



Partners in Faith

July 2020

The Joyful Noise

United in Grace. Serving in Love.

Stories of Faith

Storyteller: Brad Lankford



How has your faith changed throughout your life?

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

WORSHIP INFO

Look for important details regarding worship plans on pages 2-3

I was raised Catholic, and my mom made sure we were always in church. Our little town of Hemphill shared a priest with a church in Nacogdoches. That meant that he could only teach confirmation on Saturday mornings—which was the best time to watch cartoons. My dad was a truck driver and a cowboy; he didn’t get baptized until age 82, at the encouragement of my brother who became a Catholic priest. But until I met Donna, as an adult, I just didn’t go to church. When Donna and I started going together, with her playing on Sundays, I started going again. The first time I walked in to St Paul, it reminded me of the small church where I grew up. I feel so lucky to have met Donna, and am amazed by our daughter

Elizabeth. Since then, I would say that my faith really has grown through surgeries and medical events. That’s when God and I really talk.

Can you share some about your passion for music? Any favorite church tunes?

When I was at Stephen F. Austin, I loved playing trumpet in a little jazz band. I only learned to play guitar when Pastor Sid was at St James, and Pastor Jeni was with us. He put an announcement offering guitar lessons in the bulletin, and I signed up. The tune “One Day at a Time, Sweet Jesus” is kind of my theme song. In terms of hymns, I really love “You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore.” A lot of people at St Paul really love that song.

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SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP: IMPORTANT UPDATES

Instructions and Information for our July Outdoor Services

1. For July 5 and July 12, we will have shared services at 9am at St Paul. They will be the same style as they have been in past weeks; people can stay in their cars, or choose to bring lawn chairs and blankets and be outside. July 19 and 26 are TBD. Pastor Bade will be leading on July 5, as Pastor Evan will be on vacation.
2. At St Paul, you are welcome to park on either wing of the driveway. There is shade in the “front lawn” of the church under the trees. We will set up in front of the church, on the sidewalk that goes in front of the flowerbed. For those with higher risk factors, I strongly encourage you to favor the parking lot radio style of participation.
3. On July 19th, the tentative plan is to have a one day VBS / worship at St James (see next page). If this is cancelled, we will have our third consecutive parking lot/picnic gathering at St Paul.
4. We will continue communion— “BYOC” style! Please bring your own bread/cracker and grape juice to both settings. We have an outdoor keyboard setup for music as well.
5. Again, these are shared services—the tech setup prevents us from being able to worship at both places individually on the same morning. We hope this can be a time where we can become more familiar with each other’s faces and church grounds!
6. We are also continuing our 1pm KWHI radio services for at least another month.
- 7.. **Could this entire plan change? Absolutely.** Covid-19 forces us to be adaptable. I had hoped that we would be back inside our sanctuaries by July, but that depended on having consecutive weeks of declining cases in both Austin and Washington Counties. As numbers climb instead of decrease, we are going to continue the outdoor format. **If you haven’t tried it yet, I hope you will consider doing so!**

**A note from Pastor Evan: I understand that many people simply aren’t comfortable exposing themselves or risking exposure to family / patients / etc. *No one is going to hold guilt or judgment based on attendance.*

VBS 2020:

July 19,
9am—12pm
@ St James

****This day is absolutely subject to change / be cancelled, as Texas COVID cases climb again.**

For now, here's the plan:

- 9am: We will gather outside where we've been meeting for worship and be split into 3 groups for a rotation through worship stations including music, storytelling, and a group craft. Families and extended families will be together.
- 10am: we'll have a congregation wide service project (packing meals for Rise Against Hunger, which we did last September), split between the four buildings at St James. Families will work together, keeping space from other families. Masks are required for the service project.
- 11:15am: Everyone will get a bagged lunch delivered to each building, and every family will get a take home box of faith formation activities for the week ahead.
- 12pm: Go in peace!



Pastor's Column

By Evan Cameron, pastor



Applauding Good Stewardship

Way back on Easter Sunday, I made a statement during our Zoom church services to remember that the church is not the building—the church is the people, wherever they meet, however they meet. We are the church—the flesh and blood disciples of Jesus, seeking to share grace with our neighbors and add love to God's world.

