

# St. James Lutheran Church

The Journal

June 2023



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## June Worship Services

**Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup> - Holy Trinity Sunday**  
**Worship with Holy Communion at 11:00 am**  
**Welcome of First Communicants**

**Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup>**  
**Worship at 11:00 am**

**Sunday, June 18<sup>th</sup> - Lutheran Men in Mission Sunday**  
**Worship with Holy Communion at 11:00 am**

**Sunday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
**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...*

Grace and Peace to you,

A lot has been going on in our world and in our church, and in these times, I find the words of Ecclesiastes 3 helpful.

*For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:*

*a time to be born, and a time to die;*

*a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;*

*a time to kill, and a time to heal;*

*a time to break down, and a time to build up;*

*a time to weep, and a time to laugh;*

*a time to mourn, and a time to dance;*

*a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together;*

*a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;*

*a time to seek, and a time to lose;*

*a time to keep, and a time to throw away;*

*a time to tear, and a time to sew;*

*a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;*

*a time to love, and a time to hate;*

*a time for war, and a time for peace.*

What we see around us is changing, and there is something in these times that is always there: God. For every season we go through, Christ is with you. In the hard times and in the easy times, God deeply cares about you and loves you. Time may change what we get to experience, but God is constant, and along with God's everlasting love and mercy, God grants you peace. You are promised life abundantly, even if our surroundings look different in the upcoming times.

I've heard a few stories of how St. James used to have picnics at Gregg Park. On July 7<sup>th</sup> we're having a picnic of sorts (all food will be provided) at the GreenJackets baseball game! The location may not be the same, but the body of Christ that worships together as St. James Lutheran Church is going out in the world to be together in Christian Fellowship. It looks different, and yet with Christ as our center, we're carrying on as we always have. It's a joy to get to spend this season with you!

Lord Jesus, guide us in your way as we navigate the world in front of us. Help us see you in all the things we do, and grant us peace through your mercy and love. Amen.

Peace to you,  
Pastor Fred





# June Upcoming Events

**Welcome of First Communicants  
Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am**

**SC Synod Assembly: June 8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> at the Columbia Marriott**

**Church Council will meet on June 11<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm.**

**Games will meet on Monday, June 12<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm.**

**Lutheran Men in Mission Sunday, June 18<sup>th</sup>**

**Confirmation Camp: June 18<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> at Lutherock.**

**Lifestyle will meet on Wednesday, June 21<sup>st</sup> at noon.**

**The Outreach Committee will meet on Sunday, June 25<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm.**

**WELCA/LMM will meet on Monday, June 26<sup>th</sup>  
for lunch at 1:00 pm followed by the meetings.**

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

# GreenJackets Baseball Church Outing

Friday, July 7th at 7:00 pm at SRP Park  
(This is Faith and Family night.)

Cost: \$28.00 per person

*This price includes the E-Z-GO picnic area with a 90 minute all-you-can-eat-buffet and your ticket to the game. Menu: all beef hot dogs, hamburgers, pulled pork, coleslaw, baked beans, chips, watermelon, cookies, Coca-Cola drinks, sweet tea, and water.*



Gates open at 5:30 pm and Buffet begins at 6:30 pm

**\*\*\*Please note that the GreenJackets Stadium does NOT accept CASH.\*\*\***

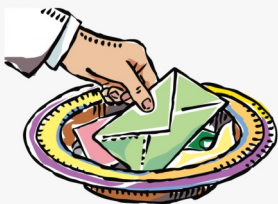
**\*\*\*CLEAR BAG POLICY\*\*\***

There is a parking garage across from the stadium you can park in for an additional \$5.00 per car. (You must pay with a card - no cash!)

Please sign up on the sheet outside of the church office or email Kathy. Checks should be made payable to St. James. Please write GreenJackets game on the memo line.

**The deadline to sign up is June 16<sup>th</sup>.**

If you have any questions, please see Tonia or Charles Busbee.



## Offering Counters Needed

Volunteers are needed to serve as offering counters. If you would like to serve as an offering counter, please contact Kathy or sign up on the sheet outside of the office. Training will be provided for all new offering counters and for anyone who needs a refresher session.



## Church Council Announcement

Church Council has approved a recommendation from the recently established Safety & Security Committee to begin locking all doors-excluding the three doors in the narthex- shortly after the worship service commences starting on Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup>. Ushers will perform this task to lock the doors once the service begins and unlock the doors before the service concludes. Signs will be placed at the affected entrances so any latecomers will be aware of this policy and can proceed to the narthex entrance.

# SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

The Outreach Committee is sponsoring a School Supply Drive starting in June and running through July until Aiken County Schools resume on July 25. Please place donations on the pew in the fellowship hall. Specific items requested by the schools are listed below.

