

The Joyful Noise

United in Grace. Serving in Love.

Partners in Faith

February 2020

St Paul Lutheran Church in Phillipsburg 2739 Phillipsburg Church Rd, Brenham TX 77833

St James Lutheran Church in New Wehdem 10362 New Wehdem Rd Brenham TX 77833

WATER INTO WINE STORIES

Have an experience of God turning water into wine in your life? We would love to hear it!

Spend some time considering a story you'd like to share, write it out (about 350-500 words) and send it to Pastor Evan, or just ask to talk to him to craft it together.

What are the values that guide your life?

In 2019, our shared ministry team took a list of 60 different common values—everything from evangelism to technology and chose these 3 below as shared values for both churches. Here's our three choices:

 Family: We love and support one another, carrying each other's burdens, celebrating our joys, and passing on faith to the next generation
 Hospitality: We strive to cultivate a welcoming and generous spirit, especially for those outside our walls

3)**Serving:** We are the hands and feet of Christ, reaching out locally and globally

Pastor's Column

By Evan Cameron, pastor

"Spiritual Arithmetic" of 2019



Some people love numbers and statistics, and some people have no interest in them. For the church, they are important—we need a budget, after all—but they also aren't the only way of measuring success or failure in ministry. Remember—Jesus changed the world with a congregation the size of 12 people.

In January of each year, the ELCA asks every church to organize data around attendance, giving, baptisms, deaths, confirmations, new member additions, etc. (PS—this is a great time of year to write Donna and Tanya and the 2019 treasurers a thank you note for the great work they do!). We organize the data, and submit it along with some other narrative storytelling about the past year.

Maybe after doing this for 20 years, I won't be as excited for the process. But as a young pastor, I sort of love filling out these forms, because it gives me a chance to reflect on the faith formation we've all been a part of in the past 12 months.

This year, our worship attendance average was higher than last year at both churches— 14% growth at St James, 19% growth at St. Paul. Are these numbers inflated by a 2018 transition year? Certainly. But are we trending in the right direction? You bet.

Here's the thing though—numbers are just numbers. What I care about is seeing faith come alive in these churches. I care about children getting excited when they learn about "Jesus bread." I care about adults singing a lyric from a favorite hymn to themselves 4 days later while they walk down a hallway at work. I care about confirmation students actually being surprised and interested by a wild story in scripture. I care about families feeling loved by a community after a funeral. I care about relationships growing based on seeing each other more consistently on Sundays.

I care about you—you who give up not getting out of your pajamas on a Sunday morning, and instead show up to be challenged and delighted and fed in the midst of 40-100 other

Combined worship average, 2018: 111 Combined worship average, 2019: 131

PASTOR EVAN \$

sisters and brothers in Christ. Thank you for showing up.

"Sooooo......what exactly does Bread Partners of Washington County do?"

In 2019, St. James dreamed big with a goal of gathering 150 items each month for Bread Partners. We accomplished that goal 10 out of 12 months. This year, St. Paul has set a 2020 goal of collecting 50 items each month for Bread Partners. With all these goals, I've been asked a few times, "What does Bread Partners do with our donations?"

Here's some information:

- Bread Partners gives away food 2x/week
- Every Monday, they send travel teams to rural homes (especially along Hwy 105) to deliver food
 - Every Tuesday, they host a pop-up food bank at the fairgrounds
- Every 2 weeks, they also deliver food to certain homebound residents
 of Brenham

Check the newsletter or bulletins to see what we are collecting each month!

And thank you for your generosity to combat local hunger!



Shared Ministry Updates!

A Look Ahead to Lent, starting February 26

Below is our expected schedule for Ash Wednesday and all Wednesdays during Lent. We will keep a similar pattern from the past 2 years rolling!

Ash Wednesday, 2/26

St. Paul—11am Ash Wednesday Worship, meal to follow

St. James—6pm meal in FLC, with worship to follow.