That idea can be hard to wrap our brains around sometimes. On Sunday mornings, we say, "It's time to go to church!" I might say to our councils, "Let's meet at 6pm at church." Our language reflects what we think—that 'church' is limited to the brick and mortar building.

Like any pastor in the world over the past several months, I had some anxiety regarding our stewardship at a time when we couldn't "go to church" but instead had to imagine ourselves as the church, outside the familiar sanctuary walls. Again and again, I have been filled with deep gratitude because of the good stewardship that has continued even amidst a turbulent stock market, a lack of in-person worship, and the general financial stress and uncertainty of contemporary days. The consistency of gifts, regardless of size, has kept us in great financial health since COVID began to dominate the news and our own conversations.

So—I write to say thank you. Thank you for being the church. Thank you for understanding that the "worship" we do is not limited to an hour in a building on Sundays. That is just the tip of the discipleship iceberg. Thank you for understanding that good ministries like Lutherhill and Treehouse still need our support. Thank you for pouring in donations to Bread Partners at a time when food insecurity has spiked nationwide. We have been the church, and we will continue to be the church! Know that our council leadership and myself are grateful for your good, consistent stewardship in bizarre times.

Pastor Evan 

PS:

For those who have not yet heard, in June, Katharine accepted a call to be the Associate Minister at St. Paul's in downtown Brenham. Her focus will include young adults, youth, and children. Katharine is trained as a deacon, and this will be her first official call. She will be ordained sometime later this summer. Deacons are very similar to pastors, except that their training can be done in 2 years rather than 4, and they cannot preside at communion or baptisms. Most deacons specialize in a unique field of ministry—advocacy, youth, chaplaincy, non-profit work, and many others. Jay will attend St. Paul's day school.

Stories of Faith, continued...

If you could ask God a question, what would it be, and why?

(Brad laughed, and then he said) Am I coming up there, Lord? I haven't seen any signs saying " Be Catholic," or "Be Baptist," or "Be Pentecostal," or "Be Lutheran." The way I see it, it's just the relationship you have with the almighty that counts. The denomination doesn't matter so much.

Do you have a favorite bible story or parable? If yes, what makes it your favorite?

That one's easy. David and Goliath. We had an Easter egg hunt one year at St Paul, and my son Travis just couldn't find any eggs. As soon as he got close to one, someone else beat him there. He missed out on all except 2 or 3 eggs. So after it was over, the pastor got up in the fellowship hall and said, 'We have an award here for whoever collected the least amount of eggs. Come on up, Travis' It was a children's book of the story of David and Goliath. And for years, every single night, that was the only book you could read to Travis as he went to bed. Eventually I memorized it, and one night I skipped a couple pages, and he caught me right away. He knew the whole thing. Probably still does!



July KWHI Services Will Continue

We will continue our Sunday 1p—1:30pm worship on KWHI, both AM (1280) and FM (101.7). We will continue this at least through July 19. The return of baseball could affect us by late July.

Services can also be streamed live on the KWHI app and online—<https://kwhi.com/>

For now, we give thanks that radio can offer spiritual nourishment to those who cannot be with us in person!

ST JAMES NEW WEHDEM UPDATES

We've started direct deposit giving.

In March, our church council decided to begin direct deposit giving as an option. We started with a “guinea pig” group (mostly church council members) to make sure all the details were correct. It's been a complete success so far, and we are ready to expand this and make it available to all members.

Essentially: members can choose to give any amount on the 1st of the month, or the 15th of the month, or both, and that amount will be automatically withdrawn from your bank account. **Of course, traditional envelope giving is still welcome.** This is just a new additional option.

If you are interested (*and we hope you are!*), contact Tanya (tanya@sjsplutheran.org, 979-836-2795) or Pastor Evan (pastorevan@sjsplutheran.org, 330-407-9731), and we can send you the form to begin direct deposit giving.

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF items received: 48 School Kits, 16 Fabric Kits, 52 Personal Care Kits, 16 Quilts. Thank you to all who participated in donating items or gave money to this year's LWR projects!

