

MAY 2024

ST. JAMES JOURNAL

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CHRIST'S LOVE

Spring is Here!

The month of May is always a special month! Graduations, Mother's Day, the beginning of summer, Memorial Day. May is a month of transitions, celebrations, endings, and beginnings!

We will celebrate all of that this May at St. James. We will ask God's blessings on all of these beginnings and endings throughout the month. Our Journal lists many of the activities and events going on, but we want to lift up a few.

On May 5th, we will celebrate our High School Graduates. At our 9:45 service, we will gather to bless them during our worship service. We will have cake and other goodies after the service in the Fireside Room following the service. Join us in recognizing and blessing our High School Seniors as they walk through this milestone!

On May 5th, we will also celebrate First Communion for some of our young people. They will come forward with their families to share in this Holy Meal of love and grace for the first time. They will use special cups that they have painted for this day.

MUFFINS WITH MOM!



Sunday, May 12 9-9:45 AM

On May 12th, it's time for our Annual Muffins with Mom! Join us in the gym from 9-9:45 for crafts, muffins, a photo booth, and fellowship as we celebrate the moms, grandmas, aunts, and friends in our lives who have shaped us and helped us grow. The entire congregation is encouraged to attend. Help us celebrate the important women in our lives!

On May 26th, we move to our summer schedule with ONE service at 9 AM. We will be inside on the 26th. We look forward to beginning our beautiful outdoor services on June 2nd. Services at 9 AM each Sunday. What a joy to join together in praising God in our beautiful outdoor worship area. Stay tuned for information about our special summer worship theme.

Join us in these and many other transitions, milestones, and celebrations in May and throughout the summer. Glory be to God who makes all things possible and gives us the best reason to celebrate! --Pastor Jeni and Pastor Sid



CHURCH NEWS

SCHEDULE

We return to our summer schedule on Sunday, May 26th with ONE service at 9 AM.



Outdoor services will begin on Sunday, June 2.



CHURCH SOFTBALL

will begin soon. If you would like to join our St. James softball team, you can sign up at church or by contacting Derreck Tell. The schedule of games will be posted as soon as it is available so we can all go out and cheer on our softball team this summer!



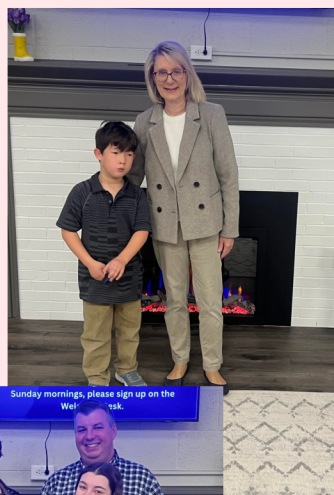
We need volunteers to serve on outdoor worship set-up teams. Each week, volunteers gather early to set up worship equipment, snacks, coffee, and other necessary items for our outdoor services. If you would be willing to serve on the outdoor set up and tear down teams, please contact Bill Grant or one of the pastors. We would like to set up a schedule for the summer. Thank you!



Thank you to our many volunteers who have been helping spruce up our building this spring and also take care of daily cleaning tasks! We are so grateful to all of you who have stepped up during this staff transition. If you would like to help with any of the weekly cleaning tasks, please contact the office, one of the pastors, or our council president Jere Merrill to find out ways you can help!

CHURCH NEWS

Welcome to Our New Members



New Member Sunday was held on April 28.

Ash Drenth, Donna and Jim Kay, Michelle and Ayden Volk, Bea Volk, Ryan, Emily, Grant and Grace Weaver. Not Pictured: Michelle Volk



JOB OPPORTUNITY: BUILDING AND MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR

St. James Lutheran Church is seeking a dedicated Building and Maintenance Supervisor to ensure our property is expertly cared for, clean and welcoming for all members and visitors.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- *Oversee maintenance, cleaning, and inventory of church facilities.
- *Manage vendor relationships for repairs and maintenance scheduling.
- *Draft specifications, obtain bids, and oversee contracted work.
- *Maintain documentation for service agreements, warranties, and safety records.
- *Implement preventative maintenance schedules and clear instructions for routine building use.
- *Proficient in boiler system maintenance, including chemical tests and required inspections.
- *Handle housekeeping duties, weekly activities, and periodic maintenance tasks.

EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE:

Background in Boiler Maintenance preferred.

REQUIRED SKILLS:

Self-motivated, organized, and effective communicator.

DESIRED QUALITIES:

Demonstrate Christian values, flexibility, positive attitude, and teamwork. This is a salaried position with 2 weeks of vacation. Join our ministry and assist us in maintaining a welcoming and efficient environment at St. James Lutheran Church. Apply now!

Send resumes to Jere Merrill at: jeremerrill@gmail.com

For full job description contact St. James at stjamesofficemc@gmail.com



This Month We Prayed For:

Leonard Johnson; Bob Grant; Sandra Solsaa; Brian Dirksen, Terry Beavers; The family of Barb Kleven; The family of Sharon Peterson, the sister of Tom Tisor; family of Mark Volk; The family of Marlys Wendel



We rejoice with the newly baptized! Ayla Lorraine Losee was baptized on April 28. Ayla was born on October 13, 2023. She is the daughter of Allison Pommrehn and Drake Losee. Her Baptismal Sponsors are Adam and Jennifer Pommrehn and LuAnn Pommrehn. God Bless you Ayla!

