



*Partners in Faith*

**MARCH 2022**

**St Paul Lutheran Church in  
Phillipsburg  
2739 Phillipsburg Church Rd,  
Brenham TX 77833  
10:30am worship**

**St James Lutheran Church in  
New Wehdem  
10362 New Wehdem Rd  
Brenham TX 77833  
979-836-2795  
9am worship**

# The Joyful Noise

United in Grace. Serving in Love.

## Lent Bible Study: Genesis

Last year, we had a small but mighty group meet weekly to read the Bible from start to finish. The conversations were rich and wonderful. That group wanted to continue to meet, and we decided to pick back up again in Lent with a closer look at one of the books that most captured our attention and imagination: Genesis.

For a variety of reasons—child care for PE, out of town members, driving at night—this will stay as a Zoom group. Below are the planned topics and Zoom link. **We'd love for you to join us on Tuesday nights at 7:30pm.**

Zoom Link: [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/983234326?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/983234326?pwd=ZGVvWFFGM2NrQ1ZJRTVzVE5jbmNDZz09)  
pwd=ZGVvWFFGM2NrQ1ZJRTVzVE5jbmNDZz09  
Meeting ID: 983 234 326    Passcode: whpzs4

Tuesday 3/8 - Genesis 3: The Fall - Are we really 'a sinner since my mother conceived me' (Psalm 51) or not?

Tuesday 3/15 - PE on vacation / spring break

Tuesday 3/22 - Genesis 9 + 10: Noah and Babel - How does our language still divide us?

Tuesday 3/29 - Genesis 22: Abraham and Isaac - How does this parent/child story impact our understanding of the cross?

Tuesday 4/5 - Genesis 37: Joseph - What do you make of dreams and visions?

Tuesday 4/12 - Genesis 24: Rebekah - Why do women in the Bible often play the role of a trickster / deceiver, and how can this increase their power?

# SHARED MINISTRY DIRECTORY APP



**Shared ministry names, photos,  
and contact info could be at  
your fingertips!**

This is a reminder that our church directory is available both in hard copy and as a smartphone app.

This is also a reminder to let Donna, Tanya, or Pastor Evan know if your contact information / address has changed so we can keep it updated.

## ***Here are instructions for the mobile app—***

1. Download the App from the App Store. Search for “Instant Church Directory” and look for this icon:
2. Open the app and click on the Create Login button.
3. Enter your email address that is used in your church’s directory. *Let us know if you aren’t sure which email we have on file*
4. Create a password. The password must be 8 characters long and must contain at least two of the following special characters: capital letters, numbers or symbols.
5. Retype the password to confirm it and click Create Login.
6. Check your inbox for an email from service@instantchurchdirectory.com.
7. To complete the sign-up process, you will need to verify your email address by clicking on the link sent to you in that email.
8. Once you confirm your email, you may open the app and click Sign In to log into your church's directory using your email and new password.

## St. Paul Phillipsburg Worship Assistants

	March 6	March 13	March 20	March 27
<b>Reader</b>	Dorothy Wellmann	Anna Breddin	Venetia Schiller	Amber Cowart
<b>Organist</b>	Beth Appel	Donna Lankford	Donna Lankford	Donna Lankford
<b>Ushers</b>	Ed & Anna Breddin, Jessie Kokemor	Mark & Venetia Schiller, Carl & Carey Kokemor	Charlie & JoAnn Johnson, Lonnie & Barbara Tegeler	The Lischka Family & Florence Klehm
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Cheryl Gaskamp Lori Moehlmann	Ruth Lehmann Florence Klehm	Ruth Lehmann Florence Klehm	Barbara Tegeler JoAnn Johnson
<b>Altar Flowers</b>		Jessie Kokemor in memory of her parent's anniversary	Ruth Lehmann in honor of Alan, Dana & Faith's birthdays	Brenda Blum in memory of Elsa Blum & Robert Blum

## St. James New Wehdem Worship Assistants

	March 6	March 13	March 20	March 27
<b>Reader</b>	Paisley Dierking	Jack Buenger	Jessica Thayne	
<b>Organist</b>	Fredericka DeBerry	Phyllis Weiss	Fredericka DeBerry	Phyllis Weiss
<b>Flowers</b>	Jessica & Eric Thayne in honor of Danica's Birthday	Gary & Phyllis Weiss in memory of Ellen Henske Piano-Cheryl & Bruce Buenger in honor of Justin's birthday	Kate Buenger in honor of Joan's Birthday	
<b>Ushers + Greeters</b>	Patrick & Melissa Draehn, Weldon & Peggy Emshoff, Daniel & Gayle Engeling, Lance Engeling, Chad & Brandi Fishbeck, Jason & Kelly Frank			
<b>Council</b>	John Hohlt			

