



Partners in Faith

June 2019

**St James Lutheran Church in
New Wehdem
10362 New Wehdem Rd
Brenham TX 77833**

**St Paul Lutheran Church in
Phillipsburg
2739 Phillipsburg Church Rd,
Brenham TX 77833**

**WATER INTO WINE
STORIES**

***Have an experience of God
turning water into wine in your
life? Writing a faith story is
easier than you think!***

***Spend some time considering a
story you'd like to share, write it
out (about 350-500 words), and
send it to Pastor Evan***

***It will be an enriching
experience for you, but it also
offers all of us a chance to grow
in faith.***

The Joyful Noise

United in Grace. Serving in Love.

Stories of Faith

Storyteller: Nathan Winkelmann



I am writing this to share with you about how a person's life can come full circle when a tragedy or a big disappointment occurs. Our family lived on my grandparents' (Theo. and Erna Winkelmann) farm. I had two younger brothers, Kenneth and Darrell, and 1 older brother, William.

I was six years old when my dad decided farming and ranching with my grandfather was no longer feasible to raise a family. We moved to Houston so that my dad could work with his cousin who was a homebuilder. I left behind memories of my grandparents such as my daily wagon rides by grandmother to go check the turkeys they raised. She sewed for me my own personal cotton sack so I could look like I was a real big helper and could look like my grandfather.

I attended the schools in the Spring Branch area of Houston. I made a lot of new friends but always looked forward to every other weekend trip back to New Wehdem and visiting with my grandparents. As the years went by, the trips to the farm and the visits with my grandparents grew less and less....

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Pastor's Column

By Evan Cameron, pastor



When Denominations Collide

Recently I had the true joy of traveling to the “Festival of Homiletics.” Homiletics is the formal academic word for preaching (think cardiology = study of the heart). This festival is a collision of preachers from around the world (at least 10 other countries were represented) and from all different faith traditions. There were preachers from the formal, New England Congregationalist churches and preachers who walked with Dr. King and preach passionately on public streets more often than pulpits.

There were Lutherans, Evangelicals, Methodists, Presbyterians, Baptists, Catholics, Episcopalians, non-demonination folks, United Church of Christ folks, and everything in between. There were “holy rollers” and quiet poets. There were “hallelujahs!” and “aaaaaamen!” rained forward from those in the pews, and there were polite subtle head nods from others. We used different creeds, different Lord’s Prayer translations, standard hymns and African spirituals.

Across denominations...we worship the same amazing God.

It was a week to see just how different we worship across the Christian world....but it was also a week to see that we worship the same amazing God, and we tell the same life-altering story of God’s son. Preachers may have different delivery styles, but all who preached worked to tell the same story about how the resurrection of Jesus changed everything. They spoke about how it gives us hope in the present. They spoke about how it challenges and defeats the evils and corruptions of the current world. They spoke about the serious task it is to follow this Risen One. They shared their imaginations of what God is up to in this world right now.

For me who often leads worship, it was a helpful perspective to sit in the pews for five days. I pray the experience will make me a better pastor, and I hope to try to carry some ideas experienced in Minnesota into our worships on occasion. Thank you for the opportunity to continue learning.

PASTOR EVAN 

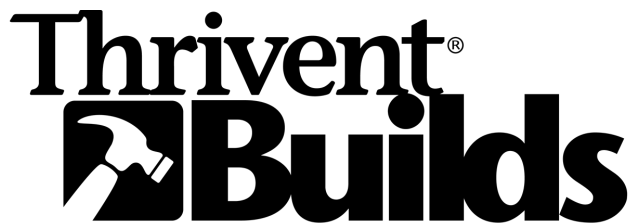
Women ^{of the} ELCA

Save the date—

2019 Gulf Coast WELCA Retreat and Convention
will be held at Lutherhill

August 16-18, 2019

Theme: **Come and See** (Psalm 66:5)



2019 St. Paul + St. James
Adult Mission Trip

Beaumont, TX —
November 11 - 16, 2019



Registration will open soon!

