



ST. JAMES

LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Journal

September 2023

September Worship Services

Sunday, September 3rd

Worship with Holy Communion at 11:00 am

Sunday, September 10th - Rally Day

Rally Day Welcome Reception at 9:45 am in fellowship hall

followed by Sunday School

Worship at 11:00 am

Sunday School Teacher & Staff Installation

Congregational Dinner following worship

Sunday, September 17th

Worship with Holy Communion at 11:00 am

Sunday, September 24th

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!

Summer has been full of many different things. Recent St. James confirmands went to the mountains and sang songs and worshiped with other youth at Lutherock. We blasted out of this world with our Stellar VBS. We learned about Jesus and explored our faith through crafts and eating together. St. James also went to the GreenJackets baseball game! Hopefully somewhere in there you got some rest and relaxation.

Now, we are launching into another season of Christian fellowship, fun, and learning. Rally Day 2023 is Sunday, September 10. This Rally Day we are going to kick off a new beginning with a Bible/Lutheran/St. James Trivia Tournament! For those familiar with how March Madness brackets work, you will be able to track the action, in real time, at the congregational dinner in the fellowship hall following worship.

If you know things like the first book of the Bible and who Peter was a disciple of, you will likely have an easy time answering all of the questions. The big question is who will be the fastest of all the people they are paired up against! We will find out on Rally Day as St. James welcomes all to enter the tournament, but will declare only one to be the official "St. James Trivia Champion of 2023."

I look forward to presenting the questions and throwing some fun trivia out amongst the festivities. It is a joy to play together in the time God has given us together. In this time of celebration of a new season, we thank God for and proclaim together the new life he has given us in Christ.

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead." 1 Peter 1:3

I look forward to celebrating the life Christ has given us together at St. James and look forward to being with you as the ministry of St. James is propelled into where God is calling us.

Christ's peace and love to you,

Pastor Fred





SEPTEMBER

Upcoming Events

Rally Day- Sunday, September 10th
Welcome Reception at 9:45 am in the fellowship hall
followed by Sunday School
Worship & Teacher Installation at 11:00 am
Congregational Dinner
& Bible/Lutheran/St. James Trivia Tournament
following Worship

Church Council will meet on Sunday, September 10th at 5:00 pm.

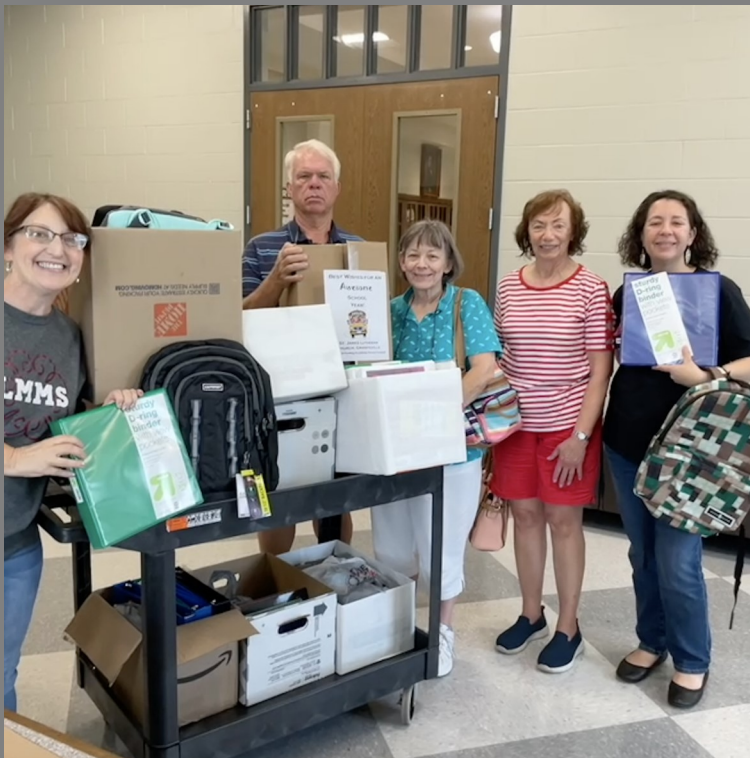
Games will meet on Monday, September 11th at 1:00 pm.
We will also make tie blankets for the Cumbee Center.

Lifestyle will meet on Wednesday, September 20th at 12:00 pm.

WELCA/LMM will meet on Monday, September 25th
for lunch at 1:00 pm followed by the meetings.

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

Outreach



Thank you to the congregation for helping fill the space shuttle with school supplies during VBS. School supplies and toiletries were delivered to Byrd Elementary and Leavelle McCampbell Middle School. Additional supplies and toiletries were purchased with funds from Thrivent.

The Outreach Committee provided breakfast for the teachers and staff at Leavelle-McCampbell Middle School one morning during the first week of school.

Thank You!

Dear Patti & all at St. James,
Thank you for your support as we returned to school this year! We look forward to further collaborations!! We very much appreciate all you do for LMMS!

Thank you,
Tammy Westafer
Counselor

It's Time to Launch into a New Sunday School Year!



