



Partners in Faith

May 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

PLEASE NOTE:
ZOOM LINKS!

Wednesday “Women in
the Bible” study at 7pm,
go to:
[https://zoom.us/
j/983234326](https://zoom.us/j/983234326)

Sunday at 10am, go to:
[https://zoom.us/
j/439449813](https://zoom.us/j/439449813)

You can use a smart
phone, iPad, or
computer.

Thank you for your
flexibility. We can't wait
to be together again!

The Joyful Noise

United in Grace. Serving in Love.

COVID-19 *Church Updates*

A few key things to know regarding life at St Paul and St James for the coming weeks:

1. Worship is suspended indefinitely. Zoom gatherings will continue (check the box to the lower left). **We are also broadcasting 30 minute worships at 1pm every Sunday on KWHI.**
2. **Thank you for many generous gifts received this past month.** Both congregations will continue to accept offerings. You can mail these, or drop them by church. Pastor Evan is checking mailboxes / spending time in the office Monday—Thursday. *Thank you for every act of generosity.*
3. We were also able to donate over a hundred items to Bread Partners in April. Again, thank you. Both churches continue to accept non-perishable good donations.
4. Our website (sjsplutheran.org) and shared Facebook page are the best places to look for updated information. Or, call / email Pastor Evan. (330-407-9731)
5. A reminder: **If you would like a holy place to pray, the St James sanctuary is never locked.**
6. We do not have a specific date set yet for returning—and we are paying attention to a multitude of sources for recommendations. Know also that when we do begin to consider meeting again, it will be a slow ramp up process rather than a giant Christmas Eve like gathering that 1st Sunday back. For now—thanks for your faithful patience.

Pastor's Column

By Evan Cameron, pastor



What to do when there's no road map

A few years ago, I was gifted a book called *Canoeing the Mountains* that tells the story of Meriwether Lewis and his exploratory adventure to find a water route connecting the Pacific Ocean to the Mississippi River. The book focuses on this question: *what do you do when the world in front of you is nothing like the world behind you?*


This was the question facing Lewis after months and months of going upstream in the Missouri River, tracking their way backwards through the plains, the Dakotas, Montana.....and they finally found the source of the river, thinking their hard work was over. And then, they climbed a small hill, and discovered a massive, stunning obstacle to the west: the Rocky Mountains. Their canoes weren't going to get the job done anymore. Their future was remarkably different from their entire familiar past.

Lately, I'm guessing many of us have felt like Meriwether Lewis, staring at those mountains. I've found myself on a few occasions saying, "Okay God.....I know you're with me.....but I feel really unsettled by so many changes at once.....and I'm concerned for the health of so many....and I'm just not exactly sure what to do with this very different future."

No one can predict the future—but it certainly felt easier to do so three months ago than right now. Our biological clocks are off.....our calendars are wiped clean....and we have no idea when it will actually be safe to make "plans" again.....the whole concept of time is different.

And yet, so says our God, "You were born for such a **time** as this." Those words are spoken to Esther when she faces a future that is incredibly different from her entire life up to that point. Overnight, she has a massive increase in terms of her leadership power and responsibility to protect those around her. Just like her, many of us have felt incredible surges of responsibility and safekeeping this past month. And I believe that God looks at each of us in this moment in time and says the same thing as was spoken to her: *you were born for such a time as this.*

Nothing makes us adapt quite like forced change. The last six weeks have been an intense pace of adapting. And let's be honest: it's hard. So I've been trying to place God's promise to Esther as a physical visual in front of me wherever I can—on my desk at work, on my car dashboard, on a mirror at home. *You were born for such a time as this.* The mountains ahead look burdensome. But God will not abandon us....so we walk onward, one step at a time.

Pastor Evan 

Focusing on Women in the Bible

When: Wednesdays in May (6th, 13th, 20th, 27th) at 7p on Zoom.

What are these sessions like? Each night, we will consider the lives of a handful of women in the bible, jumping between the Old and New Testament. We'll learn more about the life of women in biblical times, and also get to know some stories that are unfamiliar!

