



*Partners in Faith*

August 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.

## Stories of Faith

Guest Storyteller: Pastor Jerry Wirtley, campus pastor for Treehouse (covering Blinn in Brenham and Bryan, and Texas A&M)



***Can you share a bit about your faith background and how you have seen God at work in your life up to this point?***

As a pastor it might seem weird that I did not grow up in the church and I was baptized as a Baptist at age 17. My journey to Lutheranism was one that took me through being a part of Methodist, Presbyterian, Baptist, Pentecostal and other congregations. God works in wonderful and mysterious ways. Through tragedy and hopelessness, God helps me see that any situation is something we can see through because God has promised to always be there with us. I have seen things that have no explanation, but that explanation is God is working. Always remember the great theological quote from The Santa Claus 2, “seeing isn’t believing, believing is seeing.”

***What do you see as the impact of campus ministry in the lives of young adults?***

Having a place where young adults can be themselves and open about their lives and struggles is very important. There needs to be a space where young adults can come and be welcomed as they are and see that God loves them. To me that is what Treehouse is, a place where all are welcome, regardless of where you have been, or think you are going. If you’ve never been to worship or never opened the doors of a church, you will be welcomed here. I have only been here for 5 months, but the stories I have

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# SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP: 9AM, SWITCHING BACK TO ST JAMES

## Instructions and Information for our August Outdoor Services

1. **For August, we will have shared services at 9am at St James.** 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 those who are getting out of their cars—please park a little farther away, so that those staying in cars can be close and have a good line of sight on the service.
3. Pastor Evan is definitely open to ideas and feedback now that we've been worshipping this way for a few weeks! Let him know if a creative thought has crossed your mind regarding Sunday mornings.
4. **We will continue our Sunday 1p—1:30pm worship on KWHI,** both AM (1280) and FM (101.7). We will continue this for all 5 Sundays in August, and hopefully beyond. At least for now, we are getting airtime preference over the Astros.
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. Covid-19 forces us to be adaptable. I had hoped that we would be back inside our sanctuaries by now, but that depended on having consecutive weeks of declining cases in both Austin and Washington Counties. The mild but significant outbreak at Welcome Lutheran in July is a local warning for all of us to be smart and stay safe.
7. Please pray for the residents and staff at Kruse Village, including our members Jean Thompson and Margaret Tiemann who live there. Pray also for teachers, students, and school administrators as we enter August and extremely difficult decisions must be made by employees and families.

**\*\*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.***

# WEDNESDAY NIGHT ZOOM BIBLE STUDY ON PROPHETS—7PM

Our Wednesday 7pm bible study / book club group will be starting a new topic **starting August 5**—we'll be looking at prophets from the Bible, both the “major” prophets (like Jeremiah and Ezekiel) and some of the lesser known prophets as well.

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#

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Relief

## WE ARE MAKING SCHOOL KITS!

The coronavirus crisis has not slowed down the need for School Kits. In fact, Lutheran World Relief can't keep up with demand.

We are seeking donations of the following items, or gifts of money for each church to purchase materials directly. You can bring items to our Sunday services or leave them in the back of St James' sanctuary.

- 70-sheet notebooks of wide- or college-ruled paper, approximately 8" x 10 ½"; no loose leaf paper
- 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other
- Manual pencil sharpeners
- Blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)
- Unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers; secure together with a rubber band
- Black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink); secure together with a rubber band
- Boxes of 16 or 24 crayons
- 2 ½" erasers

# Pastor's Column

By Evan Cameron, pastor



## W.W.J.D during COVID?

Have you asked yourself this question yet? It's never far from my mind.

