

# St. Paul Lutheran Church

Serbin, Texas



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## The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

29 August 2021

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**Welcome! We Are Cleansed and Sustained by the Word of God.** Wickedness and evil come “*from within, out of the heart,*” and that is what defiles a person (Mark 7:21–23). Hence, we cannot save ourselves, because we are sinful and unclean from the inside out. But as the Lord Jesus “*declared all foods clean*” (Mark 7:19), so He cleanses us by His Word, the preaching of repentance and the forgiveness of sins. Therefore, “*listen to the statutes and the rules*” of the Lord, “*and do them, that you may live*” (Deut. 4:1). For His Word is righteous, and to live according to it is “*your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples*” (Deut. 4:6). Cling to His Word, and also teach it “*to your children and your children’s children*” (Deut. 4:9). Put on this “*armor of God*” by hearing and heeding what He speaks to you, that you may “*stand firm*” in the evil day (Eph. 6:11–13). Gird yourself with the righteousness of Christ, by faith in the “*gospel of peace,*” and take up “*the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God,*” by confessing Christ Jesus and “*praying at all times in the Spirit*” (Eph. 6:14–18).

We invite you all to worship with us again.

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### In Our Prayers:

Those recovering from surgeries and illness:

*Raymond Arldt-recovering*

*Lori Becker-recovering*

*Brian Becvar (cousin of Jessica Gruetzner)*

*Chris Birnbaum*

*Rev. Dale Bohm-recovering*

*Pat Hughes-recovering (friend of James and*

*Kathy Kalbas)*

*William Johnson (father of Heather Perry)*

*Gracie Kalbas-recovering*

*Tim Kleinschmidt-hospitalized (friend of Delvin & Judy*

*Boriack)*

*James Lilly (grandson of Bertha Walch)*

*Kenneth Lorenz-covid*

*Brooklyn Mersiovsky-covid*

*Heather Mersiovsky-hospitalized-covid*

*Rudy Meyer-hospitalized-covid (father of Christi*

*Bradford)*

*Chris Miertschin*

*Shannon Miertschin-recovering*

*Mark Noack-brother of Lori Becker*

*Glenda Paskett-recovering (mother of Lyndy Krause and*

*Melodi Oltmann)*

*Ralph Pitts (uncle of James Kalbas)*

*Coty Prazak (co-worker of Johnathan Noack and Shane*

*& Melissa Ray)*

*Calvin Robertson-recovering*

*Melvin Schulze-recovering*

*Greg & Barbara Sorrento-covid (niece & nephew of*

*Doris Fritsche)*

*Louis Symons-recovering*

*Alan Turner-hospitalized (friend of Delvin & Judy*

*Boriack)*

*Cindy Umphries-recovering (friend of James & Kathy*

*Kalbas)*

*Becky Weise*

*Bonnie Wenke-recovering*

**Our members in nursing homes and our shut-ins.**

**Those fighting cancer including:**

*Annie Beasley (niece of Shorty & Sandra Schimank)*

*Diane Biehle (friend of Dorothy Schautschick)*

*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)*

*Ross Hughes-recovering (friend of James and*

*Kathy Kalbas)*

*Steven Kelly (cousin of Jessica Gruetzner, brother-in-law*

*of Christi Bradford)*

*Rev. Fred Krebs (friend of Shorty & Sandra Schimank)*

*Bethany Lara (daughter of Kathy Gersch)*

*Kathy Lohberg (niece of Adelia Becker and Hattie*

*Mutschink)*

*Louis Muniz, Jr. (brother of Robert Muniz)*

*Carie Oltmann*

*Pat Richardson (friend of Darlene Schatte)*

*Diane Sanders (friend of James & Kathy Kalbas)*

*Karen Schmidt*

*Jim Sladek (friend of Johnathan Noack)*

*Barbara Symm*

*Judy Westbrook (mother of Heather Krause)*

*Tiffany Wittman (sister-in-law of Jason & Cindy*

*Heuermann)*

*Cathy Woolbright (friend of Ken & Ruby Weiser)*

**Those serving in the Armed Forces including:**

*Steven Cutlip (brother of Stephanie Symm), Fort Irwin, CA*

*Kosh Osmun (son of Stephanie Miertschin), Basic Training*

*Coy Hunt (son of Shannon & Christine Hunt) Camp*

*Hovey, South Korea*

**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: 905, 566, 707, 924  
Sermon Text: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9  
The Sermon: **“Where Will it Get You?”**

