

St. James Lutheran Church

The Journal

April 2023

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April Worship Services

Sunday, April 2nd, Palm Sunday at 11:00 am
Worship with Holy Communion & Procession of Palms

Thursday, April 6th, Maundy Thursday at 6:30 pm
Worship with Holy Communion & Stripping of the Altar

Friday, April 7th, Good Friday Tenebrae Service at 6:30 pm

Saturday, April 8th, Holy Saturday
"Time in the Tomb" 4:00-5:00 pm
No formal service. This is a time of silent prayer.

Sunday, April 9th, Easter Sunday
Preservice Music at 7:50 am
Worship with Holy Communion at 8:00 am
Easter Breakfast sponsored by the LCY following worship
There will be no Sunday School on Easter morning.

Sunday, April 16th, Worship with Holy Communion at 11:00 am

Sunday, April 23rd, Worship at 11:00 am

Sunday, April 30th, Worship at 11:00 am

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

A message from Pastor Fred...

They took the body of Jesus and wrapped it with the spices in linen cloths, according to the burial custom of the Jews. Now there was a garden in the place where he was crucified, and in the garden there was a new tomb in which no one had ever been laid. And so, because it was the Jewish day of Preparation, and the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there. John 19:40-42

We have joined together on Maundy Thursday, grieved on Good Friday, and celebrated on Easter Sunday, but what happened to Saturday? It seems like there has been a hole left in Holy Week. Indeed Holy Saturday is a holy time that can feel like a giant hole in our being and in our spiritual understanding.

It can be difficult looking back in hindsight, but imagine being around Golgotha on Good Friday, watching the greatest atrocity humans could have committed against God, and then going to sleep that night. I imagine it would be hard to find rest. What would happen when you woke up the next morning? How would it feel to know that Christ has been crucified but you have no idea if he'll come back? He said he'll come back, but can he really rise from the dead? It's a question I imagine went through the heads of many who were there, and it's one that is filled with faith, and yet sadness at the same time.

We do know how it turns out, but we still get this Holy Day in the middle. It's a day like no other. It's the space between the worst thing to ever happen (God being killed by humans) and the best thing to ever happen (Jesus defeating death and bringing us all into life everlasting). It's filled with uncertainty and fear, and yet simultaneously filled with hope of the promise of the resurrection. Holy Saturday is a time to pause, and it's a time to grieve. This isn't normal for our rhythm of life. Taking intentional time to rest is rare for many, and we rarely take time to reflect on the sadness in our lives and in the life of our savior. Holy Saturday is that one day of the year that beckons us in, like no other, to be brought into the whole of Holy Week. Rather than avoid the hard parts of life, we are able to dwell in them, while realizing that we are simultaneously filled with Christ's peace and the love of God.

On Good Friday, we will "seal the tomb" as we do every year, and on Holy Saturday, we will have a chance to enter the tomb, to take a pause from our busy lives, to take a moment to grieve, and to take in what it is to be in the moment between crucifixion and resurrection. Bishop Eaton in her article in the Living Lutheran this month says, "It is an invitation to accept that life, as we know it is over. All of our plans, all of our willfulness and all of our good intentions are over. On Holy Saturday we are invited to shed our life and enter the tomb. Our effort and righteousness as much as our sin bind us. Our effort to save our lives binds us." In entering the tomb, we can let go of our grasp on our lives and give it all to God. In the tomb we also enter into the trust that he is good for his word; Jesus will come back, and the love of God will sustain us.

On Holy Saturday, the sanctuary will be open to you from 4-5 pm. The lights will be off, but a candle will be available if you wish to light it as you pray. You may stay for the whole time, or you may drop in for just a minute. Sometimes during moments of quiet reflection, we may often think of ourselves as waiting for Jesus. When we wait for Jesus, we will find that Jesus is already there waiting for us, calling us in together to join him in everlasting life.

God's Peace,

Pastor Fred





April Upcoming Events



Easter Egg Hunt: Saturday, April 8th, at 10:30 am
Egg Hunt, Games, & Lunch
Bring your Easter basket

Worship Team Rehearsal: Saturday, April 8th, following the Easter Egg Hunt

St. James Ringers: Saturday, April 8th, at 12:00 pm

“Time in the Tomb” on Saturday, April 8th, 4:00-5:00 pm in the Sanctuary
This is a time of silent prayer. Come for the whole time or drop in for just a few minutes.

Easter Sunday Breakfast: April 9th following Easter Worship
Breakfast will be served by our youth. A free will offering will be collected.

Games will meet on Monday, April 10th, at 1:00 pm.

Church Council will meet on April 16th at 5:00 pm.

