



Partners in Faith

September 2021

**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.

Starting this Fall - A Grief Sharing Group

One of the key duties of any pastor is to care for the flock, and in recent months, I've witnessed the continued presence of grief in our lives. It can look like many things—sadness, fear, denial, bargaining, anger, shock, fatigue.

We tend to limit this word to describe the effects of someone dying, but it's way bigger than that. We can grieve our children getting older, we can grieve canceled travel/experiences, we can grieve the end of a job, we can grieve the loss of people...the list is limitless.

This fall, I'd like to start a simple grief sharing group. The plan is simple: I'll put a pot of coffee on, we'll sit in a circle, we'll share together about loved ones and losses, and along the way I'll aim to provide some structure and resources.

This might sound really scary to some people. I get that. Many of us would rather eat a plate of our least favorite vegetable than be vulnerable. But it is such important work to do.

This is not meant, by the way, only for those dealing with fresh grief. Everyone's timeline is different.

For now—before we set a time to meet, I'd like to know who is interested. Please give me a ring or send me a text/email even if you just might want to be a part of this. Cell: 330-407-9731. Email: pastorevan@sjsplutheran.org



PS—*some of you may recall a link I shared in the opening weeks of COVID...I still find this article absolutely relevant:*
<https://hbr.org/2020/03/that-discomfort-youre-feeling-is-grief>

GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS WORKDAY MEALS

Sunday, September 12

MENU: Chicken Spaghetti

- Meal at St. Paul's for those working on playground
(thanks to Kokemor's for sponsoring thru Thrivent!)
- Pick-up meals after workday at St. James with freewill offering going toward Holy Land Trip

Please call/text Robert (979-472-1961) or Becky (979-472-0683) by the Wednesday before (9/8) to place your order for pick-up lunches at St. James.

A Holy Land Pilgrimage: 10 Days in Galilee,
Bethlehem, and Jerusalem - January 6-17, 2022

A few spots still available—talk to Pastor Evan if interested!



St. Paul Phillipsburg Worship Assistants

	Sept 5	Sept 12	Sept 19	Sept 26
Reader	JoAnn Johnson	Jessie Kokemor	Dorothy Wellmann	Anna Breddin
Organist	Donna Lankford	Donna Lankford	Donna Lankford	Donna Lankford
Ushers	Charlie & JoAnn Johnson, Lonnie & Barbara Tegeler	B J & Stephanie Mikeska, Dorothy Wellmann	Lenny & Debbie Krause, Michael & Deanna Callahan	Cheryl Gaskamp, Lori Moehlmann, Florence Klehm
Altar Guild	Dorothy Wellmann Sherry Mosley	Cheryl Gaskamp Lori Moehlmann	Cheryl Gaskamp Lori Moehlmann	Barbara Tegeler JoAnn Johnson
Altar Flowers	Ruth Lehmann in memory of Lenard's birthday	Justin & Laci Tesch	Jessie Kokemor-honor of Christine&Michael Skala's anniversary	Brad & Donna Lankford in honor of Mia Surovik & Vernice Kokemor's bday

St. James New Wehdem Worship Assistants

	Sept 5	Sept 12	Sept 19	Sept 26
Reader	Jessica Thayne	Joan Buenger	Fredericka DeBerry	Betty Bowden
Organist	Fredericka DeBerry	Cheryl Buenger	Phyllis Weiss	Fredericka DeBerry
Flowers		Gary & Phyllis Weiss in honor of Erich for his birthday	Robert & Lynn Bockhorn in honor of Amelia Harris for her baptism	
Ushers + Greeters	Gary & Phyllis Weiss, Courtney Wilson, Amy Winkelmann, Robert & Becky Winkelmann			
Council	Kamie Krueger			

Pastor's Column

By Evan Cameron, pastor



Give Us Green Hands

The mission statement of my college included this line: “Reflecting its Lutheran heritage, Wittenberg challenges students to become responsible global citizens.”

The words always struck me as a little bit odd—wouldn’t they follow “reflecting its Lutheran heritage” with something explicitly about Jesus, or a comment that we are saved by grace, or a claim that we are both sinners and saints, or a joke that the campus dining hall experience was similar to a church fellowship potluck?

Wittenberg chose none of those options. Instead, they stated first and foremost that seeing life through a lens of faith gave eyes to see with a *global* perspective.

