

St. Paul Lutheran Church

Serbin, Texas



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The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 11, 2022

Welcome! *Jesus Christ Is the Great Shepherd of His Sheep.* “The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners” (1 Tim. 1:15). As He had mercy on Paul, in order to “display his perfect patience” (1 Tim. 1:16), so also does He seek out His sheep “from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness” (Ezek. 34:12). To deliver His flock, He “will seek the lost, ... bring back the strayed, ... bind up the injured, and ... strengthen the weak” (Ezek. 34:16), and “they shall no longer be a prey” (Ezek. 34:22). He sets over them one great Good Shepherd, the Son of David, who “shall feed them and be their shepherd” (Ezek. 34:23). For Christ Jesus is the one man who, “having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them,” would “leave the ninety-nine in the open country, and go after the one that is lost, until he finds it” (Luke 15:4). When He finds the lost one and brings it home rejoicing, “the angels of God” and all the company of heaven rejoice with Him, with great joy (Luke 15:7, 10). We invite you all to worship with us again.

In Our Prayers:

Those recovering from surgeries and illness:

Gary D. Becker-recovering
Barbara Birnbaum-recovering (mother of Chris Birnbaum)
Hudson Corn-recovering
Louis Doebbler-recovering
Donnie Garrett-hospitalized (friend of Jamie Jordan)
Gladys Karisch
Ludwig Krause-recovering
Hildegard Krause
Theresa Krause-recovering
Chris Miertschin
Shannon Miertschin
Irene Noack
Zelda Richards-recovering
Melvin Schulze
Greg Sorrento-recovering (nephew of Doris Fritsche)
Cindy Umphries-recovering (friend of James & Kathy Kalbas)
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)
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)
Rhonda Mitschke (friend of Christi Fritsche)
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 Joyce Bise
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: 710, 609, 781 v. 1&2, 744, 740

Sermon Text: Luke 15:1-10

The Sermon: **“Found In Christ”**

- † **The Altar flowers** are placed to the glory of God in honor of Judy Kalbas for her 70th birthday by Aaron & Pam Kalbas, Joseph & Kalen Kalbas, Jordan & Lacey Kalbas and her 12 grandchildren
- † **The Altar Side Stand and Window flowers** are placed to the glory of God from the Joyce Bise funeral.
- † **Thank You.** We would like to thank everyone for your prayers, visits, memorials, cards and phone calls at the passing of our beloved wife and mother Joyce Bise. Special thank you to Pastor Schmidt for his many visits during her illness and beautiful funeral message, to Jack Wiederhold for providing the music at the service. We are thankful for the delicious luncheon arranged by the LWML, the ladies who served, and for all who provided the food.
The family of Joyce Bise
- † **Portals of Prayer.** The October-December Portals of Prayer are available from the ushers this morning and can be picked up in the church office.
- † **Fried Chicken Dinner:** Just a reminder to pick up your fried chicken dinner plates from the St. Paul Lutheran Church Adult Fellowship today at the Serbin Picnic Grounds from 10:00-12:00. Thank you for your support!
- † **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 @ Serbin, Texas. Guest speaker for the 8:30 English Church Service and the 10:30 German Church Service will be Rev. Michael Newman, President, Texas District LCMS; Rev. John Schmidt, St. Paul Serbin (English Liturgy) and Rev. Thomas Obersat of Ebenezer Manheim (German Liturgy). Church tours will be offered @ 12:30 & 1:30p.m. The day will offer lots of Wendish history, heritage, culture and family activities @ the St. Paul Picnic Grounds. Tickets for the traditional Wendish noon meal will go on sale at 10:30 a.m. Adults are \$12 and children \$6. To-Go and drive-thru will also be available at 9:30 – all take-out meals are \$12. The joy of polka music will be shared throughout the day by The Shiner Hobo Band, and students of St. Paul Lutheran School will present *Ptači Kwas* (Wendish Bird Wedding). The Texas Wendish Heritage Museum Complex will feature Wendish folkways, demonstrations and exhibits, a German Christmas Market and the traditional decorated Wendish Easter Egg demonstrations and sales. Research and genealogy assistance will be available. This year we are celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Texas Wendish Heritage Society so people are encouraged to wear their sunbonnets or hats! Wendish Fest is made possible through the work of many volunteers. We appreciate each and every one! For information contact 979-366-2441 or museum@texaswendish.org or www.texaswendish.org
- † **DESSERTS NEEDED FOR WENDISH FEST:** Wendish Fest attendees really appreciate having desserts available to them during Wendish Fest. All desserts donated by volunteers are greatly appreciated. Those who wish to provide a dessert are asked to bring them uncut, to the pavilion on Sunday morning by 8:30 a.m. Desserts can also be dropped at the museum the day before. Thank you!

