



Partners in Faith

June 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

**PLEASE NOTE:
Worship Changes**

Starting June 7, we will be moving to "parking lot" worship, with the hope of including outdoor seating soon afterward.

Both churches will start by worshipping together at 9am. In June, we'll be at St James. Come drive to church, find a good spot anywhere on the property, and tune in via car radio!

Look for details on pages 2-3

The Joyful Noise

United in Grace. Serving in Love.

COVID-19 Church Survey—Please Respond

Our church councils are asking for responses to the survey below, in hopes of getting a better idea about how people are feeling with regards to worship and COVID-19. Please tear off this sheet below, fill it out, and mail it or drop it by the church—OR, complete the online version by getting in touch with Pastor Evan, and he will send you the link.

1. Please mark the box which best describes you / your family with an X (mark all that apply):

- ◇ I am comfortable worshipping in person in the building, with social distancing
- ◇ I am comfortable worshipping in person, outside, with social distancing
- ◇ I would rather participate in worship through radio OR by listening in the church parking lot via radio
- ◇ I would rather participate in worship through watching a livestream or recording on a computer
- ◇ Other: _____

2. Please mark the box which best describes your risk category with an X (mark all that apply):

- ◇ I consider myself a "high risk" person because of age, health, or another reason
- ◇ I am in frequent contact with those who are high risk
- ◇ I consider myself low risk
- ◇ Other: _____

Thank you!

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP: GOODBYE ZOOM, HELLO PARKING LOTS

Instructions and Information for our June Outdoor Services

- 1. Starting June 7, we will have joint “parking lot” services.** We are going to revisit our plan for Easter Sunday and use a short range FM transmitter. So—drive to church, park your car, and tune in via the radio! We will post signs showing what station to tune to.
- 2. Services will start at 9am.** The time is earlier because of heat. Services will be 25-30 minutes. Depending on turnout, we may do multiple services, so this time could change.
- 3. We will have communion— “BYOC” style!** Please bring your own bread and grape juice (I’d rather not encourage 100 people to drive home with an open container in the car). We’ll also pass out familiar hymn booklets for people to keep and re-use.
- 4. To cut down on location confusion, the plan is to meet at St James for all of June, and at St Paul for all of July.** Does this mean we won’t be inside the building until August? No. It’s just the plan for now.
- 5. We are hoping to transition to an outdoor picnic style worship by June 21.** People can still come and stay in their cars and listen to the service on the radio, or you can also bring a few lawn chairs, or a blanket, and pick a spot in the shaded area between the St James church, playground, and office. *We strongly encourage everyone outside to wear a mask out of love for your neighbor*, and we will need to keep distance between families. Because the virus spreads much more from aerosols than any other source, meeting outside really cuts down on the probability of unknowingly sharing the virus. If June 7 goes smoothly, we might even try this on June 14.
- 6. A reminder:** the church is the people, not the building. Jesus is with us wherever we gather. Worship will be different, but a step closer to what is familiar.
- 6a. Could this entire plan change? Absolutely.** Covid-19 forces us to be adaptable.

**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.* The 1pm KWHI radio service is staying so that there is an option for everyone. You are free to make your own choices.

Below is a basic, flexible bulletin template for our June services

Welcome and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

Almighty God: you call, but we have not listened.

We walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns.

We are inactive bystanders to prejudice and greed.

God of grace, come to us in mercy.

**Break our hardened hearts open, so that we can love as you love,
through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.**

Children of God, by grace you have been saved.

You are forgiven in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

May Christ be at work in your life, strengthening you to be his hands and feet

Amen.

Music

1st Reading

Gospel Reading

Sermonette

Music

Prayers (Hear us, O God....**Your Mercy is Great**)

Communion

Words of Institution (“In the night in which he was betrayed....”)

Lord’s Prayer

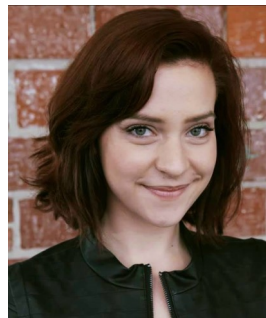
Final Blessing and Sending

Go in Peace! Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Guest Column

By Shanae'a Rae Moore

Shanae'a has been a key leader in our Vacation Bible School program. She has helped at St James since Pastor Jill was here, and she has helped with all of our shared VBS weeks in recent years. Her faith has guided her to a vocation in acting, and she is seeking support for this call.



