



Partners in Faith

March 2021

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The Joyful Noise

United in Grace. Serving in Love.

Winter Storm Recovery

The ice and snow from mid-February created headaches and damage for many of us.

If you need some physical help with clean up, please contact either church office. *No shame in asking for help!*

If you are in a place to give to support clean up efforts, one important gift is to give blood—as many blood banks lost their supply with no power for extended days. Also, the Houston (<https://www.houstonfoodbank.org/>) and Austin (<https://www.centraltexasfoodbank.org/>) Food Banks are seeing increased demand.

Lutheran Disaster Response will also likely be working in Texas: <https://www.elca.org/Our-Work/Relief-and-Development/Lutheran-Disaster-Response>



This Lent, both churches will designate our Wednesday worship offerings to Lutherhill Ministries (100% at St James, 50% at St Paul).

Lutherhill lost an estimated \$500,000 in 2020 due to canceled summer programs and spring / fall / winter retreats.

Staff from Lutherhill will be with us for worship on Sunday, March 21.



A Holy Land Pilgrimage:

10 Days in Galilee, Bethlehem,
and Jerusalem - January 6-17,
2022

We are now accepting deposits (\$250 per person, refundable until Sept. 1) to hold a spot on the trip.

For those interested in going, it's never too early to apply for a passport or update your passport.

Next trip mtg: 3/28 at 11:30a @ SJ

Fundraising Help for Holy Land Trip

Real Deal Catering—led by Robert Winkelmann—will be selling plated lunches after church at St James 1 Sunday per month, with all proceeds going to support a common fund for our 36 people heading to Israel next year. Cost is a free will donation.

Next meal date: Sunday, March 21, 11:30. Menu is: chicken spaghetti, green beans, corn, and a roll.

Please call/text Robert (979-472-1961) or Becky (979-472-0683) by the Wednesday before (3/17) to place your order.

You can take your plate to go, or bring a lawn chair and eat right outside if the weather is nice. St Paul members are absolutely welcome too!

LENT WEDNESDAYS

3/3, 3/10, 3/17, 3/24

12pm—30 minute midweek renewal worship at St Paul

**6pm—30 minute midweek renewal worship at St
James**

This year, our Lent Wednesdays will look back at the life of Jesus from Palm Sunday through Good Friday, moving through the timeline of each day one Wednesday at a time.

These services are a quieter, gentle gathering, meant to provide space to center our lives as we approach Easter.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Shared Maundy Thursday 4/1 —
St Paul at 6pm

Shared Good Friday 4/2—St James at 6pm

Easter Sunday—April 4—earlier times:

St Paul: 8:30am worship

St James: 10am worship

No Easter Breakfasts this year.

Pastor's Column

By Evan Cameron, pastor




It's been a year

March comes with all these strange warnings – “beware the ides of March!” and “in like a lamb, out like a lion.” College hoops enthusiasts even term it as “March Madness.” Last year, it certainly fit some of those descriptors, except that March went out like a lamb, with much of life shutting down. “It’s just an extra long spring break,” I thought to myself.

I recall now the wisdom of our collective church councils doing our best to make decisions, day by day, week by week, as our knowledge grew. I recall the messages of support from non-council members, showing understanding even as we all felt disappointment. I recall feeling a year ago like we were stumbling in the dark with a couple small flashlights between us. Perhaps in some ways it was easier to not know everything up front – in particular, the timeline for just how long a tiny virus could impact us.

And now a new March arrives. We are again in the thick of Lent, with the dawn of Easter on the horizon. More and more church members are gaining access to vaccines. The long-rocky seas are steadying ever so slightly. We are not there yet, and there is not going to be a simple returning to early March 2020 – certainly no return ever for those who have lost a friend or family member.

I thank you in advance for the extended patience and good behavior of masks and distancing for likely a couple more months of worship. For those who are with us in parking lots or via the afternoon radio service, thank you for staying connected. Our church communities and shared ministry community have held steady and even strengthened in some ways this past year. Let’s keep up the good work as we strive toward herd immunity.

