



ST. JAMES

LUTHERAN CHURCH

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May Worship Services

Sunday, May 5th

Worship with Holy Communion at 11:00 am

Sunday, May 12th

Worship at 11:00 am

Sunday, May 19th

Day of Pentecost

Worship with Holy Communion at 11:00 am

Sunday, May 26th

Holy Trinity Sunday

Worship with Holy Communion at 11:00 am

Sunday Mornings

Coffee & Conversation with Pastor Fred at 9:15 am

Sunday School at 9:45 am



A message from Pastor Fred...



Grace and Peace to you,

I've heard it said that "April showers bring May flowers," and I thought that saying just pertained to plants. My garden is certainly proclaiming it, but now I'm seeing the same idea play out in church. There is so much that we have been doing at St. James. I suppose those things are the showers, and now we are seeing the flowers!

There are also the physical showers in our church that poured plenty of water down the drains into our terracotta pipes, which helped nurture the root systems that had grown into our pipes. While beneficial for the plants on our church grounds, this wasn't good for our drainage system. You may have noticed some freshly dug-up earth in the church's front yard on Palm Sunday. This is because we installed new pipes so that our showers and other water-utilizing facilities will not give us an interior flood after using them for several minutes.

There are many ways that we can water our church and the world around us that can provide new growth for years to come. We are currently working on making our church a safer place for everyone, so you might notice some changes like new handrails. May these new additions support us as our building does so that we can focus on proclaiming Christ and enjoy the flowers that spring forth from living into God's call for us.

Water can come from many different sources, and St. James isn't limited to just well water. The body of Christ is here to extend the living water of Jesus to all of us. In John 4:14, Jesus says, "those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life."

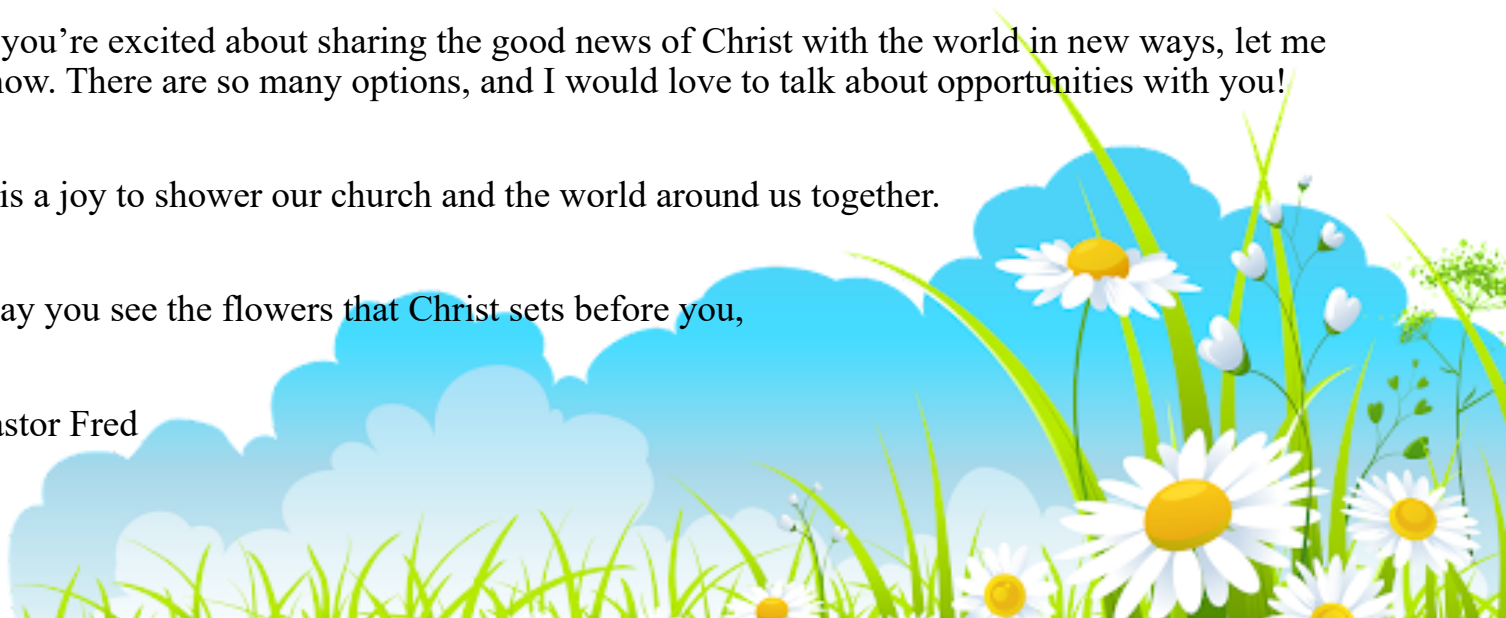
We are given life eternal in Christ, and we get to experience this gift of living water in our time on this earth. Thinking of this water, how has Christ watered you through St. James? Are there other ways you could see us showering the world around us?

If you're excited about sharing the good news of Christ with the world in new ways, let me know. There are so many options, and I would love to talk about opportunities with you!

