

St. James Lutheran Church

December 2021

The Journal



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December Worship

Wednesday, December 1st, Mid-Week Advent Service
(supper at 5:30 pm and worship at 6:30 pm in the sanctuary)

Sunday, December 5th, Advent 2, Worship with Holy Communion at 11:00 am

Wednesday, December 8th, Mid-Week Advent Service
(supper at 5:30 pm and worship at 6:30 pm in the sanctuary)

Sunday, December 12th, Advent 3, Worship at 11:00 am
Children/Youth Christmas Play at 6:30 pm with reception to follow

Wednesday, December 15th, Mid-Week Advent Service
(supper at 5:30 pm and worship at 6:30 pm in the sanctuary)

Sunday, December 19th, Advent 4, Worship at 11:00 am

December 24th—Christmas Eve Candlelight Service with Holy Communion
(Preservice at 6:00 pm and Worship at 6:30 pm)

Sunday, December 26th, Worship at 11:00 am

A message from Pastor Fred...

Prepare ye the way of the Lord!

Advent is upon us! I absolutely love this season of preparation for the arrival of God's Son. In this time, we prepare for the one that is to forgive us and give us life everlasting. How on earth do we prepare for a gift so significant? God comes to meet us on this earth, to walk among us, to endure the joys and the hardships of life with us, to love us where we are. How do we respond?

Looking around, I've noticed some bringing out their trees so that they can adorn them with baubles and lights and eventually surround them with gifts. This is exciting, but Christmas is so much more than this!

I am looking forward to how St. James prepares for and celebrates our Savior's birth! I have heard rumors, but I cannot wait to witness it for myself. I caught a glimpse of our youth practicing bells, and it gave me great hope and excitement for the future. St. James is going out into the world, shining Christ's light all over, and these young people are able to come together and prepare the way of Christ with the joy of music for all of us!

Spreading the love and joy of Christ is a wonderful reason for a season. I am so excited to celebrate all of these gifts we have been given with you!

Spending time with family, friends, and loved ones intertwined with worshipping our Savior is how I love to prepare. I find it brings along feelings of wholeness, warmth, and coziness. There's a great word for this feeling, from Martin Luther's native language, "gemütlichkeit."

I wish you all a wonderful season of preparation for our Lord's arrival! May it be filled with gemütlichkeit, family, friends, and praise of the Triune God, the one who promises you life everlasting!

God's Peace,
Pastor Fred



Upcoming Events at St. James

CONFIRMATION December 5th & 12th, 3:00-4:30 pm

Coffee & Conversation with Pastor Fred on Monday, December 6th at 9:30 am.

Church Council will meet on December 12th at 5:00 pm

WELCA/LMM will meet on **Monday, December 13th for lunch at 1:00 pm** in the fellowship hall.
All ladies and men are welcome!

Children/Youth Christmas Program - December 12th at 6:30 pm

with reception following the service.



If you would be willing to bring refreshments for the reception, please see Kathy Rogers.

Children/Youth Play Practice & Youth Bells Schedule

Sunday, December 5th:

Practice 9:30 am

Youth Bells 4:30 pm

Dress Rehearsal with Pizza Dinner at 5:00 pm

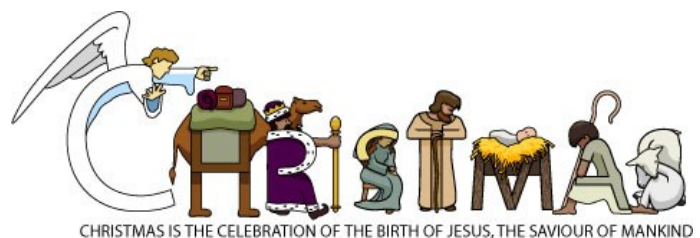
Sunday, December 12th:

Practice 9:30 am

Youth Bells Warm-up 6:00 pm

Dress in Costumes 6:00 pm

Christmas Program 6:30 pm





ACTS HEATER DRIVE – Give the gift of warmth for Christmas

Donations are being accepted through Dec. 19 for ACTS to purchase small heaters for clients. The cost of a heater is \$25, but you may give any amount you wish. Donation cards are located on the tree in the narthex. Please include them with your check made out to St. James and earmarked for “Heaters.”