## BYRD ELEMENTARY

### School Supplies:

Composition Notebooks (wide ruled)  
Scissors  
Pencil Boxes  
Headphones/Ear Buds  
Glue Sticks

### Food:

Pop-Tarts  
Cereal Bars

### Toiletries:

Deodorant

### Clothing:

Leggings (various sizes)  
Athletic Shorts (various sizes)  
Underwear (various sizes)

## LEAVELLE-MCCAMPBELL MIDDLE

### School Supplies:

3-Ring Binders  
Book Bags  
Mechanical Pencils  
Pencil Sharpeners  
Pencil Pouches  
Ear Buds  
Composition Notebooks (college ruled)

### Toiletries:

Toothpaste  
Shampoo & Conditioner



**The Archie & Mary Dodgen College Scholarship** is available for confirmed members to be used to attend a certified college to obtain an undergraduate degree. The scholarship may be renewed annually and requirements include having a GPA of 2.75/4.0 scale (High School Senior) or 2.50/4.0 (College). Application forms are available on the desk in the church office. Completed application forms should be returned to the office by July 10<sup>th</sup> for the school year 2023-2024.

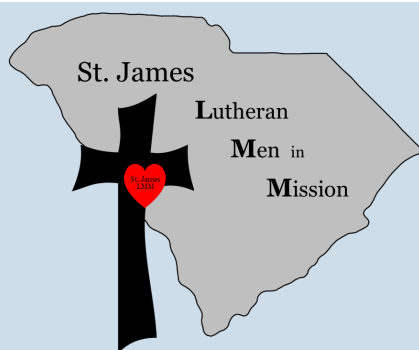


# Lifestyle



The Aiken Singers performed for the members of St. James and their guests at the May Lifestyle Meeting. A luncheon was held after the concert in the fellowship hall. The performance was wonderful, and the food was delicious.

Lessie Price, Aiken City Council Member, will be the guest speaker at the June Lifestyle meeting on Wednesday, June 21<sup>st</sup>. Lunch will be provided. Please sign up on the sign-up sheet outside of the church office. Lifestyle will take a recess in July and August and resume in September.



## Lutheran Men in Mission Sunday

Lutheran Men in Mission (LMM) offers you an opportunity to honor your father or father figure on Lutheran Men in Mission Sunday. You may make a freewill donation to the LMM Fund in honor or in memory of your father or father figure. Please turn in donations with the LMM form in the Sunday bulletin no later than Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup>, to have your dedication printed in the Lutheran Men in Mission Sunday worship bulletin on June 18<sup>th</sup>. Checks can be made payable to St. James with LMM Fund written on the notes line of the check or designated on your offering envelope.

Thank you for the Souper Bowl collection that you donated to Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Center Pantry on February 16, 2023. This donation will be used to assist persons who are needy in the Horse Creek Valley Area. We feel very humbled and sincerely grateful for your help.

Thank you for helping us to be there for persons in need. May our Lord bless you for the good you do for others. You can be sure that He will not be outdone in generosity.

God love and bless you.

Most gratefully,

Joely Leguizamon, Administrator  
Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Center



Thank You

**Please remember in your thoughts and prayers:**

Hiram Redd, Atlas Suire, Vivian Hill (Andy Cone's grandmother), Tom Hair, Hong & Larry May (Friends of Barbara Cobb), 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/)

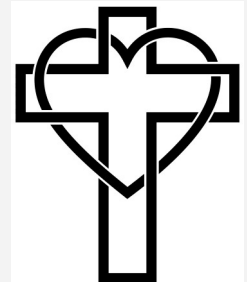
You can now give online on our website! You can give a onetime offering or set up a recurring offering.

In the description box, please note where your offering should be directed.

(for example, Current and Benevolence, Backpack, etc.)

**Financial Update April 2023**

<b>General Fund:</b>	<b><u>April 2023</u></b>	<b><u>Jan-Dec 2023</u></b>
<b>Offering</b>	<b>\$ 18,295.24</b>	<b>\$ 77,866.48</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>\$ - 15,755.37</b>	<b>\$ - 71,724.27</b>
<b>Net Total</b>	<b>\$ 2,539.87</b>	<b>\$ 6,142.21</b>



Church Council Minutes and Financial Reports are available in their entirety in the church office. Copies of Church Council Minutes are also available on the table located 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)



# June Volunteer List

## Altar Flowers

**June 4:** Butch & Marcia Shaffer in honor of their wedding anniversary- \$ Backpack

**June 11:** Lane & Kathy Rogers in honor of their wedding anniversary- \$ Backpack

**June 18:** Bob Petrulovich in memory of Sarah Petrulovich, Emil & Elaine Fodor and Adam & Mary Petrulovich- \$ Backpack

**June 25:** Don & Cindy Hatcher & Children, Erin, Louis, & Karen in memory of the birthday of Louis J. Hatcher's father, George W. Hatcher, Jr.- \$LMM