- † **The Altar flowers** are placed to the glory of God in honor of our 34<sup>th</sup> anniversary by Billy & Theresa Krause.
- † **Altar flowers** are needed for Sunday, September 5<sup>th</sup> and September 19<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to place flowers on any of these Sunday's, please contact Dorothy Schautschick at 716-0094.
- † **Special Voters Meeting.** There is a special voter's meeting following the service on this morning to:
  - Report that the BCE contract with Ashley Haney did not execute.
  - Report that the BCE contract with Kim Appel did not execute.
  - To offer a contract for \$15,500 to Shelby Buscha for the Special Needs Resource position for 16 hrs a week for the 2021-2022 school year.
- † **September Calendar.** The September Calendar is available in the church office.
- † **Fried Chicken Dinner.** The St. Paul Lutheran Church Adult Fellowship in Serbin is having their 24<sup>th</sup> annual fried chicken dinner on Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup> from 10:00-12:00 at the Serbin Picnic Grounds. Only advance meal tickets will be sold for \$12.00 and all plates are to-go. If you would like to order plates please contact Susan Michael at 540-0854 or Sharon Claxton at 540-7154 by September 6<sup>th</sup>. All proceeds will be going toward future church/school projects. Thank You!
- † **Adult Choir Practice Begins.** Adult Choir practice will resume **Wednesday, September 15th** 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.
- † **LWML.** The LWML has a variety of greeting cards for sale in the church office. The cards are \$.50 each or can be bought by the box for \$4.00.
- † **WENDISH FEST.** The 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Wendish Fest will be hosted by St. Paul Lutheran Church and the Texas Wendish Heritage Society on Sunday, September 26, 2021 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 [wendish@bluebon.net](mailto:wendish@bluebon.net) or [www.texaswendish.org](http://www.texaswendish.org).

**Serving today: Elders**– Tim Hartfield & Keith Oltmann  
**Organist**- Susan Michael  
**Head Ushers**- Donald Becker  
**Captain**- Troy Menzel **Assistant**- Mark Jones  
**Counting and Posting offering this week:**  
**Chairman**- Glen Albrecht  
Ty Kasper, Carson Becker

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## THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

Today	<b>Worship Service – 8:30 a.m.</b> Sunday School – 9:30 a.m. Special Voter’s Meeting – 9:30 a.m. PTLS Meeting – 10:15 a.m.
Monday	Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m. V VB game (H) vs Copland – 4:30 p.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.
Thursday	Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m. VB & FB games (H) vs Imm.-Giddings – 4:30 & 5:30 p.m.
Friday	Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m. School Picture Day
Next Sunday	<b>Worship Service w/Communion – 8:30 a.m.</b> Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m. Sunday School Teachers Meeting – 10:15 a.m.

**Birthdays: Today** – Raymond Arldt, Erich Schatte, Steeley Schatte, Steven Schautschick; 30<sup>th</sup> – Carolyn Noack, Rex Perry, Adele Sherk; 31<sup>st</sup> – Heather Perry, Madison Portales, Pablo Rodriguez, Jr.; 1<sup>st</sup> – Willard Albrecht, Thomas Irwin, Gracelyn Kalbas, Herbert Roeber, Shianne Sander; 3<sup>rd</sup> – Stella Jackson; 4<sup>th</sup> – Christi Bradford, Nancy Schautschick. God’s Blessings to you.

**LUTHERAN HOUR:** Next Sunday, September 5<sup>th</sup>, “**Living, Mighty, Active Faith**”. Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. An elephant is a living, mighty, active thing. So is the faith of Jesus. (Isaiah 35:4-7). 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](http://lhm.org) for a link to listen to the Lutheran Hour live.

## ST. PAUL NOTES:

**Attendance Last Week:** Morning Worship- 194, Sunday School Offering- \$16.00

**Offering Last Week:** \$30,884.80

<b>Home:</b>		<b>Mission:</b>	
General	\$8,098.30	Mission	\$355.00
Sunday School	\$16.00	Lutheran Hour	\$50.00
Lunch Room	\$3,138.00	<b>Mission Total</b>	<b>\$405.00</b>
ECC Operating	\$4,264.50	<b>Savings/Other:</b>	
Registration	\$325.00	Organ Restoration	\$500.00
Tuition	\$12,638.00	Bus Replacement Fund	\$1,500.00
<b>Received 8/22/2021</b>	<b>\$28,479.80</b>	<b>Savings/Other Total</b>	<b>\$2,000.00</b>
<b>Est. needed per week</b>	<b>\$22,500.00</b>	Total	\$30,884.80
<b>Received MTD</b>	<b>\$104,739.94</b>		
<b>Est. needed per month</b>	<b>\$97,500.00</b>		