I’ve spent much of the past few weeks thinking about this globe we inhabit—not necessarily because of Wittenberg’s mission statement, but because creation is groaning and gasping under the weight of greenhouse gases. A few weeks ago, a United Nations report was released, stating that we are essentially now locked in to global temperatures rising within the next two decades, calling it a “code red for humanity.”

We care for the earth because it is one of the fundamental ways of expressing love for God and love for neighboring people and creatures.

We care for the earth because so many mountaintop experiences of faith for Christians occur while being away at outdoor ministry settings; camps and retreat centers do amazing work in forming faith—just ask any kid returning from a week at Lutherhill this summer.

We care for the earth because we follow Jesus, and Jesus had a global-sized vision for God’s kingdom of abundant life for all.


Climate change is really the classic example of a problem that feels so big that we say, “Well, my daily choices can’t make a dent” in terms of helping the solution. Often right now, it might feel like any one of us can see three or four different

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“problem fires” that need to be put out, and yet it seems our bucket is empty.

So sometimes, I pray something like this, and it does help: “God please just show me what is mine to do, because otherwise I will feel horrible for not doing everything, or just numb for not doing a single thing. Give me grace for myself and others. Help me to trust that you will give me what I need to give away. And Lord, please show us and this earth some mercy.”

After all, there is no planet B.

PASTOR EVAN 

SAVE THE DATES

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 12th—God’s Work, Our Hands Sunday
- Each church will be doing separate projects this year.

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 26th—First Day of Confirmation (11:45am at St Paul)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1st—5pm—Return of Young Adults / Young Families Group, with social at Brazos Valley Brewery.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17—Confirmation at St. James
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24—Confirmation at St. Paul

SUNDAY OCTOBER 31—5th Sunday Shared Worship at St James, Reformation Sunday with Fall festival, games, hay ride.

- **Children encouraged to wear costumes**
- **Adults encouraged to wear red!**

ST JAMES NEW WEHDEM UPDATES

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School will be held at St. James on the second Sunday of each month at 10:00 am. The next date is September 12 and will be led by Courtney Wilson.

CHICKEN STEW RAFFLE ITEMS

It's almost time to begin thinking about our annual chicken stew—this is a good time to think about what items you could offer as raffle items. Contact Joan Buenger with questions and/or ideas.

MEMORIALS

In Memory of Leeland Rinn

Fredericka DeBerry

Odis & Mildred Haynes

Eldon & Tina Mikeska Jr.

Greschen Yount & Family

Elroy & Carolyn Loesch

Carol & Terri Johnson, Jeff & Cassidy Johnson & Family, Blake & Carrie Galle & Family

Donnie & Jenny Henske

Erline Sommerfeld

Gary & Phyllis Weiss

Clarence & Jill Gerke

Charles & Vickie Goeke

Randy Hegemeyer

Joan Buenger & Family

Daniel & Gayle Engeling

Knellen Quinteros & Family

In Memory of Larry Dierking

Joey & Lori Krchnak

SYMPATHIES TO FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF LEELAND RINN

Leeland R. Rinn, 91, went home to be with his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, on August 11, 2021.

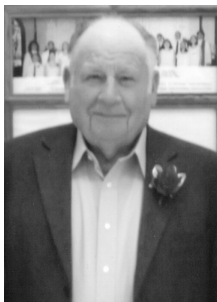
A visitation was held at 5-7 pm on Friday August 13, 2021 at Memorial Oaks Chapel. The service is at 10 am on Saturday August 14, 2021 at St. James Lutheran Church officiated by Pastor Evan Cameron with burial at the church cemetery. He was born January 16, 1930 to Alvin H. and

Alma Kretzschmar Rinn and grew up in Industry, TX.

He met Florence Henske at Willie's Motel where she worked. On February 4, 1967 they got married at St. James Lutheran Church in New Wehdem.

Leeland worked as an electrician for a long time during his life and wired many hospitals and schools in the state. Later he settled into ranching and raising cattle. He had a knack for building equipment and fixing things that needed repair. He enjoyed being outdoors and staying active.

Surviving Leeland are his wife of 54 years Florence; niece Betty Arndt Kramer; extended family Carol and Terri Johnson, Blake and Carrie Galle, Kelton and Katelynne, Jeff and Cassidy Johnson, Wyatt, Oakley and Swayze.



