



Partners in Faith

August 2023

St Paul Lutheran Church in
Phillipsburg
2739 Phillipsburg Church Rd,
Brenham TX 77833
9am worship

St James Lutheran Church in
New Wehdem
10362 New Wehdem Rd
Brenham TX 77833
979-836-2795
10:30am worship

The Joyful Noise

United in Grace. Serving in Love.

THANK YOU for pouring out love and financial sup- port on our young people in **July**

- around 450 items were collected in our VBS physical offering
- All our campers went to Chrysalis

Shared Ministry Worship

August 27 at St. James

10:00am

Synod office will discuss the process of calling an interim pastor and the start of the call process.

Church camp really is a window into what cooperative Christian community is really meant to look like. Each cabin takes turns serving, cleaning, leading worship, and doing service projects...and in between that, (OVER)



the days are packed from 7am to 10pm with Bible study, playfulness, swimming, and a whole lot of relationship growth. A huge, huge thank you to Stephanie Mikeska for being our second adult this year.



Pastor's Column

By Evan Cameron, *pastor*



So Long, Farewell

I have a core belief when it comes to endings of things that are ministry related. It's relatively simple: **in the church, we don't say goodbye. It's always a "see you later."**

Why do I believe this? Why do I use this line at funerals? I can offer a few reasons. First, I've learned that the Lutheran world is a small enough place that we often run into old friends. That's the practical why.

But the main reasoning behind it is more spiritual. I do truly believe in what is called either the communion of the saints or the priesthood of all believers. In other words, I believe in a "life everlasting" environment where we have community again with all those we've know. The image isn't my original imagining—it's from Isaiah 25:

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,
7 And God will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the covering that is spread over all nations;
8 God will swallow up death forever.
Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces

We say often in communion that we are having a "foretaste of the feast to come."
This is the *feast to come* part of the equation.

In our time together these past 5 years, we have shared many feasts...potlucks, VBS meals, buffets in Galilee, quiet luncheons after a burial, and of course, breaking bread on Sunday morning. I will miss that fellowship from the deepest part of who I am. I will miss you, the people, the heart and soul of these congregations. But to the very grave, I also believe this is a see you later, because.....

I'll see you...one day...on the mountaintop.

Be well, friends. Peace be with you, and see you later.

Pastor Evan

Transition Timeline

August 6th—*Pastor Evan's last Sunday
at both St. Paul and St. James*

A Reception will be held at St. James FLC following worship to honor Pastor Evan. Finger foods and desserts will be served.

August 13th—*Katharine's last Sunday
at St Paul's Brenham*

August 13 / 20 / 27—*Pastor Bade will be leading worship*

Call Process

On August 27 we will have one church service starting at 10:00am at St. James. Pastor Tracey from the TX-LA Gulf Coast Synod is going to talk to our congregations about the process of calling an interim pastor and next steps.

Radio Program

*August 6 will be the last day for our Shared Ministry Radio Program on KWHI until it is rebooted by your next pastor.
The program begins at 1:00pm.*

ST JAMES NEW WEHDEM UPDATES

MEMORIALS

In Memory of Mike Remmert

Bradley & Connie Williams

CONGRATULATIONS AND WELCOME

- Congratulations to John and Brianna Hohlt on the birth of Camryn Claire born July 13 weighing 7lbs 13oz and 20.5" long! Grandparents are Troy & Connie Oevermann, Lynette & Tracy Hammack, Roger Hohlt. Great-grandfathers are Elroy Loesch, Steve Sandate. Camryn will be baptized at St. James on August 6.
- On July 23 we welcomed Josie Lee Hanath through Holy Baptism. She is the daughter of Brandon & Kirstie Hanath. Grandparents are Bradley & Janice Hanath, Bea & Frank Leal, Neil Lowe. Gloria Hanath & Sharon Holloway are her great-grandmothers.
- Lexi Roy Liebscher will be baptized at St. James on August 6. Parents are Kyle and Lacey Liebscher. Angie & Blake Meischen and Roy & Eugenia Liebscher are the grandparents. Great-grandmothers are Elizabeth Fontenot & Betty Meischen.

LWR SCHOOL KITS

It's time again to collect money for LWR School Kits. We will be collecting school supplies or money through August 20th. A kit includes:

- 4—70 sheet notebooks
- 1 box—24 crayons
- 1 pencil sharpener
- 1 30-cm ruler
- 1 pair blunt scissors
- 5 unsharpened No. 2 pencils with erasers
- 5 black or blue ballpoint pens
- 1 2 1/2 eraser

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD —Watch for details later for how to participate in this program. You may want to purchase school supplies early as sales are on presently. Sharon Winkelmann is the coordinator for Operation Christmas Child.

