

St. James Lutheran Church

April 2022

The Journal

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April Worship Services

Sunday, April 3rd, Worship with Holy Communion at 11:00 am

Wednesday, April 6th, Lenten Evening Worship

Soup & Sandwich Supper at 5:30

Silent Prayer & Meditation 6:15-6:30

Worship 6:30 pm

Sunday, April 10th, Palm Sunday at 11:00 am

Worship with Holy Communion & Procession of Palms

Thursday, April 14th, Maundy Thursday at 6:30 pm

Worship with Holy Communion

Friday, April 15th, Good Friday Worship at 6:30 pm

Sunday, April 17th, Easter Sunday, Worship with Holy Communion

Preservice Music at 7:40 am

Worship at 8:00 am

LCY Sponsored Breakfast after worship

Sunday, April 24th, Worship at 11:00 am

A message from Pastor Fred...

Grace and peace to you,

This April may seem like a roller coaster. We are coming out of Lent, a time of preparation. We've been following our "40 Days of Giving" calendar: worshiping, studying, reflecting, praying, giving, hearing, and singing week after week. Then we come into Palm Sunday, a day of great announcement that "Jesus is here!" It is a cause for great celebration. And then we find our Lord crucified, killed by the sin of humans. We are drawn into deep sorrow, and at the same time gratitude that he would do this out of love for each and every one of us. We wait with his followers' great hope that his promise is true, and on Easter Sunday the Tomb is empty! Our Lord and Savior did defeat death. He has conquered sin, and triumph is truly God's. Jesus gets the final say in his resurrection! You are saved and promised life everlasting because of Jesus in this time.

I wish there was a nice bench on which to rest after this spiritual roller coaster of events, but our world seems to be in a roller coaster of its own. We have been made aware of people around the world starving with our "40 Days of Giving" study, and we read in the news that those under the horrors of war are finding themselves without food too.

How do we feed those that are still hungry?

I have witnessed St. James' ministry first hand with the Backpack program at Byrd Elementary, and it was inspirational. With Backpack, you are investing in the future of the world. You are seeing to it that the young people in our community have enough nourishment to learn and grow. Thank you for engaging in this vital ministry! This got me excited, and I found myself at Leavelle McCampbell Middle School learning about many of the ways that we can serve them.

There are many ways St. James feeds the world around us. Following the model of Jesus, we find that he doesn't just feed, but he teaches the people around him. We are called to proclaim the gospel, and we are doing just that! Our confirmands are learning all about the gospel of Jesus and engaging with their friends about what they have learned. They have all just finished their semester projects: self-selected engagements with scripture, prayer, and the church. Feel free to ask them about their projects and what they have learned. The way St. James' youth has explored their faith is truly uplifting!

We continue to feed and we continue to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ. As St. James we are following God's call in our lives. If there is any ministry you wish to seek out further and are looking for accompaniment, let us know. We are all the body of Christ, doing work in this world, all out of the love we see in Jesus on the cross, and in his dying and rising, we find that we do have life eternal.

God's peace to you!

Pastor Fred

Upcoming Events & Announcements

COFFEE & CONVERSATION with Pastor Fred will meet on Monday, April 4th at 9:30 am.

CONFIRMATION: April 10th & 24th at 3:00 pm

CHURCH COUNCIL will meet on April 10th at 5:00 pm.

CRAFTS & GAMES - Monday, April 11th at 1:00 pm

All men and women are invited to come and enjoy crafts or games monthly on the second Monday of each month.

LIFESTYLE -Wednesday, April 20th at noon.

The guest speaker will be a representative from Napier Funeral Home. He will provide information on preplanned funerals and discuss cremations versus burials. A light lunch will be served.

WELCA/LMM will meet on Monday, April 25th for lunch at 1:00 pm followed by the meetings. All men and women are invited to attend.



It's Time to Order Easter Lilies for Easter Sunday.

To order Easter lilies, please fill out the insert in the bulletin and place it in the offering plate or in the box on the secretary's desk with a check made payable to St. James. You may also email your order to stjamesnewsinfo@gmail.com or call Kathy (803-507-7474) to place your orders. ***All orders are due by April 3rd.***

PIANO LOOKING FOR A NEW HOME

The piano in the downstairs Sunday School classroom is available free of charge to anyone wanting it. For more information, please contact the church office.

Please join us for our annual Easter Egg Hunt & Lunch

Saturday, April 16th

10:30- 12:00

Bring your Easter Basket!

All are invited to join in the fun and fellowship!

Please fill out the insert in the bulletin.

Please contact Kathy Rogers if you would like to help.