Lifestyle will meet on Wednesday, April 19th, at noon.
Joel Duke, Executive Director of the Aiken County Planning Commission,
will be the guest speaker. Lunch will be served.

Confirmation: April 23rd (3:00-4:30 pm)

Outreach Committee Meeting: Sunday, April 23rd, at 5:00 p.m. in the Ed Johnson Sr. classroom

WELCA/LMM will meet on Monday, April 24th, for lunch at 1:00 pm followed by the meeting.
All women and men are invited to join for lunch and the meetings.

Please join us for our annual Easter Egg Hunt & Lunch

Saturday, April 8th

10:30 am

Bring your Easter Basket!

All are invited to join in the fun and fellowship!

Please fill out the insert in the bulletin if you can attend or if you can 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

Please contact Kathy Rogers if you would like to help.

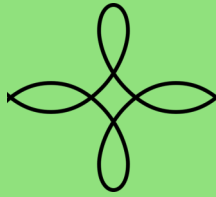


LCY

Easter Egg Hunt: The youth will assist with the Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 8th. The youth will be needed at 9:45 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.

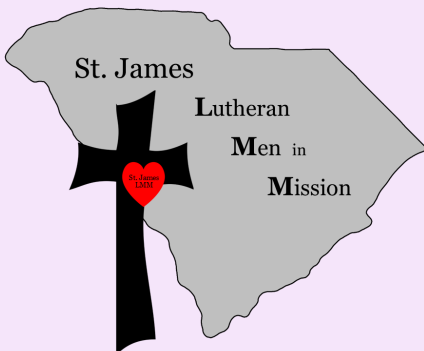
Easter Breakfast: On Easter morning the youth will sponsor the Easter Breakfast. Watch your email for more information about the breakfast and egg hunt.

Lifestyle



Michaela Berley from Cold Creek Nurseries was the guest speaker at the March Lifestyle meeting. The topic was “What’s New for Spring.” She shared information on how to best take care of our plants and introduced us to different varieties of plants. Mr. Ronald’s trivia questions were a big hit, and four lucky attendees went home with a new plant for answering a trivia question correctly. Thank you to Thrivent for sponsoring the lunch for this fun and informative meeting. Thank you to Carol Horsley and Sara Rutland for preparing the meal.

Joel Duke, Executive Director of the Aiken County Planning Commission, will be the guest speaker at the Wednesday, April 19th, Lifestyle meeting. He will discuss growth on the western side of Aiken County. The meeting will begin at 12:00 with a devotion and lunch. Invite your friends and neighbors to join us for these fun and informative meetings. Please sign up on the list outside of the office if you plan to attend.



WELCA (Women of the ELCA) and LMM (Lutheran Men in Mission) collected donations of twin sheets, blankets, pillows, toilet paper, and paper towels in February for the Men’s Overnight Shelter operated by Mt. Salem Ministries. **Thank you** to the congregation for contributing items for this wonderful ministry. WELCA & LMM meet on the fourth Monday of each month at 1:00 pm. The meetings begin each month with a potluck lunch and time for fellowship. After lunch WELCA meets in the Leslie Bible classroom, and LMM meets in the chapel. All women and men are invited to attend the lunch and meetings.

Sunday School Fun

The SCS children responded to the Bible story in their Godly Play lesson with whatever medium they wanted. Some chose Play-Doh, and some chose to work with Bible story pieces.



Storytime during Worship





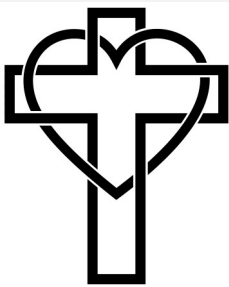
Outreach Thank You

Thank you to the congregation for the donations of toiletry items, diapers, and wipes for the Cumbee Center and donations of socks and underwear to Children's Place. Also thank you to Thrivent for their sponsorship of this Outreach project.

Please remember in your thoughts and prayers:
 Frank Sanford (Friend of Cindy Hatcher & Barbara Cobb), Jim Cobb, Benny Hydrick (Friend of Tony Carroll), Mary Lyons (Friend of Gloria Sloan), Barry Franklin (Mike Franklin's brother), Camille Morris (Donna Abreo's granddaughter), Angela Vandegrift, Nanci Carter (Bob Petrulovich's daughter), Gene Moyer, Libby Scott, Ronnie Gordon, Bobbie Bauserman, Pat Weeks. **Anchor:** Mary Ellen Johnson **Trinity:** Ruth Orr, Bobby Reece
Augusta Gardens: Sheri Abreo **Silver Bluff Grove:** Vicki Bolton
*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 www.stjamesgraniteville.com/giving/
 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.)

