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Serbin, Texas



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The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

19 September 2021

Welcome! *Our Father Cares for His Children with the Gospel of His Son.*

The sinful heart is filled with “*bitter jealousy and selfish ambition*” (James 3:14), which causes hostility, quarrels and conflicts, even among those who are fellow members of the Body of Christ. This should not be so! Rather, God “*opposes the proud*” with His Law, in order to humble them unto repentance; He “*gives grace to the humble,*” in order to exalt them by His Gospel of forgiveness (James 4:6–10). This true “*wisdom from above*” is found in the gentleness, mercy and peace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, who humbled Himself and sacrificed Himself for the salvation of sinners (James 3:17). He was “*like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter,*” committing Himself to God, His Father, “*who judges righteously, who tests the heart and the mind*” (Jer. 11:19–20). Therefore, “*after three days,*” His Father exalted Him by raising Him from the dead (Mark 9:31). In Holy Baptism, He takes disciples of all ages into His arms like little children. In receiving Him through repentance and faith in His forgiveness of sins, they receive from His Father a share in the glory of His cross and resurrection (Mark 9:36–37).

We invite you all to worship with us again.

In Our Prayers:

Those recovering from surgeries and illness:

Adelia Becker-recovering
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)
Eugene Menzel-recovering (brother of Elaine Mersiovsky and Donald Menzel)
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)
Calvin Robertson-recovering
Melvin Schulze-recovering
Greg Sorrento-recovering (nephew of Doris Fritsche)
Alan Turner-recovering (friend of Delvin & Judy Boriack)
Cindy Umphries-recovering (friend of James & Kathy Kalbas)
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 Thomas Hudson (father of Jackie Short)
The family of Rev. Otto Brillinger
The family of Keri Wolf (wife of Michael Schmidt)

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: 605, 851, 438, 842, 637, 725
Sermon Text: James 3:13—4:10
The Sermon: **“What is Your Thought?”**

- † **The Altar flowers** are placed to the glory of God in memory of Karl and Clara Weiser and other family members that are deceased by Alton Weiser
- † **Portals of Prayer.** The October-December Portals of Prayer are available in the church office.
- † **Lunch & Learn.** Please join us for a free LUNCH & LEARN at Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home in Giddings. The event will be held at 12 pm on Thursday, September 23, 2021. Please call 979-542-3113 to reserve your spot, as seating will be limited to the first 25 people. Come enjoy lunch with us and learn about the end-of-life planning you can do now to make things easier for your family in the future. We look forward to seeing you!
- † **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. 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.

LUTHERAN HOUR: Next Sunday, September 26th, **“Seek the Welfare of the Neighborhood”**. Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Jason Broge. We can start to make the world a better place by seeking the welfare of the neighborhoods into which God has placed us. (Jeremiah 29). 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.

Serving today: Elders— Mark Jones and Steven Schautschick
Organist- Daniel Krause
Acolytes- Brooke Lehmann and Grant Oltmann
Head Ushers- Donald Becker
Captain- Michael Becker Assistant- Shelby Becker
Counting and Posting offering this week:
Chairman- Johnathan Noack
Virgil Becker, Tim Symm, Chase Oltmann

THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

Today **Worship Service w/Communion – 8:30 a.m.**
 Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.
 LYF Meeting & Social – 1:00 p.m.

Monday Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.

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 JV V & FB @ St. Paul, Brenham – 4:00 p.m.

Wednesday Staff Bible Study – 7:30 a.m.
 “See You at the Pole” prayer event – 8:30 a.m.
 LWML Quilting – 9:00 a.m.
 Youth Confirmation - 6:00 p.m.
 4-H Meeting – 6:30 p.m.

Thursday Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.
 JV VB & FB vs. Grace Brenham – 4:00 p.m.
 Board of Elders Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

Friday Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.

Fri. – Sat. Salem JV V Tournament @ Tomball

Next Sunday **English Worship Service – 8:30 a.m.**
 Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.
 Acolytes: Kenedy Schatte and Benjamin Schonhoeft
German Wendish Festival Service – 10:30 a.m.
 Acolytes: Emma Short and Rylee Smolik
33rd Annual Wendish Festival

Birthdays: Today – Danielle Jones, Tommy Wilkins; 20th – Gail Albrecht, Noah Carrizales, 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 – Joyce Dowling. God’s Blessings to you.