To whatever soul is kind enough to read this letter,

My name is Shanae'a Moore. I don't physically live in Brenham, but my heart does. You may have seen me walking around downtown shopping, worshipping a few seats away from you at church, or leading music for VBS. I have also had the incredible privilege to be cast at Unity a number of times (The Syringa Tree, Amelia, Daddy Long Legs, The Fantasticks, The Philadelphia Story, You Never Can Tell, Little Women, etc..). I have also found my second family in Brenham. So I felt it was fitting and appropriate that in this important moment in my life for me to turn to you, my home.

I am an actress and I love my job, but I felt it was time that I further myself in my knowledge and skills. Honestly, I truly felt God pulling me to my next chapter. I was led in many specific ways to The Royal Conservatoire of Scotland. This is one of those times you look at God and say, "Wow, really? You want my heart to be hopeful for something so impossible?" Let me explain why this seemed impossible. First, they look at applications from all over the world and accept only eleven actors. It's a giant leap for an actress who lives paycheck to paycheck to move all the way to Scotland.

Throughout my time applying, auditioning and praying, God really worked on my heart. He taught me to lean on Him and wait on His timing. Then one morning I woke up and had been accepted! Praise God!

But my leaning is not done. I need to pay for tuition quite soon. With COVID-19, my jobs were canceled. Live theatre was halted. I searched options, prayed diligently, and God led me to look for patrons who loved me and would want to support me. My need is this: \$35,000 by the end of June. I cannot comprehend this, but then again, I never comprehended getting into this school in the first place.

So I am looking for donations of any amount you feel you can give. If you feel led to give, please send a message to shanaearaemoore@gmail.com and I can give you ways to give online. Or, if you want to stay anonymous or donate with Check or Cash, you can drop off an envelope with my name on it to the Ant Street Inn Downtown. Suzy says she will watch over it for me!

I am constantly praying for Brenham. I hope business springs up new and healthier than ever after this epidemic is over. Thank you for all the joys and blessings you have already given me throughout the past 13 years that Brenham has been an influential part of my life. Have a beautiful, God Blessed day!

Shanae'a Rae Moore

shanaearaemoore@gmail.com

June KWHI Services Will Continue

We will continue our Sunday 1p—1:30pm worship on KWHI, both AM (1280) and FM (101.7). We will continue this for all June Sundays. It is also available on the KWHI app and online—<https://kwhi.com/>

These services include: opening liturgy, readings, a sermon, some music selections, closing prayers / creed / blessing.

For many members, this is the easiest way to access church. It has also been a great resource for many non-members looking for spiritual nourishment during these hard days.

The cost for 30 minutes of radio time is only \$100, split between both churches. Our councils consider it money well spent to reach those who are not able to worship with us in other ways

Financial Notes in the time of COVID

The councils and staff of St Paul and St James say thank you for such steadfast generosity in the past few months. We know that for many families, financial security feels more vulnerable than ever. For others, perhaps your own household has been relatively unaffected, but you likely have family or good friends who have faced sudden job loss or pay reductions. In the midst of all this, thank you for every good gift shared with our churches.

We have been amazed by the steady and faithful stewardship. A few updates to share:

St. Paul: Our April income was \$9,775.17, and expenses were \$5,397.94. Our working balance is \$25,512. We have been very blessed by regular giving, and additional generous giving in recent months.

St. James: From January through April, we budgeted for an expected income of \$49,120 in envelope giving, and we have received \$43,225 with no in person worship since mid-March. Our working balance is \$97,466.

St James also applied and received funds for the **Payroll Protection Program** for two months of coverage for Pastor Evan's base salary. The application came from St. James because payroll is through St. James, but St. Paul also benefits by having a lower reimbursement total for pastor's compensation.

ST JAMES NEW WEHDEM UPDATES

BIG NEWS! We've started direct deposit giving.

In March, our church council decided to begin direct deposit giving as an option. We started with a “guinea pig” group (mostly church council members) to make sure all the details were correct. It's been a complete success so far, and we are ready to expand this and make it available to all members.

Essentially: members can choose to give any amount on the 1st of the month, or the 15th of the month, or both, and that amount will be automatically withdrawn from your bank account. **Of course, traditional envelope giving is still a-okay and welcome.** This is just a new additional option.

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

BREAD PARTNERS

Donations continue to pour in for Bread Partners—thank you! Right now, food is a greater challenge than ever before for families who live paycheck to paycheck. Thank you for your generosity.

UPCOMING BAPTISMS A pair of baptisms—Sam Wilson and Mayzie Wade— will be held at our outdoor worship on June 28. Join us to welcome these children of God!

