

# The Joyful Noise

United in Grace. Serving in Love.

## Partners in Faith

May 2022

St Paul Lutheran Church in Phillipsburg 2739 Phillipsburg Church Rd, Brenham TX 77833 10:30am worship

St James Lutheran Church in New Wehdem

# ALLELUIA! HE IS RISEN!





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# 5TH SUNDAY OF THE MONTH—MAY 29 SHARED WORSHIP AT ST PAUL, 9AM START

# An Update on the Phillipsburg Fellowship Hall Construction Project

Beginning on April 4, volunteers removed cabinets, doors, and some plumbing from the St Paul kitchen and bathrooms. On Thursday April 7, the foundation work began in earnest. The support peers were installed by April 11, and the mudjacking work followed. In the end, the section under the kitchen was raised about 5 inches.

The remodeling work of the kitchen is underway. The bathrooms will become a pantry, and the kitchen sink is getting flipped to the window side of the kitchen. A big thank you to Charlie Johnson and Lenny Krause for their leadership on this project!





St. Paul Phillipsburg Worship Assistants					
	May 1	May 8	May 15	May 22	May 29
Reader	Dorothy Wellmann	Anna Breddin	Venetia Schiller	Amber Cowart	Barbara Tegeler
Organist	Beth Appel	Donna Lankford	Sherry Mosley	Donna Lankford	Donna Lankford
Ushers	Cheryl Gaskamp Lori Moehlmann Glen Klehm	Mark & Venetia Schiller, Carl & Carey Kokemor	Ed & Anna Breddin, Jessie Kokemor	Charlie & JoAnn Johnson, Lonnie & Barbara Tegeler	The Lischka Family, Florence Klehm
Altar Guild	Deanna Callahan, Sandra Schwenke	Dorothy Wellmann, Sherry Mosley	Dorothy Wellmann, Sherry Mosley	Cheryl Gaskamp Lori Moehlmann	Cheryl Gaskamp, Lori Moehlmann
Altar Flowers	Brad & Donna Lankford in honor of Family	Open	Ed & Anna Bred- din in honor of Ed's birthday	Anita Kramer in memory of her grandmother	Open

## St. James New Wehdem Worship Assistants

	May 1	May 8	May 15	May 22	May 29
Reader	Kelly Frank				SHARED
Organist	Fredericka DeBerry				5th SUNDAY
Flowers	Joseph & Anna Tallerine Anniversary		Joan Buenger- Kate's Birthday	Julian & Geneva Martin 58th Anniversary	9AM AT ST PAUL
Ushers + Greeters	Donnie & Jenny Hens	ske, James & Pam	Herrmann, Roger H	ohlt, Adam & Christi	na Koehn
Council	Joseph Tallerine				

## Pastor's Column

By Evan Cameron, pastor

## At the end...we love.

I give you a new commandment, that you love one another.

Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.—John 13

Some of you may have noticed that a few weeks ago, the professional football team in Washington changed their name to the Commanders. As it goes with every change, seemingly everyone disliked it at first, and then as days went on, more and more people were okay with it. I presume the name refers to the commander-in-chief that resides within DC.

At church, the word command invokes an entirely different vibe. We have famously the 10 commandments: "Thou shalt not do x,y,z..." and so on. Moses hadn't even finished his hike down the mountain before the people were already breaking these rules with their golden cow.

On Maundy Thursday (Maundy is Latin for command), Jesus is giving his farewell address. He offers a direct and clear final commandment in John's gospel—a "new" commandment. We are commanded.....to love.

Any child will tell you that so often classroom or playground rules are about the don'ts—don't do this, don't throw that, don't say that. All good boundaries. God creates many good don'ts too—don't worship idols, don't steal, don't lust over other people or stuff. Jesus however, flips the script at the end. Instead of a don't, he wants us to do something—to love, just as we have been loved by him.

Just as he multiplied the bread and fish, he asks us to multiply the love and grace gifts so freely and lavishly bestowed upon us. These words are in many ways his last will and testament...he has no belongings to divide up and grant to various people. He only has a request drenched in humility. "My time is nearly up...please go love people. I've tried my best to show you how. Please...choose love."



## Vacation Bible School 2022



**July 10-14** 

We are planning another exciting summer week of VBS, with a shared Sunday kickoff followed by evening gatherings Monday thru Thursday from 5:30p—7:30p.

Each night will include music (Katharine is back!), a meal, a Bible story, games, and artistic time.

We'll be learning about some monumental people in the Bible along the way. If you want to help lead us, talk to Carey Kokemor, Lauren Sinclair, or Pastor Evan!

## Space available for Holy Land Trip!

Sunday, October 23—Thursday November 4. You will never read the Bible the same again!