LUTHERAN HOUR: Next Sunday, September 18th, **“Fresh Start”**. Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. What does the canning of a corrupt and incompetent accountant teach us about the undeserved mercy of God? Hear Jesus’ Parable of the Shrewd Manager, this week on the Lutheran Hour. (Luke 16:9) 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**— Monroe Schatte, Jr. and Dwayne Schulze
Organist- Jack Wiederhold
Acolytes- Brooke Lehmann and Grant Oltmann
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- Glen Albrecht
Brooks Kasper, Tommy Miertschin, Pablo Rodriguez

THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

Today	Worship Service – 8:30 a.m. Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m. LYF Meeting & Social – 2:00 p.m. LAF Fried Chicken Dinner
Monday	Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m. Campus Lockdown Drill
Tuesday	Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m. Circuit Meeting @ Zion, Schulenburg -9:00 a.m.
Wednesday	Staff Bible Study – 7:30 a.m. School Chapel – 8:30 a.m. Youth Confirmation – 6:00 p.m. LWML Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
Thursday	Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.
Friday	Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m. ECC Music Day
Next Sunday	Worship Service w/Communion – 8:30 a.m. Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m. Acolytes: Kenedy Schatte and Benjamin Schonhoeft Sunday School Teachers Meeting – 10:15 a.m.

Birthdays: 13th – Rebecca Burgdorf, Brooks Zoch; 14th – Ryleigh Bailey, Joyce Hinze, Gabrielle Teinert; 15th – Kyle Jenke, Allen Kaiser, Paul Kappler, Logan Teinert; 16th – Amy Billig, Judy Boriack, James Kalbas, Pamela Schmidt; 17th – Shane Corn, Judith Kalbas, Rachel Schautschick, Nicholas Taylor. God’s Blessings to you.

ST. PAUL NOTES:

Attendance Last Week: Morning Worship- 251, Communion- 156, Bible Class- 17; Sunday School- 39, Banner Classes: Grade 3, Offering- \$32.00.

Offering Last Week: \$42,491.14

Home:		Mission:	
General	\$22,804.84	Mission	\$640.00
Sunday School	\$32.00	Mission Total	\$640.00
Lunch Room	\$1,416.00	Savings/Other:	
ECC Operating	\$8,117.30	School Fund	\$200.00
LWML Quilting	\$40.00	Building Fund	\$1,025.00
Tuition	\$7,841.00	Bus Replacement Fund	\$375.00
Received 9/4/2022	\$40,251.14	Savings/Other Total	\$1,600.00
Est. needed per week	\$22,500.00	Total	\$42,491.14
Received MTD	\$40,251.14		
Est. needed per month	\$97,500.00		

MEMORIALS: General: In memory of Van Durrenberger by Allen & Mildred Perry - \$25.00. In memory of Glynda Boren by Sherri & Kevin Coffman - \$20.00. In honor of Herb Roeber’s 90th birthday by Martin & Jeannie Werchan - \$90.00. In memory of Joyce Bise by M/M Gilbert Krause - \$25.00; by the Chris Becker family - \$25.00; by Allen & Mildred Perry - \$25.00. **Quilting Group:** In memory of G.A. Lindner by M/M Delvin Boriack - \$20.00. In memory of Joyce Bise by M/M Delvin Boriack - \$20.00. **ECC Operating:** In memory of Joyce Bise by Arthur & Dianna Noack - \$50.00. **School Fund:** In memory of Joyce Bise by Sherri & Kevin Coffman - \$20.00; by Bobby & Carolyn Oltmann - \$50.00; by Wilbert & Carol Jean Noack - \$30.00. **Building:** In memory of Joyce Bise by Alton Weiser - \$25.00.

