



# ST. JAMES

## LUTHERAN CHURCH

*The Journal*

*October 2023*

### *October Worship Services*

**Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup>**

**Worship with Holy Communion at 11:00 am**

**Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup>**

**Worship at 11:00 am**

**Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup>**

**Worship with Holy Communion at 11:00 am**

**Sunday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**Worship at 11:00 am**

**Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup> - Reformation Sunday**

**Worship with Holy Communion 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,

There has been quite a bit going on at St. James, particularly with our outreach. Trunk or Treat at Gregg Park is almost upon us, and we finished our school supply drive earlier this summer. Amongst the excitement, I have been listening to see where God is calling St. James next. Whether you are involved formally in outreach or not, it is our call to “Love your neighbor.” That looks different for everyone, as Paul details in 1 Corinthians.

### **1 Corinthians 12**

*4 Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; <sup>5</sup>and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; <sup>6</sup>and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. <sup>7</sup>To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. <sup>8</sup>To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, <sup>9</sup>to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit.*

What is it that God has been calling you into lately?

Individually, God calls us according to our many gifts. Working together as a church with our gifts is how we do ministry together in the church and the community. Recently the Outreach Committee turned its attention to using our gifts to serve our church body that is out in the world.

The committee has been discussing how we can support and encourage those from St. James who are attending college to enrich themselves, so they can serve the world through a vocation that requires more education. I am genuinely excited about this! I remember the stress of finals week, worried if I had spent enough time learning about law or if all that time would have been better spent learning about psychology. And then it happened! A box from my church showed up, and it had exactly what I needed in it: food and a note. The note extended the love from people I loved, and it's what I needed that week. The food barely lasted a moment, but it served its purpose; it gave me the sustenance I needed to study some more.

As we prepare to support our college students, keep them in your prayers, think of them, and consider what you would say to them to encourage them. As we pack a box to fill them up on their educational journey, we will offer an opportunity for you to write a note that will go along with this food. It is these little gifts that go a long way, and some words go remembered for decades.

Thank you for your gifts! Partnering with you in ministry makes St. James wonderful!

Peace,  
Pastor Fred





# Upcoming Events

Coffee & Conversation will meet on Monday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10:00 am.

Church Council will meet on Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm.

Games will meet on Monday, October 9<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm.  
We will also make tie blankets for the Cumbee Center.

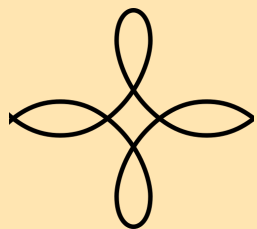
Lifestyle will meet on Wednesday, October 18<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 pm.

WELCA/LMM will meet on Monday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>  
for lunch at 1:00 pm followed by the meetings.  
All women and men are invited to join for lunch and the meetings.

Trunk or Treat at Gregg Park on Thursday, October 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm.







# Lifestyle

The guest speaker for the September Lifestyle meeting was Representative Melissa Oremus who represents SC House District 84 in Aiken County. Thank you to Caroline Andrews, Gloria Sloan, and Karmen Spletzer for providing lunch for the meeting. Also thank you to Thrivent for their sponsorship of the meal.



The next Lifestyle meeting will be on Wednesday, October 18<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 pm. A representative from Thrivent will share information on fraud & identity theft. Lunch will be provided. Please sign up on the sign-up sheet outside of the church office.



## FOOD and COAT DRIVE FOR 2<sup>ND</sup> ACTS

We will be collecting non-perishable food items and coats, hats, gloves, socks, underwear (adults and children, all sizes) and blankets for 2<sup>nd</sup> ACTS in Graniteville through the month of October. Any foods are fine, as long as they are non-perishable. Ready-to-eat canned goods with pop tops are also welcome, as they can be given to the homeless. Items may be left on the pews in the fellowship hall.

# Thank You!

St. James fed the Midland Valley Junior Varsity Football Team on September 14th before their game. Thank you to all of the men and women that helped prepare and serve the meal and thank you to Thrivent for providing the funds.  
Special thanks to Daphne Carroll for organizing the event.



## ST. JAMES PICTORIAL DIRECTORY PHOTOS

Photos will be taken after church on  
**October 1<sup>st</sup> and October 15<sup>th</sup> (last day!)**  
Please see Tonia or Patti if you still need your photo taken.

