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The Joyful Noise

United in Grace. Serving in Love.

Chicken Stew 2023

February 2023

**St Paul Lutheran Church in
Phillipsburg
2739 Phillipsburg Church Rd,
Brenham TX 77833
9 am worship**

**St James Lutheran Church in
New Wehdem
10362 New Wehdem Rd
Brenham TX 77833
979-836-2795
10:30am worship**

Thank you to the many hands and hearts that united for the annual New Wehdem Stew on January 29th.

It was our first in-person dining stew since 2019!

This event is absolutely led by our lay members, especially Bobby Pieper and Joan Buenger. They do a tremendous job staying organized and collaborating to-



LENT 2023—A ROUND ROBIN OF PREACHERS

To mix things up a bit this year, we will be having a rotation of preachers to lead worship during regular Lent Wednesdays. Both lunch and dinner services will be accompanied by a meal, and we will be looking for volunteers for help with the food.

The theme for Lent is “Expressions of God’s kingdom” with each preacher choosing one of Matthew’s “The kingdom of God is like....” parables to focus on.

Ash Wednesday—February 22 (Pastor Evan)

St. Paul—11am service

St. James—Fish Fry meal from 5:30-6:30p, worship at 6:30p

REGULAR WEDNESDAYS

Phillipsburg: 11am service, 11:30am lunch

New Wehdem: 5:30—6:30pm dinner, 6:30—7p worship

Wednesday, March 1— Pastor Jay Grave, St John Bellville

Wednesday, March 8— Pastor Alvin Luedke, St Paul Rehburg

Wednesday, March 15— Pastor Evan

Wednesday, March 22— Pastor Phil Geleske, St Paul Brenham

Wednesday, March 29— Pastor Ken Weiss, Berlin/Wiedeville

A FEW MORE STEW PHOTOS



Pastor's Column

By Evan Cameron, *pastor*



Coming Soon: The John Miracles for Lent

Here's a bit of Bible trivia for you—what are the “seven signs” of Jesus in John's gospel?

Matthew, Mark, and Luke have miracles and parables, but John, always quirky and different, has his famous seven signs.


They are:

1. Changing Water Into Wine (John 2:1-11)
2. Healing the Royal Official's Son (John 4:46-54)
3. Healing the paralytic at the pool (John 5:1-18)
4. Feeding over 5,000 with fish and loaves (John 6:1-14)
5. Walking on the water (John 6:15-25)
6. Healing a man born blind (John 9:1-41)
7. Raising Lazarus from the dead (John 11:1-46)

In John 1, the writer promises us that through Jesus will experience *grace upon grace*, and these stories exemplify what he means. It's not just water into wine—it's the best wine! It's not just restoring a man's vision—it's restoring him to his family and community.

Besides these signs, we will also encounter again this Lent other John wonders—Nicodemus' nighttime anxieties leading to John 3:16, and the widowed/divorced woman at the well in John 4.

All the gospels have their own flavor, but I'm partial to Luke and John. I hope you will join us as we go deep on John coming up in Lent.

Pastor Evan 

Our Sympathies to the Families and Friends of Donnie Henske + Carolyn Loesch

(Donnie's obituary is on page 13)



Carolyn Marie (Reddehase) Loesch, 79, passed away January 20, 2023, surrounded by her loving family. She was born April 18, 1943 in Clute, TX to Melvin Henry and Wilma Marie (LaBeth) Reddehase. When she was a young girl, her family moved to Brenham. She was baptized March 17, 1952, at Brenham's First United Methodist Church. Carolyn attended local schools and graduated from Brenham High School. She was employed by various businesses downtown including Dixie Maid and Toubin's New York Store. While working, she met her future husband Elroy Loesch, who worked at a nearby shop. They became fast friends and enjoyed spending time with each other's families. They were married on February 2, 1964.

Carolyn was a loving person and a caregiver all her life. Even while still living at home, she began helping care for her father, who had health problems following his military service in the Pacific Theatre during WWII. She was devoted to her family.

Carolyn was known locally as a wonderful babysitter and Nan. She loved children and enjoyed caring for them. She was a faithful member of St. James Lutheran Church. She donated blood whenever she could. She was also a longtime supporter of the Disabled American Veterans.

