



Partners in Faith

March 2023

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

Save the Dates

Holy Week:

Maundy Thursday 4/6 6pm at St Paul

Good Friday 4/7 6pm at St James

Easter Sunday—April 9

8:30am at St Paul (breakfast after)

10am at St James (breakfast at 9am)

St Paul Fish Fry: Saturday, May 13

*Confirmation Sunday: One service at St James, May 21, 10am start (*9 confirmands this year!)*

VBS 2023: July 9-13

Confirmation Camp in Kerrville: July 16-21

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.

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

VOLUNTEERS TO SERVE WEDNESDAY LENTEN MEALS AT BOTH CHURCHES

A sign-up sheet is on the back table of each church for volunteers to serve Lenten Meals on Wednesdays during March. Thank you! Remember—multiple families can jump in for one week together.

LWR PERSONAL KITS AT ST. JAMES

We are collecting Lutheran World Relief Personal Kits. You can either bring the items listed below to church or place a donation in the basket in the back. We will use the donations to purchase kits. Suggested amount for each kit donation is \$15.00.

- 1 light-weight bath-size towel
- 2 bath-size bars soap
- 1 adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging
- 1 sturdy comb, remove packaging
- 1 metal nail clippers, remove packaging

Wrap all the items in the towel and tie securely with ribbons or yarn

LWR Kits are specifically designed to help people coping with poverty, disaster, conflict and more. These kits provide dignity and hope in the direst situations.

RAFFLE WINNERS AT ST. JAMES STEW

\$1000 Visa Gift Card-Robert Mikeska	Westwood Movie Passes-Brooks Holder
Toro Motor-Chet Schneider	Pecans-Troy Hanath
Fire Pit-Table-Ron Paul Jankowiak	Pecans-Kim Kaliszewski
\$250 Visa Card-Susie Honerkamp	Pecans-Cassidy Green
\$200 Ace Card-Hudson Huebner	\$125 Card 22 North Holland-Grant Lischka
\$100 Lowes Card-Lily Koehn	\$100 Walmart Card-Karen Harmel
\$100 Home Depot Card-Robert Winkelmann	\$50 HEB Card-Don Voges
\$100 JW Steakhouse Card-Tammy Massengale	\$50 Target Card-B & M Repair
\$100 Bellville Meat Card-Steve Pawlowski	Charcuterie Board-Clarence Zettel
\$50 Sealand Seafood Card-Dawson Rudloff	\$50 Dan's Meat Card-Jay Buenger
\$50 Los Cabos Card-Dori Harrison	Canned Goods Basket-Jan Klingsporn
Tyler Candle Glamour Reeds-Erica Winkelmann	
Victoria Emerson Bracelet-Patricia Winkelmann	
\$300 Brenham Quality Meat Card-Peggy Emshoff	

DONATIONS FOR EATER EGG HUNT AT ST. JAMES

Anyone wishing to donate money or candy for the Easter Egg Hunt, please do so by Sunday, March 26th. Donations can be left on the table in the back of the sanctuary.

Pastor's Column

By Evan Cameron, *pastor*



A View from the Pews

I don't have a perfectly accurate count, but by my rough estimate I've done about 30 funerals between St Paul and St James since fall 2018. I was also a supply funeral leader for several strangers during COVID.

I consider this work to be one of the most important things I do here, and I often find that funerals open otherwise closed doors to talk about deeper aspects of spirituality...heaven, mortality, and the depth of God's promised grace / forgiveness. However, it was really different to have the perspective of being in the pews a few weeks ago for the funeral of my grandmother, Ann. She was Catholic, so the liturgy was a familiar in the big picture of structure, while the specific language was new.

Overall, I walked with away with a few impressions -

First, the whole day felt so fast to me. We had visitation from 10a-11a, then the funeral mass, then a short drive to the cemetery, then back for the luncheon, then some family photos, and all my local family was ready to drive home. It was a compact morning.

Second - I realized that funerals do serve both as a space to grieve, but also they become these unplanned family reunions. All 15 grandkids made it home, our first time in the same space in many years. In other words, the day is full of grief and catching up all mixed together in church fellowship halls and narthex spaces.

Third - wow, what a gift it is as the family to be served a good meal. My nana's church is called Our Lady Queen of Peace, and they had coffee, cookies, and cold cuts all ready to go for about 100 people. I know our churches both provide this excellent service as well, but experiencing it as that distance traveler coming in for the event was a real taste of grace.