Pastor Evan 

SAVE THE DATES

**Shared Ministry VBS:
Sunday July 11—Thursday July 15 @ St James**

St Paul Fish Fry: Saturday, May 8, 5-7pm

WEDNESDAY NIGHT ZOOM BIBLE STUDY 7PM

Our Wednesday bible study / book club group of 10 members is continuing on Zoom.

We will meet all Wednesday nights in March at 7p after our Lent worship. 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.

KWHI Services Ongoing

We will continue our Sunday 1:00pm 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/>

ST JAMES NEW WEHDEM UPDATES

MEMORIALS *In Memory of LeeRoy Winkelmann*

Weldon & Peggy Emshoff	Bruce & Cheryl Buenger	Steven & Lori Jackson
Donald & Sharon Winkelmann	M/M Norman Winkelmann	Eldon & Tina Mikeska
Freddie/Esther Dahlmann Children	Allan & Virgia Wienecke	Lawrence & Sharon Bade
James & Carolyn Balke	B.W. & Sandra Sisa	Anita Kramer
Fred & Karan Heidemann	Nathan & Darla Winkelmann	Knellen Quinteros
Daniel & Gayle Engeling	Ernest & Erline Wellmann	Elsie Herrmann
Charles & Vickie Goeke	Delano & Vera Jean Klausmeyer	Odis & Mildred Haynes
Erline Sommerfeld	Geneva & Julian Martin	Gary & Phyllis Weiss
Charlie & Nancy Sommer	Duane & Carol Dippel	Nelson & Dorothy Wellmann
Bradley & Janice Hanath	Olan & Sylvia Ashorn	Otis & Shirley Maresh
Austin Co farmers Mutual Fire Ins	Douglas & Diane Dahmann	Mark & Laurie Pawlak
Lauren Pawlak	Fredericka DeBerry	Stanley & Belinda Jackson
Melvin & Darlene Pfeffer	Thomas & Vicky Herrmann	Joe & Denise Kmiec
Michael & Karen Mueller	Will & Betty Meischen, Scott & Nita Meishen, Blake & Angie Meischen	Joan Buenger & Family

In Memory of Sharon Jasinski O'Malley

Weldon & Peggy Emshoff	Bruce & Cheryl Buenger	Winston & Tanya Rosenbaum
Charles & Vickie Goeke	Knellen Quinteros	Ralph & Debbie Tiemann
Geneva & Julian Martin	Verbie Weiss	Butch & Cindy Lorenz & David
Carol Arthur	Jimmie & Karen Dreyer	Myrna & Kenneth Foster Family
Fred & Karan Heidemann	Nathan & Darla Winkelmann	Gary & Phyllis Weiss
Odis & Mildred Haynes	Erline Sommerfeld	Charlie & Nancy Sommer
Nelson & Dorothy Wellmann	Bradley & Janice Hanath	Olan & Sylvia Ashorn
Mitchell & Aubrey Davis	Connie Rhode	Seidel Schroeder
Lynn Van Eman	Elverna Borchardt	Jerry & Stacy Neef
Fredericka DeBerry	Roy & Vilette Finke	Ernie & Judy Weatherby
Brenham National Bank	Elroy & Carolyn Sue Maass	Carol Sue Seeber
Dorothy Hicks	Gary & Marian Allen	David & Karolyn Ottmer
Arlin & Carol Naegeli	Larry & Cindy Lueckemeyer	David & Arlene Stern
Rockie & Joyce Knittel & Family	Cindy & David Tharp	Sue Johnston & Robert Weiss
Don & Alice Studhalter	Bonnie Pilchick	Chad & Kacey Weiss
Larry & Barbara Pape	David & Rola Doelitsch	Herbert & Joyce Rust
Daniel & Gayle Engeling	Joan Buenger & Family	

In Memory of Allison Weinschenk

Delano & Vera Jean Klausmeyer

ST PAUL PHILLIPSBURG UPDATES

FISH FRY will be a DRIVE THRU only and will be from 5:00-7:00pm on Saturday, May 8th. Tickets are Adult only at \$15 each which will include fried fish, hush puppies, cole slaw, potato salad, tartar sauce and 2 cookies. Volunteers are asked to sign up for helping to fill plates and provide cookies. Members can also provide other desserts that can be placed in the to-go line for those people wishing to purchase extra desserts. Ruth Lehmann will have tickets for members to sell when they're available in March.

