

St. James Lutheran Church

The Journal

May 2022



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Worship Services

Sunday, May 1st, Worship with Holy Communion at 11:00 am

Sunday, May 8th, Worship at 11:00 am

Sunday, May 15th, Worship with Holy Communion at 11:00 am

Sunday, May 22nd, Worship at 11:00 am

Sunday, May 29th, Worship at 11:00 am

Sunday, June 5th, Pentecost Sunday, Worship with Holy Communion

Sunday, June 12th, Holy Trinity Sunday, Worship with Holy Communion

A message from Pastor Fred...



Christ is Risen!

What great news for all the earth: Jesus has taken on all sin and death and has come out triumphant. The tomb is empty. Death is no more. You are granted life everlasting because of Christ!

This is the good news, the gospel of Jesus, but it brings about many questions. We talked about how it is okay to ask questions about our faith.

"The opposite of faith is not doubt, but certainty. Certainty is missing the point entirely. Faith includes noticing the mess, the emptiness and discomfort, and letting it be there until some light returns." -Anne Lamott

"Doubt isn't the opposite of faith; it is an element of faith." - Paul Tillich

We find that Jesus asks us some life defining questions.

"What are you looking for?" -Jesus

"Who are you looking for?" -Jesus

What do your answers to Jesus' questions tell you about who you are?

If you were to share a few pictures of yourself in your life with someone, your kids, your grandchildren, or a total stranger, what pictures would you share?

What do these pictures share about your life?

Is there anything you are looking to add to the pictures about your life?

We continue walking in Faith in our Risen Lord and pray:

"Thank you Jesus for this life you have given us and the promise of life everlasting through your crucifixion and resurrection. Help and guide us in this journey, inspire us to help others and announce your love and freedom for all the world in the way we live our lives. In your name we pray. Amen."

God's peace to you. I am so thankful that St. James is filled with your presence. It is truly a gift to worship the Lord with you in all that we do,

Pastor Fred



President's Message

Perhaps you've noticed some of the physical improvements recently made at the church. The parking lots have been restriped, the driveway access to the ramp in front of the church has been completed, and new flooring has been installed in the pastor's office, the secretary's office, and the copier/file room. A new ice machine has been installed and is operable and (10) fire extinguishers have been inspected and (1) replaced.

A counterweight for the eternal flame in the chancel area has been ordered. Installation of the counterweight will allow the eternal flame to be pulled down to a height of 4 feet so the candle can be replaced without the use of a ladder. Fencing, posts, and gates have been made available for a pet containment area at the parsonage.

The playground has been secured for safety reasons until an equipment upgrade can be developed and implemented.

Since more handicapped spaces were created in the lower parking lot, questions have been asked if a handicapped placard or license plate will be required to park in those spaces. The answer is no! If anyone feels the need to use one of the handicapped spaces, it is available. No questions will be asked; it is a personal decision.

The following families have given permission for Restricted Memorial Funds to be transferred to the Capital Fund to be used on improvements and needs at St. James.

Neal Eubanks

Joe Redd

Margaret Ashhurst

Julia Shealy

Effie Redd

Butch Pritchard

Sarah Petrulovich

The family of Sarah Petrulovich gave an additional sum of money to cover the cost of the driveway access.

The family members are recognized and appreciation is expressed for the decision to permit these funds to be used for improvements at St. James and making the worship experience at St. James more inspiring.

Thank you to Ronnie & Sandra Johnson for their donation of the new flooring in the pastor's office, secretary's office, and the copy room.

Council liaisons are working with the standing committees to rebuild the committee profile and number of members serving. Each committee is being asked to add at least (2) additional members. Prayerfully consider offering your time and talent if you're asked to join a committee.

God's Peace be with you!

Ronald Wood

Church Council President



Upcoming Events & Announcements

CONFIRMATION: May 1st, 15th, & 22nd at 3:00 pm

COFFEE & CONVERSATION with Pastor Fred will meet on Monday, May 2nd at 9:30 am

BBQ for BACKPACK: Friday, May 6th 5:00-6:30 pm
Reservations Required

SPRING INTO ACTION (9th-12th grade youth): May 6th-8th at Coastal Retreat Center

Please contact Mrs. Kathy for registration information.

CHURCH COUNCIL will meet on May 15th at 5:00 pm.

LIFESTYLE will meet on Wednesday, May 18th at noon.
The Aiken Singers will perform. Everyone is invited for lunch.

WELCA/LMM will meet on Monday, May 23rd for lunch at 1:00 pm followed by the meeting. All women and men are invited to attend.

BBQ FOR BACKPACK

**Supporting the Golden Harvest Food Bank
Backpack Program at Byrd Elementary & Graniteville Elementary Schools**

Friday, May 6, 2022

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
Additional funds provided by Thrivent Financial,
a not-for-profit membership organization***



Lifestyle



Clint Jackson, General Manager of Napier Funeral Home, was our guest speaker in April. He informed us of the differences in costs for traditional burials vs. cremation, the benefits of pre-planning your funeral, and other important aspects of funeral planning.

The Aiken Singers will perform at the May 18 Lifestyle meeting. All members of St. James are urged to attend and bring a guest if you wish. We would like to have a good crowd to hear this group sing and entertain. It will be a different Lifestyle meeting. A different kind of lunch will be served. A sign-up sheet is located outside of the church office. You may also sign up by sending an email to stjamesnewsinfo@gmail.com.

