HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

PALM SUNDAY ... April 5

**8:00 and *10:30 a.m.

MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP ... April 9
FOOTWASHING AND HOLY COMMUNION

*11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

GOOD FRIDAY ... April 10

*SERVICE OF DARKNESS ... 7:00 p.m.

EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION ... April 12

**8:00 and *10:30 a.m. Worship

Led by Brass, Organ.

* Indicates the service will be broadcast on the St. Paul’s Facebook page and online at www.stpaulsbrenham.org

** Indicates the service will be broadcast on the live on KWHI 1280
As We Are Fed … We Feed Others

**Food** - Approximately 200 families per month receive food assistance through Brenham’s Faith Mission. The food is purchased from the area Food Bank or received through local donations (from churches and others.)

St. Paul’s members can increase their support of this vital ministry: Go to stpaulsbrenham.org to the virtual food drive and make your donation. We can help those in need without leaving the safety of our own home and make an on-line donation.

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**Financial Report — as of February 29, 2020**

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Out of an Abundance of Compassion

This article was first written a couple of weeks earlier. So much has changed, as we started dealing with COVID 19, that I’ve decided to rewrite it...with the understanding that by the time you receive this, some of the info will undoubtedly have again changed.

The following, regarding the police presence when we were last together on Sunday mornings, was in my original article and I’ve left it in so as not to forget passing this information on to everyone. Please tuck it away for future reference. This presence came about not as a result of any specific threat and I want to assure everyone that nothing has occurred at St. Paul’s that raises any special concern. This decision was made by congregation leaders out of an abundance of caution.

The issue of security was first raised by worship leaders as we prepared for Christmas Eve. It was decided at that time that with the recent shootings, in houses of worship across the nation, the time had come to provide security for worshippers. It was also decided that it was wise to use visible professional police security to serve as a deterrent to any future act of violence rather than attempt to create a volunteer response team to act after something had occurred. So out of an abundance of caution, we entered into a contract with the Brenham Police Department to provide security at all of our Sunday Worship Services and on Christmas Eve.

While we acted out of an abundance of caution just a few weeks ago, recent decisions by leaders have now been made out of an abundance of compassion.

For the foreseeable future we will not be hosting in-person worship, Christian Day School, Sunday School or any activities at St. Paul’s. We are following state and community leaders request that we separate ourselves physically to slow down the spread of the COVID 19 Virus. This action will continue until we learn from local health officials that it is safe to resume in-person activities.

While we are separated physically, we will not be isolated spiritually and emotionally. Leaders from St. Paul’s are ramping up many on-line activities, such as worship, school activities, study and prayer. We are also creating a phone tree, “Member Connect” so that congregation families will receive a weekly check-in telephone call. So that service to our community continues, we have a host of ministry opportunities including a Virtual Food Drive, Blood Drive, Placemats for Seniors, Cards and Facemasks for Kruse Village, and the list goes on. We are working to intentionally remain connected to all in our St. Paul’s family so that everyone we serve in our community remains connected to the love of God in Christ. Please use our web site, www.stpaulsbrenham.org, to receive the latest information.

Without question these are challenging times and my guess is they will continue into the future. Going forward we will remain faithful in our actions and we will not be dismayed for our Lord is with us to guide and protect us. We will utilize our God given gifts to their fullest, employ the wisdom with which we’ve been blessed, and ultimately place our trust in the God who demonstrated power over sin and death through the death resurrection of Jesus Christ.

God’s Peace be with you,
Pastor Phil
**Future Worship Opportunities** – For the foreseeable future, gather your family together, light a candle in your home and join us for online worship at stpaulsbrenham.org. We will worship on Sundays at 10:30 am and Wednesday, April 1 at 6:00 pm for our last mid-week Lenten Worship, Maundy Thursday, April 9 at 7:00 pm and Good Friday, April 10 at 7:00 pm. Children and their families are also encouraged to join us online for chapel worship on Tuesday’s at 9:00 am. We are making plans to include the celebration of Holy Communion in some format for Easter Worship. Announcements will be made as plans are finalized.

**Member Connect** – We are building a telephone tree to connect with every member of the congregation weekly, while we cannot gather for worship, to check-in, say hello and be available for any assistance that might be helpful. To do this faithfully and effectively we need 30 volunteers to serve as team leaders. Adults of any age with access to a phone can help. If you are willing to participate in this important ministry please contact the church office 836-5522 or email janieblum@stpaulsbrenham.org with your name, phone number and email address. Help everyone stay connected!

