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ELCA ENDOWMENTS UPDATE

April 2021

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

**St James Lutheran Church in
New Wehdem
10362 New Wehdem Rd
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Both St Paul and St James created endowments recently as a more forward thinking way of stewardship, taking various monies that had been in low interest CDs and instead moving them to conservative endowment funds.

These funds are great opportunities for legacy gifts for those interested. Below are some updates for each church:

ST PAUL

The past \$50,000 Kolkhorst gift was moved to an endowment in 2019. It's value in Dec. '19 was \$52,579, and by Dec '20 it was \$56,477. In addition to the fund's growth, St Paul received \$1,929 in interest income for 2020.

ST JAMES

St. James also created an endowment in 2019, starting at \$31,414, with purposes of the interest being used exclusively for mission outside our own doors. That fund is now valued at \$34,128, and we have received additional interest income of \$1,070. \$500 of that interest income was given to Lutherhill on Sunday, March 21 during worship.

Additionally, in April, St. James is creating 2 additional endowments—a cemetery endowment (starting at \$20,000), and a buildings and maintenance endowment, starting at \$67,447.

These funds are always open for gifts—large or small! Questions? See Pastor Evan

For more on these funds, including past performance, go here: <https://www.elca.org/Give/ELCA-Foundation/Services-for-Congregations/ELCA-Endowment-Fund-Pooled-Trust>



Mission Investment Fund
A FINANCIAL MINISTRY OF THE ELCA

NEXT MEAL FUNDRAISER FOR HOLY LAND TRIP: Sunday, April 18

MENU: Pork Loin, Mashed Potatoes, Brown
Gravy, Green Beans

Please call/text Robert (979-472-1961) or Becky (979-472-0683)
by the Wednesday before (4/14) to place your order.

Cost is a free will donation. Funds go to help reduce common
costs for our January trip.

A Holy Land Pilgrimage: 10 Days in Galilee,
Bethlehem, and Jerusalem - January 6-17, 2022

**We officially have at least 30 people heading across the Atlantic next
year! Our next group meeting—June 27th.**



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Shared Maundy Thursday 4/1 —
St Paul at 6pm

Shared Good Friday 4/2—St James at 6pm

**Easter Sunday Worship—April 4—
earlier times:**

St Paul: 8:30am worship

St James: 10am worship

***Both churches are having a “covid safe” Easter
Egg Hunt after worship***

No Easter Breakfasts this year.

Pastor's Column

By Evan Cameron, pastor



Zoom Easter: You Won't Be Missed

Most days, I honestly try to just flush the memories of last spring. Before we started meeting in person outside, you all likely recall our couple months of Zoom church. We shifted to this as a quick fix, and like most, I thought it would be a temporary solution to a season of life bound to pass quickly.

In the end, Zoom church was pretty dissatisfying from the perspective of leading it. I imagine it wasn't a favorite style for attendees, either. But of all those Sundays and Wednesdays on the computer, the day that was really tough was Easter morning.

We were coming off what I thought was our most successful virtual service the Thursday before – a Maundy Thursday to remember, with families washing each other's feet in living rooms and breaking bread together at their actual kitchen table. The last supper all started of course in someone's home, and so it felt very authentic.

On Easter Sunday, we had separate services that day for each church, and that day was also our first Sunday on KWHI. We had great attendance, lots of happy faces, the remnants of Easter baskets in the background of various screens. But it just left me feeling more empty than ever – a first for Easter, and a far cry from the typical sensations of a noisy, full church, the smells of a community breakfast, and sound of a booming organ of "Jesus Christ is Risen Today" that are the norm for this holiday.

We aren't all the way back this year – but we have most certainly come a long way. I can't wait to see YOU in person on April 4.

Pastor Evan 

Somehow I failed to get a screenshot of St Paul that morning, but this was a glimpse to the St James Zoom last year on Easter



THANK YOU'S!