# Pastor's Column

By Evan Cameron, pastor

## Lent 2022: Resisting Indifference



“During Lent, let us find concrete ways to overcome **indifference.**” – *Pope Francis*

““Repentance means turning toward other human beings, our own flesh and blood; it means acting with compassion instead of **indifference.**” – *Sara Miles, Episcopalian writer*


“As Lent is the time for greater love, for listening to Jesus... 'Repent and believe' Jesus tells us. What are we to repent? Our **indifference**, our hardness of heart.” – *Mother Teresa*

Lent always arrives at a strange time. January and February tend to be quiet, colder, indoor months. And then, as warmer temperatures and longer sunlight comes back, we wade into Lent, with its solemn nature, dark purple décor, and a collection of worship readings that dig deep into the serious nature of discipleship. It is meant to be an intentional time to renew our faith – but, specifically, to be intentional about what?

This year, I've been thinking about intentionality vs indifference. As you can see in the famous quotes above, many faithful people consider indifference – not hate – to be the true opposite of faithful love. It is our apathy that can slowly deaden us inside.

Lent asks us to be intentional about certain habits, namely the big 4: prayer, acts of charity, fasting, and sacrifice. Acts of generosity for others, conversation with God, and giving up certain luxuries...these are not the actions of indifferent, apathetic people. They are acts of disciples, doing the little things to reawaken faith.

One more quote for this coming 40 day season – “Go and learn what this means – I desire mercy, not sacrifice.” – Jesus. I pray for you to find acts of mercy this Lent, to stir you out of indifference and toward relationships of love and justice.

Pastor Evan 

# Lent Schedule

## Ash Wednesday—March 2

11am Worship at St. Paul, lunch to follow

5:30—6:30pm Fried Fish Dinner at St. James followed by worship  
at 6:30pm

## Following Wednesdays (March 9, 16, 23, 30, April 6)

11am Worship at St. Paul, lunch at 11:30am

5:30—6:30pm Dinner at St. James, 6:30pm-7p Worship

*\*\*Lent Wednesday offering this year is designated toward the  
local Burton Bridge Ministries as well as Food for the Poor*

## Holy Week / Easter

Maundy Thursday: 6pm at St. James + footwashing

Good Friday: 6pm at St. Paul

*Sunrise Service: 7am, St. Paul Cemetery*

St. Paul: 8:30am worship, breakfast following

St. James: 9am breakfast, 10am worship

# ST JAMES NEW WEHDEM UPDATES

**VOLUNTEERS TO SERVE MEALS** If you would like to serve one of the Lenten Wednesday evening meals at St. James, please sign up on the list in church.

**EASTER LILIES AT ST. JAMES** Please sign up to give Easter lilies for Easter Sunday. Cost is \$8.95 each pot-use sign up sheets are in the back of the church by March 31.

## CONGRATULATIONS

- To Joel & Chelsea Quinteros on the birth of Rhett James on Jan. 31! He is welcomed by big sister Ryan and grandmother Knellen Quinteros!
- To Brandon & Kirstie Hanath on the birth of Hadley Mae on Feb. 7! She is welcomed by grandparents Bradley & Janice Hannath!
- To Teresa & James Mingori on the birth of Henry Christopher on Feb. 11. He is welcome by big brother Jack and grandmother Knellen Quinteros!

**THANK YOU** Thank you for the beautiful roses placed in church for my 91st birthday. Also, thank you to Mildred Haynes for bringing them to my home. May all of you be blessed for the kindness you have shown me. Erline Sommerfeld

**THANK YOU** for designating their Thrivent Choice Dollars to St. James—Janice Hanath, Bonnie Pilchick, Linda & Rudy Tiemann

## Sympathies to Family of Will Louis Meischen

Will Louis Meischen, 83, of Cypress died on Feb 23, 2022. Funeral service-March 1 at St. James Lutheran Church of New Wehdem with Pastor Evan Cameron officiating-Burial in the church cemetery.

Will was born on Feb 13, 1939 in Shelby, TX to Arthur & Alice Mae Voelkel Meischen, baptized on Sept 27, 1939 & confirmed on April 18, 1954. He graduated Bellville High School & Blinn College. He married Betty Tiemann June 5, 1960 at New Wehdem Lutheran Church. He was a sales representative for NuTone & served in the National Guard. He is survived by wife, Betty Meischen of Cypress, sons & daughters-in-law, Blake & Angie Meischen of Cypress, & Scott & Nita Meischen of New Ulm; brother & sister-in-law, Allyn & Lille Mae Mesichen of Houston; sister & brother-in-law, Judy & Butch Deininger of Washington, IL; grandchildren, Dalton Meischen, Tyler Meischen, Sarah Currie, Jordan Meischen, Lacey Liebscher, Morgan Reynolds, & Carrie Kilpatrick; & great-granddaughter, Aubrey Reynolds.

