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January 2021

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# The Joyful Noise

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## ADVENT PROJECT: ELCA GOOD GIFTS Update and Thanks

Thanks to all who gave toward our Advent partnership with the ELCA's "good gifts" program. Some of these gifts will stay in the US, and some will be shared abroad.

For those who are curious, Lutheran World Relief (the larger umbrella under which Good Gifts falls) scores 5/5 stars and a 91.7 out of 100 rating on charity navigator.

This Christmas season, we (St. James and St Paul) are sending the following:

- 18 Goats
- 11 starter packs of Honeybees
- 7 packs of Chicks
- 14 Pigs
- 2 "Feed a Refugee Family"
- 5 "School Supplies for a Child"
- 3 Roosters
- 3 "Feed 50 at a Soup Kitchen"
- 3 "School Fees & Uniform for a Girl"
- 1 Latrine
- 3 "sets of Bibles for Global Church"
- 4 Water Filters
- 3 "Micro Loan for a Woman"

*Total gifts added up to just shy of \$3,000—thank you for remarkable generosity!*



## A Holy Land Pilgrimage: 10 Days in Galilee, Bethlehem, and Jerusalem - January 6-17, 2022

**Informational Meeting to learn more – Sunday, January 10<sup>th</sup> 11:30am at  
St James FLC.** If you can't be there but want info, talk to Pastor Evan!

### **A brief sample list of what we might see/do:**

- Ride in a boat on the Sea of Galilee (and pray for no sudden storms!)
- Explore Nazareth, including the possible childhood home of Jesus
- Wade into the Jordan River, and explore just how desolate the wilderness is surrounding it
- Discover the depth of Jacob's well from John 4
- Wander through the shepherd's fields on the outskirts of Bethlehem
- Float in the Dead Sea
- Eat lots and lots and lots of delicious Mediterranean food (*if you don't know what schawarma and falafel are now, you will*)
- Walk the stations of the cross in the old city of Jerusalem
- See for yourself the complicated layers behind the Israeli / Palestinian conflict
- Pray and worship in stunning churches built at holy sites
- Grow relationships of greater depth with your brothers and sisters from church through a shared common spiritual experience

# **ST. JAMES ANNUAL CHICKEN STEW**

**Sunday, January 31**

**Drive Thru Pickup—2 Lines (11:30a—1p)**

**One behind FLC, one in front**

**\$10 per quart**

**Bring your own container**

**“Distance” Raffle as well—top prize is an \$800  
Visa gift card.**

**\*\*We will be gathering whole desserts—a dozen cup-  
cakes, cakes, etc—to sell via a freewill offering in the  
drive thru line. Contact Joan Buenger if you are able  
to donate a dessert.**



# Pastor's Column

By Evan Cameron, pastor



## The Covid Holidays: A New Understanding of Hospitality

Like many of you, I typically spend late December or early January preparing to host guests. It is a busy but joyful time, where every frustrating hour spent scrubbing the spare bathroom is matched by the excitement of future laughter, meal fellowship, and that precious “slow time” spent on winter holiday evenings with those our hearts love most.

Yet we must confess that the cry of the church during Advent and Christmas is not “prepare ye the way for Aunt Patty and Uncle Jim.” In these days when the sun sets so early, we anticipate not just the arrival of family but the arrival of the light of the world—Jesus, Emmanuel, the Prince of Peace, the Shepherd of Salvation. John the Baptist yells from the banks of our nearby rivers: prepare the way for Jesus, the beloved son of God, the Lamb who takes away the sin of the world.

This year, we will not be hosting anyone at our home. Maybe that is true for some of you as well. Every family has different circumstances and has to make their own choices. We are traveling to see just my siblings and their partners and to rent a house together for a week. It’s “different” and non-traditional, like so many pieces of this year.

I will be honest in saying that expressing hospitality is one of my favorite aspects of this time of year, and so it saddens me to not be able to prepare a guest room, or to not prepare a large grocery list in advance of guests. Generosity just seems to want to leak out of us around the holidays, but as we close 2020, many of us have to hold back those best parts of us to practice good distancing.

I’ve been thinking about this for the past few weeks, and here’s where I have landed. Right now, I believe that showing compassionate hospitality means doing the opposite of what it normally means. My grandma is turning 90 on January 10, and right now, it is good hospitality by me to *not* invite her to fly to Texas. We’ll celebrate her with all the more frivolity post-vaccine release, but for now, safety comes first.