ST. PAUL NOTES:

Attendance Last Week: Morning Worship- 212, Bible Class- 20; Sunday School- 54, Offering- \$22.00.

Offering Last Week: \$26,730.42

Home:		Mission:	
General	\$9,389.00	Mission	\$850.00
Sunday School	\$22.00	Lutheran Hour	\$100.00
Lunch Room	\$1,106.00	Mission Total	\$950.00
ECC Operating	\$2,797.50	Savings/Other:	
Tuition	\$12,440.92	Building Fund	\$25.00
Received 9/12/2021	\$25,755.42	Savings/Other Total	\$25.00
Est. needed per week	\$22,500.00	Total	\$26,730.42
Received MTD	\$61,795.67		
Est. needed per month	\$97,500.00		

MEMORIALS: General: In memory of Rudy Meyer by M/M Delvin Boriack - \$20.00 (for quilting group). **Lutheran Hour:** In memory of Keri Wolf by Edwin, Jr. & Barbara Schmidt - \$100.00. **Building Fund:** In memory of Roy Neidig by Tommy & Linda Wilkins - \$25.00



National Merit Semi-Finalists Announced

Benjamin Meyer, senior at Faith Lutheran High School, was named a semifinalist in the National Merit Scholarship program. Benjamin is the son of Rev. Jonathan and Ruth Meyer of Lexington. He will study pre-medicine and orthopedic surgery. Benjamin will complete the application process to become a finalist for the opportunity to earn a share of almost \$30 million in scholarship awarded over the next few months. The National Merit Scholarship Program is highly selective and receiving recognition in this program is an impressive accomplishment. Congratulations Benjamin!!

Camp Lone Star Retreat

FLHS students had a wonderful time at Camp Lone Star this past week. It was a great two days of challenge courses, Bible Study and learning about building up the body of Christ. We are thankful for this opportunity to grow together as a Falcon family!

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.

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.

Free Wednesday mornings?

Join us for our weekly Chapel Worship Service every Wednesday, beginning at 10:30 am. Pastor Jonathan Meyer will be leading us this week!

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



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for the week of September 19-25, 2021

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sep. 19...VarVB practice – 5:30 PM

Sep. 20...FB & JVVB practices
– 3:30-5:00 PM

Sep. 21... Voyager Club Run – 7:15 AM
VarVB Practice – 3:30-5 PM
JVVB & JVFB games (A)
@ St. Paul-Brenham
– 4:00 & 5:30 PM

Sep. 22...“See You at the Pole”
Chapel Service – 8:30 PM
Cheer Practice – 3:30-5:00 PM

Sep. 23...School Picture Order
(online deadline)
Voyager Club Run – 7:15 AM
JVVB & JVFB games (H)
vs. Grace-Brenham
– 4:00 PM

Sep. 24...End of 1st Six-Weeks
Voyager Club Run – 7:15 AM

Sept. 24-25...Tomball JV Volleyball
Tournament

Sep. 26...Wendish Fest

Sep. 27-Oct. 4...Scholastic Book Fair

Sept. 29...Distribution of 1st 6-Week
Report Cards

9/30-10/1...Parent-Teacher Conferences

From the Principal's Desk . . .

Next Wednesday (9/22), is our special “See You at the Pole” Chapel. Yes, St. Paul members, you’re invited to join us, too!

The deadline for *School Picture Orders* is next Thursday (9/23); all orders are made online at www.mrdabbs.com.

The 1st Six-Weeks ends next Friday 9/24. Start signing up for *Parent-Teacher Conferences* online at the school website beginning Tuesday, Sept 21st.

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

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 next *Wednesday, Sept. 22nd 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 SYATP theme is: “*Just Pray*”, based on James 4:10. Join us as we pray for our school and school families, friends, churches, and community.



PICTURE PROOFS. . . Hey, Voyagers! Remember, the deadline for your online portrait order is Thursday, Sept. 23rd! 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).

OFFERING PROJECT. . . We’re still accepting donations of school supplies for our first 12-weeks Chapel offering project, the Samaritan Purse “*Operation Christmas Child*” Project. OCC provides shoebox gifts 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.”