



Partners in Faith

November 2021

St Paul Lutheran Church in
Phillipsburg
2739 Phillipsburg Church Rd,
Brenham TX 77833
10:30am worship

St James Lutheran Church in
New Wehdem
10362 New Wehdem Rd
Brenham TX 77833
979-836-2795
9am worship

The Joyful Noise

United in Grace. Serving in Love.

A Moment for Mission

Save the Date—

Annual Beer and Hymn Festival, this
year benefitting Burton Bridge Ministry

WHEN: Sunday November 7, 4-7pm

WHERE: Brazos Valley Brewery

WHO: Allison Crowson and friends

This event is held annually in the fall on All Saints Day, and typically benefits a local ministry. This year, funds are going to Burton Bridge Ministry. They were formed in 2010 by 13 inspired churches, and since then have been sharing God's love through action and giving.

They feed seniors, lead summer Christian camps for kids, dispatch teams for minor home repairs, and operate a mobile food pantry.



SAVE THE DATES

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7—St. Paul Semi Annual Meeting +
All Saints Day
4-7pm Annual Beer & Hymn Festival at
Brazos Valley Brewery**

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14—Operation Xmas Child Boxes Due +
10:30am Polka Worship at St. James (9am service at St Paul)**

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21—Thankoffering services at both churches

No Thanksgiving Eve Worship this year**

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28—First Sunday in Advent

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Both St. Paul and St. James will participate in Operation Christmas Child again this year. Fill your own shoebox with items for kids ages 2 to 14. Suggested items are a quality “wow” toy such as a doll, soccer ball with pump, or a stuffed animal and then add other fun toys, hygiene items and school supplies.

Please put your boxes along with your check for \$9.00 for shipping on the back table at St. James or St Paul by **November 14.**

Your gift will bless children in need around the world!

St. Paul Phillipsburg Worship Assistants

	Nov 7	Nov 14	Nov 21	Nov 28
Reader	Dorothy Wellmann	Anna Breddin	Venetia Schiller	Barbara Tegeler
Organist	Donna Lankford	Donna Lankford	Donna Lankford	Donna Lankford
Ushers	Cheryl Gaskamp, Lori Moehlmann, Florence Klehm	Mark & Venetia Schiller, Carl & Carey Kokemor	Ed & Anna Breddin, Jessie Kokemor	Charlie & JoAnn Johnson, Lonnie & Barbara Tegeler
Altar Guild	Deanna Callahan Sandra Schwenke	Deanna Callahan Sandra Schwenke	Ruth Lehmann Florence Klehm	Ruth Lehmann Florence Klehm
Altar Flowers	Nelson & Dorothy Wellmann in honor of their 56th wedding anniversary	Catherine Gardiner in memory of her and Bob's wedding anniversary	Dorothy Tesch in memory of her parents	Jessie Kokemor in memory of Edwin & Lillie Kokemor

St. James New Wehdem Worship Assistants

	Nov 7	Nov 14	Nov 21	Nov 28
Reader				
Organist	Phyllis Weiss	Polka Service	Cheryl Buenger	Fredericka DeBerry
Flowers	Olan & Sylvia Ashorn	Weldon Emshoff	Anna & Joseph Tallerine in honor of baptism	Art & Laverne Rimmert 62 anniversary
Ushers + Greeters	Jeff & Carlee Wright, Greschen Yount, Olan & Sylvia Ashorn, Ronnie & Paula Baade			
Council	Becky Winkelmann			

Pastor's Column

By Evan Cameron, pastor



I want to walk as a child of the light...

"Sometimes it's easy to forget that we spend most of our time stumbling around the dark. Then, suddenly, sometimes, a light gets turned on."

This is a quote from the film *Spotlight*, the Best-Picture-winning film from a few years back about the Boston Globe journalists who were the first to uncover hidden abuse and misconduct within Catholic clergy. If you like a good riveting drama, it's a must see.