**MEMORIALS: General:** In memory of Dr. Vince Stewart by Doug & Mary Jatzlau - \$25.00. **Lutheran Hour:** In honor of Morgan Ray Karisch’s 80<sup>th</sup> birthday by Robert & Joyce Hinze - \$30.00. In memory of Dr. Vince Stewart by Lucille, Lynette & Darlene Schatte - \$20.00. **School Fund:** In memory of Michael Albrecht by Kyle, Laurie & Kaden Kasper - \$50.00 (for 7/8 grade classroom). **Organ Restoration:** In memory of Frances Roeber by Herb Roeber & family - \$500.00. **Faith Lutheran High School:** In memory of Michael Albrecht by Craig, Melodi, Payton & Grant Oltmann - \$100.00.

# The Voyager Voice

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for the week of August 29 - September 4, 2021

2021-22 School Year Theme – “Follow Me” – John 12:26

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Aug. 29...PTLS Meeting – 10:15 AM  
Var. VB practice – 5:30 PM
- Aug. 30...Var. VB game (Home) vs.  
Coupland – 4:30 PM  
Football practice  
– 3:30-5:00 PM
- Aug. 31...Varsity VB practice  
– 3:30-5:00 PM
- Sep. 1...School Chapel Service  
– 8:30 AM  
Cheer Practice – 3:30-5:00 PM
- Sep. 2...VB & FB games (Home)  
vs. Imm.-Giddings  
– 4:30 & 5:30 PM
- Sep. 3...Mid-Term 1<sup>st</sup> Six-Weeks  
School Picture Day
- Sep. 6...Labor Day – **NO SCHOOL**
- Sep. 10...Donuts with Dads Parent  
Fellowship – 7:15-8:15 AM

If anyone serves Me,  
he must follow Me,  
and where I am, there  
will My servant be also.  
If anyone serves Me,  
**the Father will  
honor him.**

John 12:26

## From the Principal's Desk. . .

We're 8 days into the 2021-22 school year and off to a great start! We're blessed with lots of healthy kids and staff learning and sharing the love of Jesus daily with one another.

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

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

## NEWS, NOTES, and HAPPENINGS

**OFFERING PROJECT. . .** Our first 12-weeks Chapel offering project is supporting the Samaritan Purse “*Operation Christmas Child*” Project which provides a shoebox gift and the Gospel of Jesus to children around the world at Christmas. You can help with this project, too, by donating School Supplies (pens, pencils, crayons, glue sticks, pink erasers). Items can be brought to the school office or collection cart in the gym. Contribute generously in support of this worthy project.



**PRAYER MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY. . .** We invite you to become part of our school's prayer ministry this year through your participation in our “*Prayer Partners*” Program. We're looking for individuals who are willing to intentionally pray for 3-4 students and staff members each week. If interested in becoming a “Prayer Partner” for a Voyager student, contact the school office.

**SCHOOL PICTURE DAY. . .** is Friday, Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup> beginning at 8:30 AM. Dress and groom your best so pictures turn out great! Proofs and picture packets will be available online later in Sept. Watch the newsletter for more details.

**WATCH THE WEB. . .** A great way to keep tabs on what's happenings around St. Paul-Serbin this year is by clicking on our school website at [www.stpaulserbinschool.org](http://www.stpaulserbinschool.org). Newsletters, dates, schedules, classroom information, lunch menus, etc. are updated weekly. Stay in the know this year—check us out on the St. Paul web!

**CHECK US OUT ON FACEBOOK. . .** We post pictures and other items weekly from life at St. Paul Lutheran-Serbin. Be sure to “Like Us” and “Share Us” with your family and friends. Help us get the word out about our outstanding school program!



**EASY FUND RAISERS. . .** Keep saving those Coke Rewards bottle caps and “Sip & Scan” product codes and General Mills “Box Tops for Education” 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!

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### Our Mission

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



### **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!

### **5th Annual Golf Tournament**

Faith Lutheran High School will be holding their annual golf tournament fundraiser on September 18th at Frisch Auf Country Club in La Grange Texas. Shotgun start at 8:00 AM. For more information on entering a 2 person team or to sign up as a sponsor, please call (979) 242-2889 or visit our website at [www.flhstx.org](http://www.flhstx.org).

### **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!

### **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.



Students from the first week of school in our "Transformed" shirts