

St. Paul Lutheran Church

Serbin, Texas



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The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

26 September 2021

Welcome! On this Wendish Festival weekend we remember our church's tie to the Wendish immigrants who traveled from Germany to establish this congregation in the 1800's. More importantly, as we worship we remember our ties to the Lord Jesus. Together we share one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father. May our gracious God who watched over and blessed those who have gone before us continue to extend His blessing upon us. 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)
Maxine Bradshaw
Dustin Faske-recovering at home
Pat Hughes-recovering (friend of James and Kathy Kalbas)
William Johnson (father of Heather Perry)
Tim Kleinschmidt-recovering (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
Laverne Schulze-recovering (sister of Judy Boriack)
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

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
- † **Altar Flowers** are needed for Sunday, October 17th. If you would like to place flowers on that Sunday, please contact Dorothy Schautschick at 716-0094.
- † **WENDISH FEST:** The 33RD Annual Wendish Fest is hosted today by St. Paul Lutheran Church and the Texas Wendish Heritage Society @ Serbin, Texas. Guest Speaker for both English (8:30) and German Services (10:30) is Rev. Thomas Obersat of Ebenezer Manheim, and Rev. John Schmidt, St. Paul Serbin. Sunday School will be @ 9:30a.m. 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.
- † **October Calendar.** The October Calendar is available in the church office and on the church website.
- † **August Financial Statements.** The August Financial Statements are available in the church office.
- † **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.
- † **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 \$56.00 for the Building Fund. Total given to the Restoration/Building fund is \$3,261.70.

Serving today: Elders— Mark Jones and Steven Schautschick

Organist- 8:30 – Susan Michael

10:30 – Susan Michael

Acolytes- 8:30 – Kenedy Schatte and Benjamin Schonhoeft

10:30 – Ayla Droegemueller and Rylee Smolik

Head Ushers- Donald Becker

Captain- Michael Becker **Assistant-** Shelby Becker

Counting and Posting offering this week:

Chairman- Glen Albrecht

Ty Kasper, Carson Becker

LUTHERAN HOUR: Next Sunday, October 3rd, “**Approval Cannot Equal Love**”. Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. God places Christians in neighborhoods, among neighbors who don’t necessarily share their beliefs. How should they relate? Dr. Michael Zeigler talks about avoiding the pitfalls of isolation and approval. (1 Corinthians 10:23-11:1). 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 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-third Annual Wendish Festival

Mon. – Fri. Scholastic Family Book Fair

Monday Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.
 VB & FB games (H) vs Imm. Giddings – 4:30 & 5:30 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.
 Adult Choir – 7:00 p.m.

Thursday Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.
 Early Release – 11:45 a.m.
 Parent/Teacher Conferences – 12:00 – 8:00 p.m.
 Var. FB games (H) vs Coupland – 4:30 p.m.

Friday Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.
 Early Release – 11:45 a.m.
 Parent/Teacher Conferences – 12:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Next Sunday **Worship Service w/ Communion– 8:30 a.m.**
LWML Sunday
 Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.
 Sunday School Teacher’s Meeting – 10:15 a.m.
 Acolytes: Kamrie Stewart and Evelyn Williams

Birthdays: Today – Nicole Arldt, Melissa Ray; 27th – Ryan Buscha, Mark Gruetzner, Jonathan Mitschke; 28th – LeeAnn Jones, Chase Oltmann; 29th – Camary Bradford, Benson Buscha; 1st – Troy Bise, Tyler Fritsche, Leonard Mitschke; 2nd – Sandra Kalbas, Gilbert Krause. God’s Blessings to you.

ST. PAUL NOTES:

Attendance Last Week: Morning Worship- 238, Communion- 132, Bible Class- 14; Sunday School- 51, Offering- \$44.00.

