



Partners in Faith

December 2019

The Joyful Noise

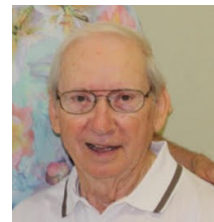
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Stories of Faith

Storyteller: Olan Ashorn

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Phillipsburg
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Brenham TX 77833**

**St James Lutheran Church in
New Wehdem
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The daily half-mile walk to the mailbox at the end of the lane wasn't so long on the October day the Sears Christmas catalog arrived in 1946. There was my dream again—this year featured on the front cover. It was a toy farm set, complete with cows, horses, pigs, chickens, sheep, a barn with doors that opened, a tractor and trailer, and even fences and people.

I wondered and yearned, "Is it possible that maybe this would be the year it would be under the cedar Christmas tree that Dad had chopped from the woods?"

But as so many years before, on Christmas morning the tree greeted me not with what I wanted, but with a practical flannel shirt, a thin coloring book, and a 1-row box of crayons. I so desperately wanted that farm set.

It wasn't until years later that I realized the difficulty and hardships my dear parents endured to make a living and rear three children in those waning Depression years. Because I never received my Sears catalog farm, I decided to create my own boy-made farm on the back porch of our five-room unpainted house.

One of my evening chores was to shuck and shell enough corn for the chickens and pigs. I gathered the corn cobs ...

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WATER INTO WINE STORIES

Have an experience of God turning water into wine in your life? We would love to hear it!

Spend some time considering a story you'd like to share, write it out (about 350-500 words) and send it to Pastor Evan, or just ask to talk to him to craft it together.

and placed them in the kindling box on the front porch to use for starting the kitchen cook stove and wood heater in the morning. My parents didn't mind when I asked to keep a few of the long, straight cobs. It was from those cobs that I made my farm.

A long white cob made an excellent horse. Every once in a while a cob would be red and white—an instant paint horse. Solid red cobs were always mules. A cob from a small ear of corn, or a “ubbin” as we called it, made a perfect colt. By snapping off a 2- or 3-inch piece off the tip of a cob, I could make a cow/calf pair that could always be matched by the break no matter how many cows and calves were on my make-believe farm. A third of a cob was a sow pig, and the remaining two-thirds section was chopped into little piglets—the tip always being the “runt” of the litter.

As the morning dew or occasional rain warped and bent the cob animals on the back porch, they would be “marketed” to the kindling box.

As I grew older, I graduated to hatching real chicks. But cows were my true love from the day Dad gave me my first heifer. I spent hours sitting on the cow-pen fence watching cows eating hay, chewing their cud, or licking their calves. And I always dreamed of owning my own farm.

Nearly 50 years passed before that dream came true. In 1994 my wife Sylvia and I purchased a small Texas farm and went to work turning dreams into reality. I took early retirement from my career in education. We began to live a life that has been rewarding beyond expression. We sit on the front porch in the evening, tired and dusty from work but happy listening to the owls and the coyotes.

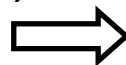
I thank God for the chance to turn my childhood imaginings into reality. Now I can share a life I so dearly loved with my children and grandchildren. Yes, I had a dream—and at last I'm living that dream on my very own “real” farm.

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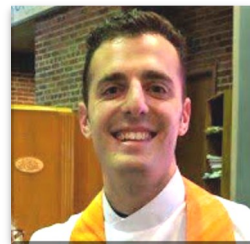
Above: a photo of young Olan sitting on the porch of his childhood farm house

To the right: a photo in spring-time of the current farm he and Sylvia share



Pastor's Column

By Evan Cameron, pastor



The Power of the Red Kettle

We all know the famous line: “*every time a bell rings, an angel gets its wings!*” That’s taken, of course, from *It’s a Wonderful Life*, a cinematic classic for this time of year. Truth be told: there is a lot of bell ringing in the month of December. Church handbell choirs....our own lofty church bells....jingle bells on doorways and dog collars and Christmas decorations.

But for me....year after year....I find myself a little bit amazed by the volunteers who a) give up time during the busiest season of the year, b) stand outside in the coldest time of the year, and c) shake and shake and shake and shake their arm, ringing the little bell for the Salvation Army. I know it’s simple. I know it’s just pocket change usually. I know that they are so easy to overlook. But I am full of wonder when I see these people.



