



*Partners in Faith*

April 2023

St Paul Lutheran Church in  
Phillipsburg  
2739 Phillipsburg Church Rd,  
Brenham TX 77833  
9am worship

St James Lutheran Church in  
New Wehdem  
10362 New Wehdem Rd  
Brenham TX 77833  
979-836-2795  
10:30am worship

# The Joyful Noise

United in Grace. Serving in Love.

## Save the Dates

*Holy Week:*

Maundy Thursday 4/6 6pm at St Paul

Good Friday 4/7 6pm at St James

Easter Sunday—April 9

\*\*Half hour earlier for church

8:30am at St Paul (breakfast after)

10am at St James (breakfast at 9am)

*Easter breakfast offerings this year will go toward  
confirmation camp costs*



# ST PAUL FISH FRY—MAY 13

Join us on the evening of Saturday 5/13 for our first in person Fish Fry since 2019. To-go plates are still an option.

Meal includes: fried catfish, hush puppies, cole slaw, and a cookie / baked good.

We have a great list of raffle prizes as well!

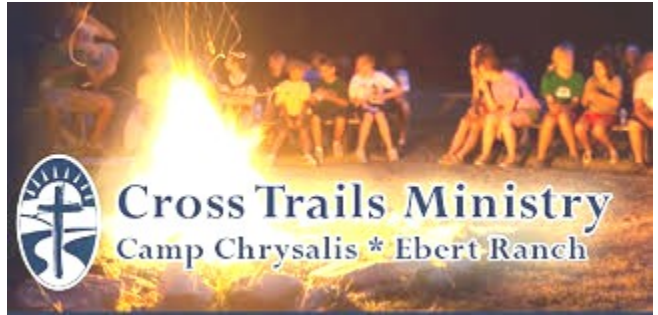


# CONFIRMATION CAMP 2023

We have 8 youth and 2 adults heading to Kerrville this summer., and we are looking for some support!

Talk to Pastor Evan if:

- 1) you would be willing to write a card or letter that he will share with our youth during the camp week
- 2) You would like to sponsor gas or meals for our travel days



## A STELLAR VBS—JULY 9-13

This year's VBS is focused on God's creation! We hope to include some new experiences this summer while keeping our same evening format (including ending again at the Gun and Rod pool!). More details to come.



# Pastor's Column

By Evan Cameron, *pastor*



## PE's Favorite Faith Quotes

Hey all—March / April are very busy months in the life of a pastor, so instead of writing a newsletter article this month, I'd like to share some of the thought provoking quotes I keep on the walls of my offices or taped to my desk! Hope they stir something in you:

"Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate. Our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure. It is our light, not our darkness that most frightens us. We ask ourselves, 'Who am I to be brilliant, gorgeous, talented, fabulous?' Actually, who are you not to be? You are a child of God. Your playing small does not serve the world. We are all meant to shine, as children do. We were born to make manifest the glory of God that is within us. It's not just in some of us; it's in everyone. And as we let our own light shine, we unconsciously give other people permission to do the same. As we are liberated from our own fear, our presence automatically liberates others." - Marianne Williamson

"Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot,  
Nothing is going to get better. It's not." - Dr. Seuss in *The Lorax*

"Tell me—what is it you plan to do with your one wild and precious life?" - Mary Oliver

"Slow to anger, quick to laugh...Be more heart and less attack." - NeedtoBreathe

"Remember that you are always rooted and grounded in love" - Ephesians 3

"Don't give it all to the fight. Save some for home." - from the film *Pride*

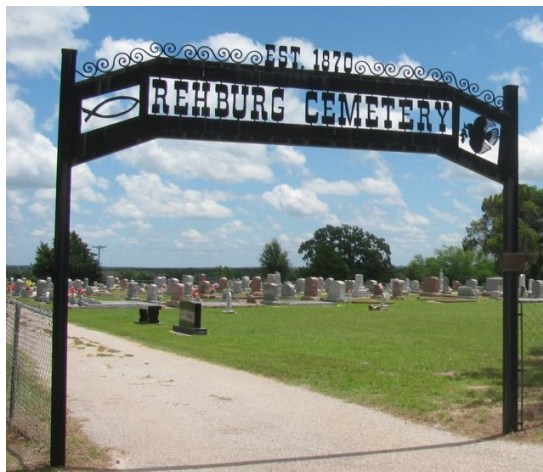
"Why not go out on a limb? That's where the fruit is." - Will Rogers