POINSETTIAS given for the beautification of the sanctuary or in memory or in honor of someone are available for purchase through the church office. The poinsettias are red in color and in 6 inch pots. **The cost is \$14 each. Checks should be made payable to Saint James Lutheran Church.** Order forms will be available in the bulletin and in the narthex. Please place the completed form and payment in the offering plate or in the box on the secretary’s desk or mail to the church office. **Deadline for orders is December 15th.** You may also email your order to StJamesNewsInfo@gmail.com.



Thank you to everyone who donated food, underclothing, and money to 2nd ACTS, and to our Lutheran Men for loading and delivering all of the items to the store on November 22. Suzanne Jackson, the Executive Director of ACTS, was at the 2nd ACTS store when the items were delivered, and she expressed extreme gratitude to St. James for our contributions.



Dear St. James Family,

Thank you all for your prayers and expressions of love and support. Gail loved you all. We feel blessed to be a part of this wonderful and loving church family.

*Sincerely,
Milton Rogers and Family*

LCY News

Back to LCY! It was great to have our youth and parents together for an afternoon of games, dinner and a campfire with singing and of course s'mores. Thank you to Ronnie and Sandra Johnson for hosting us at their home in the country.





**We welcomed our new class of confirmands
with the Order of Presentation of Bibles on November 14th.**

Zoe Ford, Abigail Tyler, Spencer Johnson, Kaylee Sharpe,
Dominic Price, Brayden Joiner and Brayden Weed
(not pictured: Brinkley Johnson)



December Volunteer List

Lay Readers/Lay Assistants

December 5: Mike Willis (& Lay Assistant)

December 12: Karmen Spletzer

December 19: Lang Entrekin

December 24: Garrett Maroney (& Lay Assistant)

December 26: Patti Cutshall

Altar Guild

December: Garrett Maroney

Ushers

December: Mike Cutshall & Mike Willis

Worship Team - Acolyte (A) & Crucifer (C)

December 5: Kristen Franklin (A) Zoe Ford (C)

December 12: Nathan Vandegrift (A) Brayden Weed (C)

December 19: Trey Johnson (A) Spencer Johnson (C)

December 24: Dominic Price (A) Trey Johnson (C)

Justin Joiner (Word), Brayden Weed (Banner)

Spencer Johnson & Brayden Joiner (Torches)

December 26: Justin Joiner (A) Brayden Joiner (C)

Altar Flowers

December 5: Tom & Donna Hair in memory of Effie Redd & her parents, J.E. & Olive Black

December 12: Jan Maroney in honor of Garrett Maroney's birthday

December 19: Gaines & Lang Entrekin in honor of their wedding anniversary- \$ Backpack & LCY

December 24: Bill & Elese Cegelis in memory of Elese's grandparents, Rev. & Mrs. J. Virgil Addy, former pastor of St. James



Financial Update October 2021

General Fund:	<u>October 2021</u>	<u>Jan-October 2021</u>
Offering	\$ 17,188.34	\$ 141,490.61
Expenses	<u>\$ 15,594.69</u>	\$ <u>161,951.76</u>
Net Total	\$ 1,593.65	\$ (20,461.15)



Love. Grow. Serve.

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.

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

December

Happy Birthday

Joel Antley	1
Ronnie Gordon	5
Brent Spletzer	9
Garrett Maroney	12
Carol Gibson	13
Kyle Vandegrift	21
Aubree Valentine	23
Karmen Spletzer	26

Happy Anniversary!

Ronald & Helen Wood
December 14th

&

Gaines & Lang Entrekin
December 22nd



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:

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



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