



Partners in Faith

October 2019

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

The Joyful Noise

United in Grace. Serving in Love.

Stories of Faith: St James Celebrates 150 Years



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.*

*Hear the long faith story of St James on
October 27th at our anniversary celebration!*

Worship: 10am

Meal: 11:30am

Program: 1p

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Pastor's Column

By Evan Cameron, pastor



If these walls could talk...

Some questions on my mind as we celebrate a big anniversary this month...

1. Do you think the people who built St. Paul and St. James imagined that churches would exist on those spots for 129 years, and 150 years, respectively?
2. If someone from those first congregations time-traveled to us in 2019, what would they think? Would they recognize some of the hymns? Would they think it was crazy that people wore shorts, and that men and women sat together?
3. How did these churches overcome the big conflicts that must have occurred over decades of life together?
4. How have the local communities of Bellville and Brenham benefited across these timespans by St James and St Paul? How has the world benefited because of our ministry?

Lots of things to wonder about.

Here is what matters most, I think: God has grown faith in these places, generation after generation, to allow us to continue to flourish. God has done it through faithful Sunday School teachers, through organists and pastors and custodians, through volunteer labor and events and volleyball games.....but God has done the growing.

There's a little scripture gem hidden away in Hebrews that speaks to this ongoing budding and blooming of faith at these places: "Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful." (10:23). We hope for more years of Christian witness to happen on these Texas hills because God keeps God's promises.

Think of the hope of all who planted seeds in these churches...the hope of those who prayed that something good would come of creating a congregation in New Wehdem and Phillipsburg. Think of the carpenters....the first families....the mother and father bringing up the first child to be baptized in a new church. Their hope was strong—because it was hope in God, not just people. This month we celebrate their faithfulness.....and we carry the hope started by these saints who came before us.

PASTOR EVAN 



*A few photos
across the decades
from the St James
archives*



Shared Ministry Updates!

New Shared Directory—Available as an App on your phone!


And also available as a printed version!

Thanks to the hard work the shared ministry team—and the help of all of you sending us updated contact information, taking pictures, etc—our new directory is ready to be shared!

The directory will be available either as an App on your smart phone, or via a printed version. In October, we will have some printed directories in the back of each church for those interested in a paper copy.

The directory is likely not yet perfect—just let Donna, Tanya, or Pastor Evan know if you find any mistakes, and we can correct them instantly.

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.**

2019 St. Paul + St. James Adult Mission Trip to Beaumont, TX

November 11 - 16, 2019

Pray for those of us who are going to serve, along with Tiffany Weiss, the Thrivent rep and trip leader, who is a member at Salem Lutheran

We will have stories to tell when we return! Thanks to all who have offered financial support for this experience.



Ongoing Ministries

FUN SUNDAY. St. Paul families and adults gather one Sunday a month for intergenerational activities. This month, we gather on October 20. Contact Carey Kokemor for details

DORCAS CIRCLE. This gathering of St. Paul women meets on the third Wednesday of each month. They quilt 9am-3pm with fellowship and Bible study at 4pm. The next gathering is Wednesday, October 16. Contact Anna Breddin for info.

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

will meet not meet in October. 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. They gather October 10. Contact Vera Jean 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!

MEN IN FAITH. Men of St. Paul and St. James gather on the first Thursday of the month for breakfast and fellowship at Buccaneer in Brenham. This month we meet on October 3 at 7am. Invite a friend and contact Pastor Evan with questions.

POTLUCK AND GAMES St. James folks gather in the FLC one Sunday each month after worship for games and a potluck. This **month, they'll meet on October 13th.**

The Life and Times of Shared Ministry



On September 8th, a joint force between St Paul and St James did some great work
to extend God's love into the world!

It was a great reminder for all of us that joy is directly tied to serving.

Our 10,163 meals are headed to Somalia.



SUNDAY WORSHIP
St. Paul: 9am
St. James: 10:30am

OCTOBER 6 | Pentecost 17
Proverbs 25:6-7, Psalm 112
Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16, Luke 14:1, 7-14
Themes of hospitality abound—
Jesus teaches his disciples to
host strangers at dinner parties.
“For some have entertained
angels without knowing it.”

OCTOBER 13 | Pentecost 18
Deuteronomy 30:15-20 Psalm 1,
Philemon 1-21 Luke 14:25-33
“I have set before you life and
death, blessings and curses.
Choose life so that you and your
descendants may live...”

