

October 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

#### FAITH STORIES

Contact Pastor Evan if you would like to share a faith story from your own life! These stories are a great way to testify to God at work in you or around you.

# The Joyful Noise

United in Grace. Serving in Love.

# OCTOBER Worship Schedule

OCTOBER 4

Shared worship, outside at St James, 9am

#### OCTOBER 11

Shared worship, outside at St James, 9am St James annual meeting afterward

#### **OCTOBER 18**

POLKA SERVICE and THANKOFFERING SERVICE Shared worship, outside at St James, 9am On Zion's Hill will provide music!

OCTOBER 25—REFORMATION SUNDAY—wear red!

#### \*\*We will return to inside our sanctuaries –see details on following page.

9am at St Paul + still broadcasting to cars

#### 10:30am at St James + still broadcasting to cars + video into FLC

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## SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP: IMPORTANT UPDATES

Instructions and Information for our October Services

- 1. For October 4, 11, and 18 we will have shared services at 9am at <u>St James</u>. 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.
- 2. For October 25 Reformation Sunday both churches will have inside worship—St. Paul at 9:00am and St. James 10:30am.
- 3. We will broadcast from the headset mic through a short range antenna at both churches, so you can remain in their cars outside and participate if you wish.
- 4. At St. James we will split the congregation between sanctuary and FLC alphabetically and rotate back and forth every 2 weeks. First 2 weeks: A-L in sanctuary, and M-Z in FLC (which has video and sound). At St Paul, we can all be inside the sanctuary together spread out well.
- 5. We highly highly highly encourage masks (this allows us to have music and singing), and we will sit every three pews. We will also do temperature checks at the door as an extra precaution, and obviously....if you are sick, just stay in your car.
- 6. Please bring your printed hymnals (version 2) we have been using outside. For communion, we have ordered pre-made individual cups and wafers that you will receive as you enter church. We will commune ourselves in the pews.

7. Children's time will look a bit different for a while too—likely with children staying with their families in their pews rather than clustering together up front.

8. We have also agreed with KWHI to continue our radio broadcast through December **2021.** They are giving us a discounted rate of \$75/month for 30 minutes for every Sunday.

9. While we are going back inside, Christmas Eve will likely still be outside because our sanctuaries get so crowded that night. This is a "work in progress." We'll keep you updated. We are optimistic that an outdoor Christmas service could be very authentic to the actual nativity scene!



Lutheran World Relief Collections ends at St. James on October 25 so shipment can be made November 4.

If anyone would like to make a donation for the shipping costs, contact Knellen Quinteros or Joan Buenger.

We were able to make at least 36 more school kits and 10 more blankets.

# **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**

We will participate in Operation Christmas Child again this year. We will hand out information at October shared services so that you can fill your own shoebox with items for kids ages 2 to 14. The brochure lists suggested items for the boxes.

Please put your boxes along with your check for \$9.00 of shipping on the back table at St. James or St Paul by November 8.

Your gift will bless children in need around the world!

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT ZOOM BIBLE STUDY / BOOK CLUB-7PM

Our Wednesday bible study / book club group is going to keep going on Zoom! If you are looking for a small group to discuss faith and life, this is a great fit for you. Anyone is welcome to join.

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

Meeting ID: 983 234 326 Call In Option: Dial 1-346-248-7799, add code 983234326#

# Pastor's Column

By Evan Cameron, pastor

#### Thanks for your prayers



It's good to be home and writing this from my living room couch. As most of you know, I had a stroke early Tuesday morning on September 8. Thanks to many miracles of modern medicine, good EMS workers, and helicopter pilots, the blood clot was removed within 3.5 hours of getting stuck in the right side of my brain.

All of us have "impact moments" in our lives that can bring a new focus on what is important. For Katharine and myself, perhaps the biggest takeaway from this event was realizing just how strong our support system is here after moving to Texas in late summer 2018. We have felt that support in so many ways the last 2 years, but especially lately in the form of prayer, meals, cards, and kind words.

I have thought often the past weeks that one of the most underrated parts of being connected to a church community is that no one will have to go through a crisis alone. We've all been to a church sponsored fundraiser for a really sick person. We've all been touched and moved to generosity by the major surgeries that Lincoln Tiemann has had to face. And in recent weeks, my extended family has been the recipient of this shared ministry's love. We are so grateful – and so are our stomachs!

As you might be able to guess, my first major concern upon understanding what happened was the loss in speech and slurring of words. The skills of a preacher don't translate to a whole bunch of other fields. But, it got a little better every day working with speech therapy, and I'll return to the pulpit with more appreciation for spoken word delivery than before.