I didn’t know where those funds go locally, and so I did a little research this month. It turns out every dime and penny collected in Washington County, at the Brenham WalMart, goes to Faith Mission, and 100% of it is used to fund emergency requests for help with utilities and housing costs. 100%. Faith Mission keeps none of it. In Austin County, to my knowledge, there is no Salvation Army kettle collecting site (someone tell me if they know differently!). But hey—just a chance for one of us to get this started.

All this was started by one man in San Francisco in 1891, who wanted to raise funds to provide a holiday dinner for the poor. By 2018, the holiday Red Kettle campaign raised \$433.7 million for the Salvation Army to disperse. Turns out that handfuls of change and other gifts go a long way.

If you want to help ring in Brenham, go to <http://faithmission.us/volunteer/>



Shared Ministry Updates!

Advent Family Night—Wednesday, December 11



6pm Meal at St James Family Life Center

Afterward, we'll have time for a Christmas ornament craft, decorating holiday cards for our homebound members, and some sing-a-long caroling.

All ages and both churches welcome!

Thank You to our outgoing leaders:

From St. Paul Council: Charlie Johnson, Venetia Schiller, Dorothy Wellman, Sandra Schwenke

From St James Council: Robert Winkelmann, Gary Weiss, Jeff Wright, Wesley Winkelmann

From the Shared Ministry Team:

Jo Johnson, Phyllis Weiss, Darla Winkelmann



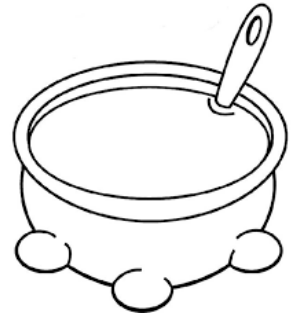
This shared ministry is grateful for the gifts of your time and ideas

Thanks also to those new leaders joining us in 2020!

2020 Chicken Stew! Save the Date: *January 26*

The tickets for our 2020 Chicken Stew Raffle are ready and we have some fantastic prizes!

St James members generously donated cash for a \$1000 Visa gift card, a 2 night stay in Galveston, a mower, smoker, and several other gift cards and gift certificates as well as a handcrafted wooden tray, movie passes and a basket of home canned goodies.



Please check out tickets to sell and buy your own. They will be available in the back of each church until the stew on January 26.

Ongoing Ministries

FUN SUNDAY. St. Paul families and adults gather one Sunday a month for intergenerational activities. **This month, we won't meet as we prepare for Christmas Eve.** Contact Carey Kokemor for details.

DORCAS CIRCLE. This gathering of St. Paul women meets on the third Wednesday of each month. They quilt 9am-3pm with fellowship and Bible study at 4pm. Contact Anna Breddin for info.

HANNAH CIRCLE. This gathering of St. James women typically meets regularly on the first Wednesday of the month, at 5:30pm. Contact Joan Buenger for info.

HOPE CIRCLE: This group for women from St. James gathers on the 2nd Thursday of the month at On Deck, for fellowship and study. **They gather Dec.12.** Contact Vera Jean Klausmeyer for info.

CARE COMPANIONS deliver communion and serve as a faithful companions through changes in life. Care Companions include Anna Breddin, Mildred Haynes, Vera Jean Klausmeyer, Cindy Schaper, and Dorothy Wellmann. Contact Pastor Evan if you wish to receive care—or become a companion!

MEN IN FAITH. Men of St. Paul and St. James gather on the first Thursday of the month for breakfast and fellowship at Buccaneer in Brenham. **This month we meet on December 5 at 7am.** Invite a friend and contact Pastor Evan with questions.

POTLUCK AND GAMES St. James folks gather in the FLC one Sunday each month after worship for games and a potluck. **This month, they'll meet on December 8.**

The Life and Times of Shared Ministry



Clockwise, starting at top: 1) The whole group including the future homeowner, 2) working on flooring, 3) when Habitat homes are built, often volunteers write blessings and bible verses on studs and floor pieces, 4) Bobblehead Jesus, hanging out with his carpenter equipment

Reflections on the Habitat Trip to Beaumont

Written by Donna Lankford

Our Thrivent Build team partnered with Habitat for Humanity of Jefferson County. To give a little history, 20% of Jefferson County was living below the poverty line in 2016. Then, they saw great devastation when Hurricane Harvey dumped 60" of rain in 5 days. Hurricane Harvey damaged *more than 110,000 homes in Jefferson and surrounding counties* with an estimated \$125 billion in damages and took the lives of 19 people. Surprisingly, the many refineries in the area contributed very little towards rebuilding the community. Many of the donations come from outside the community or local businesses. Lots to build on are usually gifted through the city or inheritance and much of the labor, such as our team, is volunteer.