I wish you a merry 12 days of Christmas leading into the Epiphany season, and I also wish you a safe and healthy start to the new year.

I look forward with great anticipation to the re-awakening of various ministries in 2021!

Pastor Evan 

# THANK YOU!

Thank you to all who have served on the church councils this year! It has been such an important year to have good, steady leadership. Our outgoing council members, who have served the past two years, are:

## **At St. James**

Knellen Quinteros

Linda Tiemann

Janice Hanath

## **At St. Paul**

Jason Kiemsteadt

Carey Kokemor (transitioning to Shared Ministry Rep)

Florence Klehm

Deanna Callahan

Thanks also to all yard care / cemetery care / custodial care work in 2020!

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## **KWHI Services Ongoing**

We will continue our Sunday 4:30pm worship on KWHI, both AM (1280) and FM (101.7). *We will have a broadcast on 12/27. At some point in January, our time spot will move earlier as the NFL season ends...but the official date is TBD.*

Councils have elected to continue this ministry into 2021.

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!**

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

# ST JAMES NEW WEHDEM UPDATES

<b>POINSETTIAS GIVEN BY</b>	<b>IN MEMORY OF</b>
Elroy & Carolyn Loesch	Phillip Loesch
Lee Roy Winkelmann	Delores Winkelmann
The Wade Family	Wayne, Viola & Ervin Hold; Sedonia Gajewski
Herrmann Family	Delores Winkelmann, Barbara Baranowski, Henry Herrmann
Robert & Becky Winkelmann	Howard & Bernice Emshoff; Delores Winkelmann
Bradley & Janice Hanath	Willie & Lillie Mae Schmidt
Gary & Phyllis Weiss(2)	Lee & Ellen Henske, Clemence & Doris Weiss
Clarence Dierking	Betty Dierking
Bruce & Cheryl Buenger	Jr. & Pearlle Dierking; Jimmie & Bitsy Buenger; M/M Wm. Dierking, Sr.; M/M Charlie Henske
Erwin & Kay Sander (2)	Delmus & Evelyn Brandt, Erwin & Emma Sander
Nathan & Darla Winkelmann (3)	Theo & Erna Winkelmann, Ora Nell & Wilfred Winkelmann, Bernice Winkelmann, Marjorie & Jimmy English
<b>POINSETTIAS GIVEN BY</b>	<b>IN HONOR OF</b>
The Wade Family	Chris, Amy and Lincoln Tiemann
Herrmann Family	The Winkelmann & Herrmann Families
Robert & Becky Winkelmann	Wesley, Erica, Greyson, Beckett, Crawford, Tyler, Morgan
Bradley & Janice Hanath	Bennie & Gloria Hanath
Jay, Katharine, & Pastor Evan	Our Shared Ministry Partnership
Lawrence & Sharon Bade	Pastor Evan & the Faithful Members of St. James
Bruce & Sheryl Buenger	Addie, Ella, Livi Buenger And in thankfulness of blessings of family, friends, & St. James
Winston & Tanya Rosenbaum	Members of St. James

# ST PAUL PHILLIPSBURG UPDATES

## **POINSETTIAS were given by:**

Ed & Anna Breddin in memory of Parents  
Catherine Gardiner in memory of Bob  
Charlie & JoAnn Johnson in memory of Parents  
Florence Klehm in memory of Wilburn  
Doris Koehne in memory of Raymond & Elsie Tegeler  
Charles & Vernice Kokemor in memory of  
    Edwin & Lillie Kokemor and Arthur & Elda Winkelmann  
Jessie Kokemor in honor of Grandchildren  
Jessie Kokemor in memory of Roger & Leonard Petrich  
Brad & Donna Lankford in honor of Family  
Ruth Lehmann in memory of Lenard  
B J & Stephanie Mikeska in memory of Brandon Campbell  
B J & Stephanie Mikeska in memory of Grandparents  
Scott & Sherry Mosley in honor of Callie R. King  
Scott & Sherry Mosley in honor of Mr. & Mrs. Jake King  
Sandra Schwenke in memory of Earl  
Sandra Schwenke in honor of Family  
Lonnie & Barbara Tegeler in honor of Grandchildren  
Justin & Laci Tesch in honor of Granny  
Justin & Laci Tesch in memory of Mama & Grandparents  
Nelson & Dorothy Wellmann in memory of Grandchildren

**ALTAR GUILD** We would like to thank Dorothy Tesch for faithfully serving on the Altar Guild we know for sure since 2001. We welcome Laci Tesch as a new helper beginning 2021. If you would like to help with Altar Guild, please let Jessie Kokemor or Dorothy Wellmann know. We welcome more helpers. A huge “thank you” to all that assisted in 2020 . While a unique year; your faithfulness in serving is appreciated. The 2021 schedule will be in your box in January prior to the schedule starting in February.