- I am humbled and grateful to Pastor Evan and the group of St. James members for their time and effort invested in the clean-up of my home due to a frozen water pipe break. I cannot begin to explain how much everyone's help meant to me. The kindness shown to me was such a blessing and is something I will never forget.
With much appreciation, Erline Sommerfeld
 - I am so thankful for St. James attention and care of my family's graves that were cleaned and repaired as part of the ongoing cemetery improvement program. This means an enormous amount to me and I look forward to an upcoming visit.
(A contribution was made to St. James Cemetery Fund)
Chuck Stern, ancestor of Carl Gustav Stern & Henrietta Dorthae Stern
 - Thank you again for your vision and planning for future ministry growth at St. Paul and St. James. You serve as a model for other congregations on how to serve well through maximizing existing resources!
Liz Johnson, Lutheran Foundation of the Southwest
 - It was a pleasure to be with y'all in worship last Sunday (3/21). What a fun community. Thanks to both churches for Lent gifts, and to St James for the first gift from the endowment to help support the ministry at Lutherhill. We appreciate y'all's support and partnership.
Matt Kindsvatter, Executive Director of Lutherhill Ministries
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KWHI Services Ongoing

We will continue our Sunday 1:00pm worship on KWHI,
both AM (1280) and FM (101.7).

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

Thanks to all who have given to support this new outreach ministry! It is becoming a healthy evangelism tool for us.

Also: please note that all sermons are available for a couple months on our website: www.sjsplutheran.org/sermons

ST JAMES NEW WEHDEM UPDATES

Lent Offering in 2021 will go to Lutherhill and will be matched up to \$1000.00 by St. James as our council voted at their last meeting.

MEMORIALS

In Memory of LeeRoy Winkelmann

Elroy & Carolyn Loesch

Vincent & Shelly Orsak

In Memory of Sharon Jasinski O'Malley

Sally Jones

Larry & Julie Tegeler

Kenneth & Christin Seeker

JoAnn Kochwelp Brieden

Don & Debbie Schroeder

Elroy & Carolyn Loesch

St. James Women of the Church

In Memory of Ellen Henske

St. James Women of the Church

In Memory of Clarence Eben

Roland Wittner

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Short Lesson on April 11th before service

**Family Bike Ride on April 25th after service—
followed by hot dog lunch**

ATTENTION: HIGH SCHOOL OR COLLEGE GRADUATES FOR 2021

Please email the church office with your graduating information, accomplishments in school, and future plans. Email this to tanya@sjsplutheran.org

ST PAUL PHILLIPSBURG UPDATES

1. Hand Painted, Carved Wood, Art Bench - *Jo's Wood Gallery*
2. Green Egg Smoker & Grill - *Donna & Brad Lankford*
3. Mossberg Semi Auto 12 ga. Shotgun
Jesse & Kimmi Byler
4. Ruger 6.5 Creedmor Rifle w/Scope - *W. T. Byler*
5. Henry H001 Classic 22 Rifle - *Donna & Brad Lankford and Barbara & Lonnie Tegler*
6. Echo 58 Volt Cordless Blower - *B & M Repair*
7. Porter Cable 7.5 amp Reciprocating Saw
Mc Coy's Building Center
8. WORX 4 amp Electric Grass Trimmer -
Woodson Lumber Co.
9. L P Gas, Tank and Supplies - *Brenham L P Gas*
10. Air Powered Grease Gun - *Tractor Supply*
11. Gameguard Outdoor Cooler Bag
Bluebonnet Electric Co-op
12. \$200.00 Gift Card - *Mark & Venetia Schiller*
13. \$150.00 Gift Basket - *Glennis Tolunay*
14. \$100.00 Gift Card to Dan's Meat Market
Nelson & Dorothy Wellmann
15. \$100.00 Gift Card to Dan's Meat Market
Nelson & Dorothy Wellmann
16. \$100. Gift Card to Belleville Meat Market
B. J. Mikeska Family
17. \$100 Gift Card to HEB - *Jessie Kokemor*
18. \$100 Gift Card to Los Cabos Restaurant
Lenny & Debbie Krause
19. \$100 Gift Certificate - *Cattlemen's Supply*
20. \$100 Gift Card to Lowe's
Brenda Blum & "Anonymous"
21. \$100 Gift Card - *Triangle Air & Heating*
22. \$100 Gift Basket - *Leftovers Antiques*
23. \$50.00 Gift Card to Kenney Store - *Kenney Store*
24. \$50.00 Gift Card to HEB - *Sandra Schwenke*
25. \$50.00 Gift Card to Lowe's - *Donnie & Laurice Mareh*
26. \$50.00 Gift Card to Kenney Store - *Kenney Store*
27. 3' x 8' Raised Garden Bed
Grant & Lanthia Lischka Family
28. Specialty Garden Fertilizer Basket
Brenham Produce Company
29. Bird Bath & \$25.00 Gift Card - *Linseisen's Feed*
30. Oil & Lube Job - *Tegeler Toyota & Tegeler Chevrolet*
31. 10 lbs. Smoked Sausage - *Belleville Meat Market*
32. Barbecue Set & Dominoes
Capital Farm Credit - Belleville & Brenham



May 8th

DRIVE THRU ONLY

Meal tickets are \$15, adult tickets only for fried fish, coleslaw, potato salad, hush

puppies, tartar sauce and 2 cookies. See Ruth for meal tickets, 979-836-6749

Raffle tickets are \$5 each or 5/\$20. Check out the raffle ticket to the left with 32 awesome prizes! Lonnie has raffle tickets to sell 979-525-9465.