ST PAUL PHILLIPSBURG

MEMORIALS

In memory of Donnie Henske

Charles & Vernice Kokemor

In memory of Ed Breddin

Cemetery Fund

Jessie Kokemor

Nelson & Dorothy Wellmann

Anita Kramer

Ruth Lehmann

Organ Fund

Elizabeth Ann Coker

Mike, Jr & Tracy Gonzales

Richard & Paula Buls

Building Fund

Bernice Gaskamp

Daniel C Gaskamp Family

John & Janice Rinn

Mark & Venetia Schiller

Undesignated

Arthur & Becky Behrend

Brad & Donna Lankford

Danny & Gloria Maass

Michael & Deanna Callahan

Lawrence & Sharon Bade

Merrell & Marlyce Goolsby

Patsy Mikeska

Daniel & Gayle Engeling

Betty Goerlitz

Charlie & Jo Ann Johnson

Charles & Vernice Kokemor

Doris Koehne

Lonnie & Barbara Tegeler

Mary Ellen West

Harry & Patt Penkert

Rodney Swords

Ron & Linda Eilers

Ruth Maass



Charles "Enzo" Kokemor was marked forever with the cross of Christ in baptism on June 25th. We give thanks to his parents Charlie & Olivia and welcome him into our church family. His baptismal sponsor is Kayla Kokemor, siblings are

Sophie and Odin, grandparents Mark Kokemor & Jennifer Baldwin, great grandparents Charles & Vernice Kokemor and Rick & Dianne Downey.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES needed for Lutheran World Relief school kits...

- 70 count spiral composition books
- 12 inch/30 centimeter ruler
- Pencil sharpener + Blunt scissors
- #2 pencils w/ erasers + 2-1/2" erasers
- Black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink)
- Box of 16 or 24 crayons

BACKPACK BLESSING will be August 13th during worship. Everyone is invited to bring their backpack to be blessed as we begin a new school year.

DORCAS CIRCLE will meet on August 15th. Quilting starts at 10:00 am with Bible Study at 3:00 pm and a Dorcas Circle meeting to follow. All Women of the Church are asked to buy school supplies for the Lutheran World Relief school kits. The list has been in the newsletter and in the Sunday bulletins. Vernice is the August hostess. - Jessie Kokemor

THANK YOU to all who helped with VBS! Cookies: Amber, Anna, Dorothy W., Jo and Venetia. Fruit: unknown. Kitchen helpers on Tuesday evening: Dorothy W, Venetia, Stephanie, Carey, Joan Buenger, Kelly Frank and Peggy Bartay. Stephanie Mikeska and Carey Kokemor helped with the VBS students. It was a very good week! Thanks for your support and prayers. Jessie

August 2023

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>
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6 St. Paul— 9:00am I/O St. James—10:30am I/O Reception for Pastor Evan at St. James FLC St. James FLC-Tiemann	7	8	9
13 St. Paul— 9:00am I/O St. James—10:30am I/O Backpack Blessing @ St. Paul & St. James	14	15 LWR Quilting @ 10:00 am Dorcas Circle Bible Study @ 3:00 pm Dorcas Circle Meeting follows	16
20 St. Paul— 9:00am I/O St. James—10:30am I/O St. Paul Fellowship Hall rsvd NACEE 2>7	21 Leadership Night—both church councils at St Paul 6pm start	22	23 NEW DE
27 One Shared Ministry Worship at St. James —10:00am I/O	28	29	30

<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
	3 WOMEN OF ST PAUL AND ST JAMES GATHERING AT ST JAMES FLC 3:30PM SALAD MEAL AT 5:30PM	4	5 St. James FLC-Hanath
	10	11	12 St. James FLC-Tallerine
	17	18	19 St. Paul Fellowship Hall Reserved, Wellmann
SLETTER ADLINE	24	25	26
	31		

St. Paul Phillipsburg Worship Assistants

	August 6	August 13	August 20	August 27
Reader	Jessie Kokemor	Dorothy Wellmann	Anna Breddin	SHARED
Organist	Beth Appel	Donna Lankford	Donna Lankford	WORSHIP
Ushers	Anna Breddin, Jessie Kokemor	Lonnie & Barbara Tegeler, Sandra Schwenke	Cheryl Gaskamp, Lori Moehlmann, Glenn Klehm	@
Altar Guild	Cheryl Gaskamp Lori Moehlmann	Barbara Tegeler JoAnn Johnson	Barbara Tegeler JoAnn Johnson	ST. JAMES
Altar Flowers	Anna Breddin In memory of Her & Ed's Anniversary	Brenda Blum In honor of Jessie Evelyn's Birthday	Jessie Kokemor In honor of Kinley & Emmy's Birthdays	10:00 AM