Carolyn and Elroy enjoyed traveling together. They began the tradition when they were dating, when they would accompany each other's families on vacations and road trips. Later they always took their children on summer vacations. They continued this into their senior years joining the Round Top Roadrunners and enjoyed RV trips, camping and fishing. She will be remembered as a loving, compassionate person. Her love and generosity left a wonderful legacy. She will be deeply missed by all who knew her.

Carolyn is survived by Elroy, her faithful husband of 58 years; children Stephen (Wendy) Loesch, Connie (Troy) Oevermann, Debra (Ronnie) Nienstedt; grandchildren Andrew (Allysa) Wagner, Brianna (John) Hohlit, Kaitlyn (Zach) Holder, Tyler Nienstedt. She had a special love for her great-grandchildren, Hunter, Adalyn, & Brooks, and she was very excited about the two more great-grands who are on the way.

She is survived by her sister Linda (Ted) Borgstedte, sisters-in-law Ann Reddehase, Nathalie Luedke, Joyce Loesch, brother-in-law Donald (Barbara) Loesch. She will be missed by her beloved dogs DeeDee & Dozer.

Carolyn is preceded in death by her son Phillip in 2015; and her parents.

The family would like to thank her caregiver Pam Lockett, the doctors & nurses at Brenham Baylor Scott & White Hospital, who provided such wonderful care to Carolyn in her

ST JAMES NEW WEHDEM UPDATES

TREEHOUSE MINISTRIES will be with us for the worship service on February 12.

SUNDAY SCHOOL / DONUTS + COFFEE will be Sunday, February 19th this month.

BREAD PARTNERS donations have been off to a slow start this year. Thanks to all who give, and please consider grabbing an extra canned meat during your grocery shopping this month!

SAVE THE DATE

SUNDAY SCHOOL BIKE RIDE—APRIL 30 AFTER CHURCH

MEMORIALS

In Memory of Cheryl Buenger

Marion & Caroline Freeman
The Philipp and Arther Families

Patti Jackson

Joni Dungen

In Memory of Ora Nell Loesch

Mildred & Odis Haynes

In Memory of John Teufel

Lawrence & Sharon Bade

In Memory of Connor Adams

Ray & Judy Hartenstein

In Memory of Donnie Henske

Mildred & Odis Haynes

Knellen Quinteros Family

Larry & Julie Tegeler

David & Peggy Bartay

K&M Grocery friends and employees

Ronnie & Glenda Neutzler

Gary & Phyllis Weiss

Myrna Siemsglusz

Daniel & Gayle Engeling

Delano & Vera Jean Klausmeyer

Charles & Vickie Goeke

David & Karolyn Ottmer

James & Eunice Shulz

Janice Kokemor

David & Charlotte Hoff

Carol & Terri Johnson

Robert & Marita Mikeska

Ralph & Debbie Tiemann

Nathan & Darla Winkelmann

Robert & Lynn Bockhorn

Memorials for Carolyn Loesch will be in next month's newsletter

ST PAUL PHILLIPSBURG UPDATES

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FISH FRY & RAFFLE date has been set for May 13th!

We are looking for volunteers to help distribute some duties prior to the fish fry and give Nelson & Dorothy some much deserved help. Talk to them or see the list posted at the back of the church for ways to help.

DONATIONS for RAFFLE items are also needed. A signup sheet

EASTER CHOIR... Join us in making a joyful noise. Choir practice will be each Sunday in March following worship. Everyone is welcome!

USHERS & LAY READERS-schedules can be found in your church mailbox. Thank you for serving!

DORCAS CIRCLE met 1/17 with Sandra, Vernice, Dorothy T, Ruth, Dorothy W, Anita, Florence, Anna and Jessie.

After quilting, Anna led the Bible Study "Good Things come in Small Packages." Humans desire more and more physical things and miss the small things that are more important such as spending time with family and friends, enjoying nature, and building a more spiritual life. Prayer is our lifeline to God.

Jessie read the minutes from December. Dorcas Circle received a thank you from the HOA of Austin County –Meals on Wheels for our donation. We ended the year with \$276.80 in our treasury. The offering was \$23. The next meeting is on February 21st with Dorothy W as hostess. Quilting at 10:00 am and Bible Study at 2:30pm.

Respectfully, Jessie

LENTEN WORSHIP beginning
ASH WEDNESDAY (inside the church),
February 22nd at 11:00 am.