ST PAUL PHILLIPSBURG UPDATES

“GOD’S WORK, OUR HANDS” SUNDAY is September 12th. We will be working on the playground; Mia Surovik’s Silver Award Project. Even if you’re not able to work, you are urged to please join us for fellowship, worship and a meal. A signup sheet is at the back of the church for a meal count. We will start working at 8:30 am, worship at 11 am followed by a chicken spaghetti meal.

Needed for Lutheran World Relief school kits:

12 inch/30 centimeter ruler, Blunt scissors,
Pencil sharpeners, Black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink)

Health kits:

27x52 dark bath towel, nail clippers, individual wrapped bars of soap,
Sturdy wide tooth combs (no fine tooth or with a pick)

MEMORIALS...

In Memory of Jean Thompson...

Playground fund-

Jessie Kokemor

Ed & Anna Breddin

Nelson & Dorothy Wellmann

Cemetery fund-Ruth Lehmann

Undesignated-

Brad & Donna Lankford

Charles & Vernice Kokemor

Dorcias Circle

In Memory of Otto Krause

Undesignated-Charles & Vernice Kokemor

In Memory of Leroy Winkelmann

Undesignated-Charles & Vernice Kokemor

In Memory of Leslie Meier, Sr, Ernestine

Meier & Michael Meier, Sr.

Cemetery fund-Jerry & Vicki Bean

DORCAS CIRCLE met August 17th with Sandra, Florence, Anita, Ruth, Jessie, Vernice, Dorothy T, Dorothy W and Anna attending. Anna led the Bible Study on session 3 of “Just Hope”. The focus verse was 1 Corinthians 12:12 (one body, many parts). This is a time for hope in Christ. The minutes from July were read with a current balance of \$290.30. A memorial was given in memory of Jean Thompson. A list of items needed to complete LWR school and personal care kits will be posted or published soon. WELCA is hostess for the December 5th Advent dinner. There was a discussion about WELCA purchasing the meat dish and having a sign up sheet for those attending along with their side or dessert they will be bringing. Ruth will be the September hostess and Dorothy will be hostess in October. The fall Bible study themes are: Spirit of God, Breath of God and Wind of God. Anita was the August hostess. Respectfully, Jessie

September 2021

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>W</i>
			1 Zoom Bibl
5 St. James—9:00am I/O St. Paul— 10:30am I/O 1:00pm KHWI Radio Service	6	7	8 Zoom Bibl
12 <u>God's Work.</u> <u>Our Hands Sunday/Meals</u> St. James—9:00am I/O St. James Sunday School 10:00am St. Paul: 8:30—noon 1:00pm KWHI Radio Service	13	14	15 Zoom Bibl
19 St. James—9:00am I/O St. Paul— 10:30am I/O St. James Baptism 12pm 1:00pm KWHI Radio Service	20 Leadership Night—both church councils, at St Paul 6pm start	21 St. Paul Dorcas Circle LWR Quilting, 10 am Bible Study, 3 pm	22 Zoom Bibl
26 St. James—9:00am I/O St. Paul— 10:30am I/O First Confirmation Mtg 11:45a 1:00pm KWHI Radio Service	27	28	29 Zoom Bibl

<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
e Study—7pm	2 Men's Breakfast - at St James FLC—7am	3	4
e Study—7pm	9	10	11 Lutherhill Gala and Fundraiser
e Study—7pm	16	17	18
e Study—7pm	23 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	24 FLC Herrmann-Duvall Rehearsal	25
e Study—7pm	30		

The Life and Times of Shared Ministry



On August 29th, both churches worshipped together. Bibles were presented to 3rd graders, and we had our introductory confirmation meeting for this year.



Join us for a night of celebration as we toast to the ministry and gather together (in-person AND online!) to make it possible for Lutherhill to continue to provide quality outdoor ministry for all ages and youth camping programs at Lutherhill in La Grange, Texas and at Zion Retreat Center in Galveston, Texas.

We're giving our guests the opportunity to choose whether to attend in-person at The Woodlands Waterway Marriott Hotel, or virtually from their own home this year on September 11th, 2021 at 6:00pm.

If you have questions or would like to register, contact Please contact Kristi Jastram at kristi@lutherhill.org



Council Notes

St. Paul Phillipsburg Council

Met 8/16 at St. Paul's. Anna called the meeting to order with Jessie, Dorothy, Lenny, Carey, Charlie and Vernice present. Pastor Evan read Ezekiel 37 :11. He talked a bout the house of Israeal with no hope and compared to today.