For today, I've been pondering that quote after spending Wednesday, October 20, talking with our Bible study group on the gospel of John. Specifically, John loves to play with themes of light and darkness from start to finish in his Gospel. Light is generally a synonym for life for John, and likewise, darkness a synonym for death. Some examples:

John 1 - What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

John 12:35 - You are going to have the light just a little while longer. Walk while you have the light, before darkness over takes you. Whoever walks in the dark does not know where they are going.

John 3:19 - Light has come into the world, but people loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil.

John 9:4-5 – We must do the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.

John seems to beg us to ponder – are we living in the day, in the light, in the life that God dreams for us? Are we enlightening others with the good news of Jesus, reflecting back light from the one who first loved us? Are we loving ourselves as we should? Loving others as we should? John loves love too – using the word more than 50 times in his work. Or are we stuck in the dark – turning away from our neighbors, seeing the worst of each other, judging others for thinking differently, trapping ourselves in echo chambers of people who only look and think like us? In the dark, it's easy to point fingers and blame, and it's really hard to be creative at problem solving.

Only you can know for yourself what it means to consider living with an attitude toward light and life rather than darkness and death. - PE

Wednesday December 1st

Shared “Nativity Tour” and Advent Kickoff Family Night—6pm at St James

Please consider sharing your family nativity set with us for one week—bring it by 11/28 and we’ll display it in the FLC from 12/1 to 12/5, and then you can pick it back up.

Dinner provided (*thanks Real Deal Catering!*)

We will have a “dinner church” style family worship together in the Family Life Center, with communion. After this, we’ll have some bulb-painting crafts and time together.

STARTING THIS FALL - A GRIEF SHARING GROUP—WED., NOV 3. 12PM

We had 8 people at our initial gathering—but if you missed the first one, you are more than welcome to join us anytime.

FYI—the goal for our November meeting is to bring an item that reminds you of someone you have lost, or that connects you to that person in some way.

We will meet on the first Wednesday of each month at noon at the St James FLC. Bring a brown bag lunch if you wish. Non-members are absolutely welcome.

Cell: 330-407-9731. Email: pastorevan@sisplutheran.org

ST JAMES NEW WEHDEM UPDATES

ALL SAINTS DAY will be on November 7. We will have candles available to be lit in memory of loved ones. You are invited to bring a photo of a loved one to place in the sanctuary during worship. We will remember the following who have passed away since the 2020 All Saints Day:

LeeRoy Winkelmann

Sharon O'Malley

Gladys Stein

Laura Fieseler

Larry Dierking

Leeland Rinn

Donald Ray Sander

CHICKEN STEW RAFFLE ITEMS

Donations for the Raffle are being taken. Forms are on the back table. Contact Joan Buenger with questions and/or ideas.

ST. JAMES POINSETTIA SIGN-UP

We have ordered poinsettia plants for our sanctuary for Christmas. Cost is \$12.50 each. Forms to place your order will be on the back table in the sanctuary.

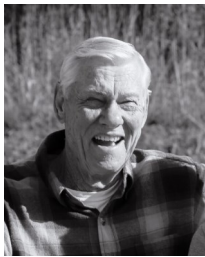
2022 FLOWER CHART is on the back bulletin board.

MEMORIALS

In Memory of Joyce Rust

Sandy Teufel

SYMPATHIES TO FAMILY OF DONALD RAY SANDER



Donald Ray Sander was born August 16, 1941 in Welcome, Texas. He died October 22, 2021 at his home in Richmond, Texas. He was preceded in death by his parents Raymond W. Sander & Leona Garland Sander and brother Vernon Sander. He is survived by his wife Dorothy Sander, children Stacie & James Cook of Lubbock; Brian & Megan Sander of San Antonio. Grandchildren Ashley Cook, Allison Cook, Elizabeth Sander and William Sander; Sister-In-Law Pauline Jacobs of Brenham. Funeral services and burial was held October 27th at the St. James.

ST PAUL PHILLIPSBURG UPDATES

SEMI ANNUAL MEETING is after worship on November 7th. Please plan on attending to ensure a quorum. There will also be approval of the 2022 budget, election of officers (VP, secretary & treasurer) and a second vote for changing memorials and youth/family council positions in the constitution from elected to appointed.