FISH FRY RAFFLE ITEMS are needed. The signup sheet for donations is at the back of the church. Please signup by the end of March so tickets can be printed and sold in April. See Lonnie Tegeler for questions.

SPRING CLEANUP for the church grounds on Saturday, March 20th, 8:00am to noon. See Lenny if you have questions and would like to help.

EASTER LILIES and GERBER DAISIES There is a signup sheet at the back of the church if you'd like to sign up to purchase Lilies and/or Gerber Daisies to adorn the chancel area for our Easter Service.

THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS of \$1397 were deposited to St. Paul's last year. Thanks to all who designated their choice dollars: Edwin Breddin, Donna Burton, Jessie Kokemor, Vernice Kokemor, Anita Kramer, Kenneth Kramer, Ruth Lehmann, Amy Lochte, William Thomas Luikens, Dorothy & Nelson Wellmann

DORCAS CIRCLE will meet on March 16th from 10am-2pm. The general board will meet at 2:00 pm followed by a short Bible Study at 2:30 pm. Please wear your mask and practice social distancing.

MEMORIALS

In Memory of Otto Krause, Undesignated

K & M Grocery	H. J. White Family	M/M Alfred Krause
M/M Curtis Rodenbeck	Charlie & Nancy Sommer	Will & Betty Meischen
Ronnie & Kim Shupak	Jeanette Shepherd & Family	Scott & Nita Meischen
M/M Lonnie Tegeler	Brad & Donna Lankford	Blake & Angie Meischen
M/M Monroe Wienecke	Dorothy Tesch	Iris Howren & Sherry Segars
M/M Edwin Breddin, Jr	M/M Donald Ahrens	Pastor Lawrence & Sharon Bade
Esther Krause, Steven Krause & Family, Pam Braun & Family		

In Memory of Otto Krause, Cemetery Fund

Anita Kramer	Sandra Schwenke	Ruth Lehmann
Jessie Kokemor	Nelson & Dorothy Wellmann	

March 2021

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>
	1	2	3 12pm Wor 6pm Wor Zoom Bibl
7 St. Paul—9:00am I/O St. James— 10:30am I/O Shared Confirmation 11:30a 1:00pm KHWI Radio Service	8	9	10 12pm Wor 6pm Wor Zoom Bibl
14 St. Paul—9:00am I/O St. James— 10:30am I/O 1:00pm KHWI Radio Service	15 Leadership Night—both church councils, at St James 6pm start	16	17 12pm Wor 6pm Wor Zoom Bibl
21 St. Paul—9:00am I/O St. James— 10:30am I/O Shared Confirmation 11:30a Holy Land Fund Meal 11:30a 1:00pm KWHI Radio Service	22	23 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	24 12pm Wo 6pm Wor Zoom Bibl
28 Palm Sunday St. Paul—9:00am I/O St. James— 10:30am I/O HOLY LAND MTG 11:30 FLC 1:00pm KWHI Radio Service	29	30	31

<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
rship—St. Paul ship—St. James e Study—7pm	4	5	6
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	April 1 Maundy Thursday 6pm at St Paul	2 Good Friday 6pm at St James	

St. Paul Phillipsburg Worship Assistants

	March 7	March 14	March 21	March 28
Reader	Dorothy W	Anna Breddin	Venetia Schiller	Barbara Tegeler
Organist	BethAppel	Donna Lankford	Beth Appel	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	Dorothy W Sherry Mosley	Cheryl Gaskamp Lori Moehlmann	Cheryl Gaskamp Lori Moehlmann	Barbara Tegeler JoAnn Johnson
Altar Flowers	Charles & Vernice Kokemor	Jessie Kokemor in memory of parent's anniv	Ruth Lehmann in honor of Alan, Dana&Faith's bday	Brenda Blum in honor of Robert &Aunt Elsa bday

St. James New Wehdem Worship Assistants

	March 7	March 14	March 21	March 28
Reader			Betty Bowden	
Organist	Cheryl Buenger	Fredericka DeBerry	Phyllis Weiss	Fredericka DeBerry
Altar Flowers	Thaynes in honor of Danica on her 11th birthday			Herrmann's in memory of De- lores Winkel- mann
Ushers + Greeters	Elroy & Carolyn Loesch; Stephen & Wendy Loesch; Leif & Emily Luetge; Patrick & Tanna Mabry; Julian & Geneva Martin			
Council	Becky Winkelmann			



The Life and Times of Shared Ministry



↑ Our churches both withstood the recent winter storm without any major damages. Much thanks to buildings and grounds extraordinaires David Bartay and Lenny Krause!