Following Wednesday worships will be in the Fellowship Hall. **MEALS** will be served after worship. Please consider volunteering to provide a meal or to bring a dessert. Sign up sheets can be found at the back of the church.

BREAD PARTNERS Items needed for Bread Partners in February are **canned fruits.**

FLOWER CHART has openings 2/12, 3/5, 4/2, 4/16 and in the upcoming months.

THANK YOU to the following for designating their Thrivent Choice Dollars to St. Paul's...

Anita Kramer
Jessie Kokemor
Charles Kokemor
Ruth Lehmann

February 2023

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	
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5 St. Paul— 9:00am I/O St. James—10:30am I/O KWHI Radio Service 1:00pm	6	7 Hannah Circle St. James FLC 5:30pm	8
12 St. Paul— 9:00am I/O St. James —10:30am KWHI Radio Service 1:00pm Confirmation: 11:45a	13	14	15
19 St. Paul— 9:00am I/O St. James—10:30am I/O Sunday School at New Wehdem Donuts + Coffee Fellowship KWHI Radio Service 1:00pm Confirmation: 11:45a	20 Leadership Night—both church councils at St James 6pm start	21 Dorcas Circle Quilting, 10:00 am Bible Study, 2:30 pm	22 ASH W 11am P 5:30—C worship
26 St. Paul— 9:00am I/O St. James—10:30am I/O KWHI Radio Service 1:00pm	27	28	

<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
	2 Men's Breakfast 7:30am @ New Wehdem	3	4 DKG, 8:00am –1:00pm
	9	10	11 Mingori Baptism 10:30am
	16	17	18
WEDNESDAY Phillipsburg 5:30 Fish Fry, 6:30 up at New Wehdem	23 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	24	25

St. Paul Phillipsburg Worship Assistants

	February 5	February 12	February 19	February 26
Reader	Lonnie Tegeler	JoAnn Johnson	Jessie Kokemor	Dorothy Wellmann
Organist	Donna Lankford	Donna Lankford	Beth Appel	Donna Lankford
Ushers	Lonnie & Barbara Tegeler, Sandra Schwenke	Cheryl Gaskamp, Lori Moehlmann, Glen Klehm	Mike & Deanna Callahan, Dorothy Wellmann	B J & Stephanie Mikeska, Florence Klehm
Altar Guild	Deanna Callahan Sandra Schwenke	Deanna Callahan Sandra Schwenke	Dorothy Wellmann Sherry Mosley	Cheryl Gaskamp Lori Moehlmann
Altar Flowers	Florence Klehm in memory of Wilburn	Open	Sandra Schwenke in honor of Kaiden's bday	Brenda Blum in honor of Addie's bday

St. James New Wehdem Worship Assistants

	February 5	February 12	February 19	February 26
Reader	Catherine Koehn/ Christina Koehn	Fredericka De-Berry	Betty Bowden	Fredericka DeBerry
Organist	Fredericka DeBerry	Phyllis Weiss	Fredericka DeBerry	Phyllis Weiss
Flowers				
Ushers + Greeters	Megan Bartay, David & Peggy Bartay, Robert & Lynn Bockhorn, Stacey Bockhorn, Ronnie & Suzanne Bockhorn			
Council	Kelly Frank			

The Life and Times of Shared Ministry

On January 22nd, St Paul hosted the Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center.

Thanks to all who donated to help save lives!



Thanks to all who showed up for our January Sunday School at New Wehdem

This year, we are focusing on the miracle stories of Jesus.

Council Notes

St. Paul Phillipsburg Council

Met 1/16 at NW with Pastor Evar, Venetia Schiller, Lonnie Tegeler, Ed Bredding, B J & Stephanie Mikeska and Sherry Mosley. Pastor opened with both Councils introducing each member. Pastor reported that there would be 8 students attending Camp Chrysalis this year! During Lent, both churches will be having a "Round Robin" preaching rotation; more info to come.