CONGRATULATIONS to Lauren and Jeremy Buckley, for the birth of Lukas Dale Buckley, born June 17. He weighed 8 lbs, 2.4 oz, 19 1/4 inches.

Congrats also to Jake Olson upon his graduation from Brenham High School!

ST. JAMES MEMORIALS

In Memory of Evelyn Loesch	Delano & Vera Jean Klausmeyer
In Memory of Gale Kwiatkowski	Delano & Vera Jean Klausmeyer
In Memory of William Dierking, Jr.	Delano & Vera Jean Klausmeyer
In Memory of Ronna Tiemann	Julian & Geneva Martin

ST PAUL PHILLIPSBURG UPDATES

WELCA items to be collected in July..

BREAD PARTNER any items of your choice—goal of 50 every month!

Canned fruits, vegetables or meats, rice, macaroni, beans,
instant potatoes, cereals, oatmeal, peanut butter

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF, PERSONAL CARE KIT items needed are:

27x52 dark bath towels, bars of soap, toothbrushes, combs, metal nail clippers

Thank you to Lenny Krause for mulching the flower beds. They look great!

Reminder...school supplies are needed for Lutheran World Relief school kits. Items will be going on sale soon and these items will be needed: 70 count spiral composition books, 12 inch/30 centimeter ruler, pencil sharpener, blunt scissors, 2-1/2 inch erasers, #2 pencils w/ eraser, black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink), box of 16 or 24 crayons

Congrats to Blaze and Jayci Byler who recently competed at Texas High School Rodeo State Finals in Abilene. Jayci and Robbin Rice also from Bellville, shared the title of All-Around Cowgirl. After placing in the top 4 at State in pole bending, Jayci will be competing at Nationals in July. At state, Jayci also competed in cutting, rifle shooting, barrels and goat tying. Blaze finished 6th in the State in steer wrestling and was also a strong competitor in rifle shooting.



July 2020

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>
			1 Zoom Book
5 Shared Worship Outside at St. Paul— 9am 1pm KHWI Radio Service	6	7	8
	Pastor		Evan
12 Shared Worship Outside at St. Paul— 9am 1pm KHWI Radio Service	13	14	15 Zoom Book
19 **TBD Potential Shared VBS Day Worship: 9am Service Project: 10am 1pm KWHI Radio Service	20 Leadership Night—both church councils, at St Paul. 6:30pm start.	21	22
26 TBD	27	28	29

<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
k Club—7pm	2 No men's breakfast & bible study	3	4
	9	10	11
on vacation			
k Club—7pm	16	17	18
	23 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	24	25
	30	31	

The Life and Times of Shared Ministry

↓ Thanks for all who helped with our shared outdoor worships during June!



We celebrated 3 baptisms on June 28th!

From left to right: Jay Ritzi Cameron, son of Pastor Evan & Katharine Cameron. Born October 9, 2019

Mayzie Elizabeth Wade, daughter of Chris & Kim Wade. Born January 9, 2020

Samuel Percy Wilson, son of Steven Wilson & Courtney Wilson. Born May 18, 2016



**Potential Date:
July 19, as part of
VBS**

Remember this event last year? We are considering doing it again this year as part of a shared one day VBS, depending on COVID cases locally.

Be on the lookout for announcements later this month to see if we are going to try again and pack meals to be sent to areas of severe hunger / malnutrition across the world.

If we cannot pack meals in person, we are considering a donation to Rise Against Hunger as they fight against hunger and malnutrition.



Requesting Cards and Notes to those at Home or in Care Centers

As many families have experienced firsthand, this is a particularly isolating time for our members at home or in area care centers. Please consider sending a card to one or many people on the list below (it's not a comprehensive list, but it's a good start)

Kruse Village: Jean Thompson, Margaret Tiemann

Briarwood Care Center: Wilfred Neumann, Otto & Dorothy Krause, Ellen Henske

Brenham Nursing + Rehab: Laura Fieseler, Janet Mills, Marilyn Pietrich

Rose Hill: Elsie Pieper *Colonial Belle:* Gladys Stein *Focus Care:* Ora Nell Loesch

Homebound: Lee Roy Winkelmann, Brenda Blum, Nelda Wilke, Ronnie Schaper, Erline Sommerfeld, Floreen Schulze, Leeland Rinn

Council Notes

St. Paul Phillipsburg Council

Council met 6/15 at St. James practicing social distancing and wearing masks with Deanna, Lenny, Carey, Florence, Anna and Vernice present.