Council Notes

St. Paul Phillipsburg Council

Council met 2/22 at New Wehdem. Pastor Evan gave his report, discussed worship times, fund raising for confirmation trip and Holy Land trip, Lenten services, VBS dates, Wednesday night Bible study and his continuing education possibilities. Anna called the meeting to order with Charlie, Jessie, Dorothy, Lenny and Carey present.

- Minutes were read and approved
- Dorothy gave the financial secretary report
- Jessie shared “thank you” from Bread Partners and Lutherhill. Also, gave report on expenses and savings accounts. EOY Kolkhorst Endowment value was \$56,477.52.
- Confirmation camp in Colorado in July will be attended by three confirmands, a parent and Pastor Evan. Congregational financial support will be needed
- Discussion of permanent solution to women’s restroom drain was put on hold, fuse replaced on church heating unit, cut off valve needs to be added to pump house.
- Need several volunteers for audit committee, Charlie mentioned using our facility for emergencies, work day set for March 20, 8am-noon with April 17 as alternate date

Respectfully submitted, Jessie 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*

St. James New Wehdem Council

Met on Feb. 22. Present were Kamie Krueger, Becky Winkelmann, Kate Buenger, Jessica Thayne, David Bartay and Joseph Tallerine.

- Discussed worship time survey with votes equal across the board.
- Chicken Stew profits are up from last year at \$9,946.25.
- Benevolence giving to Synod \$12,900.00 for last year.
- Cemetery pavilion discussed adding railings on 3 sides to prevent people from falling. Will add more dirt to level it off.
- Bright Side Cleaning Service has begun cleaning of church facilities.
- Five youth + chaperones going on youth confirmation trip and planning a butter braid fundraiser.
- Easter Egg Hunt Replacement is being planned as there are some health concerns about our normal egg hunt
- Investment Committee wanted to create 3 separate funds for Mission Endowment, Bldg Grounds, and Cemetery Endowment Funds.
- Moved to use Bank CD in April to create the Cemetery Endowment Fund.
- Moved to use CD \$ in General Fund to create the Building & Grounds Endowment Fund.
- Lutherhill Gift will be \$500.00 from the Mission Endowment Fund.

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*

Thrivent Choice Dollars

Thrivent Choice is a program of Thrivent Financial. With Thrivent Choice you can recommend where some of their charitable outreach funds go. Since 2010, more than \$300 million has been distributed to churches and nonprofits nationwide.

Choice Dollars based on your eligibility designated during a calendar year can be **directed until March 31 of the following year.**

To view the amount of Choice Dollars you can direct, call 800-847-4836 and when prompted say “Thrivent Choice” or visit Thrivent.com/thrivent-choice.

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LWR PERSONAL CARE KITS

Would you like to help someone in need of personal items? Lutheran World Relief Kits can help someone have basic hygiene needs.

Each kit should contain: 1 light-weight bath size towel, 2 bath-size bars of soap, 1 adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging, 1 sturdy comb, remove packaging, 1 metal nail clipper, remove packaging

If you prefer, you can make a donation in the basket in the back of St James, and we will purchase these needed items.

LWR Warehouse Shelves are nearly empty, and they can't keep up with demand.

SUNDAY WORSHIP

St Paul 9:00am

St. James 10:30am

Mar 7 | Third Sunday in Lent
Exodus 20:1-17; Ps 19; 1 Cor 1:18-25; John 2:13-22

The Ten Commandments are essential to our baptismal call: centered first in God's liberating love, we strive to live out justice and mercy in our communities and the world.

Mar 14 | Fourth Sunday in Lent
Numbers 21:4-9; Ps 107:1-3, 17-22; Ephesians 2:1-10; John 3:14-21
When we receive the sign of the cross in baptism, that cross becomes the sign we can look to in faith for healing, for restored relationship to God, for hope when we are dying.