## Lay Readers & Lay Assistants

**June 4:** Karmen Spletzer (& Lay Assistant)

**June 11:** Lanny Valentine

**June 18:** Lutheran Men in Mission (& Lay Assistant)

**June 25:** Teddy Weeks



## Worship Team

**June 4:** Justin Joiner (A) Brayden Joiner (C)

**June 11:** Kaylee Sharpe (A) Zoe Ford (C)

**June 18:** Dominic Price (A) Brayden Weed (C)

**June 25:** Justin Joiner (A) Brayden Joiner (C)

## Ushers

Mike Cutshall & Steve Murphy

## Sound Technicians

**June 4:** Lane Rogers

**June 11:** Robbie Franklin

**June 18:** Ben Sharpe

**June 25:** Lane Rogers

## Greeter

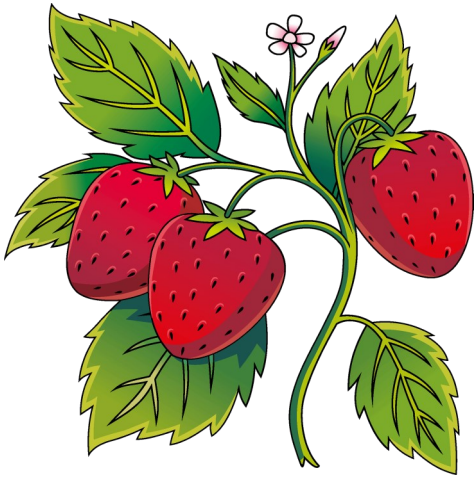
Patti Cutshall

## Altar Guild

Tonia Busbee, Angela Vandegrift & Daphne Carroll







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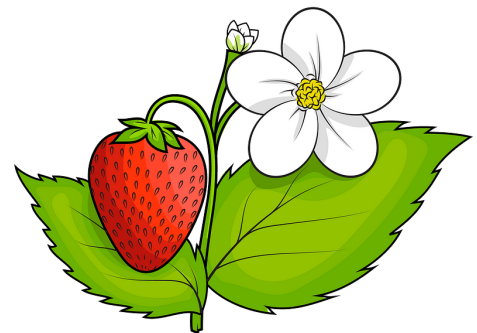
*Happy Birthday*

*Happy Anniversary*

Scarlett Bell	3
Georganne Weeks	4
Gloria Sloan	5
Janice Nichols	7
Nathan Vandegrift	7
Melissa Cone	9
Sharon Willis	9
Mycah Klinker	10
Hiram Redd	11
Sam Swygert	13
Walker Storey	14
Bill Cegelis	15
Ashton DeRemigio	17
Matthew Willis	20
William Johnson	25
Wesley Sloan	27
Tony Carroll	28



Butch & Marcia Shaffer June 5, 1976
Steven & Kim Strother June 8, 1996
Lanny & Cathie Valentine June 9, 1984
Lane & Kathy Rogers June 16, 1990
Stephen & Allison Youmans June 26, 1999
Noel & Janice Nichols June 27, 1959
Teddy & Georganne Weeks June 29, 2006





# Youth Sunday was May 14th.

Our LCY led worship and served communion to the congregation. In the gospel for that day, Jesus tells his disciples that he will send an Advocate to be with them. The youth showed through a series of skits that the Holy Spirit, “our comforter,” is always with us through the bad times and the good times throughout our whole life. We are proud of and thankful for our wonderful youth!







## *Congratulations to our Graduates!!*

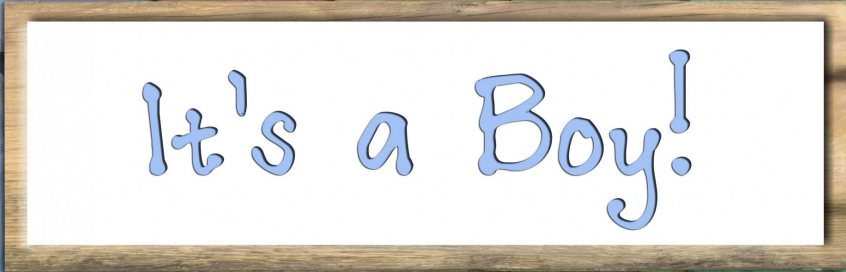
**Katie Rogers** graduated from MUSC (Medical University of the South Carolina) with a Doctor of Physical Therapy degree. She will be working as an acute care physical therapist at MUSC Hospital and East Cooper Medical Center.

**Brent Spletzer** graduated from Georgia Southern University with a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering. He works as a mechanical engineer at MTU/Rolls Royce focusing on diesel engines for tanks.

**Payton Tyler** graduated from College of Charleston with a Bachelor of Science in Exercise Science. She plans to apply for the Doctor of Physical Therapy program at MUSC.

**Trey Johnson** is graduating from Aiken High School. He plans to attend the University of South Carolina and major in Business Administration.

**Justin Joiner** graduated from Fox Creek High School. He plans to attend USC Aiken and major in Business Administration.



It's a Boy!

Atlas Everett Suire  
son of  
Taylor Coleman  
&  
Brandon Suire  
was born on May 7<sup>th</sup>.  
Congratulations to  
Taylor & Brandon  
and the proud grandparents,  
Robert & Tiffany Coleman.



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