Who can join? Anyone is welcome! It's open to both churches, friends, strangers, you name it. Go to this link: <https://zoom.us/j/983234326>

Thursday Night Dinners with Real Deal Catering

Tired of cooking every night?

Want to support a local business / some church folks?

Real Deal Catering is selling meals every Thursday (prices vary, but \$10/plate max) - just order in advance.

You can pick up your plate at St. James on Thursdays from 5:30—6pm

To order, call Becky Winkelmann (979-472-0683) or Robert Winkelmann (979-472-1961)



ST JAMES NEW WEHDEM UPDATES

BREAD PARTNERS

We are still collecting Bread Partner items. If you are able, stop by the church and leave them in the back of the sanctuary. The doors are always unlocked.

Right now, food is a greater challenge than ever before for families who live paycheck to paycheck. Thank you for your generosity.

ST. JAMES MEMORIALS

IN MEMORY OF Jr Dierking

Nancy Davis

Wesley & Marilyn Payton

M/M Wm. Carson Hardt

M/M Roy Golan

Seidel, Schroeder

Willie Mae Lueckemeyer

Austin County State Bank

Ann Coffey Wackman

Steve & Kathlean Lackey

Knellen Quinteros & Family

Michael & Karen Mueller

SUNDAY SCHOOL

This will be suspended until further notice.

VBS JULY 19-24

Combined VBS will be held at St. James. *We are still planning on holding VBS right now, though the format will likely be different in small or big ways.* VBS leaders will be meeting over Zoom on Wednesday, May 13 from 6pm—7pm. To join, use the Wednesday Zoom link from page 1.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

The pine tree behind the cook shed was removed this past month.

EASTER LILIES GIVEN BY

Charles & Vickie Goeke
 Jackie & Betty Bowden
 Bradley & Janice Hanath
 Elwood Dannhaus
 Gary & Phyllis Weiss (2)
 Ellen Henske
 Katharine & Evan Cameron
 Margaret Schneider (3)
 Terry & Joy Druschke
 Elroy & Carolyn Loesch
 James & Pam Herrmann
 Sharon Bade
 Lawrence Bade
 Robert & Becky Winkelmann
 Loesch Siblings
 Odis & Mildred Haynes (2)
 Erwin & Kay Sander (2)
 Clarence Dierking
 Bruce & Cheryl Buenger (3)

IN MEMORY OF

Waldo & Angelie Goeke, Luther Weiss
 Louise Bockhorn Bowden Winkelmann
 Willie & Lillie Mae Schmidt
 Evyonne Dannhaus
 Lee Henske; M/M Clemence Weiss
 Lee Henske
 Robert Page, Dominic Ferritto
 Parents & Siblings
 Jimmy Druschke
 Phillip Loesch
 Henry Herrmann, Delores Winkelmann, Barbara Baranowski
 Elmer & Lucile Freitag
 Heine & Frieda Bade
 Howard & Bernice Emshoff, Delores Winkelmann
 Phillip Loesch
 Velma & John Haynes; Emma & Erwin Sander
 Delmus & Evelyn Brandt; Eerwin & Emma Sander
 Betty Dierking
 Pearlle & Jr. Dierking; Jimmie & Bitsy Buenger; M/M Charlie Henske;
 M/M Wm. Dierking, Sr.

EASTER LILIES GIVEN BY IN HONOR OF

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| Darla and Nathan Winkelmann | St. James families |
| Charles & Vickie Goeke | Verbie Weiss |
| Bradley & Janice Hanath | Bennie & Gloria Hanath |
| Delano & Vera Jean Klausmeyer | The Klausmeyer & Neumann Families |
| Winston & Tanya Rosenbaum | Members of St. James |
| James & Pam Herrmann | LeeRoy Winkelmann, Nicole & Braeden Herrmann |
| Pastor Lawrence & Sharon Bade | The faithful members of St. James |
| Elroy & Carolyn Loesch | Loesch Children, Grandchildren, Great-grandchildren |
| Bruce & Cheryl Buenger | In thankfulness of many blessings of family, friends and St. James |
| Robert & Becky Winkelmann | LeeRoy Winkelmann, their children & grandchildren |

ST PAUL PHILLIPSBURG UPDATES

Easter Sunday

During our Easter Zoom Worship, we were asked about a favorite Easter tradition. While the traditions differed, building an Easter nest was a fond memory. With the strong German heritage in our area, I was curious as to the origin of an Easter nest and this is what I found (source:germangirlinamerica.com).

