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St. James Herald

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Summer Office Hours

The church office is open:
Mon.-Wed. 7:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

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Pastoral Reflection

June brings upon us a new season of life. It promises the arrival of warmer weather, new flowers, new summer routine and even new road construction. But most importantly June brings a new energy and a new pace of life.

June marks the beginning of Summer Break. School is out, Little League is in high gear and graduation parties are everywhere. It's a different pace and new energy.

Here at St. James we too have new things. A new worship schedule and new summer opportunities. It's a different energy and pace. One where relationships are grounded, lives are connected and the Good News is celebrated.

For *when* our lives are grounded and connected to the Word of God; *When* we are connected to each other in community; *THEN* together we move forward to a new season in the life of St. James.

You are invited to be part of this *new* season of life of St. James as the future leadership of this church is determined. You are invited on June 1, 2014 to vote on extending a call to a new Sr. Pastor. That will lead this congregation to something new, a new season of being, of loving, of caring and of sharing the Gospel with those in this community.

Pastor Kristen Brechler

Summer Worship Continues at 9:30 a.m.

We've made the switch to one service in the summer. It will continue each Sunday at **9:30 a.m.** through August 31. Come check out this unique service this summer!



We Got a New Color Copier



St. James has finally taken the leap and purchased a color copier! We hope you enjoy our new bulletin covers and newsletters in color.

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St. James Website Accepts Donations

The St. James website accepts one-time and recurring donations via checking, savings or credit card (Visa, MasterCard, or Discover). Click on the "Donate Now" button located on the left side of the homepage.



Over 55's To Have Picnic at Eagle Lake Park in Maple Grove

Mon., June 23, the Over 55's will host a picnic at Eagle Lake Park in Maple Grove. Beverage and chicken will be provided. Please bring white elephant gifts for the bingo game.

New Church Directory

St. James will be creating a new directory!

When: July 21-25, 2-9 p.m. at St. James.

Sign Up: You can sign up for sessions online via the St. James website, or on Sunday mornings in June/July. There is a FREE 8x10 for each family participating and a free directory when they arrive.

Invite Others: Feel free to invite extended family or friends to have their photograph taken too, with the Lifetouch Outreach Program. It's a great way for them to have a professional family portrait and get a free 8x10! Another great idea would be a generational photograph with grandparents, parents and kids!

Dates don't work for you? If the July 21-25 dates don't work, contact Amanda Burns to get the listing of other locations that you can have your picture taken and still be in the St. James directory. You may also submit your own family photo.

Volunteer: This project will require some volunteer effort. If you would be willing to volunteer a few hours of your time, please contact the church office at office@stjamesincrystal.org. We are looking for people to help with portrait sign-ups on Sunday mornings in June/July and greeting our families during photography the week of July 21-25. This would be a great opportunity for student community service hours!

Changes: Please notify us of any changes to address, phone, or email so the directory can have the most updated information!

Questions: Contact Amanda Burns at 763-537-3653 or aburns@stjamesincrystal.org for more information.



Donations for Flower Garden Welcomed

Donations are needed to purchase all the beautiful flowers for the flower garden and planters located around the St. James property this spring. Any amount is greatly appreciated!



Ruth Stanchfield's Faith Journey: "God Will Always Provide!"

At the height of the Depression, Ruth Stanchfield's father died suddenly. Ruth was only 14 and her sister was 7. The South Dakota farm and everything they had was taken by the bank and their widowed mother was left with nothing. It had long been Dad's dream to be a farmer, but the dream died with him.

Ruth's family never missed a Sunday going to church, which in the earlier years was 3 or 4 miles away. One winter there was a major snowstorm and Dad decided it was too risky to take the horses out. There was a knock at the door. The Pastor, who lived nearby, said "I knew you would be going, so I came by to go with you. Let's go!" So Dad hitched up the horses and off they went!

The little family moved in with Ruth's grandparents. Mom did anything she could to earn a little money, and Ruth did the same, cooking and taking care of children. That fall Mom decided to move to another town, where she got a job in a department store. The job was open because so many men had gone into the service. In 1944, Ruth enrolled in nursing school in Watertown, South Dakota. She gave up that dream when Mom moved the family to the Twin Cities and Ruth got a job at a factory.