Offering Last Week: \$14,964.50

Home:		Mission:	
General	\$7,518.00	Mission	\$275.00
Sunday School	\$44.00	Mission Total	\$275.00
Lunch Room	\$210.00	Savings/Other:	
ECC Operating	\$5,706.50	Building Fund	\$281.00
Tuition	\$930.00	Savings/Other Total	\$281.00
Received 9/19/2021	\$14,408.50		
		Total	\$14,964.50
Est. needed per week	\$22,500.00		
Received MTD	\$76,204.17		
Est. needed per month	\$97,500.00		

MEMORIALS: General: In memory of Nancy Clements by James & Kathy Kalbas - \$100.00. In honor of David & Michelle Fritsche by Rodney Fritsche - \$200.00. **Building Fund:** In memory of Roy Medack by Alton Weiser - \$25.00. In memory of Rudy Meyer by the Curtis Oltmann family - \$100.00. In memory of Tommy Hudson by the Curtis Oltmann family - \$100.00. **Faith Lutheran High School:** In memory of Roy Medack by Wilbert & Carol Jean Noack - \$30.00.



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!!

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.

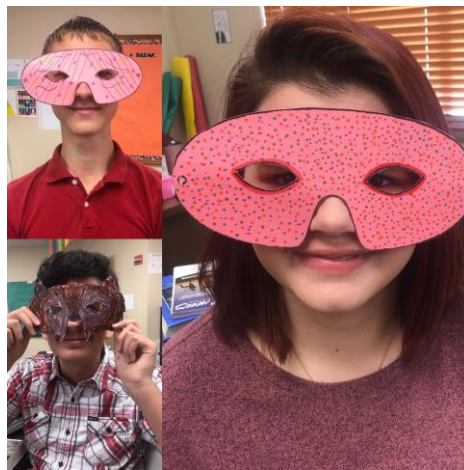
Free Wednesday mornings?

Join us for our weekly Chapel Worship Service every Wednesday. This week we will be meeting at 11:20 am with Pastor Garrett Smith leading us in worship.

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 and sharing Faith with your friends as well. If you're not on social media, head to our website (faithlutheranhighschool.com) which is updated regularly as well.

English II students made masks after reading "The Masque of the Red Death" by Edgar Allen Poe



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

for the week of September 26-October 2, 2021

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Sep. 26...Wendish Fest
- Sep. 27-Oct. 4...Scholastic Book Fair
- Sep. 27...VB & FB games (Home)
vs. Imm.-Giddings
– 4:30 & 5:30 PM
- Sep. 28... Voyager Club Run – 7:15 AM
Var VB practice – 3:30 PM
- Sep. 29... Distribution of 1st 6-Week
Report Cards
School Chapel Service
– 8:30 PM
Gr. 8 Visit Day @ FLHS
– 12:30-3:00 PM
- Sep. 30...Voyager Club Run – 7:15 AM
Early Dismissal – 11:45 AM
Parent-Teacher Conferences
– 12:00-7:00 PM
Var FB games (H)
vs. Coupland – 4:30 PM
- Oct. 1...Voyager Club Run – 7:15 AM
Early Dismissal – 11:45 AM
Parent-Teacher Conferences
– 12:00-2:00 PM
- Oct. 3-5...NLSA Validation Team
Visit
- Oct. 6-8...Outdoor Education (Gr. 5-6)
at Camp Lone Star

From the Principal's Desk . . .

The *Scholastic Book Fair* begins this week, Sept. 27-Oct. 4. Come browse the selection in the gym and purchase great books!

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

Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held next Thursday (9/30) and Friday (10/1); 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 2021 Scholastic Book Fair is coming to St. Paul Sept. 27th thru Oct. 4th in the gym. This year's Book Fair the theme is “*Books Bring Us Together*”. 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. Plan now to attend.

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



PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES . . .will be held next *Thursday and Friday, Sept. 30th from 12:00 PM to 7:00 PM & Oct. 1st* in the classrooms.

The deadline for signing up for your Conference Appointment time was last Friday. If you have not done so 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. 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 on Thursday & Friday, Sept. 30th & Oct. 1st*. 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.”