- Pastor Evan thanked everyone for their hard work with ice cream treats, had a devotion from the book "Inspired." He presented survey results, plan to return to sanctuary worship in July while St. James continues outdoors.
 - VBS will be one day on July 19 with an adapted version of "Rise Against Hunger" project.
 - Pastor is hoping to get us into "Adopt a Family," more details to follow.
 - Minutes were approved as read, Deanna passed out financial report, Jessie presented the treasurers report. May income was \$5,262.65 (plus \$870 deposited in June, and expenses were \$5,676.52
 - Lenny mulched flower beds.
 - Audit committee was discussed
 - Semi annual meeting was discussed, possibly August or send mailing
- Meeting adjourned and closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, 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 June 15th in the FLC. Pastor Evan opened the meeting with a devotion and prayer. President Knellen Quinteros called the meeting to order. Members present were Becky Winkelmann, Joe Tallerine, Kamie Krueger and Janice Hanath.

A survey was sent out via newsletter and email. The questions were: "How comfortable are you with worshipping in person" and "what is your risk category?" The results were 55% are comfortable in person in building, 49% in person outside and 19% parking lot. The risk category results were 36% high risk, 31% in contact with high risk and 48% low risk (more than one answer could be chosen).

Discussed a shared ministry combined with VBS service project for July 19th, Rise Against Hunger at St. James. Received a price of \$5,850.00 for the pavilion building materials. The shrubs have been removed from around the propane tank. Discussed helping remove the cemetery flags on Sunday, July 5th after worship service. We have had some interest in the ACH tithe giving. It is a very easy process for our church members and the treasurer. 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*

David Bartay
Bldg / Grounds

Joe Tallerine, *At-Large*

Bread Partners Item in July

St. James: Instant Potatoes, or any item (leave in back of sanctuary). We collected 105 items in June, plus some cash donations.

St. Paul: Any item appreciated (drop off at church) - goal of 50 items!

Prayer Concerns

St. Paul Members: Wilfred Neumann, Otto & Dorothy Krause, Austin Schiller, Jean Thompson, Brenda Blum, Cathy Norman

St. James Members: Elsie Pieper, Daniel Engeling, Fredericka DeBerry, Jackie Bowden, Larry Dierking, Erline Sommerfeld, Sally Dierking, Laura Fieseler, Margaret Tiemann, Ellen Henske, Janet Mills, Ronnie Schaper, Floreen Schulze, Chris and Amy Tiemann, Nelda Wilke, Lee Roy Winkleman, Treyce Tiemann

Family and Friends: Pat Stelter, Leonard, Jamie Stokes, Gabriel Fuentes, Tammy Glaesmann, Ronnie Haebischer, Shannon Wellmann, Rudy and Ramona Kunkel, Shelly Richard, David Kiemsteadt, Marilyn Petrich, Don Hollingsworth, Sophak Om, Hank Duvall, Briley Jasinski, Jeri Bentke, Sarah Wischnowsky

Military: Tristan Plaisance, Jenna Schiller

Sympathies to: The Family of Ed Linseisen

We pray especially for all nurses, therapists, doctors, chaplains, techs, and all staff in health care centers and emergency settings.

Give them chances for rest amidst the crisis.

We pray too for all who have been asked to take leave from work, or who have lost jobs.

SUNDAY WORSHIP

St James: 9am,
outside

St Paul: 10:30am,
inside w/ masks

July 5 | Pentecost 5

Zechariah 9:9-12, Psalm 145:8-14
Romans 7:15-25a, Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

“Come to me, you that are weary, and I will give you rest...”

July 12 | Pentecost 6

Isaiah 55:10-13, Psalm 65:[1-8] 9-13, Romans 8:1-11
Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

The Parable of the Sower warns of finding good soil from which to grow as a disciple.