Pastor Evan will lead an Ash Wednesday lesson for our children a little after 6pm

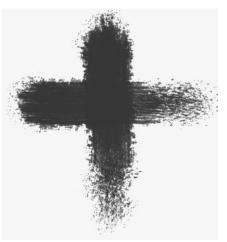
Regular Wednesdays in Lent (3/5, 3/12, 3/19, 4/1)

St. Paul—11am worship in fellowship hall + 11:30am soup/ sandwich lunch

St. James—6pm meal in Family Life Center + 7pm worship

**Please note—on Wed. March 25th, we'll gather together at St. James for a shared meal at 6pm and worship at 7pm, which will include Jay's baptism.

There will be no lunch service at St. Paul this day, with hope that the full shared community can welcome Jay into the body of Christ.



HABITAT FOR HUMANITY 2020

After our first experience going to Beaumont in November of last year, we are excited for another Thrivent Builds Habitat trip in 2020.

Dates and location is still to be decided, but we are targeting October, and considering Taos, NM, or a return trip to Beaumont.



Please contact Pastor Evan if you are interested! And, feel free to reach out to Robert Bockhorn, Donna Lankford, Peggy & Weldon Emshoff, Linda Tiemann, or Gary & Phyllis Weiss to hear about their experience last year.

Ongoing Ministries

YOUNG ADULTS/FAMILIES

typically meet on the final Wednesday of the month. In February, this falls on Ash Wednesday. We invite families to gather on Ash Wednesday, with a special "children's time" around 6pm as dinner starts.

FUN SUNDAY. St. Paul families and adults gather one Sunday a month for intergenerational activities. **This month, we will gather on February 16.** Contact Carey Kokemor for details.

DORCAS CIRCLE. This gathering of St. Paul women meets on the third Wednesday of each month. They quilt 9am-3pm with fellowship and Bible study at 4pm. Contact: Anna Breddin. HANNAH CIRCLE. This gathering of St. James women typically meets regularly on the first Wednesday of the month, at 5:30pm. Contact Joan Buenger.

HOPE CIRCLE: This group for women from St. James gathers on the 2nd Thursday of the month at On Deck, for fellowship and study. Contact Vera Jean Klausmeyer for info.

CARE COMPANIONS deliver communion and serve as a faithful companions through changes in life. Care Companions include Anna Breddin, Mildred Haynes, Vera Jean Klausmeyer, Cindy Schaper, and Dorothy Wellmann. Contact Pastor Evan if you wish to receive care MEN IN FAITH. Men of St. Paul and St. James gather on the first Thursday of the month for breakfast and fellowship at Buccaneer in Brenham. We will meet on February 6. Invite a friend and contact Pastor Evan with questions.

POTLUCK AND GAMES St. James folks gather in the FLC one Sunday each month after worship for games and a potluck. This month, they'll meet on February 16th.

CONFIRMATION meets on the 1st Sunday and 3rd Wednesday of each month. We'll gather on 2/2 at St James and on 2/19 at St Paul





Thank you to all who helped cook, clean, prep, sell tickets, and serve at the Chicken Stew!

A special thanks to all who donated raffle items for the kids and adults, and for those who baked desserts

The Life and Times of Shared Ministry



Some better-late-than-never photos from Christmas Eve 2019! Thank you to all the families who participated, and thanks to the adults who helped organize us all!

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

February 2 | Epiphany 4 *Micah 6:1-8, Psalm 15, 1 Corin-thians 1:18-31, Matthew 5:1-12* Blessed are those we don't expect....Micah teaches God's love of justice and kindness

February 9 | Epiphany 5 Isaiah 58:1-9a, Psalm 112:1-9 I Corinthians 2:1-12 [13-16] Matthew 5:13-20 The Sermon on the Mount continues, with themes of salt and light

February 16 | Epiphany 6 Deut. 30:15-20, Psalm 119:1-8 1 Cor 3:1-9, Matthew 5:21-37 Forgiveness takes center stage as Jesus continues to speak from the mountaintop

February 23 | Transfiguration *Exodus 24*:12-18, *Psalm 2* 2 *Peter* 1:16-21, *Matthew* 17:1-9 Moses enters the cloud of God on Mount Sinai, and Jesus encounters Moses (and God!) as he becomes dazzling white

February 26 | Ash Wednesday Isaiah 58:1-12, Psalm 51:1-17 2 Corinthians 5:20b--6:10 Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21 The Ash Wednesday readings are always the same—pray and show repentance not to gain attention, but to spend time with God. The 40 days of Lent begin. Treehouse (the ELCA Campus Ministry serving Blinn College in Brenham and Bryan, as well as Texas A&M University) has officially called a new pastor!

