

The Joyful Noise

United in Grace. Serving in Love.

Stories of Faith

Storyteller: Barbara Tegeler



September 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.

It was September 11, 2001, at 8:46am in New York City, and I was in downtown Manhattan. I had been to New York several times over the years and loved it. This particular trip was the same as other prior trips: going to Broadway for plays, eating at some of the best restaurants, showing my friends all the tourist attractions, and of course, shopping.

I was staying in a friend's apartment this time instead of a hotel. Our friend asked us to meet for breakfast at a new restaurant near the World Trade Center at 9:00 so we all were rushing to get dressed. It was 8:30, and we still needed to catch a cab. All of a sudden we hear an explosion. I look out the window and see hundreds of people running. It was 8:46. We turned on the television news and realized why everyone was running. The World Trade Center was attacked by terrorists.

I truly believe God was watching over me. If we had been on time for breakfast, I would not be telling my story. I immediately got my

cell phone and called home. I spoke with my daughters and husband and basically told them I loved them and that was not sure if I was going to make it home. In other words, I said goodbye. Then my cell phone would not work because everyone in Manhattan was on their cell. There was no service. I was scared, confused, and wondering what to do.

All of a sudden, I got strength and courage and an incredible sensation of leadership to leave and get us home but how? Airports were closed and no taxis were available, so I told my friends to follow me, and we started walking. I didn't know where we were going but I knew...

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SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP: IMPORTANT UPDATES

Instructions and Information for our September Outdoor Services

- **1. For September 6, 13, 20 and 27, we will have shared services at 9am at <u>St Paul</u>. 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. On the 27th, pets and animals are invited! (see page 10)**
- **2.** At St Paul, please park on the outside wings of the driveway, so that those seated in the shade can still hear over the sounds of engine fans. There is shade in the "front lawn" of the church under the trees. We will set up in front of the church, on the sidewalk that goes in front of the flowerbed. For those with higher risk factors, I strongly encourage you to favor the parking lot radio style of participation.
- 3. For our children—these services will now include children's bulletins, and a "children's time" focused on storytelling during the readings.
- 4. We will continue communion— "BYOC" style! Please bring your own bread/cracker and grape juice to both settings. We have an outdoor keyboard setup for music as well.
- 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. We are also continuing our 1pm KWHI radio services through September 20th. After that date, the time is changing to 4:30pm.
- 7. Councils are having conversations about late fall and winter, including Christmas Eve. We continue to pray for the hard work happening in laboratories working on a vaccine and other research on the virus.
 - **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.



Lutheran World Relief suffered a great loss in the explosion in Beirut recently. Three containers of LWR quilts and kits amounting to more than 47,000 items were destroyed.

A gift to LWR will send help to those who are suffering.

Go to Lutheran World Relief online to donate, or you can bring an offering on Sunday morning with a specific memo line for LWR.

Brenham Senior Activity Center Food Giveaway

On September 2nd and 16th from 9:30am until 11:30am, the Margaret Blizzard Senior Activity Center (1301 East Tom Green, Brenham TX 77833) will have a drive-thru food giveaway.

All are welcome to come for produce from area farms, who have seen a significant decrease in demand because of COVID restaurant closures.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT ZOOM BIBLE STUDY / BOOK CLUB-7PM

Our Wednesday bible study / book club group is studying various prophets in the bible! 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#

Pastor's Column

By Evan Cameron, pastor

The story of 'Come From Away,' and what it can teach us now



I have loved musicals as long as I can remember. Growing up, we wore out VHS tapes of *Grease* and *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* (the latter partially because my siblings and I loved it, and partially because my mom loved Donny Osmond). I've always been fascinated by the magic of live theatre, and the way a story, told through music, can become both so memorable and so personable.

