



Partners in Faith

The Joyful Noise

United in Grace. Serving in Love.

January 2023

**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**

Merry Christmas!

From Isaiah 9

The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of
deep darkness—
on them light has shined.

As we approach the season of Epiphany—a
season of light—may you all continue to shine
as beacons of light in this darkest season of
the year.



ST. JAMES CHICKEN STEW

Sunday, January 29, 2023

11:30am—1:00pm

Dine In or Drive Thru

\$10 per ticket—\$40 per gallon



CHICKEN STEW RAFFLE

Raffle tickets for this year's stew are available to pick up at St. James to sell. This year the tickets are \$5 a piece or 6 for \$20. Please return your ticket stubs and money by Saturday, January 28. Thanks to your generosity, we have 25 prizes in the raffle with the top prize being \$1000 in Visa Cards. If you donated a prize, please have it at the FLC by Saturday, January 28 at noon.

KIDS RAFFLE

There will be a raffle at the Chicken Stew for kids' prizes. Please contact Lauren Sinclair if you would like to donate money or prizes for this raffle.

DESSERT AUCTION

We are bringing back the Dessert Auction at this year's Chicken Stew. If you would like to donate a dessert, please bring it Saturday during set-up or early Sunday morning.

BLOOD DRIVE AT PHILLIPSBURG—1/22

GIVE BLOOD.ORG

St. James - St. Paul
Sunday, January 22
8:00 am - 12:30 pm
Fellowship Hall

2739 Phillipsburg Church Rd
Brenham, TX 77833

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Pastor's Column

By Evan Cameron, *pastor*



Women leading the way, from womb to tomb

How bizarre it truly is that for centuries and centuries, only men were allowed to preach and lead churches.

The irony is especially on display during the two peak holidays of the church year, Christmas and Easter. The angel Gabriel shows up to talk to a young woman—not her dad or brothers, but right to her. Jesus is carried for 9 months inside the body of a woman. Because Joseph was much older than Mary, he was likely raised in adolescence by just a woman.

On the third day, it is again women who show up at the tomb. My pastor growing up jokingly called them the “Spice Girls” because of what they are carrying. Women are the first to know the news of resurrection—the news that changed everything on a micro and macro scale. It changes how to think about our own death, and of course it changed the course of global history.

It didn't start this way of course. Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Phoebe, Dorcas, Lydia, and many others all have early leadership in the church. But as the church grew, it more and more started to follow the patriarchal culture of the age rather than being a distinct community following Jesus.

I write this of course a week before Christmas, yet it will be read on the other side of the holiday by all of you. I put it out there (as I have before) with a plea to honor the women in your life who taught you faith and who modeled faith. And for all the women who have faced gender injustice or suffer from the gender wage gap or who have been told church leadership just “isn't for you,” I am truly sorry. In 2023, we again have 2 female congregational presidents, and that makes me happy!

Pastor Evan 

Thanks to all who went caroling in December to spread cheer to our homebound members, and thanks to Dorcas Circle for hosting the annual Christmas party at St Paul!



ST JAMES NEW WEHDEM UPDATES

MEMORIALS

In Memory of Cheryl Buenger

Washington Animal Clinic Michael & Linda Waxman David & Peggy Bartay

THANK YOU

The family of John Teufel would like to thank the congregation for all your support given during John's illness. Thanks to all who sent cards, food and phone calls. These meant so much to him. Thanks also for the wonderful lunch served after the funeral. We would also like to thank everyone who helped make the fundraiser a success.

Much love from John's family

SHARED MINISTRY UPDATES

ADVENT PROJECT: ELCA GOOD GIFTS

Thanks to all who gave toward our Advent ELCA good gifts program. Some of these gifts will stay in the US and some will be shared abroad.

This Christmas season at St. Paul and St. James we are sending the following:

- 11 Pigs
- 3 Roosters
- 10 starter packs of Honeybees
- 8 packs of Chicks
- 5 Vaccinations
- 3 Bibles for the Global Church
- 3 Water Filters
- 4 School Supplies for a Child
- 3 Feed 50 at a Soup Kitchen
- 1 Feed a Refugee Family
- 18 Goats
- 1 Latrine
- 1 Feed a Family
- 1 Back Pack with Food
- 1 Water Well
- 1 Family Farm

ST PAUL PHILLIPSBURG UPDATES

BLOOD DRIVE @ Phillipsburg on Sunday, January 22nd, 8:00am-12:30 pm with a **Pancake Breakfast** following worship. See page 3 of the newsletter for more information.