Fourth - I wonder (and hope) all the time if a family leaves a funeral feeling a sense of closure. I did feel that a little bit...but I also wanted more for my nana. More stories told, more space to keep visiting. I eventually just realized that there's no way to...

...capture the fullness of a human life in one day together remembering. You can't even capture a fraction of it. The day is what it is, and the sadness lingers. I guess that's what the follow up phone calls are for, but for me it was a more lived experience that the funeral is a great ritual, but never a one stop shop for all the grief work.

I hope that when I've led funerals for your relatives that you all have felt there was enough space to share authentically. I hope that you've also felt the grace of being served a meal in the midst of a busy day with lots of other logistics going on. And I especially hope that everyone who has lost someone knows that you always have permission to reach out to me and talk about them - even long after the funeral day is over.

Pastor Evan 



Just for fun—Shared Ministry March Madness

Join us later this month for a March Madness
Tournament!

Each person can submit two brackets, and Pastor Evan will take out the winner to a lunch or dinner at the Dairy Bar in Brenham.

You can fill out your bracket(s) online.
The link to join our Yahoo group "Shared Ministry SP + SJ"
will be emailed on Selection Sunday March 12.

Creative team names are encouraged!

ST JAMES NEW WEHDEM UPDATES

SAVE THE DATE

SUNDAY SCHOOL BIKE RIDE—APRIL 30 AFTER CHURCH

MEMORIALS

In Memory of Carolyn Loesch

Ralph & Debbie Tiemann	Nathan & Darla Winkelmann	Joan Buenger
Larry & Julie Tegeler	Robert & Janet Mantey	Andrew, Stacy, Allie Eckert
Daniel & Gayle Engeling	Linda Crabtree	Knellen Quinteros Family
Charles & Vickie Goeke	Mildred & Odis Haynes	Julian & Geneva Martin
Carol & Terri Johnson	Kimberly Kunkel	Winston & Tanya Rosenbaum
Pete & Debbie Gutierrez	Scott & Shelley Smith	Donald & Sharon Winkelmann
Grace Bentke	Fredericka DeBerry	
Douglas & Marilyn Heckmann	Kathy & Jose Duran, Amber & Keith Wisnieske	
Hope Circle-Gayle Engeling, Shirley Hohlt, Susie Honerkamp, Vera Klausmeyer, Bonnie Pilchick		

In Memory of Donnie Henske

Julian & Geneva Martin	Fredericka DeBerry	John R. Bowden
Jackie Bowden	Betty Bowden	William G. Bowden

In Memory of Joy Druschke

Fredericka DeBerry	Clarence & Jill Gerke	Julian & Geneva Martin
Ralph & Debbie Tiemann	Nancy Sommer	Knellen Quinteros & Family
Joan Buenger & Family	Erline Sommerfeld	Odis & Mildred Haynes
Daniel & Gayle Engeling	Delano & Vera Jean Klausmeyer	

THANK YOU . . .

The Family of Carolyn Loesch would like to thank everyone who brought food and served for the lunch after the funeral. Thanks to everyone who sent a card or called. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated.

EASTER LILIES ORDER FOR ST. JAMES

\$10.00 per pot

Order blanks on back table in church

Deadline to order March 19

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 of the Fish Fry. Find the list posted at the back of the church for ways to help.

RAFFLE ITEMS are needed. Please sign up by the end of the month so tickets can be printed and distributed to sell tickets well in advance.

A volunteer for VICE PRESIDENT is still needed for 2023-24. The VP term is 1 year followed by President the following. See Venetia, Pastor Evan or any Council member if you'd like to serve.

BREAD PARTNERS Item collected in March is **mac n cheese.**

Synod Assembly will be at the Lord of Life Lutheran Church in The Woodlands (May 19-20). If interested in attending, please contact Pastor.

February thru 2/21/23:

Income: \$12,733.33

Expenses: \$14, 513.92

DORCAS CIRCLE met on 2/21 with Dorothy W, Ruth, Vernice, Jessie, Anna, Sandra and Dorothy T in attendance.