In February of this year, Katharine and I drove to Austin to see a show called *Come From Away* for the first time. It tells the story of a tiny little Canadian town called Gander, way up north on the east coast. On September 11, 2001, when US airspace was closed, 38 international flights coming from Africa, the Middle East, and Europe were re-routed to Gander because....well, they had to land somewhere. A town of 9,000 people absorbed 7,000 humans carried in by 38 jumbo jets from all over the world. They did this in the span of 12 hours. For comparison, imagine if Bellville doubled in size in the course of a day—and imagine that most people who were suddenly there did not speak English. They called the people who got off the plane "the come from aways," because they truly came from everywhere. It is the best modern day version I know of the 'good Samaritan' story, with a dash of the 'feeding of the 5,000' mixed in.

So, how did Gander pull it off? Just about every home took in a handful of people. Schools were converted into mass hotels. Church pews became beds, and sanctuaries became, well, sanctuaries. Translators were brought in. Grocery stores gave everything away for free, and donations poured in from nearby cities, flooding the town with toilet paper, casseroles, frozen meat, water, formula, clothes, diapers, you name it. Perhaps most importantly (as you can imagine from Barbara's story), endless landline phones were donated, so that the stranded travelers could tell panicking loved ones that they were safe.

I've listened to the soundtrack again as COVID took hold, as the opposite of Gander unfolded around us: food and toilet paper and hygiene items were hoarded, and often, too many hands pointed to blame instead of reaching out to help. As another September 11 arrives, may the people of Gander teach us yet again that the most beautiful expressions of faith include kindness, generosity, and community.

PS: if you want to know more of the story, read *The Day the World Came to Town* by Jim DeFede

Stories of Faith, continued...

we had to leave immediately. As we were walking, I was knocking on car windows asking for a ride. The traffic was incredible. I walked for a long time between cars knocking and asking for help. Finally a man in a van said we could get in. There weren't any seats in the back so we just sat on the floor with his tools. He was going across to New Jersey but traffic was stopped because of a bomb threat on the bridge. We finally crossed, and he let us out. But even then I could only think, now what do I do?

Somehow, we hired a car to take us further into New Jersey. We were on our way. It was getting dark and the driver needed to stop for gas. I looked back towards the horrible sight of everything burning in New York. I was so sad and felt guilty for being alive, especially later knowing almost 3,000 people died that day. When looking back at the burning towers that night, I thought about the story in the Bible about Lot's wife. God told her "Don't look back!" I wish I had not. I will forever see that image. I eventually made it home, driving a rental car 1,662 miles back home.

I left out a few things in my story but we need another day for that. I am so grateful for my life but will never compare to the stories other people have. I went through nothing compared to what so many went through that day. I have never been back to New York since and never want to. I don't watch TV on September 11th, as it makes me too sad.

Many thanks to Barbara for having the courage and vulnerability to tell this faith story.

We give thanks too for the kindness of unknown strangers, like the van driver in this story, who make this world a better place, even in the face of crisis and fear.

An Update on KWHI Services

On September 6th, 13th, and 20th, we will continue our Sunday 1p—1:30pm 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/

After Sunday, 9/20 our time slot is changing. On September 27 it will be at 4:30pm. (This has to do with the potential return of the NFL).

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

ST JAMES NEW WEHDEM UPDATES

CONTRACT BIDS DUE SEPT 1 Packets for Janitorial, Church Lawn, Cemetery & Germania Cemetery Maintenance services and bid return sheets are on the back table.

CONGRATS to Chris & Amy Tiemann on the birth of Lincoln Hayes! He was 7 lb 2 oz. Please continue to pray for Lincoln as he grows stronger.