To answer it—first, we must say what relevant things we know about Jesus:

- One of his primary ministries was healing people
- He loved to travel in his work
- He valued the underdog (the Samaritan, the demoniac, the quarantined and 'untouchable' leper, the hated tax collector, prostitutes, etc)
- He withdrew and prayed. A lot. Especially when he was stressed.
- He loved people, enough to weep alongside other mourners

As I write this, more than 600,000 have died from this virus. Surely, Jesus has been weeping in every nation on earth. More than 14 million have tested positive. Surely, Jesus has sat and held the hands of anxious people who don't know what to expect, or who struggle in the corresponding isolation. Countless numbers of medical workers have been mentally and physically exhausted by long hours, stress, fatigue, and frustration at never-ending changes to protocols. Surely, Jesus has been working alongside them to heal and encourage Sabbath time. Surely, he is praying on behalf of us all constantly. Surely, Jesus today would limit his travel and contact with people, hold discipleship training meetings via Zoom, and practice distancing / mask wearing when mixing with the public.

Like everyone, I can only laugh or cry when I look back at my own mindset in mid-March when I thought this would be a blip on the radar for 2020. Someone recently commented to me that "2020 has just been one repeating haymaker to the face." *Ouch*, I thought. Maybe you or I don't feel that's true all the time, but certainly, in moments it can feel that way.

But perhaps, one day at a time, we can try to live in the "WWJD?" mindset. Perhaps we can try to pray often, and to take true Sabbath time away from whatever keeps us occupied to prevent burning out. Perhaps we can still find ways (if not in person, then digitally) to weep alongside those who weep, and to rejoice alongside those who rejoice. Perhaps we can still show holy compassion on the vulnerable, and strive to forgive, and continue practicing the greatest commandment: love God, and love our neighbors (even our enemies).

Pastor Evan 

# ***Stories of Faith, continued...***

heard from former and current students tell me God is working through the welcome of this place. Young adults can be themselves and know they are loved here, and that is very important at this stage of life.

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

I have told people before when they say they have questions for God that I have a binder that is full of pages and questions. I will carry it with me to see God after we are all brought together and none of those questions will matter. But for the sake of this question and today, I would probably ask why can't we all just get it? Why can we all not get that we are all created by God and are brothers and sisters, that we are all created in God's image? Why do we fight so much? With all the pain in the world, can't we have a little more love?



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

So many stories are great. I love Luke 7:36-50 because it talks about someone who was so touched by Jesus that they did the unthinkable. But my favorite story comes from Luke 15. I love all of Luke 15, 3 parables, that we usually say are about Lost Things. But if you look closer, they are all about God and how much God loves us, and wants us to love each other. My favorite parable is Luke 15:11-32, the Story of the Loving Father. You probably know it as the prodigal son, but the story starts, "There was a man who had 2 sons...", not "there was a man who had a brother and a father..." God shows us the lengths God is willing to go to remind us we are loved. And as one who wonders if they are enough, it is always good to be reminded how much God loves us.

*From Pastor Evan: If you know a student at Blinn or Texas A&M who is starting new or looking for community, let me know, and I can connect them with the Treehouse family.*

# ST JAMES NEW WEHDEM UPDATES

## DIRECT DEPOSIT GIVING

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

**CONTRACT BIDS DUE SEPTEMBER 1** Bid packets for Janitorial Service, Church Lawn Service, Cemetery Maintenance, and Germania Cemetery Maintenance and bid return sheets are on the table in the back of the church at St. James.

## TIEMANN GIFT

One of the expressions of calling ourselves a church family is that we step up to help each other in times of trial. As Chris and Amy Tiemann begin the wonderful adventure of parenthood, we are collecting gifts to help offset the costs of a long hospital stay for their newborn at a time when lodging and travel are complicated from COVID. The most helpful items to give are: Visa gift cards, gas cards, or checks made out directly to Chris and Amy Tiemann. We would rather not funnel gifts through the church account. Gifts can be dropped by the church office Monday through Thursday, or mailed to Chris and Amy.

**SYMPATHIES** to Larissa Olsen, Sharon O'Malley and their families at the loss of Billie Jasinski, and sympathies to Bonnie Pilchick and family at the loss of Wilfred Emshoff. We are praying that God holds you in tender love, especially at a time when it is so hard to gather together as family.

**CONGRATS** to Josh and Amy (Baranowski) Tysar, who were married at St. James on Sunday, July 26th in a small ceremony.

May God bless your union and use it to spread love in the world!



