

# St. Paul Lutheran Church

Serbin, Texas



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## The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

12 September 2021

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**Welcome! *Christ Jesus Delivers Us from Sin, Death and the Devil.*** Those who teach the Word of God “*will be judged with greater strictness*” (James 3:1) because it is by the Word that saving faith is obtained, whereas false doctrine always threatens to destroy Christian faith and life. The tongue “*boasts of great things,*” whether for good or evil (James 3:5). In fallen man, “*it is a restless evil, full of deadly poison*” (James 3:8). But anyone who bridles his tongue with the Word of God, who “*does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man*” (James 3:2). It is Christ who opens His ear to the voice of His Father, so that, with “*the tongue of those who are taught,*” He is able to sustain the weary “*with a word*” (Is. 50:4–5). Entrusting Himself to His Father, even to death, He is not put to shame but is vindicated in His resurrection (Is. 50:6–9). By His faith and faithfulness, He casts out the “*mute and deaf spirit*” from us (Mark 9:25). He has compassion on us and helps us, so that we are not destroyed but cleansed from every evil and raised up from death to life (Mark 9:22–27).

We invite you all to worship with us again.

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### In Our Prayers:

Those recovering from surgeries and illness:

*Adelia Becker-hospitalized*

*Lori Becker-recovering*

*Brian Becvar (cousin of Jessica Gruetzner)*

*Rev. Dale Bohm-recovering*

*Dustin Faske-recovering at home*

*Pat Hughes-recovering (friend of James and*

*Kathy Kalbas)*

*William Johnson (father of Heather Perry)*

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

*Boriack)*

*Hildegard Krause-recovering*

*Mary Loewe (mother of Christi Bradford)*

*Kenneth Lorenz*

*Heather Mersiovsky- covid-recovering*

*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 Sorrento-recovering (nephew of Doris Fritsche)*

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

*Boriack)*

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

*Kalbas)*

*Becky Weise*

*Bonnie Wenke-recovering*

*Conway Whited-surgery (nephew of Ashley Schmidt)*

### 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)*

*Heather Lilly (granddaughter of Irene Noack)*

*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*

**Those who mourn:** *The family of Rudy Meyer (father of Christi Bradford)*

**Those affected by hurricane Ida**

**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: 611, 783, 953, 919

Sermon Text: James 3:1-12

The Sermon: **“A Perfect Man”**

† **The Altar flowers** are placed to the glory of God in memory of Adelia Lorenz by Milton & Geraldine Albrecht & family and Robert & Joyce Hinze & family.

† **Altar flowers** are needed for Sunday, September 19<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Dorothy Schautschick if you would like to place flowers on that Sunday.

† **Portals of Prayer.** The October-December Portals of Prayer are available 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!

† **Adult Choir Practice Begins.** Adult Choir practice begins **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.

† **The Lee County 4-H** will be hosting a Fried Chicken Dinner on Sunday, September 19<sup>th</sup> from 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., at the American Legion Hall in Giddings. All plates are \$12.00 **TAKE OUT ONLY**. Tickets may be purchased from any 4-H member, or limited tickets available at the door. Proceeds will remain in Lee County, funding 4-H scholarships and 4-H activities.

† **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 33rd Annual Wendish Fest will be hosted by St. Paul Lutheran Church and the Texas Wendish Heritage Society on Sunday, September 26, 2021 @ Serbin, Texas. Guest speaker for the 8:30 English Church Service and the 10:30 German Church Service will be Rev. Thomas Obersat, Pastor at Ebenezer Manheim, and Rev. John Schmidt, St. Paul Serbin. Sunday School will be @ 9:30a.m. 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. Balcones Forge Blacksmiths will demonstrate how early Texas settlers made their tools and other necessary items. Wendish Fest is made possible through the work of many volunteers. We appreciate each and every one! For information contact 979-366-2441 or [wendish@bluebon.net](mailto:wendish@bluebon.net). [www.texaswendish.org](http://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 19<sup>th</sup>, **“Scrapped Gifts”**. Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. God saves our scraps and re-gifts them with Easter possibility. (James 1). 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.

**Serving today:** **Elders**– Mark Jones and Steven Schautschick  
**Organist**- Jack Wiederhold  
**Acolytes**- Trey Fritsche and Ayla Droegemueller  
**Head Ushers**- Donald Becker  
**Captain**- Michael Becker **Assistant**- Shelby Becker  
**Counting and Posting offering this week:**  
**Chairman**- Glen Albrecht  
Pablo Rodriguez, Tommy Miertschin

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**THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK**

Today **Worship Service – 8:30 a.m.**  
Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.  
LAF Fried Chicken Dinner

Monday Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.  
Campus Lockdown Drill  
JV VB and FB @ Thorndale – 4:30 p.m.  
V FB @ Thorndale – 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.  
Circuit Meeting @ Grace, Elgin – 9:00 a.m.  
V VB (H) vs. St. Joseph, Bryan – 5:00 p.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.  
JV VB & FB (H) vs. 1<sup>st</sup> Baptist, Caldwell – 4:00 p.m.  
V VB & FB (H) vs. 1<sup>st</sup> Baptist, Caldwell – 5:00 p.m.