"Let what we do in here  
Fill the streets out there...let us dance for you" -  
from the song *Madly*

Pastor Evan 



*A photo spread of PE's Lent Round Robin Church Visits:  
Clockwise from top right—  
Ebenezer Berlin, St Paul  
Brenham, Rehburg, Immanuel  
Weideville (St John was 3/29)*



# ST JAMES NEW WEHDEM UPDATES

## SAVE THE DATE

SUNDAY SCHOOL BIKE RIDE—APRIL 30 AFTER CHURCH

## MEMORIALS

### In Memory of Carolyn Loesch

Lawrence & Sharon Bade      Joyce Krenek      John & CJ Longhofer & Family  
Blue Bell Creameries LP

### In Memory of Donnie Henske

Lawrence & Sharon Bade      Janice & Bradley Hanath

### In Memory of Ann Delores Ferritto

Lawrence & Sharon Bade

### In Memory of Joy Druschke

Cindy Schaper

### In Memory of Connor Adams

Ray & Judy Hartenstein

## THANK YOU!

Thank you to the following who directed their Thrivent Choice Dollars to St. James:

Weldon & Peggy Emshoff	Daniel & Gayle Engeling
Lance Engeling	Janice Hanath
Mildred Haynes	Donna Huebner
Bonnie Pilchiek	Jeffrey Pilchiek
Erline Sommerfeld	Sandra Teufel
Donald & Sharon Winkelmann	Nathan & Darla Winkelmann

If you have any Thrivent Choice Dollars to designate, contact Thrivent.

## ATTENTION: HIGH SCHOOL OR COLLEGE GRADUATES FOR 2023

Please email the church office your graduating information, accomplishments in school, and future plans. Email this to [tanya@sjsplutheran.org](mailto:tanya@sjsplutheran.org)

## WELCOME TO STELLA LOUISE SINCLAIR THROUGH HOLY BAPTISM

Baptism on March 30—parents Steven and Lauren Sinclair

# ST PAUL PHILLIPSBURG UPDATES

Happy  
Birthday

**Iris Howren** was 90 years young on March 26th!

**Catherine Gardner** will celebrate her 100th birthday on April 24th!

**Happy Birthday, Ladies!!!**

## MEMORIALS

### In Memory of Esther Lampe

Cemetery Fund:

Nelson & Dorothy Wellmann

Jessie Kokemor

Playground Fund:

Ed & Anna Breddin

Undesignated:

Gayle Gaskamp

Ruth Lehmann

Brad & Donna Lankford

JoAnn Reimer

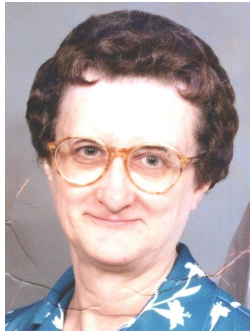
Mildred & Odis Haynes

### In Memory of Pastor's Nana Ann

Mark & Venetia Schiller

### In Memory of Emma & Erwin

**Sander**, Mildred & Odis Haynes



### ESTHER MINNIE (FIESELER) LAMPE

passed away on March 2nd, she was 82. She was born December 11, 1940.

Funeral service was held at the church on Tuesday, March 7th with burial following in the church cemetery.

**EASTER BREAKFAST** will once again follow worship on Easter morning followed by an Easter Egg Hunt. Confirmands will be helping with the breakfast. Volunteers for breakfast items such as casseroles, meats, fruit, pastries, milk, juice. A signup sheet is at the back of the church.

**FISH FRY MEAL & RAFFLE TICKETS** have been printed. Tickets can be picked up from Lonnie or Jessie to be sold.

**THANK YOU** to those who provided meals and desserts for our Lenten services...Anita, Brenda, Venetia, Jessie, Sandra, Dorothy W, Vernice, Florence, Anna, Ruth and Donna.

