

St. Paul Lutheran Church

Serbin, Texas



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The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

24 September 2023

Welcome! *Disciples Live in Their Vocations by Grace through Faith in Christ.*

Those who are sent as “laborers for his vineyard” (Matt. 20:1) depict the wide diversity of vocations to which the disciples of Christ Jesus are called. Whatever our particular stations in life may be, we are called to live and serve by faith in His promises. Our labors do not merit anything before Him, for He is already generous to one and all without partiality. In mercy, He has chosen to bear “the burden of the day and the scorching heat” on our behalf, to make us equal to Himself and to give us what belongs to Him, that is, the kingdom of heaven (Matt. 20:12–15). This way of the Lord is foolishness to the world and foreign to our thoughts, but He draws near, so that “he may be found” (Is. 55:6), “have compassion” and “abundantly pardon” (Is. 55:7). So it is that we are found in Christ Jesus, and He is honored in our bodies, “whether by life or by death” (Phil. 1:20), by “fruitful labor” (Phil. 1:22) or by suffering. It is by faith in His forgiveness that our works are “worthy of the gospel” (Phil. 1:27).

We invite you all to worship with us again.

In Our Prayers:

Those recovering from surgeries and illness:

Royce Albrecht-recovering

Marvin Bamsch-rehab center (brother of Charlyn Matthijetz)

Chris Birnbaum

Jackie Handrick-recovering

Robert House-healing from a fall (father of Jim House)

Roselie Johnson-recovering (mother of Carie Oltmann)

Judy Kalbas-recovering

Dennis Kurio-recovering (brother of Kathleen Bigon and uncle of Kyle Jenke)

Naomi McDonald (daughter of Rev. David & Kathy Mumm)

Chris Miertschin

Shannon Miertschin

Ethan Ray-recovering

Kelsey Schatte-pre term pregnancy concerns

Greg Sorrento-recovering (nephew of Doris Fritsche)

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

Arthur Urban-recovering from fall that broke 5 ribs

Jeannie Werchan-recovering

Our members in nursing homes and our shut-ins.

Those fighting cancer including:

Lillian Bamsch (sister-in-law of Charlyn & Marvin Matthijetz)

Randy Belz (uncle of Amanda Carter)

Teresita Brodrick (aunt of David Wittman)

Vernon Bryant (friend of Arthur & Dianna Noack)

Russell Cleghorn (friend of James & Kathy Kalbas)

Ginger Clifford (sister of Nancy Kasper)

Franklin Hoffman (father of Maxine Bradshaw)

Brenda Karisch (friend of Bonnie Wenke family)

Matt Kelley (Hinze family member)

Steven Kelly (cousin of Jessica Gruetzner, brother-in-law of Christi Bradford)

Theresa Krause

Bethany Lara (daughter of Kathy Gersch)

Heather Lilly (granddaughter of Irene Noack)

Ruby Maass (mother of Linda Schonhoeft)

Cannon Martin (nephew of Christopher Taylor)

Gladys Mathena (sister of Frances Miertschin and Marilyn Miertschin)

Rhonda Mitschke (friend of Christi Fritsche)

Deborah Richards (sister-in-law of Zelda Richards)

Carol Sander

Diane Sanders (friend of James & Kathy Kalbas)

Cherie Todee-sister of Carrie Oltmann

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 Bliss, El Paso

Kosh Ozmun (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

Dylan Robbins (cousin of Michelle Birnbaum) Jacksonville, NC

Randall Weise (grandson of Bernice Doebbler) Ft.