- Treehouse service on February 12th
- Pastor attended "Preaching on the Bayou" on 1/23-25 in Baton Rouge
- Briefly discussed Shared Ministry Covenant-one amendment will be voted on next meeting. Both churches may change to a joint worship when a supply pastor is needed
- Discussed several church maintenance issues –carpet at front door of sanctuary to be cleaned or replaced, Charlie continues to work on water heater, water run off under the educational building
- Signup sheets for Lenten meals and Fish Fry volunteers to be posted

Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer led by Venetia

Respectfully submitted, Sherry Mosley

December: expenses \$10,723.91 income \$13,883.27

January thru 1/22: expenses \$11,364.02 income \$5,496.72

St. Paul Council

Venetia Schiller, *President*

VP Needed

Sherry Mosley, *Secretary*

Lonnie Tegeler, *Treasurer*

Ed Breddin,

Financial Secretary

B J Mikeska, *Bldg / Grounds*

Stephanie Mikeska,

Congregational Life/

Shared Ministry

St. James New Wehdem Council

Met on Jan. 16 with Kamie Krueger, Lauren Sinclair, Jeff Wright, Kelly Frank, John Hohlt, Pam Herrmann present.

- Discussed shared Ministry Covenant.
- Suggested to have churches share one service when pastor is on vacation
- Suggested using Lent offerings to support an NPO in Austin County
- Motion made and second to dedicate monies in charity account to Habitat for Humanity & charity in Israel
- Discussed having joint Sunday School with St. Paul's with classes to be held at St. James during St. James normal hour
- Discussed need for a new electrical panel in Sunday School, some restroom work that needs to be handled, adding a small hot water heater under kitchen sink and renting a dumpster
- Discussed how to acknowledge visitors and potentially having a Welcome Meal for new members
- Discussed pew Bibles from Buenger memorials
- Next meeting Feb. 20 at 6:00pm at St. James

St. James Council

Kamie Krueger, *President*

Jeff Wright, *VP*

Pam Herrmann, *Secretary*

Kelly Frank, *Treasurer*

, *Asst. Treasurer*

John Hohlt, *Bldg /*

Grounds

Lauren Sinclair, *Shared*

Ministry Representative



DONALD RAY "Donnie" HENSKE, 72, of New Wehdem, Texas, passed away Thursday, January 19, 2023, in Houston, Texas.

He was born November 17, 1950, in Brenham, Texas, the son of Lee Charles and

Ellen Rose Bockhorn Henske. Donnie grew up in the New Wehdem community on the family farm. He started school in Kenney, before graduating from Bellville High School in 1969. After graduation, Donnie attended Blinn College in Brenham for 2 years. He was united in marriage to Janice "Jenny" Mikeska, on August 28, 1971, in New Wehdem, Texas. He then attended Sam Houston State University, earning his bachelor's degree in business management. Donnie and Jenny lived in Bellville for a short time before moving to the New Wehdem community back on the family farm.

In his spare time, he enjoyed going goose and deer hunting, picking pecans, and tending to his cattle. Donnie's love was spending endless hours making memories with his family, especially his grandchildren, and helping with their 4-H projects.

He is survived by his loving wife of over 51 years: Jenny Henske of New Wehdem; daughters: Brandi Fishbeck and her husband, Chad, and Jodie McReynolds and her husband, A.J.; all of Brenham; his grandchildren: Kerby Krueger, Callie Fishbeck, Tyler Fishbeck, Eli Fishbeck, Jacie McReynolds, and Karlie McReynolds; and numerous other family members and dear friends.

Donnie was preceded in death by his parents: Lee Charles and Ellen Henske; son-in-law: Todd Krueger; father-in-law: Elden Mikeska; and brother-in-law: James Davenport.

SUNDAY WORSHIP

St. Paul 9:00am

St James 10:30am

Feb 5 5th Sun after Epiphany
Isaiah 58:1-12, Ps 112:1-10, 1 Cor. 2:1-16, Matt 5:13-20 Jesus, the light of the world, calls his followers to let the light of their good works shine before others. Through baptism we are sent into the world to shine with light of Christ.

Feb 12 6th Sun after Epiphany
Deut. 30:15-20, Ps 119:1-8, 1 Cor 3:1-9, Matt 5:21-37 Jesus instructions to the crowd reveal a pattern of behavior that honors both God and neighbor. We too are invited to embrace these commandments not out of fear of retribution, but because God has promised that to do so means life for us.

Feb 19 Transfiguration of Our Lord
Exodus 24:12-18, Ps 2, 2 Peter 1:16-21, Matt 17:1-9 On a high mountain Jesus is revealed as God's beloved Son, echoing the words at his baptism. This vision of Glory sustains us as Jesus faces his impending death in Jerusalem.