**BREAD PARTNERS** Item collected in April is **dried beans or dried peas**.

**Synod Assembly** will be at the Lord of Life Lutheran Church in The Woodlands (May 19-20). If interested in attending, please contact PastorEvan.

**DORCAS CIRCLE** met on 3/21 to clean with Dorothy W, Anna, Sandra, Florence and Jessie. They concentrated on the church-pews, walls, windows, floors, bathrooms, etc. Pastor Evan worked on the outer porch post-sanded and repainted. B J replaced the handicap parking sign. There's was no Bible Study since cleaning was 10:00 am-4:30 pm.

**Thank you** to all who contributed their time!

Next meeting is April 18th with quilting beginning at 10am and Bible Study at 3 pm. Florence is hostess.

# April 2023

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>We</i>
<b>2</b> PALM SUNDAY St. Paul— 9:00am I/O St. James—10:30am I/O KWHI Radio Service 1:00pm	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>9</b> EASTER SUNDAY St. Paul— 8:30am I/O (Breakfast and egg hunt after) St. James —Breakfast 9:00am Worship 10:00am I/O Egg Hunt after worship KWHI Radio Service 1:00pm	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>16</b> St. Paul— 9:00am I/O St. James—10:30am I/O KWHI Radio Service 1:00pm	<b>17</b> Leadership Night—both church councils at St James 6pm start	<b>18</b> Quilting, 10:00am Dorcas Circle Bible Study, 3:00 pm	<b>19</b>
<b>23</b> St. Paul— 9:00am I/O St. James—10:30am I/O KWHI Radio Service 1:00pm	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>30</b> St. Paul— 9:00am I/O St. James—10:30am I/O KWHI Radio Service 1:00pm  St. James Bike Ride			



<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
			<b>1</b> Baby Cameron Shower 2-4pm St Paul Brenham
	<b>6 MAUNDY THURSDAY</b> St. Paul 6pm	<b>7 GOOD FRIDAY</b> St. James 6pm	<b>8 HOLY SATURDAY</b> FLC-HENSKE
	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> SP's reserved DKG, 8am-1pm
	<b>20</b> NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>

## St. Paul Phillipsburg Worship Assistants

	April 2	April 9	April 16	April 23	April 30
<b>Reader</b>	Lonnie Tegeler	JoAnn Johnson	Jessie Kokemor	Dorothy Wellmann	Anna Breddin
<b>Organist</b>	Donna Lankford	Donna Lankford	Donna Lankford	Beth Appel	Donna Lankford
<b>Ushers</b>	Cheryl Gaskamp Lori Moehlmann Glen Klehm	B J & Stephanie Mikeska, Florence Klehm	Mark & Venetia Schiller	Carl & Carey Kokemor	Ed & Anna Breddin, Jessie Kokemor
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Anna Breddin Venetia Schiller	Deanna Callahan Sandra Schwenke	Deanna Callahan Sandra Schwenke	Dorothy Wellmann Sherry Mosley	Dorothy Wellmann Sherry Mosley
<b>Altar Flowers</b>	Brad & Donna Lankford in honor of Mark Koke- mor's bday	Easter Lilies & Gerber Daisies by the Congregation	Anita Kramer in honor of Zander's birthday & senior year	Amber Cowart In memory of James H Marek, DVM	Ruth Lehmann In celebration of her 85th birthday

## St. James New Wehdem Worship Assistants

	April 2	April 9	April 16	April 23	April 30
<b>Reader</b>	Sharon Winkelmann	Fredericka DeBerry			<b>WORSHIP  ONLY AT  ST. PAUL'S</b>
<b>Organist</b>	Fredericka DeBerry	Phyllis Weiss	Fredericka DeBerry		
<b>Flowers</b>	Brett & Krista Sander in honor of Rylan's 5th birthday	Easter Lilies			
<b>Ushers + Greeters</b>	Rusty & Lori Bush, Charles & Arin Cafero, Rhonda Craigen, Elwood Dannhaus, Marc & Brooke Dierking, Sally Dierking				
<b>Council</b>	All Council				

# The Life and Times of Shared Ministry



Thanks to all who showed up for the St Paul cleaning day on 3/21— especially our women's circle! And a thank you to BJ Mikeska for the new handicap signs



We had another great turnout for Sunday School this March! Thanks to Lauren for teaching on the miracle of feeding the 5000.