OCTOBER 20 | Pentecost 19
Exodus 32:7-14, Psalm 51:1-10
1 Timothy 1:12-17, Luke 15:1-10
We are taught to leave the 99 to
find the 1 that was lost.

OCTOBER 27 | Reformation
Amos 8:4-7, Psalm 113
1 Timothy 2:1-7, Luke 16:1-13
The parable of the shrewd
manager: do your work with
integrity and honesty.



Pastor Evan's

Eco-Tip of the Month

Did you know that Styrofoam takes an estimated
500 years to decompose?

So, the tip of the month: when you go out to eat,
grab your own Tupperware when you leave the
house! You can put your leftovers directly there
and reduce the amount of Styrofoam in your
trash. And, PS, we are working on replacing our
Styrofoam church cups with paper.

Next month:

Polka Service at St James!
Sunday, November 10
10:30am



Allison Crowson will lead us again, and dancing
is absolutely welcome! Meal to follow.

Worship Leaders in October


St. Paul Phillipsburg Worship Assistants				
	October 6	October 13	October 20	October 27
Reader	Dorothy Wellmann	Anna Breddin	Bremda Blum	<i>WORSHIP</i>
Organist	Donna Lankford	Beth Aooel	Donna Lankford	<i>AT</i>
Ushers	Jessie Kokemor, Jason Kiemsteadt, Misti Malinowski	Tegeler's & Maresh's	Mark & Venetia Schiller, Sandra Schwenke	<i>ST. JAMES</i> <i>10am</i>
Altar Guild	Deanna Callahan Sandra Schwenke	Deanna Callahan Sandra Schwenke	Ruth Lehmann Florence Klehm	<i>150th</i>
Altar Flowers	Anita Kramer in memory of Edward	Lankford's in honor of Elizabeth's baptismal anniv	Jessie Kokemor in honor Carl&Carey's 11th anniversary	<i>Anniversary</i>



St. James New Wehdem Worship Assistants				
	October 6	October 13	October 20	October 27
Reader			Betty Bowden	Jodie McReynolds
Organist	Phyllis Weiss Chris Tiemann	Cheryl Buenger	Fredericka DeBerry	All of our organists, and Bonnie Pieper
Altar Flowers			Kamie Krueger	Altar Flowers by congregation, Piano flowers by Jackie & Betty Bowden in memory of their mother
Ushers + Greeters	Becky & Robert Winkelmann, Erica & Wesley Winkelmann, Darla & Nathan Winkelmann, Tyler Winkelmann, Amy Winkelmann			
Council	Linda Tiemann, Janice Hanath			

October 2019

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wed</i>
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6 Worship at St. Paul: 9am Altar Guild Meeting 10 am Worship at St. James 10:30 Confirmation at St James 12p	7	8	9 Seniors Day @ Austin Coun 10:00 am—2: Lunch 11:30
13 Worship at St. Paul: 9am Worship at St. James 10:30 Potluck & Games at St. James	14	15 Shared Ministry Team 5:30PM @ St. Paul Both Councils 6:30PM @ <u>St. Paul</u>	16 Dorcas Circle Quilting 10:0 Bible Study 3 Shared Conf 6pm, at St. Pa
20 Worship at St. Paul: 9am Fun Sunday after worship Worship at St. James: 10:30 St. James Congregational Mtg following worship Set up FLC at St James after worship	21	22	23
27 **No worship at St Paul 150th Anniversary Celebra- tion at St James 10am Worship 11:30am Meal 1pm Program	28	29	30

<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
	<p>3</p> <p>Shared Men's Fellowship Breakfast: 7am, Buccaneer in Brenham</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p> <p>SP, Fellowship Hall Reserved DKG 8am-2pm</p> <p>WOMEN OF ELCA BRAZOS CLUSTER FALL GATHERING ST. PAUL, BRENHAM 8:30AM</p>
<p>@ ty Fair 00 pm am—1:00 pm</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Hope Circle 4pm, @ On Deck</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p>
<p>e : 00am-2:30pm 3:00 pm</p> <p>rmation aul</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p>
	<p>24</p> <p>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>
	<p>31</p> 		

ST JAMES NEW WEHDEM UPDATES

CONGREGATIONAL ANNUAL MEETING for St. James will be on Sunday, October 20 after worship.