It is a true privilege of mine that I often get to walk with all of you at critical moments. I often wonder at the fact that pastors get to journey alongside families during the big transition events of life: a birth, a death, a wedding, a medical event, etc. Thank you all for accompanying my family through this most recent unexpected stretch of time, and for sharing such authentic compassion.

PASTOR EVAN \$

#### ST. JAMES CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

October 11 after worship

You can stay in your car or stay seated outside just like our standard worship practice.

We will bring agenda and materials to you.

#### **Portals of Prayer**

We have both regular print and large print copies of the devotional Portals of Prayer for October through December. You can pick up a copy at our shared October worship services. The booklet includes a devotion for each day as well as daily and special needs prayers. We have regular and large print available.

## An Update on KWHI Services

On October 4, 11, 18, and 25, we will continue our Sunday 4:30pm worship on KWHI, both AM (1280) and FM (101.7).

Councils have elected to continue this ministry into 2021 to reach our homebound members, and also strangers in the community.

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

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

# **ST JAMES NEW WEHDEM UPDATES**

Worship Schedule for October and November

Last name A-L

- Sanctuary on 10/25 and 11/1, FLC 11/8 and 11/15

Last name M-Z - FLC on 10/25 and 11/1, sanctuary on 11/8 and 11/15

**WORSHIP ASSISTANTS** We'll soon be looking again for help with flowers, reading, and ushering. Contact Tanya if you are interested in reading.

**ALL SAINTS DAY** will be November 1st. We will have candles available to be lit on memory of loved ones in both the church and FLC. You are invited to bring a photo of a loved one to place in either building during worship.

#### In Memory of Ellen Henske

Olan & Sylvia Ashorn Arlie & Terri Kendrick Larry & Virginia Hillmann Karen (Bowden) & John Jacob Barbara Hoffmann David Pieper Robert & Marita Mikeska Ronnie & Glenda Neutzler

#### **St James Memorials**

Justin& Keri Richardson Tommy & Kay Przyborski Ray & Cynthia Robinson Kathy & Marvin Kasper Gary & Cindy Griesenbeck Ext. Ed Assoc of Austin County Lois Ekarius Employees of K & M Grocery Fredericka DeBerry D L Wilder Stacy & Jerry Neef Terry Griesenbeck Tamara & Dennis Tennefas Gladys Prentice Karen & Jimmie Dreyer

In Memory of Wilfred Emshoff—Hope Circle: Carolyn, Gayle, Shirley, Susie & Vera

**THANK YOU TO ST. JAMES** ...On behalf of the Bread Partners of Washington County I would like to thank you for your very generous food donation. Because of supporters like you, we are able to help hundreds of families in our community access the food they so desperately need. We are honored to count you as a partner in our effort to feed our neighbors and lead Washington County to end hunger. We truly appreciate the gift and wish to extend our sincere gratitude for your generous contribution and continued support, especially in these difficult times.

Michael Pareva, Board of Directors

# ST PAUL PHILLIPSBURG UPDATES

WELCA items to be collected in October...

BREAD PARTNER is canned fruits—goal of 50 every month!

At this time, drop off only canned items; no bagged items such as rice, beans, etc.

#### LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF, PERSONAL CARE KIT items needed are:

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

**THANKOFFERING & POLKA SERVICE** will be at New Wehdem during our Shared Worship on October 18th @ 9:00am Stay in your cars or bring your lawn chairs Thankoffering boxes will be collected. If you need a box or envelope, extras can be picked up from the back of the church.

**THANK YOU Justin Tesch and Lenny Krause** for removing the tree that had fallen between the parsonage and storage building during a recent storm. The tree fell by the brick stack; volunteers would be appreciated to restack bricks knocked over when the tree fell.

**Continued prayers** for Brenda Blum and Will Hartnett as they continue cancer treatments. Also, for Cathy Norman who is under hospice care.

**2020 SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING** is tentatively scheduled for November 15. There will be an election of officers; please consider serving.

The FELLOWSHIP HALL is again available for use.

SEEKING BIDS for 2021 on...

- 1) cleaning of Church/Fellowship Hall
- 2) church grounds lawn care

#### 3) cemetery care

Bid forms can be found at the back of the church or contact Florence at 979-836-3983.