Please be sure to pick up an Easter bag for Bread Partners before 4/9!

# Council Notes

## St. Paul Phillipsburg Council

Met 3/20 with Pastor Evan, Venetia, Lonnie, Ed & Sherry present. Pastor Evan opened with a devotion from John 11 with both Councils. Confirmation is May 21st; Johnson's are helping with gifts for this year's students. VBS is July 9-13th. Synod Assembly will be May 19-20th in The Woodlands. Contact Pastor Evan if you'd like to attend. He also expressed thanks for the diaper shower for their baby due in April.

- Venetia called to order, February minutes read and approved, financial minutes read and approved
- May soon have the option for auto pay for tithing/giving; more to come
- We will resume collection plate offering by ushers
- A new refrigerator has been purchased and installed in the kitchen
- Council unanimously voted to cancel trash pickup service
- Charlie continues to work on Church Mutual claim and new water heater
- Fish Fry is May 13th; volunteer signup sheets are out
- Audit Committee needs volunteers, see Lonnie

Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Sherry Mosley-Secretary

March expenses \$9,553.48; income \$6,022.46

### St. Paul Council

Venetia Schiller, *President*

VP, *volunteer needed*

Sherry Mosley, *Secretary*

Lonnie Tegeler, *Treasurer*

Ed Breddin,

*Financial Secretary*

B J Mikeska, *Bldg / Grounds*

Stephanie Mikeska,  
*Congregational Life/  
Shared Ministry*

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## St. James New Wehdem Council

Met 3/20 Present were Lauren Sinclair, Kelly Frank, John Hohlt, Jeff Wright, Pam Herrmann

Heard Pastor's report which included worship times for Holy Week, confirmation, camp and VBS. Also requested feedback on the Lent Round Robin.

Items discussed included:

- Chicken stew results, great attendance for Sunday School. Lots of Easter bags painted. Bike ride planned for April.
- Approximately 50 large print Bibles and 30 children's Bibles have been received. May have dedication of Bibles and new sign in April.
- A new electrical panel has been installed in the Sunday School, restroom work has been completed.
- Addition of exterior lighting at the FLC is being looked into.
- Pine tree between the church and parsonage will be removed due to potential falling and damage to the church.
- Confirmation families and council will serve Easter breakfast.

### St. James Council

Kamie Krueger, *President*

Jeff Wright, *VP*

Pam Herrmann, *Secretary*

Kelly Frank, *Treasurer*

*Asst. Treasurer needed*

John Hohlt, *Bldg /  
Grounds*

Lauren Sinclair, *Shared  
Ministry Representative*

# A glimpse of the work made possible by your ELCA Good Gifts in 2022

- 293 children with eye diseases received eyeglasses in Egypt
- 142 beekeepers produced 700 pound of honey in Mexico
- 85 women received microloans to grow their businesses in India
- 33 Community members trained in urban farming in Milwaukee, Wis
- 272 children received care at a community health clinic in Nepal
- 7 hospitals received medical equipment to provide better-quality medical care to 80,000 people in Zimbabwe
- 400 vegetable and fruit-tree seedlings were distributed in Myra, Ky
- 500 farmers received training on making feed for their pigs in Papua, New Guinea
- 8,649 children received school lunch regularly in India
- 375 seminary students were supported by ELCA Fund for Leaders Scholarships
- 6,170,298 meals were provided to people in need in the United States
- 1,512 children received school supplies in Zimbabwe and Nigeria
- 219 women received agriculture training in Liberia and India

## SUNDAY WORSHIP

*St. Paul 9:00am*

*St James 10:30am*

**April 2** Palm Sunday Matthew 21:1-11, Ps 31:9-16, Philippians 2:5-11 We wave palms in celebration today as Christ comes into our midst, and we follow with trepidation as his path leads to death on the cross. We anticipate the completion of God's astounding work.

**April 9** Easter Sunday Acts 10:34-43, Ps 118:1-2, 14-24, Colossians 3:1-4, John 20:1-18 This is the day the Lord has made! Christ is risen, and through him all creation is made new!