Deadline to Register: September 26th

We will have a shared fund between both churches for those who wish to support the trip financially but are unable to go. These funds will go toward travel, and to make the per-person cost more affordable.

THE LIFE AND TIMES OF SHARED MINISTRY...

↓ Thanks for all who helped with the St Paul Fish Fry—those who served, and those who came!



Stories of Faith, continued...

When you are young, you don't always see all the things going on around you, as you are too busy trying to occupy your time. It was the summer of 1969, and I was going to be a freshman in high school the next school year when my parents' divorce became a reality. For the next couple of months, myself and my two younger brothers were being moved from here to there.

I remember that weekend when my Dad loaded us three brothers up in the car, and we were headed to New Wehdem to spend time with my grandparents. It was on that trip and that weekend that I remember my grandmother telling my Dad, "You need to leave the boys here with us – we will be fine."

The next six years living with my grandparents was life changing. They taught us everything you need to know in life by living their life as an example for us. I don't have enough space to share all the fond memories and life lessons of that time. As I grew older, I often looked back at all the sacrifices they made for me and for my two younger brothers. I often wondered how my life would have turned out if not for the unfortunate occurrence. My grandparents were truly angels in my life, and they turned water into wine.



Photo above of Theo and Erna, Nathan's grandparents

SHARED MINISTRY OF ST. JAMES & ST. PAUL

Vacation Bible School—Registration for

July 14-18, 2019. Return No Later than July 7



Child's Name: _____

Birthdate: _____

Parents' Names: _____

Address: _____

Contact Number: _____

Emergency Contact Number: _____

E-mail address: _____

Allergies: _____

Any medical conditions we need to know about?

Are there any activities that this child cannot participate in:
Yes No If yes, which activities? _____

This child has my permission to participate in VBS:
Signed by _____ Date _____

Please return this form to: St. James Lutheran Church
10362 New Wehdem Road Brenham, Texas 77833

If you would like to help: please contact Kim Wade, Carey Kokemor,
Joan Buenger, or Phyllis Weiss.

Shared Ministry Happenings!

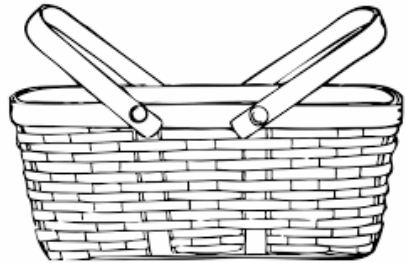
SHARED MINISTRY CHURCH PICNIC!

Date: Sunday July 28th

Time: 10am

Location: St John

Retreat Center



Be a part of a fabulous worship, with music provided by guitarist Robert Zientek, a meal cooked by our churches, and a chance to worship as one community.

We officially have a new **SHARED WEBSITE!** Enjoy sermon recordings, uploaded newsletters, a shared church calendar, and photos.

Web Address: www.sjsplutheran.org

We're starting a **SHARED DIRECTORY** between St. Paul and St. James
Talk to Kay Sander or Darla Winkelmann at St. James, or JoAnn Johnson at St. Paul.

SUNDAY WORSHIP

St. Paul: 9am

St. James: 10:30am

JUNE 2 | Easter 7 / Ascension

Acts 1: 1-11, Psalm 97, Revelation 22:12-21, John 17:20-26

The Easter season closes with Jesus' ascending, and trusting his disciples to carry on his love

JUNE 9 | Pentecost

Acts 2:1-21, Psalm 104, Romans 8:14-17, John 14:8-17 [25-27]

Tongues of fire fulfill Jesus' promise to equip his followers with the Spirit of God

JUNE 16 | Holy Trinity Sunday

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31, Psalm 8

Romans 5:1-5, John 16:12-15

God's love has been poured into our hearts, according to Paul.