| Financial Update February 2023 | | |
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| General Fund: | <u>February 2023</u> | <u>Jan-Dec 2023</u> |
| Offering | \$ 21,353.75 | \$ 44,864.18 |
| Expenses | \$- <u>15,922.55</u> | \$ - <u>32,048.81</u> |
| Net Total | \$ 5,431.20 | \$ 12,815.37 |



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

April Volunteer List

Lay Readers & Lay Assistants

- April 2 (Palm Sunday):** Caroline Andrews (& Lay Assistant)
April 6 (Maundy Thursday): Barbara Cobb (& Lay Assistant)
April 7 (Good Friday): Angela Vandegrift & Garrett Maroney
April 9 (Easter): Garrett Maroney (& Lay Assistant)
April 16: Mike Willis (& Lay Assistant)
April 23: Robbie Franklin
April 30: Tiffany Coleman

Worship Team

- April 2 (Palm Sunday):** Kaylee Sharpe (A) Zoe Ford (C)
April 6 (Maundy Thursday): Dominic Price (A/C)
Stripping of the Altar Helpers:
Dominic Price, Brayden Weed, Justin Joiner, Brayden Joiner
April 9 (Easter): Acolyte/Crucifer- Trey Johnson,
Word- Justin Joiner, Torches- Spencer Johnson & Brayden Joiner,
Banners- Brayden Weed & Dominic Price
April 16: Justin Joiner (A) Brayden Joiner (C)
April 23: Trey Johnson (A) Spencer Johnson (C)
April 30: Kaylee Sharpe (A) Zoe Ford (C)

Altar Guild

- April 2 & 6:** Sandra Johnson & Mycah Klinker
April 9, 16, 23, & 30: Jim & Barbara Cobb & Shelley Jones

Ushers

- April 2 (Palm Sunday):** Mike Cutshall & Gaines Entrekin
April 6 (Maundy Thursday): Gaines Entrekin & Ronnie Johnson
April 7 (Good Friday): Gaines Entrekin & Ronnie Johnson
April 9 (Easter): Gaines Entrekin & Ronnie Johnson
April 16: Mike Cutshall & Ronnie Johnson
April 23 & 30: Mike Cutshall & Gaines Entrekin

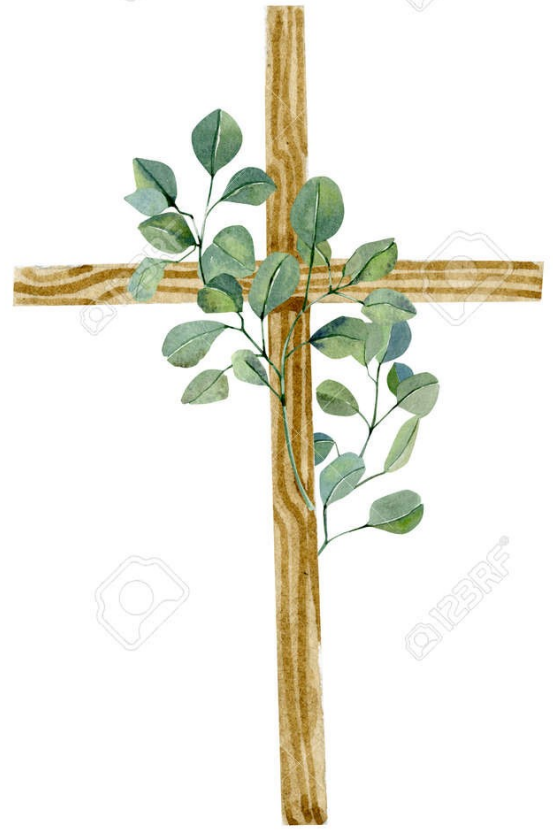
Altar Flowers

- April 9 (Easter):** Noel & Janice Nichols in memory of Noel's mother,
Mary Nichols Hallman, and grandparents, Reverend & Mrs. E.W. Leslie, former pastor of St. James
April 16: Hiram Redd in memory of Effie Redd and Joe Redd- \$ Backpack
April 23: Ronnie & Sandra Johnson in honor of their wedding anniversary - \$ LCY
April 30: Fred & Mycah Klinker in honor of their wedding anniversary- \$ Backpack

Sound Technicians

- April 2 (Palm Sunday):** Lane Rogers
April 6 (Maundy Thursday): Ben Sharpe
April 7 (Good Friday): Robbie Franklin
April 9 (Easter): Ben Sharpe
April 16: Lane Rogers
April 23: Robbie Franklin
April 30: Ben Sharpe