CONGRATS to Cheryl and Bruce Buenger, and Jess and Amanda Buenger at the arrival of Olivia “Livi” Joy Buenger on 5/25!

ST. JAMES MEMORIALS

MEMORIALS IN MEMORY OF WM DIERKING JR.

Ruth, John, Michelle Goeke

Larry & Julie Tegeler

MEMORIALS IN MEMORY OF ELWOOD OEVERMANN

Elroy & Carolyn Loesch

ST PAUL PHILLIPSBURG UPDATES

WELCA items to be collected in June...

BREAD PARTNER any items of your choice—goal of 50 every month!

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF, PERSONAL CARE KIT items needed are:

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

SCHOOL SUPPLIES will be needed soon for Lutheran World Relief school kits.

The following items are needed:

- 70 count spiral composition books
- 12 inch/30 centimeter ruler
- Pencil sharpener
- Blunt scissors
- #2 pencils with eraser
- Black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink)
- Box of 16 or 24 crayons
- 2-1/2 inch erasers

*Congrats to Iris Howren and family on the birth of her
new great-grandson Jones Cheek!*

*Congrats to Jason and Misti as they celebrated becoming
grandparents this past month!*

If you'd like to send a note to those who remain on our prayer list:

Otto Krause
1517 W Main
Bellville, TX 77418

Brenda Blum
P O Box 154
Kenney, TX 77452

Thank you to all who contributed to our Lenten meals...

Sandra Schwenke, Florence Klehm, Brenda Blum, Dorothy Tesch, Anna Breddin,
Dorothy Wellmann, Ruth Lehmann, Donna Lankford

Fish Fry has been postponed to the Fall; Semi Annual Meeting has also been postponed.

Council Notes

St. Paul Phillipsburg Council

Council met on 5/18 at 6:30pm via phone conference with Pastor Evan, Jason, Ruth, Deanna, Jessie, Carey, Anna and Lenny present. Pastor led a short devotion on Acts Chapter 1 on the Ascension followed by a prayer.

Correction to last month's minutes to add Florence to those in attendance and Habitat for Humanity donation amount was \$50.

April expenses were \$5,397.94. Income was \$9,775.17 which included Thrivent, Mission Investment and a cemetery mowing donation. Half of Lent offering was sent to Lutherhill. A received donation for Bread Partners was forwarded. Kolkhorst Endowment lost money for 1st quarter. Agreed to send \$200 to Treehouse; amount is in the budget. Treehouse members and director were part of an April church service.

Many positive comments on the KWHI 1pm radio service. Agree to continue in June.

The return to church will be very gradual. Suggested a June newsletter survey. At first, may be drive in style or outside on your lawn chairs with transmitter/radio. Safety first.

VBS on hold until after June 15th. "God's Work, Our Hands" project for "Rise Against Hunger" is on hold due to a lot of people in close contact.

Respectfully, Jessie Kokemor for Vernice

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 New Wehdem Council

We met on May 19, 2020 via conference call. Pastor Evan opened the meeting with a devotion from Acts and a prayer. President Knellen Quinteros called the meeting to order. Members present were Becky Winkelmann, Linda Tiemann, David Bartay, Kamie Krueger and Janice Hanath

Phyllis Weiss joined the conversation regarding a fundraiser for Shanea Moore. Shanea has helped with VBS for many years.

The bank draft (ACH) has been working great and we are ready to open it up to members of the congregation who may be interested in setting up automatic bank drafts for tithes.

A non-member of the congregation is willing to make a donation towards the cemetery pavilion.

Discussed removing old fence from around the cemetery and building a new fence for the expansion of the cemetery.

The recorded radio broadcasting will continue for the 4 Sundays in June. VBS will be determined by June 15th.

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 Tallarine, *At-Large*

Bread Partners Item in June

St. James: Any item appreciated (leave in back of sanctuary) **We collected 140 items in May!**

St. Paul: Any item appreciated (drop off at church)

Prayer Concerns

St. Paul Members: Wilfred Neumann, Otto & Dorothy Krause, Austin Schiller, Jean Thompson, Brenda Blum

St. James Members: Elsie Pieper, Daniel Engeling, Fredericka DeBerry, Larry Dierking, Erline Sommerfeld, Sally Dierking, Laura Fieseler, Margaret Tiemann, Ellen Henske, Janet Mills, Ronny Schaper, Floreen Schulze, Chris and Amy Tiemann, Nelda Wilke, Lee Roy Winkleman

Family and Friends: Pat Stelter, Leonard, Gabriel Fuentes, Tammy Glaesmann, Ronnie Haebischer, Shannon Wellmann, Rudy and Ramona Kunkel, Shelly Richard, David Kiemsteadt, Marilyn Petrich, Don Hollingsworth, Sophak Om

Military: Tristan Plaisance, Jenna Schiller, Matthew Varella

Sympathies to: Family and friends of Wilbert Krause, Family and friends of Tim Wilson

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.