Mom faithfully tithed, no matter how little she had. She would say "God will always provide." That proved to be true, especially the time she had given her last coin and then found a \$20 bill when she opened her Bible.

Ruth and Dick met in Minneapolis when he started work at the manufacturing company where she had been working for a while. "God will always provide" was also true for them, especially in the early days of their marriage when they quickly had four hungry boys to feed and clothe.

Ruth and Dick missed the very first Sunday when St. James was organized, but were there the next Sunday and have been members ever since. And God continues to provide.



Men's Breakfast

The next Men's Breakfast is Sat., June 21 at 8:00 a.m. at Fat Nat's (36th Ave. & Winnetka Ave).

Second Sunday Singers Continues

Join us on the second Sunday of every month to sing in worship. On June 8, July 13, and August 10, we will gather at 9:00 a.m. to prepare a piece to sing at that morning's service. All ages and all abilities are welcome!

Sunday Mornings

9:30 a.m.—Worship
10:45 a.m. — Adult Ed

Ushers Needed

Ushers are needed at both worship services. Volunteers are assigned one Sunday a month at their preferred worship time. Please contact the church office or Stan Tikkanen if you are interested, or would like more information.

Usher & Financial Assistant Schedule

June 1

9:30 a.m. Junior Kautz, Vern Christensen, Roger A. Johnson, Ken Lutz
Financial Assistants: Capt. Ozzie Hellen, Becki Smith, Jackie Harlow

June 8

9:30 a.m. George McClure, Terry Teigen, Roger E Johnson,, Rick Jones, Judy Berney, Pat Ferguson, Ken & Phyllis Nelson
Financial Assistants: Capt. Stan Tikkanen, Carol Koosmann, Lorraine LaFontaine

June 15

9:30 a.m. Mike Stanchfield, Jim Olsen, Stan Tikkanen, John Lindstrom, Wayne Rierson, Don & Deb Edmondson
Financial Assistants: Capt. Rich Pearson, Dee Burrington, Joyce Held

June 22

9:30 a.m. Marv Berke, Jim Hauan, Becki Smith, Clarence Peterson, Tim Buck
Financial Assistants: Capt. Gary Peterson, Frode Jespersen, Lillian Jespersen

June 29

9:30 a.m. Team II
Financial Assistants: Team II



Youth on Sunday Mornings

The St. James youth (9th grade after confirmation Sunday through 12th grade) will be getting together on Sunday mornings at 9:57 in the youth room.

Youth Nights at St. James

This month's youth night is Wed., June 18 at 6:00 p.m.

Questions can be directed to Ryan Walesch at 763-537-1702 or by email at ryan.stjamesyouth@gmail.com.

Graduate Recognition

We will recognize all graduates on Sun., June 8. If you have a photo and graduation/future plan information, please submit by June 1.

Youth To Visit Wild Mountain

The St. James youth will make a trip to Wild Mountain Water Park on Sat., June 28. Meet at church at 9:00 a.m.

GACAC Faith Conference

St. James' representative Dick Eklund attended the Gustavus Adolphus College Association of Congregations (GACAC) Faith Conference on Sat., Apr. 26, where children and youth involvement in church was the main theme.

Summer Camp at Camp Onomia, August 3-8

For those who have registered for camp, you should have received confirmation from Onomia at your homes. If you would still like to register for camp, there's time. Please turn your deposit and form in to camp ASAP!

All fundraisers for camp are finished. If you are in need of additional help paying for camp, please contact Pastor Kristen Brechler, she is happy to talk with you and help.