I really love Habitat's motto...they provide a hand up, not a hand out. Each home is sold without profit and has an interest free mortgage. Partner families contribute 300 hours of "sweat equity" by helping in the construction of their own homes and homes of other partner families. Eleanor Frank will be the recipient of the home we worked on. Eleanor, her son, and her autistic grandson will be living in the home. She was a reserved lady but appreciative of our time and labor. On Friday, several of her other grandchildren came to see the progress and we were excited to learn that one of her grandsons is a regular volunteer for Habitat.

On this build, we laid floors, cut and hung trim, hung doors and caulked. Pastor Evan came down on Thursday and helped lay floors. At the end of the day, he blessed the house. Before the trip, we were all asked to choose a word. Then, each night we had reflection and we were asked to share how we saw our word that day. Our words were: grateful, rewarding, fun, humility, serving, humble, finding and my word was kindness. I saw kindness throughout every day with simple gestures of "excuse me", "thank you", "beautiful job", never a harsh word or blame towards a job that someone had done before us or beside us.

If you have Facebook, then you noticed bobble head Jesus that Pastor Evan sent with us. Jesus was always with us whether in the middle of the dinner table as a bobble head (witnessing maybe a little too much fun), at the build or simply feeling his love and presence. I would also like to say "thank you" to the children for sending our care packages. We enjoyed the yummy snacks and left one of the crosses at the house for Mrs. Eleanor as a reminder of the love of God and the love we felt and shared during the week. It was a wonderful and rewarding experience to work together as a team to help a family and to do God's work!

SUNDAY WORSHIP

St. Paul: 9am

St. James: 10:30am

December 1 | Advent 1

Isaiah 2:1-5, Psalm 122

Romans 13:11-14, Matthew 24:36-44

Advent always begins with “end times” readings, and this year is no different.

December 8 | Advent 2

Isaiah 11:1-10, Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19

Romans 15:4-13, Matthew 3:1-12

“Prepare the way of the Lord!” cries John the Baptizer, as we draw closer to Christ’s arrival

December 15 | Advent 3

Isaiah 35:1-10, Psalm 146:5-10

James 5:7-10, Matthew 11:2-11

John the Baptist, finding himself in prison, sends a message to Jesus, holding out hope that he truly is the Messiah.

December 22 | Advent 4

Isaiah 7:10-16, Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

Romans 1:1-7, Matthew 1:18-25

Isaiah foretells the coming of a child named Emmanuel; Joseph debates whether or not to dismiss Mary

December 29 | Lessons and Carols for Christmas

*ONE WORSHIP—10am,
St James

We’ll sing some favorite hymns, and hear those traditional Christmas lessons not included in this year’s lectionary!



Pastor Evan’s

Eco-Tip of the Month

Tis the season of wrapping paper! If you want a fun challenge, get paper bags at your next grocery store run, and use the brown paper to wrap some of your gifts!

Christmas Eve Details

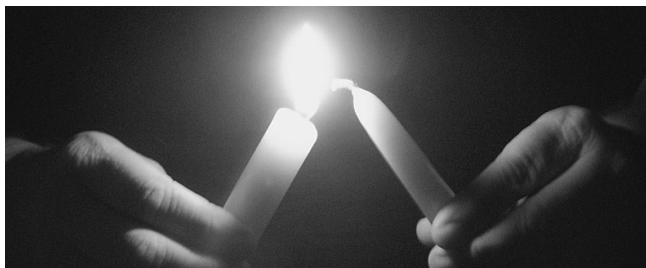
Tuesday, 12/24

St. Paul: 5pm Worship with our children presenting the Christmas story.

St. James: 6:30pm Worship, also with our children presenting the Christmas story.

Both churches will include a candlelight singing of Silent Night, and both services include communion.

Extra friends, family, and strangers are of course most welcome!