EASTER EGG HUNT Join us Easter Sunday for worship at 8:30am followed by an "Covid safe" Easter Egg hunt. All children are invited; bring a basket or bucket to collect the goodies! We will not have a breakfast this year.

BREAD PARTNERS Thanks to all who donated items in February. We collected over 124 items!!!

RACHEL'S DAY is on May 2nd. We will again collect items for CASA for Kids. Items needed are diapers, diaper wipes, twin sheet sets, gift cards. We will continue to collect items through the end of May.

THANK YOU to those who helped with the church and grounds cleanup in March.

NEEDED for FISH FRY...Extra desserts are also needed such as half sheet cakes, full sheet cakes, cookies, cupcakes or pies. These will be available for purchase to go. See Carey Kokemor for questions, a sign up sheet can be found at the back of the church.

WORKERS are needed for FISH FRY. There are 2 shifts (4:00-5:30 and 5:30-7:00) and needing 20 volunteers per shift. Sign up at the back of the church or see Nelson.

DORCAS CIRCLE met on March 16th. Sandra, Anita, Jessie, Dorothy W, Dorothy T, Ruth and Anna began with quilting for LWR. Bible Study was "Journey with Angels" session 3 led by Anna followed by a brief meeting. This year, meetings will be on the 3rd Tuesday with quilting beginning at 10am followed by Bible Study at 3pm. Next meeting is April 20th and everyone is invited to quilt or join our Bible Study.

April, 2021

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>
4 Easter Sunday St. Paul—8:30am I/O St. James— 10:00am I/O St. James Easter Egg Hunt after service 1:00pm KHWI Radio Service	5	6	7 Pastor I
11 St. Paul—9:00am I/O St. James— 10:30am I/O St. James Sunday School— 10:00am 1:00pm KHWI Radio Service	12	13	14 Zoom Bible Study
18 St. Paul—9:00am I/O St. James— 10:30am I/O 1:00pm KWHI Radio Service	19 Leadership Night—both church councils, at St James 6pm start	20 Dorcas Circle LWR quilting, 10 am Bible Study, 3 pm	21 Zoom Bible Study
25 St. Paul—9:00am I/O St. James— 10:30am I/O St. James Sunday School Bike Ride after service & lunch to follow 1:00pm KWHI Radio Service	26	27	28 Zoom Bible Study

<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
	1 Maundy Thursday Shared Worship at St. Paul—6:00pm	2 Good Friday Shared Tenebrae Service St. James—6:00pm	3
	8	9	10
Evan on vacation			
le Study—7pm	15	16	17
le Study—7pm	22 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	23	24 FLC— LUDWIG REUNION
le Study—7pm	29	30	

St. Paul Phillipsburg Worship Assistants				
	April 4	April 11	April 18	April 25
Reader	Jessie Kokemor	Lonnie Tegeler	JoAnn Johnson	DorothyWellmann
Organist	Donna Lankford	Donna Lankford	Beth Appel	Beth Appel
Ushers	BJ & Stephanie Mikeska, DorothyWellmann	Cheryl Gaskamp Lori Moehlmann Florence Klehm	Mark & Venetia Schiller, Carl & Carey Kokemor	Ed & Anna Breddin, Jessie Kokemor
Altar Guild	Anna Breddin Laci Tesch	Jessie Kokemor Venetia Schiller	Jessie Kokemor Venetia Schiller	Deanna Callahan Sandra Schwenke
Altar Flowers	Easter flowers	Nelson & Dorothy Wellmann	Brad & Donna Lankford	Jessie Kokemor- Christine& Katherine's bdays
St. James New Wehdem Worship Assistants				
	April 4	April 11	April 18	April 25
Reader	Kay Sander		Betty Bowden	
Organist	Phyllis Weiss	Cheryl Buenger		
Altar Flowers	Easter Lilies			Pat & Melissa Draehn in honor of Karlee Neu- mann's 2nd birthday
Ushers + Greeters	A. J. & Jodie McReynolds; Kenneth, Denise, Kendall Neumann; Lee & Kourtney Neumann; Troy & Connie Oevermann; Eric, Larissa, Shelby, Jake Olson			
Council	All Council			

The Life and Times of Shared Ministry



St James families painted bags during Lent for our traditional Easter giving of bags of groceries gathered around the cross.