Sympathies to the Family of Ellen Henske Ellen Henske, 89, passed away Aug 1, 2020. Born Mar 11, 1931 she was baptized, confirmed, and married at St. James. Ellen was an active member of St. James. She is survived by son, Donald Ray Henske & Jenny; daughter, Bonnie Lee Pieper & Bobby; daughter, Phyllis Ann Weiss & Gary. Grandchildren Brandi Fishbeck & Chad; Jodie McReynolds & A.J.; Megan Freitag & Kyle; Audrey Zaffirini & Carlos; Lauren Sinclair & Steven; Erich Weiss & Tiffany. Great grand-

Daniel & Gayle Engeling

Lonnie & Barbara Tegeler

Eldon & Tina Mikeska

Verbie Weiss

Janice Kokemor

Jackie Bowden

Myrna Siemsglusz

Lowe & Shelly Freitag

William & Barbara Bowden

Tommy & Sharon O'Malley

Lawrence & Sharon Bade



children Kerby, Callie, Tyler, Eli, Vivienne, Georgia, Jacie, Karlie, Lillie, Asher, & George. Services were Aug 5 at 6:30 pm outside St. James with the interment following in the church cemetery.

St James Memorials

In Memory of Ellen Henske

Lucile Bockhorn

Odis & Mildred Haynes Charles & Vickie Goeke Elroy & Sue Maass Darrell Wehmeyer Gary Griesenbeck Art & LaVerne Remmert Judy & Leah Sens Jessie Kokemor John R. Bowden David & Karolyn Ottmer Karen, Greg, Zachary Cooper Shirley & Mark Alford Ralph & Debbie Tiemann

Vincent & Rebecca Trahan Jeffrey Pilchiek Shirley Maeckel Charyln Schoenvogel James & Carolyn Balke Bruce & Cheryl Buenger & Family

Erline Sommerfeld Paul & Laura Weiss **Knellen Quinteros** Norman & Alana Winkelmann David & Charlotte Hoff Betty Bowden Joan Buenger & Family Donald & Sharon Winkelmann Bradley & Janice Hanath & Families Robert & Lynn Bockhorn & Family No Austin Co Extension Ed Assn Kim Kaliszewski Delano & Vera Jean Klausmeyer Irene & John Williford Greg & Linda Gooding

Jeffrey Pilchiek

Bonnie Pilchiek

In Memory of Wilfred Emshoff—Tommy & Sharon O'Malley

In Memory of Evelyn Loesch—Larry & Julie Tegeler

In Memory of Dennis Mahlmann—Erline Sommerfeld

In Memory of William Dierking Jr.—Ralph & Debbie Tiemann

In Memory of Mary Klausmeyer Martin—Delano & Vera Jean Klausmeyer

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ST PAUL PHILLIPSBURG UPDATES

WELCA items to be collected in September...

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 are on sale 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

Our sympathy to Brenda Blum on the death of her brother William "Spunky" Blum. He passed away on August 19th after complications from a fall.

Our sympathy to Don Werth on the death of his son, Clint after a lengthy struggle with cancer. He was 37. Don grew up in our church and community. Don's parents and Clint's grandparents, Raymond & Louise Werth were long time members of Phillipsburg.

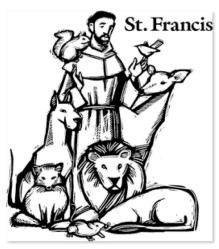
THANK YOU ...On behalf of the Bread Partners of Washington County I would like to thank you for your very generous donation of \$50. Because of supporters like you, we are able to help hundreds of families in our community access the food they so desperately need. We are honored to count you as a partner in our effort to feed our neighbors and lead Washington County to end hunger. We truly appreciate the gift and wish to extend our sincere gratitude for your generous contribution and continued support, especially in these difficult times. Michael Pareva, Board of Directors

"Truly , I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me." Matthew 25:40

Our continued prayers for Brenda Blum and Will Hartnett as they began cancer treatments in late August.

September 2020				
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	W	
		1	Free Food Brenham S 9:30-11:30 Confirmati Zoom Bible	
6 Shared Worship Outside at St. Paul— 9am 1pm KHWI Radio Service	7	8	9 Zoom Bible	
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20	21	22	Zoom Bible	
Shared Worship Outside at St. Paul— 9am	Leadership Night—both church councils, at St Paul. 6:30pm start.		Zoom Bible	
1pm KWHI Radio Service				
27 BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS SERVICE – see page 10 Shared Worship Outside at St. Paul— 9am 4:30pm KWHI Radio Service	28	29	30 Zoom Bible	

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Study—7:15pm		**Please note—upcoming St James Annual Meeting Sunday, October 11th. Following 9am worship service, outside at St James	



Sunday, September 27 9am, both churches, at St Paul

Both St. James and St. Paul have past traditions of hosting a "blessing of the animals" service. Neither church has done one for a few years, but since we are already meeting outside, this is a great chance to again have such a gathering!

