

# St. Paul Lutheran Church

Serbin, Texas



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## The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

5 September 2021

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**Welcome! Our Merciful Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, Does All Things Well.** The Lord proclaims the Gospel “to those who have an anxious heart” to comfort and encourage them with His presence. He comes not only with threats of “vengeance” and “recompense,” but with His gracious salvation (Is. 35:4). He opens “the eyes of the blind” and “the ears of the deaf,” and He loosens “the tongue of the mute” to “sing for joy” (Is. 35:5–6). Like water on thirsty ground, He speaks His life-giving Word to people of all nations. With His Word and the touch of His hand, He does “all things well,” so that you may now speak “plainly” (Mark 7:31–37). You confess the truth of God in Christ to the glory of His holy name, and you call upon His name in every trouble, confident that He will hear and answer. As you pray and confess with your tongue, so also “love your neighbor as yourself” (James 2:8). Show your faith “in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory,” by loving without partiality. For God has “chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom” (James 2:1–5).

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*  
*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-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)*  
*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)*  
*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**— 184 of the hymnal

The Hymns: 528, 797, 524, 839, 851, 923

Sermon Text: Isaiah 35:4-7

The Sermon: “Be Strong”

- ✠ **The Altar flowers** are placed to the glory of God in loving memory of Paula Weiser by Alton Weiser.
- ✠ **Thank You.** To our Serbin church family and friends. We would like to thank each and every one of you for the love, prayers, and support you all have shown to our family. Conway’s benefit was a huge success because of you all. Also, a special thanks to the Wendish Society for donating noodles and to all who cooked, made plates, and donated items to the bake sale! Again thank you all!

*Justin, Amanda, Sarah, Barrett, and Conway Whited*

- ✠ **Labor Day.** The church office will be closed on Monday, September 6<sup>th</sup> in observance of Labor Day.
- ✠ **Trustee’s Meeting.** The Trustees will meet on Monday, September 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Packets are available to be picked up in the church office to review prior to the meeting.
- ✠ **Voyager View.** The Voyager View monthly newsletter 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 TOMORROW. All proceeds will be going toward future church/school projects. Thank You!
- ✠ **Adult Choir Practice Begins.** Adult Choir practice will resume **Wednesday, September 15<sup>th</sup>** 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 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 12<sup>th</sup>, “**Who is my Neighbor?**” Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. We can’t build a more hopeful neighborhood if we don’t know who our neighbors are and we go out of our way to avoid them. (Luke 10:25-37). 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**- Susan Michael  
**Acolytes**- Brandon Burgdorf and Kaden Kasper  
**Head Ushers**- Donald Becker  
**Captain**- Michael Becker **Assistant**- Shelby Becker  
**Counting and Posting offering this week:**  
**Chairman**- Johnathan Noack  
 Troy Wiederhold, John Hinze, Bradley Albrecht  
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**THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK**

Today **Worship Service w/Communion– 8:30 a.m.**  
 Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.  
 Sunday School Teachers Meeting – 10:15 a.m.

Monday **Labor Day**  
 No School  
 ECC Closed  
 Church Office Closed  
 Board of Trustee’s Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.  
 Board of Christian Education Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday Staff Bible Study – 7:30 a.m.  
 School Chapel – 8:30 a.m.  
 LWML Quilting – 9:00 a.m.  
 Youth Confirmation – 6:00 p.m.  
 LWML Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

Thursday Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.  
 JVVb & JVFB (H) vs. 1<sup>st</sup> Bapt-Brenham-4:00 & 5:30 p.m.

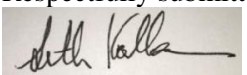
Friday “Donuts w/Dad’s” Parent Fellowship Event – 7:15 a.m.  
 Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.

Next Sunday **English Worship Service – 8:30 a.m.**  
 Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.  
 Acolytes: Trey Fritsche and Ayla Droegemueller  
 LAF Fried Chicken Dinner

**Birthdays: Today** – Kaylee Berdoll, Justin Elliott, Cooper Hinze; 7<sup>th</sup> – Linda Jones; 8<sup>th</sup> – Michael Becker, Tammy Kasper, Conner Ray; 9<sup>th</sup> – Trevor Rumuly. God’s Blessings to you.

