

St. Paul Lutheran Church

Serbin, Texas



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The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 18, 2022

Welcome! *The Lord Is Rich in His Grace and Mercy.* Because God, our Savior, “desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth” (1 Tim. 2:4), He urges “that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people” (1 Tim. 2:1). Christians should so pray “without anger or quarreling,” but “adorn themselves in respectable apparel, with modesty and self-control” (1 Tim. 2:8, 9). For the Lord does not forget “the poor of the land” (Amos 8:4). He remembers them according to the foolishness of the cross. “For what is exalted among men is an abomination in the sight of God” (Luke 16:15). Though we try to justify ourselves “before men,” God knows our sinful hearts and calls us to repentance (Luke 16:15). Though we are “not strong enough to dig,” and we are “ashamed to beg” (Luke 16:3), He justifies us by His grace and welcomes us into His “eternal dwellings” (Luke 16:9). More shrewd than even “the sons of this world” (Luke 16:8), He requires His stewards of the Gospel to bestow forgiveness freely.

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)
Louis Doebbler-recovering
Donnie Garrett-hospitalized (friend of Jamie Jordan)
Evelyn Kaiser-hospitalized
Gladys Karisch
Ludwig Krause-recovering
Hildegard Krause
Elaine Mersiovsky-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)
Betty Kildair (aunt of Dorothy Schautschick)
Theresa Krause
Bethany Lara (daughter of Kathy Gersch)
Heather Lilly (granddaughter of Irene Noack)
Ricky Meinholdt (btoyer-in-law of Carie Oltmann)
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: 590, 557, 781 v. 1&2, 566, 563, 420, 921

Sermon Text: 1 Timothy 2:1-15

The Sermon: **“Investing In The Future”**

✠ *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

Anthony Oliver Schautschick

Anthony is the son of Stacy Schautschick

His baptismal sponsors are Marshall Schautschick and Angela Schautschick and his baptismal witnesses are Victoria Herzog and Gwendalyn Gillespie

- ✠ **The Altar flowers** are placed to the glory of God in honor Dorothy Schautschick’s birthday by Steven, Bradly, Koralyn & Katelyn.
- ✠ **July Financial Statements.** The July Financial Statements are available from the ushers this morning and can also be picked up in the church office.
- ✠ **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 Kwasi* (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 Witness.** The church provides a subscription of the Lutheran Witness for each family in the congregation, at a cost of \$14.25. If you are **not** receiving a monthly copy of the Lutheran Witness and would like to have it, or if you **are** receiving the monthly Lutheran Witness and do not want it, please contact the church office by Monday, October 3rd.

Serving today: Elders— Monroe Schatte, Jr. and Dwayne Schulze

Organist- Daniel Krause

Acolytes- Kenedy Schatte and Benjamin Schonhoeft

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

Virgil Becker, Chase Oltmann, Tim Symm

LUTHERAN HOUR: Next Sunday, “**Take This Personally**”. Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Jesus wants us to take His word seriously, not as a personal attack but as a word of warning—and promise. (Luke 16:19-31). 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.

THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

Today **Worship Service w/Communion – 8:30 a.m.**
 Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.
 Sunday School Teachers 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.
 Youth Confirmation – 6:00 p.m.
 Adult Choir – 7:00 p.m.

Thursday Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.
 Board of Elder’s Meeting – 7:30 p.m.

Friday Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.

Next Sunday **Worship Service – 8:30 a.m.**
 Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.
 Acolytes: Gabriel Bailey and Tyler Fritsche
 German Wendish Festival Service – 10:30 a.m.
 Acolytes: Lydia Goodson and Cooper Hinze
 34th Annual Wendish Festival

Birthdays: Today – Max Faske, Lyndy Krause, Florine Werchan; 19th – Danielle Jones, Tommy Wilkins; 20th – Gail Albrecht, Mary Ann Prellop, Arthur Urban; 21st – Jace Bise, Harviell Jackson, Kynlee Stewart, Martin Werchan; 22nd – Olin Carter, Dorothy Schautschick; 23rd – Andrea Goedrich, Deanna Miertschin, Delbert Prellop, Stephanie Symm, Christian Weddle; 24th – Bayne Buscha, Joyce Dowling. God’s Blessings to you.

**Life Through the Church Year:
 Pentecost XV**

Financial concerns often serve as justification for abortion and assisted suicide. The word of the Lord elevates the value of a person far above that of any money or comfort (Luke 16:9; 1 Timothy 2:4). Does it even count as sacrifice if we must give up prosperity or property to gain and sustain a person in surprise pregnancy or terminal diagnosis? Aren’t we always getting the better end of the exchange? The gospel guarantees it!

ST. PAUL NOTES:

Attendance Last Week: Morning Worship- 240, Bible Class- 25; Sunday School- 32, Banner Classes: Nursery II, Grade 3, Offering- \$25.75.