Day Camp for Age 5 through 5th Grade

June 23-26 at St. James

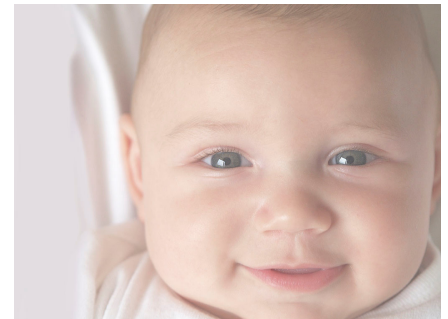
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. each day

\$20 per child

Each camp day is jam-packed with great songs, activities, Bible study, crafts, games and more! Luther Park counselors will be on hand to lead all of the activities. We are considering before and after camp childcare if there is enough interest. See registration packet for all the info. Contact Pastor Kristen with questions.

Nursery Volunteers Needed

Caring adults and youth are needed to serve at each worship service in our Nursery. If you are interested in helping, please contact the church office, or Pastor Kristen Brechler.



Communion Alternatives

St. James has gluten-free communion wafers available for those with gluten, wheat, dairy, corn or soy allergies, as well as grape juice. Just ask for one of these alternatives when receiving communion.

“Gospel E” Weekly Email Newsletter

St. James has a weekly email newsletter, the “Gospel E,” which is sent each week to St. James members who want to receive this newsletter. It features an article from Pastor Dave and a few upcoming events each week.

To sign up for the Gospel E, please email Amanda Burns at aburns@stjamesincrystal.org.

Borrowing Items from Church

St. James’ policy is not to lend or rent out items (including tables and chairs) to anyone; unfortunately this includes members. Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.



Book Club Meets June 3

June’s pick: [An Irish Country Doctor](#) by Patrick Taylor.

Barry Lavery, M.B., can barely find the village of Ballybucklebo on a map when he first sets out to seek gainful employment there, but already he knows that there is nowhere he would rather live than in the emerald hills and dales of Northern Ireland. The proud owner of a spanking-new medical degree and little else in the way of worldly possessions, Barry jumps at the chance to secure a position as an assistant in a small rural practice. At least until he meets Dr. Fingal Flahertie O’Reilly. The older physician, whose motto is to never let the patients get the upper hand, has his own way of doing

things. The novel is a charming and engrossing tale that will captivate readers from the very first page - and leave them yearning to visit the Irish countryside of days gone by. [from amazon.com]

Join “Page Turners” this month in reading the book [An Irish Country Doctor](#). The group meets Tues., June 3 at 7:00 p.m. in the Peter and Paul room. All are welcome!

For more information on the book club, contact Linda Judge (at 763-533-4081 or judgelinda@msn.com).

September’s pick: [Housekeeping](#) by Marilyn Robinson (Book Club does not meet in July & August.)

Anniversary Party Invitation

Members of St. James are invited to the 50th wedding anniversary celebration of Allan & Joanne Negstad on Sun., June 8, The open house will be held in Wold

Hall from 2 to 5 p.m. They hope to see you there!

No gifts please. Contributions to LSS Homeless Youth Project or St. James are welcomed.

Endowment Fund(s) Overview Through December 2013

Through Dec 31, 2013 all of St. James Endowment funds have been given gifts of \$111,100 and accumulated another increase of \$49,600 from interest earned and market changed value of investments for a total gross of \$160,700. From this, a total of \$53,300 has been awarded to individuals and causes.

The largest gifting area has been the Ruth Lund Scholarship Fund and has totaled \$36,000 to seminary students and contextual ed students. Two of St. James members have received funds from this and are now Pastors! This is a great legacy for our Church. The second largest gifts have been grants or awards from the Children’s Educational Ministry Funds for a total of \$9,500. Many children at St. James and other organizations have benefited from this. The most recent

significant grant was \$2,500 from our Capital Endowment in 2013 to help re-furbish the Senior Pastor’s Office.

The first contribution to any endowment fund at St. James was in 1990. We now have five separate funds and they continue to grow and make a huge difference at St. James Lutheran Church. Thanks to all members who have contributed to these funds.

*St. James Endowment Committee:
Marv Berke-Chair, Connie Blom,
John Lindstrom, Sonya Lodahl and
Gary Petersen*

**“Have You Considered
St. James in Your Will?”**

Thank You

Letters of Thanks

Thanks to everyone who contributed to the Special Lenten Offering. \$416.44 was collected in the Lenten banks for Lutheran Social Service.

