

St. James Lutheran Church

The Journal March 2023

Sunday Lenten Worship Services

Sunday, March 5th, Worship with Holy Communion at 11:00 am

Sunday, March 12th, Worship at 11:00 am

Sunday, March 19th, Worship with Holy Communion at 11:00 am

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

Sunday Mornings

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

Sunday School at 9:45 am

Lenten Bible Study

led by Pastor Fred

From Judgment to Hope

Wednesdays, March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 at 5:00 pm

Soup & Sandwich Supper following Bible Study at 5:30 pm

Volunteers are needed to provide soup, sandwiches, and dessert.

Volunteers are also needed to serve dinner.

Please sign up on the dinner list outside of the church office.

Lenten Evening Worship

Wednesdays, March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 at 6:30 pm in the chapel

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A message from Pastor Fred...

Spring is on the Horizon!

March 20th is the official day of the spring equinox. The emergence of green may not be so abrupt, as we will gradually witness nature put forth new life in its own time.

In the Kingdom of God coming to reality on earth, I am noticing it arriving in its own time as well. Do you see it coming through in our community? Where do you see it emerging in our church? The Holy Spirit is very active in our world and our lives, but sometimes it takes focus to notice.

We have just entered into Lent in our liturgical calendar. There are a lot of concepts about what Lent is and what we should do during Lent, but boiled down it is simply this: Lent is about our relationship with Jesus. In this there is a lot to think about: Our Life, Jesus' Life; Our Death, Jesus' Death; Our Freedom, Jesus' Freedom. Our Relationships, Jesus' Relationships; Our Ministry, Jesus' Ministry.

To think about all of these concepts, focus is required. There are many distractions in our present time, but even when things were going crazy around Jesus, he still made intentional time to pray. We're going to follow in his footsteps by making intentional time to focus on our relationship with Jesus by coming together for Lenten Bible Study and Worship on Wednesdays. Our Bible Study will focus on transitioning "From Judgment to Hope," a work by Walter Brueggemann who is one of the most influential scholars in regard to the writings of the prophets. Our Lenten Worship will honor what we have learned in Bible Study and help us reflect on what Jesus is calling us into, as his grace changes us forever from lives of judgment into lives of hope in the everlasting Kingdom.

Please join us. The world tries to drag us all in with its drama, but the news will be just as tumultuous whether we watch it or not. In the upcoming Wednesdays in Lent, we are setting apart a time that is intentionally for living into God's holiness. Having this worshiping community is such a gift, and it's grounded in eternal reality. There is a peace beyond expression that comes along with dwelling in our faith, our trusting relationship with Christ. These weeks of Lenten Bible Study and Worship are available for you as Christ draws your life into his likeness. Paul writes in 2 Corinthians 3:

¹⁶when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. ¹⁷Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. ¹⁸And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

Out of this time of intentional focus, there will be growth. Verdant vibrance will spring forth in our proclamation of the good news of Jesus, and what a gift to the world we will be as we shine Christ's much needed light into this world to help it grow!

God's Peace to you,
Pastor Fred



March Upcoming Events

Lenten Bible Study led by Pastor Fred
From Judgment to Hope

Wednesdays, March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 at 5:00 pm

Soup & Sandwich Supper at 5:30 pm

Lenten Evening Worship at 6:30 pm

Confirmation: March 5th, 19th, & 26th (3:00-4:30 pm)

Games will meet on Monday, March 6th at 1:00 pm.

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

Lifestyle will meet on Tuesday, March 14th at noon.

Michaela Berley from Cold Creek Nurseries will be the guest speaker.

Lunch will be served.

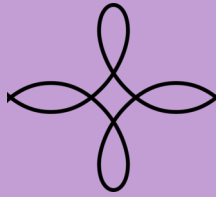
SCLCY Middle School Winter Retreat: March 17th -19th at Coastal Retreat Center
Please contact Mrs. Kathy for registration information.

WELCA/LMM will meet on Monday, March 27th for lunch at 1:00 pm
followed by the meeting.

All women and men are invited to join for lunch and the meetings.



Lifestyle



Dr. Stephen Youmans was the featured speaker at the February Lifestyle meeting. He shared health tips and signs that our bodies tell us when we need to seek medical help. Thank you to Thrivent for sponsoring the lunch for this informative meeting.

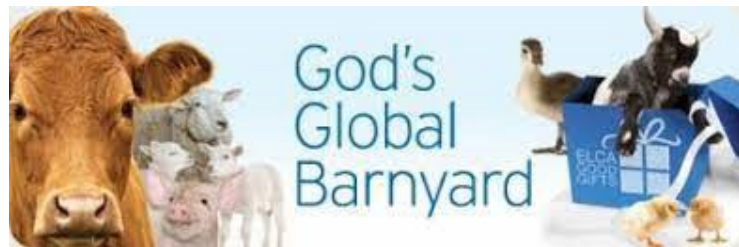


Michaela Berley from Cold Creek Nurseries will be the guest speaker at the Tuesday, March 14, Lifestyle meeting. She will be sharing with us information on “What’s New for Spring.” There will also be a little trivia and some surprises. The meeting will begin at 12:00 with a devotion and lunch. Please sign up on the sign-up sheet outside of the office if you plan to attend.

Please note that this month's Lifestyle will meet on Tuesday, *not* Wednesday, due to Lenten Bible Study & Worship on Wednesdays.

Outreach at St. James

During the month of March, the Outreach Committee will be collecting shampoo, deodorant, body wash, baby wipes and diapers (all sizes) for the Cumbee Center and children's underwear (sizes 2-8) and socks for Children's Place.