After quilting, Anna led the Bible Study on The "Ten Commandments: Reviving the Soul". The author used Dr. Martin Luther's Catechism as a resource. The January session was from Exodus 20:1-7 on Commandments 1 and 2. The February session was from Exodus 20:8-12 on Commandments 3 and 4

Jessie read the January minutes with \$299.80 in the treasury. Offering today was \$11. In March, we will do some spring cleaning in the church. On March 21, everyone is encouraged to come help at 10:00 am. Bible Study is at 3:00 pm. Jessie will put yearbooks in church mailboxes for WELCA—women of our church. Dorothy was hostess; Jessie is hostess for March. Respectfully, Jessie

SPRING CLEANING on March 21st! The ladies will begin at 10:00 am. Everyone is encouraged to help. Church cleaning jobs include: clean wooden doors, vacuum pews, wipe down walls, clean windows, etc. Kitchen jobs include: run vinegar through coffee pots, check supplies, etc.

EASTER LILIES at \$12 & **GERBER DAISIES** at \$8 can be purchased to beautify the church for Easter. A signup sheet can be found at the back of the church and note in memory or honor of your someone special.

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

LENTEN WORSHIP continues through each Wednesday in March in the Fellowship Hall. Worship at 11:00 am with a meal following at 11:30 am. There's still a couple of opportunities to bring a meal or a dessert. Lent offering will be go to The Heart of Texas Foundation College of Ministry for the Texas prison system.

EASTER BREAKFAST will once again follow worship on Easter morning followed by an Easter Egg Hunt. Confirmands will be helping with the breakfast. Breakfast items will be needed such as casseroles, pastries, milk, juice.

March 2023

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	
			1 LENT 11am Phil 5:30—6:30 at New W
5 St. Paul— 9:00am I/O St. James—10:30am I/O Wright Baptism KWHI Radio Service 1:00pm	6	7	8 LENT 11am Phil 5:30—6:30 at New W
12 St. Paul— 9:00am I/O St. James —10:30am Confirmation Class 11:45a-12:45p KWHI Radio Service 1:00pm	13	14	15 LENT 11am Phil 5:30—6:30 at New W
19 St. Paul— 9:00am I/O Shared Sunday School—9:30am,SJ St. James—10:30am I/O St. James Easter Lily Sign-up Deadline KWHI Radio Service 1:00pm	20 Leadership Night—both church councils at St James 6pm start	21 Spring Cleaning at St Paul 10:00am (everyone is encouraged to help) Bible Study @ 3:00pm	22 LENT 11am Phil 5:30—6:30 at New W
26 St. Paul— 9:00am I/O St. James—10:30am I/O Confirmation 11:45a-12:45p KWHI Radio Service 1:00pm	27	28	29 LENT 11am Phil 5:30—6:30 at New W

<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
<p>lipsburg, 11:30 meal 0 Meal; 6:30 worship ehdem</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4 Fellowship rsv'd DKG, 8am>1pm</p>
<p>lipsburg 11:30 meal 0 Meal; 6:30 worship ehdem</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>
<p>lipsburg 11:30 meal 0 Meal; 6:30 worship ehdem</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>
<p>lipsburg 11:30 meal 0 Meal; 6:30 worship ehdem</p>	<p>23 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>
<p>lipsburg 11:30 meal 0 Meal; 6:30 worship ehdem</p>	<p>30 St. James Sinclair Baptism</p>	<p>31</p>	

St. Paul Phillipsburg Worship Assistants

	March 5	March 12	March 19	March 26
Reader	Anna Breddin	Venetia Schiller	Amber Cowart	Barbara Tegeler
Organist	Donna Lankford	Donna Lankford	Donna Lankford	Beth Appel
Ushers	Mark & Venetia Schiller	Carl & Carey Kokemor	Ed & Anna Breddin Jessie Kokemor	Lonnie & Barbara Tegeler Sandra Schwenke
Altar Guild	Cheryl Gaskamp Lori Moehlmann	Barbara Tegeler JoAnn Johnson	Barbara Tegeler JoAnn Johnson	Anna Breddin Venetia Schiller
Altar Flowers	Nelson & Dorothy Wellmann, memory of Erwin Sander, Sr	Ruth Lehmann in honor of Alan, Faith & Dana's bdays	Jessie Kokemor	Brenda Blum in memory of Robert Blum & Elsa Blum's bday

St. James New Wehdem Worship Assistants

	March 5	March 12	March 19	March 26
Reader	Joan Buenger	Vickie Goeke	Kay Sander	
Organist	Fredericka DeBerry	Phyllis Weiss	Bonnie Pieper	Phyllis Weiss
Flowers	Thayne Family Danica's birthday 13			Kelly Frank-Jason's and Jeremy's Birthdays
Ushers + Greeters	Jeremy & Lauren Buckley, Bruce Buenger, Joan Buenger, Kate Buenger, Clint & Sarah Buenger, Jay & Elizabeth Buenger			
Council	Jeff Wright			

The Life and Times of Shared Ministry

Back on 2/19, our Sunday School youth learned the John 2 story of water into wine!

