

St. Paul Lutheran Church

Serbin, Texas



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The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

25 September 2022

Welcome! *Our Help Is Not in Worldly Riches.* “The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham’s side,” and “the rich man also died and was buried” (Luke 16:22). The poor man Lazarus, who knew many bad things on earth, began to be comforted forever, whereas the rich man, after a lifetime of good things, began to be “in anguish” (Luke 16:25). Therefore, “woe to those who are at ease in Zion” (Amos 6:1), for “the revelry of those who stretch themselves out shall pass away” (Amos 6:7). The wealthy are urged “not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches,” but “to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share” (1 Tim. 6:17–18). Covetous desire for what God has not given is idolatry and “a root of all kinds of evils” (1 Tim. 6:10). Contentment belongs to faith, by which the Christian has “great gain” in godliness (1 Tim. 6:6).

We invite you all to worship with us again and ask our visitors to please sign our Guest Book.

In Our Prayers:

Those recovering from surgeries and illness:

Barbara Birnbaum-recovering (mother of Chris Birnbaum)
Louis Doebbler-recovering
Donnie Garrett-hospitalized (friend of Jamie Jordan)
Evelyn Kaiser-hospitalized
Gladys Karisch
Hildegard Krause
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)

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 (brother-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 Wesbrook (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 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

Those who mourn:

The family of Eugene Randall (father-in-law of Shannon Miertschin)

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.

LUTHERAN HOUR: Next Sunday, October 2nd, “**You’ve Got It in You**”. Speaker: Rev. Dr. John Nunes. Faith in Christ is something that’s in you, but you didn’t put it there. (2 Timothy 1:13-14). 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 Order of Service— Worship Insert

✠ *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

Marissa Anne Hempel

Marissa is the daughter of John and Anjelika Hempel

Her baptismal witnesses are Joseph and Amy Billig

- ✠ **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.
- ✠ **Thank You.** We the family of Van Durrenberger would like to thank you for the calls, prayers, flowers and visits during the difficult times and loss of our beloved husband, father and grandfather. A special thank you to Pastor Schmidt for the wonderful message, Jack Wiederhold for the music for the service and the LWML who provided and served the delicious meal. *The family of Van Durrenberger*
- ✠ **October Calendar.** The October calendar is available from the ushers this morning and in the church office.
- ✠ **WENDISH FEST:** The 34th Annual Wendish Fest is hosted today by St. Paul Lutheran Church and the Texas Wendish Heritage Society @ Serbin, Texas. Come help us celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Texas Wendish Heritage Society! Guest Speaker for both English (8:30) and German Services (10:30) is Rev. Michael Newman, President, Texas District LCMS; Rev. Thomas Obersat of Ebenezer Manheim (German Liturgy), and Rev. John Schmidt, St. Paul Serbin (English Liturgy). Church tours will be offered @ 12:30 & 1:30 p.m. A day full of Wendish history, heritage, culture and family activities are featured @ St. Paul Picnic Grounds. A traditional Wendish noon meal will be served until 1:30 p.m., offering sausage, sauerkraut, Wendish noodles, green beans, beets, peaches, coffee and tea. Desserts will be available. Snack booth will open at 2:00p.m. Entertainment will be provided 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, exhibits, and genealogy assistance. A German Christmas Market with locally made items will be featured. Tradition of decorating Wendish Easter Eggs will be demonstrated and eggs decorated in Germany may be purchased. Please join us to enjoy a day of celebrating Wendish History, Heritage and Culture. Thank you.
- ✠ **Lutheran Witness.** The church provides a subscription of the Lutheran Witness for each family in the congregation, at a cost of \$14.50. 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 3rd.
- ✠ **Cedar Putzen** (trimming of the cemetery cedars) is scheduled for Saturday, October 1st at 8:00 a.m. Please bring tree trimming equipment and rakes. All members and volunteers are welcome to help.

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

Organist- 8:30 – Susan Michael

10:30 – Susan Michael

Acolytes- 8:30 – Gabriel Bailey and Tyler Fritsche

10:30 – Lydia Goodson and Cooper Hinze

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 Schauschick, Austin Schmidt,
Benjamin Symm, Sebastian Symm

Counting and Posting offering this week:

Chairman- Glen Albrecht

Ty Kasper, Carson Becker, Nathan Michael

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-fourth Annual Wendish Festival

Mon.-Fri. Scholastic Book Fair

Monday Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.
 ECC Parent Teacher Conferences

Tuesday Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.