Minutes of Special Voters Meeting  
 August 29<sup>th</sup>, 2021  
 24 members in attendance

1. A report was heard that the BCE contract with Ashley Haney did not execute.
2. A report was heard that the BCE contract with Kim Appel did not execute.
3. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to offer a contract to Shelby Buscha for the Special Needs Resource position for 16 hrs per week for the 2021-2022 school year.
4. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,  
  
 Seth Kalbas

## ST. PAUL NOTES:

**Attendance Last Week:** Morning English- 221, Sunday School Offering- \$25.00.

**Offering Last Week:** \$73,064.90

### Home:

General	\$5,876.00
Sunday School	\$25.00
Lunch Room	\$685.40
ECC Operating	\$517.50
ECC Workforce Grant	\$61,587.00
Registration	\$325.00
Tuition	\$3,372.00
<b>Received 8/29/2021</b>	<b>\$72,387.90</b>

### Mission:

Mission	\$582.00
<b>Mission Total</b>	<b>\$582.00</b>
<b>Savings/Other:</b>	
Building Fund	\$75.00
Scholarship	\$20.00
<b>Savings/Other Total</b>	<b>\$95.00</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$73,064.90</b>

**Est. needed per week** \$22,500.00

**Received MTD** \$177,127.84

**Est. needed per month** \$97,500.00

**MEMORIALS: General:** In memory of Michael Albrecht by Janiece Becker - \$25.00. **Building:** In memory of Pastor Paul Hartfield by Herman Gersch - \$25.00. In memory of Frances Roeber by Herman Gersch - \$25.00. In memory of Raymond Lehmann by Herman Gersch - \$25.00. **Scholarship Fund:** In memory of Michael Albrecht by Milton & Geraldine Albrecht - \$20.00. **Faith Lutheran High School:** In memory of Michael Albrecht by John & Lois Kalbas - \$25.00. In memory of Pastor Paul Hartfield by Seth Kalbas - \$40.00.



### 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!

### 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.

### 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.



# The Voyager Voice

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for the week of September 5-11, 2021

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

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Sep. 6...Labor Day – **NO SCHOOL**  
JVVB practice – 4:00-5:30 PM  
Vars VB practice – 5:30-7 PM
- Sep. 7...FB practices – 3:30-5:00 PM  
VB practices – 3:30-5:00 PM
- Sep. 8...School Chapel Service  
– 8:30 AM  
Cheer Practice – 3:30-5:00 PM
- Sep. 9...JVVB & JVFB games (Home)  
vs. 1<sup>st</sup> Bapt-Brenham  
– 4:00 & 5:30 PM
- Sep. 10...Donuts with Dads Parent  
Fellowship – 7:15-8:15 AM
- Sep. 17...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

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. . .

Have a safe and restful 3-day weekend and enjoyable Labor Day holiday. Remember the words of St. Paul from 1 Corinthians 15:58, “Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain”.

Check out the calendar for next week's events, practices, and special activities. More details are available by reading the online Voyager Newsletter at the website [www.stpaulserbinschool.org](http://www.stpaulserbinschool.org).

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

## NEWS, NOTES, and HAPPENINGS

**NO SCHOOL MONDAY.** . . Next Monday, September 6<sup>th</sup> is a school holiday at St. Paul Lutheran in observance of Labor Day. Take a break from your labors and enjoy your long weekend and the final holiday of the summer.

**SPIRIT WEAR ORDERS.** . . were sent home last Friday! We need your sizing info and adult shirt order **returned by Friday morning, Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>**. Don't miss out—orders should arrive for distribution in a few weeks.

**DONUTS WITH DADS.** . . Dads, you're invited to enjoy some donuts, milk, coffee & juice with your child and some early morning fellowship with the other fathers **next Friday, Sep. 10<sup>th</sup>** at our annual **Donuts with Dads breakfast** in the gym **from 7:15-8:15 AM**. Plan to join us!



**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. Contribute generously in support of this worthy project.



**SCHEDULE CHANGES.** . . Note the following changes to the Voyager sports schedule for next week: Sept. 7<sup>th</sup> – Caldwell games canceled (COVID concern); Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> – JV VB & JV FB home games vs. 1<sup>st</sup> Bapt-Brenham (rescheduled from 10/26). Also note, adjustments have been made in practice days and times to coincide with schedule adjustments. Thanks for your understanding and support as schedules are adjusted due to pandemic concerns.

## The Voyager Voice

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### Our Mission

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