



Partners in Faith

December 2022

**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**

The Joyful Noise

United in Grace. Serving in Love.

ELCA GOOD GIFTS ADVENT PROJECT

Look for ornaments in back of each church
this month!

You can give gifts ranging in all sizes.

Please write your check out to either St. Paul or
St James and include the ornament so we
know what to order.

We'll do a big batch order after Christmas.

**ELCA
GOOD
GIFTS**
CATALOG



CHRISTMAS / HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

This year, we are keeping some things the same and bringing back something from the past. Christmas Eve falls on a Saturday and Christmas Day on a Sunday in 2022.

CHRISTMAS EVE SCHEDULE (3 services)

5pm—Worship with communion and candlelight at St Paul
Phillipsburg

6:30pm—Worship with communion and candlelight at St
James New Wehdem *inside sanctuary this year*

11pm—Shared ministry “midnight mass” at St James. No
children’s program, but still a candlelight service.

CHRISTMAS DAY—No Sunday services. Enjoy your family!

NEW YEARS DAY—Sunday, 1/1—Shared Lessons and Carols
service, 10:30am, St. James

CHICKEN STEW DATE AND DETAILS

Sunday, January 29 at New Wehdem

Raffle tickets and meal tickets will be available soon!

CHRISTMAS EVE PROGRAM

If you are interested in helping/having a role, contact Lauren Sinclair at St James (979-451-3111) or Trish Surovik at St Paul (979-885-8720).

Rehearsals will be on December 11 and December 18 at 9:00am.

Many thanks to Bishop Mike, On Zion's Hill, and the Winkelmann chefs for a wonderful Sunday on 11/13!



Pastor's Column

By Evan Cameron, *pastor*



For Unto Us A Child is Born

Below is a picture of some art I purchased in Bethlehem a few weeks ago, at the Walled Off Hotel + Gallery run by Banksy, the internationally famous graffiti artist.

It is a reminder for me that while we rightfully adore the beauty of Christmas, the world Jesus was born into was not silent and gentle and mild. His family fled to Egypt before he could speak words. The oppression and threat of Rome was constant. And yet, even when life was so far from perfect...God chooses to break into our world and our lives and walk alongside us. May you never forget this simple, profound truth.



A few more Holy Land Photos



Left: sunlight breaking through a storm onto Sea of Galilee

Bottom Left: Olive trees dating back 2,000 years in Garden of Gethsemane

Bottom Right: Harvesting olives in Magdala



ST JAMES NEW WEHDEM UPDATES

ST. JAMES POINSETTIA SIGN-UP Poinsettias for our sanctuary for Christmas will cost \$9.00 per plant. Forms to place your order are on the back table in the sanctuary.

2023 FLOWER CHART The 2023 flower chart is on the bulletin board in the back of the sanctuary. You may begin signing up for flower dates now.

MEMORIALS

In Memory of Elsie Pieper

In Memory of Ronald Schaper

In Memory of Bettye Honerkamp

In Memory of Glendene Roemer

In Memory of Charlie Sommer

Delano & Vera Jean Klausmeyer

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Boswell High School Lady Pioneer Volleyball

In Memory of Cheryl Buenger

Ralph & Debbie Tiemann

Kyle & Peggy Holloway

Craig & Patricia Sebek

Jackie & Betty Bowden

Diana Hold

M/M Wm Carson Hardt

Doug & Martha Neva

Greg & Keress Stuckey

Debbie Adams Family

Tom & Phyllis Arnold

Rhonda Craigen & Gaylon Mueller

Delano & Vera Jean Klausmeyer

Joe & Jenna Beaver

Roy & Linda Acebo

Ruth Goeke

Bobbie & Bonnie Pieper

Verbie Weiss

Mike & Karen Mueller

Larry & Miriam McReynolds

Barbara & Arno Krebs, Jr.

Robert & Marita Mikeska

Robert & LeeAnn Chambers

Dale Rinn

Rev. Ray & Deborah Tiemann

Ronnie & Debbie Pilcik

Royce & Elana Garling

Seidel, Schroeder

Bennie Galle

Steven & Kathleen Lackey

4 County Auction Center Inc

Wendell & Kathy Nault

David & Bonnie Schulz

Donald & Sharon Winkelmann

In Memory of John Teufel

Ralph & Debbie Tiemann

Bart & Melissa Seilheimer

David & Beth Sommer

Fredericka DeBerry

Ronnie & Glenda Neutzler, K & M Grocery employees and friends

Jeff & Robin Wellmann, Wayne & Doris Ann Seilheimer,

Verbie Weiss

Virginia & Larry Hillmann

Myrna & Kenneth Foster & Family

Donald & Sharon Winkelmann

ST PAUL PHILLIPSBURG UPDATES

VP and APPOINTED POSITIONS for 2023-24 are needed...