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.
 4-H Meeting – 6:30 p.m.

Thursday Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.
 Early Release – 11:45 a.m.
 Parent/Teacher Conferences

Friday Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.
 Early Release – 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: Tucker Kalbas and Kaden Kasper

Birthdays: 26th – Nicole Arldt, Melissa Ray; 27th – Ryan Buscha, Mark Gruetzner, Jonathan Mitschke; 28th – LeeAnn Jones, Chase Oltmann; 29th – Benson Buscha; 1st – Troy Bise, Tyler Fritsche, Leonard Mitschke. God’s Blessings to you.

ST. PAUL NOTES:

Attendance Last Week: Morning Worship- 217, Communion- 119, Bible Class- 18; Sunday School- 27, Offering- \$22.00.

Offering Last Week: \$105,729.96

Home:		Mission:	
General	\$7,588.14	Mission	\$500.00
Sunday School	\$22.00	Mission Total	\$500.00
Lunch Room	\$906.50	Savings/Other:	
ECC Operating	\$8,348.72	Building Fund	\$16,100.00
Tuition	\$2,632.60	School Fund	\$65.00
LWML Quilting	\$75.00	Daycare Fund	\$68,992.00
Received 9/18/2022	\$19,572.96	Tuition Assistance Fund	\$100.00
		Scholarship Fund	\$100.00
Est. needed per week	\$22,500.00	Endowment Fund	\$300.00
Received MTD	\$83,330.56	Savings/Other Total	\$85,657.00
Est. needed per month	\$97,500.00		
		Total	\$105,729.96

MEMORIALS: General: In memory of Joyce Bise by Marvin & Charlyn Matthijetz - \$40.00; by Monroe Becker - \$30.00. In memory of Melvin & Dorothy Schautschick by their children, grandchildren and great grandchildren - \$200.00. In memory of Steve Janda and Joyce Bise by Milton & Geraldine Albrecht - \$50.00. In memory of Joyce Bise, Gerald Campbell and Steve Janda by Robert & Joyce Hinze - \$75.00. In memory of Johnnie Vogel by Rodney Fritsche - \$525.00. **Mission:** In memory of Joyce Bise by Marvin Lorenz - \$25.00. **Building Fund:** Memorial from Steven Lorenz Estate - \$16,100.00 (for stained glass window repair). **ECC Operating:** In memory of Joyce Bise by David & Susan Michael - \$25.00. **LWML Quilting:** In memory of our grandparents by M/M Delvin Boriack - \$50.00. In memory of Joyce Bise by Ken & Ruby Weiser - \$25.00.

The Voyager Voice

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

for the week of September 25-October 1, 2022

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Sept. 25... Wendish Festival
- Sept. 26... Voyager Club Run – 7:15 AM
VB & FB games (Home)
vs. Innis-Giddings
– 3:00 & 4:00 PM
- Sept. 27... VVB & VFB vs. TNT
(Home) – 4:00 & 5:00 PM
- Sept. 28-Oct. 2... Scholastic Book Fair
- Sept. 28... “See You at the Pole”
Chapel – 8:30 AM
Distribution of 1st 6-Week
Report Cards
- Sept. 29... Voyager Club Run – 7:15 AM
Early Dismissal – 11:45 AM
Parent-Teacher Conferences
– 12:00-2:00 PM
Var FB games (H)
vs. Brenham – 4:00 PM
- Sept. 30... Early Dismissal – 11:45 AM
Parent-Teacher Conferences
12:00-2:00 PM
- Oct. 5-7... Gr. 5-6 Outdoor Education
@ Camp Lone Star

Happy
Fall y'all

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Our Mission

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

From the Principal's Desk. . .

The *Scholastic Book Fair* begins this week, Sept. 28-Oct. 2. Come browse the selection in the gym and purchase great books!

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

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

Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held next Thursday (9/29) and Friday (9/30); check the school website for appointment times.

Check out the calendar for next week's events, practices, and special activities. More details are available by reading the online Voyager News Blast at the website www.stpaulserbinschool.org.

