

# St. James Lutheran Church

The Journal  
May 2023



## May Worship Services

**Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup>**  
**Worship with Holy Communion at 11:00 am**

**Sunday, May 14<sup>th</sup> - Youth Sunday**  
**Worship with Holy Communion at 11:00 am**

**Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup>**  
**Worship at 11:00 am**

**Sunday, May 28<sup>th</sup> - Day of Pentecost**  
**Worship with Holy Communion at 11:00 am**  
**Confirmation Sunday**  
**Confirmation Reception at 10:15 am in the fellowship hall**

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

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## *A message from Pastor Fred...*

Grace and peace to you,

Christ is risen! The joy that fills us in Christ's resurrection springs us forth into sharing his love into the world.

This spring we have a lot of growth to be excited about. Our confirmands have been hard at work studying scriptures and engaging with each other and the world around them in what they've learned. They are already shining Christ's light in this world, and they will affirm their baptism on May 28th!

They have learned that there are 2 sacraments with each consisting of 3 elements. Can you recall what they are? (Ask a confirmand if you need a refresher!) The first sacrament has already been mentioned. The second sacrament is something our 5th graders are going to receive for the first time on June 4th!

*While they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said, 'Take, eat; this is my body.' Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, saying, 'Drink from it, all of you; for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. (Matthew 26:26-28)*

First communion is such a joy! To finally get to join the other baptized members at the Lord's Table to receive the means of grace together is such a gift. We do it because Jesus told us to and because it is connected to God's promise. It's where God meets us in something physical, in something we can taste and touch.

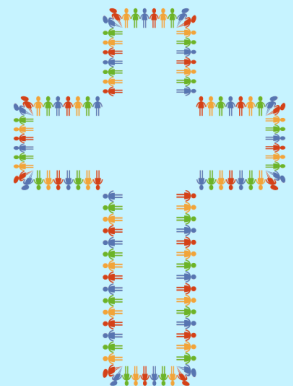
The two sacraments have been mentioned, and the three elements of a sacrament are included. Did you spot them all?

On May 14th we will have Youth Sunday. Our youth will not just be joining us in hearing the word of God through song, preaching, and scripture, they will be leading us in worship! It gives me great joy for the future that St. James is so enlivened by all of God's children, regardless of age, and that we shine Christ's light into this world that longs for the love of God.

I am looking forward to celebrating all of these wonderful spring joys with you.

Christ's Peace to you,

Pastor Fred



# May Upcoming Events

**Coffee & Conversation with Pastor Fred will meet on Monday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, at 10:00 am.**

**Mutual Ministry will meet on May 7<sup>th</sup> after worship.**

**Backpack Sunday: May 7<sup>th</sup>**

**Confirmation: Sundays, May 7<sup>th</sup> & May 21<sup>st</sup>, 3:00-4:30 pm**  
**Orientation to the Rite of Confirmation & Celebration Dinner with Parents:**  
**Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, 4:30-5:30 pm**

**Youth Sunday Rehearsals: Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, 4:30 pm**  
**Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, Time TBA & Sunday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 am**  
**Youth Sunday: May 14<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am**

**Games will meet on Monday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, at 1:00 pm.**

**Church Council will meet on May 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm.**

**Lifestyle will meet on Wednesday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, at noon.**

The Aiken Singers will perform. Lunch will be served.

Invite family and friends to join us for the concert and lunch.

*Please sign up on the sign-up sheet outside of the church office by May 14<sup>th</sup>.*

**LAFF (Lutheran Adults in Fun & Fellowship)**  
**will meet at the home of Lanny & Cathie Valentine**  
**for a cookout on Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 pm.**

Dinner will be provided.

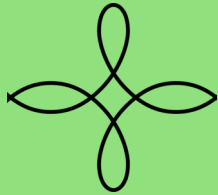
Bring your drink of choice. RSVP to Cathie by text at 803-292-6794.

**WELCA/LMM will meet on Monday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>,**  
**for lunch at 1:00 pm followed by the meetings.**  
All women and men are invited to join for lunch and the meetings.





# Lifestyle



Joel Duke, Executive Director of the Aiken County Planning Commission, was the guest speaker at the April Lifestyle meeting. He shared information about new developments in Aiken County and plans for keeping up with the growth in this area. Thank you to Thrivent for sponsoring the lunch for this meeting, and thank you to Carol Horsley and Sara Rutland for preparing the meal.



The Aiken Singers will be performing at our Lifestyle meeting on May 17<sup>th</sup> at noon.