**April 16** Second Sunday of Easter Acts 2:14a, 22-32, Ps 16, 1 Peter 1:3-9, John 20:19-31 The risen Christ appears to the disciples and others and gives them the gift of peace. We too rejoice in new birth and the living hope we receive.

**April 23** Third Sunday of Easter Acts 2:14aa, 36-41, Ps 116, 1 Peter 1:17-23, Luke 24:13-35 Two disciples walking to Emmaus are overcome with sadness, loss and disappointment. Christ walks with them and opens their eyes in the breaking of the bread.

**April 30** Fourth Sunday of Easter Acts 2:42-47, Ps 23, 1 Peter 2:19-25, John 10:1-10 The risen Christ opens the way for us to abundant life even amid the world's violence and war.



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## *Bread Partners Items in April*

**St. James:** Filled Bags Decorated by SS  
**St. Paul:** dried beans or dried peas - goal of 50 items!

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## *Prayer Concerns*

**St. Paul Members:** Wilfred Neumann, Dorothy Krause, Brenda Blum, Will Hartnett, Catherine Gardiner, Austin Schiller

**St. James Members:** Terry Druschke, Janet Mills, Florence Rinn, Floreen Schulze, Erline Sommerfeld, Lincoln Tiemann, Margaret Tiemann, Nelda Wilke

**Family and Friends:** Donna Acosta, Shirley Benjamin, Jeri Bentke, Virginia Beseir, Teddy Boehm, Janet Crane, Patsy Dannhaus, Tammy Glaesmann, Beverly Hudson, Mildred Huebel, Maureen King, Keith Korth, Dennis Mauney, Marilyn Petrich, Mike Remmert, Tracy Schiller, Roy Schmidt, John Suderth, Janae Wittner, Bradley Rinn, Lois Schubert

**Military:** Tristan Plaisance, Jenna Schiller, Anthony Funk

**Sympathies to Family & Friends of . . .**

- Esther Lampe

### **ST JAMES BIRTHDAYS**

4-1 Lori Bush  
4-4 Brett Bartay  
4-5 Megan Schneider  
4-5 Reagan Inman  
4-7 Jeffrey Pilchick  
4-7 Tye Mabry  
4-10 Christopher Baade  
4-11 Tina Winkelmann  
4-12 Bruce Buenger  
4-15 Brandt Goeke  
4-18 Lynn Bockhorn  
4-18 Taylor Jankowski  
4-18 Jake Olson  
4-21 Georgia Freitag  
4-25 Darla Winkelmann  
4-25 Karlee Neumann  
4-27 Rylan Sander  
4-28 Joseph Tallerine  
4-30 Heather Tiemann

### **ST JAMES ANNIVERSARIES**

4-1 Jeremy & Lauren Buckley  
4-8 Russell & Brooke Schrader  
4-12 Michael & Heather Tiemann  
4-23 Rudy & Linda Tiemann  
4-26 Rusty & Lori Bush  
4-30 Joel & Chelsea Quinteros

### **ST PAUL BIRTHDAYS**

10 Lillie Mae Gross  
21 Christine Skala  
22 Dorothy Krause  
24 Catherine Gardiner  
30 Ruth Lehmann

### **ST PAUL ANNIVERSARIES**

04-02-77 James & Cheryl Gaskamp  
04-16-83 Larry & Lelani Howren  
04-18-09 BJ & Stephanie Mikeska  
04-30-16 Tyler & Manda Tuttle

### **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 Thurs 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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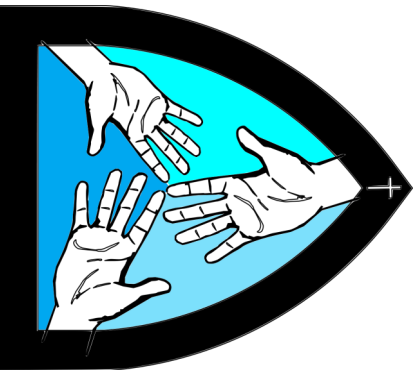
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9am at St Paul

10:30am at St James

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