Offering Last Week: \$25,217.96

Home:		Mission:	
General	\$8,701.75	Mission	\$345.00
Sunday School	\$25.75	Lutheran Hour	\$55.00
Lunch Room	\$501.00	Mission Total	\$400.00
ECC Operating	\$1,200.00	Savings/Other:	
Tuition	\$13,051.96	School Fund	\$1,070.00
Received 8/11/2022	\$23,480.46	Building Fund	\$230.00
		Bus Replacement Fund	\$37.50
Est. needed per week	\$22,500.00	Savings/Other Total	\$1,337.50
Received MTD	\$63,731.60		
Est. needed per month	\$97,500.00	Total	\$25,217.96

MEMORIALS: General: In memory of Joyce Bise by James, Kathy and Byron Kalbas - \$100.00; by Carolyn Noack - \$25.00; by George & Virginia Hernandez - \$50.00; by Doris Fritsche - \$20.00. **Lutheran Hour:** In memory of Joyce Bise by Edwin Jr. & Barbara Schmidt - \$35.00. **ECC Operating:** In memory of Joyce Bise by Linda Jones - \$25.00; by M/M Leroy Bennetsen - \$25.00; by Bruce, Sara & Hattie Mae Prellop - \$50.00; by Lillian Robertson - \$25.00; by Jane & George Pohorelsky - \$50.00; by Paul & Tina Sommerfield, Max & Macy - \$25.00; by Michael & Teresa Krause - \$25.00. **School Fund:** In memory of Joyce Bise by Curtis Oltmann family - \$250.00; by Charles & Margaret Mersiovsky - \$25.00; by M/M Doug Alexander - \$50.00; by M/M Doug Jatzlau - \$50.00; by Gene & Karen Urban & family - \$100.00; by Jerrell & Ornell Dunk - \$25.00; by Ronnie & Lisa Petzold - \$100.00; by Rodney & Suzy Zoch - \$25.00; by Maurice & Debbie Pitts - \$25.00; by Raymond & Lanetta Kipp - \$25.00; by James & Janet Oltmann - \$100.00; by Tim & Becky Weise - \$100.00; by Lois & John Kalbas - \$75.00; by Jeanette McKinney - \$100.00; by Kyle, Laurie and Kaden Kasper - \$50.00. **Building:** In memory of G.A. Lindner by Curtis Oltmann family - \$100.00. In memory of Linda Tate by Rev. Paul & Wilma Droegemueller - \$50.00; by Pat & Kerry Tate - \$40.00. In memory of Joyce Bise by Robert & Brenda Muniz - \$40.00; by Lucille Schatte, Lynette & Darlene - \$20.00.



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. Pastor Jason Kaspar of Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church will be leading us this week. This week, due to 8th grade visit day, chapel will begin at 11:30.

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! More details will be coming very soon!!!

Oktoberfest Meal Tickets

Tickets for our annual Oktoberfest celebration are now available. Meal includes brats, noodles, green beans, potato salad, kraut, bread and coffee cake. Meal will be available on Saturday, October 22 from 11 am to 1 pm at the Holy Cross Picnic Grounds. Tickets are \$12 each and available for pre-sale only! Talk to a FLHS student, staff, board, or delegate today!!

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.

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

for the week of September 11-17, 2022

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Sept. 19...Voyager Club Run – 7:15 AM
School Picture Order
(online deadline)
- Sept. 20...JV VB & FB vs. St. Paul-
Hrenhart (Home)
– 4:00 & 5:30 PM
- Sept. 21...School Chapel Service
8:30 AM
8th Gr. Visit Day to FLHS
12:00 – 2:45 PM
- Sept. 22... VB & FB games (Home)
vs. Imm-Giddings
3:00 & 4:00 PM
- Sept. 23... End of 1st Six Weeks
Voyager Club Run – 7:15 AM
- 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
– 12:00-8:00 PM
Dismissal @ 11:45 AM
- Oct. 5-7...Gr. 3-6 Outdoor Education
@ Camp Lone Star

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 . . .

The deadline for **School Picture Orders** is Monday (9/19); all orders are made online at www.mrdabbs.com.

The 1st Six-Weeks ends next Friday (9/23). Start signing up for **Parent-Teacher Conferences** online at the school website beginning Tuesday, Sept 20th.

Check out the calendar for upcoming athletic events and special activities.

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

NEWS, NOTES, and HAPPENINGS

PICTURE PROOFS. . . Hey, Voyagers! Remember, the deadline for your online portrait order is next Monday, Sept. 19th! Picture Proofs



can be viewed online; flyers outlining instructions on how to access your child's proof and order pictures were sent home last Friday. Go online to www.mrdabbs.com and order next week use your child's unique login number (included on your child's proof flyer).