**Blood Drive** – There is a critical shortage in the nation’s blood supply and with all the medical uncertainties the donation of blood has never been more important! Saturday, April 18 from 9:00-3:00 we are hosting a Blood Drive at St. Paul’s. Sign-up today! There is a link to the blood center on our website – stpaulsbrenham.org.

**Virtual Food Drive** – With skyrocketing unemployment the need for food is going to increase rapidly. St. Paul’s is working to make a difference. Go to stpaulsbrenham.org to the virtual food drive and make your donation. We can help those in need without leaving the safety of our own home and make an on-line donation contribution. Funds raised will go directly to Faith Mission in Brenham.

**Facemasks for Kruse Village** - We’ve just learned that Kruse Village is in need of masks for workers. If you have an interest in responding to this need the instructions for making safe facemasks are on you tube.com. For more information The contact person at Kruse Village is Coy Fontenot- 830-1996.

**Kids Connection**

Connect with Ms. Becky every Sunday on St. Paul’s Evangelical Lutheran Church’s Facebook page. A post will be made at 9:00AM and will be available to you whenever you are able to watch it. Ms. Becky will share a Bible lesson and an activity so you stay connected with our ministry. Send us pictures when you are working on your activity. We want to see you!!

**Please join St. Paul’s Christian Day School’s Chapel Service** on Tuesday, March 31 at 9:00 a.m.. It will be live-streamed on Facebook: St. Paul’s Christian Day School
What a difference a couple of weeks can make! Two weeks ago, St. Paul’s staff had a planning meeting in which we “dreamed” about missions and ministries for St. Paul’s and our community to be implemented this summer—things like a prayer tent at the ball fields, water bottles for guests downtown for “Hot Nights, Cool Tunes”, cooking classes, etc. Now we are trying to figure out how to remain separated, but connected; how to minister to those in our congregation who should not be possibly exposed to the COVID-19 virus by going to the grocery store, pharmacy, etc.; and how to minister to those in our community hurting for lack of work and are suddenly food-insecure. You are well aware of the changes we have made to our worship, Sunday School, meetings, etc. Here are a few things you may not be aware of, but will become a blessing to those in need.

**Connection Crew** Our congregation is made up of many faithful people, some of whom are very active and strong, some who have health issues that have forced them to be home-bound. The “Connection Crew” are those who have volunteered to run light errands—pick up a few groceries, prescriptions, etc.—and drop them off at the homes of those who are staying safe inside. If you would like to volunteer to be a part of the “Connection Crew”, or if you need an errand to be run, please call the church office, and you will be matched with a caring crew member!

**Prayer Connection** Prayer is more critical than ever in these days of separation and fear! If you would like to be part of a “virtual” prayer group, please call Pastor Pat at 254-652-6951. We will meet via Zoom and pray for the needs of our congregation, our community, our nation, and our world. If you have a prayer request, please call Pastor Pat (254-652-6951) or the church office (836-5522).

Stay tuned for more opportunities to stay separate, but connected! We are working on new missions and ministries every day! Stay safe, and God bless you!

Pastor Pat Dietrich
254-52-6951
EASTER SUNDAY MUSIC!
The St. Paul’s Handbells will be playing the prelude at the 8:00 and 10:30 worship services. The Brazos Valley Brass Quintet will also be performing at the 8:00 and 10:30 Easter Sunday worship services; they will join the organ for hymn accompaniments and perform additional music.

SUMMERTIME COOKING CLASSES! YOUTH GROUP FUNDRAISER!
Erich Knapp will be teaching a few cooking classes this summer in the church kitchen/fellowship hall: they will be fundraisers for our church youth group activities. There have been several requested classes; the first class will be “Creative and Simple Summertime Appetizers” and there will be non-alcoholic beverage recipes to match up with the food recipes. We will post schedules for the classes for you to sign up for, once the danger of the Coronavirus has passed. Erich attended culinary school and has served as executive chef at several restaurants.

AUDITION NOTICE for the Children’s Musical “Jack and the Beanstalk”
Erich Knapp will be music director for the Unity Theatre production of this beloved children’s production by Prince St. Player’s.