# 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

**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

**Cards of kindness** are appreciated for Cathy Norman (1506 Yager Drive, Brenham TX 77833), Dana Parker (2724 Southpark Lane, Ft Worth TX, 76133), or Will Hartnett (6018 Averill Way, San Angelo TX, 76901). Thank you for reaching out to our brothers and sisters in Christ with empathy!

**The front sycamore tree** was removed in early July after several lightning strikes left it partially dead and mostly hollow inside. Thanks to Florence for arranging this to be done.



# August 2020

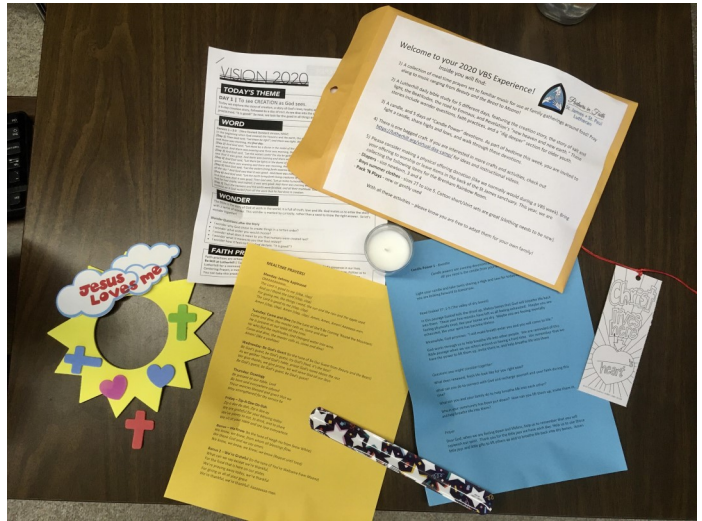
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>We</i>
<b>2</b> Shared Worship Outside at St. James—9am  1pm KHWI Radio Service	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>  Zoom Bible
<b>9</b> Shared Worship Outside at St. James—9am 1pm KHWI Radio Service 4:30 Katharine Cameron Ordination + Installation	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>  Zoom Bible
<b>16</b>  Shared Worship Outside at St. James—9am  1pm KWHI Radio Service	<b>17</b>  Leadership Night—both church councils, at St Paul. 6:30pm start.	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>  Zoom Bible
<b>23</b> Shared Worship Outside at St. James—9am, with Buckley family baptism  1pm KWHI Radio Service	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>  Zoom Bible
<b>30</b> Shared Worship Outside at St. James—9am  1pm KWHI Radio Service	<b>31</b>		



<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
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Study —7pm	<b>6</b> No men's breakfast & bible study	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
Study—7pm	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> WEDDING at St James
Study—7pm	<b>20</b> NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
Study—7pm	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> FLC REMMERT- LUDWIG REUNION

# The Life and Times of Shared Ministry

VBS looked quite different this year! Our families were offered a take home pack of lessons, activities, and prayers for the week. Thanks to all involved for willingness to be flexible and adaptive. We will be extra excited for VBS in the future after missing it this summer.



The Brenham Rainbow Room says thank you for our donations of diapers, clothes, and pack 'n plays!

## Join the Virtual Ordination for Katharine Cameron!

Katharine (Pastor Evan's wife) has been called as the Deacon of Faith Formation at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in downtown Brenham. Her ordination will be Sunday, August 9th, at 4:30pm at St Paul's.



It will be 98% virtual, with just a few necessary people physically in the room. Everyone else can watch live via St. Paul's Facebook page, or at [stpaulsbrenham.org](http://stpaulsbrenham.org)

Several of you might be asking, "Wait—what's a deacon?" I'm glad you asked! Deacons first started in the church in Acts 6, where the 12 disciples found themselves too busy to do all the work of the early church, so they appointed 7 deacons to carry out the more hands-on ministries of the church (caring for orphans and widows, feeding the hungry, etc). Today, deacons are incredibly creative, swiss-army-knife types in the church who serve in endlessly creative capacities. While pastors undergo 4 years of training, deacons only require 2. If you feel a call to ministry, but aren't sure you want to be a pastor, becoming a deacon might be your sweet spot. And, with distance learning, many deacons can complete their education and fieldwork right where they live.