SIGN-UP FOR CONFERENCES. . . The 1st Six-Weeks ends next Friday, Sept. 23rd, and report cards will be issued on Sept. 28th. But, we'd like to keep parents even more informed of their child's overall progress by holding fall **Parent-Teacher Conferences on Thursday, Sept. 29th and Friday, Sept. 30th from 12:00 PM to 8:00 PM (individual teachers may also meet on Wed., Sept. 28th)**. During these brief 15-minute conferences, the teachers will discuss your child's 1st six-week report card and share insights regarding their progress gleaned from the 1st six weeks of classes. Parents, go online to the school website beginning Tuesday, Sept. 20th and "sign-up" for your Parent-Teacher Conference Appointment times. Please indicate your preferred conference time by placing your name in the appropriate box no later than next Friday, Sept. 23rd. We look forward to meeting with all parents to discuss the 1st six-week progress of the students, and appreciate your partnership with us as we educate your child at St. Paul Lutheran.



VOYAGER ATHLETICS. . . It's been a busy week of sports at Serbin this week. The JVVB teams won 3 games this week, the Varsity VB team won both of their games; the JVFB team won two games while the Varsity team lost to Thorndale but tasted victory yesterday against Caldwell.

- *Yesterday, Sept. 17,* the Varsity VB team participated in the *Gliddings Varsity Tournament;* we'll let you know how they fared next week.



All 4 teams see home action again next week:

- On *Tuesday, Sept. 20th,* the *JVVB & JVFB* teams hosts teams from St. Paul-Brenham at 4:00 PM & 5:30 PM.
- On *Thursday, Sept. 22nd,* all four teams play home games against *Immanuel-Gliddings;* JVVB and JVFB play at 3:00 PM, Var. VB and Var. FB play at 4:00 PM.

Then, *next Friday & Saturday, Sept. 23-24,* the JV girls head to Tomball to participate in the *Salem JV Invitational Tournament.* The girls play two games on Friday (4:45 & 6:15 PM) and one game on Saturday morning (9:30 AM) before wrapping up bracket play on Saturday afternoon. Check the website for remaining home games in September, and plan to come cheer our teams' efforts this season.

WENDISH FEST. . . The 34th annual Wendish Fest will be held *next Sunday, Sept. 25th* on the Serbin Picnic Grounds and Wendish Heritage Museum. A full day of family activities are planned including morning

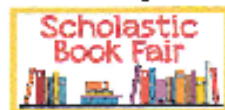


worship (English Service at 8:30 AM and German Service at 10:30 AM), church tours, Wendish folkart demonstrations, exhibits, and a traditional Wendish noon meal. Music by the Shiner Hobo Band and a presentation of *Pravi Kvas* (Wendish Bird Wedding) by our St. Paul students are also part of the day's activities. For more information, contact 979-366-2411. Check out the Wendish Fest brochure online texaswendish.org or pick one up at the church or school office. Plan to attend Wendish Fest!

SEE YOU AT THE POLE. . . Students and families of St. Paul Lutheran are invited to participate in the 21st annual "See You At The Pole" Prayer Chapel *on Wednesday, Sept. 28th at 8:30 AM* in front of the church at the flagpole. For the uninitiated, "See You at the Pole" was begun in 1990 in Burleson, TX by students who know the importance of prayer and wanted to encourage others to see how the Lord can change their lives through the power of prayer. This year's SYATP theme is: *"Aflame"*, based on Romans 12:11-12. Plan now to participate with us as we pray for our school and school families, friends, churches, and community.



BOOK FAIR COMING. . . The 2022 Scholastic Book Fair is coming to St. Paul *Sept. 26th thru Oct. 2nd.* With the wide selection of books and other materials being made available for purchase by our students and families, we



know we'll have lots of book-loving customers throughout the week. More information will be forthcoming, but mark your calendars now and plan to attend this awesome literacy event.

OFFERING PROJECT. . . Thanks for remembering your Chapel offerings every Wednesday for the Samaritan Purse *"Operation Christmas Child"* project. We've already *collected \$223.00* for the project which provides a shoebox gift and the Gospel of Jesus to children around the world at Christmas. Remember your offerings and contribute generously in support of this worthy project.



We're still *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* • *scotch tape*
- *ink pens (blue or black)*
- *crayons (box of 24)*
- *colored markers (set of 10)*
- *colored pencils* • *index cards*
- *glue sticks* • *pink eraser*

Help make our OCC Shoebox project a success this year!

NEW LOGO DECALS. . . Hey Voyager families! Here's a great way to show your "Voyager Pride" and help us get our name out to the Lee

Co, community! Thanks to a generous gift from Mark & Linda Ehlers, we are giving a *St. Paul-Serbin Voyagers logo window decal* to each of our SPS families. We encourage you to proudly display this attractive sticker on your car window to let others know you're a "Voyager hucker"! If you'd like a second window sticker for another vehicle or other appropriate spot, additional stickers are available at the school office (please consider a small free-will donation to help offset the cost).



HAVE A GREAT WEEK! . . I was good seeing so many parents, relatives and friends attending our Voyager VB & FB games this week! Thanks for supporting our teams! If I can be of any service to you throughout the week, feel free to stop by my office or call for an appointment.



Your partner in Christ,
James L. House,
Principal