We are needing a volunteer to serve as Vice President. In appointed positions, volunteers are also needed for Parish Ed and Congregational Life/Shared Ministry. See any council member or Pastor Evan with questions or if you're interested in serving.

CHRISTMAS EVE worship... Join us at 5:00 pm with the children telling the story of Jesus' birth. Invite family and friends. All children will receive a Christmas bag.

USHERS & LAY READERS are needed for next year. Sign up sheets are at the back of the church. Thanks for serving!

POINSETTIA'S to beautify our sanctuary for Christmas are available at \$11 each. A sign up sheet is at the back of the church; deadline is 12/4.

ADVENT DINNER following worship on December 4th. Please join us; everyone is invited!

DORCAS CIRCLE CHRISTMAS PARTY is on 12/13 @ 5:30 pm, dinner @ 6 pm. Cost is \$12 per person. Please sign up by 12/4 and bring a gift for the fun white elephant exchange. Everyone is invited!

2023 FLOWER CHART is up to sign up for next year's floral offerings.

THANK YOU, Jessie Kokemor for placing flags on Veteran graves in observance of Veterans Day.



AUSTIN COUNTY FAIR in the Queen Contest, Jaylen Tesch (left) won 1st runner up along with 1st runner up in ticket sales. Grace Lischka (right) won the Junior Fair Queen contest.

Kinley placed 10th and Emmy Kokemor placed 7th in the container plant competition. Jaylen, Kinley and Emmy also competed in the Miniscape Competition where they design a landscaped garden in an oval water trough along with Emmy in the Junior floral design contest. In the beef skillathon, Kinley won 1st place and Ethan Schumann placed 3rd in the intermediate division while Luke Schumann placed 3rd in the junior division. Kinley, Luke and Ethan also participated in livestock judging.



DORCAS CIRCLE met 11/15 with Dorothy W, Ruth, Florence, Vernice, Jessie, Anna, Sandra, Anita and Dorothy T. After quilting, Anna led the Bible Study, Creatures. We celebrate our kinship with all animals God has made. We have a responsibility to care for them and the environment. We are just creatures among all of God's creatures. Next year, Bible Study will be on the Ten Commandments. Jessie read the minutes and gave the treasurer's report. Sandra was hostess. Xmas party is 12/13 and your Circle Sister will be revealed and names for 2023 will be drawn. Donations will be collected for HOA-Meals on Wheels. January hostess is Ruth; quilting at 10 am and Bible Study at 2:30 pm.

December, 2022

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	
4 St. Paul— 9:00am I/O St. James—10:30am I/O KWHI Radio Service St. Paul's Advent Dinner Following worship	5 Caroling Night—Hannah Circle + Confirmands	6	7 A
11 St. Paul— 9:00am I/O St. James —10:30am KWHI Radio Service St. James FLC-Winkelmann	12	13 Dorcas Circle Christmas Party, Begins @ 5:30 pm Dinner @ 6:00 pm	14
18 St. Paul— 9:00am I/O St. James—10:30am I/O KWHI Radio Service Confirmation 11:30am	19 Leadership Night—both church councils at St Paul 6pm start	20	21 NEWSL
25 CHRISTMAS DAY No Worship Services KWHI Radio Service 1pm	26	27	28

<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
	1	2	3 SP Fellowship Hall Rsv'd/DKG St John Bellville Retreat Center Live Nativity 5:30p—7:30p
Advent Family Night St. James FLC 5:30p—7:30p	8	9	10
	15	16	17 FLC—Henske
LETTER DEADLINE	22	23	24 CHRISTMAS EVE St. Paul Worship-5:00pm St. James Worship—6:30pm Shared Ministry Midnight Mass St. James—11:00pm
	29	30	31