# ST PAUL PHILLIPSBURG UPDATES

**R B SCHAW** passed away on Wednesday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> peacefully at his home. Visitation is Sunday between 5:00-7:00 pm at Memorial Oaks Chapel. The funeral will be Monday at 10:30 am also at Memorial Oaks Chapel with Pastor Evan officiating. Burial will follow in St. Paul's cemetery.

**BETTY MOONEY** passed away on February 5<sup>th</sup> in Arizona. There will be a memorial service in April with date and time to follow; Patty requested memorials to be made to St. Paul's in her memory. If you'd like to send a card, please send to:

Patti Graetz  
8102 West San Juan Ave  
Glendale, AZ 85303

**BREAD PARTNERS** items needed in March are **mac and cheese**

**LENTEN MEALS** will be served after our 11:00 am Wednesday worships. Please consider volunteering to provide a light meal or dessert. Sign up sheets can be found at the back of the church.

**LWR Personal Care Kit** items needed:

- Bath towel-27"x52" dark color
- Bath size bars of soap-8>9 oz in original wrapping
- Adult size toothbrush in original package
- Sturdy comb-no picks or fine teeth
- Metal nail clippers

**FLOWER CHART** has openings in the upcoming months. Sign up for your floral offerings and note in honor or memory of that someone special.

**SAVE the DATE!** Our annual **FISH FRY** will be on May 14th! Again, we will need donations of items for the raffle. A signup sheet can be found at the back of the church.

**EASTER LILIES & GERBER DAISIES** will again be available for purchase for Easter. Cost is TBD. Sign up sheets can be found at the back of the church.

**DORCAS CIRCLE** met 2/15 with Florence, Anna, Ruth, Vernice, Anita, Dorothy W and Jessie present. Anna opened the Bible Study with prayer. Session 2, "The Kingdom of God, Mysteries of the Kingdom" exploring parables, banquets and children. The parables included sowing seed on different types of soil and finding a great treasure in the field. The banquet included eating with tax collectors. Jessie read the minutes and gave the treasurers report with \$229.30 plus today's offering. Dorothy W was the hostess; Jessie will be hostess for March. Respectfully submitted, Jessie

# March 2022

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>W</i>
		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> ASH WED 11am Wor Lunch to f 5:30-6:30P James 6:30pm W
<b>6</b> St. Paul— 9:00am I/O St. James—10:30am I/O 1:00pm KWHI Radio Service	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 7:30pm Zoom Bible Study	<b>9</b> 11am Wor lunch at 11 5:30-6:30p James, 6:3 St. James
<b>13</b> St. James SS 9:30am— Decorating Easter Bags St. Paul— 9:00am I/O St. James—10:30am I/O 1:00pm KWHI Radio Service	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> LWR Quilting @ 10:00 am Dorcas Circle Bible Study @ 2.30 pm	<b>16</b> 11am Wor lunch at 11 5:30-6:30p James, 6:3 <b>P</b>
<b>20</b> St. Paul— 9:00am I/O St. James—10:30am I/O 1:00pm KWHI Radio Service	<b>21</b> Leadership Night—both church councils, at St James 6pm start	<b>22</b> NEWSLETTER DEADLINE 7:30pm Zoom Bible Study	<b>23</b> 11am Wor lunch at 11 5:30-6:30p James, 6:3 St. James
<b>27</b> St. Paul— 9:00am I/O St. James—10:30am I/O 1:00pm KWHI Radio Service	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 7:30pm Zoom Bible Study	<b>30</b> 11am Wor lunch at 11 5:30-6:30p James, 6:3 St. James



<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> Worship at St. Paul Follow M Dinner at St. Worship at St. James	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> SP Fellowship Hall Rsvd, DKG 8am-noon SJ FLC-DIERKING
Worship at St. Paul, :30am m Dinner at St. 0-7pm worship at	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> SJ FLC-HERRMANN
Worship at St. Paul, :30am m Dinner at St. 0-7pm worship at	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> SJFLC-WEISS
<b>Pastor Evan on vacation</b>			
Worship at St. Paul, :30am m Dinner at St. 0-7pm worship at	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
Worship at St. Paul, :30am m Dinner at St. 0-7pm worship at	<b>31</b>		