Mar 21 | Fifth Sunday in Lent
Jeremiah 31:31-34; Ps 51:1-12; Hebrews 5:5-10; John 12:20-33
Our baptismal covenant draws us to God's heart through Christ and draws God's love and truth into our hearts. We join together in worship, sharing in word, song and meal, and leave strengthened to share God's love with all the world.

Mar 28 | Palm Sunday
Isaiah 50:4-9; Ps 31:9-16; Phil 2:5-11; Mark 14:1—15:47
Jesus promises that his death will mark a new covenant with all people. We enter holy week thirsty for the completion of God's astonishing work.

Bread Partners Item in March

St. James: Canned Vegetables (leave in back of sanctuary). Thank you for 95 donated items last month!

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

Prayer Concerns

St. Paul Members: Wilfred Neumann, Dorothy Krause, Austin Schiller, Jean Thompson, Brenda Blum, Will Hartnett, Greyson Mikeska, Ruth Lehmann

St. James Members: Larry Dierking, Sally Dierking, Terry Druschke, Laura Fieseler, Janet Mills, Elsie Pieper, Floreen Schulze, Erline Sommerfeld, Chris, Amy, & Lincoln Tiemann, Treyce Tiemann, Margaret Tiemann, Nelda Wilke

Family and Friends: Pat Stelter, Leonard, Jamie Stokes, Gabriel Fuentes, Tammy Glaesmann, Shannon Wellmann, Marilyn Petrich, Hank Duvall, Jeri Bentke, Becky Meador, Winston Dietrich, Gloria & Bennie Hanath, Charles Kolwes, Gladys Oakley, Donald Sander, Bobby Ritter, Scott Jacobson, Collin Smith, Bo Jones

SYMPATHIES

Family & Friends of Clarence Eben

Family & Friends of Wilbert Frank (father of Jason Frank)

Family & Friends of Jerry LeGard (grandfather of Jeremy Buckley)

Military: Tristan Plaisance, Jenna Schiller

ST PAUL ANNIVERSARIES

03-10-01 Scott & Sherry Mosley
03-18-72 Alfred & Esther Lampe

ST JAMES ANNIVERSARIES

3-1 Kenneth & Denise Neumann
3-9 Patrick & Tanna Mabry

ST PAUL BIRTHDAYS

03 Robert Brown
04 Kimmi Byler
04 H C Becker
10 Patsy Mikeska
13 Trey Mikeska
15 Grace Lischka
17 Samantha Sorensen
26 Iris Howren
29 Mark Kokemor

ST JAMES BIRTHDAYS

3-2 Bonnie Pilchick
3-5 Geneva Martin
3-5 Charlie Sommer
3-7 Rhonda Craigen
3-7 Danica Thayne
3-8 Justin Buenger
3-9 Lauren Buckley
3-9 Catherine Koehn
3-10 Brandi Fishbeck
3-10 Nathan Winkelmann
3-13 Vickie Goeke
3-13 Roland Wittner
3-16 Collin Schaper
3-16 Hudson Schaper
3-17 Kendall Neumann
3-18 Betty Meischen
3-22 Jodie McReynolds
3-23 Joan Buenger
3-25 Lacey Lee Hanath
3-26 John Teufel
3-27 Evan Cameron
3-28 Marty Martin
3-28 Jeremy Quinton
3-30 Weldon Emshoff
3-31 Clarence Dierking

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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Return Address: 2739 Phillipsburg Church Rd, Brenham TX 77833

Welcome to worship!

We are currently worshipping

9am at St Paul

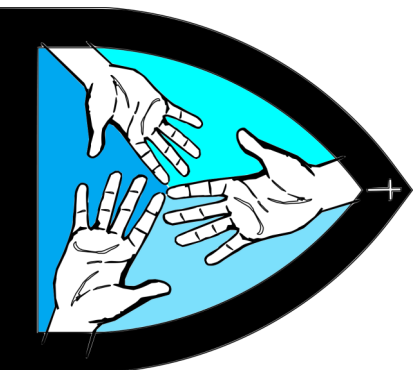
10:30am at St James

On Lent Wed's: 12p at St Paul,

6pm at St James (no meals)

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