### Please remember in your thoughts and prayers:

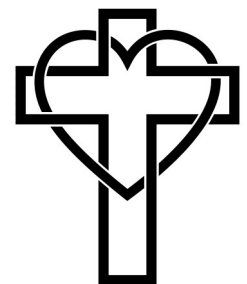
Lisa Kirby, Tom Hair, Bob Petrulovich, Diana Floyd (Friend of Caroline Andrews), Vandy Haggard (Friend of Sharon Willis), Angela Vandegrift, John Bundrick (Friend of Barbara Cobb), Vivian Hill (Andy Cone's grandmother), Hong & Larry May (Friends of Barbara Cobb), Frank Sanford (Friend of Cindy Hatcher & Barbara Cobb), Benny Hydrick (Friend of Tony Carroll), 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:** 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 August 2023

General Fund:	<u>August 2023</u>	<u>Jan-Dec 2023</u>
Offering	\$ 15,238.00	\$ 140,892.22
Expenses	\$ - 15,742.04	\$ -137,906.97
Net Total	\$ ( 504.04)	\$ 2,985.25



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



# Rally Sunday Fun....

We launched into a new year of Sunday School at Saint James with a Rally Day welcome reception before SCS and a congregational dinner and trivia tournament following worship. Pastor Fred hosted the tournament and quizzed the trivia contestants with questions about the Bible, St. James, and being Lutheran. It was a great time of fellowship filled with lots of laughter.

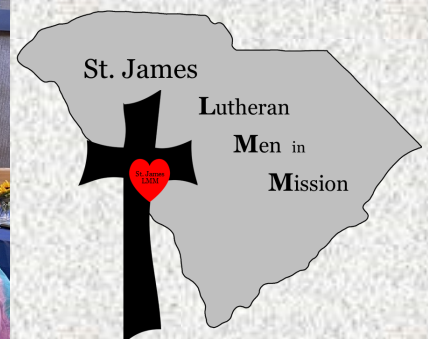
## Our Trivia Winners!







The ladies of St. James WELCA made tie blankets at their September meeting. The blankets will be donated to the Cumbee Center this fall. WELCA meets on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month at 1:00 pm for a potluck lunch with the Lutheran Men followed by their individual meetings. LMM & WELCA will celebrate Oktoberfest at their next meeting on Monday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> with bratwurst and sausages grilled by our Lutheran Men. Everyone is asked to bring a German side dish or dessert. All women and men are invited to attend.







### **Lay Readers & Lay Assistants**

**October 1:** Mike Willis (& Lay Assistant)

**October 8:** Angela Vandegrift

**October 15:** Patti Cutshall (& Lay Assistant)

**October 22:** Robbie Franklin

**October 29:** Garrett Maroney (& Lay Assistant)

### **Worship Team**

**October 1:** Spencer Johnson (A) Zoe Ford (C)

**October 8:** Dominic Price (A) Brayden Weed (C)

**October 15:** Dominic Price (A) Brayden Weed (C)

**October 22:** Justin Joiner (A) Brayden Joiner (C)

**October 29: (Reformation)**

Dominic Price (A/C), Justin Joiner (Word),  
Spencer Johnson & Brayden Joiner (Torches),  
Brayden Weed (Banner)



### **Altar Flowers**

**October 1:** Gary & Lisa Bryant in honor of Alyssa, Matt, & Chris - \$ LCY

**October 8:** Scott & Angela Vandegrift - \$ Backpack

**October 15:** Becky Johnson in memory of Everett Johnson

**October 22:** Mike & Sharon Willis - \$ Backpack

**October 29:** Mike & Patti Cutshall

**Altar Guild:** Becky Johnson & Elaine Johnson

**Ushers:** Mike Cutshall & Gaines Entrekin

**Greeter:** Tony Carroll

### **Sound Technicians**

**October 1:** Robbie Franklin

**October 8:** Lane Rogers

**October 15:** Ben Sharpe

**October 22:** Lane Rogers

**October 29:** Robbie Franklin







*Happy Birthday*

*Happy Anniversary*

Cassel Sloan	4
Helen Wood	5
Kaiden Palmer	9
Jean Plunkett	9
Ralph Abreo	14
Matt Bryant	14
Chris Bryant	14
Jodi Tyler	22
Cydney Odom	23
Gemma Carter	24
Steven Strother	29
Otis Gibson	31
Elaine Johnson	31
Kara Willis	31

Gary & Lisa Bryant
October 3
Phil & Doris Ann Homan
October 9
Cale & Laura Johnson
October 23
Mike & Sharon Willis
October 30







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