Huachuca, Arizona

Peyton Walker (son of Heather Mersiovsky) Ft. Benning, Georgia

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— Worship Insert

- † **The Altar flowers** are placed to the glory of God in honor of the Wends who left their homeland in September of 1854 to begin their journey to Texas in search of religious freedom and the right to speak their language.
- † **The Altar Stand flowers** are placed to the glory of God in loving memory of Ernest and Edna Oltmann by their family.
- † **Wendish Fest:** The 35th Annual Wendish Fest is hosted today by St. Paul Lutheran Church and the Texas Wendish Heritage Society @ Serbin, Texas. Guest speaker for the 8:30 English Church Service and the 10:30 German Church Service will be Dr. Rev. Gerald Paul; 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 \$15 and children \$6. To-Go and drive-thru will also be available at 9:30 – all take-out meals are \$15. 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. 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
- † **Alumni Volleyball Game.** Thursday, September 28th at 5:30 p.m. Former Serbin volleyball players are welcome to come play. Please contact Casey Gurka 281-731-7065 to get added to the roster.
- † **Lutheran Witness.** The church provides a subscription of the Lutheran Witness for each family in the congregation, at a cost of \$22.50. 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 2nd.
- † **Scholastic Book Fair.** Come shop in the gym on Sept 27-29, Wednesday – Friday, until 6 :00 p.m. and Sunday, October 1 after church and Sunday School. See you soon.
- † **LWML Post Oak Zone Fall Rally.** Sunday, October 1st, hosted by Trinity Dime Box. Registration 1:30 p.m., Rally kicks off at 2:00 p.m. Salad supper to follow. Ingathering-University Lutheran Chapel at Texas A&M. Don't forget to bring your canceled stamps.
- † **Aluminum Cans:** Need somewhere to take your aluminum cans? There is a drop-off trailer by the pasture gate for anyone who would like to drop off their aluminum cans to be recycled. All money raised from the recycled cans will go to the Building Fund. We sold the cans this past week and raised another \$36.00. for the Building Fund. Total given to the Restoration/Building fund is \$3,723.20.
- † **Ring Found.** A silver ring was found in the parking lot on the side of the church last Sunday. Contact the church office.

Serving today: Elders— Douglas Hartfield and Michael Krause

Organist- 8:30 – Susan Michael

10:30 – Susan Michael

Acolytes- 8:30 – Trenton Grange and Alice Gurka

10:30 – Cooper Hinze and Lukas Iselt

Head Ushers- Donald Becker

Captain- Mason Becker **Assistant-** Carson Becker

Ushers: Jason Becker, Randy Becker, Brandon Burgdorf,
Trey Fritsche, Michael Krause, Ethan Miertschin,
Rex Perry, Bradley Schmidt, Timothy Symm, John Tate

Counting and Posting offering this week:

Chairman- Glen Albrecht

Ty Kasper, Carson Becker, Payton Oltmann

LUTHERAN HOUR: Next Sunday, October 1st, “**The Way Through the Maze**”. Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Dean Nadasdy. When life becomes a bewildering maze, Jesus is our way through and our way out. (Psalm 25:4-5). 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	English Worship Service – 8:30 a.m. Sunday School– 9:30 a.m. German Wendish Fest Service – 10:30 a.m. Thirty-fifth Annual Wendish Festival
Monday	Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.
Tuesday	Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.
Wed.-Fri.	Scholastic Book Fair
Wednesday	Staff Bible Study – 7:30 a.m. See You at the Pole Prayer Event – 8:30 a.m. Youth Confirmation - 6:00 p.m.
Thursday	Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m. Early Dismissal – 11:45 a.m. Parent/Teacher Conferences Board of Elder’s Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
Friday	Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m. Early Dismissal – 11:45 a.m. Parent/Teacher Conferences
Next Sunday	Worship Service w/Communion– 8:30 a.m. LWML Sunday Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m. Acolytes: Cole Kalbas and Tucker Kalbas Greeter: Joyce Hinze

Birthdays: Today – Joyce Dowling; 26th – Nicole Arldt, Tim Glass, Melissa Ray; 27th – Mark Gruetzner, Jonathan Mitschke; 28th – LeeAnne Jones, Chase Oltmann. God’s Blessings to you.

ST. PAUL NOTES:

Attendance Last Week: Morning Worship- 287, Communion- 122, Bible Class- 21; Sunday School- 29, Banner Class- Grade 2; Offering- \$19.00.