## **MEMORIALS**

Sandra Schwenke, Cemetery Fund in memory of Emma Boudreaux  
Lonnie & Barbara Tegeler, Memorial Fund in memory of Hilda Lorenz

**INSTALLATION of COUNCIL & OFFICERS** on January 10th. After worship, volunteers are needed to take down the Christmas tree and decorations.

**THANK YOU to all families** who helped build the radio care package gifts this past month. A special thank you to Vernice Kokemor for providing the Thrivent Funds, and to Carey Kokemor for organizing these. Our homebound members say thank you!

# January 2021

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>W</i>
<b>3</b> St. Paul—9:00am I/O St. James— 10:30am I/O Shared Confirmation—11:30 at SJ 4:30pm KHWI Radio Service	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Zoom Bible
<b>10</b> St. Paul—9:00am I/O Installation of Council St. James— 10:30am I/O 4:30pm KHWI Radio Service St James FLC-Henske 11:30am Holy Land Trip Mtg Inside SJ sanctuary	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Zoom Bible
<b>17</b> St. Paul—9:00am I/O St. James— 10:30am I/O Shared Confirmation –11:30am at SJ KWHI Radio Service	<b>18</b> Leadership Night—both church councils, at St James 6pm start	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Zoom Bible
<b>24</b> St. Paul—9:00am I/O St. James— 10:30am I/O KWHI Radio Service	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Zoom Bible
<b>31</b> St. Paul—9:00am I/O St. James— 10:30am I/O Annual Chicken Stew Drive Thru—11:30am—1:00pm KWHI Radio Service			



<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
e Study—7pm	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> St James FLC-Quinteros
e Study—7pm	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
e Study—7pm	<b>21</b> NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Parker Wedding
e Study—7pm	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Chicken Stew Socially Distanced Prep Day!

## St. Paul Phillipsburg Worship Assistants

	Jan 3	Jan 10	Jan 17	Jan 24	Jan 31
<b>Reader</b>	Jessie Kokemor	Dorothy Wellmann	Anna Breddin	Brenda Blum	Venetia Schiller
<b>Organist</b>	Donna Lankford	Donna Lankford	Beth Appel	Beth Appel	Donna Lankford
<b>Ushers</b>	Ed & Anna Breddin, Sandra Schwenke	BJ & Stephanie Mikeska, Florence Klehm	Lenny & Debbie Krause, Michael & Deanna Callahan	Justin & Laci Tesch, Nelson & Dorothy Wellmann	Cheryl Gaskamp, Lori Moehlmann, Glenn Klehm
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Jessie & Venetia	Jessie & Venetia	Dorothy W	Dorothy W	Dorothy W
<b>Altar Flowers</b>	Florence, memory of Wilburn & Wilburt's bday	Brad & Donna Lankford, honor of anniversary	Nelson & Dorothy Wellmann in honor of children	Nelson & Dorothy Wellmann in honor of children	Open

## St. James New Wehdem Worship Assistants

	Jan 3	Jan 10	Jan 17	Jan 24	Jan 31
<b>Reader</b>					
<b>Organist</b>	Cheryl Buenger				
<b>Altar Flowers</b>		Erwin & Kay Sander 35th Wedding Anniversary			Herrmanns in honor of Lee Roy's Birthday
<b>Ushers + Greeters</b>	Charles & Vickie Goeke, Brandt & Cari Goeke, Bradley, Janice & Austin Hanath, Donnie & Jenny Henske				
<b>Council</b>					

# The Life and Times of Shared Ministry



*To the left: thanks to a Thrivent gift and some care and compassion from St Paul families, our homebound members—like Otto and Dorothy Krause here—received an AM radio this Christmas to stay connected via our radio service.*



↑ Thanks for all who helped with our outdoor Christmas Eve services!

# Council Notes

## St. Paul Phillipsburg Council

Council met on 12/21. Deanna, Lenny, Ruth, Florence, Jessie, Carey, Vernice along with incoming Charlie and Dorothy were present with Anna calling the meeting to order. Pastor Evan opened with a prayer and highlighted his written report.