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY is on November 7th. There's a signup sheet at the back of the church if you'd like to add the name of your loved one to be remembered or call Donna to add at 713-816-6980.

POINSETTIAS can be purchased to beautify the sanctuary for Christmas. They will be a 6-1/2" pot with a sleeve for \$11.

DORCAS CIRCLE met on 10/19 with Anita, Anna, Dorothy W, Dorothy T, Florence, Ruth, Jessie, Sandra and Vernice attending. Boxes were packed for LWR shipment shipping... **24 quilts, 44 personal care kits and 60 school kits.** Thank you ladies for your dedicated efforts to care for one another and to share your time and talents.

The Bible Study was Session 2-Breath of God. God created Adam and gave him the "breath of life"-the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is the "Wind" that makes us move to action and gives us hope.

Advent dinner on Dec 5th, WELCA will provide fried chicken. Everyone attending is asked to signup and indicate a side or dessert to bring and share. Deadline is Nov 28th.

Dorcas Circle Christmas party is on Dec 14th with turkey and dressing at a cost of \$10. the special Circle Sister offering will go to Focusing Families. Signup deadline is Dec 5th.



Jessie Evelyn Hartnett at the State Fair in Texas where she placed 10th with her pig. Congrats!!!

DATES TO REMEMBER

November 7th—All Saints Sunday/Semi Annual Meeting

End of Daylight Savings time/Fall back an hour

November 14th—Worship at 9 am!!! Shoe Box deadline

November 21st—Thankoffering Sunday & Callahan baptism

December 5th—Advent dinner following worship

December 14th—Dorcas Circle Christmas Party

USHERS & LAY READERS are needed for 2022.

Please consider serving; signup sheets found at the back of the church.

Sept expenses \$16,134, income \$18,502 (\$8,614 moved from building/maintenance to cover church sewer repairs to women's restroom). Working balance is \$32,206.

November 2021

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>
	1	2	3 Grief Share Noon, St J Zoom Bible
7 ALL SAINTS SUNDAY St. James—9:00am I/O Weiss Baptism St. Paul— 10:30am I/O Beer & Hymn Festival 4-7pm at Brazos Valley Brewery 4:30pm KHWI Radio Service	8	9	10 Zoom Bible
14 St. Paul— 9:00am I/O St. James—10:30am I/O <i>Polka Service at St. James</i> St. James Sunday School— 10:00am Deadline for Operation Christ- mas Child Boxes 4:30pm KHWI Radio Service	15 Leadership Night—both church councils, at St Paul 6pm start	16	17 Zoom Bible
21 THANKOFFERING SUNDAY St. James—9:00am I/O Tallerine Baptism St. Paul— 10:30am I/O Callahan Baptism 4:30pm KHWI Radio Service	22	23 St. Paul Dorcas Circle LWR Quilting, 10 am Bible Study, 3 pm	24 No Thanks Eve We
28 FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT St. James—9:00am I/O St. Paul—10:30am I/O 4:30pm KHWI Radio Service	29	30	<i>Pastor</i>

<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
Singing Group @ James Bible Study—7pm	4 Men's Breakfast 7:30 at SJ	5	6 SP Fellowship Hall Rsvd DKG, 8 am—noon
Bible Study—7pm	11	12	13
Bible Study—7pm	18 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	19	20
Singing Fellowship	25 THANKSGIVING DAY	26	27
<i>Evan on vacation 11/22—11/28</i>			

The Life and Times of Shared Ministry



St Paul Confirmands—from left to right: Jaylen Tesch, Cole Tesch, Mia Surovik



***St James Confirmands—
Mackenzie Schrader
Eli Fishbeck
Kerby Krueger***

Council Notes

St. Paul Phillipsburg Council

Met on 10/18 at St. Paul. Pastor Evan led a devotion based on Mark 1 and led us in prayer. Pastor written report; newsletter and postage discussed in detail and resolved. Dates and times to remember:

1. Shared worship on 5th Sunday , 10/31 at St. James at 10 am
2. Wednesday, December 1st Advent kickoff,
3. November 14th Polka service at SJ's at 10:30, SP's worship at 9 am.