Offering Last Week: \$47,985.40

Home:		Mission:	
General	\$9,336.00	Mission	\$515.00
Sunday School	\$19.00	Mission Total	\$515.00
Lunch Room	\$1,526.25	Savings/Other:	
ECC Operating	\$11,270.65	Building Fund	\$36.00
Tuition	\$24,995.00	Bus Replacement Fund	\$37.50
Use of Facility	\$250.00	Savings/Other Total	\$73.50
Received 9/17/2023	\$47,396.90		
		Total	\$47,985.40
Est. needed per week	\$22,500.00		
Received MTD	\$95,002.39		
Est. needed per month	\$97,500.00		

MEMORIALS: General: In memory of Michael Mitschke’s birthday by Calvin & Ina Mitschke - \$2,500.00. In memory of Dorothy Seeman by Marvin & Charlyn Matthijetz - \$40.00.

Life Through the Church Year:

September 24 – Pentecost XVII

Abortion and euthanasia begrudge God’s generosity (Matthew 20:15) by regarding one life as less than another. Thank the Lord that His ways are not our ways (Isaiah 55:8), for none of us deserves to survive! Yet He preserves and protects us still, just as much as our every neighbor. Lord, make us bold to speak Your Word of Life without fear (Philippians 1:14)!

The Voyager Voice

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for the week of September 24-30, 2023

2023-24 School Year Theme – “Connected” – Romans 15:5

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sept. 22...End of 1st Six-Weeks

Sept. 24...Wendish Festival

Sept. 25-Oct. 1...Scholastic Book Fair

Sept. 25...Voyager Club Run – 7:15 AM
VB & FB games (Away)
@ Fairb. Acad-Bellville
– 4:30/5:00/5:30 PM

Sept. 27...“See You at the Pole”
Chapel Service – 8:30 AM
7th Gr. Visit Day to TLHS
– 12:00-3:00 PM
Distribution of 1st 6-Week
Report Cards

Sept. 28...Voyager Club Run – 7:15 AM
Early Dismissal – 11:45 AM
Parent-Teacher Conferences
– 12:00-7:00 PM
JV FB game (Home) vs.
St. Paul-Brenham – 5:00 PM

Sept. 29...Mid-Season Pop Rally
8:15 AM
Early Dismissal – 11:45 AM
Parent-Teacher Conferences
12:00-7:00 PM

Sept. 29-30...Tomball JV VB Tounay

Oct. 4-6...Gr. 5-6 Outdoor Education
@ Camp Lone Star

From the Principal's Desk...

This Sunday is the annual **Wendish Fest** at the Picnic Grounds. Good food & fun activities for the whole family throughout the day.

The **Scholastic Book Fair** begins this week, Sept. 25-Oct. 1. Come browse the selection in the gym and purchase great books!

The annual “**See You At The Pole**” **Chapel Service** will be held on Wednesday at 8:30 AM. Everyone is invited to join us for prayer!

Report Cards are coming home on Wednesday; watch for them!

Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held Wed (9/27), Thurs (9/28) and Fri (9/29); check the school website for appointment times.

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

REPORT CARD DISTRIBUTION...The 1st Six-Weeks of 2023-24 ended last Friday, Sept. 22nd. Parents, look for your child's 1st six-week report card coming home *next Wednesday, Sept. 27th* with your child. Please review the report card prior to your Parent-Teacher Conference next week, Sept. 27th, 28th & 29th.



PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES...will be held *next Wednesday (9/27) from 4:00-7:00 PM, Thursday (9/28) from 12:00 PM to 7:00 PM & Friday (9/29) from 12:00 PM to 3:00 PM* in the classrooms. If you not done so yet,



please go online immediately to the school website, click on your child's teacher's page, and indicate your preferred conference time *deadline for signing up for your Conference Appointment time is Monday, Sept. 25th*. We appreciate your cooperation as we prepare to meet & discuss your child's progress.

EARLY DISMISSAL...To accommodate Parent-Teacher Conferences, classes will be *dismissed at 11:45 AM next Thursday & Friday, Sept. 28th & 29th*. Buses will run the regular afternoon routes at that time. Please make arrangements to have your child picked up by 12:00 PM. Thanks!