We welcome Pastor Jerry Wirtley to Treehouse, and give thanks for the hard work of the call committee that worked hard to match him with this unique ministry. Our own Pastor Bade was a member of the Treehouse Call Committee thank him when you have a moment!



Pastor Wirtley has served congregations in the Northwest Ohio Synod, the Southwestern Texas Synod, the East Central Synod of Wisconsin and the TX-LA Gulf Coast Synod.

Worship Leaders in February

	St. P	aul Phillipsbu	urg Worship A	ssistants	
	February 2	February 9	February 16	February 23	Ash Wed. Feb. 26
Reader	JoAnn Johnson	Barbara Tegeler	Lonnie Tegeler	Ruth Lehmann	Jessie Kokemor
Organist	Beth Appel	Donna Lankford	Beth Appel	Donna Lankford	Donna Lankford
Ushers	Schiller's & Kokemor's	Maresh's & Johnson's	Ed & Anna Breddin, S Schwenke	Tegeler's & Jessie Kokemor	BJ & Stephanie Mikeska & Florence Klehm
Altar Guild	Ruth Lehmann, Florence Klehm	Ruth Lehmann, Florence Klehm	Dorothy W, Sherry Mosley	Dorothy W, Sherry Mosley	Cheryl Gaskamp, Lori Moehlmann
Altar Flowers	Florence Klehm in memory of Wilburn	S Schwenke for Kaiden's bday	Catherine Gardi- ner, memory Bob's bday	Brenda Blum, Addie Grace bday	
	St. Jan	nes New Weh	dem Worship	o Assistants	
	February 2	February 9	February 16	February 23	Ash Wed. Feb. 26
Reader	Fredericka DeBerry	Jodie McReynolds	Betty Bowden	Nathan Winkelmann	
Organist	Phyllis Weiss	Cheryl Buenger	Fredericka DeBerry	Phyllis Weiss	Phyllis Weiss
Altar Flowers		Family of Jr. Dierking for his birthday	Amy Winkelmann in memory of "Cookie" Patricia Winkelmann on 2- 14	Elroy & Carolyn Loesch in memory of Philip Loesch	
			14		
Ushers + Greeters	Robert & Lynn B	ockhorn, Stacey Bo		Suzanne Bockhorn,	Taylor Bockhorn

F	ebruary 2	2020 —	
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	We
2 Worship at St. Paul: 9am Worship at St. James 10:30. Confirmation at St James 12p	3	4	5 Hannah Cire
9 Worship at St. Paul: 9am Worship at St. James 10:30., with Sunday School at 9am. Baptism of Jack Mingori	10	11 Pastor Evan presiding at Treehouse	12 VBS Plannir 6:30pm at
16 Worship at St. Paul: 9am Fun Sunday : 10am St Paul Council: 11:30am Worship at St. James: 10:30 Potluck and Games after	17 Shared Ministry Team 5:30PM @ St. James St James and St Paul Councils 6:30PM @ St. James	18	19 Dorcas Circ Quilting 10: Bible Study Shared Cont 6pm, at St. F
23 Worship at St. Paul: 9am Altar Guild Meeting: 10am Worship at St. James 10:30	24	25	26 Ash St. Paul serv Meal: 12pr St. James me children's ti Service: 7p

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			Treehouse Gala, benefit- ting Blinn and Texas A&M campus ministry
e: 5:30pm	6 Men's Bible Study—7am, Buccaneer in Brenham Gulf Coast Synod Bounda- ries Training, 9am	7	8
g Meeting St James FLC	13 Hope Circle, at <i>On Deck</i>	14	15 St James FLC—Herrmann
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ST JAMES NEW WEHDEM UPDATES

CHICKEN STEW GRATITUDE

Thank you to the many, many families that make this event possible.

Everything from ticket sales to baking cakes to donating items to peeling potatoes is a gift to this church. Thanks especially to the early risers who started cooking before sunrise, and to all those who helped run the event the day of.