Anna called the meeting to order with Lenny, Charlie, Jessie, Vernice, Carey and Dorothy present.

- Minutes were read and approved
- Dorothy presented her financial report
- Jessie presented her printed treasurers report
- WiFi was discussed; currently more often no service than having service
- Darrell Schulz approved for 3/1 thru 10/31 lawn care at \$250/biweekly plus \$250/mowing as needed. Jeri Hanath for \$250/monthly custodian
- Charlie is in contact with someone to install hand railing
- Worked on agenda and 2022 budget for semi annual meeting

Next meeting is November 15th, 6:00 pm.
Respectfully submitted, Vernice Kokemor

St. Paul Council

Anna Breddin, *President*

Charlie Johnson, *VP*

Vernice Kokemor, *Secretary*

Jessie Kokemor, *Treasurer*

Dorothy Wellmann,
Financial Secretary

Trish Surovik, *Parish Ed*

Lori Moehlmann, *Memorials*

Lenny Krause, *Bldg / Grounds*

Carey Kokemor,
*Congregational Life/Shared
Ministry*

St. James New Wehdem Council

Met on Oct. 18 with Kamie Krueger, Kate Buenger, Jessica Thayne and Joe Tallarine present.

- Discussed Shared worship on October 31.
- Dec. 1 Advent kickoff with Winkelmann's providing meal and a Nativity Scene Tour
- Nov. 14 Polka Service at St. James at 10:30am
- Postage for newsletters needs reimbursement back to 2019 to Donna.
- Plans in progress for new front sign of church
- Confirmation has started with great attendance. Considering Camp Chrysalis in summer 2022.
- Discussed Holy Land Trip
- Trees have been trimmed and one tree by office removed. Will call Bluebonnet Electric to look at trees by power line.
- Discussed Christmas Eve-planned to have another outdoor service which can be moved indoors in case of bad weather. James looking for someone to train on his lighting system to take over next year.
- Elevator maintenance and fire extinguisher checks will be done.
- Accepted Donald Sander as a new member.

St. James Council

Kamie Krueger, *President*

, *VP*

Jessica Thayne, *Secretary*

Becky Winkelmann, *Treasurer*

Kate Buenger, *Asst. Treasurer*

David Bartay
Bldg / Grounds

Joe Tallarine, *Shared Ministry
Representative*

Lutheran Disaster Response

Lutheran charities have for a long time graded very highly in terms of low admin costs and getting aid where it is needed. Please give as you can to help our neighbors in LA , CA, and Haiti.
<https://www.elca.org/Our-Work/Relief-and-Development/Lutheran-Disaster-Response>

Wednesday Night Bible Study—7pm weekly

We are into Paul's letters and zooming toward Revelation.

This is an open group, always welcome to anyone if you want to jump in. We still meet on Zoom, so you can call in or join with a laptop from your own couch.

KWHI Services at 4:30p

We will continue our Sunday 4:30pm worship on KWHI, both AM (1280) and FM (101.7).

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

Thanks to all who have given to support this new outreach ministry! It is becoming a healthy evangelism tool for us.

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

SUNDAY WORSHIP

St James 9:00am

St. Paul 10:30am

Nov 7 | All Saints Sunday
Isaiah 25:6-9, Ps 24, rev. 21:1-6a, John 11:32-44 We celebrate the victory won for all the faithful dead, but we grieve for our beloved dead as well, knowing that God honors our tears.

Nov 14 | Time After Pentecost
Daniel 12:1-3, Ps 16, Hebrews 10:11-14, 19-25, Mark 13:1-8
Christ makes a way for us where there is no way, and we walk it confidently, our hearts and bodies washed in baptismal water, trusting the one who has promised forgiveness.

Nov 21 | Christ the King Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14, Ps 93, Rev. 1:4b-8, John 18:33-37 Jesus' authority comes from the truth to which he bears witness, and those who recognize the truth voluntarily listen to him.