From the Archives of St. James Lutheran Church *by Knellen Quinteros*

Over the course of the last 150 years St. James has continued to strive. According to our church records, there have been 2,395 baptisms, both adult and children. Christian instruction has always been important. Not only Sunday School instruction, but confirmation instruction has been given to 1,262 young adults. There has been 629 marriages performed at St. James. Our last statistic is the 903 souls that have gone on to their eternal rest.

Either with any of the above stats, the world here at St. James seems to continue.

There has been and will always be ups and downs in any congregation, but we here at St. James will always stand together.

God bless our congregation!

GET YOUR ANNIVERSARY MEAL TICKETS

THE NEXT TIME YOU ARE IN CHURCH!

THE DEADLINE FOR PURCHASING TICKETS IS OCTOBER 20.

FLOWERS WILL BE PLACED ON ST. JAMES CEMETERY ABOUT TWO WEEKS BEFORE THE ANNIVERSARY. THESE WILL BE PLACED ON ALL GRAVES THAT ARE WITHOUT FLOWERS.

CHICKEN STEW Planning is underway for our annual Chicken Stew in January of 2020. We are continuing with a raffle and would like to have two \$500 gift cards as our top prizes as well as other gift cards and items. Please let us know as soon as possible how you will help. The deadline for donation pledges will be October 20. Use the form in back of the church to indicate what you would like to donate.

Also: if you would like to be the raffle chairperson, let Robert Winkelmann or any council person know.

HANNAH CIRCLE

The Hannah Circle will not meet in October.

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL WILL BE HELD AT ST. JAMES ON OCTOBER 27.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD: We will be participating in Operation Christmas Child again this year. These shoebox gifts bless children in need around the world in more than 100 countries. A list of what can be included in your box is available from the back of the church at St. James. Bring your filled shoebox gift to church before November 10th.

ST. JAMES MEMORIALS

IN MEMORY OF ANGELIE GOEKE

Donald & Sharon Winkelmann

IN MEMORY OF RONNA TIEMANN

Donald & Sharon Winkelmann

IN MEMORY OF VIOLA WITTNER

Kathryn Boyd

IN MEMORY OF LARRY BRESAN

Odis & Mildred Haynes

IN HONOR OF WILLIE DIERKING, JR. & BRUCE & CHERYL BUENGER FAMILIES

Marion & Caroline Freeman

ST PAUL PHILLIPSBURG UPDATES

FUN SUNDAY will be on October 20th after worship. Join us for lunch , a Bible lesson and fellowship with our youth. Jason Kiemsteadt will lead an adult Bible Study.

SCHOOL REUNION of Pleasant Hill, Salem and Wonder Hill schools is Sunday, October 6th. You may begin arriving at 11 am @ Texas Seafood and Steakhouse at 2209 S Market St in Brenham. Lunch will be ordered at noon with a short meeting following the meal. **You're encouraged to bring memorabilia to share.**

SENIOR CITIZENS DAY at the Austin County Fair is on from for Seniors 65 and older at the Austin County Fairgrounds. A special admission price of \$3 per person will include a **free BBQ lunch from Prasek's Hillje Smokehouse which includes a BBQ sandwich, chips, drink and dessert.** Music by Trailboss Troy of TEX 106.1 and door prizes. Call Anita @ 979-885-8639, Carolyn @ 979-251-4745 or Mary @ 713-876-7102 for questions.

Wednesday, October 9th, 10:00 am-2:00 pm
Lunch will be served 11:30am to 1:00 pm

SUPPLIES are needed for those who were affected by the flooding from Imelda. If you have items to donate, drop off at the church or contact Donna at 713-816-6980. Items will be delivered to the Bellville Disaster Outreach Team which is the same group that Venetia and Donna volunteered and delivered items during hurricane Harvey. They will **deliver the items to those in need while focusing on smaller communities that aren't** receiving all the supplies that the media attention brings to the larger cities. Monetary donations are also appreciated. Supplies needed are:

Bottle water	Mildew removers
Heavy duty cleaning gloves	Bleach
Contractor trash bags	Mops
Toiletries	Brooms
Diapers	Wet wipes
Box fans	Buckets