2020 EASTER LILIES

NAME:	
Number of pots @ \$8.95:	
Total Amt enclosed:	
In Memory	
In Honor	

Deadline to submit: March 8, 2020

These Easter Lilies will be ordered from The Brookwood Community. They will have 4 or more blooms on a single stem and be between 18 to 20 inches tall and come with dark green pot covers.

Please return this form and money to the church office, or place in a marked envelope in offering plate. You may pick up your plant after Easter worship.

BREAD PARTNERS

During our 150th Anniversary Year we collected over 2274 items for Bread Partners! We met our goal of 150 items almost every month! Let's continue to collect as many or more items in 2020.

In February, please bring canned meats.

Thanks to Kay Sander for continuing to deliver items to Bread Partners each month!

SUNDAY SCHOOL

A large group of kids and parents met for Sunday School on January 12th. We learned about the Ten Commandments and did crafts to help us remember them. Thanks to everyone who brought breakfast items, they were delicious!

Our next lesson will be on February 9 at 9:00am in the Family Life Center. Megan, Phyllis, Lauren and Jodie will plan the lesson and one of the Valentine crafts will be decorating wooden hearts. If you would like to help with breakfast, contact Jodie McReynolds.

The kids will learn "This Little Light of Mine" to sing during the church service, so we hope everyone will join us!

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

During the month of February we will be collecting Personal Care Kits for LWR. A kit consists of: 1 bath towel (27X52) dark colored, 2 bars of soap, 1 toothbrush, 1 comb, 1 metal nail clippers. You can make your own kit or donate money. There will be a basket in back of the church for donations.

THANK YOU

We want to thank everyone for the great day (October 27). It was so good to be with you—just to see the work all of you are dong. New Wehdem is such a special place. Please spread the word-we are very proud of all of you.

The work on cemetery is very interesting. Our sister-in-law Audrey Rother, who is the curator of the McDade museum and an expert on cemeteries, was very interested.

Pastor Willard & Sandy Rother

ST PAUL PHILLIPSBURG UPDATES

SAVE THE DATE...Our annual FISH FRY will be May 9th.

Look for a list to be out soon for items for the raffle.

The Fish Fry is always a huge success thanks to your generosity of

time and donations!

DORCAS CIRCLE met on January 15th with Sandra, Dorothy T, Anna, Jessie, Ruth, Florence, Dorothy W. and Pastor Evan. Anna led the Bible Study "We Are Called-Hearing God's Voice". We read how Samuel and his mother Hannah were called-Samuel as a prophet and Hannah as a mother (servant) who gives her son to God. We also read about prophets Huldah, Deborah and Jeremiah and how they were called.

Anna called the meeting to order. The year started with a \$167.30 treasury balance. The offering was \$18. At the end of the year; half of the annual offering collected is sent to the National WELCA. We sent \$185 to Treehouse in December. Vernice is hostess in February. Bring your own lunch. All are invited to our next meeting :

February 19th, Quilting 10 am-2:30 pm,

Dorcas Circle Bible Study @ 3 pm

WELCA 's General Meeting was after worship on January 12th. Attending were Anita, Deanna, Sandra, Anna, Jessie, Ruth and Venetia. Anita called the meeting to order. Sandra and Ruth for the Action and Community projects reminded that LWR shipping is April 13th. New yearbooks were handed out.

Focusing Families has their annual fundraiser on January 31 at 6:30 pm at the Austin County Convention and Expo Center in Bellville. The cost is \$40 per person. Anna, Anita and Jessie are planning on attending. In new business, the budget and 2020 projects were accepted. Ruth is spending a considerable amount on postage for birthday cards. An offering was taken. Meeting adjourned after a closing prayer.

Submitted by Jessie Kokemor, Acting Secretary

KITCHEN ITEMS that have been left can be picked up in the Educational Building on the bar: 1) silver Buccaneer cup, 2) oblong platter w/multi colored stripes, 3) Hearthside stoneware plate, 4) oval platter w/roses and violets, 5) a silver ring. Also, if you inadvertently picked up the coffee pot liner (where the coffee filters are put in); please return or if you know where it was placed, please advise. See Jessie or Donna for questions re items.

FUN SUNDAY

February 16th after worship with lunch. Everyone is invited!



