



ST. JAMES

LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Journal

November 2023

November Worship Services

All Saints Sunday, November 5th

Worship with Holy Communion at 11:00 am

Remembrance of the Saints with a bell toll for each member of our congregation that has passed away since last year's All Saints Sunday

(Daylight Saving Time ends. Remember to set your clocks back one hour on November 4th.)

Sunday, November 12th

Worship at 11:00 am

Sunday, November 19th

Worship at 11:00 am

Annual Called Congregational Meeting

The meeting will open prior to worship with nominations for election to church council and the first ballot and will conclude after worship with additional ballots as needed and the adoption of our 2024 budget.

Christ the King Sunday, November 26th

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,

In making preparations to steward all God has given us, our Capital Fund Committee has been gathering and learning together through reading “Abundance- Creating a Culture of Generosity” by Michael Ward. He notes in the Apostles’ Creed where it says, “I believe in God the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth,” that this makes a statement. “I believe that God has provided all that I see, that I am, that I eat and drink, that I have- all by which I am sustained. In saying and believing this, I also am stating that everything comes from the Creator’s hand without any merit, worthiness, or effort of my own.” What a gift God has given us- literally everything! We can read this in Romans 11:36.

*For from him and through him and to him are all things.
To him be the glory forever. Amen.*

In reading this book, the perspective of our group has grown. We initially approached it as a way to help pay to make repairs to our building, but we’ve turned into understanding that our new focus, as a faithful community, is sharing the story of where we’ve seen God in our lives. When this happens, the veil is lifted; a new life in Christ is revealed. When people share what God has done for them, it’s a joy. It’s a celebration of God’s generosity, and God is generous. He gives us everything!

I would like to share a story with you:

There once was a young boy. His mother gave him an envelope with some cash in it as an emergency fund. This little boy kept this fund for decades. He didn’t use it. He kept it stuffed full of bills in case he needed it in dire times. More decades passed, and as an old man, one day he walked into church and gave it all. That boy was Charles McGee.

I am flooded with the love of Christ through the actions of Charles’ generosity, and now we watch as his gift, saved for the right moment, goes to good use. The ministry of St. James continues through worshiping Christ, through caring for one another and in caring for our community. We get to be a part of that. You and I get to be a part of God’s work in this world, and for that I give thanks to God.

Peace be with you,
Pastor Fred





Upcoming Events

It's time to "fall back." Daylight Saving Time ends November 5th.

Remember to set your clocks back one hour before going to bed on the evening of November 4th.

Coffee & Conversation with Pastor Fred will meet on Monday, November 6th at 10:00 am
on the lawn outside of the church office
and on Sunday mornings at 9:15 am in the fellowship hall before Sunday School.

Church Council will meet on Sunday, November 12th at 5:00 pm.

Games will meet on Monday, November 13th at 1:00 pm.

The Annual Called Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, November 19th.

WELCA/LMM will meet on Monday, December 11th for a Christmas lunch
together at 1:00 pm. All women and men are invited to attend.

There will not be a November meeting.



Trunk or Treat

St. James decorated cars, dressed in costumes, and gave out candy at Gregg Park's Trunk or Treat event this year. We all had a great time and there were over 300 kids that attended! Thank you to Thrivent Financial for helping with the cost of the candy, and a special thanks to all that participated.







WELCA & LMM celebrated Oktoberfest at their October meeting with bratwursts and hot dogs grilled by our Lutheran Men and many delicious side dishes and desserts made by the members of both WELCA & LMM. WELCA/LMM will meet on Monday, December 11th at 1:00 pm for fellowship and a Christmas lunch together. WELCA/LMM will not meet in November.





The blankets made by the ladies of St. James WELCA were delivered to the Cumbee Center after the October meeting.

Lifestyle

The guest speaker for the October Lifestyle meeting was Alan Hyatt, a Thrivent financial advisor. He presented a workshop on Fraud & Identity Theft and shared the types of information that individuals should record and give to their closest relatives so health and financial decisions can be made for them in the event that they are unable to make them for themselves. Thank you to Caroline Andrews and Karmen Spletzer for providing lunch for the meeting. Thank you to Thrivent for sponsoring the meal. Lifestyle will not meet in November or December. Meetings will resume in January.

Please remember in your thoughts and prayers:

Noel Nichols, Davey Nichols, Lisa Kirby, Tom Hair, Wendy Swygert, Bob Petrulovich, Ivan Cruz (Friend of the Weed Family), 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), 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/

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.)



November Volunteer List

Lay Readers & Lay Assistants:

November 5: Karmen Spletzer (& Lay Assistant)

November 12: Tiffany Coleman

November 19: Carol Horsley

November 26: Gloria Sloan (& Lay Assistant)



Worship Team:

November 5: Dominic Price (A) Brayden Weed (C)

November 12: Zoe Ford (A) Spencer Johnson (C)

November 19: Brayden Weed (A) Zoe Ford (C)

November 26: Justin Joiner (A) Brayden Joiner (C)

Altar Guild:

November 5: Becky Johnson & Elaine Johnson

November 12, 29, 26: Patti Cutshall & Cindy Hatcher

Ushers: Mike Cutshall & Mike Willis

Sound Technicians:

November 5: Lane Rogers

November 12: Robbie Franklin

November 19: Ben Sharpe

November 26: Robbie Franklin

In all things
GIVE thanks!



Greeter: Teddy Weeks

Altar Flowers:

November 5: Linda Pritchard in memory of Butch Pritchard and their parents, Emory & Lorene Johnson and E.J. & Lilly Pritchard - \$ Backpack

November 12: Phil & Doris Ann Homan in honor of veterans and our Lord Jesus Christ

November 19: Jim & Barbara Cobb in honor of their wedding anniversary - \$ Backpack

November 26: Open Date



Happy Birthday



Happy Anniversary

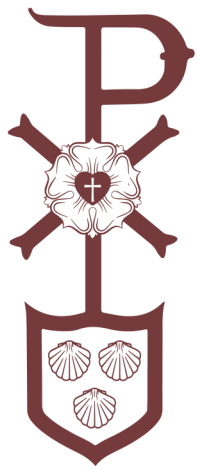
Rhett Johnson	3
Donna Abreo	4
Sara Rutland	7
Eric Johnson	8
Vicki Bolton	9
Phil Homan	12
Payton Johnson	12
Sandra Johnson	13
Lane Rogers	17
Austin DeRemegio	17
Robbie Franklin	23
Gene Moyer	26
Linda Pritchard	26
Libby Scott	28

Barry & Debbie Antley
November 20th

Jim and Barbara Cobb
November 25th

Ralph & Donna Abreo
November 30th





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