- Minutes were approved with the addition of Mark Schiller to Cemetery Committee
- Lenny reported that he trimmed the shrubs next to the AC units. Triangle Air would move units on 8/23 so the repairs to woman's restroom sewer line could begin on 8/24 and completed by following Sunday
- Cemetery committee will meet on 8/22 at 9 am
- "God's Work; Our Hands" on Sunday, 9/12 will begin at 8:30 am, worship at 11 am followed by a meal. Everyone is encouraged to come if you cannot work. Come join us for fellowship, worship and a meal. Signup sheet in church for meal count.

Respectfully submitted, Vernice Kokemor

July financials-income \$,expenses \$

St. Paul Council

Anna Breddin, *President*

Charlie Johnson, *VP*

Vernice Kokemor, *Secretary*

Jessie Kokemor, *Treasurer*

Dorothy Wellmann,
Financial Secretary

Trish Surovik, *Parish Ed*

Lori Moehlmann, *Memorials*

Lenny Krause, *Bldg / Grounds*

Carey Kokemor,
*Congregational Life/Shared
Ministry*

St. James New Wehdem Council

- Met on August 16 . Present were Kamie Krueger, Kate Buenger, Jessica Thayne and David Bartay.
- Next shared worship will be at St. James with a fall festival to follow. Courtney, Joan and Phyllis are organizing it.
- Wednesday, December 1 is Advent kickoff—planning a meal, crafts and Nativity scenes.
- Will reimburse St. Paul's for newsletter printing costs.
- Young Families Group will return on October 1.
- God's Work Our Hands Sunday St. Paul will construct a playground, St. James will put together LWR School Kits and build beds for CPS.
- Accepted landscape bid from Washington County Landscapes. \$809.52 will be paid from the cemetery fund and \$1337.03 will be paid from the general fund.
- Discussed outside consult for finances possibly with Seidel & Schroeder.
- Discussed new sign for in front of sanctuary.
- Will present to congregation the creation of a cemetery advisory group to manage cemetery records, headstone restoration and maintenance. Currently the estimate for headstone restoration is \$19,805.00.
- Next meeting Sept 20 at 6:00pm at St. Paul.

St. James Council

Kamie Krueger, *President*

, *VP*

Jessica Thayne, *Secretary*

Becky Winkelmann, *Treasurer*

Kate Buenger, *Asst. Treasurer*

David Bartay
Bldg / Grounds

Joe Tallarine, *Shared Ministry
Representative*

Haiti + Hurricane Ida + Lutheran Disaster Response

Lutheran charities have for a long time graded very highly in terms of low admin costs and getting aid where it is needed. Please give as you can to help our neighbors in LA and Haiti.

<https://www.elca.org/Our-Work/Relief-and-Development/Lutheran-Disaster-Response>

Wednesday Night Bible Study—7pm weekly

We are continuing to work through the Bible from cover to cover. We've reached the minor prophets of the OT, and are a couple months away from finally reaching the New Testament.

This is an open group, always welcome to anyone if you want to jump in. We still meet on Zoom, so you can call in or join with a laptop from your own couch. Talk to Pastor Evan with questions!

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/>

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

SUNDAY WORSHIP

St James 9:00am

St. Paul 10:30am

Sept 5 | Time After Pentecost
Isaiah 35:4-7, Ps 146, James 2:1-10, 14-17, Mark 7:24-37 God shows no partiality. Everyone who brings a need to Jesus is received with equal honor as a child and heir.

Sept 12 | Time After Pentecost
Isaiah 50:4-9, Ps 116:1-9, James 3:1-12, Mark 8:27-38 Jesus is anointed on the way to the cross. We are anointed in baptism with the sign of the cross.

Sept 19 | Time After Pentecost
Jeremiah 11:18-20, Ps 54, James 3:13—4:3, 7-8 Mark 9:30-37 We are called to welcome the children God puts in front of us, to make room for them in daily interaction, and give them a place of honor in the assembly.

Sept 26 | Time After Pentecost
Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29, Ps 19:7-14, James 5:13-20, Mark 9:38-50 Jesus welcomes good being done in his name, even when it is not under his control. The circle we form around Jesus' word must be able to value good being done in ways we wouldn't do, by people we can't keep tabs on.