JUNE 23 | Pentecost 2

Isaiah 65:1-9, Psalm 22, Galatians 3:23-29, Luke 8:26-39

As Jesus encounters demons, Paul teaches us about the unity that "all are one in Christ"

JUNE 30 | Pentecost 3

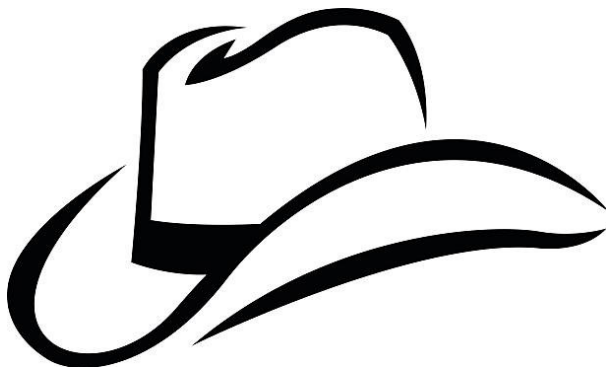
1 Kings 19:15-21, Psalm 16

Galatians 5:13-25, Luke 9:51-62

Jesus reminds us of the challenge of following him authentically. Elijah calls Elisha.

COUNTRY WESTERN SERVICE

**June 23 at St. James,
10:30am**



**Come worship, dance, and
enjoy the music of Allison
Crowson of On Zion's Hill!**

Worship Leaders in June

| St. Paul Phillipsburg Worship Assistants | | | | | |
|---|---------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------------|---|---------------------------------|
| | June 2 | June 9 | June 16 | June 23 | June 30 |
| Reader | Anna Breddin | Venetia Schiller | JoAnn Johnson | Jason Kiemsteadt | Barbara Tegeler |
| Organist | Beth Appel | Donna Lankford | Beth Appel | Donna Lankford | Donna Lankford |
| Ushers | Edwin & Anna Breddin, Anita Kramer | Callahan's & Johnson's | Jessie Kokemor, Jason & Misti | Tegeler's & Maresh's | Schiller's & Sandra S |
| Altar Guild | Jessie Kokemor Venetia Schiller | Jessie Kokemor Venetia Schiller | Deanna Callahan Sandra Schwenke | Deanna Callahan SandraSchwenke | Ruth Lehmann Florence Klehm |
| Altar Flowers | Charles & Vernice Kokemor | Anita Kramer in honor of grand- children | Sandra Schwenke in memory of Earl | Ruth Lehmann in honor of Dylan's bday | Nelson & Dorothy Wellmann |



| St. James New Wehdem Worship Assistants | | | | | |
|--|--|--------------------|--|-------------------------|------------------------|
| | June 2 | June 9 | June 16 | June 23 | June 30 |
| Reader | Fredericka De-Berry | Joan Buenger | Betty Bowden | | |
| Organist | Cheryl Buenger | Fredericka DeBerry | Phyllis Weiss | <i>*Western Service</i> | |
| Altar Flowers | | | Daniel & Gayle Engeling in honor of their 55th anniversary | | Gary and Phyllis Weiss |
| Ushers + Greeters | Ronny & Cindy Schaper; Joshua & Megan Schneider; Margaret Schneider; Russell & Brooke Schrader | | | | |
| Council | Jeff Wright | | | | |

June 2019

| <i>Sunday</i> | <i>Monday</i> | <i>Tuesday</i> | <i>Wednesday</i> |
|---|--|--|---|
| 2 Worship at St. Paul: 9am Worship at St. James: 10:30 Reception for Grads at St. James 9:45am | 3 VBS Meeting @ St. James 6pm | 4 | 5 SHARED BAPTIST 6pm @ St. Paul No Hannah Ci |
| 9 Pentecost Sunday Worship at St. Paul: 9am St. Paul Fun Sunday & Bible Study after worship! Worship at St. James: 10:30 | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| 16 SJ Anniversary Com 9:30am Worship at St. Paul: 9am Worship at St. James: 10:30 Potluck and Games at St. James 11:30 | 17 | 18 SHARED MINISTRY TEAM 5:30PM @ St. Paul BOTH COUNCILS 6:30PM @ St. Paul | 19 Dorcas Circle 9:30am, and st |
| 23 Worship at St. Paul: 9am Western Worship Service @ St. James: 10:30 | 24 | 25 | 26 DKG, Fellowship Rsv'd. 10am-3pm NEWSLETTER |
| 30 Worship at St. Paul: 9am Worship at St. James: 10:30 | July 1 | July 2 | July 3 |