- Minutes were approved as read
- Financial spreadsheet was handed out
- Treasurer's report was accepted
- Memorial report was given
- Installation of officers on January 10th
- Take down Christmas tree and decorations on January 10th
- Lutherhill special offering on January 10th + 50% Lenten offerings

Next meeting is Monday, January 18th at 6:00 pm at St. James

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 Moehmann, *Memorials*

Lenny Krause, *Bldg / Grounds*

Carey  
Kokemor, *Congregational Life/  
Shared Ministry*

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## St. James New Wehdem Council

Met on Dec 21 . Present were Knellen Quinteros, David Bartay, Linda Tiemann, Becky Winkelmann, Joseph Tallerine, Janice Hanath, Jessica Thayne. Knellen called meeting to order. Pastor Evan opened with prayer and highlighted his written report.

- Discussed Christmas Eve Service
- Discussed confirmation camp in Colorado
- Cemetery pavilion construction has begun. The red iron will be painted brown before roof is added. Electrical will be added.
- The CD at Industry State Bank will be cashed, placed in checking account and then deposited into the Endowment Fund.
- Discussed chicken stew.
- Radio ministry will switch back to 1:00pm on Sundays as soon as the Texans' season ends.
- Discussed ways to help Lutherhill with fundraising.
- Discussed open janitorial position.
- Discussed a form letter to be sent to local funeral homes with instructions where to place extra dirt from new grave sites.

### St. James Council

Kamie Krueger, *President*

, *VP*

Jessica Thayne, *Secretary*

Becky Winkelmann, *Treasurer*

Kate Buenger, *Asst. Treasurer*

David Bartay  
*Bldg / Grounds*

Joe Tallerine, *Shared Ministry  
Representative*

# WEDNESDAY NIGHT ZOOM BIBLE STUDY 7PM

Our Wednesday bible study / book club group is continuing on Zoom.

In December and January, we will be finishing up Colossians and then starting something new!

Our next four meeting dates will be:

Wed. Jan. 6th, 7pm

Wed. Jan 13th, 7pm

Wed. Jan. 20th, 7pm

Wed, Jan 27th, 7pm

If you are looking for a small group to discuss faith and life, this is a great fit for you.

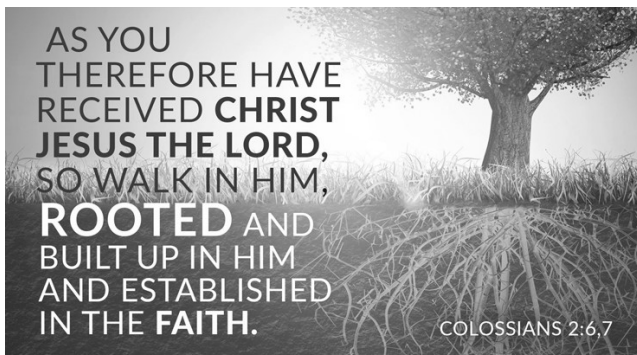
Anyone is welcome to join.

LINK: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/983234326>

Meeting ID: 983 234 326

Call In Option: You can call in with a cell phone or landline.

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



## SUNDAY WORSHIP

*St Paul 9:00am*

*St. James 10:30am*

### **Jan 3** | Epiphany

Isaiah 60:1-6, Ps 72:1-7,  
Ephesians 3:1-12, Matthew 2:1-12  
We are children of God washed  
in the waters of baptism and  
sent out to be beacons of the  
light of Christ.

### **Jan 10** | Baptism of Our Lord

Genesis 1:1-5, Ps29, Acts 19:1-7,  
Mark 1:4-11

The Spirit of God has come upon  
us calling us God's beloved  
children and setting us on Jesus'  
mission.

### **Jan 17** | 2nd Sun after Epiphany

1 Samuel 3:1-10, Ps 139:1-6, 1 Cor  
6:12-20, John 1:43-51

All the baptized have a calling in  
God's world.

### **Jan 24** | 3rd Sun after Epiphany

Jonah 3:1-5, 10, Ps 62:5-12, 1 Cor  
7:29-31, Mark 1:14-20

Jesus proclaims the good news  
and calls his disciples to fish for  
people.

### **Jan 31** | 4th Sun after Epiphany

Deut 18:15-20, Ps 111, 1 Cor 8:1-13,  
Mark 1:21-28

In Mark forces that would bring  
death and disease have taken  
hold of a man, yet they recognize  
Jesus. People are amazed at  
Jesus' authority.

## *Bread Partners Item in January*

**St. James:** Soup (leave in back of sanctuary).  
***We had 269 items this month!!*** Thanks to all for your donations!