ASH WEDNESDAY February 26th worship w/ imposition of ashes and Holy Communion

St. Paul's worship at 11:00 am w/ meal to follow

St. James worship at 7:00 pm w/ meal prior to worship at 6:00 pm

ALTAR GUILD meeting on February 23rd after worship.

FLOWER CHART for 2020 is now available to sign up for your floral offerings.

LAY READERS & USHERS schedules have been posted and placed in your box. Please see Donna if you didn't receive your copy. Thanks for serving!

ALL OCCASION CARDS are available for sale at 25 cents each located at the back of the church by the mailboxes. There's a can for donations by the cards.

WELCA items collected during February

BREAD PARTNER items are canned fruits—goal of 50 every month!

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF, PERSONAL CARE KIT items needed are:

27x52 dark colored bath towels & bath size bars of soap

Our 2020 goal is collecting 50 items each month for Bread Partners. Canned meat is suggested this month but any non perishable items are appreciated such as cereals, boxed pastas, dry soups or vegetables, canned fruits or vegetables (please check the expiration date; expired items cannot be accepted).

Council Notes

St. Paul Phillipsburg Council

Council met on 1/19 at noon with Lenny Krause, Deanna Callahan, Anna Breddin, Ruth Lehmann, Florence Klehm, Jessie Kokemor, Vernice Kokemor, Carey Kokemor and President Jason Kiemsteadt presiding. Pastor joined later.

- Pastor Evan presented proposed council dates: even months on 3rd Monday @ 6:30pm; odd months meet after Sunday worship
- Minutes were approved with one correction
- Treasurers report was accepted
- New business, set goal of 50 items per month for Bread Partners
- Next meeting, Monday, February 17th 6:30 pm at St. James
- Adjourned and closed with all joining hands praying the Lord's Prayer.

Submitted by Vernice Kokemor

St. Paul Council

Jason Kiemsteadt, President

Anna Breddin, VP

Vernice Kokemor, Secretary

Jessie Kokemor, Treasurer

Deanna Callahan, Financial Secretary

Carey Kokemor, Parish Ed

Ruth Lehmann, Memorials

Florence Klehm, Bldg / Grounds

Lenny Krause, At-Large

St. James New Wehdem Council

We met on January 22, 2020.

President Knellen Quinteros called the meeting to order. Members present were Knellen, Becky Winkelmann, Joseph Tallerine, Linda Tiemann, David Bartay, Kamie Krueger, and Janice Hanath

- The position of vice president has been filled by Kamie Krueger. Thank you, Kamie!
- Discussed options for Building Fund CD coming due. Renewed for 11 months at 2% rate
- Approved the Lenten offerings will go to Lutherhill for their Capital Campaign.
- Average combined attendance for 2019 was 131; 2018 was 111.
- We will proceed with requesting a bid for the repair of headstones in the cemetery. The worst headstones will be repaired first and also request a bid for construction of a pavilion in the cemetery.
- Linda presented information on the direct deposit giving.
- Discussed the Synod Assembly in New Orleans on May 22-23. We need 2 reps from St. James.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

St. James Council

Knellen Quinteros, President

Kamie Krueger, VP

Janice Hanath, Secretary

Linda Tiemann, Treasurer

Becky Winkelmann, Asst. Treasurer

> Dave Bartay Bldg / Grounds

Joe Tallerine, At-Large

Bread Partners Item in February:

St. James: Canned Meats

St. Paul: Canned Fruits (aiming for 50 items each month!)

Both churches are collecting Lutheran World Relief Care Package Items: 27x52 dark bath towels, bars of soap, toothbrushes, combs, metal nail clippers

Prayer Concerns

St. Paul Members: Wilfred Neumann, Otto & Dorothy Krause, Austin Schiller, Jean Thompson, Vernice Kokemor, Dorothy Wellmann

St. James Members: Jr. Dierking, Larry Dierking, Erline Sommerfeld, Sally Dierking, Joy Druschke, Laura Fieseler, Kamie Krueger, Margaret Tiemann, Ellen Henske, Janet Mills, Ronny Schaper, Floreen Schulze, Lon Tiemann, Nelda Wilke, Lee Roy Winklemann