Children from both churches are invited for the next lesson on **Sunday, 3/19 at 9:30am** to learn about the feeding of the 5,000 as well as painting Easter bags



Our confirmation students continue to meet on Sundays after church for our “Lutheran Living” semester.

Recent topics include Grace, Vocation / Baptism, and what the Bible says about the devil.



Council Notes

St. Paul Phillipsburg Council

Met 2/21 with Venetia, Ed, B J and Stephanie present. Pastor Evan opened with a devotion and his report. He discussed the proposed change to the Shared Ministry Covenant of sharing a supply pastor and only 1 service when Pastor is out and rotate the location. All agreed. Confirmation will be May 21 and held at St. James. Lent offering will be for The Heart of Texas Foundation College of Ministry for the Texas prison system. VBS will be July 9-13. Discussed church cleanup dates. Synod Assembly will be at the Lord of Life Lutheran Church in The Woodlands (May 19-20). If interested in attending, please contact Pastor.

- Treasurer report was not given in Lonnie's absence; Ed gave the financial report and it was accepted.
- B J gave his report: women's restroom in the church has been repaired, heater fan in the educational building was repaired. B J will be cleaning or removing the carpet in the front church entrance to rid of mold. Also, get new handicap parking signs and paint two rusty poles on the side church entrance. He's checking on the frequent clogged gutter system of the new educational building. Report accepted.
- Stephanie gave the Parish Ed report. VBS has been scheduled along with confirmation camp and Camp Chrysalis date. Discussed Easter breakfast with Confirmands helping.
- Old business: New water heater still in process, Fish Fry on 5/13 with sign up sheets out for volunteers to oversee various tasks; New business: Need better lighting in the church

Respectfully submitted, Venetia Schiller in Sherry's absence

St. Paul Council

Venetia Schiller, *President*

VP, *volunteer 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 Feb 20 with Kamie Krueger, Lauren Sinclair, Kelly Frank, John Hohlt, Pam Herrmann present. Pastor presented his report and included discussion on the community coming together and growing our faith based on 2 Kings 4.

- Discussed Cemetery committee potential improvements to the pavilion. Bids received for some of the work. Once all information is received it will be presented to the congregation.
- Discussed possibly replacing the rusting doors on the back side of the FLC.
- Recommendation made to research purchasing a fireproof safe to protect the historical books-pastor will look into this.
- Suggestion to install motion detected lights (possibly solar) on the back side of FLC and Sunday School.
- New member lunch discussed to possibly occur June 25 after worship.
- Good attendance in Sunday School. VBS date decided. Bike ride scheduled for April.
- Bids received to stretch and clean carpet in sanctuary.
- Portion of pew Bibles have been received
- Inactives list reviewed.
- Connection cards will be in pews for visitors.

St. James Council

Kamie Krueger, *President*

Jeff Wright, *VP*

Pam Herrmann, *Secretary*

Kelly Frank, *Treasurer*

Asst. Treasurer needed

John Hohlt, *Bldg /*

Grounds

Lauren Sinclair, *Shared*

Ministry Representative



Joy (Parish) Druschke, 86, passed away MARCH 08, 2023 in Brenham. Funeral Services were Saturday, MARCH 11, 2023, at 1:00 pm at St. James Lutheran Church.

Joy was born on April 12, 1936 in Waco, to Marvin Eugene and Gnell Williams Parish. She was baptized in Riesel Baptist Church in Riesel, Texas. A 1954 graduate of Seminole High School, she was a member of Sons of Hermann #6, The Woodmen of the World. On June 24, 1961 she married Terry Druschke in Pasadena.

Joy was employed as an escrow secretary by San Jacinto Title Co. in Pasadena, Stewart Title Co. and Alamo Title Co., both in San Antonio.

Reading, watching movies, and listening to music were her favorite past times. She enjoyed taking care of her indoor plants and visiting her friends in San Antonio.

Survivors include her husband Terry Druschke; brother, Boyd Allen Parish and wife Denise; niece, Ange Payne and husband Mike; nephew, Stephen Parish and wife Kristin, as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Preceding her in death were her parents, Marvin Eugene Parish and Gnell Parish; brother, Gene Earl Parish, Marshall Lee Parish, Gary Don Parish and Jerry Dan Parish and Son, Jimmy Lee Druschke.