**St. Paul:** Any canned item of your choice (drop off at church) - goal of 50

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## *Prayer Concerns*

**St. Paul Members:** Wilfred Neumann, Otto & Dorothy Krause, Austin Schiller, Jean Thompson, Brenda Blum, Will Hartnett, Karen Klehm

**St. James Members:** Lauren Buckley, Fredericka DeBerry, Larry Dierking, Sally Dierking, Terry Druschke, Laura Fieseler, Janet Mills, Elsie Pieper, Floreen Schulze, Erlene Sommerfeld, Chris, Amy, & Lincoln Tiemann, Treyce Tiemann, Margaret Tiemann, Nelda Wilke, Lee Roy Winkelmann

**Family and Friends:** Pat Stelter, Leonard, Jamie Stokes, Gabriel Fuentes, Tammy Glaesmann, Ronnie Haevischer, Shannon Wellmann, Shelly Richard, David Kiemsteadt, Marilyn Petrich, Hank Duvall, Jeri Bentke, Lorri Morris, Winston Dietrich, Alton Jacobs, Gladys Oakley, Pam Bothe, Thomas Brinkmeyer, Byron Peach, Donald Sander, Gerald Beausoleil, Parker & his father Clay, Leonard Phillip

**Military:** Tristan Plaisance, Jenna Schiller

## Lord's Prayer Re-Write by Confirmation Students from St. James & St. Paul

Lord God, Who is always near us,  
We worship your name forever.  
We are waiting for your kingdom to come,  
We are waiting on your will,  
And we wait until there is no difference between heaven and earth.  
Give us strength to get through this time, hour by hour, minute by minute.  
Forgive us of our sins, just like we forgive the sins of others.  
Let us not be tempted, but keep us from evil, pain, and selfishness.  
The Lord is in charge and has all the power and all our glory is given to you for  
ever and always. Amen

## ST PAUL ANNIVERSARIES

01-08-89 Brad & Donna Lankford

## ST JAMES ANNIVERSARIES

1-2 Royce & Elana Garling

1-4 Erich & Tiffany Weiss

1-6 Clint & Sarah Buenger

1-8 Troy & Connie Oevermann

1-11 Erwin & Kay Sander

1-16 Adam & Christina Koehn

1-16 Leif & Emily Luetge

## ST PAUL BIRTHDAYS

03 Jean Thompson

08 Jason Kiemsteadt

09 B J Mikeska

13 Misti Malinowski

14 Patricia Lampe

14 R B Schawe

17 Lenny Krause

18 Michael Callahan, II

29 Sophie Kokemor

30 Otto Krause

## ST JAMES BIRTHDAYS

1-2 Lillian Koehn

1-3 Herman Lorenz

1-5 Peggy Emshoff

1-5 Colby Hanath

1-5 Kim Wade

1-7 Kelly Frank

1-8 Callie Fishbeck

1-9 Lee Neumann

1-9 Mayzie Wade

1-11 Lea Bartay

1-13 Will Meischen

1-14 Wendy Loesch

1-15 Jesse Buenger

1-15 Chris Wade

1-16 Jason Brending

1-16 Leeland Rinn

1-17 Becky Winkelmann

1-18 Erline Sommerfeld

1-19 Patrick Draehn

1-20 Reid Sander

1-22 Gayle Engeling

1-23 Jeremy Buckley

1-25 Jack Buenger

1-26 Elan Braun

1-26 Laura Fieseler

1-28 Russell Schrader

1-29 Ryan Buenger

1-29 Daniel Engeling

1-29 Michael Tiemann

1-30 Shirley Hohlt

1-30 Crawford Winkelmann

1-31 Lee Roy Winkelmann

## SHARED MINISTRY STAFF

Ministers *all the members of St. Paul and St. James*

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Wed and Thur 8-2p

Pastor Evan Cameron [pastorevan@sjsplutheran.org](mailto: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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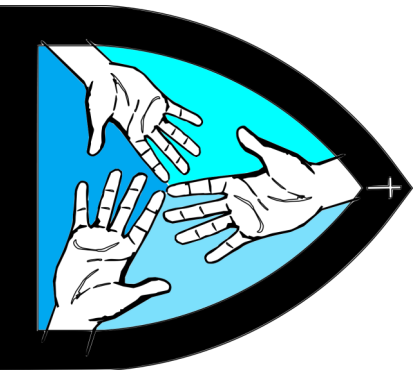
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10:30am at St James

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