

St. James Lutheran Church

The Journal

August 2022



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Worship Services

Sunday, August 7th, Worship at 11:00 am
Vacation Bible School Closing

Sunday, August 14th, Worship at 11:00 am

Sunday, August 21st, Worship with Holy Communion at 11:00 am

Sunday, August 28th, Worship at 11:00 am

Coffee & Conversation with Pastor Fred at 9:15-9:45 am
Sunday School at 9:45 am

A message from Pastor Fred...



Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord, Jesus Christ,

This triune God is the one who gives you faith by grace. Thanks be to God for such a gift.

Our faith is such a wonderful thing; it gives us life and light no matter the times we live in.

Sharing our faith is part of living out our faith. We can share our faith with those outside the church, and we can also share it with those inside the church. The community of believers that is St. James gets to live into the promise of Jesus together, and we all get very different experiences in this life.

Looking back on your own life, what is it that brought you into the life of the church?

What is it that changed your life forever?

What do you look back on when you think of all the time you've walked this earth?

There are many joy-filled experiences, and there are times where we show deep love in our most sorrowful times. Where did you find solace in the midst of your life?

These are things we can share with one another; it is all a part of living out our faith in this life.

Your faith journey and your life experiences are very important things that can be passed down to the future generations of St. James. As you recount what you have experienced in this life, consider what you might want to share with others.

Consider too what you might want to share with our youth. In confirmation this fall, it would be a joy to have you come in and share your faith story with our youth. Recounting the gift of your life in just 5-10 minutes can be challenging, so consider the great milestones. Think about where you have seen God active in your life. Explore the great effect God has created on your faith journey and for those around you. If you would rather share your story with just a couple of people, or only one person, please do. Your life in faith is a wonderful gift to be shared with anyone you encounter!

There will be a sign-up sheet on the table outside of the office to sign up for Sunday afternoons where you can offer to share your life story and faith journey with our youth. Thank you in advance for considering sharing things that you've experienced with those of St. James who are about to enter a world that is up to things we could hardly anticipate.

Dear God, thank you for all that you have done in my life. Thank you for Jesus who grants me life everlasting. Let your love and light shine through me, that those who do not know of your great love, find it in my actions that proclaim your great glory. Be with those who are joyful, be with those who are deep in sorrow, and be with all of your people, as we do our best to live into the life you have given us. May our actions mirror your great love for all the world. Amen.

Peace to you,

Pastor Fred

Upcoming Events & Announcements

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL- Sunday, July 31st-Thursday, August 4th
Dinner at 5:30 pm, Opening Program at 6:20 pm, Classes & Activities until 8:45 pm
Closing Worship on Sunday, August 7th at 11:00 am

COFFEE & CONVERSATION with Pastor Fred will meet on Sunday mornings at 9:15-9:45 am in the fellowship hall in August.

LIFESTYLE will not meet in August.

GAMES will meet on Monday, August 8th at 1:00 pm. All are invited to come and enjoy playing games.

MUTUAL MINISTRY will meet on Sunday, August 14th after worship.

CHURCH COUNCIL will meet on Sunday, August 14th at 5:00 pm.

OUTREACH COMMITTEE will meet on Sunday, August 21st at 5:00 pm.

WELCA/LMM will meet on Monday, August 22nd for lunch at 1:00 pm followed by the meeting. All women and men are invited to attend.



DO YOU LIKE TO PLAY GAMES?

DO YOU HAVE A FAVORITE GAME THAT
YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE?

**All are invited to Games on
Monday, August 8th
at 1:00 pm.**

Come enjoy the fellowship!

Bring a board game or card game if
you have a favorite that you would
like to share, or come learn a new
one.



All Aboard the St. James Express!

Sunday - Thursday, July 31-August 4

Dinner at 5:30-6:15 pm

VBS Opening at 6:20 pm

Classes & Activities until 8:45 pm

Closing Worship, Sunday, August 7 at 11:00 am



Thank You!

St. James Family,

I would like to thank you for the messages, cards and especially your prayers during my recent medical problems. I am so grateful and blessed to have such a loving and caring church family.

Love,
Angela Vandegrift



Varsity Football Meal - October 21st

St. James will host the Midland Valley Varsity Football Team on Friday, October 21st with a pre-game meal. If you are willing to help, please see Daphne Carroll.

Please remember in your thoughts and prayers:

Priscilla Thomas (Bob Petrulovich's sister), Jim Horsley, Camille Morris (Donna Abreo's granddaughter), Angela Vandegrift, Helen Wood, Gaines Entekin, Louise Strother, Lincoln Glover (Barbara Cobb's nephew), Barry Kirby, Nanci Carter (Bob Petrulovich's daughter), Bobby Reece, Gene Moyer, Libby Scott, Ronnie Gordon, Bobbie Bauserman, Pat Weeks. **Anchor:** Mary Ellen Johnson **Trinity:** Ruth Orr **Hammond Place:** Sheri Abreo **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.

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 June 2022

General Fund:	<u>June 2022</u>	<u>Jan-Dec 2022</u>
Offering	\$ 13,343.96	\$ 101,403.73
Expenses	\$ <u>-14,359.01</u>	\$ <u>-95,212.17</u>
Net Total	\$ (1,015.05)	\$ 6,191.56



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

August Volunteer List

LAY READERS & LAY ASSISTANTS

August 7: VBS Closing Worship

August 14: Don Hatcher

August 21: Mike Willis (& Lay Assistant)

August 28: Lanny Valentine



WORSHIP TEAM

August 7: Kaylee Sharpe (A) Zoe Ford (C)

August 14: Dominic Price (A) Brayden Weed (C)

August 21: Justin Joiner (A) Brayden Joiner (C)

August 28: Trey Johnson (A) Spencer Johnson (C)

ALTAR GUILD

August: Becky Johnson & Elaine Johnson

USHERS

August: Mike Cutshall & Karmen Spletzer

SOUND TECHNICIANS

August 7: Lane Rogers, Charles Busbee

August 14: Ben Sharpe

August 21: Robbie Franklin

August 28: Lane Rogers

GREETER

August: Carol Horsley

ALTAR FLOWERS

August 7: Don & Cindy Hatcher in honor of the marriage anniversaries of Herbi & Erin Ford, Louis & Zoe Hatcher, and Don & Cindy Hatcher, and in memory of the birthday of Louis Hatcher- \$ WELCA & LMM

August 14: Vicki Bolton- \$ Backpack

August 21: Charles & Tonia Busbee in honor of their wedding anniversary- \$ LCY

August 28: Gene Moyer in memory of Sara Moyer and daughter, Tracey Lynn





August



Happy Birthday

Happy Anniversary

Alyssa Bryant	6
Steve Murphy	17
Brinkley Johnson	18
Chris Chilson	19
Zoe Ford	20
Ethan Gonya	24
Mary Ellen Johnson	24

Wesley & Gloria Sloan
August 6
Tom & Donna Hair
August 7
Mike & Patti Cutshall
August 10
Charles & Tonia Busbee
August 19
Otis & Carol Gibson
August 31



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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OUR BACK TO SCHOOL BIBLE VERSE

You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

Matthew 5:14-16



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