# The Life and Times of



***St James Sunday School from February—we hope homebound folks enjoyed their valentines!***

***Members of St Paul's Dorcas Circle continue their ongoing quilting work for Lutheran World Relief.***



***On Sunday March 20, ELCA Pastor Rick Hartmann will be with us to preach and share about Food for the Poor, an international hunger organization working in the Caribbean and Central America.***

**FFTP FOOD FOR THE POOR**  
United in God's Work

# Council Notes

## St. Paul Phillipsburg Council

Met on 2/21 with Pastor Evan, Charlie, Venetia, Dorothy, Lonnie, Carey, Lenny and Sherry present. Charlie called the meeting to order; at this time, no minutes were read. Pastor Evan gave his report.

- 100% of Lent offerings will be given to Burton Bridge Ministries
- Guest speaker from Food for the Poor on March 20th
- Easter sunrise service tentatively planned for 7am at cemetery; worship at 8:30am
- Confirmation camp is July 17-22
- Lonnie & Dorothy gave their report; discussed creation of another designated fund
- Lenny gave his report...approved hot water heater for fellowship hall, continue working on water damage claim in Educational Bldg, painting church columns was discussed, Fish Fry tentative date is May 14

Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Sherry Mosley

January financials-

income \$ 5,669, expenses \$ 5,402, balance \$35,728.

### St. Paul Council

Charlie Johnson, *President*

Venetia Schiller, *VP*

Sherry Mosley, *Secretary*

Lonnie Tegeler, *Treasurer*

Dorothy Wellmann,  
*Financial Secretary*

Trish Surovik, *Parish Ed*

, *Memorials*

Lenny Krause, *Bldg / Grounds*

Carey Kokemor,

*Congregational Life/Shared  
Ministry*

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## St. James New Wehdem Council

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Joseph Tallerine, *President*

, *VP*

Jessica Thayne, *Secretary*

Kate Buenger, *Treasurer*

Kelly Frank, *Asst. Treasurer*

John Hohlt, *Bldg /  
Grounds*

Lauren Sinclair, *Shared  
Ministry Representative*

- Met on Feb 21 with Joe Tallerine, Kate Buenger, Jessica Thayne, and Kelly Frank present.
- Discussed Lenten offering split between Burton Bridge Ministries and Food for the Poor.
- Discussed 5th Sunday Worship which will be at the time of that church's normal service.
- Discussed Easter Sunrise Service will be back this year.
- Confirmation Camp has two students attending and council agreed to cover \$328 per camper. No vehicle rental cost.
- Shared Ministry Conference: Bishop Mike is organizing multi-point parish leaders. So far, there are 7 shared ministries in our area along with ours.
- Discussed Church Sign Replacement.
- Discussed bookkeeping of church books.
- Easter Breakfast-Confirmation kids and council will serve, more to come on that.
- Workday before Easter on April 9 at 9AM until done.
- Next meeting on March 21 at 6:00pm at St. James.

# KWHI Services Ongoing

We will continue our Sunday worship at 1:00pm on KWHI, both AM (1280) and FM (101.7).

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!** It is becoming a healthy evangelism tool for us.

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

## Thank You

Thank you for your participation in Samaritan's Purse, Operation Christmas Child at St. Paul and at St. James.

The area boxes went to Ecuador, Gabon Africa, Panama, and Philippines. The region total was 5,245 boxes a record over the previous year.

**The joy you have brought children all over the world is not only from potentially receiving their first gift ever but in also receiving their first introduction to Jesus and hearing of His love for them.**

Eric & Deborah Kolber of Samaritan's Purse

## SUNDAY WORSHIP

*St. Paul 9:00am*

*St James 10:30am*

**Mar 6** 1st Sunday in Lent  
Deuteronomy 26:1-11, Ps 91:1-2, 9-16, Romans 10:8b-13, Luke 4:1-13  
The 40 days of Lent are like no other. It is our time to return to God, to receive the gifts of grace, to believe and confess the wonder of God's love, and to resist temptation. It is the struggle Jesus knew and shares.

**Mar 13** 2nd Sunday in Lent Gen 15:1-12, 17-18, Ps 27, Philippians 3:17—4:1, Luke 13:31-35  
Though we sometimes doubt and often resist God's desire to protect and save us, our God persists. Lent provides an occasion to behold the God of salvation in the face of the Blessed One .