July 19 | Pentecost 7 / VBS

Sunday

John 6: 1-14

As we prepare to put together 10,000 meals, this Sunday we will leave the lectionary, and dwell on Jesus multiplying loaves and fish for the masses

July 26 | Pentecost 8

1 Kings 3:5-12, Psalm 119:129-136
Romans 8:26-39, Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

As Paul teaches that

“nothing...can separate us from the love of Christ,” Jesus offers a variety of images for what the kingdom of heaven is like: a tiny mustard seed, a bit of yeast, a single pearl.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT ZOOM BIBLE STUDY / BOOK CLUB—7PM

Our Wednesday bible study / book club group continues to have rich conversations together. Anyone is welcome to jump in anytime.

We will meet July 1 and 15 at 7pm, as we work our way through *Inspired* written by Rachel Held Evans

LINK: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/983234326>

Meeting ID: 983 234 326

Call In Option

1-346-248-7799, add code 983234326#



TAOS HABITAT TRIP POSTPONED

Due to COVID-19, the Taos, New Mexico Habitat chapter has decided to close their doors to all volunteers in 2020.

They hope to re-open in 2021, and will be grateful for volunteers more than ever as they catch up on delayed work.

Thank you to all who showed interest in the trip this fall—I hope you stay hungry to serve, and can join us next year!



ST PAUL

07-15-00 Jesse & Kimmi Byler
07-16-60 Charles & Vernice
Kokemor (60 years!)
07-25-98 Rey & Chantel Torrez

ST JAMES

7-1 Ronny & Cindy Schaper
7-3 Terri & Carol Johnson
7-14 Ronnie & Suzanne Bockhorn
7-17 Ralph & Debbie Tiemann
7-18 Marc & Theresa Dierking
7-19 Ron & Lea Bartay
7-25 Troy & Jeri Hanath
7-28 Nathan & Darla Winkelmann
7-29 Tommy & Sharon O'Malley

7-9-16 Pastor Evan & Katharine
Cameron

SHARED MINISTRY STAFF

Ministers *all the members of St. Paul and St. James*

Donna Lankford donna@sjsplutheran.org (St Paul)
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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

ST PAUL

01 Janet Vacha
06 Don Hoffmann
08 Emilia Surovik
10 Jackie Powell
15 Mark Schiller
17 Pearce Howren
18 Matthew
Moehlmann
18 Laurece Maresh
20 Owen Krause
22 Elizabeth Lankford
25 Will Hartnett
25 Florence Klehm
25 Glen Klehm
29 Keith Krause
30 Charlie Johnson
30 Donna Lankford
31 Jordan Moehlmann

ST JAMES

7-1 Suzanne Bockhorn
7-2 Sylvia Ashorn
7-3 William Collier
7-3 Emma Luetge
7-3 Larissa Olson
7-5 Marc Dierking
7-6 Cody Hicks
7-6 Erica Winkelmann
7-7 Avery Inman
7-11 Jackson Bartay
7-11 Melvin Winkelmann
7-13 Brian Tiemann
7-14 Paula Baade
7-15 David Bartay
7-16 Jenny Henske
7-20 Garrett Mabry
7-21 Connor Adams
7-21 Jay Buenger
7-21 Chris Winkelmann
7-23 Arin Cafero
7-24 Odis Haynes
7-25 Jeri Hanath
7-27 Christina Koehn
7-27 Kade Wright
7-28 Kyle Freitag
7-28 Connie Oevermann
7-31 Landon Moyers

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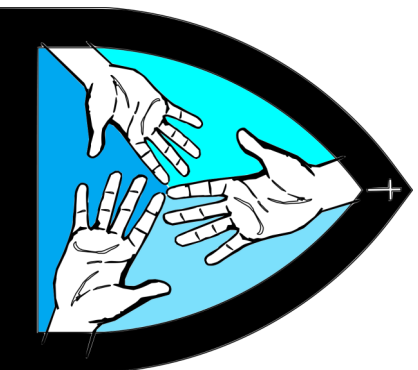
Welcome to worship!

*We are currently worshipping
together, at 9am*

July 5 and 12: Services will be at
St Paul, outside

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Address service requested



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