Donations Needed

egg salad sandwiches (2 loaves)

pimento cheese sandwiches (2 loaves)

ham and cheese sandwiches (2 loaves)

cupcakes (2 dozen)

monetary donation to purchase candy and treat bag items

Volunteers Needed

Help in the Kitchen

Assist with the Games

LCY News

Easter Egg Hunt: The youth will assist with the Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 16th. The youth will be needed at 9:30 am to help hide eggs and set up games. The egg hunt will begin at 10:30 am. The youth will assist with the egg hunts and games. Youth parents are also needed to help with the games and lunch. After lunch the youth will set up the fellowship hall for the Easter breakfast.

Easter Breakfast: On Easter morning the youth will sponsor the Easter Breakfast. Watch your email for more information about the breakfast and egg hunt.

Spring Into Action Service Event

(9th-12th Grades)

May 6-8 @ Coastal Retreat Center

Mark your calendars if you would like to attend. More info will be sent by email in April.



Music Rehearsals:

April 3:

9:30: Youth Bells

9:45: Children & Youth Choir

After Worship: St. James Ringers

April 10:

Palm Sunday

9:30 – St James Ringers

9:45 – Youth Choir

10:30 – Youth and Service Choir Combo practice

Performance of all choirs at 11:00

After worship: TBD

April 17:

Easter Sunday

Youth Bells, Youth Choir, St. James Ringers, Adult Service Choir, Brass Ensemble

Warmup at 7:15

Preservice music starts at 7:40 am

Worship Service at 8:00 am



Check out our website and find us on Facebook!

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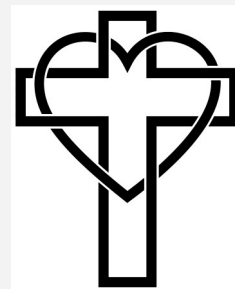
Offering Option

You can now give online on our website! You can give a onetime offering or set up a recurring offering. In the description box, please note where your offering should be directed (for example, Current and Benevolence, Backpack, etc.)

www.stjamesgraniteville.com/giving/

Financial Update February 2022

General Fund:	<u>February 2022</u>	<u>Jan-Dec 2022</u>
Offering	\$ 15,106.06	\$ 41,946.46
Expenses	<u>\$ 14,932.91</u>	<u>\$ 29,538.30</u>
Net Total	\$ 173.15	\$ 12,408.16



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

Lifestyle

Last month, we welcomed our guest speaker, Clay Killian, the Aiken County Administrator who informed us about what's going on in Aiken County.

The next meeting is **Wednesday, April 20th at noon.**

The guest speaker will be a representative from Napier Funeral Home. He will provide information on preplanned funerals and discuss cremations versus burials. A light lunch will be served. Please sign up on the sign-up sheet located on the table outside of the church office so that the proper amount of food can be prepared. Please let Ronald Wood know if there is a topic that you would like to be featured at a Lifestyle meeting.



Crafts and Games

At the March meeting of Crafts & Games, the group made Easter crosses and a Strawberry Shortcake tie blanket.

Next Meeting:

**Monday, April 11th at
1:00 pm**





Thank you for your generous donations of packages of socks and underwear for the children at Children's Place in downtown Aiken. Fifteen packages each of girl's socks, girl's underwear, boy's socks, and boy's underwear were delivered to Children's Place on Monday, February 28th by Pastor Fred and some members of WELCA. Five Family Night baskets were also donated to Children's Place. Thank you to Thrivent for the funds to purchase the items in the Family Night baskets. The baskets were assembled and wrapped at the first meeting of Crafts & Games on February 14th.

Dear St. James Family,

I really appreciate all of the calls, cards and prayers during the loss of my brother, Neal. Your kindness, concern and love means so much to me and my family. Special thanks to all who made the service so special and for the meal and flowers in the sanctuary.

Much Love & Thanks,
Georganne & Family

Dear St. James,

We at Mt. Salem Ministries want to thank you for your wonderful donation. We want to say thank you to the children who worked so hard. May God bless you.

God Bless,
Brother Rob Lane



Mardi Gras Pancake Supper



Thank you to everyone who helped with the Mardi Gras Pancake Supper. It was a night filled with good food and great competition. It's always fun to play St. James Family Feud! Special thanks to Kathy and Lane Rogers for all of their hard work in preparing for this event!



Backpack Program for Byrd Elementary & Graniteville Elementary Schools



St. James Lutheran Church started a new outreach ministry in the fall of 2012 by participating in the Golden Harvest Food Bank's Backpack Program at Byrd Elementary. With the support of friends and the community, 48 students at Byrd & Graniteville Elementary Schools were able to receive the weekly food-filled backpack this year. To continue with this ministry for the 2022-2023 school year, we must begin our fundraising efforts for this very worthy cause. You are cordially invited to join us for our kick-off BBQ Dinner on May 6, 2022. All donations (100%) go to the Backpack program. ***Please note that reservations are required for the BBQ.***

What Is It?