| <i>Wednesday</i> | <i>Thursday</i> | <i>Friday</i> | <i>Saturday</i> |
|---|--|---------------|--|
| BIBLE STUDY St. James Circle meeting | 6 Shared Men's Fellowship Breakfast: 6:30am, Bucca- neer in Brenham | 7 | 8 FLC- SANDER REUNION |
| | 13 Hope Circle: 4pm, On Deck | 14 | 15 |
| Quilting at Study at 3p | 20 | 21 | 22 |
| Ship Hall Room DEADLINE | 27 | 28 | 29 |
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ST PAUL PHILLIPSBURG UPDATES

CONGRATS, RAFFLE WINNERS!

Hand painted wood carved bench, Jerry Kohring
Remington 783 243 Rifle w/ scope, Robert Reichwein
Henry H001 22 Lever Action Rifle, Kayla Kokemor
Remington 870 12 gauge shotgun, Brian Robinson
Taurus Judge Tracker revolver, Elizabeth Lankford
Echo PB250 Handheld Blower, Jessie Kokemor
\$500 Visa gift card, Steve Smith
\$100 Dan's Meat Market gift card,, Kaylan Hanath
\$100 Dan's Meat Market gift card, Lynn Bockhorn
\$100 WalMart gift card, Jerry Randerman
\$100 HEB gift card, Michael Callahan
\$100 gift card, Charlie Heard
Gift basket, \$100 value, Mark Kokemor
\$100 Gift certificate, Patricia Koronka
\$50 Tegeler Toyota Gift Shop card, James Schulz
\$50 Lowe's gift card, Emmy Kokemor
\$50 Home Depot gift card, Mia Surovik
\$50 Kountry Boys Gift card, James Grimm
\$50 HEB Gift card, Charlie Heard
\$50 Visa Gift card, Robert Brown
\$50 Kenney Store gift card, Lonnie Tegeler
\$40 Orman's/Los Cabos Gift Card, Kelly Frank
Tegeler Oil/Lube Job, James Grimm
Custom Hardwood Guitar Floor Stand, Brian Robinson
Custom Hardwood Guitar Wall Stand, Jerry Kieke
32qt Boiling Pot w/basket, Charlie Heard
Dewalt Electric Grinder, Tara Wilson
Frio Ice Chest & Tumbler, Robert Reichwein
Yeti 5 gallon Loadout Bucket, Michael Skala
Chappell Hill Bakery ribeye dinner, Jerry Randerman
Rtic 65qt cooler, Don Koester
Manuel's Dinner for 2, Mark Schiller
50' water hose, brass nozzle, gas can, Kim Krause
Rubbermaid 10 gallon water jug, Chad Miller
BBQ Grill, charcoal & utensils, Delano Klausmayer

THANK YOU to everyone that helped-the cooks, servers, those who cleaned up and baked cakes/pies, those who sold tickets and especially to Nelson & Dorothy! Over 420 meal tickets were sold!



YARD SALE

July 26, 3:00-7:00 pm
July 27, 9:00 am-2:00 pm

Start collecting your items for our annual yard sale.
Items can be brought to the new Fellowship Hall, July 7th-21st.
We need your help to make it a success....Sign up to help price and arrange items as well as to work the day of the sale.

OUR SYMPATHY and PRAYERS to Joy and the family of Pastor Robert Sorensen. He passed away on Friday, May 17th at his home. A memorial service was held on Friday, May 24th at St. John's in Bellville. He retired from Phillipsburg in September 2017 after 10+ years.