USHERS & LAY READERS are still needed for this year. Sign up sheets are at the back of the church or see Sandra Schwenke. 2023 schedules will be out mid month. Thanks for serving!

THANK YOU to everyone who contributed to ELCA Good Gifts. Your generosity exceeded \$3700!



THANK YOU to everyone who contributed to Christmas Eve worship! To Trish for organizing, the children who did a great job, musicians (we had flute, drums, guitar and a piano solo), choir, Jessie for the Xmas bags and those who came to watch the children tell the story of Jesus' birth.

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

OFFERING ENVELOPES are at the back of the church for pickup.

LWR is still needing wide tooth combs. They currently can be found at Dollar General.

Congratulations to

Lonnie & Barbara Tegeler who were recognized for their effort to preserve and perpetuate the heritage of the American cowboy. In October at the Brown Lupton Ballroom on the campus of TCU in Fort Worth, they were presented the Will Rogers Award from the Academy of Western Artists for their "Rocking T" chuck wagon. Their chuck wagon has been in the Tegeler family for over 100 years and has competed as an authentic chuck wagon in competitive events throughout Texas and surrounding states. They have been featured on the The Food Network and "Rocking T" has been at the center of attention at numerous community and school events.

DORCAS CIRCLE hosted the Christmas party on the 13th with a catered roast beef dinner. There were 22 adults and 3 children that enjoyed the good food and fellowship. After eating, Circle Sisters were revealed from 2022, then names were drawn for secret Circle Sisters for 2023. Instead of exchanging gifts, we again selected a charity and this year it was HOA-Meals on Wheels for Austin County. We collected \$312 for this worthy cause. Thank you to everyone who helped make a donation of meals for senior citizens in Austin County. As always, the most fun was the white elephant gift exchange. Thanks to everyone for being good sports.

The next meeting is January 17th with quilting beginning at 10:00am and the Bible Study begins at 2:30pm. Ruth is the hostess. Lunch will be potato soup. You may bring a sandwich or salad to complete your meal.

Respectfully , Jessie

January, 2023

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	
1	2	3	4
8 St. Paul— 9:00am I/O St. James—10:30am I/O KWHI Radio Service	9	10	11
15 St. Paul— 9:00am I/O St. James —10:30am I/O Confirmation 11:30am KWHI Radio Service	16 Leadership Night—both church councils at St James 6pm start	17 Dorcas Circle Quilting, 10:00 am Bible Study, 2:30 pm	18
22 Blood Drive St. Paul 8am-12:30pm St. Paul— 9:00am I/O Pancake Breakfast at St Paul St. James—10:30am I/O Confirmation at ST. PAUL 11:45am KWHI Radio Service	23	24	25 NEWSL
29 St. Paul— 9:00am I/O St. James—10:30am I/O KWHI Radio Service St. James Chicken Stew—11:30am to 1:00pm	30	31	

<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
	5	6	7
	12	13	14 Gulf Coast Synod Forum at Lutherhill 10a -2p
	19	20	21
LETTER DEADLINE	26	27	28

St. Paul Phillipsburg Worship Assistants

	January 1	January 8	January 15	January 22	January 29
Reader		Venetia Schiller	Amber Cowart	Barbara Tegeler	Anna Breddin
Organist		Donna Lankford	Donna Lankford	Beth Appel	DonnaLankford
Ushers		Cheryl Gaskamp, Lori Moehlmann, Glen Klehm	Mark & Venetia Schiller, Carl & Carey Kokemor	Ed & Anna Breddin, Jessie Kokemor	The Lischka Family, Florence Klehm
Altar Guild		Anna Breddin Laci Tesch	Anna Breddin Laci Tesch	Jessie Kokemor Venetia Schiller	Jessie Kokemor Venetia Schiller
Altar Flowers		Brad & Donna Lankford in honor of their 34th anniversary	Open	Open	Open