Life Through the Church Year:

Pentecost XIV

Our culture discriminates based on size, skills, and circumstances in order to make abortion and assisted suicide possible. But our Lord and God has a soft spot, a definite preference for the feeble (Ezekiel 34:16), the insignificant (Luke 15:8-10), and the failures (1 Timothy 1:15). If it gladdens Him to save such as us, won’t it also enrapture us to advocate the sanctity of every life?



Thank You!

Thank you for all the prayers and support you have offered on behalf of FLHS. As we have just begun 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!

8th Grade Visit Day

8th grade students from our area private schools will be joining us on the afternoon of Wednesday, September 21st. This annual visit event is a great opportunity for future students to see what FLHS is all about and what high school might look like. If you have an 8th grader, and would like to bring them for visit day, please contact Mrs. Nikki Kueck at (979) 242-2889.

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!

Thrivent Action Team Grants

If you are a Thrivent member willing to submit an application for a \$250 grant to be used on projects at Faith, please contact Nikki Kueck by calling (979) 242-2889. Help us to be able to take advantage of these funds for the good of our school. *We are beginning to gather grants for our Oktoberfest event on October 22nd.

Follow Us On Facebook!

With a new school year underway, you may want to see the exciting things happening inside here on a daily basis! By “liking” our Facebook page and “sharing” our posts, you will be in the loop on all the great things happening and you can share them with your friends!

The Voyager Voice

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for the week of September 4-10, 2022

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Sept. 12...Campus Lockdown Drill
– 9:15 AM
VB & FB games (Away)
@ St. Paul-Thorndale
4:30 & 5:30 PM
- Sept. 13...JV VB & FB vs. Good
Shepherd-Bastrop (Home)
– 5:00 & 4:30 PM
- Sept. 14...School Chapel Service
– 8:30 AM
- Sept. 15...Fall Team Sports Pictures
(in afternoon)
VB & FB games (Home)
vs. Caldwell
4:00 & 5:00 PM
- Sept. 16-17...Giddings Varsity
Volleyball Tournament
- Sept. 23...End of 1st Six-Weeks
- Sept. 23-24...Tomball JV VB Tourney
- Sept. 25...Wendish Festival
- Sept. 26-Oct. 1...Scholastic Book Fair
- Sept. 28...“See You at the Pole”
Chapel Service – 8:30 AM
- 9/29-30...Parent-Teacher Conferences
– 12:00-3:00 PM
– Dismissal @ 11:45 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 . . .

As we observe **Patriot Day** this weekend and remember the tragedy of 9/11/01 (21st anniversary), we give thanks for God's continued protection amidst a world of sin and threats of terror and war.

Campus Lockdown Drill is schedule for Monday.

Team Sports Photos next Thursday. Remember your uniforms!

Lots of **VB & FB Games** next week. Check the Calendar of Events for game times and locations.

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

NEWS, NOTES, and HAPPENINGS

LOCKDOWN DRILL . . .



Students and staff will participate in our fall School Lockdown Drill *on Monday, Sept. 13th at 9:15 AM*. The purpose of this drill is to practice the safety precautions that would be taken in the event that an intruder would gain access to our building and present a dangerous situation to the students and staff. This drill is one more way in which we intend to maintain a safe campus for our school family.

SPIRITWEAR ORDERS DUE . . .Hey, Voyagers! Did you remember to turn in your 2022 Voyagers Spirit Wear Order Form today? If you forgot, we will still accept orders for t-shirts and hoodies on Monday, Sept. 12th. Don't be left out...order your 2022-23 Voyager Spirit Wear right away!