Church Anniversary Celebration

Pastor Sid's home congregation, Immanuel Lutheran Church in Pflugerville Texas, is celebrating its 150th Anniversary on May 26. Pastor Sid has been invited to preach at their celebration. We will post a link to that service on our Facebook page so you can watch the service and see the church where Pastor Sid grew up and was ordained. We will have a special service that day at St. James of readings and song. If you would like to help with readings, please contact Pastor Jeni.

May 2024



Coming Up



May 5th: Graduate Recognition

May 5th: First Communion

May 12th: Muffins with Mom

May 26th: Summer Schedule Begins



Familiar Faces

Did you get snapped last month? Check out the photos below and don't forget to take a peek at our social media to see some familiar faces!

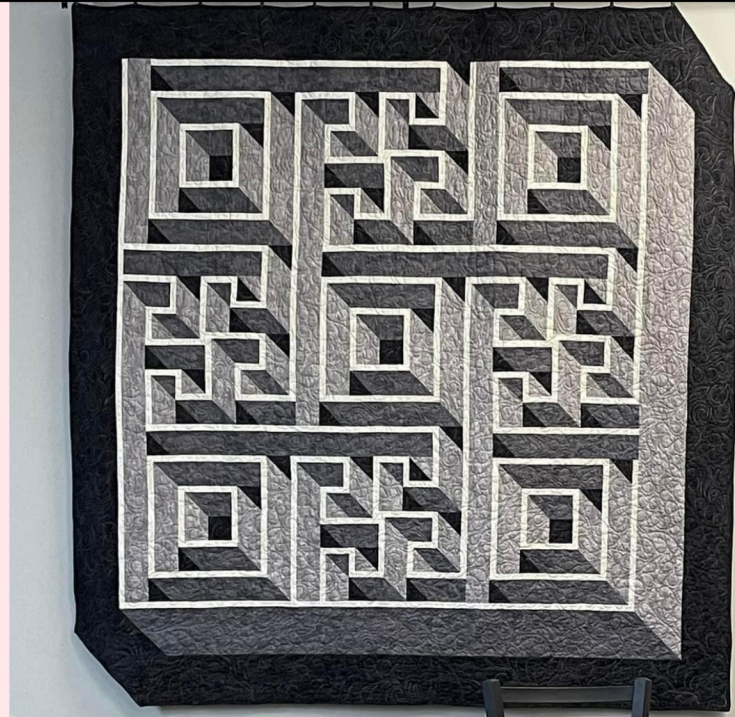


THANK YOU!!!

WELCA would like to thank everyone for their contributions and attendance at the Spring Salad Luncheon. We had a great turn out and a wonderful time gathering with old & new friends.

Hope to see everyone next year!

Blessings, Christine Foth WELCA President



Thank you to Kathy Follmuth for making and donating the beautiful quilt hanging in the Fireside Room. We are so grateful for all the donations of time and gifts that have made this new space so beautiful and welcoming!

Heifer International Project

Heifer International is an organization that helps accelerate the path to living incomes for all people internationally. Nutritious food. Shelter. Clean Water. A decent education. Access to health care. And a safe and secure environments are considered by this organization for all people to have a life free from hunger and poverty.

To this end, St. James is working toward providing funds to this organization through special "Well Offerings". Our goal this year to raise \$300 to aid in their efforts to provide clean water to people who need it. Our gift will help provide fresh water to drink every day.

We will have the well up in the sanctuary and ask that everyone drop their coins—or dollars!- into the bucket provided each Sunday. We pray that by the end of the Sunday School year, we have collected enough money to provide water to those who need it!



MAY SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Join us on **May 5** for a Day of Service and Fun. We will play games, make cards for homebound members, and enjoy the last regular Sunday School day of the year. All are invited!



Mother's Day Special Celebration: **On May 12**, we will host Muffins with Mom. Bring your moms, grandmas, aunts, and friends for a special Mother's Day event. We will have muffins, crafts, a photo booth, and lots of fun! The whole congregation is encouraged to attend.



THIS SUMMER: Join us for special events all through the summer. Watch your bulletin, Journal, and our Facebook page for fun events like an afternoon of Pottery Painting, movie days, Nursing home serving day, a picnic in the park, and of course VBS! We have a summer of fun planned for all ages!





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A VBS Party is coming to St. James July 22-25!
Registration will begin in May.
This will be a joint VBS with Our Saviour's and St. Paul.
Volunteers will be needed for teachers, music leaders, group leaders, and kitchen helpers.
Watch for more information!



MAY BIRTHDAYS



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5 MARLIN DEIKE DANIELLE AUSTIN	6 OLIVIA WARNER	7 STONE STURGES	8	9	10 SANDRA SOLSAA STU TELL	11 COLLEEN SYVERSON ALLISON ULSTAD JEFF HAIN LARRY HAUGEN MONICA MCLAUGHLIN
12 PAT FAIRBANKS	13 DAVID JOHNSON	14 NORAH SMITH JENNA WITTE	15	16 PARKER LIEN	17	18 JOYCE JOHNSON NATHAN TURNER SAMANTHA RADCLIFFE
19 CRISTY TLUSTY	20 JENNIFER CORONADO MIKAYLA SMITH	21 GENEVA BENSON ABIGIAL MYERS	22 ISAAC FRENZ KATE GRANT	23 HUNTER MASON	24 SPENCER HADACEK	25 SHELLY GORDER JUDI NELSON
26 LORI ESTLE ETHAN QAULEY CHERYL WEST JUDY PERSMA	27 RON DANNEN RYAN WEAVER	28 RENE KEISER PAIGE MCEACHRAN	29 HARPER HAXTON JEAN HEHR	30 HUDSON PETERSON	31 JUDY FICK	

For through wisdom your days will be many, and years will be added to your life.

PROVERBS 9:11