St. James New Wehdem Worship Assistants

	January 1	January 8	January 15	January 22	January 29
Reader	Gary Weiss	Kay Sander	Joan Buenger		
Organist	Phyllis Weiss	Fredericka DeBerry			
Flowers		Erwin & Kay Sander- 37th Anniversary	Emily & Leif Luetge Anniversary	Krista & Brett Sander- Reid's 8th Birth- day	
Ushers + Greeters	Jeff & Carlee Wright, Greschen Yount, Ronnie & Paula Baade, Ron & Lea Bartay				
Council					

The Life and Times of Shared Ministry



A few more Advent photos, including some from our Family Night as well as the St Paul ladies preparing for Christmas Eve

Council Notes

St. Paul Phillipsburg Council

Met on 12/19 with Pastor Evan and SP members: Charlie, Dorothy, Lenny, Carey and Sherry present. Pastor opened with devotion and prayer. Councils briefly discussed the Shared Ministry Covenant. As of now, no new amendments or changes but a more thorough discussion will be held by Councils in January meeting. Pastor gave his report and thanked outgoing members and welcomed new Council members. He also commented on the success of Advent Night and Caroling Night. Pastor may be attending a CE course in Baton Rouge in January, he will inform councils if he confirms to attend.

- Minutes were presented and approved. Financial reports were given by Dorothy and Charlie and were approved.
- Lenny presented his report. Discussed options for the water heater in educational building. Charlie recommended electrical re-wiring along with installation of a new heater; approved both re-wiring and an on demand water heater. Charlie will do the re-wiring and installation.
- Discussed church's current policy with Church Mutual. Lenny presented the pros and cons with a different company. After much discussion, the motion was passed to remain with Church Mutual.
- On January 22nd, a blood drive and a tentative pancake breakfast has been scheduled.

Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Sherry Mosley

St. Paul Council

Venetia Schiller, *President*

VP needed

Sherry Mosley, *Secretary*

Lonnie Tegeler, *Treasurer*

Ed Breddin,

Financial Secretary

Trish Surovik, *Parish Ed*

Lori Moehlmann, *Memorials*

BJ Mikeska, *Bldg / Grounds*

Stephanie Mikeska,

Congregational Life/Shared Ministry

St. James New Wehdem Council

Met on Dec 19 with Joe Tallerine, Kelly Frank, Jessica Thayne, John Hohlt, Kamie Krueger, Lauren Sinclair and Kate Buenger present.

- No systemic changes are needed within the councils. 65/35 split to continue as is.
- Caroling & Advent Family Night had great turnouts.
- 2023 council meetings will be first 6 months at St. James and last at St. Paul's.
- Good turnout for children's Christmas Party. New Christmas program costumes are needed-will check with one of Circles about sewing them or ordering new ones.
- Water leaks still need to be fixed. Need to look into possibility of insulating well house.
- Chicken Stew tickets are now on sale.
- Will need to get a new Christmas tree for church for next year.
- Will be getting new Bibles for church pews.
- Discussed FLC wall art.
- Motion made, seconded and passed about tithing Cheryl's memorials by 10% to Unbound.

St. James Council

Kamie Krueger, *President*

VP needed

Pam Herrmann, *Secretary*

Kelly Frank, *Treasurer*

Needed, *Asst. Treasurer*

John Hohlt, *Bldg /*

Grounds

Lauren Sinclair, *Shared*

Ministry Representative

Thanks to all who helped make
Christmas Eve magical!



SUNDAY WORSHIP

St. Paul 9:00am

St James 10:30am

Jan 1 Name of Jesus Numbers 6:22-27, Galatians 4:4-7, Luke 2:15-21 From the beginning through baptism, we are called Christian. We pray that the mind of Christ would be our own. It is a good way to begin, again, another year.

Jan 8 Baptism of Our Lord Isaiah 42:1-9, Ps 29, Acts 10:34-43, Matthew 3:13-17 In the waters of the Jordan, Jesus is revealed as the beloved Son of God. Our mission is to proclaim good news to all who are oppressed or in need of God's healing.

Jan 15 2nd Sunday after Epiphany Isaiah 49:1-7, Ps 40, 1 Cor. 1:1-9, John 1:29-42 Today we come and see Christ revealed among us in word and meal. We go forth to invite others to come to worship the Holy One.

Jan 22 3rd Sunday After Epiphany Isaiah 9:1-4, Ps 27, 1 Cor. 1:10-18, Matthew 4:12-23 Jesus begins his public ministry by calling fishers to follow him. We are sent to share the good news of God's grace and mercy.