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Our Mission

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

BOOK FAIR NEWS. . .Get ready Voyagers! The 2023 Scholastic Book Fair is coming our way (YAY!) *next week, Sept. 25th thru Oct. 1st*. Choosing their own books empowers kids and inspires them to become Bolder, Prouder, and Stronger Readers. AND—as always—every book they buy earns rewards for our school. This year's Book Fair the theme is *"It's Go Time"*. 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. *Student Preview Day is Sept. 27th*. The Book Fair is open on the following days and times:

- *Wed. 9/27 All Day 'til 6:00 PM*
- *Thurs. 9/28 All Day 'til 6:00 PM*
- *Fri. 9/29 All Day 'til 4:00 PM*
- *Sun. 10/1 9:30 AM to 11:00 AM*

If you can't make it to the Fair, then

shop at our school's Online Book Fair. All orders ship directly to your home, and shipping is free for book orders over \$25. Your online orders will also benefit our school. Visit our Book Fair homepage to learn more and get started with online shopping:

<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/stpaulilutheranschool17>

Mark your calendars now and plan to attend this awesome literacy event.



SEE YOU AT THE POLE. . .Students and families of St. Paul Lutheran are invited to participate in the 23rd annual "See You At The Pole" Prayer Chapel *next Wednesday, Sept. 27th 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 knew 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 SYAIP theme is: *"Wholhearted"*, based on Jeremiah 29:13. Plan now to attend as we pray for our school and school families, friends, churches, and community.



VOYAGER ATHLETICS. . .We're winding down the first half of the 2023-24 fall sports season this week with several games:

- On *Monday, Sept. 25th*, the *JVVB, Vars.VB & Vars.FB teams* travel to Bellville for games against Faith Academy-Bellville;
 - *JVVB @ 4:30 PM, Vars.FB @ 5:00 PM, and Vars.VB @ 5:30 PM.*
- *Thurs. Sept. 28th* – *JV FB team* hosts *St. Paul-Brenham (home) @ 5:00 PM.*

Then, *next Friday & Saturday, Sept. 28-29*, the JV girls head to Tomball to participate in the *Salem JV Invitational Tournament*. The girls play Pool Play games on Friday and Saturday morning before wrapping up with bracket play on Saturday afternoon. We should know exact games time early next week. Check the website for remaining games in October, and plan to come cheer our teams' efforts this season.



PEP RALLY. . .We will hold our mid-season Sports Pep Rally *next Friday morning, Sept. 29th at 8:15 AM* in the gym. Parents, you are invited to attend as we briefly introduce our teams and send our JV volleyball team off to the Salem-Tomball Journey with a rousing cheer! We encourage you to wear your Voyager "Spirit" or theme t-shirts to school and join in the fun!



OFFERING PROJECT. . .Thanks for remembering your Chapel offerings every Wednesday for the Samaritan Pulse "Operation Christmas Child" project. We've already collected \$404.12 for the project which provides a shoebox gift and the Gospel of Jesus to children around the world at Christmas. *Our goal again this year is to pack 100 boxes for OCC.* Remember your chapel offerings next Wednesday and contribute generously in support of this worthy project.



AN AUTHOR AMONG US. . .The annual *Word Wrangler Festival* took place on Sept. 29-30 at the Giddings Public Library. This year, one of our St. Paul-Serbin students was a featured author at the festival. Our very own 8th grader *Miriam Meyer* displayed her book, *The Time Traveling Team* at the festival. How cool is that! Copies of Miriam's book are available for check out in our school library and also available for purchase on Amazon. Miriam, we are very proud of you and your accomplishment!



HAVE A GREAT WEEK! . .Stop by the St. Paul Voyagers booth at Wendish Fest this Sunday, say "hello", and enjoy a popcorn treat! And, we'll see everyone again at sporting events on Monday and Parent-Teacher Conferences on Wed, Thursday & Friday. 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





Chapel Time Change

Due to 7th and 8th grade visit days, our chapel time on Wednesday September 27th will be adjusted to 11:20 am. Please plan accordingly! See you there!

7th Grade Visit Day

7th grade students will be joining us in the afternoon of Wednesday, September 27th. 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 a 7th or 8th grader, and would like to bring them for visit day, please contact Mrs. Nikki Kueck at (979) 242-2889.