Rally Day- Sunday, September 10th

**Welcome Reception at 9:45 am in the fellowship hall followed by Sunday School
Worship & Teacher Installation at 11:00 am
Congregational Dinner & Bible/Lutheran/St. James Trivia Tournament following Worship
Trivia Tournament hosted by Pastor Fred
Fried chicken and drinks will be provided.
Please bring side dishes (casseroles, vegetables, salads, etc.) and desserts to share.**



Midland Valley Junior Varsity Football Meal – September 14th

St. James will host the Midland Valley JV Football Team on Thursday, September 14th with a pre-game meal. If you are willing to help prepare or serve the meal, please see Daphne Carroll. If you would like to make a monetary donation to help with the meal, please make checks payable to St. James and write "Football Meal" on your offering envelope



ST. JAMES PICTORIAL DIRECTORY PHOTOS

Sign up to have your family photo taken for the new directory. Photos will be taken before Sunday School and after worship on Sundays in September. Sign-up sheets are located on the table outside of the church office.

 *Lifestyle*

Senator Tom Young will be the guest speaker on Wednesday, September 20th at 12:00 pm. Lunch will be served. Please sign up on the list outside of the church office if you plan to attend.

President's Message

In the July edition of *The Journal*, the President's Message reported that Church Council had approved the formation of a Capital Fund Committee for the purpose of structuring a campaign to raise capital. It was also written that it was the intention to begin the campaign in September 2023 and conclude the drive by year end.

After two meetings with the committee, your president has come to the conclusion that the timeline written in *The Journal* was, at best, too ambitious, and at worst, totally unrealistic. This poor judgment is regretted and our apology is offered for the inaccurate information. An explanation will be presented on Rally Day Sunday to include details on how and when the campaign will proceed.

The committee will participate in six Zoom meetings with direction being offered by individuals with fundraising knowledge and experience. The campaign will be discussed from a broad-brushed perception at the Coffee & Conversation gatherings on September 17 and 24. The plan is to roll out the details of the fundraising campaign at the January Congregational Meeting and run it through Easter Sunday, March 31.

Ronald Wood
Church Council President



Please remember in your thoughts and prayers:

Melissa Cone, 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), 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/

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 July 2023

General Fund:	<u>July 2023</u>	<u>Jan-Dec 2023</u>
Offering	\$ 16,666.74	\$ 125,654.22
Expenses	<u>\$ - 19,281.70</u>	<u>\$ -122,164.93</u>
Net Total	\$ (- 2,614.96)	\$ 3,489.26



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

POOL PARTY AT CAMP KINARD

All children & youth, 5K-12th grade, are invited to a Western Conference Pool Party at the newly-opened pool at Camp Kinard. Join in for some water fun with friends from the Western Conference churches on September 9th from 2:00 pm to 5:30 pm. There will be fellowship and food (hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, cookies, & drinks).

If you are willing to chaperone, please let us know.

RSVP by September 3rd to Pastor Fred or Kathy.



Asher William Valentine, son of Judson & Nikki Valentine, was born on August 10th.

Congratulations to Judson & Nikki and the proud grandparents, Lanny & Cathie Valentine.



WELCA made care packages for our two youth, Trey Johnson & Justin Joiner, who are starting their first year of college this fall. The care packages included school supplies, snacks, and an embroidered pillowcase that says, "Peace Be With You, St. James Lutheran Church."



September Volunteer List



Lay Readers & Lay Assistants

September 3: Caroline Andrews (& Lay Assistant)

September 10: Teddy Weeks

September 17: Barbara Cobb (& Lay Assistant)

September 24: Jim Cobb

Worship Team

September 3: Justin Joiner (A) Brayden Joiner (C)

September 10: Dominic Price (A) Brayden Weed (C)

September 17: Zoe Ford (A) Spencer Johnson (C)

September 24: Dominic Price (A) Brayden Weed (C)



Altar Guild: Sara Rutland & Helen Wood

Ushers: Mike Cutshall & Ronnie Johnson

Sound Technicians

September 3: Ben Sharpe

September 10: Lane Rogers

September 17: Robbie Franklin

September 24: Ben Sharpe

Greeter: Carol Horsley



Altar Flowers

September 3: Open Date

September 10: Teddy & Georganne Weeks- \$ LCY

September 17: Tony & Daphne Carroll in honor of their wedding anniversary- \$ Backpack

September 24: Milton Rogers in memory of Kyle Rogers- \$ LCY



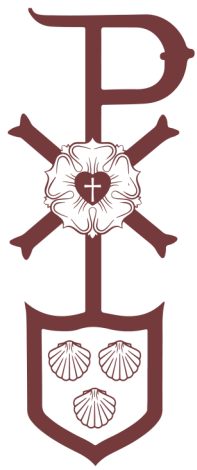
Happy Birthday

Chase Busbee	2
Ruth Orr	4
Robert Reece	5
Gary Bryant	6
Barbara Cobb	6
Dana DeRemigio	8
Taylor Coleman	13
Sydney Strother	17
Jasmine Weed	20
Brayden Joiner	22
Brenda Schuler	28

Happy Anniversary

Tony & Daphne Carroll
September 16
Rhett & Elaine Johnson
September 22
Robert & Tiffany Coleman
September 23





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