## ST JAMES NEW WEHDEM UPDATES

**NEXT SUNDAY SCHOOL** will be Sunday, May 15 at 9:30am.

#### WILL MEISCHEN MEMORIALS

James & Janie Hrachovy

#### **LUCILE BOCKHORN MEMORIALS**

Bradley & Janice Hanath

#### **CONNOR ADAMS MEMORIALS**

Roland & Patricia Nail Bradley & Janice Hanath Joyce Adams Karen Coulter
Ray & Judy Hartenstein
Fredericka DeBerry

Jim & Betty Hafner Horace & Myrna Nail

#### **THANK YOU**

We would like to thank the congregation for all their payers. Also thanks to everyone who brought food and sent cards.

We are on the mend and hoping soon to resume a somewhat normal life. It is nice to be a part of this big family.

Keeping the faith... Betty and Jackie Bowden

#### THANK YOU TO ST. PAUL AND ST JAMES CONGREGATIONS

Thank you for your generous \$2,766.00 emergency gift to help the people of Ukraine, who are enduring unimaginable hardship and suffering. Please continue to lift them up in your prayers.

Your gift is being put to use immediately to deliver emergency food, shelter, Personal Care Kits, baby Care Kits, medicines and other critically needed items for children and their families ho are try to survive the horrifying fighting..or are being forced to flee their homeland with a few meager belongs.

Your willingness to share your blessings during a global crisis like this is a godsend to your neighbors in Ukraine who are hurting. They can feel your love and are deeply grateful to know you are keeping them in your thoughts and prayers.

Thank you again, and God bless you!

Lutheran World Relief, Ambassador Daniel V. Speckhard

## ST PAUL PHILLIPSBURG UPDATES

#### **FISH FRY RAFFLE TICKETS**

\$5 each or 5 for \$20 Drawing to be held on Saturday, May 14th

- Echo gas powered blower, B&M Repair/ Bradley & Janice Hanath
- 2. Charles Daly Model 301 12 gauge shotgun, Brad & Donna Lankford-Lonnie & Barbara Tegeler
- 3. Ruger 243 Win Rifle, black matte stock, Lenny & Debbie Krause
- Mossberg Patriot 270 Win Rifle & Scope, Jesse Byler & W T Byler
- 5. \$100 gift basket, Leftovers Antiques
- 6. \$100 gift card, Mark & Venetia Schiller
- 7. \$100 gift card, Triangle AC & Heating
- 8. \$100 gift card to Dan's Meat Market, Nelson & Dorothy Wellmann
- 9. \$100 gift card to Dan's Meat Market, Nelson & Dorothy Wellmann
- 10. \$100 Home Depot, Charlie & Jo Johnson
- 11. \$100 Home Depot, Charlie & Jo Johnson
- 12. \$100 Jo's Wood Gallery gift card, Jo's Wood Gallery
- \$100 Jo's Wood Gallery gift card, Jo's Wood Gallery
- 14. \$100 HEB gift card, Jessie Kokemor
- 15. \$100 Kenney Store card, The Kenney Store
- 16. \$50 gift card, Donnie & Laurece Maresh
- 17. \$50 Linseisen's gift card, Linseisen's Feed
- 18. \$100 gift card, Mikeska Family
- 19. 100 pc screwdriver set, Pro Auto Supply
- 20. \$100 Cattleman's gift card, Cattleman's Supply
- 21. 16" desk fan, Woodson Lumber Company
- 22. 5" Porter Cable Orbit Palm Sander, Tractor Supply
- 23. Portabel Corn Hole Game Set, Bluebonnet Electric
- 24. \$100 HEB gift card, Sandra Schwenke
- 25. DeWalt 4-1/2" Angle Grinder, McCoy's Building Supply
- 26. Specialty Garden Basket, Brenham Produce Co
- 27. Milwaukee 1/2" Drill/Driver, City Electric Supply
- 28. 10# Pecan Smoked Sausage, Bellville Meat Mkt
- 29. Live Ornamental Tree, Plants n Things
- 30. Custom Designed Cutting Board, Texas Farm Credit

**FISH FRY DRIVE THRU ONLY,** MAY 14th. Serving will be 5pm-7pm. Desserts (cakes, pies, etc) will be available to purchase at the drive thru line.

WORKERS for FISH FRY are still needed. We are needing 20 workers for 4:00-5:30 shift and also the 5:30-7:00 shift.

**DESSERT** signup sheet can be found at the back of the church for cakes, pies and desserts to sell in the bake sale the day of the Fish Fry. Cookies to be served with the meal, are also needed to be packaged 2 per baggie.