Special thank you to St. James Sunday School Students for painting Easter Bags to collect items for Bread Partners for Easter!



Council Notes

St. Paul Phillipsburg Council

Council met on 3/15. Pastor Evan gave a history on St. Patrick who was the first Christian who spoke out against slavery and concluded with the Irish blessing. Anna, Charlie, Jessie, Dorothy, Carey and Vernice attended.

- Pastor gave his written report and highlighted dates for Holy Week
- Financial secretary report was reviewed
- Treasurer's report was presented
- Minutes were read and approved
- Memorials reported \$925 undesignated funds and \$130 cemetery fund
- Audit committee formed consisting of Ed Breddin, Sherry Mosley, Barbara Tegeler
- Fish Fry was discussed
- Charlie will check on hand rail
- Before next meeting...thoughts on plumbing, roof and landscaping at the church and cemetery

Meeting was adjourned and closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Vernice Kokemor

St. Paul Council

Anna Breddin, *President*

Charlie Johnson, *VP*

Vernice Kokemor, *Secretary*

Jessie Kokemor, *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 March 15. Present were Kamie Krueger, Becky Winkelmann, Kate Buenger, Jessica Thayne, David Bartay, Joseph Tallerine

- Discussed confirmation trip finances with churches covering half the cost for kids and churches covering adult costs. Also van rental & gas expense.
- Synod Assembly will be virtual this year. Looking for one rep from church.
- Building-Grounds reported gable is being installed on cemetery pavilion. Need to consider bulk order for air filters and fire extinguishers need to be serviced.
- A Vice-president is still needed. Looking for a volunteer.
- Discussed worship times for Holy Week & Easter, Lent, Holy Land Trip fundraiser, Sunday School, Pastor's vacation times, Easter candy being paid by church, and Endowment Fund.

St. James Council

Kamie Krueger, *President*
, VP

Jessica Thayne, *Secretary*

Becky Winkelmann, *Treasurer*

Kate Buenger, *Asst. Treasurer*

David Bartay
Bldg / Grounds

Joe Tallerine, *Shared Ministry
Representative*

LWR-In 2020 You Reached

**616, 210 Neighbors in need
in 23 Countries**

with \$11.1 million worth of quilts& care kits—

264,585 Quilts

12,960 Blankets

174,055 School Kits

71,900 Personal Care Kits

12,300 Fabric Kits

52,860 Baby Care Kits

40,750 Face Masks

Examples of Caring—

Honduras where some of the Personal Care Kits were distributed to people living in poverty after Hurricanes Eta and Iota.

Lebanon your gifts of love of quilts and kits were distributed to those impacted by the August 2020 explosion as well as refugees from Syria and others across the region.

Ukraine where too many families lack adequate shelter or heat your warm quilts and blankets reached many mothers, refugees and disaster survivors. To express their gratitude children in the area drew pictures and wrote: "We are thanking God for your great work."

Your quilts and kits are needed more than ever.

Right now their inventory is almost gone as items received in the fall are already on their way to recipients.

Your work is so important and **Lutheran World Relief** is so thankful that despite the different and difficult year of 2020, you continue to work diligently to create offerings of love for your neighbors in need.

SUNDAY WORSHIP

St Paul 9:00am

St. James 10:30am

Apr 4 | Easter Day

Acts 10:34-43; Ps 118:1-2, 14-24; 1 Cor 15:1-11; Mark 16:1-8

Christ is risen! Jesus is alive, and God has swallowed up death forever. In word and feast, we celebrate God's unending love, and depart to share this good news with all the world.

Apr 11 | 2nd Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:32-35; Ps 133; 1 John 1:1—2:2; John 20:19-31

From frightened individuals like the disciples and Thomas we are transformed into a community of open doors, peace, forgiveness, and material sharing such that no one among us is in need.