Auditions will be Saturday, April 25th at 2:00 p.m. at Unity Theatre. Singers/actors over the age of 16 are needed; there is a small stipend. For the audition, prepare 16 bars of an upbeat, fun song; please bring your music clearly marked for cuts. Rehearsals are July 6 through July 22, with two performances-a-day from July 23-26th.
CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS IN APRIL

DeVoke, Sara 1
Hemann, Brody Walter 1
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Griffin, Amy 4
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Prayer Concerns for St. Paul’s Family

David Bockhorn   Robert Bormann   Sylvia Dannhaus   Carol Fenton   Dorothy Hahn
Don Kasprowicz   Nevi Lee Lauter   Hildegard Lorenz   Mamie Lorenz
Willie Mae Lueckemeyer   Ricky Meinecke   Irene Rankin   Ann Reuter   Justin Reuter
Meredith (Klingsporn) Stuart   Donald Tarver   Leon Thiel

All our Homebound Members and Members in Nursing Homes

Friends of the Congregation:
Daniel Borchgardt (friend of Donald Ray and Florence Rose Ahrens)
Carrie Bozarth (friend of Gloria Hanath)
Alexis Borunda (friend of Addyson Schroeder)
A’Vahlynn Cuellar (student of Kelly Wall)
Eddie and Brenda Galle (family of Gretchen and Chad Vogler)
Greg Getting (friend of the Geleskes)
J. T. Grounds
John and Carol Haarmeyer (parents of CDS teacher Holly Rodriquez)
Dee Johnson (friend of Amanda Finke)
Pat Jozwiak (friend of the Koehne family)
Gloria Ann Klussmann (friend of the Loesch family)
Theresa Krause (friend of Gertrude Braun)
Wilbert Krause (friend of Gertrude Braun)
James and Linda Lange (brother and sister-in-law of Charlie)
Lauren Norsworthy (CDS Staff)
Marvin Marburger (friend of Gloria and Bennie Hanath)
Lauren Parker (friend of Heather Dallmeyer)
Jessica Pareya (daughter of Michael)
Steve Rogers
Chip Routt
Jana Moerbe Rocker (niece of Kenneth and Paula Moerbe)
Terry Smith (sister of Bill and JoAnn Christian)
Joseph Stanton
Julie Sullivan (friend of the Geleskes)
Merilynn Wrigley (friend of Jean Johnson)
This month, I am simply sharing the letter provided to CDS families. We are in the hands of a loving God, and His love never fails.

Wednesday, March 18, 2020

Dear St. Paul’s Christian Day School Families,

The health and safety of children, staff, families, and the community remain our utmost priority; therefore, school and extended care will remain closed until April 6 as recommended by public health authorities.

The Kindergarten through 6th grade teachers met with me yesterday. They are preparing weekly home-based learning packets that will be available for pick-up at the school on Sunday afternoons from 3:00 to 4:00 in the school drive-thru. Tumbling Turtles, Frisky Frog, Bouncing Bear, and Ocean Treasure teachers are also preparing pick-up activities that can enhance the children’s learning at home. For these young children, quality play time and reading aloud to them are two of the best things you can provide. You will not need to get out of your vehicle; your child(ren)’s packet(s) will be handed to you. In addition, all teachers are using various technology pieces to stay connected with your children and to provide assistance with school work and fun enrichment activities.

The Christian Day School staff remains available to you. Do not hesitate to contact them for assistance. Tuesday’s at 9:00, CDS chapel will be live-streamed on Facebook: St. Paul’s Christian Day School. FYI: St. Paul’s will provide its Wednesday Lenten Worship and Sunday Service on its website and Facebook page.

Please reach out to me or your child’s teacher if your family has any immediate needs; we want to help you in any way we can.
“At many times throughout their lives, children will feel the world has turned topsy-turvy. It’s not the ever-present smile that will help them feel secure. It’s knowing that love can hold many feelings, including sadness, and that they can count on the people they love to be with them until the world turns right side up again.”

Right now, we are living with uncertainty—“our world is topsy-turvy”; our emotions of fear, helplessness, anxiety, disappointment, and sadness are real and normal. The children feel these emotions, also. Validate your children’s feelings. Let them know you understand how they feel and reassure them “the world will turn right side up again”.

**WITH GOD LEADING THE WAY, WE WILL GET THROUGH THIS TOGETHER!**

Love to all,

Sherrie Winkelmann
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