- Greeter (April):** Teddy Weeks





Happy Birthday

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|-----------------|----|
| Debbie Antley | 2 |
| Becky Roberson | 3 |
| Scott Hatcher | 6 |
| Spencer Johnson | 7 |
| Marcia Shaffer | 8 |
| Jim Cobb | 10 |
| Daphne Carroll | 11 |
| Quinn Meek | 11 |
| Charles Busbee | 15 |
| Donna Hair | 15 |
| Tiffany Coleman | 18 |
| Noel Nichols | 20 |
| Abigail Tyler | 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 |



Happy Anniversary

Ben & Emily Sharpe

April 3rd

Scott & Angela Vandegrift

April 5th

Ronnie & Sandra Johnson

April 24th

Pastor Fred & Mycah Klinker

April 30th





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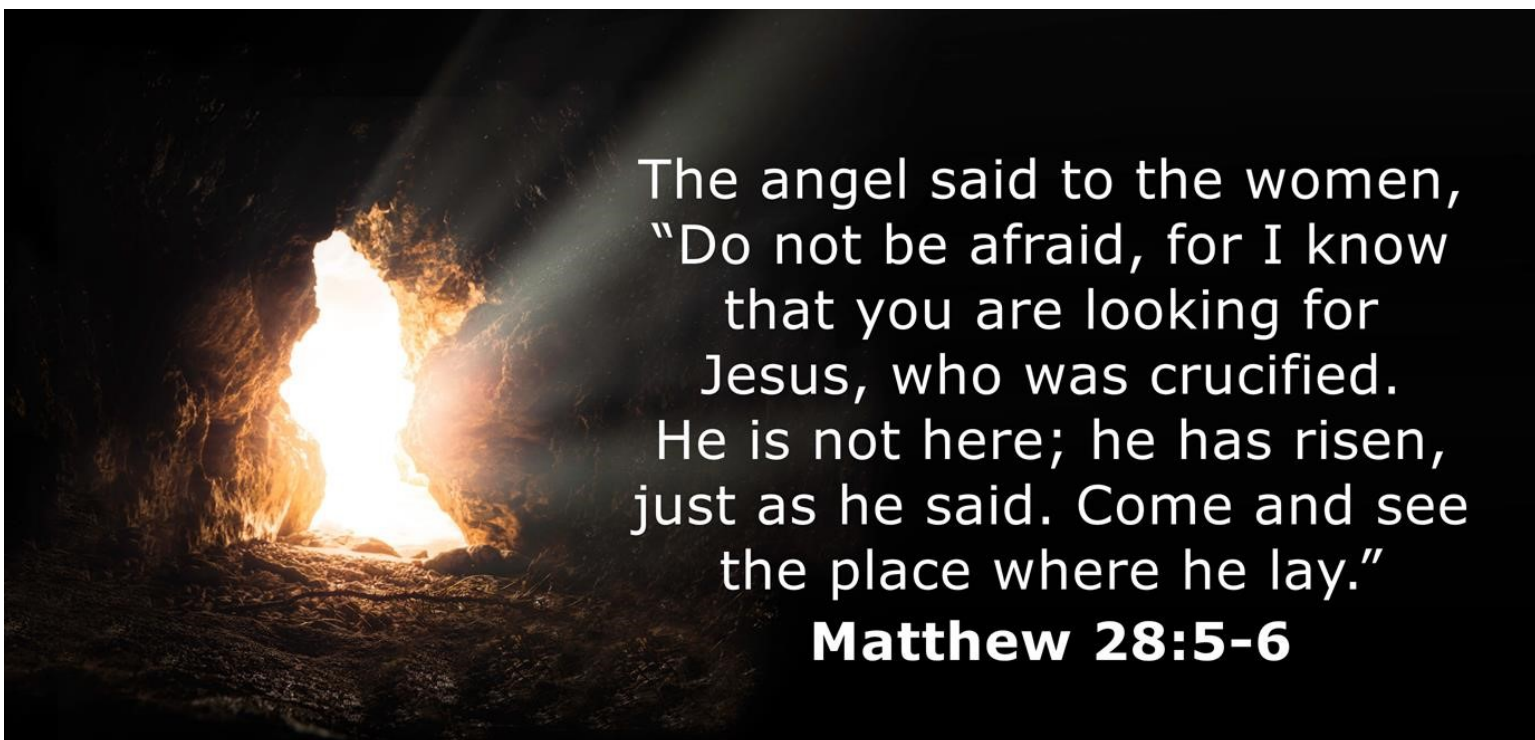
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The angel said to the women,
"Do not be afraid, for I know
that you are looking for
Jesus, who was crucified.
He is not here; he has risen,
just as he said. Come and see
the place where he lay."

Matthew 28:5-6

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