#### MEMORIALS

In memory of Clint Werth by H. Dennis & Kathy Kelly, Cemetery Fund In memory of William Blum by Pastor Lawrence & Sharon Bade, Memorial Fund

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<ul> <li>4</li> <li>Shared Worship Outside at St. James— 9am</li> <li>4:30pm KHWI Radio Service</li> </ul>	5	<b>6</b> Pastor Evan first call retreat all day	7 Confirmat Zoom Bibl
11 Shared Worship Outside at St. James— 9am St. James Annual Mtg follow- ing worship, outside 4:30pm KHWI Radio Service	12	13	14 Zoom Bibl
<b>18</b> Shared Worship Outside at St. James Thankoffering Service, Polka Sunday— 9am 4:30pm KWHI Radio Service	<b>19</b> Leadership Night—both church councils, at St Paul. 6:30pm start.	20	21 Confirmat Zoom Bibl
25 Reformation Sunday St. Paul—9:00am Inside & Outside St. James— 10:30am Inside & Outside 4:30pm KWHI Radio Service	26	27	28 Zoom Bibl

ednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3
on: 6pm Study—7pm	8	9	10
e Study—7pm	15	16	17 First Communion Retreat with St Paul, Brenham
on: 6pm Study—7pm	22 newsletter deadline	23	24
e Study—7pm	29	30	31

# SYNOD HURRICANE RELIEF

St. Paul Lutheran Church in Lake Charles, LA lost their sanctuary to Hurricane Laura. They are currently asking for the following items as of Sept. 23rd, and the items can be mailed to this address:

St Paul Lutheran Church C/O Pastor Tim Norris

822 West Lagrange Street

Lake Charles, LA 70605

#### 1) Cleaning Products

bleach, solvents: 409, Lysol, floor cleaners, work gloves, latex rubber gloves, scrub brushes, scrub sponges, cleaning cloths/rags preferably microfiber, 5 gal. buckets, laundry detergent

#### 2) Personal Hygiene Products

tooth brushes, tooth paste, soap, deodorant, feminine hygiene products, wash cloths, first aid products such as band-aids, Neosporin, alcohol, Hydrogen Peroxide, itch relief ointments/creams

#### 3) Paper Products

heavy duty trash bags, paper towels, toilet paper



# The Life and Times of Shared Ministry

Thanks to all who brought pets on 9/27 to add some extra joy to our worship! Clockwise starting at top left: Pencer and Truvy Bartay, Sassy Sander, Chap Wade, and Mabel and Louise DeBerry (blessed at home)



# Council Notes

### St. Paul Phillipsburg Council

Council met on 9/21. Pastor Evan began with explaining his medical condition led by a devotion and prayer. He presented his written report and discussed returning to worship inside the sanctuary in October with checking temperatures and wearing a mask. Deanna, Jessie, Florence, Lenny, Carey and Vernice were present with Anna presiding.

- Minutes were approved as read
- Deanna handed out her spreadsheet
- Jessie presented her report, Mission Investment/cemetery will be renewed with added funds to an even \$2,400, discussed 2021 budget
- Florence reported that the fallen tree had been cleaned up, bid forms are available in the back of the church for: cleaning, yard + cemetery
- Carey suggested the children could take printed sermons to shut ins
- Ruth reported \$20 received for Memorials
- Decision made to again allow use of Fellowship Hall
- Next meeting is October 19th at 6:30 pm at St. Paul's

Respectfully submitted, Vernice Kokemor

#### St. James New Wehdem Council

Met on Sept 21. Pastor Evan opened the meeting with a devotion and prayer. President Knellen Quinteros called the meeting to order. Present: Linda Tiemann, Becky Winkelmann, Joseph Tallerine, David Bartay, Kamie Krueger.

- Pastor reported on his health
- Discussed formal agreement for Shared Ministry Agreement to be voted on at Annual Meeting
- Decided to continue radio ministry
- Beginning construction of cemetery pavilion
- Discussed Annual Meeting Agenda
- Reviewed 2021 Budget
- Began discussion of 2021 Chicken Stew

Next meeting on October 19 @ 6:30 at St. Paul's. Meeting closed with the Lord's prayer.

#### 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 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

#### SEEKING CONFIRMATION "FAITH VISITORS" THIS FALL

We are resuming confirmation classes and we will meet 2x per month throughout the fall.

Pastor Evan is looking for some adults who would be willing to join us just for one night, to say hello to the students, and to take 5-10 minutes to share what their faith has meant for them in their adult life. There would then be space for the students to ask the visiting adult questions.

All of us make promises to our youth at baptisms to support their faith formation consider this a tangible way that you can give one night to be present with some of our young adults, to help make faith in the real world real to them, and to give them another example of faith outside of their own families.

Talk to Pastor Evan

(pastorevan@sjsplutheran.org, 330-407-9731) if you are interested in being a one night guest star!

#### SUNDAY WORSHIP Shared, Outdoors 9am at St James

**Oct 4** | Pentecost 18 Isaiah 5:1-7, Ps 80:7-15, Philippians 3:4-14, Matthew 21:33-46 Jesus tells a vineyard parable. Grafted onto Christ, we are nourished with wine and bread so that we may share Christ's suffering and know the power of his resurrection.