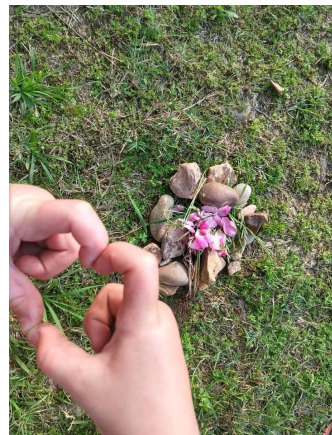
Where does the Easter Nest Tradition Come From?

The Easter nests come from the story of the [Easter Bunny's origins](#). Hundreds of years ago, **Duchess Rosilinda von Lindenberg** went into hiding with her children and servants in a remote village. For saving her life, she thanked the people who protected her by bringing them chickens who laid eggs. She wanted to make it extra special for the children, so she had them build little nests. Secretly she colored some of the eggs and hid them in the nests. When the kids discovered the colored eggs, they were excited... and a little confused when a rabbit bounded out of the bushes. The kids presumed the BUNNY had brought the eggs.

And the story stuck, and eventually, traveled all the way to Texas with early German settlers. So, many of the stories include going the Saturday before Easter to pick wildflowers including bluebonnets, buttercups, Indian paintbrush, and Mexican hat. We would take them home and decorate “nests “ in our Easter baskets inside the front door of our home. In the morning the nests would be filled with candy.”



Kinley and Emmy
Kokemor made their
first ever Easter nests
this year!



WELCA items to be collected in May...

BREAD PARTNER any items of your choice—goal of 50 every month!

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF, PERSONAL CARE KIT items needed are:

27x52 dark bath towels, bars of soap, toothbrushes, combs, metal nail clippers



Thanks to Jessie for setting the cross outside for all to decorate with flowers this Easter.

Thanks to Brenda for reminding us to spread the word of bringing flowers and to all of you that brought flowers and kept our tradition.

On Easter, Charlie Johnson shared his memories as the Easter Bunny. It was at the request of his mother (pictured to the right in blue dress) to dress up for the children of the community at Easter. The mayor of Scranton, PA is gifting Charlie aka Easter Bunny with carrots while Charlie's brother (left of the mayor with blue blazer) and excited children from the community look on.



Council Notes

St. Paul Phillipsburg Council

Council met on 4/20 at 6 pm via phone conference. Anna presided with Ruth, Jessie, Carey, Lenny, Deanna and Vernice attending. Pastor Evan opened with prayer.

Pastor informed us that we had applied for a SBA grant to help with payroll expenses

Florence did not get bids on the water problems but has been checking the grounds and all seems to be in order.

Deanna gave her report to include \$46 for Habitat for Humanity.

70+ families joined Easter worship via Zoom

Jessie made a motion to pay for the 1:00 pm radio service on Sundays in May. Seconded by Anna and motion carried.

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 April 20, 2020 via conference call. Pastor Evan led with a prayer.

President Knellen Quinteros called the meeting to order. Members present were Becky Winkelmann, Linda Tiemann, David Bartay, Kamie Krueger, Joseph Tallerine and Janice Hanath

Discussed the treasurer's report. The envelope giving is down \$2,600.00 for the month.

10% of the proceeds (\$828.00) from the chicken stew have been designated for Habitat for Humanity trip fund.

Discussed the cemetery pavilion size and design. Council members asked David to get bids.

We will continue to do Zoom on Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m. with a Bible study and Sunday mornings at 10 a.m.