Worship Leaders in December


St. Paul Phillipsburg Worship Assistants					
	December 1	Dec 8	Dec 15	Dec 22	Dec 29
Reader	Ruth Lehmann	Jessie Kokemor	Dorothy Wellmann	Anna Breddin	<i>10 am</i>
Organist	Beth Appel	Beth Appel	Donna Lankford	Donna Lankford	<i>Shared Worship</i>
Ushers	Jessie Kokemor Jason Kiemsteadt Misti Malinowski	Tegeler's & Maresh's	Schiller's, Sandra Schwenke	Carl & Carey Kokemor, Florence Klehm	<i>At St. James</i>
Altar Guild	Dorothy Wellmann, Vernice Kokemor	Dorothy Wellmann, Vernice Kokemor	Barbara Tegeler, JoAnn Johnson	Cheryl Gaskamp, Lori Moehlmann, Glenn Klehm	<i>Lessons and Carols</i>
Altar Flowers	Sandra Schwenke in memory of Earl	Brenda Blum in memory of her mother, Bernice	Anita Kramer in memory of Edward	Jessie Kokemor in memory of Roger	<i>With Communion</i>



St. James New Wehdem Worship Assistants					
	December 1	Dec 8	Dec 15	Dec 22	Dec 29 at 10a
Reader	Kay Sander	Joan Buenger	Betty Bowden	Jodie McReynolds	
Organist	Cheryl Buenger	Phyllis Weiss	Fredericka DeBerry	Phyllis Weiss	Cheryl Buenger
Altar Flowers				<i>Poinsettias</i>	
Ushers + Greeters	Olan & Sylvia Ashorn; Ron & Paula Baade; Pr. Lawrence & Sharon Bade; Ron & Lea Bartay & Family				
Council	Shared between all council				

December 2019

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wed</i>
1 Worship at St. Paul: 9am Semi-Annual Mtg at St. Paul Worship at St. James 10:30 FLC Reserved: Emshoff Confirmation at St Paul 12p Advent Setup and Dinner at St. Paul	2 Hannah Circle, Caroling at Colonial Belle, 6pm	3	4
8 Worship at St. Paul: 9am Choir Practice, 10 am Worship at St. James 10:30. St James Children Caroling in Brenham: 9am FLC Reserved: Winkelmann	9	10 St. Paul Dorcas Circle Church wide Christmas Party 6:30pm	11 Advent Family St. James FLC Meal beginning
15 Worship at St. Paul: 9am Choir Practice, 10 am Worship at St. James 10:30. Potluck & Games at St. James	16	17 Shared Ministry Team 5:30PM @ St. Paul Both Councils 6:30PM @ St. Paul	18 Dorcas Circle Quilting 10:00 Bible Study 3 Shared Confir 6pm, at St. Pa
22 Worship at St. Paul: 9am Worship at St. James: 10:30 St James Christmas Rehearsal Practice after church	23	24 <i>Christmas Eve—Children's Programs</i> 5pm Worship at St. Paul 6:30pm Worship at St James	25 <i>Merry C</i> 
29 <i>One Worship—Lessons and Carols at St. James, 10am</i>	30	31 	

<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
	5 Shared Men's Fellowship Breakfast: 7am, Buccaneer in Brenham	6	7 St. Paul's Fellowship Hall Reserved, 8am-2pm
Worship Night! at 6pm	12 Hope Circle 4pm, @ On Deck	13	14
10:00am-2:30pm 3:00 pm Information Paul	19 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	20	21
Christmas! 	26 <i>Pastor Evan will be on vacation and visiting family in Ohio through January 2.</i>	27	28

ST JAMES NEW WEHDEM UPDATES

ST JAMES SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Caroling in Brenham

Our Sunday School will be going Christmas Caroling on December 8. We will meet at Brenham Rehab at 9:30am, then go to Kruse and be back at church around 11:00am for the rest of the worship service. Please join us to spread some Christmas cheer!

Sunday School Christmas Party

Our party will be December 22 at 9:30am in the FLC. There will be food, crafts and fellowship so we hope all the children can attend.

Schedule Change—January 2020

Starting in January we are changing our schedule for Sunday School in hopes of getting better attendance. We will meet one Sunday during the month with the first date being January 12. We plan to meet in the FLC from 9:00-10:30am with breakfast, a lesson and a craft. We will also meet the last Wednesday of the month in conjunction with a Young Families Get-Together. More details will be in the church bulletins. Please make plans to attend as we help our children build a firm foundation in Christ.