**RACHEL'S DAY** WELCA will be collecting money for CASA for Kids in honor of Rachel's Day on Sunday, May 1st.

## QUILTING @ 10:00 am & DORCAS CIRCLE BIBLE STUDY @ 3:00 pm

will meet on May 17th! Sandra is hostess. Everyone is welcome!

#### **MEMORIALS**

Cemetery Fund given by Charles & Vernice Kokemor in memory of:

R B Schawe Betty Mooney

<u>Undesignated given by</u> <u>Charles & Vernice Kokemor</u> <u>in memory of:</u>

> Donald Sander John Stephens David Faist

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	W
St. Paul— 9:00am I/O St. James—10:30am I/O 1:00pm KWHI Radio Service	2	3	4
8 St. Paul— 9:00am I/O St. James—10:30am I/O 1:00pm KWHI Radio Service	9	10	11
St. Paul— 9:00am I/O St. James Sunday School 9:30am St. James—10:30am I/O Confirmation Party 11:45am 1:00pm KWHI Radio Service	16 Leadership Night—both church councils, at St James 6pm start	LWR Quilting @ 10:00 am Dorcas Circle Bible Study @ 3:00 pm	18
22 St. Paul— 9:00am I/O St. James—10:30am I/O First Communion Class— 11:45am at St James 1:00pm KWHI Radio Service	23	24	25 NEWSLET
5th Sunday ONE SHARED WORSHIP 9am St Paul 1:00pm KWHI Radio Service	30	31	

ednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	5 Men's Breakfast—7:30am at St James FLC	6	7
	12	13	14 St. Paul Fish Fry, Drive Thru only Serving 5-7pm
	19	20 Synod Assembly, Galveston, Day 1	21 Synod Assembly, Galveston, Day 2
TER DEADLINE	26	27	28

## The Life and Times of Shared Ministry







Top photo—St Paul Egg Hunt
Middle photo—our sunrise service!
Bottom photo—children's sermon on Easter at St James

## Thanks to everyone who helped make this year's Easter so special, from breakfast to worship to egg hunts!











## **Council Notes**

## St. Paul Phillipsburg Council

Met on 4/18 with Pastor Evan, Charlie, Venetia, Dorothy, Lonnie, Lenny, Carey and Sherry present. Pastor Evan gave a devotion along with reflections on Lent and Easter Sunday Services and his report.

Synod Assembly is May 20-21; VBS will be held July 10-14, STAR churches will be meeting in May.

Minutes were presented and approved, Dorothy and Lonnie gave their reports. Lenny updated council on current landscaping projects. Council discussed parsonage yard; Charlie and Lonnie will address. Claim for educational building damage is still delayed as well as the copier issue.

Audit committee has been formed consisting of Barbara Tegeler, Mark Kokemor and Cheryl Gaskamp.

Raffle tickets for Fish Fry are ready to be distributed. See Lonnie or Lenny for tickets. Deadline for meal tickets is May 1st.

Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Sherry Mosley

March financials-income \$ 13,024.61 expenses \$ 12,402.07

#### St. Paul Council

Charlie Johnson, President

Venetia Schiller, VP

Sherry Mosley, Secretary

Lonnie Tegeler, Treasurer

Dorothy Wellmann, Financial Secretary

Trish Surovik, Parish Ed

Lori Moehlmann, Memorials

Lenny Krause, Bldg / Grounds

Carey Kokemor, Congregational Life/Shared Ministry

## St. James New Wehdem Council

Met on April 18 with Joe Tallerine, Kelly Frank, Jessica Thayne, John Hohlt, and Lauren Sinclair present.

- Easter Sunday 2nd largest attendance service aside from Christmas Eve 2018!
- Lent reflections-there was an increase in attendance!
- Shared Ministry Conference: Synod's STAR churches will meet at Lutherhill in May with the bishop's assistants. Working on building a better community.
- Reviewed Zoon Bible study group during Lent.
- Discussed bookkeeper position with Robert & Lynn Bockhorn interest in position.
- Fisher Tile will start on May 2 to replace formica countertops in FLC.
- Fall work day-plan to paint swing sets
- Consider adding additional organist-will also look into other musical options for Sunday services.
- Adding counting of offering to usher duties-will have ushers organize funds.

## St. James Council

Joseph Tallerine, President

, VP

Jessica Thayne, Secretary

Kate Buenger, Treasurer

Kelly Frank, Asst. Treasurer

John Hohlt, Bldg / Grounds

Lauren Sinclair, Shared Ministry Representative

## First Communion Class

May 22 after worship at St. James
Talk to Pastor Evan with questions! All ages
welcome.

# 2022 Synod Assembly Galveston, TX

The Texas-Louisiana Gulf Coast Synod stretches from New Orleans to La Grange. Once a year, we meet in assembly to hear about what's going on in the larger church.