St. Paul Phillipsburg Worship Assistants

	December 4	December 11	December 18
Reader	JoAnn Johnson	Jessie Kokemor	Dorothy Wellmann
Organist	Donna Lankford	Beth Appel	Donna Lankford
Ushers	Cheryl Gaskamp, Lori Moehlmann, Glen Klehm	Mark & Venetia Schiller, Carl & Carey Kokemor	Ed & Anna Breddin, Jessie Kokemor
Altar Guild	Cheryl Gaskamp Lori Moehlmann	Cheryl Gaskamp Lori Moehlmann	Ruth Lehmann, Florence Klehm, Dorothy Wellmann
Altar Flowers	Sandra Schwenke in memory of Earl	Anita Kramer in memory of Edward	Poinsettias by members of congregation

St. James New Wehdem Worship Assistants

	December 4	December 11	December 18
Reader	Kay Sander	Betty Bowden	Gary Weiss
Organist	Fredericka DeBerry	Fredericka DeBerry	Phyllis Weiss
Flowers			Phyllis in honor of Gary's birthday
Ushers + Greeters	Robert & Becky Winkelmann, Wesley & Erica Winkelmann, Amy Winkelmann, Donald & Sharon Winkelmann		
Council	All Council		

The Life and Times of Shared Ministry



Thank you to all who put together Operation Christmas Child boxes in December! We had 51 this year.

A special thanks to Sharon and Donald for organizing this and dropping them off.



New communion ware was purchased in Bethlehem for both churches. The mosaic includes 2 loaves and bread and five fish in a basket.



Council Notes

St. Paul Phillipsburg Council

Met November 14 with Pastor Evan, Charlie, Venetia, Dorothy, Carey, and Lonnie. Pastor discussed Holy Land trip success. There will be a 6:30 and 11 pm (instead of Christmas Day) service at NW. Minutes were read, financial and treasurer reports were given; all were accepted. Discussed adding some line items to clarify the financial report. Lonnie & Charlie reported small added expenses to the 2023 budget.

- Charlie in the absence of Lenny, reported that trees were trimmed and piled in adjacent pasture for burning. All educational building repairs have been done. Charlie will try and get the on demand water heater installed before year end. Attorney is in contact with Church Mutual.
- Discussed appointed positions of Memorials and Parish Ed need to be filled for 2023. Charlie volunteered for Memorials. Carey's position of Congregational Life also needs to be filled.
- Christmas Eve worship will be at 5 pm. Discussed organizing flags on Veterans graves on the Sunday close to Veterans Day next year. Jessie Kokemor graciously did on her own this year.
- Next meeting on 12/19 with new council members invited.

Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Venetia in Sherry's absence

November expenses \$14,612.99; income \$13,566.49

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

President Joe Tallerine called the meeting to order. Members present were Kelly Frank, Jessica Thayne, John Hohlt, Lauren Sinclair and Kate Buenger.

Christmas Program planning is underway- St James will be indoors this year and starting at 6:30 PM. Will also have a Midnight Mass starting at 11 PM.

Caroling- New Wehdem homebound members on 12/05/2022

Advent Family Night- Wednesday 12/07/2022 5:30-7:30 PM. All invited. We will be putting up / decorating the tree that night.

ELCA Good Gift Trees are in the church beginning 11/27/2022.

Chicken Stew auction items needed ASAP

Christmas Program rehearsal December 11 & 18 at 9 AM.

New council members needed for Assistant Treasurer & VP.

St. James Council

Joseph Tallerine, *President*

Kamie Krueger, *VP*

Jessica Thayne, *Secretary*

Kate Buenger, *Treasurer*

Kelly Frank, *Asst. Treasurer*

John Hohlt, *Bldg /
Grounds*

Lauren Sinclair, *Shared
Ministry Representative*

ADVENT FAMILY NIGHT

Wednesday, December 7th

5:30p—7:30p

Robert and Becky are providing dinner!

Join us for a meal, shared church fellowship,
some crafts, a photo booth, and all things
Christmas!

Thanks again to the Buengers and the
Johnsons for their collaboration on our
beautiful new sign at St James!



SUNDAY WORSHIP

St. Paul 9:00am

St James 10:30am

Dec 4 Second Sunday of Advent
Isaiah 11:1-10; Ps 72; Romans 15:4-13; Matthew 3:1-12 During Advent we turn toward the approaching light of Christ. From the Lord's table we are sent in the spirit of John the Baptist to proclaim that in Christ the kingdom of God has come near.