ST JAMES CHRISTMAS EVE — 6:30PM

Our Christmas Eve Program will be The Birth of Jesus. All children are invited to be a part of this special gift to our congregation. We will be practicing each Sunday in December during the Sunday School hour with a dress rehearsal on December 22 following a pizza lunch. We should be finished around 1:30pm.

There will be no Sunday School at St James on December 29.

ST JAMES OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD BOXES

Thanks to everyone who donated boxes for Operation Christmas Child. We collected 26 boxes that will reach 26 children with the Gospel of Jesus Christ!



ST JAMES ELCA GOOD GIFTS

Our congregation will once again sponsor an Advent Tree filled with ornaments for our members to take and make a donation for that gift. You may make your donation to St. James along with the name of the item on your ornament and after December 22 we will send our gifts to ELCA Good Gifts. These gifts can change the lives of people around the world. You may also donate directly at ELCA.org/goodgifts. See more info on page 18 of this newsletter. *Thanks to Betty and Jackie Bowden for preparing our Advent Tree!*

CHICKEN STEW RAFFLE *See announcement on page 5. The stew will be January 26.

ST. JAMES POINSETTIA SIGN-UP Cost is \$12.50. Deadline to order is December 8. Sign-up sheets available in church

2020 FLOWER CHART The St. James Flower Chart for 2020 is on the bulletin board in the back of the church. You can begin signing up for flowers for the next year.

DEFIBRILLATOR ADDED in Family Life Center. Talk to Pastor Evan or Kay Sander with questions. We hope to have a free CPR educational session soon!

FINAL 2019 OFFERINGS Please have all 2019 offerings turned into the church office by December 31. All offerings received after that date will be posted in 2020.

ST PAUL PHILLIPSBURG UPDATES

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP will begin at **5:00 pm** with a candlelight service as the children present the story of Christmas. All children will receive a Christmas bag. Invite your family, friends and neighbors to worship as we celebrate Jesus' birth!

DORCAS CIRCLE met on November 20th. Anita, Dorothy T, Sandra, Jessie, Dorothy W, Anna and Vernice quilted while Ruth worked on card recycling. All attended Bible Study with the addition of Florence. Anna called the meeting to order after having ice cream and cookies by hostess, JoAnn. Anna led the Bible Study "Stewardship, the gift of joy". The study compared joy and happiness. Joy is a recognition that there is something beyond that makes us more than what we think we are, a contentment of knowing we are loved, and a perspective that defines us with worth (Gather, pg 26). The minutes were read and corrected. The treasury balance was \$218.30. Half of the yearly offering goes to the National WELCA.

December 10th is Dorcas Circle church wide Christmas party; special offering will go to Treehouse, catered meal of chicken fried chicken meal & White Elephant Exchange. Anna, Florence and Jessie will provide desserts. Ruth is hostess for January.

WELCA's Brazos Cluster Fall Gathering was on October 5th at St. Paul's in Brenham in which Anita and I attended. We began with PIYO exercises led by Benita Schramme. Pastor Pat Dietrich of St. Paul's had an opening devotion. Rachel Blankenburg, Admin of Bluebonnet Haven; gave a presentation on the structure and procedures that are followed with the clients. They give them life skills needed in the real world. They can accept up to 32 girls at this facility. Presently, they have 20 ranging in age from 12 to 17 years. Mary "Puddin" Barnes is a WINR at the Bluebonnet Haven facility and has mentored up to three girls at one time. This is a very rewarding experience for her and the clients are so appreciative of this help having someone they can depend on to visit and listen to them.

The physical offering was "arts and crafts" items and our Unit did send those items. Also, a monetary offering was taken which will be used to buy Teen Bibles. Each girl will receive one and it will be theirs to keep. The monetary offering totaled \$531. Barbara McIntyre presided over the business meeting with approximately 30 ladies in attendance. Minutes from the Spring Happening were approved. Financial report had a balance of \$675.73 was filed for audit. The position of Mission Action/LWR has not been filled. Doris Koehne was elected for Financial Secretary. A host is needed for the 2020 Spring Happening. The meeting closed with The Lord's Prayer and hymn "We Praise You, O God". By Dorothy W.



