45 AM. Remember, all students will be photographed free of charge. Parents can view individual portrait and group picture proofs online at www.mrdabbs.com later in September at which time you'll have the opportunity to purchase pictures from the proofs. Hey kids! Start practicing those smiles in preparation for School Picture Day next Friday!



VOYAGER ATHLETICS...Our Voyager Fall Sports season got off to a great start last week—both the JV VB Girls and JV FB Boys teams won their opening games vs. 1st Bapt-Brenham. Our teams see action next week:

- On *Tuesday, Aug. 30th*, our teams play away games @ *Grace-Brenham*—*Girls VB* (JV & Varsity combined teams) play at *3:00 PM*; *Boys FB* (Varsity 6-7-8) play at *4:00 PM*.
- On *Thursday, Sept. 1st*, the *JV VB team* travels to Brenham to take on *St. Paul-Brenham* @ *4:00 PM* (at St. Mary's Catholic gym); the *JV FB team* will play @ *St. Paul-Brenham* @ *5:30 PM* (at Hoblt Park).

Check the Calendar of Events for practice and game times each week. And, check the website for future home and away games in September. Plan to come cheer our teams' efforts this season.

THEME SHIRT ORDER FORMS...Parents, the sizing order forms for this year's School Theme T-shirts were sent home last Friday (also attached to newsletter email). Please complete your child's order form and return it to school by next Friday, Sept. 2nd. We hope to place orders then!

PSIA NEWS. . .We are pleased to offer our Voyager students the opportunity to participate in PSIA again this school year. The Private School Interscholastic Association (PSIA) gives private school students from across the state of Texas the chance to compete in a variety of academic contests. Students in grades K-8 can participate. **Event Entry Forms** and additional information were distributed earlier this week at classroom meetings. We hope that your child will participate in PSIA this year. Remember, **all entry forms must be returned by Wednesday, Sept. 7th.** This year's district meet will be held on March 24th in Giddings; the State Meet will be held in May at TCU in Fort Worth. If you have any questions about this information or your child's involvement in PSIA, contact Mrs. Bradshaw, our PSIA coordinator.



OFFERING PROJECT. . .Our first 12-weeks Chapel offering project is supporting the Samaritan Purse **"Operation Christmas Child" project.** To date, we've **collected \$96.50** for the project which provides a shoebox gift and the Gospel of Jesus to children around the world at Christmas. Remember your chapel offerings next Wednesday and contribute generously in support of this worthy project.



We're also **collecting various school supplies** for our OCC Shoebox project. We encourage you to bring donations of the following items to the collection cart in the gym:

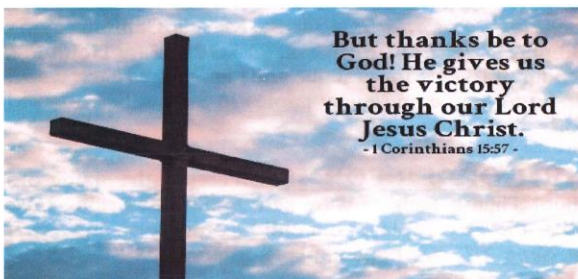
- **crayons (box of 24)** • **colored markers (set of 10)** • **colored pencils**
- **index cards** • **glue sticks** • **scotch tape** • **pink eraser**

Take advantage of the "back-to-school" sales (Wal-Mart has reduced prices right now) and purchase these items now for donation. Help make our OCC Shoebox project a success this year!

HEALTH SCREENING. . .for St. Paul students will be conducted on **Wednesday, Sept. 7th beginning at 9:00 AM.** All students in K-8 will be given vision tests. Students in grades K, 1, 3, 5, & 7 will receive hearing tests. If your child wears glasses, please make sure they bring their glasses to school with them on Tuesday. Thanks.



TRACKY STAMPS ON SALE. . . Remember to bring your dollars **every Wednesday morning** to purchase Tracky Stamps. Buying stamps (each stamp costs \$1.00) helps the Texas District Church Extension Fund build and support new churches and schools throughout our district. What better way can you begin the lifelong habit of saving and support the spread of the Gospel, too! Buy your stamps next week!



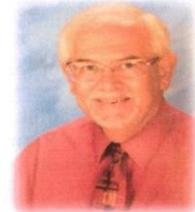
CHECK US OUT ON FACEBOOK. . .Each week, we post pictures and other items from life at St. Paul Lutheran-Serbin on our Facebook page. Be sure to "Like Us" and "Share Us" with your family and friends, getting the word out about our school program!



EASY FUND RAISERS. . .Keep saving those Coke Rewards **bottle caps** and **"Sip & Scan" product codes**, General Mills "Box Tops for Education", and Tyson Project A+ labels for St. Paul Lutheran. Collectible items can be brought to the school office each week. Your yearlong support of our "Easy Fund Raisers" is greatly appreciated!



OFF TO A GREAT START! . .I'm glad you're part of the St. Paul Lutheran school family this year. If I can be of any service to you throughout the year, feel free to stop by my office or call for an appointment.



Your partner in Christ,
James L. House,
Principal