This program provides children who have little or nothing to eat on the weekends with a gallon Ziploc bag packed full of nutritious, kid-friendly food to get them through the weekend. Because many of these children may not have electricity, a working refrigerator, a working stove, or a helpful parent, the food is shelf-stable and easy to open. On Fridays, backpacks are discreetly distributed to the children in the school. Golden Harvest estimates that over 1000 students in Aiken County have no food on the weekends. For more information - <http://www.goldenharvest.org/WhatWeDo/Backpack.aspx>

What Does It Cost?

The cost is \$5/week/child for 36 weeks (\$180/child per school year). The Golden Harvest Food Bank asks us to sponsor 40 children, at a cost of \$7200 per school year. We have surpassed our goal for the last ten years, and we'd like to continue supporting as many children as possible.

What Can You Do?

There are several easy ways you can help make this program successful.

- o Attend the kick-off BBQ for Backpack Dinner on Friday, May 6.
- o Sponsor a child for the 2022-2023 school year (smaller contributions welcome).
- o Check to see if your employer matches donations to Golden Harvest Food Bank (Designated for Golden Harvest/Byrd & Graniteville Elementary Schools Backpack Program).

BBQ FOR BACKPACK

Supporting the Golden Harvest Food Bank

Backpack Program at Byrd Elementary & Graniteville Elementary Schools

Friday, May 6, 2021

5:00 – 6:30 pm

at St. James Lutheran Church, 200 Laurel Drive, Graniteville, SC

Pig-Pickin' & Fixin's for Dine-In or Take-Out

Reservations Required: Call Sara (803-640-7864) or Patti (803-215-5135)

Free-Will Offering

Please make check payable to St. James Lutheran Church

April Volunteer List



ALTAR GUILD

April 3 & 10: Jim & Barbara Cobb & Shelley Jones

April 14 & 17: Patti Cutshall & Cindy Hatcher

USHERS: Mike Cutshall & Gaines Entrekin (April)

ALTAR FLOWERS

April 10: Hiram Redd in memory of Effie Redd & Joe Redd- \$ Backpack

April 17: Noel & Janice Nichols in memory of Noel's mother, Mary Nichols Hallman and his grandparents, Rev. & Mrs. E.W. Leslie, former pastor of St. James

April 24: Ronnie & Sandra Johnson in honor of their wedding anniversary

LAY READERS & LAY ASSISTANTS

April 3: Georganne Weeks (& Lay Assistant)

April 10: Caroline Andrews (& Lay Assistant)

April 14: Gloria Sloan (& Lay Assistant)

April 15: Angela Vandegrift

April 17: Garrett Maroney (& Lay Assistant)

April 24: Don Hatcher

WORSHIP TEAM--Acolyte (A) & Crucifer (C)

April 3: Trey Johnson (A) Spencer Johnson (C)

April 10: Dominic Price (A) Kaylee Sharpe (C)

April 14: Dominic Price, Kaylee Sharpe, Brayden Weed

April 17: Dominic Price (A) Trey Johnson (C) Justin Joiner (Word) Spencer Johnson & Brayden Joiner (Torches) Brayden Weed (Banner)

April 24: Kristen Franklin (A) Zoe Ford (C)

SOUND TECHNICIANS

April 3: Robbie Franklin

April 10: Ben Sharpe

April 14: Ben Sharpe

April 15: Robbie Franklin

April 17: Robbie Franklin & Ben Sharpe

April 24: Lane Rogers





Happy Birthday

Happy Anniversary

Debbie Antley	2
Becky Roberson	3
Scott Hatcher	6
Spencer Johnson	7
Marcia Shaffer	8
Jim Cobb	10
Daphne Carroll	11
Jeana Logan	14
Charles Busbee	15
Donna Hair	15
Tiffany Coleman	18
Noel Nichols	20
Brandon Rogers	22
Brayden Weed	23
Tonia Busbee	24
Justin Joiner	25
Kim Strother	25
Kali Coleman	29
Lisa Bryant	30
Barrett Johnson	30

Scott & Angela Vandegrift

April 5th

Judson & Nikki Valentine

April 13th

Ronnie & Sandra Johnson

April 24th

Pastor Fred & Mycah Klinker

April 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:

Kali Coleman, Jim Cobb, Lincoln Glover (Barbara Cobb's nephew), Barry Kirby, Nanci Carter (Bob Petrulovich's daughter), Bobby Reece, Ben Ashby (Karmen Spletzer's brother), Gene Moyer, Libby Scott, Ronnie Gordon, 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.

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Lenten Evening Worship

April 6

Soup & Sandwich Meal

Silent Prayer & Meditation

6:15-6:30

Worship 6:30 pm

Maundy Thursday Worship

April 14

6:30 pm

Good Friday Worship

April 15

6:30 pm