PICTURE PROOFS . . .Hey, Voyagers! The School Picture Proofs are ready for your viewing online; flyers outlining instructions on how to access



your child's proof and order pictures came home Friday with your child. Go online to www.mrdabbs.com and use your child's unique login number (included on your child's proof flyer). Remember, the deadline for your online portrait order is Monday, Sept. 19th!

FALL TEAM SPORTS PHOTO . . .will be taken *next Thursday, Sept. 15th* beginning at 12:45 PM. All students participating in flag football, volleyball, & cheerleading, will have team and individual pictures taken in uniform that afternoon. *Please remember to bring your uniforms to school that day for the team pictures.* More information will be forthcoming about the purchase of team and individual photos. Thank you, Whitney Pasko for taking our photos.

ECC SURVEY . . . Copies of the ECC Survey were distributed last week (also available on the school website or electronically using the QR code). As we seek to improve our program and determine the future of this important ministry of our church and school, we greatly value your input and thoughts. Please complete your survey today! **Deadline for completing the survey is next Friday, Sept. 16th.**

VOYAGER ATHLETICS . . . All 4 teams see action again next week:

- On **Monday, Sept 12th**, the **JV Volleyball and JV Football teams** travel to Thorndale for games at 4:30 PM; the **Varsity Volleyball and Football teams** plays at 5:30 PM. Teams are leaving school at 3:00 PM (via parent transportation).
- On **Tuesday, Sept. 13th**, the **JV VB & FB teams** hosts teams from Good Shepherd-Bastrop at 3:00 PM & 4:30 PM in the Serbin gym.
- On **Thursday, Sept. 15th**, all four teams play home games against **1st Baptist-Caldwell**: JVVB and JVFB play at 4:00 PM, Var. VB and Var. FB play at 5:00 PM.

Then, **next Friday & Saturday, Sept. 16-17**, the Varsity VB team will participate in the **Giddings Varsity Tournament**; game times to be announced later in the week. 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.

RUNNING CLUB . . . Our VCR Running Club got off to a great start this week with 25 students participating in the early-morning run! The VCR, led by Mrs. Casey Gurka, will meet on **Mondays and Thursdays at 7:15 AM** to promote physical fitness and prepare for the cross country meet in November (11/4). We encourage all students (K-8) to join the **Voyagers Club Run**. Oh, by the way, parents you're invited to join us and run, too! Come join us at the Voyager Running Club this fall!



OFFERING PROJECT . . . Our first 13-weeks Chapel offering project is supporting the Samaritan Purse "**Operation Christmas Child**" project. To date, we've **collected \$139.75** 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: ■ **wooden pencils** ■ **ink pens (blue or black)** ■ **crayons (box of 24)** ■ **colored markers (set of 10)** ■ **colored pencils** ■ **index cards** ■ **glue sticks** ■ **scotch tape** ■ **pink eraser**
 Thanks for helping make our OCC Shoebox project a success this year!



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!

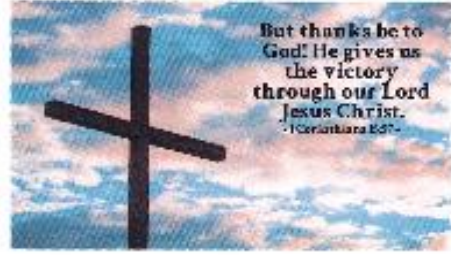
EASY FUND RAISERS . . . Keep saving those Coke Rewards bottle caps and "Slip & Scan" product codes, General Mills "Box Tops for Education", and Tyson Project A+ labels for St. Paul Lutheran. Collectible items can be brought to the school office each week. Your yearlong support of our "Easy Fund Raisers"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



HAVE A GREAT WEEK! . . . Thank you to all the SPS dads who attended "Donuts With Dads" this morning. I hope you enjoyed the light breakfast and great fellowship with your kids and other fathers. 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



"Won By One"