You are invited and encouraged to bring along any pets, or frankly any animal, that you would like to bless, to

church on Sunday 9/27. Pastor Evan will have simple blessings to share with families. Please be mindful of leashes, etc so that we don't end up with too much chaos as we will still maintain good distancing practices. You are also certainly welcome to bring your pet, and keep him/her with you in your car the whole time.

We will do this on 9/27 because it is close to the Feast of St. Francis, who of course was famous for his preference to walk into the woods and preach to the birds and animals and trees rather than being confined inside a church.

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

As many families have experienced firsthand, 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 (it's not a comprehensive list, but it's a good start)

Kruse Village: Jean Thompson, Margaret Tiemann

Briarwood Care Center: Wilfred Neumann, Otto & Dorothy Krause

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

The Life and Times of Shared Ministry

WELCOME to Lukas Dale Buckley who was baptized on August 23!

He is the son of Jeremy & Lauren Buckley, grandson of Ronnie and Suzanne Bockhorn, and greatgrandson of Lucile Bockhorn





Thanks to all who tuned in for Katharine Cameron's virtual ordination, and a special thanks to Lily Koehn, who was one of the readers of scripture at the service!

Council Notes

St. Paul Phillipsburg Council

Council met August 17th. Pastor Evan led a Bible study and prayer. He briefed us on shared ministry and presented his written report. Deanna, Jessie, Florence, Lenny and Vernice were present with Anna presiding.

- Radio service will continue at 1 pm through September 20th; then on September 27th it will begin at 4:30 pm
- Minutes were approved as read
- Financial Secretary handed out her report
- Florence reported a tree down that needed to be cleaned up
- No Old Business
- In New Business, it was suggested to purchase poinsettias from Brookwood
- Next meeting is September 21st at 6:30 pm 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

St. James New Wehdem Council

We met on August 17. Pastor Evan opened the meeting with a devotion and prayer. President Knellen Quinteros called the meeting to order. Present: Linda Tiemann, Becky Winkelmann, Joseph Tallerine, David Bartay, Kamie Krueger.

Old Business: Cemetery pavilion project will start soon. Glenn Huebner will donate concrete. Contract bids are due by 9/1

New Business: New Cemetery Fence – Dierking family will pay for survey – Church will pay for fence. New Flowers for cemetery – proposed idea to change flowers in cemetery every season. Money will come from cemetery fund.

Next meeting on Sept. 21 @ 6:30 at St. Paul's. 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

ST. JAMES CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

October 11 after worship

You can stay in your car or stay seated outside just like our standard worship practice.

LOOKING FOR SUNDAY VOLUNTEERS

We need volunteers to usher at worship services. Simply wear a mask, greet folks in cars as they arrive for worship and hand out bulletins. Contact Pr. Evan or Donna and Tanya at the church office to volunteer.

SEEKING CONFIRMATION "FAITH VISITORS" THIS FALL

We are resuming confirmation classes starting September 2nd, and we will meet 2x per month throughout the fall, all on Zoom for now.

Pastor Evan is looking for some adults who would be willing to sign in to Zoom just for one night, to say hello to the students, and to take 5-10 minutes to share what their faith has meant for them in their adult life. There would then be space for the students to ask the visiting adult questions.

All of us make promises to our youth at baptisms to support their faith formation - consider this a tangible way that you can give one night to be present with some of our young adults, to help make faith in the real world real to them, and to give them another example of faith outside of their own families.

Talk to Pastor Evan (pastorevan@sjsplutheran.org, 330-407-9731) if you are interested in being a one night guest star!