**Oct 11** | Pentecost 19 Isaiah 25:1-9, Ps 23, Philippians 4:1-9, Matthew 22:1-14 Even amid anxiety and hardship we rejoice in the peace of God. With great joy we feast at the table of the Lord and share the invitation to others.

**Oct 18** | Pentecost 20 Isaiah 45:1-7, Ps 96:1-9, 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10, Matthew 22:15-22 Jesus tells the Pharisees to give the emperor what belongs to him and to God what belongs to God. Created in the image of God, we offer our selves in the service of God and for the sake of the world

**Oct 25** | Reformation Sunday Jeremiah 31:31-34, Ps 46, Romans 3:19-28, John 8:31-36 We celebrate the good news of God's grace, that Jesus sets us free every day to do lifetransforming work.

## Bread Partners Item in October

**St. James**: Dried peas or beans or any item (leave in back of sanctuary). Thanks to all for your donations! We had a total of 123 items recently!

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

# Prayer Concerns

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

**St. James Members:** Jackie Bowden, Pastor Evan, Fredericka DeBerry, Larry Dierking, Sally Dierking, Laura Fieseler, Janet Mills, Elsie Pieper, Ronnie Schaper, Floreen Schulze, Erline Sommerfeld, Chris, Amy, & Lincoln Tiemann, Treyce Tiemann, Margaret Tiemann, Nelda Wilke, Lee Roy Winkelmann

**Family and Friends:** Johnny Hardin, Pat Stelter, Leonard, Jamie Stokes, Gabriel Fuentes, Tammy Glaesmann, Ronnie Haevischer, Shannon Wellmann, Shelly Richard, David Kiemsteadt, Hank Duvall, Jeri Bentke, Sarah Wischnowsky, Lorri Morris, Winston Dietrich, Alton Jacobs, Gladys Oakley, Della & Briley Jasinski, Pam Bothe, Johnny Hardin, Thomas Brinkmeyer, Byron Peach

Military: Tristan Plaisance, Jenna Schiller

**Sympathies to:** The Family of Gary Lynn Krueger (grandfather of Kerby Krueger)

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.



#### ST PAUL

10-03-15 Sopath & Megan Om 10-04-14 Michael&Megan Callahan,II 10-07-89 Michael&Deanna Callahan 10-08-88 Bryan & Janet Vacha 10-18-08 Carl & Carey Kokemor 10-28-98 Travis & Cheryl Sander

#### **ST JAMES**

10-10 Jeff & Carlee Wright 10-12 Bradley & Janice Hanath 10-12 Lamar & Tara White 10-23 Charles & Arin Cafero 10-24 James & Pam Herrmann 10-29 A. J. & Jodie McReynolds

# BIRTHDAYS

#### ST PAUL

- 04 James Gaskamp
- 04 Larry Howren
- 10 Betty Mooney
- 14 Kayla Kokemor
- 20 Fred Culver
- 23 Travis Sander
- 26 Blaze Byler

26 Jayci Byler

- 27 Terrell Schwenke
- 31 Bryan Vacha

#### **ST JAMES**

- 10-1 Janice Hanath
  10-3 Wesley Hicks
  10-3 Kay Sander
  10-4 Beckett Winkelmann
  10-5 Anna Tallerine
  10-6 Stacey Bockhorn
  10-6 Delano Klausmeyer
- 10-7 Ellen Eberhardt
- 10-7 Jessica Teufel

#### 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)			
	pastorevan@sjsplutheran.org 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				

10-8 Robert Winkelmann 10-9 Jay Cameron 10-9 Eli Fishbeck 10-11 Russell Honerkamp 10-12 Tristan Teufel 10-13 Mary Bowden 10-13 Elroy Loesch 10-13 Patsy Loesch 10-13 Jeff Wright 10-14 Natalie Tiemann 10-15 Royce Garling 10-15 Sharon O'Malley 10-15 Tomas Winkelmann 10-16 Troy Oevermann 10-17 Stephen Loesch 10-17 Nelda Wilke 10-19 Alysse Winkelmann 10-19 Eric Winkelmann 10-19 William Winkelmann 10-22 Luke Collier 10-22 Blake Sander 10-23 Sally Dierking 10-24 Kamie Krueger 10-24 Lon Tiemann 10-25 Clint Buenger 10-25 Roger Hohlt 10-25 Betty Loesch 10-26 Melissa Draehn 10-27 Kaden Birkelbach 10-28 John Hohlt 10-28 Patrick Mabry 10-29 Laverne Remmert

Return Address: 2739 Phillipsburg Church Rd, Brenham TX 77833

# Welcome to worship!

We are currently worshipping together, at 9am October 4,11, 18,: Services will be at St James, outside 10/25—9am at St Paul, 10:30am at St James

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