Family and Friends: Pam Alexander, Gerald Beausoleil, Jeri Bentke, Donna DeBerry, Johnny Hardin, Chad Horelica, Gabriel Fuentes, Tammy Glaesmann, Pat Hajek, Margaret Eldridge, Jacob Kolwes, Shannon Wellmann, Mildred Huebel, Kay Roberts, Donald Siptak, Sue Schwartz, Megan Styers, Barbara, Bill Mosley, Ricky Ondrias, Ann Fox, Diane White, Laura Mann, MaryAnn Sanderson, Mark Glentzer, Rudy and Ramona Kunkel, Shawn Grimm, Shelly Richard, Melanie Woellert, David Kiemsteadt, Marilyn Petrich

Military: Tristan Plaisance, Jenna Schiller, Matthew Varella

Sympathies to: Family of Antone Kubeczka (uncle of Jenny Henske & brother-inlaw of Floreen Schulze), Family of Sally Callahan (Michael Callahan's mother), Family of DeWane Goeke

Updates from our Ministry Partners

EXPERIENCE LUTHERHILL IN 2020

OPEN CAMP DAY - May 30, 2020

On this Saturday, all camp is open and free. A group from St Paul is definitely going! St James is absolutely welcome to join.

WEEK 1- JUNE 7-12 Alpha... Youngn... Yearlings..Jr... High Adventure

WEEK 2- JUNE 14-19 Alpha... Youngn... Yearlings... Jr... High Confirmation... Sr. High Discovery

WEEK 3- JUNE 21-26 Yearling Night Owl... Jr. High Night Owl... Sr. High Beach Camp... Onsite Day Camp

WEEK 4- JUNE 28-July 3 Family Camp

WEEK 5- JULY 5-10 Yearlings... Jr. High Confirmation... Sr. High Discovery... Onsite Day Camp

WEEK 6- JULY 12-17 Alpha...Youngn...Yearlings...Jr...High Adventure

WEEK 7- JULY 19-24 Alpha...Youngn... Yearlings..Jr... High Confirmation... Jr. High Beach Camp

WEEK 8- JULY 26-31 Youngn....Yearlings....Jr...HighAdventure... OnsiteDay Camp

ALPHA Completed 1st grade YOUNGN Completed 2nd or 3rd Grade







ST PAUL

ST JAMES

- 2-2 Elroy & Carolyn Loesch
- 2-4 Leeland & Florence Rinn
- 2-16 Ronald & Nicole Schaper
- 2-17 Eric & Larissa Olson
- 2-18 Chad & Brandi Fishbeck
- 2-20 Chris & Amy Tiemann



ST PAUL

- 02 Chantel Torrez
- 06 Barry Mikeska
- 08 Sherry Mosley
- 08 Keelia Ritch
- 13 Jessie Klehm
- 24 Gina Mikeska
- 26 Addie Grace Hartnett

ST JAMES

- 2-3 Tanna Mabry
- 2-3 Courtney Wilson
- 2-4 Jackson Buckley
- 2-4 Jennifer Harris
- 2-6 Kenneth Neumann
- 2-7 Brandy Lorenz
- 2-7 Carlee Wright
- 2-8 Harper Dierking
- 2-9 Calvin Braun
- 2-16 Pam Herrmann
- 2-16 Karlie McReynolds
- 2-21 Amy Baranowski
- 2-21 Alietha Mae Richter
- 2-24 Olan Ashorn
- 2-24 Wm Dierking
- 2-26 Adam Koehn
- 2-26 Greyson Winkelmann
- 2-27 Terry Druschke
- 2-27 Megan Freitag
- 2-27 Samantha McGaughy
- 2-28 David Lorenz
- 2-28 Linda Tiemann

SHARED MINISTRY STAFF

Ministers all

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)

Pastor Evan Cameron pastorevan@sjsplutheran.org Pastor Office Hours: Tuesday 9a-12p at St. Paul Mon & Wed: 9am -12:30pm at St. James St Paul Office: use Donna's cell above St. James Office: 979-836-2795

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Welcome to worship!

St. Paul Phillipsburg: 9am St. James New Wehdem: 10:30am

See our Lent Schedule on Page 4

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