SUNDAY WORSHIP Shared, Outdoors 9am at St Paul

Sept 6 | Pentecost 14 Ezekiel 33:7-11, Ps. 119:33-40, Romans 13:8-14, Matthew 18:15-20

Conflict is a part of relationships and life in community. We gather in the name of Christ, assured that He is present among us with gifts of peace and reconciliation.

Sept 13 | Pentecost 15 Genesis 50:15-21, Ps 103:8-13, Romans 14:1-12, Matthew 18:21-35

We judge and sin against one another. Jesus reveals God's boundless mercy. When we hear his words of forgiveness, we are renewed in baptism to be signs of reconciliation in the world.

Sept 20 | Pentecost 16 Jonah 3:10—4:11, Ps 145:1-8, Philippians 1:21-30, Matthew 20:1-16 God is gracious and merciful, abounding in steadfast love. In baptism we receive the grace of God that is freely given to all.

Sept 27 | Pentecost 17 Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32, Ps 25:1-9, Philippians 2:1-13, Matthew 21:23-32 Look to Christ as a model of humility, putting the interests of others above our own.

Bread Partners Item in September

St. James: canned fruits, or any item (leave in back of sanctuary). Thanks to all for your donations!

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

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: Fredericka DeBerry, Larry Dierking, Sally Dierking, Laura Fieseler, Donnie Henske, Janet Mills, Elsie Pieper, Ronnie Schaper, Floreen Schulze, Steven Sinclair, Erline Sommerfeld, Chris, Amy, & Lincoln Tiemann, Treyce Tiemann, Margaret Tiemann, Nelda Wilke, Lee Roy Winkelmann

Family and Friends: Johnny Hardin, Pat Stelter, Leonard, Jamie Stokes, Gabriel Fuentes, Tammy Glaesmann, Ronnie Haevischer, Shannon Wellmann, Shelly Richard, David Kiemsteadt, Hank Duvall, Jeri Bentke, Sarah Wischnowsky, Lorri Morris, Winston Dietrich, Alton Jacobs, Gladys Oakley, Della & Briley Jasinski

Military: Tristan Plaisance, Jenna Schiller

Sympathies to: The Family of Ellen Henske

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

09-01-1963 Donnie & Laurece Maresh 09-12-2008 Andy & Christie Gurka 09-15-2007 Michael & Christine Skala 09-20-2003 Justin & Laci Tesch

ST JAMES

9-1 Steven & Lauren Sinclair 9-4 Robert & Becky Winkelmann 9-15 Wesley & Erica Winkelmann 9-16 Zachary & Julie Inman



ST PAUL

02 Laci Tesch05 Christie Gurka07 Manda Tuttle07 Jaylen Tesch09 Tanner Vacha

13 Kinley Kokemor13 JoAnn Johnson

18 Dorothy Lee Tesch

19 Andy Gurka20 Scott Mosley

21 Anna Breddin

24 Vernice Kokemor

26 Mia Surovik

ST JAMES

9-1 Weston Garling 9-1 Bradley Hanath 9-3 Cindy Lorenz 9-4 Troy Hanath 9-4 Julie Inman 9-5 Kase Braun 9-9 Julie Adams

9-10 Betty Bowden
9-11 Erich Weiss

9-12 Larry Dierking

9-12 Tara White

9-14 Robert Harris

9-14 Linda Tiemann

9-16 Donald Winkelmann

9-18 Ashley McReynolds

9-20 Debbie Tiemann

9-22 Wesley Winkelmann

9-23 Elwood Dannhaus

9-24 Emily Luetge

9-25 MacKenzie Schrader

9-26 Emma Hinton 9-26 Phyllis Weiss

9-27 Ella Wilson

9-28 Gavin Tiemann

9-29 Mildred Haynes

9-29 May Dell Kuhlmann

9-29 Floreen Schulze

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Pastor Evan Cameron pastorevan@sjsplutheran.org
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Mon & Wed: 9am -12:30pm at St. James

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

September 6, 13, 20, 27: Services will be at St Paul, outside

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