7th and 8th Grade Game Night

FLHS will be hosting a game night for 7th and 8th grade students on Friday, September 29 from 6:00 pm until 9:00 pm at Faith Lutheran High School. We will have lots of food, fun, and fellowship!

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. Meals will be available on Saturday, October 28 from 11 am to 1 pm at the Holy Cross Picnic Grounds. Tickets are \$15 each and available for pre-sale only! (Deadline is Thursday, October 19th.) Talk to a FLHS student, staff, board, or delegate today!!

Save the Date!

FLHS's annual Oktoberfest will be Saturday, October 28th. New this year will be **The Battle of the Vines**, in addition to **The Battle of the Brew** - both are home brew competitions, so start planning your brews now. Returning will be our traditional German meal, domino tournament, cornhole tournament, silent and live auction, music, kids games, bounce house, and lots of fun! Find our Facebook event, or see our flier for all the details about the day!

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!

SERVING THE LORD IN

THE CAYMAN ISLANDS

NEWS FROM GERALD AND HEIDI PAUL



AUGUST 2023

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DID YOU KNOW?

- *Nearing the end of our first home service, we've already traveled over 7,300 miles through 15 states, with about another 1,000 miles and 3 states to go.*
- *And we've presented our report to 30 congregations with 3 more to go.*
- **Missions Unpacked 4 Kids NOW AVAILABLE!**
Download here:
<https://international.lcms.org/missions-unpacked-for-kids/>
- *Current favorite Spanish word/phrase: "un viaje muy largo" – meaning "a very long trip".*



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Home Service 2023: Part 2



Presenting at one of numerous congregations, reconnecting with some of many long-time friends, and meeting the youngest contributor to the mission!



One way to see the world – become a missionary!

Can anyone say "well, that's been a long trip!"? Uffda! You betcha! And we're not even quite done yet!! Sleeping in a different bed almost every night either with generous hosts or in hotels, once even in a covered wagon, and once in a firma shed! - spending countless hours on the road and presenting on our mission work more times than we can remember, is not for the faint of heart!! In the words of "Old Missionary" Gary Thies of Mission Central, Mapleton, IA, someone doing that for the sake of furthering the Gospel is "not normal!!"

However, would we trade this for anything simpler if it meant not meeting all of you amazing Christians, and not being uplifted and encouraged by all of you? Ummmm, no! Plus, we got to reconnect with long-time friends we had not seen in a long time and reconnect with our own dear children. And along

the way, we got to see a good chunk of the good ol' US of A too!

Young heart for missions!

Meet Angel (pictured above with her grandma, Cheryl Forke of MT). Angel had decided to donate of her own money for the mission: a dollar, quarter, dime, nickel and a penny! May we all learn from her example like the widow giving her mite, to give generously and with a glad heart! And she gives the best hugs!

Thank you!!

Everywhere we have been, we've been received with much love and generosity. A mere "thank you" seems not enough! Yet, thank you! From the bottom of our hearts! We look forward to seeing you again on our next home service in 2025!

And come see us on the island! We have a couple guest rooms at our house you can stay in! We're waiting for you!



PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- The education committee as we regroup after the disappointing deal failure.
- Our last home-service travels
- Safe Harbour and the last fill-in pastor during our absence in August
- "M" – that a solution for her difficult life situation is found.
- "Y" – that her grand daughters may be baptized

GIVE THANKS FOR:

- Safe home-service travels thus far
- Continued Word and Sacrament ministry at Safe Harbour
- The faithful few that regularly attend divine services

PRAISE GOD FOR:

- The many congregations and individuals who support us with prayer, encouragement and with their generosity.

Reconnecting with family



Spending time with Matthias and Marie in Bozeman, MT, and with Angelika in Madison, WI.

Hugging loved ones is the best!

We love that we got to reconnect with our children! While in Belgrade, MT, and in Madison, WI, we were able to spend valuable time with our son, Matthias and his girlfriend, Marie, as well as with our oldest daughter, Angelika. Precious time – always way too short – yet priceless! So thankful!

Car Trouble!

While driving over Beartooth Pass in southeastern Montana, we noticed a "weird smell" – never good when on a long trip! Leaking coolant! Rev. Ryan Wendt of Billings was able to pinpoint the offending parts and replace them in no time at all! Thank God for pastors

who know their cars!