Dec 11 Third Sunday of Advent
Isaiah 35:1-10; Ps 146:5-10; James 5:7-10; Matthew 11:2-11 We wait with patience for the coming of the Lord, even as we rejoice at his presence among us this day; in word and holy supper, in church and in our homes, in silent reflection and in works of justice and love.

Dec 18 Fourth Sunday of Advent
Isaiah 7:10-16; Ps 80; Romans 1:1-7; Mathew 1:18-25 The gospel lesson is the account of the annunciation and birth of the one named Emmanuel, God-with-us. We prepare to celebrate the birth of the one born to save us from the power of sin and death.

Bread Partners Items in December

St. James: Your Choice
St. Paul: item of your choice - goal of 50 items!

Prayer Concerns

St. Paul Members: Wilfred Neumann, Dorothy Krause, Brenda Blum, Will Hartnett, Catherine Gardiner, Ruth Lehmann, Dorothy Tesch, Florence Klehm, Austin Schiller, Greyson Mikeska

St. James Members: Joy & Terry Druschke, Carolyn Loesch, Oranell Loesch, Janet Mills, Floreen Schulze, Erline Sommerfeld, Chris, Amy, & Lincoln Tiemann, Margaret Tiemann, Nelda Wilke

Family and Friends: Donna Acosta, Jeri Bentke, Virginia Beseir, Janet Crane, T J Foerester, Debbie Rhoades Foyt, Tammy Glaesmann, Dave Hamilton, Leigh & Janice Hassell, Beverly Hudson, Mildred Huebel, Keith Korth, Janet Jackson, Travis Maher, Dennis Mauney, Byron Pietch, Marilyn Petrich, Pete Scott, Diane Winkelmann, Milay Jackson, Shirley Benjamin

Military: Tristan Plaisance, Jenna Schiller, Anthony Funk

Sympathies:

THANK YOU

The family of Cheryl Buenger would like to give our heartfelt thanks for the congregation's support during her journey. The prayers, cards, visits and food helped and encouraged Cheryl. A special thanks for those who served and brought desserts to the funeral reception.

In Cheryl's words "I love you all and thank you for everything."
God's blessings to you all. The Buengers

ST JAMES BIRTHDAYS

12-2 Cari Goeke
12-4 Jordan Winkelmann
12-7 Justin Brending
12-7 Charlee White
12-8 Kinsley Tiemann
12-9 Randy Hegemeyer
12-12 Katelyn Lorenz
12-14 Shea Emshoff
12-15 Julian Martin
12-15 Travis Bartay
12-16 Patricia Winkelmann
12-16 Paisley Dierking
12-17 Christopher Tiemann
12-17 Emmie Blake
12-18 Kylie Cafero
12-19 Vera Jean Klausmeyer
12-21 Ava Tiemann
12-22 Braeden Herrmann
12-23 Rudy Tiemann
12-24 Margaret Tiemann
12-25 Robert Bockhorn
12-27 Art Remmert
12-27 Gary Weiss
12-27 Lorna Sommerfeld
12-27 Sawyer Schrader
12-28 Kristin Emshoff
12-29 Teresa Mingori
12-30 Kyle Bentke
12-31 Brett Sander
12-31 Katharine Cameron

ST JAMES ANNIVERSARIES

12-15 Brandt & Cari Goeke
12-16 Nathaniel & Jennifer Harris

ST PAUL ANNIVERSARIES

12-12-64 Lonnie & Barbara
Tegeler

ST PAUL BIRTHDAYS

1 Joshua Torrez
2 Cheryl Gaskamp
2 Jarred Moehlmann
3 Cody Vacha
5 Justin Krause
8 Wilfred Neumann
11 Esther Lampe
12 Jessie Kokemor
20 Charles Kokemor
23 Jenna Schiller
27 Lonnie Tegeler
28 Venetia Schiller
31 Megan Kokemor Om
31 Chloe Ritch

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

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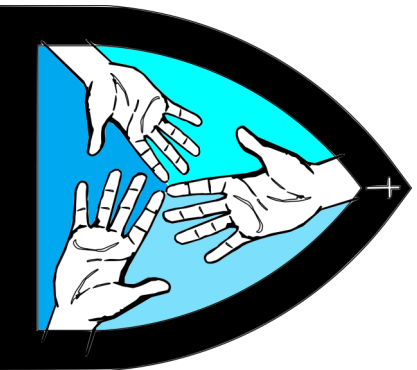
Welcome to worship!

9am at St Paul

10:30am at St James

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