St. James New Wehdem Worship Assistants

	August 6	August 13	August 20	August 27
Reader	Fredericka DeBerry			
Organist	Phyllis Weiss	Fredericka DeBerry	Phyllis Weiss	Bonnie Pieper
Flowers	Donald & Sharon Winkelman 55th Anniversary		David & Peggy Bartay 40th Anniversary	
Ushers + Greeters	Adam & Christine Koehn, Leif & Emily Luetge, Patrick & Tanna Mabry			
Council	Lauren Sinclair			

The Life and Times of Shared Ministry

These are just a fraction of the pictures from VBS! To all our volunteers, we could not do it without your help and creativity and leadership!



Council Notes

St. Paul Phillipsburg Council

Met July 23 with Pastor Evan, Venetia, Lonnie, B J, Stephanie, Charlie and Sherry present. Synod guests were Bishop's Associate Tracey Schultz and Pastor Jen Kindsvatter.

Joint Councils opened with Pastor Evan giving his final report. Councils expressed gratitude for his faithful service. Pastor Tracey detailed the departure and interim pastor process plus forming a call committee.

- Venetia opened meeting; minutes and financial reports were presented and approved.
- Camp Chrysalis was a huge success
- Rocks and succulents will be placed in church flower beds
- Charlie Johnson has agreed to fill open VP position
- Dates to remember:
 - 8/27-Shared worship at NW w/ Pastor Tracey Schulz
 - 9/10-Brief congregational meeting to elect Charlie as Council VP
 - 10/21-Fall Festival at SP w/ more details to come

Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer led by Venetia.

Respectfully submitted, Sherry Mosley-Secretary

June income \$7,139.96; expenses \$7,026.05

St. Paul Council

Venetia Schiller, *President*

VP, *volunteer needed*

Sherry Mosley, *Secretary*

Lonnie Tegeler, *Treasurer*

Deanna Callahan,
Financial Secretary

B J Mikeska, *Bldg/Grounds*

Stephanie Mikeska,
*Congregational Life/
Shared Ministry*

St. James Council

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Kamie Krueger, *President*

Jeff Wright, *VP*

Pam Herrmann, *Secretary*

Kelly Frank, *Treasurer*

Darla Winkelmann, *Asst.
Treasurer*

John Hohlt, *Bldg /
Grounds*

Lauren Sinclair, *Shared
Ministry Representative*

Council Meeting at St. Paul's July 23

Present: Kamie, Jeff, Darla, Kelly, John, Lauren, Pam, Pastor Evan

- Meeting started with introduction of the bishop's assistants, followed by reflections from both councils and Pastor Evan. The transition process was the main topic with explanations and recommendations for the call process.
- Accepted Darla Winkelmann as Assistant Treasurer
- Moved to update bank signature card by adding Jeff Wright and Darla Winkelmann.
- Assistance is being sought to take care of the rose garden, clean gutters and power wash the FLC.
- Discussed the ceiling tiles which fell in the parsonage and working on the back door of the church.
- Adjourned with Lord's Prayer.

WELCA GATHERING

All women of St. Paul and St. James are invited to the St. James Family Life Center on August 3rd to make fleece blankets for CPS. These will be given to children who enter the Child Protective Services for comfort and support.

The group will also put together the Personal Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief.

Thanks to Sharon Winkelmann for getting Thrivent funds to purchase items for the Personal Care Kits.

Thanks to Sandy Teufel for getting money from Thrivent to purchase the fleece for the blankets.

The women plan to begin at 3:30pm but please come when you can.

Please bring your favorite salad for the evening meal. The meal will be served at about 5:30pm.

Hope to see all of you on August 3rd!

SUNDAY WORSHIP

St. Paul 9:00am

St James 10:30am

August 6 Time After Pentecost
Isaiah 55:1-5, Ps 145, Romans 9:1-5, Matt 14:13-21 God invites all who are hungry or thirsty to receive food & drink without cost. We are sent forth to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry.

August 13 Time After Pentecost
1 Kings 19:9-18, Ps 85, Romans 10:5-15, Matt 14:22-33 Amid the storms of life, we gather to seek the calm presence of Christ that soothes our fears. In comforting words of scripture and in the refreshing bread and cup, God grants us peace and sends us forth to be a sign of God's presence to others.