SUNDAY WORSHIP

St. Paul 9:00am

St James 10:30am

March 5 2nd Sun of Lent
Genesis 12:1-4, Ps 121, Romans 4:1-5, 13-17, John 3:1-17 At baptism we are given new birth as children of God. He promises to raise us up with Christ to new life. We are sent forth to proclaim God's love for all.

March 12 3rd Sun of Lent
Exodus 17:1-7, Ps 95, Romans 5:1-11, John 4:5-42 The Samaritan woman asks Jesus for water, an image of our thirst for God. Jesus offers living water, a sign of God's grace.

March 19 4th Sun of Lent
1 Samuel 16:1-13, Ps 23, Ephesians 5:8-14, John 9:1-41 In baptism God opens our eyes to see the truth of who we are: God's beloved children.

March 26 5th Sun of Lent
Ezekiel 37:1-14, Ps 130, Romans 8:6-11, John 11:1-45 Jesus reveals his power over death by raising Lazarus from the dead. Ezekiel prophesies God breathing new life into dry bones. In baptism we die with Christ that we might also be raised with him to new life.

*Thank you for gifts to
Bright Stars of Bethlehem, Operation Christmas Child,
Ministries of Women of the ELCA, Habitat for
Humanity, Thrivent Choice Dollars*

Bread Partners Items in MARCH

St. James: Pantry staples such as sugar, flour, oil, salt, pepper
St. Paul: mac n cheese - goal of 50 items!

Prayer Concerns

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

St. James Members: 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, Virginia Beseir, Janet Crane, Nancy DeShazo, Tammy Glaesmann, Dave Hamilton, Beverly Hudson, Mildred Huebel, Milay Jackson, Maureen King, Keith Korth, Janet Jackson, Dennis Mauney, Byron Pietch, Marilyn Petrich, Roy Schmidt, Diane Winkelmann, Janae Wittner, Erik Aguirre, Tracy Schiller, Wendy Lamp, Dana Lehmann Roberts

Military: Tristan Plaisance, Jenna Schiller, Anthony Funk

Sympathies to Family & Friends of . . .
Joy Druschke

ST JAMES BIRTHDAYS

3-2 Bonnie Pilchick
3-5 Geneva Martin
3-5 Baker Wright
3-7 Rhonda Craigen
3-7 Danica Thayne
3-6 Justin Buenger
3-9 Lauren Buckley
3-9 Catherine Koehn
3-10 Nathan Winkelmann
3-10 Brandi Fishbeck
3-13 Roland Wittner
3-13 Vickie Goeke
3-16 Hudson Schaper
3-16 Collin Schaper
3-16 Lydia Hanath
3-17 Kendall Neumann
3-18 Betty Meischen
3-22 Jodie McReynolds
3-23 Joan Buenger
3-25 Lacey Lee Hanath
3-27 Evan Cameron
3-28 Marty Martin
3-28 Jeremy Quinton
3-30 Weldon Emshoff
3-31 Clarence Dierking
3-31 Peggy Tiemann

ST JAMES ANNIVERSARIES

3-1 Kenneth & Denise Neumann
3-9 Patrick & Tanna Mabry

ST PAUL ANNIVERSARIES

03-10-01 Scott & Sherry
Mosley

ST PAUL BIRTHDAYS

03 Robert Brown
04 Kimmi Byler
04 H C Becker
10 Patsy Mikeska
13 Trey Mikeska
15 Grace Lischka
17 Samantha Gurka
22 Jesse Byler
26 Iris Howren
27 Pastor Evan
29 Mark Kokemor

WELCOME TO

BAKER WRIGHT Baptism
on March 5, parents Jeff &
Carlee Wright

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

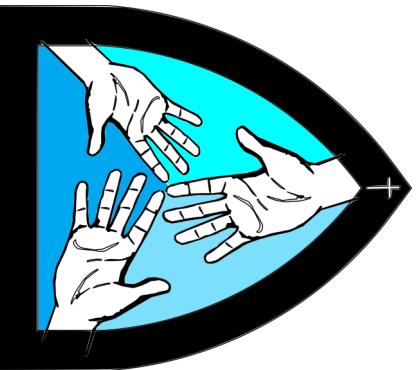
Welcome to worship!

9am at St Paul

10:30am at St James

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