OUR PRAYERS

to Cathy Norman and her family on the loss of Bill. He passed away on Thursday, November 14th. Funeral service was held on Tuesday, November 19th at Memorial Oaks Chapel in Brenham with Pastor Evan

ADOPT A FAMILY

Once again, we are making Christmas a little brighter for two families; one in the Brenham school district and one family in the Bellville school district. Sign up sheets are in the back of the church. Deadline for items is December 15th. Please bring in a gift bag and include a gift receipt. Thank you to all who help bring joy to a family in need this holiday season!



Dorcas Circle's Annual Christmas Party...is Tuesday, December 10th at 6:30 pm with a menu of chicken fried chicken. There will also be the White Elephant Exchange which is always lots of fun. Please find a signup sheet at the back of the church so we can get a meal count. This is a congregation wide party and is a great time for fellowship and fun!

CHURCH CLEANING, LAWN CARE & CEMETERY CARE BIDS are due December 10th. See Florence for questions or forms can be found at the back of the church.

POINSETTIAS can be purchased for \$11 per plant in a sleeve to decorate the chancel area on Christmas Eve. Payment can be made to Dorothy Wellmann with checks payable to the church.

FLOWER CHART for 2020 is now available to sign up for your floral offerings.

LAY READERS & USHERS are needed for next year. Sign up sheets can be found at the back of the church. Please consider serving.

SEMI ANNUAL MEETING is December 1st after worship. The agenda includes approving next years budget and election of Council members. We especially need volunteers for the position of **Vice President and Secretary**. Please consider serving.

CHOIR PRACTICE for Christmas Eve will begin Sunday, December 1st after worship and will continue each Sunday until Christmas. Join us in making a joyful noise! All are invited!

ALL OCCASION CARDS are available for sale at 25 cents each located at the back of the church by the mailboxes. They have Thanksgiving and Christmas along with other seasonal and all occasion cards. There's a can for donations by the cards.

Council Notes

St. Paul Phillipsburg Council

Council met on 11/19 with 7 members present and Pastor Evan.

- Both Councils met jointly with an opening prayer and reflection by Pastor Evan.
- Pastor Evan gave his report highlighting there will be a Advent Family night at St. James on December 11th.
- Habitat for Humanity trip went well.
- Reports were given by council members present.
- Handicap parking has been completed.
- Council voted to remove the land line phone.
- Church cleaning bids & lawn care bids are due December 10th.
- Upcoming congregational meeting was discussed.
- Next meeting is December 17th at St. Paul's with a potluck dinner.

Finances: In October, \$5,080.39 was given, and \$6,949.07 was our total expenses. We have a working balance of \$11,013.35. *Thank you for every good gift given to St. Paul!*

St. Paul Council

Charlie Johnson, *President*

Jason Kiemsteadt, *VP*

Venetia Schiller, *Secretary*

Dorothy Wellmann, *Treasurer*

Carey Kokemor, *Parish Ed*

Deanna Callahan,
Financial Secretary

Ruth Lehmann, *Memorials*

Florence Klehm, *Bldg / Grounds*

Sandra Schwenke, *At-Large*

St. James New Wehdem Council

November 19, 2019 we met with St. Paul's church council

President Robert Winkelmann called the meeting to order. Members present were Jeff Wright, Gary Weiss, Linda Tiemann, Wesley Winkelmann and Janice Hanath

We discussed the vice president position is still vacant. We discussed the Sunday School structure will be changing. Sunday School will meet on the one Sunday at 9 a.m. and last Wednesday evening of every month. We discussed the church will help subsidize camp at Lutherhill for elementary children in our congregation.

Discussed and approved to add the Endorsement of Endowment Growth through Bequests and Statement of Support for Endowment Giving to the by-laws of the constitution. Discussed the buildings have been winterized. We discussed the wording for the headstone for the unmarked graves in the cemetery. We discussed the chicken stew and raffle ticket prizes.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

St. James Council

Robert Winkelmann,

President

Knellen Quinteros, *VP*

Janice Hanath, *Secretary*

Gary Weiss, *Treasurer*

Linda Tiemann, *Asst.*

Treasurer

Jeff Wright, *Bldg /*

Grounds

Wesley Winkelmann,

At-Large

Bread Partners Item in December:

St. James: 150 Items of : *your choice!*
Thank you for all rice and pasta donations in November!