Feb 26 1st Sun in Lent
Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7, Ps 32, Romans 5:12-19, Matt 4:1-11 This gospel tells of Jesus' temptation in the desert. His 40 day fast becomes the basis of our Lenten pilgrimage. Hungry for God's mercy, we receive the bread of life to nourish us for the days ahead.

Thank you for Advent giving!

With both churches together, we gave \$3,156 to ELCA Good Gifts this year. In the midst of holiday expenses and inflation, that is incredible generosity.

In addition, there was another anonymous good gift of \$2,500.

Bread Partners Items in February

St. James: canned meats

St. Paul: canned fruits - goal of 50 items!

Prayer Concerns

St. Paul Members: Wilfred Neumann, Dorothy Krause, Brenda Blum, Will Hartnett, Catherine Gardiner, Austin Schiller

St. James Members: Joy & Terry Druschke, Janet Mills, Florence Rinn, Floreen Schulze, Erline Sommerfeld, Lincoln Tiemann, Margaret Tiemann, Nelda Wilke

Family and Friends: Donna Acosta, Shirley Benjamin, Jeri Bentke, Janet Crane, Nancy DeShazo, Tammy Glaesmann, Dave Hamilton, Beverly Hudson, Mildred Huebel, Keith Korth, Dennis Mauney, Byron Pietch, Marilyn Petrich, Roy Schmidt, Diane Winkelmann, Bill Mosley

Military: Tristan Plaisance, Jenna Schiller, Anthony Funk

Sympathies to family and friends of Donnie Henske, Carolyn Loesch, and other lost loved ones

ST JAMES BIRTHDAYS

2-3 Tanna Mabry
2-3 Courtney Wilson
2-4 Jennifer Harris
2-4 Jackson Buckley
2-6 Kenneth Neumann
2-7 Carlee Wright
2-7 Hadley Hanath
2-8 Harper Dierking
2-9 Calvin Braun
2-9 Abigail Schmid
2-11 Henry Mingori
2-16 Pam Herrmann
2-16 Karlie McReynolds
2-21 Alietha Mae Richter
2-21 Amy Tysar
2-24 Olan Ashorn
2-26 Adam Koehn
2-26 Greyson Winkelmann
2-27 Terry Druschke
2-27 Lee Freitag
2-27 Samantha McGaughy
2-28 Linda Lou Tiemann

ST JAMES ANNIVERSARIES

2-16 Ronald & Nicole Schaper
2-17 Eric & Larissa Olson
2-18 Chad & Brandi Fishbeck
2-20 Christopher & Amy Tiemann

ST PAUL BIRTHDAYS

02 Chantel Torrez
06 Barry Mikeska
08 Sherry Mosley
08 Keelia Ritch
13 Jesse Klehm
24 Gina Mikeska
24 Amber Cowart
26 Addie Grace Hartnett

SHARED MINISTRY STAFF

Ministers *all the members of St. Paul and St. James*
Donna Lankford donna@sjsplutheran.org (St Paul)
Donna's Cell: 713-816-6980
Tanya Rosenbaum tanya@sjsplutheran.org (St James),
in office Wed and Thurs 8-2p
Pastor Evan Cameron pastorevan@sjsplutheran.org
Pastor Office Hours: Tuesday 9a-12p at St. Paul
Mon & Wed: 9am -12:30pm at St. James

Return Address: 2739 Phillipsburg Church Rd, Brenham TX 77833

Welcome to worship!

9am at St Paul

10:30am at St James

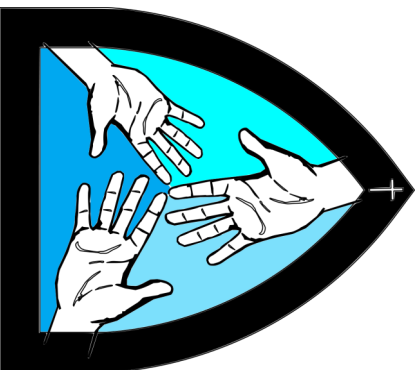
ASH WEDNESDAY 2/22

11am at St. Paul

5:30 Fish Fry, 6:30 church at St. James

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