Music Rehearsals



Service Choir Rehearsal:

May 1st, May 15th, May 29th
After worship

St. James Ringers Rehearsal:

May 22nd after worship
June 5th performance

Songs of the Journey

MAY 17, 2022
7:00PM

PRESENTED BY THE AIKEN SINGERS
ARTISTIC DIRECTOR: JOSH EDWARDS

Hillview Baptist Church
1974 Jefferson Davis Hwy.
Graniteville, SC 29829

Reception Following
Free-will Offering Accepted

Crafts and Games

At the April meeting of Crafts & Games, the group repaired Chrismons and made some new ones for our church Chrismon tree.

The group also made Easter baskets for some of our members that would not be able to worship with us on Easter morning. After the meeting, the baskets were delivered.

Thank you for your generous donations in March to Children's Place to purchase new nap mat covers for the children. A total of \$575 was donated for the nap mat covers.





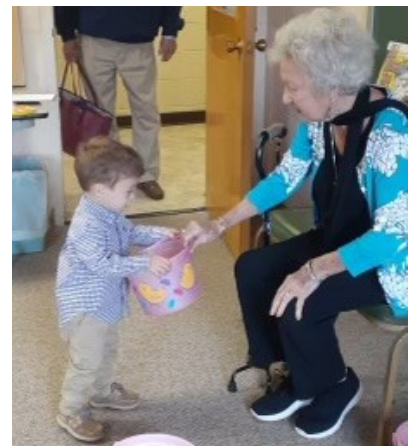
Our St. James Youth led worship on March 27th, Youth Sunday. They read the liturgy, sang anthems, and shared the Parable of the Prodigal Son in the message, "Amazing Grace."



Easter Egg Hunt Fun



Even though we had a rainy Saturday morning, the children and youth had a great time hunting eggs and playing games in the building. Thank you to all of our youth and adults that helped hide the eggs, lead the egg hunts and games, and serve lunch. Thank you to everyone who provided food for lunch or monetary donations to purchase the prizes and treat bags. A big thank you goes out to our special visitor, the Easter bunny, for stopping by to give out the prizes, treat bags, and hugs.



Easter Breakfast

Thank you to our youth and parents for providing breakfast for our congregation to enjoy after Easter worship. Thank you to everyone who helped serve and clean up!



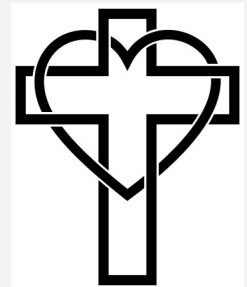
Offering Option

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 March 2022

General Fund:	<u>March 2022</u>	<u>Jan-Dec 2022</u>
Offering	\$ 13,842.38	\$ 55,788.84
Expenses	\$ <u>-22,212.39</u>	\$ <u>-51,750.69</u>
Net Total	\$ (8,370.01)	\$ 4,038.15



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



Easter Worship

Thank you to everyone who provided Easter lilies in honor or in memory of loved ones and for the beautification of our sanctuary for our Easter worship service.

The flowers on the Cross were given to the glory of God and the beautification of the sanctuary by Charles & Tonia Busbee in honor of Tony & Daphne Carroll and in memory of Jesse & Louisa Busbee, Archie & Mary Dodgen & John & Helen Carroll.

Special thanks to our St. James Service Choir, Children and Youth Choir, St. James Ringers and Luther's Youth Bells for sharing their time and talents with us during the season of Lent and on Easter Sunday Morning!



May Volunteer List

ALTAR FLOWERS

May 1: Fred & Mycah Klinker in honor of their wedding anniversary- \$ Backpack

May 8: Ralph Abreo in memory of Jean Abreo- \$ Backpack

May 15: Judy Lees in memory of Bob, Irv, & Ellie Lees- \$ Backpack

May 22: Jim & Carol Horsley- \$ LCY

May 29: Milton Rogers in memory of Gail Rogers- \$ Backpack

LAY READERS & LAY ASSISTANTS

May 1: Lanny Valentine (Lay Reader) Mike Willis (Lay Assistant)

May 8: Mike Willis

May 15: Barbara Cobb (& Lay Assistant)

May 22: Tiffany Coleman

May 29: Robbie Franklin



WORSHIP TEAM

May 1: Brayden Weed (A) Dominic Price (C)

May 8: Trey Johnson (A) Spencer Johnson (C)

May 15: Justin Joiner (A) Brayden Joiner (C)

May 22: Dominic Price (A) Kaylee Sharpe (C)

May 29: Kristen Franklin (A) Zoe Ford (C)



ALTAR GUILD

May 1: Sandra Johnson & Mycah Klinker

May 15: Becky Johnson & Elaine Johnson

USHERS

May: Mike Cutshall & Mike Willis

SOUND TECHNICIANS

May 1: Robbie Franklin

May 8: Ben Sharpe

May 15: Robbie Franklin

May 22: Lane Rogers

May 29: Ben Sharpe





Happy Birthday

Happy Anniversary

Ronald Wood	3
Erin Ford	5
Fred Klinker	8
Gaines Entrekin	12
Cathie Valentine	14
Trey Johnson	17
Dominic Price	21
Austin Odom	24
Payton Tyler	26
Ryan Welsh	26
David Welsh	26
Ron Johnson	27
Audrey Franklin	28

Travis and Jodi Tyler
May 8th

Danny and Jan Epting
May 19th



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:

Louise Strother, 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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Christ is Risen!
He is risen indeed.
Alleluia!

"Why do you look for the living among the dead?
He is not here, but has risen." Luke 24:5