Dear St. James,

I am writing with sincere appreciation to acknowledge all of the prayers, condolences, and kind gestures extended by the St. James family in the loss of my brother. Know that your thoughtfulness and care does make a difference!

*With Love,
Lois Selle & girls*

A most sincere and heartfelt thank you for all your love, support, and prayers during Ross's illness and death. What a blessing to be a part of a community of believers who show such concern and pray for those in need. Ross and I sang in church choirs for forty plus years, and one of our favorites was "The King of Love My Shepherd Is, Whose Goodness Fails Never." What comfort we received from these words. Thanks to all for being there for us.

*Love,
Oda Keske*

Sunday Altar Flowers

The 2014 Altar Flower Sign-Up Sheet is now available. If you would like to purchase flowers in honor, memory or celebration of someone, a sign-up sheet is located on the bulletin board outside Pastor Dave's office.



Gifts

Kid Pack in honor of Shayna Anderson from George & Orla McClure.

Memorials

Capital Fund in memory of Charles LaPierre from Lois Selle, Jim & Emily Hauan, Joyce Held, Kristine & John Nymoer, Bev & Evelyn Jacobs.

Bell Choir Fund in memory of Jessie Heyen from Carol Koosmann, Lorraine LaFontaine. In memory of Irene Anderson from Lorraine LaFontaine.

Endowment Fund in memory of Jessie Heyen from Ozzie Hellen, Lois Selle & girls. In memory of Ross Keske, Charlie LaPierre from Ozzie Hellen. In memory of Charles LaPierre from Frode & Lillian Jespersen.

Kid Pack in memory of Irene Anderson from Ruth Stanchfield. In memory of Ross Keske from Carole Thoe, Jim & Judy Olsen, Roger & Sandy Johnson, Carol Koosmann, Stan & Connie Tikkanen, Peg Tuttila, Margaret Thomsen, Connie Blom. In memory of Charles LaPierre from Roger & Sandy Johnson. In memory of Jessie Heyen from Peg Tuttila.

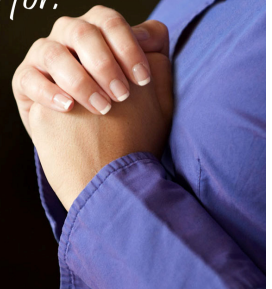
Global Health Ministries in memory of Irene Anderson from Carol Koosmann, Peg Tuttila.

Lee Warmbo Memorial Garden in memory of Ross Keske from Marilyn Overland, John & Kristine Nymoer, Beth Miller, George & Orla McClure, Terry & Lana Teigen, Floyd Florey. In memory of Joyce Stevens from Nancy Lohmann.

Music Fund in memory of Ross Keske from Joanne Clausen, Nancy Lohmann, Bill & Eunice Kistner. In memory of Jessie Heyen from Bill & Eunice Kistner.

Property Committee in memory of Charles LaPierre from George & Orla McClure.

Please pray for:



Sympathy

- Phyllis Nelson, on the death of sister

Births

- Eric & Jessica Sewalson, daughter Sylvia Dee.

Deaths

- Irene Anderson
- Robert Rotz

Scripture Readings for June

June 1 -7th Sunday of Easter

1st Lesson: 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11
Gospel: John 17:1-11

June 8 – Pentecost Sunday

1st Lesson: Acts 2:1-21
Gospel: John 20:19-23

June 15 – The Holy Trinity

Psalm: Psalm 8
Gospel: Matt 28:16-20

June 22 – 2nd Sunday of Pentecost

1st Lesson: Rom 6:1b-11
Gospel: Matt 10:24-39

June 29 – 3rd Sunday of Pentecost

Psalm: Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18
Gospel: Matt. 10:40-42

A Note from Bonfire Executive

Brothers and sisters in Christ,

UFF DA! Will summer ever get here? I finally mowed my lawn for the first time this year and we have had Cardinals, Orioles, Hummingbirds and assorted other beautiful birds at our feeders so far this year. What a joy to see these wonderful examples of God's beautiful and creative work so close at hand. I have even made peace with having squirrels sample the feed at our feeders. I find them fun to watch.