Preschool Disappointment

After all the excitement of partnering with the LCEF in entering a non-binding bid to purchase a preschool on the island, the deal has regrettably fallen through in mid-July. We covet your prayers as the search continues.

Thank you, Rev Dr Schultz!

A big thank you to Rev Dr Detlev Schultz and his wife, Cornelia, for filling in at Safe Harbour for us during the month of July!

Soli Deo Gloria



"For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord." Romans 8: 38-39

- Your partners in mission,
Gerald and Heidi Paul



There are many opportunities to serve as short-term or CEO missionaries. Check out the current list and download an application at loms.org/missions. Click on "Service Opportunities."

Prayerfully consider partnering with the LOMS to support the work of Gerald Paul. Make checks payable to:

The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod
P.O. Box 86661
St. Louis, MO 63186-6661

OR

Mission Central
40718 Highway E 16
Mapleton, IA 51034

On the memo line include Gerald Paul – Cayman Islands

Give securely from any device: loms.org/give/geraldpaul

Call a donor care representative: 800-930-4438

PRAY FOR Rev. Dr. Gerald and Heidi Paul Pastor and Church Planter FOR Serving the Lord in the Cayman Islands



The Rev. Dr. Gerald and Heidi Paul serve the Lord through the Lutheran Church Mission of Synod LCMS, as church planters in the Cayman Islands. As a pastor and church planter, Gerald meets with local church leaders at St. Paul's Lutheran Church to speak to the people of the Cayman Islands, both locals and expats with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Gerald also seeks to serve the transient, Cuban refugee population in Grand Cayman. He is an adopted grandson in Cayman, the 8th son of 10 sons in the Dominican Republic.

Heidi supports a diverse mission effort and has been using her background in early childhood education to explore the possibility of starting an early childhood center. Her own experience has been "fanned" by the presence of that ongoing project for a church, as early childhood centers are scarce and accommodations for future teachers.

Gerald and Heidi, with their son, Luke, Africa. Gerald's home congregation is the Evangelical Lutheran Church, Wilkesburg area, Pa. Heidi, Myanmar, and Heidi is St. Peter's Lutheran Church in St. Peter's, Belize. Heidi, with her son, Luke, and with his sister, Benjamin, Joni Wayne, Paul, Heidi turned her teaching career in South Africa and Heidi's degree in early childhood education in Michigan.

Heidi grew up speaking two languages, German, Afrikaans, English and Zulu, and now speaks Spanish, which they started studying in 2011. This greatly benefits their ministerial work in the multi-cultural, multi-lingual population on the island. Heidi has served as pastor in South Africa, Myanmar, and Myanmar prior to serving on Grand Cayman.

As a pastor for Gerald and Heidi as they serve the Lord in the Cayman Islands and the Caribbean, we give it all that they are in serving the Lord's children in all parts of the world.

BIRTHDAYS: Gerald April 9, Heidi — Nov. 28
ANNIVERSARY: June 1
HOME DISTRICT: Michigan



Pray daily for Gerald and Heidi—and how you can support and tell others about their ministry. Visit lcmis.org/give for more information. **Learn about LCMS International work at international.lcms.org** **Support an international worker.** Call 888-930-4438



MY in support of the LCMS through the work of GIFT Rev. Dr. Gerald and Heidi Paul



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GIVE BY MAIL:

To mail your gift please fill out the form below:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Type of Gift:

☐ A recurring gift of \$_____ for the duration of Gerald and Heidi's service.

Please enclose this frequency form (the envelope is sealed below).

☐ A one-year pledge commitment of \$_____ to be fulfilled:

Frequency schedule: ☐ monthly ☐ quarterly ☐ semi-annually ☐ annually

☐ A special gift of \$_____

I/we would like to make my/our gifts by:

☐ Check — Save checks payable to: The Lutheran Church Mission of Synod, Rev. Dr. Paul-Cayman Islands Support on a new line.

☐ Automatic Withdrawal — Please include a VOID OFFICIAL CHECK.

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