Friday Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.  
PTLS Family “Pizza & Movie Night” – 6:30 p.m.

Saturday Pre-Season V VB Tournament @ Giddings

Next Sunday **Worship Service w/Communion – 8:30 a.m.**  
Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.  
Acolytes: Brooke Lehmann and Grant Oltmann  
LYF Meeting & Social - 2:00 p.m.  
Lee County 4-H Fried Chicken Dinner

**Birthdays:** 13<sup>th</sup> – Rebecca Burgdorf, Brooks Zoch; 14<sup>th</sup> – Ryleigh Bailey, Joyce Hinze, Gabrielle Teinert; 15<sup>th</sup> – Christopher Habel, Kyle Jenke, Allen Kaiser, Paul Kappler, Logan Teinert; 16<sup>th</sup> – Amy Billig, Judy Boriack, Ryan Henderson, James Kalbas, Pamela Schmidt; 17<sup>th</sup> – Shane Corn, Judith Kalbas, Rachel Schautschick, Nicholas Taylor; 18<sup>th</sup> – Max Faske, Loryn Henderson, Melinda Krause, Florene Werchan. God’s Blessings to you.

## ST. PAUL NOTES:

**Attendance Last Week:** Morning Worship- 205, Communion- 120, Bible Class- 16; Sunday School- 62, Banner Classes: Grade 2, Offering- \$20.00.

**Offering Last Week:** \$37,875.25

<b>Home:</b>		<b>Mission:</b>	
General	\$23,830.00	Mission	\$815.00
Sunday School	\$20.00	<b>Mission Total</b>	<b>\$815.00</b>
Lunch Room	\$1,003.55	<b>Savings/Other:</b>	
ECC Operating	\$5,385.50	Building Fund	\$1,000.00
Tuition	\$5,801.20	Scholarship	\$20.00
<b>Received 9/5/2021</b>	<b>\$36,040.25</b>	<b>Savings/Other Total</b>	<b>\$1,020.00</b>
<b>Est. needed per week</b>	<b>\$22,500.00</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$37,875.25</b>
<b>Received MTD</b>	<b>\$36,040.25</b>		
<b>Est. needed per month</b>	<b>\$97,500.00</b>		

**MEMORIALS: General:** In memory of Michael Mitschke's birthday by Calvin & Ina Mitschke - \$2,500.00. In memory of Dr. Vince Stewart by Martin & Jeannie Werchan - \$125.00. In memory of Johnny Herzik by Calvin & Lil Robertson - \$25.00. **Scholarship Fund:** In memory of Johnny Herzik by David & Karen Schmidt - \$20.00.



### 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).

### Oktoberfest

FLHS will be hosting a family friendly event on Saturday, October 23rd at the Holy Cross Picnic grounds. More details about the day are to be announced soon, but we will have a German meal, concession stand, dominos, washers and corn hole tournaments, and games for kids.

### 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!

### 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 23rd.

### 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

# The Voyager Voice

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for the week of September 12-18, 2021

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

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Sep. 12... VarVB practice – 5:30 PM
- Sep. 13... Campus Lockdown Drill  
– 9:15 AM  
VB & FB games (Away)  
@ Thorndale  
– 4:00 & 5:00 PM
- Sep. 14... Voyager Club Run – 7:15 AM  
VarVB Game (Home) vs.  
Bryan – 5:00 PM
- Sep. 15... School Chapel Service  
– 8:30 AM  
Cheer Practice – 3:30-5:00 PM
- Sep. 16... Voyager Club Run – 7:15 AM  
VB & FB games (Home)  
vs. Caldwell  
– 4:00 & 5:00 PM
- Sep. 17... Voyager Club Run – 7:15 AM  
PTLS Pizza & Movie Night  
– 6:30 PM
- Sep. 18... Giddings Varsity Volleyball  
Tournament
- Sep. 22... “See You at the Pole”  
Chapel Service – 8:30 PM
- Sep. 24... End of 1<sup>st</sup> Six-Weeks  
JVVB @ Tomball Tourney
- Sep. 26... Wendish Fest

## From the Principal's Desk . . .

As we observe Patriot Day this weekend and remember the tragedy of 9/11/01 (20<sup>th</sup> anniversary), we give thanks for God's continued protection amidst a world of sin and threats of terror and war.

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](http://www.stpaulserbinschool.org).

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

## NEWS, NOTES, and HAPPENINGS

**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 were sent home last Friday. Go online to [www.mrdabbs.com](http://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 Thursday, Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup>!

**LOCKDOWN DRILL.** . . Students and staff will participate in our annual School Lockdown Drill on Monday, Sept. 13<sup>th</sup> 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.

**VOYAGER CLUB RUN.** . . is our new running club for both students and adults alike! VCR meets every Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday at 7:15 AM on the athletic field. Join us next week as we run to stay fit and prepare our SPS students for the cross country meet in November.

**PIZZA & MOVIE NIGHT.** . . Join us for our fall PTLs Pizza & Movie Night next Friday, Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM in the gym. We'll enjoy pizza and a “family friendly” movie with friends that evening. Remember to bring your blankets and lawn chairs. See you then!

**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, eraser). Items can be brought to the school office or collection cart in the gym.

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### Our Mission

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