St. Paul's Memorials

Memorials Designated Cemetery Fund in Memory of:

Joel Dyer by Anita Kramer

Milford Gross by Anita Kramer

Memorial in Memory of:

Ruby Emshoff by Charles & Vernice Kokemor



Jenna Schiller graduated from Texas State University on May 17th, 2019 with a Bachelor's degree in Exercise & Sports Science, concentration of Pre-Rehabilitation and a Minor of Psychology. This past spring, she enlisted into the United States Air Force, to which she will leave for basic training on June 25th at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, TX. Upon completion, she will hold the rank of Airman First Class. She will head straight to wherever her assigned Technical school is; after basic training, for her assigned job. It is during this time, she'll find out the location of her first post. Jenna's proud Mom and Dad are Venetia and Mark Schiller.

THANK YOU

Dear St. James Family,

We would like to thank you for all of your kind expressions of sympathy and support that helped to ease our loss of Angelie. We send out special thanks to Pastor Evan and Mildred Haynes for all of their visits; to Pastor Bade for the wonderful service, to Cheryl Buenger for playing her favorite hymns and to all who provided food and served at the luncheon. It is comforting to know that we have such a caring and loving church family!

Sincerely in Christ's love, *Charles & Vickie & the Goeke Family*

I would like to thank everyone for their thoughts, prayers, texts, and phone calls during my hospitalization earlier this year. It was a long four month stay but I could not have made it through without the encouragement and support from everyone. Also, thank you to everyone that helped with the fundraiser in April; whether it was volunteering, purchasing meal tickets or making a monetary donation. I can't say thank you enough!

God Bless You All Kaitlyn Nienstedt

ST. JAMES MEMORIALS

IN MEMORY OF RONNA TIEMANN

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|-------------------------------|------------------------|
| Knellen Quinteros | Joan Buenger |
| Gary & Phyllis Weiss | Roy & Vilette Finke |
| Bruce & Cheryl Buenger | Weldon & Peggy Emshoff |
| Delano & Vera Jean Klausmeyer | Bobby & Bonnie Pieper |

IN MEMORY OF ANGELIE GOEKE

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|---------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Joan Buenger | Knellen Quinteros |
| David & Evelyn Buck | Brian & Rachel Kubala & Sons |
| Sue Johnston, Jeremy, Joshua & Family | Daniel & Gayle Engeling |
| Gary & Phyllis Weiss | Verbie Weiss |
| Alietha Richter & Vickie Wehmeyer | Bruce & Cheryl Buenger |
| Odis & Mildred Haynes | Roy & Vilette Finke |
| Weldon & Peggy Emshoff | Robert Weiss |
| Kenneth & Ann Pieper | Erline Sommerfeld |
| Delano & Vera Jean Klausmeyer | Bobby & Bonnie Pieper |
| Bernice Hromadka | |

IN MEMORY OF RUBY EMSHOFF

Olan & Sylvia Ashorn

IN MEMORY OF DOROTHY LORENZ

Joe & Carolyn Hunter, Chris & Katie Pace

IN MEMORY OF LOUIS GASKAMP

Olan & Sylvia Ashorn

Council Notes

St. Paul Phillipsburg Council

Church council met on May 21 with all members present

Discussions included:

- Sending plant/memorial in memory of Pastor Robert Sorensen's passing
- Treasurer's report was given with working balance of \$18,252.64
- Fish Fry profit was \$9,859.58. Motion made and approved to donate part of proceeds to the Habitat for Humanity trip in November to offset member costs, apply part to the Road fund and remainder to the building fund
- Memorials reported \$60
- Building/Grounds reported a list of jobs still needing completion
- Options discussed to repair plumbing in Women's restroom or moving it
- Committee will be formed together to get bids and recommendations for the handicap parking

Respectfully submitted by Church Council Secretary , Venetia Schiller

St. Paul Council

Charlie Johnson, *President*

Jason Kiemsteadt, *VP*

Venetia Schiller, *Secretary*

Dorothy Wellmann, *Treasurer*

Carey Kokemor, *Parish Ed*

Deanna Callahan,

Financial Secretary

Ruth Lehmann, *Memorials*

Florence Klehm, *Bldg /
Grounds*

Sandra Schwenke, *At-Large*

St. James New Wehdem Council

The St. James Council met on Tuesday, 5/28.