Spring is springing and that means changes in the things we do, especially outside. One thing that is important for you to know is that Bonfire Ministry does not take summers off. The packing of weekend snack bags through KidPack is done until August, but the planning for the next school year is already going strong. Keep an eye out for information on how you can continue to support this vital and important ministry to hungry children in our community. Debbie Haney, our Parish Nurse will continue to have the same office hours at each church and the Respite Care program will continue at House of Hope through the summer.

I mentioned last month that we are in the process of setting up a spiritually based Grief Support Ministry for our congregations and community. Our plan is to begin that ministry in mid-September. It will be a blessing and a help to anyone who is or has experienced grief from any source; death of a loved one or a friend, loss of job, divorce, health issues, etc.

The program will help the participants move through their grief in a healthy, positive manner. Even if your grief experience is not recent, you are invited to join us. Keep an eye open for more information.



One of the goals of Bonfire Ministry is to create the opportunities for fellowship between and among the members of all three congregations. That means sometimes you have to leave the safety and security of your own church building and gather at one of the other church buildings. It really won't hurt you and you just might enjoy meeting new people. Again this summer we are hosting three (3) Bonfire Bonfires. Each congregation will host one Bonfire Bonfire during the summer. They will be held, on the last Sunday evening in June, July and August. Watch your Church Newsletters and Sunday Bulletins for times and locations, and come and join your brothers and sisters in faith for some goodies, some music, a campfire and grand fellowship.

It is a privilege to serve among you, the saints of God in this time and place.

For more information, check out the Bonfire web site at <http://www.bonfireministry.org>.

*Blessing to you and Peace,
Pr Daniel Babine*

Executive Director-Bonfire Ministry

What is a Parish Nurse?

A parish nurse (called a Faith Community Nurse in Nursing Standards for Minnesota) is a currently licensed Registered Nurse (RN). Her/his job is to promote healthy living amongst the members of her/his congregation. In this case, the parish nurse is me, Debbie Haney and I am employed by the Bonfire Ministry (made up of members of St. James, House of Hope, and First) and therefore, work for you.

My job is to promote and maintain the health of your mind, body and spirit. I can explain health issues, test results; review medications; I can be a resource for health care issues; I can provide comfort and support. I'd be glad to explain all this in greater detail, so stop me after church services and/or come see me at the various office hours I'm in the churches. I'm at First Lutheran the second Sunday, House of Hope the third Sunday and St. James on the fourth Sunday. On the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. I'm at First Lutheran and at St. James from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. I'm at House of Hope on Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, I'm at The Gathering Place (respite) from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at House of Hope. Utilize my services.

Debbie Haney

Health Tip

Did you know the number one cause of acute liver failure in the United States is over use of acetaminapin (Tylenol)? There is acetaminapin in allergy medication, cold medication, pain medication. It is added to prescribed pain medication. We should not take more than 3000 mg in a 24 hour period. Read labels. Ask questions of you provide or pharmacist. BE SAFE!

Blood Drive

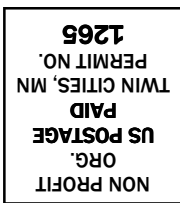
Wildfire congregation, Cross of Glory, would like to partner with St. James for their blood drive on Tues., June 17. Please contact them to make an appointment or for more information: 763-533-8602.

Bonfire Ministry Bonfire

The Bonfire bonfires were so much fun last year, we are bringing them back! The first will be Sun., June 29 at 7:00 pm. at First Lutheran Church. We hope you can make it for some s'mores and singing.

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Special Congregational Meeting Set to Vote on Sr. Pastor Candidate

The Senior Pastor Call Committee has chosen a final candidate
and the council has given their approval.
Now it's up to *YOU* to vote and make it official.

The congregational vote on the Senior Pastor candidate will be
Sun., June 1 at 10:45 a.m.
in the worship center (following worship at 9:30).