St.Paul's Memorials

In Memory of Leonard Petrich: Brenda Blum Darren & Trish Surovik & Daughters	In Memory of Natlin Spriggs, Cemetery Fund: Sandra Schwenke
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US Air Force Airman 1st Class ,Jenna Lynn Schiller graduated from Basic Military Training at Joint Base Lackland in San Antonio, Texas on 8/23/2019. Jenna completed an intensive 8 week program including military discipline training, Air Force core values, Physical fitness , and basic warfare principles and skills. Jenna is the daughter of Mark and Venetia Schiller, all members of Phillipsburg Lutheran church. She is currently at Keesler Air Force Base in Biloxi Mississippi completing schooling for training in Financial Comptroller and Management. Jenna will graduate from Keesler Technical school on December 3, 2019. She anticipates hopefully being home in December for Christmas, then her next journey will take her to Ramstein Airforce Base In Germany for her post.

We wish to thank everyone for supporting her and for supporting Mom and Dad!! We are so very proud and excited for her. Her address at Keesler AFB is as follows :

A1C Schiller,Jenna
140 Phantom Street Unit 15713
Keesler AFB,MS 39534
United States

WELCA'S THANKOFFERING SERVICE

On October 20th w/Holy Communion. Ladies, please bring your Thankoffering boxes.

ADOPT A FAMILY—Christmas 2019

We will soon have a list of items to purchase and give to one family in the Brenham school district and one family in the Bellville school district. This will be one of our Christmas ministries. Thank you to all who help bring joy to a family in need this holiday season!

DORCAS CIRCLE met on September 18th with quilting by Dorothy T, Vernice, Jessie, Sandra, Anita and Dorothy W. Ruth worked on greeting card recycling. The WELCA board met to make plans for 2020. Bible Study was attended by Vernice, Jessie, Sandra, Anita, Dorothy W, Ruth and Florence. The Bible Study was based on Psalm 44,51,69 & 137 which dealt with anger and how we show anger. Dorothy W stepped in to lead the study. Anita served as hostess. Next meeting is October 16th with Dorothy W as hostess. The Brazos Cluster Fall Gathering is on October 5th at St. Paul's of Brenham. There is a flyer on the bulletin board with more details.

Next meeting on Wednesday, October 16th
Quilting, 10:00 am-2:30 pm
Bible Study, 3:00 pm

Council Notes

St. Paul Phillipsburg Council

President Charlie Johnson led the meeting on 9/17 w/8 members present.

- All reports were read and accepted
- Liz Johnson w/ Texas Gulf Coast Synod was present to finalize paperwork to open the Endowment Fund approved by the congregation
- Agreed to continue with the adoption of 2 Christmas Families (1 from each Austin County and Washington County)
- Carey will head the Christmas Eve program beginning in November
- Start recruiting replacements for Council positions: Vice President, Secretary, Council at Large, and Treasurer
- **Pastor's report and discussion: success of confirmation classes, starting young family ministry group, paternity leave, pastoral evaluation, Habitat for Humanity trip, reported on hospital/care and home bound visits**
- **Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer**

Respectfully submitted by 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

September Council Notes

September 17, 2019 we met with St. Paul's church council

Reflected on "Merger: Coming Together for Kingdom Impact" by Warren Bird-April 24, 2012

President Robert Winkelmann called the meeting to order. Members present were Pastor Evan, Knellen Quinteros, Jeff Wright, Gary Weiss, Wesley Winkelmann, Janice Hanath

We discussed -**God's Work, Our Hands Sunday** – Rise Against Hunger was a great success and enjoyed by all who participated. Heard updates for the 150th anniversary, video camera inside the church and streaming of video and sound to the FLC. We set the date for the annual congregation meeting for Sunday, October 20th. Confirmation is off to a good start. The printed directories will be available soon along with an app for your phone or mobile device. The young family ministry will meet for the first time on Wednesday, September 25th. Habitat for Humanity trip is set for November 11-16th.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

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

Bread Partners Item in October:

St. James: 150 Items of dried beans and dried peas
In September, 185 cans of fruit were given! Thank you.

