

St. James Lutheran Church

November 2021
The Journal

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Worship Announcements

All Saints Sunday, November 7th at 11:00 am with Holy Communion

Remembrance of the Saints with a bell toll for each member of our congregation
that has passed away since last year's All Saints Sunday
(Daylight Saving Time ends-Remember to set your clocks back one hour on November 6th)

Presentation of Bibles to Confirmation Students, Sunday, November 14th

Annual Called Congregational Meeting, Sunday, November 21st at 11:00 am

The meeting will open prior to worship with nominations for election to church council and the first ballot and will conclude after worship with additional ballots as needed and the adoption of our 2022 budget. Church council is seeking members willing to be nominated to serve. If you would like to serve on church council or know someone who would, please obtain their permission and give their name to Georganne or a council member.

Christ the King Sunday, November 21st at 11:00 am with Holy Communion

Community Thanksgiving Service will be held at First Baptist Church in Graniteville on Tuesday, November 23rd at 7:00 pm.

First Sunday of Advent Worship Service, November 28th at 11:00 am

A message from Pastor Fred...



November is packed with excitement!

We celebrate all of the Saints, all of those made righteous through Christ, who have gone before us in this world. Mycah and I reflect on our loved ones during these weeks. We like to hang their pictures together on the wall during this time. It reminds us of how much we are loved, how much people did before we ever got here, and it reminds us of how much we miss seeing them. It isn't easy looking at these pictures of people we love that we can no longer embrace, but it is certainly centering. To recall that we are all God's children, that we are surrounded in love, here, there, and everywhere, is a lovely part of being human, even if it comes through something hard, like missing loved ones.

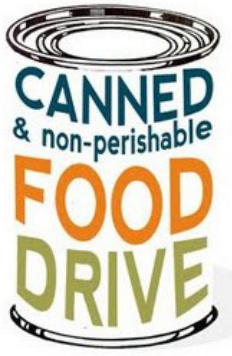
Veterans Day comes shortly after, and I give thanks to God for people willing to put Jesus' words into action. John 15:12-13 "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends." Thank you to all who have been willing to lay down your life in love, for modelling Christ's love in your own life, thank you for your service.

Christ the King Sunday is coming, and praise God for Christ getting the final word. I've noticed that the truth has been coming out whether people want it to or not. I am only able to examine this on a very short timeline, but lies never stand the test of time. On an even greater scale, the Truth is that Christ always gets the final word. Our future, regardless of how long or short it may seem, is in the hands of the one who is true, the one Triune God. What a grand promise of peace and truth for today and for all eternity!

November wraps up with Advent, a favorite season of mine before I even understood it. I'm excited to see how St. James prepares the way for Christ's arrival and November has just begun. There is so much to be excited about, so much to celebrate. I am so glad we get to be a part of what God is doing in this world through celebrations, and I am looking forward to celebrating with you!

God's peace to you, in this time and always,
Pastor Fred





FOOD DRIVE FOR 2ND ACTS

We will be collecting non-perishable food items for 2nd ACTS in Graniteville again this year, between now and November 21. Any foods are fine, as long as they are non-perishable. Ready-to-eat canned goods with pop tops are also welcome, as they can be given to the homeless. Food may be left on the pews in the fellowship hall. Donations of new socks and underwear are also needed. If you would prefer, monetary donations are always welcome; checks should be made out to St. James and earmarked for "ACTS Food."

Confirmation



It's Time for Confirmation!

All youth 7th grade and above that have not been confirmed yet are invited to participate in confirmation classes led by Pastor Fred.

Presentation of Bibles on Sunday, November 14th during Worship

**Confirmation Classes: November 14th and November 21st
from 3:00-4:30 pm**

LCY

Back to LCY on Sunday, November 7th at 3:00 pm

at the home of Ronnie & Sandra Johnson.

All youth and parents are invited to join us
for an afternoon of games, dinner, and campfire.



Time to "fall back." Daylight Saving Time ends on November 7th.

Remember to set your clocks back one hour before going
to bed on the evening of November 6th.



Dear St. James Family,

*Thank you for all of your prayers and concerns, cards,
and phone calls after my back surgery. Your support
lifted my spirits.*

Love,

Kenneth



Happy Birthday

Rhett Johnson	3
Donna Abreo	4
Sara Rutland	7
Eric Johnson	8
Vicki Bolton	9
Payton Johnson	12
Sandra Johnson	13
Lane Rogers	17
Austin DeRemegio	17
Robbie Franklin	23
Gene Moyer	26
Linda Pritchard	26
Libby Scott	28

Happy Anniversary!

Barry & Debbie Antley
November 20th

Jim and Barbara Cobb
November 25th

Ralph & Donna Abreo
November 30th



Help us keep our church records up to date... If your birthday or anniversary is incorrect or missing from our list, please contact Kathy Rogers so our membership records can be corrected. Thank you!

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Please remember in your thoughts and prayers:

Gail Rogers, Nanci Carter (Bob Petrulovich's daughter), Charles McGee, Bobby Reece, Ben Ashby (Karmen Spletzer's brother), Sandy Lick, Gene Moyer, Libby Scott, Ronnie Gordon, David Speight, Bobbie Bauserman, John Thompson, Pat Weeks. At **Anchor**: Mary Ellen Johnson. At **Trinity**: Ruth Orr, Carolyn Hendrix. *May the Lord bless them with His healing presence and keep them in true faith. Amen.*

Please review the prayer list and contact the church office with updates.

St. James has a new website! www.stjamesgraniteville.com

Special thanks to Charles Busbee for getting this started for us!

November Volunteer List

Lay Readers/Lay Assistants

November 7: Lang Entrekin (& Assistant)

November 14: Lanny Valentine

November 21: Gloria Sloan (& Assistant)

November 28: Robbie Franklin

Altar Guild

November: Becky Johnson & Elaine Johnson

Ushers

November: Mike Cutshall & Gaines Entrekin

Crucifers

November 7: Brayden Weed

November 14: Spencer Johnson

November 21: Zoe Ford

November 28: Kaylee Sharpe

Altar Flowers

November 7: Linda Pritchard in memory of Butch

Pritchard and their parents, Emory & Lorene Johnson and E.J. & Lilly Pritchard- \$Backpack

November 21: Jim & Barbara Cobb in honor of their wedding anniversary- \$ Backpack

November 28: Ruth Orr in memory of Richard Orr- \$ LCY



Share your good news and church events with your church family!
Email the information to: StJamesNewsInfo@gmail.com

Financial Update September 2021

General Fund:	<u>Sept 2021</u>	<u>Jan-Sept 2021</u>
Offering	\$ 11,452.10	\$ 124,302.27
Expenses	<u>\$ 23, 572.94</u>	\$ <u>146,357.07</u>
Net Total	\$ (12,120.84)	\$ (22,054.80)



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Church Council Minutes and Financial Reports are available in their entirety in the church office. Please contact the church secretary if you would like a copy.



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