St. Paul: items of your choice
LWR items: 27x52 dark bath towels

Prayer Concerns

St. Paul Members: Wilfred Neumann, Otto & Dorothy Krause,
Austin Schiller, Anna Breddin, Lillie Mae Gross, Jean Thompson

St. James Members: Jr. Dierking, Larry Dierking, Erline Sommerfeld,
Sally Dierking, Joy Druschke, Laura Fieseler, Margaret Tiemann, Ellen
Henske, Janet Mills, Ronny Schaper, Floreen Schulze, Lon Tiemann,
Nelda Wilke, Lee Roy Winklemann

Family and Friends: Pam Alexander, Gerald Beausoleil, Jeri Bentke,
Donna DeBerry, Cindy Sodolak, Gabriel Fuentes, Tammy Glaesmann, Pat
Hajek, Joshua, Milan, Kinley, & Regan Kimberly, Blake Kohring, Keith Korth,
Jacob Kolwes, Kaitlyn Nienstedt, Shannon Wellmann, Mildred Huebel, Kay
Roberts, Donald Siptak, Sue Schwartz, Jamie Stokes, Megan Styers, Treyce
Tiemann, Barbara, Bill Mosley, Ricky Ondrias, Ann Fox, Diane White, Laura
Mann, MaryAnn Sanderson, Mark Glentzer, Rudy and Ramona Kunkel

Military: Tristan Plaisance, Jenna Schiller

Sympathies to: The Family of Bill Norman

Updates from our Ministry Partners

God's Global Barnyard

An animal can make a world of a difference for a family in need. Animals provide food to eat, fertilizer to grow crops and offspring to sell at the market. With one gift, you can help a family escape the cycle of hunger and poverty for good.



Cow

A cow's milk, meat, fertilizer and calves can quickly strengthen a family's financial security.

\$500



Chicks

Chicks begin laying eggs at just a few months old, offering nutritious, protein rich meals for families who are hungry.

\$10



Goat

Fresh milk from a goat is very nutritious and can be used to make products like yogurt and cheese to sell at the market.

\$50



Honeybees

Bees pollinate plants and boost crop growth – helping the wider community. Soaps and candles can be made from their wax and sold at the local market.

\$20



Pig

Within months after birth, piglets grow to weigh over 200 pounds – bringing a big payoff at the market.

\$30



Fish Farm

A fish farm and training in good business economics can provide a lifetime of meals for a community.

\$250

Give ELCA Good Gifts at St. James by visiting the back of the church,
or give through St. Paul by visiting ELCA.org/goodgifts



ST PAUL

12-12-1964 Lonnie & Barbara Tegeler

ST JAMES

12-15 Brandt & Cari Goeke

12-16 Nathaniel & Jennifer Harris



ST PAUL

- 01 Joshua Torrez
- 02 Cheryl Gaskamp
- 02 Jarred Moehlmann
- 03 Cody Vacha
- 05 Justin Krause
- 08 Wilfred Neumann
- 11 Esther Lampe
- 12 Jessie Kokemor
- 20 Charles Kokemor
- 23 Jenna Schiller
- 27 Lonnie Tegeler
- 28 Venetia Schiller
- 31 Megan Kokemor Om
- 31 Chloe Ritch

ST JAMES

- 12-4 Jordan Winkelmann
- 12-7 Justin Brending
- 12-7 Charlee White
- 12-8 Kensley Tiemann
- 12-9 Randy Hegemeyer
- 12-12 Katelyn Lorenz
- 12-13 Gladys Stein
- 12-14 Shea Emshoff
- 12-15 Travis Bartay
- 12-15 Julian Martin
- 12-16 Paisley Dierking
- 12-16 Patricia Winkelmann
- 12-17 Emmie Blake Goeke
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Welcome to worship!

St. Paul Phillipsburg: 9am

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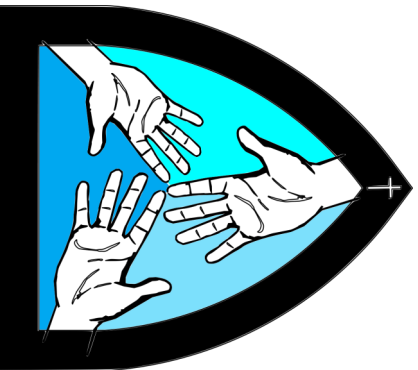
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