Apr 18 | 3rd Sunday of Easter

Acts 3:12-19; Ps 4; 1 John 3:1-7; Luke 24:36b-48

Jesus shares the disciples' food and shows them the meaning of his suffering, death, and resurrection through the scriptures, the two main elements of our Sunday worship.

Apr 25 | 4th Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:5-12; Ps 23; 1 John 3:16-24; John 10:11-18

The image of the good shepherd shows us how the risen Christ brings us to life and love.

Bread Partners Item in April

St. James: Easter Bags (leave in back of sanctuary).

St. Paul: Dried beans or dried peas (drop off at church) - goal of 50 items!

Prayer Concerns

St. Paul Members: Wilfred Neumann, Dorothy Krause, Jean Thompson, Brenda Blum, Will Hartnett

St. James Members: Larry Dierking, Sally Dierking, Laura Fieseler, Janet Mills, Elsie Pieper, Floreen Schulze, Erline Sommerfeld, Chris, Amy, & Lincoln Tiemann, Treyce Tiemann, Margaret Tiemann, Nelda Wilke

Family and Friends: Alison Auckland, Jeri Bentke, Winston Dietrich, Hank Duvall, Gabriel Fuentes, Ginnie & Donald Gaskamp, Tammy Glaesmann, Gloria & Bennie Hanath, David Kiemsteadt, Charles Kolwes, Becky Meador, Gladys Oakley, Marilyn Petrich, Bobby Ritter, Collin Smith, Donald Sander, Pat Stelter, Leonard, Jamie Stokes, Shannon Wellmann, Todd Miniffee, Family & Friends of Louis Hanath, Family & Friends of Melva Hannath, Family & Friends of Rudy Kunkel

Military: Tristan Plaisance, Jenna Schiller



Congratulations to Jeff & Carlee Wright on the birth of their daughter Baker Kollyns! She was born on March 5 weighing 8lbs. 3oz, 21 inches. She is welcomed by big brother Kade and big sister Rubie along with grandparents Nathan & Darla Winkelmann.

ST PAUL ANNIVERSARIES

04-02-77 James & Cheryl Gaskamp
04-16-83 Larry & Lelani Howren
04-18-09 BJ & Stephanie Mikeska
04-30-16 Tyler & Manda Tuttle

ST JAMES ANNIVERSARIES

4-1 Jeremy & Lauren Buckley
4-8 Russell & Brooke Schrader
4-8 John & Jessica Teufel
4-12 Michael & Heather Tiemann
4-23 Rudy & Linda Tiemann
4-24 Brian & Natalie Tiemann
4-26 Rusty & Lori Bush
4-30 Joel & Chelsea Quinteros

ST PAUL BIRTHDAYS

10 Lillie Mae Gross
21 Christine Skala
22 Dorothy Krause
24 Catherine Gardiner
30 Ruth Lehmann

ST JAMES BIRTHDAYS

4-1 Lori Bush
4-4 Brett Bartay
4-5 Reagan Inman
4-5 Megan Schneider
4-7 Tye Mabry
4-7 Jeffery Pilchick
4-10 Christopher Baade
4-11 Tina Winkelmann
4-12 Bruce Buenger
4-12 Joy Druschke
4-12 Elsie Pieper
4-15 Chad Fishbeck
4-15 Brandt Goeke
4-17 Ora Nell Loesch
4-18 Lynn Bockhorn
4-18 Taylor Bockhorn
4-18 Carolyn Loesch
4-18 Jake Olson
4-18 Ross Perry
4-21 Georgia Freitag
4-25 Karlee Neumann
4-25 Darla Winkelmann
4-27 Rylan Sander
4-28 Joseph Tallerine
4-30 Brett Perry
4-30 Heather Tiemann

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 Thur 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

St Paul Office: *use Donna's cell above*

St. James Office: 979-836-2795

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Welcome to worship!

We are currently worshipping

9am at St Paul

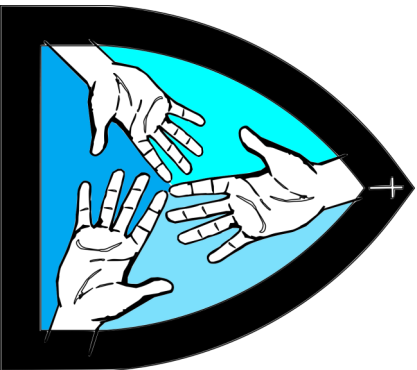
10:30am at St James

Easter 8:30am at St. Paul,

10:00am at St. James

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