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

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:

*Kruse Village:* Jean Thompson, Margaret Tiemann

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

*Brenham Nursing + Rehab:* Laura Fieseler, Janet Mills

*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 7/20 at St. Paul's. Anna, Florence, Lenny, Deanna, Ruth, Jessie, Carey & Vernice were present + Jason via phone.

- Pastor Evan gave a brief Bible devotion and prayer. He proposed sending a donation to "Rise Against Hunger" rather than meeting for the service project. Confirmation will begin in September via Zoom. We will continue Sunday's 1pm radio service for another month.
- June income of \$5,730.92 and expenses of \$5,228.15. Mission Investment Cemetery Fund will be renewed for 4 years @ 2.25%. Motion made to move \$600 from cemetery savings to make it \$30,000. Tree removal was \$2,000. \$20 was reported for Memorials.
- Discussed Nelson's suggestion to cancel the Fish Fry.
- Canceled Dorcas Circle and cleared DKG dates from calendar.
- Pastor and Donna had visited with Sharee and she hopes to stay 3 more years in the parsonage after her youngest son graduates high school.
- Next meeting on 3rd Monday, August 17th at 6:30pm at St. Paul's.

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*

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## St. James New Wehdem Council

We met on July 20<sup>th</sup> at St. Paul's. Pastor Evan opened the meeting with a devotion and prayer. President Knellen Quinteros called the meeting to order.

Members present were Becky Winkelmann, Linda Tiemann, David Bartay, Joe Tallerine, Kamie Krueger and Janice Hanath.

Discussed swapping locations for church service monthly.

Rise Against Hunger cancelled. A donation from St. James-\$2,000.00 and a donation from St. Paul's -\$1,000.00. The \$3,000.00 donation will be matched by grants.

Pastor Evan will ask for more information about "Adopt a Family Program".

Pastor Evan & Katharine will be co-members on the board of Treehouse Ministries.

David will make a couple of recommendations for the location of the cemetery pavilion. A concrete slab will take the place of the wooden deck on the back side of the FLC.

Discussed job descriptions for the contract jobs.

Discussed how to proceed with the 2020 congregational meeting.

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*

# CONFIRMATION RETURNING— SEPTEMBER 2020!

We will resume confirmation classes this fall for students in 6th, 7th, or 8th grade—and for all students who are returning for a second year to continue growing in faith!

Starting in September, we will have classes on Zoom, likely on 2 Wednesdays per month. The exact schedule is TBD as we wait to see what fall extracurricular activities will look like for the rest of the year.

Last year, we focused on the Bible until our year was cut short by COVID. This year, we will finish up a couple lessons on the Bible, work through some of the fundamentals of faith (Apostles Creed, the Lord's Prayer, etc) and then focus on questions like these:

- *What does it mean to be Lutheran?*
- *How can I live out my faith in the real world today and in the future?*
- *Who are some examples of modern day disciples at work in the world?*
- *How can I serve the church?*
- *Who is Jesus to me?*

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

**August 2** | Pentecost 9  
Isaiah 55:1-5, Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21, Romans 9:1-5, Matthew 14:13-21  
God invites all who are hungry or thirsty to receive food and drink and to share with others.

**August 9** | Pentecost 10  
1 Kings 19:9-18, Psalm 85:8-13, Romans 10:5-15, Matthew 14:22-23  
Jesus says: "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

**August 16** | Pentecost 11  
Isaiah 56:1, 6-8, Psalm 61:7, Romans 11:1-2s, 29-32, Matthew 15:21-18  
In our gathering around word and meal we receive strength to be signs of comfort, healing, and justice for those in need.

**August 23** | Pentecost 12  
Isaiah 51:1-6, Psalm 138, Romans 12:1-8, Matthew 16:13-20  
God's word of reconciliation and God's mercy are keys to the church's mission.

**August 30** | Pentecost 13  
Jeremiah 15:15-21, Psalm 26:1-8, Romans 12:9-21, Matthew 16:21-28  
In worship we gather as a community that we might offer ourselves for the sake of our suffering world.