SUNDAY WORSHIP

9am

June 7 | Holy Trinity Sunday
Genesis 1:1--2:4a, Psalm 8
2 Corinthians 13:11-13, Matthew
28:16-20

Trinity images dominate our readings. In particular, we hear the “Great Commission” from Matthew, where Jesus’ final teaching is to baptize “in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit”

June 14 | Pentecost 2
Exodus 19:2-8a, Psalm 100
Romans 5:1-8, Matthew 9:35--
10:8 [9-23]

Jesus sends his disciples as “laborers into the harvest,” and we hear what is perhaps the most famous passage in all of Romans

June 21 | Pentecost 3
Jeremiah 20:7-13, Psalm 69:7-18
Romans 6:1b-11, Matthew 10:24-
39

“Take up your cross and follow me” - Jesus teaches on the cost of discipleship, and we see that cost in the life of Jeremiah.

June 28 | Pentecost 4
Jeremiah 28:5-9, Psalm 89:1-4, 15
-18, Romans 6:12-23, Matthew
10:40-42

Themes of hospitality abound—Jesus emphasizes us to welcome, welcome, welcome as holy work for his kingdom.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT ZOOM BIBLE STUDY CONTINUING

Our Wednesday “Women in the Bible” series ended on 5/27, but we will start again on Wednesday, June 10, with a new theme!

We are considering reading a contemporary book about faith and gathering as a weekly ‘book club’

LINK: [https://us02web.zoom.us/
j/983234326](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/983234326)

Meeting ID: 983 234 326

Call In Option

1-346-248-7799, add code 983234326#

A WORD ON VBS 2020

Tentative Dates for VBS:

Sunday July 19—Thursday July 23

We will be making a decision on VBS by
June 15.

VBS will likely look different this year, but we hope to still gather and create space for growing in faith and growing in our relationships!



ST PAUL

06-27-98 Charlie & JoAnn Johnson

ST JAMES

6-2 Jason & Kelly Frank

6-5 Will & Betty Meischen

6-7 Robert & Lynn Bockhorn

6-8 Delano & Vera Jean
Klausmeyer

6-8 Gary & Phyllis Weiss

6-10 Bobby & Bonnie Pieper

6-11 Lee & Kourtney Neumann

6-13 Olan & Sylvia Ashorn

6-13 Ronald & Paula Baade

6-13 Harold & Shirley Hohlt

6-14 Daniel & Gayle Engeling

6-24 Terry & Joy Druschke

ST PAUL

08 Anita Kramer

09 Kailey Torrez

14 Donnie Maresh

15 Doris Barnes

21 Lori Moehlmann

23 Debbie Krause

26 Leia Surovik

ST JAMES

6-1 Jacie McReynolds

6-2 Lillie Sinclair

6-4 Jessica Thayne

6-7 Brandon Hanath

6-9 Erwin Sander

6-11 Megan Bartay

6-12 Bobby Pieper

6-12 Bonnie Pieper

6-13 Eric Olson

6-16 Layla Moyers

6-17 Nichole Herrmann

6-20 Lucile Bockhorn

6-20 Kyle Collier

6-22 Scott Adams

6-24 Andrew Wagner

6-25 Nicole Schaper

6-27 Ashley Hanath

6-27 Susie Honerkamp

6-30 Lauren Sinclair

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Pastor Office Hours: Tuesday 9a-12p at St. Paul
Mon & Wed: 9am -12:30pm at St. James

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St. James Office: 979-836-2795

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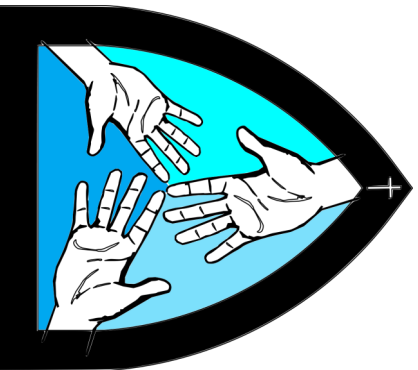
Welcome to worship!

*We are currently worshipping
together, at 9am*

In June, services will be at St
James

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Address service requested



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St. James + St. Paul
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