This May, Pastor Evan and Venetia Schiller (St. Paul's VP) will represent our shared ministry in Galveston (the location rotates annually).

It is a time of both education and fellowship. This is our first in-person assembly since 2019!



## SUNDAY WORSHIP St. Paul 9:00am St James 10:30am

**May 1** 3rd Sunday of Easter Acts 9:1-6, Ps 30, Rev. 5:11-14, John 21:1-19Jesus invites us, again and again, to follow him, bringing the Easter life to others.

**May 8** 4th Sunday of Easter Acts 9:36-43, Ps 23, Rev. 7:9-17, John 20:22-30 The gift of new life, of eternal life, is the gift of the risen Christ. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the I ord forever

May 15 5th Sunday of Easter Acts 11:1-18, Ps 148, Rev. 21:1-6, John 13:31-35 In the mystery of holy baptism God has made new people of us. Jesus invites us to see everyone in a new light—through the lens of love.

**May 22** 6th Sunday of Easter Acts 16i:9-15, Ps 67, Rv. 21:10, 22—22:5, John 14:23-29Jesus provides visions of peace that surpasses human understanding and power beyond human imagination.

May 29 7th Sunday of Easter Acts 16:16-34, Ps 97, rev. 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21, John 17:20-26 Jesus prays for us. In holy baptism we become believers in God, have our robes washed in the flood of Christ's forgiveness, and receive the gift of life forever.

## Bread Partners Items in May

St. James: Soap, Shampoo, Toothpaste

**St. Paul**: pasta or instant potatoes - goal of 50 items!

## Prayer Concerns

#### St. Paul Members:

Wilfred Neumann, Dorothy Krause, Brenda Blum, Will Hartnett, Catherine Gardiner, Iris Howren, Dorothy Tesch

#### St. James Members:

Betty Bowden, Jackie Bowden, Cheryl Buenger, Carolyn Loesch, Janet Mills, Elsie Pieper, Ronnie Schaper, Floreen Schulze, Erline Sommerfeld, John Teufel, Chris, Amy, & Lincoln Tiemann, Margaret Tiemann, Nelda Wilke

## **Family and Friends:**

Donna Acousta, Jeri Bentke, Virginia Beseir, Michael DeBerry, Winston Dietrich, Tammy Glaesmann, Denise Greene, Pat Hogan, Mildred Huebel, Keith Korth, Michael Korth, Becky Meador, Dennis Mauney, Becky Meador, Marilyn Petrich, Xavier Rogers, Roy Schmidt, Mack Snider, Pat Stelter, Diane Winkelmann, Bill Gault, Charlotte Leissner

Military: Tristan Plaisance, Jenna Schiller, Anthony Funk

**THANK YOU** for designating their Thrivent Choice Dollars to St. James — Joan Buenger, Gary L. Hohlt, Delano W. Klausmeyer, Alietha Mae Richter, Florence M. Rinn, Tom Dee Whitehead, Donald G. Winkelmann.

This year alone, Thrivent Choice Dollars has contributed \$6,317.00 to St. James—amazing!

#### ST PAUL ANNIVERSARIES

05-19-90 Mark & Venetia Schiller 05-28-83 Larry Joe & Jackie Powell

#### ST PAUL BIRTHDAYS

07 Carey Kokemor 13 Justin Tesch 16 Grevson Mikeska 19 Miriam Bixler 24 Edwin Breddin, Jr 27 Dustin Reichwein 30 Cole Tesch 31 Matthew Callahan

31 Scott Hilman

#### ST JAMES ANNIVERSARIES

5-4 Joseph & Anna Tallerine 5-12 Josh & Megan Schneider 5-23 Julian & Geneva Martin 5-30 Russell & Susie Honerkamp

#### ST JAMES BIRTHDAYS

5-1 Theresa Dierking 5-2 Nancy Sommer 5-3 Caroline Ordner 5-4 Keaton Schulte 5-10 Ronald Schaper 5-13 Joshua Schneider 5-15 Cheryl Buenger 5-15 Elana Garling 5-16 Tyler Winkelmann 5-17 Kate Buenger 5-18 Lance Engeling 5-18 Samuel Wilson 5-21 Joel Quinteros 5-21 Wyatt Braun 5-22 Margaret Moyers 5-24 Cassidy Green

5-27 Krista Sander 5-27 Jake Schaper 5-27 Kerby Krueger 5-28 Ryan Quinton 5-29 Brody Hicks

#### SHARED MINISTRY STAFF

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Mon & Wed: 9am -12:30pm at St. James

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# Welcome to worship!

9am at St Paul 10:30am at St James

Address service requested