## *Bread Partners Item in August*

**St. James:** Mac & Cheese, or any item (leave in back of sanctuary).  
Thanks for all July donations!

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

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## *Prayer Concerns*

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

**St. James Members:** Elsie Pieper, Daniel Engeling, Fredericka DeBerry, 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 Winklemann, Treyce Tiemann

**Family and Friends:** Dana Parker, Pat Stelter, Leonard, Jamie Stokes, Gabriel Fuentes, Tammy Glaesmann, Ronnie Haebischer, Shannon Wellmann, David Kiemsteadt, Marilyn Petrich, Hank Duvall, Jeri Bentke, Sarah Wischnowsky

**Military:** Tristan Plaisance, Jenna Schiller

**Sympathies to:** The family of Mark Glentzer, the family of Wilfred Emshoff, the family of Billie Jasinski

***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**

- 08-05-1972 Ed & Anna Breddin
- 08-08-2015 Jarerd & Katie Moehlmann
- 08-10-1985 Lenny & Debbie Krause
- 08-12-1956 Otto & Dorothy Krause
- 08-12-2000 Darren & Trish Surovik
- 08-20-1971 Barry & Gina Mikeska
- 08-31-2016 Charlie & Olivia Kokemor

**ST JAMES**

- 8-2 Larry & Sally Dierking
- 8-2 Odis & Mildred Haynes
- 8-3 Charles & Vickie Goeke
- 8-4 Eric & Jessica Thayne
- 8-4 Donald & Sharon Winkelmann
- 8-5 Wm & Kristy Collier
- 8-7 Brandon & Kaylyn Hanath
- 8-10 Bruce & Cheryl Buenger
- 8-20 David & Margaret Bartay
- 8-20 Butch & Cindy Lorenz
- 8-29 Donnie & Jenny Henske

**ST PAUL**

- 01 Emmy Kokemor
- 03 Lori Reichwein
- 07 Michael Callahan
- 08 Seth Klehm
- 08 Sandra Schwenke
- 09 Jessie Evelyn Hartnett
- 11 Taylor Reichwein
- 11 Levi Dean Tuttle
- 21 Al Mueller
- 25 Brenda Blum
- 26 Barbara Tegeler
- 29 Lelani Howren
- 29 Charlie Kokemor
- 30 Michael Breddin

**ST JAMES**

- 8-5 Charles Goeke
- 8-5 Amy Tiemann
- 8-6 Terri Johnson
- 8-9 Tyler Fishbeck
- 8-10 Wyatt Hanath
- 8-11 Savannah Bartay
- 8-11 Hunter Wagner
- 8-17 Denise Neumann
- 8-18 Shelby Olson
- 8-18 Amy Teufel
- 8-19 Margaret Bartay
- 8-20 James Herrmann
- 8-21 Ralph Tiemann
- 8-23 Vivienne Freitag
- 8-24 Austin Hanath
- 8-24 Janet Mills
- 8-25 Ronnie Bockhorn
- 8-25 Cindy Schaper
- 8-29 Aislin Schaper
- 8-30 Ron Bartay
- 8-30 Shelby Hanath
- 8-31 Wyatt Tiemann

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St Paul Office: use Donna's cell above

St. James Office: 979-836-2795

Return Address: 2739 Phillipsburg Church Rd, Brenham TX 77833

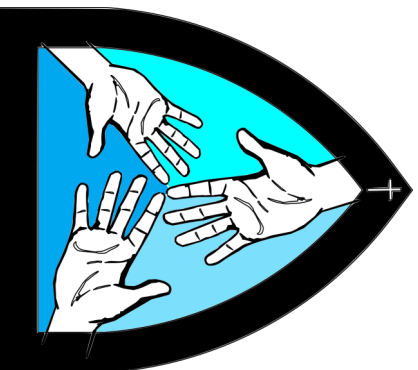
**Welcome to worship!**

*We are currently worshipping  
together, at 9am*

Services will be at St James, all 5  
Sundays in August

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