ELCA Good Gifts

During Lent, there will be an opportunity to help support God's Global Barnyard, which supports the sustainable development ministries of ELCA World Hunger, which include training, education, and resources to help communities care for animals and create new market opportunities like starting a small business selling eggs, meat or dairy products. Your gifts support this comprehensive approach to animal husbandry.

Donation jars will be located in the main hall and in the narthex.

Please make checks payable to St. James and earmarked for "Good Gifts."



Thanks to the congregation for supporting the LCY in this year's Souper Bowl of Caring Collection! Strong support for the Chiefs brought in \$507 and the Eagles brought in \$266. A total of \$773 was collected for Valley hunger ministries.

ACTS Heater Drive

St. James was able to make a donation of \$1,482 to ACTS for the winter heater drive. Thanks to everyone for your contributions!

Thank You

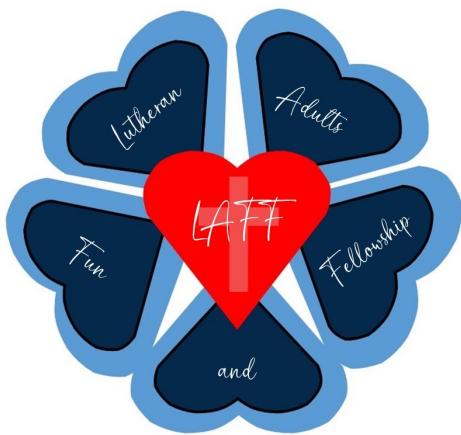
Dear Youth & Church Family:

Hope Ministries of the Valley is very grateful for your financial support. We could NOT have accomplished all we have for the past years without that support. This is even more true since Covid variations have struck.

The opportunities to meet the basic need of food are still very prevalent in these days. It is proven that a person knowing they have food to eat brings peace and comfort to their spirit. So we are very appreciative of those who have partnered with us to meet this need in our Midland Valley area.

Blessings,

George Webb, CEO/Co-director



LAFF sponsored an outing in February to

Shealy's BBQ.

Everyone enjoyed some great food, fun and fellowship.



2023 Church Council Members, Committee Liaisons & Officers

Council Members:

Caroline Andrews- *Treasurer*
Lisa Bryant- *Vice President*, Congregational Community
Daphne Carroll- Christian Education/Youth Ministry
Jim Cobb- Mutual Ministry
Patti Cutshall- Outreach
Robbie Franklin- Property
Garrett Maroney- *Secretary*, Worship & Music
Mike Willis- Stewardship
Ronald Wood- *President*

Please remember in your thoughts and prayers:

Frank Sanford (Friend of Cindy Hatcher & Barbara Cobb), Jim Cobb, Benny Hydrick (Friend of Tony Carroll), Theresa Sanders, John Tillman (Barbara Cobb's friend), Mary Lyons (Friend of Gloria Sloan), Barry Franklin (Mike Franklin's brother), Joe Lockhart (Kenneth Johnson's friend), Priscilla Thomas (Bob Petrulovich's sister), Camille Morris (Donna Abreo's granddaughter), Angela Vandegrift, Lincoln Glover (Barbara Cobb's nephew), Nanci Carter (Bob Petrulovich's daughter), Gene Moyer, Libby Scott, Ronnie Gordon, Bobbie Bauserman, Pat Weeks. **At Anchor:** Mary Ellen Johnson. **At Trinity:** Ruth Orr., Bobby Reece **At Augusta Gardens:** Sheri Abreo. **At 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.

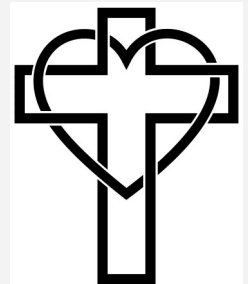
Offering Option

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 January 2023

General Fund:	<u>January 2023</u>	<u>Jan-Dec 2023</u>
Offering	\$ 23,510.43	\$ 23,510.43
Expenses	\$- <u>16,126.26</u>	\$ - <u>16,126.26</u>
Net Total	\$ 7,384.17	\$ 7,384.17



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

March Volunteer List



Lay Readers & Lay Assistants

- March 5:** Lang Entrekin (& Lay Assistant)
- March 12:** Teddy Weeks
- March 19:** Georganne Weeks (& Lay Assistant)
- March 26:** Jim Cobb

Worship Team

- March 5:** Kaylee Sharpe (A) Zoe Ford (C)
- March 12:** Dominic Price (A) Brayden Weed (C)
- March 19:** Justin Joiner (A) Brayden Joiner (C)
- March 26:** Trey Johnson (A) Spencer Johnson (C)



Altar Guild

- March:** Gloria Sloan & Karmen Spletzer

Ushers

- March 5:** Ronnie Johnson & Kenneth Johnson
- March 12:** Ronnie Johnson & Kenneth Johnson
- March 19:** Ronnie Johnson & Kenneth Johnson
- March 26:** Mike Cutshall & Ronnie Johnson

Sound Technicians

- March 5:** Ben Sharpe
- March 12:** Lane Rogers
- March 19:** Ben Sharpe
- March 26:** Robbie Franklin

- Greeter:** Gaines Entrekin



March 2023

Happy Birthday

Allison Youmans	3
Lanny Valentine	6
Cale Johnson	7
Tom Hair	9
Donald Hatcher	14
Alyssa Weed	15
Caroline Tyler	18
Joe Knight	19
Jeana Carter	23
Donovan Moreno	26
Milton Rogers	28
Stephen Youmans	28
Emily Cobb	29
Beau Ford	30

Happy Anniversary

Andy & Melissa Cone
March 16th
Bill & Elese Cegelis
March 27th



**Daylight Saving Time begins
March 12th.
Please remember to
Spring Forward!**



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