Lunch will be served. Invite friends and neighbors to join us for this concert and lunch. Please sign up on the list outside of the church office if you plan to attend.

## ELCA GOOD GIFTS

**Thank you for your contributions to the Lenten Good Gifts Project. We collected \$518.14 and the Elementary Sunday School kids chose to purchase chicks, roosters, goats, piglets, honeybees, a share of a cow, and a share of a fish farm. God bless the folks who will receive and benefit from these offerings!**

## BackPack Sunday- May 7<sup>th</sup>



Sponsor a child for \$180 or donate any amount. The Backpack BBQ Fundraiser will not be held this year, as we have sufficient funds on hand for the June 2023 payment to Golden Harvest. Thank you for your generous giving throughout the year for this program. Continuous donations throughout the year are welcome and appreciated.



# Easter Sunday 2023







## LCY Breakfast after worship

Thank you  
to all of our  
youth and  
parents for  
helping!



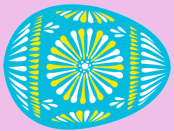




Easter  
Egg  
Hunt  
Fun!









# *The Journey Ahead*



*The Journey Ahead* is envisioned as a ministry of hope and healing for anyone who has lost a loved one and is beginning a journey that is fraught with new perils, especially grief. A one-day grief workshop is being offered at Faith Lutheran Church in Batesburg-Leesville on May 20<sup>th</sup>. Those attending the workshop will develop tools and receive spiritual support for the “Journey Ahead”. If you are interested in attending *The Journey Ahead* workshop, please contact Pastor Fred or call or text Anne Force at (864) 444-4084 or email at [abforce@aol.com](mailto:abforce@aol.com).

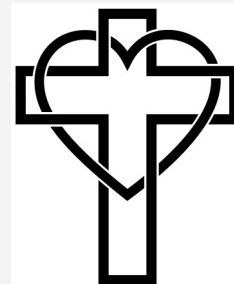
**Please remember in your thoughts and prayers:** Lauren Tinsley (Linda Pritchard’s friend), Mark Wessel (Grandfather of Weed Family), Frank Sanford (Friend of Cindy Hatcher & Barbara Cobb), Benny Hydrick (Friend of Tony Carroll), Mary Lyons (Friend of Gloria Sloan), Barry Franklin (Mike Franklin’s brother), Camille Morris (Donna Abreo’s granddaughter), 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/](http://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 March 2023**

<b>General Fund:</b>	<b><u>March 2023</u></b>	<b><u>Jan-Dec 2023</u></b>
<b>Offering</b>	<b>\$ 14,707.06</b>	<b>\$ 59,571.24</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	<b><u>\$ - 23,920.09</u></b>	<b><u>\$ - 55,968.90</u></b>
<b>Net Total</b>	<b>\$ - 9,213.03</b>	<b>\$ 3,602.34</b>



Copies of the church council minutes are available on the table outside of the church office.

Share your good news and church events with your church family!  
**Email the information to: [StJamesNewsInfo@gmail.com](mailto:StJamesNewsInfo@gmail.com)**

# May Volunteer List

## Lay Readers & Lay Assistants:

**May 7:** Carol Horsley (& Lay Assistant)

**May 14:** LCY (& Lay Assistants)

**May 21:** Gloria Sloan

**May 28:** Garrett Maroney (& Lay Assistant)



## Worship Team:

**May 7:** Dominic Price (A) Brayden Weed (C)

**May 14:** Trey Johnson (A) Spencer Johnson (C)

**May 21:** Trey Johnson (A) Spencer Johnson (C)

**May 28:** Acolyte/Crucifer- Trey Johnson

Torches- Brayden Joiner & Spencer Johnson

Word- Justin Joiner, Banner- Dominic Price

**Altar Guild:** Patti Cutshall & Carol Horsley

**Ushers:** Mike Cutshall & Mike Willis

**Greeter:** Ben Sharpe

## Sound Technicians:

**May 7:** Ben Sharpe

**May 14:** Lane Rogers & Charles Busbee

**May 21:** Robbie Franklin

**May 28:** Ben Sharpe



## Altar Flowers:

**May 7:** Ralph Abreo in memory of Jean Abreo- \$ Backpack

**May 14:** Judy Lees in memory of Bob, Irv, & Ellie Lees- \$ Backpack

**May 28:** Milton Rogers in memory of Gail Rogers- \$ Backpack





## *Happy Birthday*

Ronald Wood	3
Carol Horsley	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

## *Happy Anniversary*

Travis and Jodi Tyler  
May 8th



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