August 20 Time After Pentecost
Isaiah 56:1, 6-8, Ps 67, Romans 11:1-2, 29-32, Matt 15: 21-28 How might our church extend its mission to those on the margins of society? In our gathering around word and meal we receive strength to be signs of comfort, healing, and justice for those in need.

August 27 Time After Pentecost
Isaiah 51:1-6, Ps 138, Romans 12:1-8, Matt 16:13-20 Paul urges us to not be conformed to this world but to offer our bodies as a living sacrifice, using our individual gifts to build up the body of Christ. From the table we go forth to offer our spiritual worship through word and deed.

Bread Partners Items in August

St. James: Cake Mix and Frosting
St. Paul: canned vegetables- goal of 50 items!

Prayer Concerns

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

St. James Members: Calvin Braun, Terry Druschke, Geneva Martin, Janet Mills, Alietha Mae Richter, Florence Rinn, Floreen Schulze, Erline Sommerfeld, Lincoln Tiemann, Margaret Tiemann, Nelda Wilke

Family and Friends: Shirley Benjamin, Jeri Bentke, Virginia Beseir, Tammy Buro, Janet Crane, Patsy Dannhaus, Melanie DeAeth, Tammy Glaesmann, Mildred Huebel, Kathy Kasper, Maureen King, Michael King, Dennis Mauney, Marilyn Petrich, Bradley Rinn, Tracy Schiller, Anne Schindehette, James Lee, Craig Stickley, Wayne Cole Wellmann, Janae Wittner, Erik Aguirre, Cassidy Benningfield

Military: Tristan Plaisance, Jenna Schiller

Sympathies to: Family & Friends of Ethan Reep, Family & Friends of Matt Simonson, Family, Friends and Bellville Band Community of Aaron Rettig

Jessica Teufel lost her home in a fire recently. You can help by donating monetary funds at Burton ISD, Burton Short Stop or her VENMO is @Jessica-Teufel-1. Please pray for this family in this time of tragedy.

ST JAMES BIRTHDAYS

8-1 Lincoln Tiemann
8-5 Charles Goeke
8-5 Amy Tiemann
8-6 Terri Johnson
8-7 Kinsley DeFord
8-9 Tyler Fishbeck
8-11 Savannah Bartay
8-11 Hunter Wagner
8-16 Kathryn Tallerine
8-17 Denise Neumann
8-18 Shelby Olson
8-18 Amy Teufel
8-19 Peggy Bartay
8-20 James Herrmann
8-20 Stella Sinclair
8-21 Ralph Tiemann
8-23 Vivienne Freitag
8-24 Janet Mills
8-24 Austin Hanath
8-25 Cynthia Schaper
8-25 Ronnie Bockhorn
8-29 Aislin Schaper
8-30 Ron Bartay
8-30 Shelby Hanath
8-31 Wyatt Tiemann

ST PAUL ANNIVERSARIES

8-08-15 Jared & Katie Moehlmann
8-10-85 Lenny & Debbie Krause
8-12-00 Darren & Trish Surovik
8-20-71 Barry & Gina Mikeska
8-31-16 Charlie & Olivia Kokemor

ST JAMES ANNIVERSARIES

8-2 Odis & Mildred Haynes
8-3 Charles & Vickie Goeke
8-4 Donald & Sharon Winkelmann
8-4 Eric & Jessica Thayne
8-5 Wm & Kristy Collier
8-20 Herman & Cindy Lorenz
8-20 David & Peggy Bartay

ST PAUL BIRTHDAYS

01 Emmy Kokemor
03 Lori Reichwein
07 Michael Callahan
08 Sandra Schwenke
08 Seth Klehm
09 Jessie Evelyn Hartnett
11 Taylor Boeker
11 Levi Dean Tuttle
21 Al Mueller
24 Michael Cowart
25 Brenda Blum
26 Barbara Tegeler
29 Lelani Howren
29 Charlie Kokemor
30 Michael Breddin

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 Thurs 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

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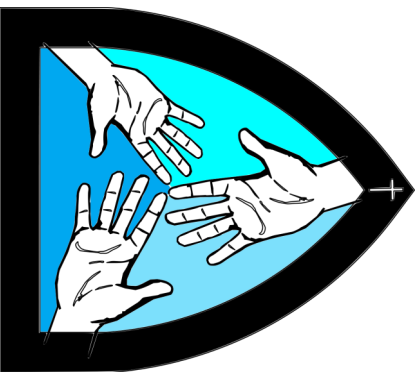
Welcome to worship!

9am at St Paul

10:30am at St James

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