Items that were discussed include:

- reflections on our April meeting with Dr. Liz Johnson regarding a potential creation of a church endowment
- Planning for July 28th shared church picnic, including conversations about shared ministry worship times
- We discussed possible new signage for the elevator, as well as a possible paving project for handicapped parking and finding a smaller table for memorials at funerals

See the full minutes at the church office if desired!

St. James Council

Robert Winkelmann,

President

Knellen Quinteros, *VP*

Janice Hanath, *Secretary*

Gary Weiss, *Treasurer*

Linda Tiemann, *Asst.*

Treasurer

Jeff Wright, *Bldg /*

Grounds

Wesley Winkelmann,

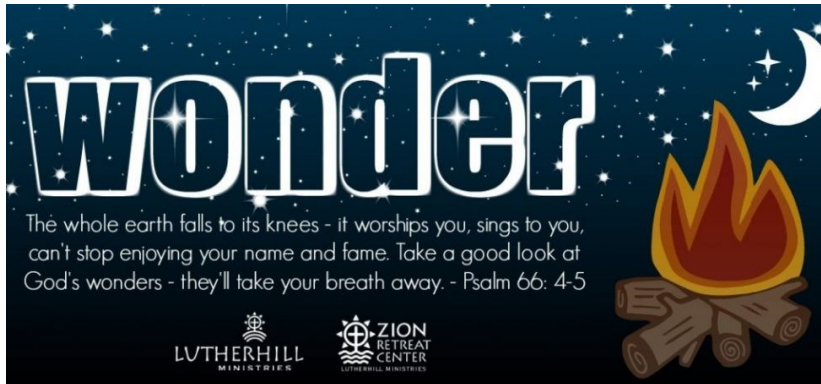
At-Large

Lutherhill Camp Dates! Summer theme: WONDER

First week of camp begins June 9

9 weeks of camp—both in La Grange and at Galveston Zion Retreat Center

Visit lutherhill.org for details and registration info!



Ongoing Ministries

FUN SUNDAY. St. Paul families and adults gather one Sunday a month for youth learning on the fruits of the spirit, and adult learning as well! **This month, we gather on June 9** after worship.

DORCAS CIRCLE. This gathering of St. Paul women meets on the third Wednesday of each month. They quilt at 9:30am, with fellowship and study at 3pm. The next gathering is Wednesday, **June 19.** Contact Anna Breddin for info.

HANNAH CIRCLE. This gathering of St. James women typically meets regularly on the first Wednesday of the month, but

they will not be meeting in June or July. Contact Joan Buenger for info.

HOPE CIRCLE: This group for women from St. James gathers on the 2nd Thursday of the month at On Deck, for fellowship and study. **This month, they gather on June 13 at 4pm.** Contact Vera Klausmeyer for info.

CARE COMPANIONS deliver communion and serve as a faithful companions through changes in life. Care Companions include Anna Breddin, Mildred Haynes, Vera Jean Klausmeyer, Cindy Schaper, and Dorothy Wellmann. Contact Pastor Evan

if you wish to receive care—or become a companion!

(NEW!) MEN IN FAITH. Men of St. Paul and St. James gather on the first Thursday of the month for breakfast and fellowship at 6:30am am at Buccaneer in Brenham. **This month we meet on June 6.** Invite a friend and contact Pastor Evan with questions.

POTLUCK AND GAMES St. James folks gather in the Family Life Center on the 3rd Sunday each month after worship for games and a potluck. **This month, they'll meet on June 16** in the Family Life Center.