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

NEWS, NOTES, and HAPPENINGS

BOOK FAIR NEWS . . . The 2022 Scholastic Book Fair is coming to St. Paul Sept. 28th thru Oct. 2nd in the gym. 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. Books are available for immediate purchase during the week (see times on website) or online at:

<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/stpaulserbinschool41>

The Book Fair will also be open to all next Sunday, Oct. 2nd from 9:30-11 AM.



REPORT CARD DISTRIBUTION. . . Parents, look for your child's 1st six-week report card coming home next Wednesday, Sept. 28th with your child. Please review the report card prior to your Parent-Teacher Conference next week, Sept. 29th & 30th.

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 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 SYATP theme is: “*A Flame*”, 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.



PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES. . . . will be held *next Thursday and Friday, Sept. 29th from 12:00 PM to 7:00 PM & Oct. 1st 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 by placing your name in the appropriate box. The *deadline for signing up for your Conference Appointment time is Monday, Sept. 26th*. 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. 29th & 30th*. Buses will run the regular afternoon routes at that time. Please make arrangements to have your child picked up by 12:00 PM. Thanks!

VOYAGER ATHLETICS. . . . Congratulations to our Varsity VB team on their 2nd Place finish at last weekend's Giddings Varsity Tournament. Yesterday, the JV girls participated in the *Salem JV Invitational Tournament on Sept. 23-24*. We'll let you know how they fared next week.



Next week, all four teams see home action:

- *Mon. Sept. 26 – Var VB @ 3:00 PM vs. Immanuel-Giddings (home)*
JV VB @ 3:00 PM vs. Immanuel-Giddings (home)
– JV VB @ 4:00 PM vs. Immanuel-Giddings (home)
– Var VB @ 4:00 PM vs. Immanuel-Giddings (home)
- *Tues. Sept. 27 – Var VB @ 4:00 PM vs. TNT Academy (home)*
– Var VB @ 5:00 PM vs. TNT Academy (home)
- *Thurs. Sept. 29 – FB @ 4:00 PM vs. Grace-Brenham (home)*

Then, as we begin October, the schedule looks like this:

- *Mon. Oct. 3 – JV VB @ 3:00 PM vs. Good Shepherd-Bastrop (home)*
– JV FB @ 4:30 PM vs. Good Shepherd-Bastrop (home)
- *Tues. Oct. 4 – JV VB @ 4:00 PM vs. St. Paul-Thorndale (home)*
– JV FB @ 4:00 PM vs. St. Paul-Thorndale (home)
– Var VB @ 5:00 PM vs. St. Paul-Thorndale (home)
– Var. FB @ 5:30 PM vs. St. Paul-Thorndale (home)

Plan to come cheer our teams as we conclude our seasons in October.

WENDISH FEST. . . . The 34th annual Wendish Fest. will be held *next Sunday, Sept. 25th* on the Serbia 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 *Platz Kwaz* (Wendish Bird Wedding) at 11:30 AM by our St. Paul students are also part of the day's activities. Come visit our St. Paul school booth and pick up a treat! See you later today at Wendish Fest!

CHRISTIAN SERVICE FORM. . . . Just a reminder—all 1st Six-Week Christian "Service Opportunity" (Gr. K-4) and "Service Hour" (Gr. 5-8) forms are *due on Monday Sept. 26th*. New "service opportunities" sheets are attached to last week's News Blast email and were sent home with the K-4 students;



5th-8th graders can pick up a new "service hours" sheet at the office when they return their previous sheets. We encourage all SPS students to participate in our Christian Service Program during October!

OFFERING PROJECT. . . . Thanks for remembering your Chapel offerings every Wednesday for the Samaritan Pulse "Operation Christmas Child" project. We've already *collected \$285.50* for the project which provides a shoebox full and the Gospel of Jesus to children around the world at Christmas. Remember your offerings and contribute generously in support of this worthy project.



NEW LOGO DECALS. . . . Hey Voyager families! Have you put your new *St. Paul-Serbia Voyagers logo window decal* on your vehicle yet? Here's a great way to show your "Voyager Pride" and help us get our name out to the Lee Co. community! We encourage you to proudly display this attractive sticker on your car window to let others know you're a "Voyager backer"! 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 look forward to seeing everyone at Wendish Fest today—stop by the St. Paul Voyagers booth, say "hello", and enjoy a popcorn treat! And, we'll see everyone again sporting events this week and at Parent-Teacher Conferences on 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