Nov 28 | First Sunday of Advent
Jeremiah 33:14-16, Ps 25:1-10, 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13, Luke 21:25-36 Advent is about the "coming days." God's people have always lived in great expectation. We eagerly await the coming days: another Christmas celebration, a second coming the advent of Christ in word and supper.

Bread Partners Items in November

St. James: Pasta

St. Paul: pasta or rice (drop off at church) - goal of 50 items!

Prayer Concerns

St. Paul Members: Wilfred Neumann, Dorothy Krause, Brenda Blum, Will Hartnett, Catherine Gardiner, Lillie Mae Gross

St. James Members: Cheryl Buenger, Carolyn Loesch, Janet Mills, Elsie Pieper, Floreen Schulze, Erlene Sommerfeld, John Teufel, Chris, Amy, & Lincoln Tiemann, Margaret Tiemann, Nelda Wilke, Amy Winkelmann

Family and Friends: Donna Acousta, Pastor Larry Beck, Jeri Bentke, Winston Dietrich, Hank Duvall, Gabriel Fuentes, Tammy Glaesmann, Gladys Grawunder, Trevor Green, Denise Greene, Gracie Haley, Lisa Jasinski, Keith Korth, Michael Korth, Jane & Lee Larkin, Sharon McGary, Becky Meador, Todd Miniffee, Cay Noble, Marilyn Petrich, Roy Schmidt, Britt Smith, Mark Snider, Pat Stelter, Diane Winkelmann, Xavier Rogers

Military: Tristan Plaisance, Jenna Schiller

SYMPATHIES to

Family of Margaret Drushel, sister of Pastor Lawrence Bade

Family of Beth Krause

Family of Donald Sander

ST PAUL ANNIVERSARIES

11-12-88 Robert & Lori
Reichwein

11-13-65 Nelson & Dorothy
Wellmann

ST PAUL BIRTHDAYS

01 Karen Klehm
01 Deanna Callahan
02 Trish Surovik
02 Phoebe Ritch
06 Austin Schiller
08 Carl Kokemor
08 Robert Reichwein
08 Nelson Wellmann
09 Stephanie Mikeska
17 Brad Lankford
18 Dorothy Wellmann
24 Harper Lischka
28 Joy Sorensen

ST JAMES BIRTHDAYS

11-1 McCrae Wade
11-3 Brianna Hohlt
11-4 Sarah Buenger
11-5 Florence Rinn
11-6 Bradley Lorenz
11-10 Sharon Winkelmann
11-11 Carol Johnson
11-11 Amy Winkelmann
11-13 Rubie Wright
11-15 Creed Luetge
11-17 Donnie Henske
11-19 Ronny Schaper
11-21 Kristy Collier
11-22 Harold Hohlt
11-22 Myrna Siemsglusz
11-23 Margaret Schneider
11-25 Brooke Schrader
11-25 Jacob Bland
11-26 Palmer Dierking
11-27 Colin Goeke
11-28 Fredericka DeBerry
11-29 Sandy Teufel
11-29 Knellen Quinteros
11-29 Jack Mingori

ST JAMES ANNIVERSARIES

11-1 Charlie & Nancy Sommer
11-5 Brett & Krista Sander
11-8 Lee & Jamie Freitag
11-10 John & Brianna Hohlt
11-12 William & Margaret
Moyers
11-24 Weldon & Peggy Emshoff

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 Thur 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
St Paul Office: *use Donna's cell above* St. James Office: *979-836-2795*
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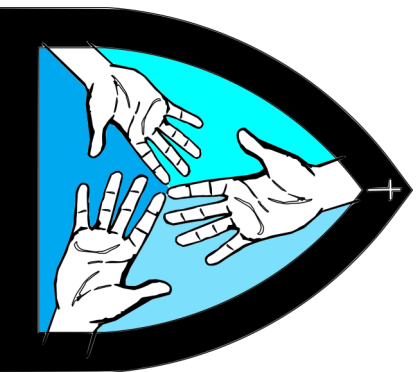
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Welcome to worship!

We are currently worshipping
9am at St James
10:30am at St Paul

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