Bread Partners Items in September

St. James: Canned Fruits

St. Paul: cans of soup (drop off at church) - goal of 50 items!

Prayer Concerns

St. Paul Members: Wilfred Neumann, Dorothy Krause, Brenda Blum, Will Hartnett, Catherine Gardiner, Lillie Mae Gross, Brad Lankford

St. James Members: Betty Bowden, Janet Mills, Elsie Pieper, Floreen Schulze, Erline Sommerfeld, John Teufel, Chris, Amy, & Lincoln Tiemann, Margaret Tiemann, Nelda Wilke, Amy Winkelmann

Family and Friends: Donna Acosta, Pastor Larry Beck, Jeri Bentke, Travis Boeker, Winston Dietrich, Hank Duvall, Gabriel Fuentes, Tammy Glaesmann, Steven Glaesmann, Gladys Grawunder, Gracie, Haley, Trevor Green, Denise Greene, Leigh Hassell, Janice Hassell, Family of Butch & Carole Humphreys, Lisa Jasinski, Charles Kolwes, Keith Korth, Sharon McGary, Becky Meador, Todd Miniffee, Jerry Ordner, Marilyn Petrich, Family of Michael Richter, Donald Sander, Britt Smith, Mark Snider, Pat Stelter, Teddy Stevens, Sylvia Toole, Shannon Wellmann, Diane Winkelmann, Bubba & Tina Brunkenhoefer, Jerry & Michelle Lesikar, Terri Ann White, The Family of Beth McDaniel Hughes, The Family of Melissa Weiss

Military: Tristan Plaisance, Jenna Schiller, and prayers for family and friends of those lost in Kabul, Afghanistan

CONGRATULATIONS to Joe and Anna Tallerine on the birth of their daughter Kathryn Kaye! She was born on August 16, weighed 7lbs, 3oz, and was 20 1/2 inches.

ST PAUL ANNIVERSARIES

09-01-63 Donnie&Laurece Maresh
09-12-08 Andy & Christie Gurka
09-15-07 Michael&Christine Skala
09-20-03 Justin & Laci Tesch

ST JAMES ANNIVERSARIES

9-1 Steven & Lauren Sinclair
9-4 Robert & Becky Winkelmann
9-15 Wesley & Erica Winkelmann
9-16 Zachary & Julie Inman

ST PAUL BIRTHDAYS

2 Laci Tesch
5 Christie Gurka
7 Manda Tuttle
7 Jaylen Tesch
9 Tanner Vacha
13 Kinley Kokemor
13 JoAnn Johnson
18 Dorothy Lee Tesch
19 Andy Gurka
20 Scott Mosley
21 Anna Breddin
24 Vernice Kokemor
26 Mia Surovik

ST JAMES BIRTHDAYS

9-1 Bradley Hanath
9-1 Weston Garling
9-3 Cindy Lorenz
9-4 Julie Inman
9-4 Troy Dean Hanath
9-5 Kase Braun, Jr.
9-9 Julie Adams
9-10 Betty Bowden
9-11 Erich Weiss
9-12 Tara White
9-14 Linda Tiemann (Mrs Rudy)
9-14 Robert Harris
9-16 Donald Winkelmann
9-18 A.J. McReynolds
9-20 Debbie Tiemann
9-22 Wesley Winkelmann
9-23 Elwood Dannhaus
9-23 Kase Braun
9-24 Troy Hanath
9-24 Emily Luetge
9-25 Mackenzie Schrader
9-26 Phyllis Weiss
9-26 Emma Hinton
9-27 Ella Wilson
9-28 Gavin Tiemann
9-29 Floreen Schulze
9-29 May Dell Kuhlmann
9-29 Mildred Haynes

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
www.sjsplutheran.org

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Welcome to worship!

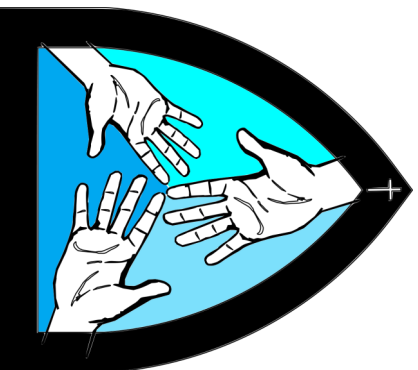
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9am at St James

10:30am at St Paul

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