St. Paul: dried peas & beans
St Paul LWR items: School supplies,
27x52 dark bath towels and nail clippers

Prayer Concerns

St. Paul Members: Wilfred Neumann, Otto & Dorothy Krause,
Austin Schiller, Anna Breddin

St. James Members: Jr. Dierking, Larry Dierking, Erline Sommerfeld,
Sally Dierking, Joy Druschke, Laura Fieseler, Margaret Tiemann, Ellen Henske,
Janet Mills, Ronny Schaper, Floreen Schulze, Lon Tiemann, Nelda Wilke

Family and Friends: Pam Alexander, Gerald Beausoleil, Jeri Bentke,
Donna DeBerry, Cindy Sodolak, Gabriel Fuentes, Tammy Glaesmann, Pat
Hajek, Joshua, Milan, Kinley, & Regan Kimberly, Blake Kohring, Keith Korth,
Kaitlyn Nienstedt, Shannon Wellmann, Mildred Huebel, Kay Roberts,
Donald Siptak, Sue Schwartz, Jamie Stokes, Megan Styers, Treyce Tiemann,
Barbara, Bill Mosley, Ricky Ondrias, Ann Fox, Diane White, Pastor Jeni Bohls

Military: Tristan Plaisance, Jenna Schiller

Sympathies to: The family + friends of Mindy Moses, Carly Beatty,
Bob Byrd & Glen Toman and the victims of Tropical Depression Imelda

Updates from our Ministry Partners



WOMEN OF ELCA BRAZOS CLUSTER

FALL GATHERING

October 5 @ St. Paul Lutheran Church

305 W. Third in Brenham

Registration 8:30AM

Program 9:00AM

Speaker Mary “Puddin” Barnes,

Volunteer at Bluebonnet Haven in Brenham

Monetary Offering for Purchase of Teen Bibles

Physical Offerings: Arts and craft Supplies; card games,
dominoes, board games, scrapbooking supplies; water paints

Theme: Love Over Hate + Heb. 13:16



ST PAUL

- 10-03-2015 Sopath & Megan Om
- 10-04-2014 Michael & Megan Callahan, II
- 10-07-1989 Michael & Deanna Callahan
- 10-08-1988 Bryan & Janet Vacha
- 10-18-2008 Carl & Carey Kokemor
- 10-28-1998 Travis & Cheryl Sander

ST JAMES

- 10-10 Jeff & Carlee Wright
- 10-12 Bradley & Janice Hanath
- 10-12 Lamar & Tara White
- 10-24 James & Pamela Herrmann
- 10-29 A.J. & Jodie McReynolds



ST PAUL

- 04 James Gaskamp
- 04 Larry Howren
- 10 Betty Mooney
- 14 Kayla Kokemor
- 23 Travis Sander
- 26 Fred Culver
- 26 Blaze Byler
- 26 Jayci Byler
- 27 Terrell Schwenke
- 31 Bryan Vacha

ST JAMES

- 10-01 Janice Hanath
- 10-03 Wesley Hicks
- 10-03 Michael Hohlt
- 10-03 Kay Sander
- 10-04 Beckett Winkelmann
- 10-05 Anna Talllerine
- 10-06 Stacey Bockhorn
- 10-06 Delano Klausmeyer
- 10-07 Ellen Eberhardt
- 10-07 Jessica Teufel
- 10-08 Robert Winkelmann
- 10-09 Eli Fishbeck
- 10-11 Russell Honerkamp
- 10-12 Tristan Teufel
- 10-13 Mary Bowden
- 10-13 Elroy Loesch
- 10-13 Patsy Loesch
- 10-13 Jeff Wright
- 10-15 Royce Garling
- 10-15 **Sharon O'Malley**
- 10-15 Tomas Winkelmann
- 10-16 Troy Oevermann
- 10-17 Stephen Loesch
- 10-17 Nelda Wilke
- 10-19 Alysse Winkelmann
- 10-19 Eric Winkelmann
- 10-19 William Winkelmann
- 10-22 Luke Collier
- 10-22 Blake Sander
- 10-23 Sally Dierking
- 10-24 Kamie Krueger
- 10-24 Lon Tiemann
- 10-25 Clint Buenger
- 10-25 Roger Hohlt
- 10-25 Betty Loesch
- 10-26 Melissa Draehn
- 10-27 Kaden Birkelbach
- 10-28 John Hohlt
- 10-28 Patrick Mabry
- 10-29 Laverne Remmert

SHARED MINISTRY STAFF

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

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 Pastor Office Hours: Tuesday 9a-12p at St. Paul
 Mon & Wed: 9am -12:30pm at St. James

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 Wenhdem: 10:30am

150th Anniversary at St James

Sunday October 27

10 am Shared Worship

11:30 Meal and Memories

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