Bread Partner Items: June

St. James: Cereal

St. Paul: Items of your choice

LWR items: 27x52 dark bath towel & bath size soap bars

Prayer Concerns

St. Paul Members

Wilfred Neumann, Dorothy Mae Tesch, Otto & Dorothy Krause, Alfred Lampe, Charles Kokemor

St. James Members

Jackie Bowden, Jr. Dierking, Larry Dierking, Sally Dierking, Joy Druschke, Laura Fieseler, Jeri Hanath, Janet Mills, Floreen Schulze, Margaret Tiemann, Nelda Wilke

Family and Friends

Gerald Beausoleil, Jeri Bentke, Bob Byrd, Donna DeBerry, Cindy Sodolak, Richard Foreman, Gabriel Fuentes, Tammy Glaesmann, Blake Kohring, Keith Korth, Kaitlyn Nienstedt, Shannon Wellmann, Mildred Huebel, Austin & Kate Schiller, Sue Schwartz, Jamie Stokes, Megan Styers, Treyce Tiemann

Military: Keith Svatek, Preston Stegel, Brandon Jones

Sympathies to: Family and friends of Rev. Robert Sorensen

Family and friends of Angelie Goeke

Family and friends of Ronna Tiemann

Family and friends of Glenwood Hertel

Family and friends of Delores Winkelmann

Family and friends of Landon Elliott



ST JAMES

- 6-1 Jacie McReynolds
- 6-4 Jessica Thayne
- 6-7 Brandon Hanath
- 6-9 Erwin Sander
- 6-11 Megan Bartay
- 6-12 Bobby Pieper
- 6-12 Bonnie Pieper
- 6-13 Eric Olson
- 6-16 Layla Moyers
- 6-17 Nicole Herrmann
- 6-18 Zachary Inman
- 6-20 Lucile Bockhorn
- 6-20 Kyle Collier
- 6-22 Scott Adams
- 6-24 Andrew Wagner
- 6-25 Nicole Schaper
- 6-27 Ashley Hanath
- 6-27 Susie Honerkamp
- 6-27 Steven Sinclair
- 6-30 Lauren Sinclair

ST PAUL

- 08 Anita Kramer
- 09 Kailey Torrez
- 14 Donnie Maresh
- 15 Doris Barnes
- 21 Lori Moehlmann
- 23 Debbie Krause
- 26 Leia Surovik



ST PAUL

- 6-27-98 Charlie & JoAnn Johnson

ST JAMES

- 6-5 Will & Betty Meischen
- 6-7 Robert & Lynn Bockhorn
- 6-8 Delano & Vera Klausmeyer
- 6-8 Gary & Phyllis Weiss
- 6-10 Bobby & Bonnie Pieper
- 6-11 Lee & Kourtney Neumann
- 6-13 Olan & Sylvia Ashorn
- 6-13 Ronald & Paula Baade
- 6-13 Harold & Shirley Hohlt
- 6-14 Daniel & Gayle Engeling
- 6-24 Terry & Joy Druschke

SHARED MINISTRY STAFF

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

| | | |
|-----------------|---------------------------------------|--|
| Donna Lankford | <i>St. Paul administrative asst.</i> | donna@sjsplutheran.org Donna's Cell: 713-816-6980 |
| Tanya Rosenbaum | <i>St. James administrative asst.</i> | tanya@sjsplutheran.org |

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| Evan Cameron | <i>Pastor</i> | pastorevan@sjsplutheran.org |
| <i>Pastor Office Hours: Tuesday 12-3p at St. Paul</i> | | |
| <i>Wed & Fri: 9am -12pm at St. James</i> | | |

St Paul Office: 979-836-6055
 St. James Office: 979-836-2795

Return Address: 2739 Phillipsburg Church Rd, Brenham TX 77833

Welcome to worship!

St. Paul Phillipsburg: 9am

St. James New Wehdem: 10:30am

Sunday School: 9:30am

VBS is ROARING

into town

July 14-18.

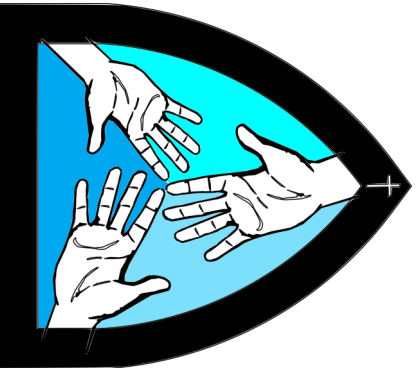
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