Jan 29 4th Sunday After Epiphany Micah 16:1-8, Ps 15, 1 Cor 1:18-31, Matthew 5:1-12 Who are the blessed ones of God? Jesus opens the Sermon of the Mount by naming those who are blessed in the reign of God.

Bread Partners Items in January

St. James: Soup

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, Austin Schiller, Trey Mikeska

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

Family and Friends: Donna Acosta, Jeri Bentke, Janet Crane, Nancy DeShazo, T J Foerester, Tammy Glaesmann, Dave Hamilton, Janice Hassell, Beverly Hudson, Mildred Huebel, Keith Korth, Janet Jackson, Dennis Mauney, Byron Pietch, Marilyn Petrich, Pete Scott, Roy Schmidt, Diane Winkelmann, Milay Jackson, Shirley Benjamin, Joshua Peschel

Military: Tristan Plaisance, Jenna Schiller, Anthony Funk

Sympathies: Family & Friends of OraNell Loesch
Family & Friends of Sandra Cegelski (mother of Chelsea Quinteros)
Family & Friends of Travis Maher



OraNell Loesch, 87, of Brenham, TX, died on December 13. Funeral service was held at 10:00 a.m., December 16, 2022 at Memorial Oaks Chapel with Pastor Evan Cameron officiating. Burial followed at Oak Hill Cemetery in Burton. OraNell was born on April 17, 1935 in Burton, TX to William and Lydia Sturm Bayer. She graduated from Burton High School. She was a member of St. James Lutheran. She loved sewing, cooking, gathering materials for sewing projects, and worked as a cafeteria cook at Brenham Elementary School. Most of all she loved spending time with her daughter, Patsy. She would say Patsy was the best thing in her life. They loved to laugh, joke together, and bug one another.

OraNell is survived by her daughter, Patsy Lynn Loesch of Brenham, TX; sister, Lilly May Cendalski; sister and brother-in-law, Rose Marie and husband Billy Blocker; special friend, Kim Shows; and numerous nieces and nephews and their families.

ST JAMES BIRTHDAYS

1-2 Lillian Koehn
1-3 Herman Lorenz
1-5 Peggy Emshoff
1-5 Kim Wade
1-5 Colby Hanath
1-7 Kelly Frank
1-8 Callie Fishbeck
1-9 Lee Neumann
1-9 Mayzie Wade
1-11 Lea Bartay
1-14 Wendy Loesch
1-15 Chris Wade
1-15 Jesse Buenger
1-16 Jason Brending
1-17 Becky Winkelmann
1-18 Erline Sommerfeld
1-19 Patrick Draehn
1-19 Chelsea Quinteros
1-20 Reid Sander
1-22 Gayle Engeling
1-23 Jeremy Buckley
1-25 Jack Buenger
1-26 Elan Braun
1-28 Russell Schrader
1-29 Daniel Engeling
1-29 Michael Tiemann
1-29 Ryan Buenger
1-30 Shirley Hohlt
1-30 Crawford Winkelmann
1-31 Rhett Quinteros

ST JAMES ANNIVERSARIES

1-2 Royce & Elana Garling
1-4 Erich & Tiffany Weiss
1-6 Clint & Sarah Buenger
1-8 Troy & Connie Oevermann
1-11 Erwin & Kay Sander
1-11 Shea & Kristin Emshoff
1-16 Adam & Christina Koehn
1-16 Leif & Emily Luetge

ST PAUL ANNIVERSARIES

01-08-89 Brad & Donna Lankford

ST PAUL BIRTHDAYS

08 Jason Kiemsteadt
09 B J Mikeska
13 Misti Malinowski
14 Patricia Lampe
17 Lenny Krause
18 Mike Callahan
29 Sophie Kokemor

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

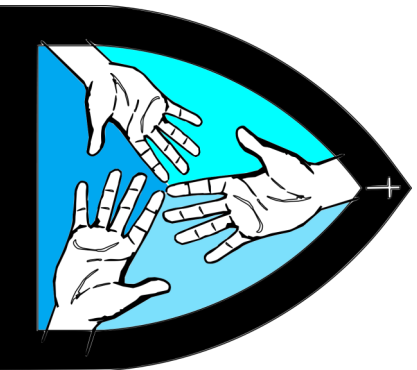
Welcome to worship!

9am at St Paul

10:30am at St James

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