**Mar 20** 3rd Sunday in Lent Is. 55:1-9, Ps 63:1-8, 1 Cor. 10:1-13, Luke 13:1-9  
The warnings are plentiful and blunt for this Sunday. Cut it out or get cut down! The warnings are accompanied by God's invitation to attentiveness: "Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live."

**Mar 27** 4th Sunday in Lent  
Joshua 5:9-12, Ps 32, 2 Cor 5:16-21, Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32  
Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven. Happy is the father at the return of his prodigal son. Happy are we that our sins are forgiven for Jesus' sake. Rejoice!

# *Bread Partners Items in February*

**St. James:** Pantry staples such as sugar, flour, oil, salt, pepper

**St. Paul:** Mac n Cheese - goal of 50 items!

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## *Prayer Concerns*

### **St. Paul Members:**

Wilfred Neumann, Dorothy Krause, Brenda Blum, Will Hartnett, Catherine Gardiner, Karen Klehm, Misti Malinowski

### **St. James Members:**

Lucile Bockhorn, Betty Bowden, Jackie Bowden, Cheryl Buenger, Carolyn Loesch, Geneva Martin, Janet Mills, Elsie Pieper, Ronnie Schaper, Floreen Schulze, Erlene Sommerfeld, John Teufel, Chris, Amy, & Lincoln Tiemann, Margaret Tiemann, Nelda Wilke,

### **Family and Friends:**

Donna Acosta, Pastor Larry Beck, Jeri Bentke, Michael DeBerry, Winston Dietrich, Family of Hank Duvall, Tammy Glaesmann, Gladys Grawunder, Denise Greene, Pat Hogan, Mildred Huebel, Keith Korth, Michael Korth, Becky Meador, Jane & Lee Larkin, Dennis Mauney, Becky Meador, Charlette Niemeyer, Marilyn Petrich, Xavier Rogers, Roy Schmidt, Mack Snider, Pat Stelter, Amelia Sudderth, Diane Winkelmann, Virginia Beseir, Larry Shuck

Military: Tristan Plaisance, Jenna Schiller, Anthony Funk

Sympathies to Families of Betty Mooney (Member of St. Paul), Allen Garling (father of Royce), R B Schawe (Member of St. Paul), Will Meischen (Member of St. James)

## *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.

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](https://www.thrivent.com/thrivent-choice).

## ST PAUL BIRTHDAYS

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

## ST PAUL ANNIVERSARIES

03-10-01 Scott & Sherry  
Mosley

### St. James Raffle Winners

\$800 Visa Gift Card-Joe Tallarine  
2 Night Stay at Vacation rental in Galveston-Brianna Hohlt  
RTIC Backpack Cooler, \$100 Gift Cert Bellville Meat & Patio Heater-Shannon Wellmann  
Echo Battery Operated Handheld Blower-Linda Tiemann  
\$100 Home Depot Gift Card-Gary Winkelmann  
\$100 Gift Cert to Bellville Meat-Kenneth Neumann  
\$100 Gift Card to HEB- Butch Lorenz  
\$100 Gift Card to Walmart-Jeff Zibilski  
\$50 Visa Gift Card-Margaret Schneider  
\$50 Target Gift Card-Neal Wellmann  
\$50 Lowe's Gift Card-Brenda Chernosky  
Stained Bench-Crawford Winkelmann  
Charcuterie Board-Stephen Loesch  
4 Movie Passes WW6-Calvin Braun  
Canned Goods-Barbara Vohs  
*Thank you to everyone who donated prizes or money for the raffle and to all who sold and bought tickets!*

## SHARED MINISTRY STAFF

Ministers *all the members of St. Paul and St. James*  
Donna Lankford [donna@sjsplutheran.org](mailto:donna@sjsplutheran.org) (St Paul)  
Donna's Cell: 713-816-6980  
Tanya Rosenbaum [tanya@sjsplutheran.org](mailto:tanya@sjsplutheran.org) (St James),  
in office 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 JAMES BIRTHDAYS

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

## ST JAMES ANNIVERSARIES

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

Return Address: 2739 Phillipsburg Church Rd, Brenham TX 77833

**Welcome to worship!**

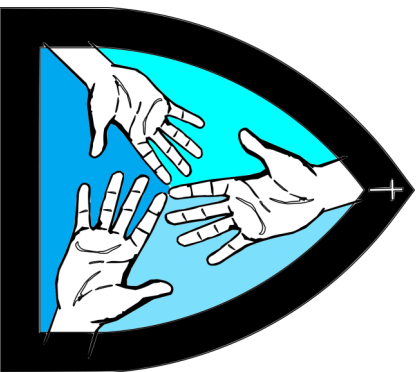
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9am at St Paul

10:30am at St James

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