Pastor Evan will continue the recorded worship service airing on KWHI at 1:00 p.m. through May 2020.

The Synod Assembly has been canceled for May.

The 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*

Dave Bartay
Bldg / Grounds

Joe Tallerine, *At-Large*

Bread Partners Item in May

St. James: Any item appreciated (leave in back of sanctuary)

St. Paul: Any item appreciated (drop off at church)

Prayer Concerns

St. Paul Members: Brenda Blum, Wilfred Neumann, Otto & Dorothy Krause, Austin Schiller, Jean Thompson, Vernice Kokemor, Brenda Blum

St. James Members: Elsie Pieper, Daniel Engeling, Fredericka DeBerry, Larry Dierking, Erline Sommerfeld, Sally Dierking, Laura Fieseler, Margaret Tiemann, Ellen Henske, Janet Mills, Ronny Schaper, Floreen Schulze, Lon Tiemann, Chris and Amy Tiemann, Nelda Wilke, Lee Roy Winklemann

Family and Friends: Leonard, Pam Alexander, Jeri Bentke, Donna DeBerry, Johnny Hardin, Chad Horelica, Gabriel Fuentes, Tammy Glaesmann, Pat Hajek, Margaret Eldridge, Jacob Kolwes, Shannon Wellmann, Mildred Huebel, Kay Roberts, Donald Siptak, Sue Schwartz, Barbara, Ricky Ondrias, Ann Fox, Diane White, Mark Glentzer, Rudy and Ramona Kunkel, Shawn Grimm, Shelly Richard, Melanie Woellert, David Kiemsteadt, Marilyn Petrich, Don Hollingsworth, Tim Wilson

Military: Tristan Plaisance, Jenna Schiller, Matthew Varella

Sympathies to: Family and friends of Wilbert Krause

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

05-19-90 Mark & Venetia Schiller
05-28-83 Larry Joe & Jackie Powell

ST JAMES

5-4 Joseph & Anna Tallerine
5-12 Joshua & Megan Schneider
5-23 Julian & Geneva Martin
5-30 Russell & Janice Honerkamp

ST PAUL

07 Carey Kokemor
13 Justin Tesch
16 Greyson Mikeska
19 Miriam Bixler
20 Cathy Norman
24 Edwin Breddin, Jr
27 Alfred Lampe, Jr
28 Dustin Reichwein
30 Cole Tesch
31 Matthew Callahan
31 Scott Hilman

ST JAMES

5-1 Theresa Dierking
5-2 Nancy Sommer
5-3 Caroline Ordner
5-4 Keaton Schulte
5-10 Ronald Schaper
5-13 Joshua Schneider
5-15 Cheryl Buenger
5-15 Elana Garling
5-16 Tyler Winkelmann
5-17 Kate Buenger
5-18 Lance Engeling
5-18 Samuel Wilson
5-21 Wyatt Braun
5-21 Joel Quinteros
5-22 Margaret Moyers
5-24 Cassidy Craigen
5-27 Kerby Krueger
5-27 Krista Sander
5-27 Jake Schaper
5-28 Ryan Quinton
5-29 Brody Hicks

SHARED MINISTRY STAFF

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

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Tanya Rosenbaum tanya@sjsplutheran.org (St James)

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

Return Address: 2739 Phillipsburg Church Rd, Brenham TX 77833

Welcome to worship!

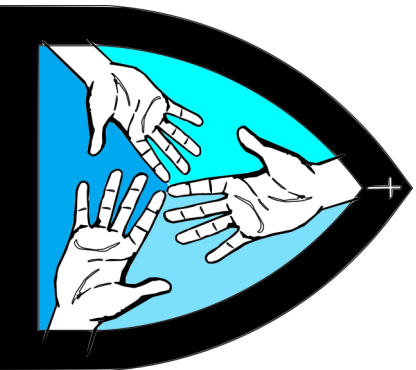
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suspended.*

St. Paul Phillipsburg: 9am

St. James New Wehdem: 10:30am

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