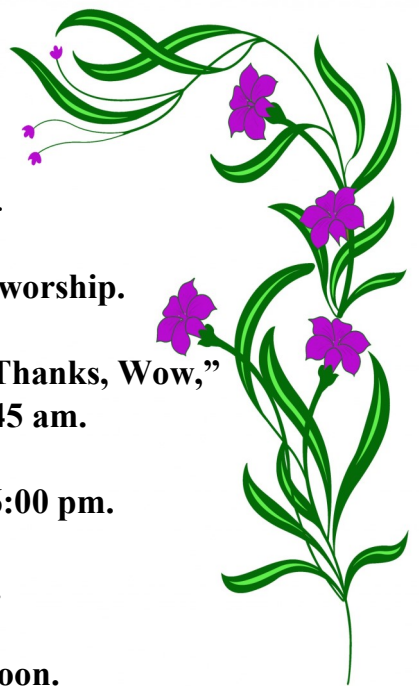
It is a joy to shower our church and the world around us together.

May you see the flowers that Christ sets before you,

Pastor Fred



May Upcoming Events



Backpack Sunday is Sunday, May 5th.
Sponsor a child for \$180 or donate any amount.

Mutual Ministry will meet on Sunday, May 5th after worship.

The Adult Sunday School Class study on the book, "Help, Thanks, Wow," continues on Sunday mornings, May 5 & 12, at 9:45 am.

Church Council will meet on Monday, May 13th at 6:00 pm.

Games & Tie Blankets will not meet in May.

Lifestyle will meet on Wednesday, May 15th at noon.

Lunch will be served followed by a program by Thrivent representative, Alan Hyatt, on the "4 Truths of Long Term Care."
Please sign up by Sunday, May 12th if you plan to attend. Invite a friend.

WELCA/LMM will meet on Monday, May 20th at 1:00 pm for lunch followed by the meetings.

Please note the change in date this month due to Memorial Day.

GreenJackets Baseball Church Outing

Friday, May 24th at 7:00 pm

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

****The deadline to sign up is Sunday, May 12th. Make checks payable to St. James****



AIKEN SINGERS SPRING CONCERT

**I HEAR TUESDAY
AMERICA MAY 21
SINGING! 2-3 PM**

The Aiken Singers invite you to attend the Aiken Singers Spring Concert, "I Hear America Singing!" The concert will be held on Tuesday, May 21st at 2:00 PM at the Aiken Senior Life Center located at 1310 East Pine Log Road in Aiken (formerly Boots, Bridles & Britches).



Relive the glory of American classics with this FREE concert: I Hear America Singing! Let the singers take your breath away with their spine-tingling arrangements of beloved Americana tunes. Their technical precision and heartfelt delivery shine through in every note. If you love choral music and want to reconnect with your American roots, this concert is for you. These renditions fill you with nostalgia and pride for the songs that unite our nation.

Lifestyle is back!

Lifestyle will resume on Wednesday, May 15th at noon. Lunch will be served followed by a program by Alan Hyatt, a representative of Thrivent. The program will focus on the "4 Truths to Long Term Care: Learn how to help preserve your independence, protect your assets, and reassure your family about the future." Please sign up on the sheet outside of the church office if you plan to attend.



Mother's Day Honorariums & Memorials

St. James WELCA offers you the opportunity to honor your mother or a special woman in your life on Mother's Day by making a freewill donation of any amount to WELCA in honor or memory of her.

Please place your donation and the Mother's Day Honorariums & Memorials form in the offering plate by Sunday, May 5th, to have your dedication printed in the Mother's Day Sunday worship bulletin on May 12th. Please make checks payable to St. James with WELCA Mother's Day written on the notes line of the check or designated on your offering envelope. If you donate online, please designate as a donation to WELCA Mother's Day.



BackPack Sunday- May 5th

Sponsor a child for \$180 or donate any amount. The Backpack BBQ Fundraiser will not be held this year, as we have sufficient funds on hand for the June 2024 payment to Golden Harvest. Thank you for your generous giving throughout the year for this program. Continuous donations throughout the year are appreciated.

Please remember in your thoughts and prayers:

Ben Sharpe, Lisa Kirby, Robert Coleman, Tom Hair, Carol Sievers (Friend of Libby Scott), John Allen Eidson (Cousin of Cathie Valentine and Mike Willis), Bruce Rhodes (Barbara Cobb's brother), George Brunson (Father-in-law of Sarah Swygert Brunson), Alison Ergle Berry (Cousin of Georganne Weeks), Kensley Napier (Daughter of Philip Napier- Pastor of Breezy Hill Baptist Church), Benny Hydrick (Friend of Tony Carroll), Libby Scott **Anchor:** Mary Ellen Johnson **Trinity:** Bobby Reece **Silver Bluff Grove:** Vicki Bolton
May the Lord bless them with His healing presence and keep them in true faith. Amen.

Please contact the church office with updates to the prayer list so that the list can be kept current.

Share your good news and church events with your church family!
Email the information to: StJamesNewsInfo@gmail.com

OUTREACH



Thank you to the congregation for the donations of diapers and baby wipes for the Cumbee Center and donations of children's socks and underwear for Children's Place. Also thank you to Thrivent and WELCA for their monetary support of this Outreach project.



Thank You

We are so excited and grateful when friends in our community host supply drives for us! THANK YOU to Rev. Fred Klinker and the congregation of St. James Lutheran Church, Graniteville, for gifting us with much-needed children's socks and underwear!

Thank you,
Children's Place



Thank you so much for the Souper Bowl Collection of \$320.00 that you donated to Catholic Charities of South Carolina in Gloverville. This donation will be used to help individuals and families in need. We feel very humbled and sincerely grateful for your help. Thank you for your support of the center.

May our Lord bless you for the good you do for others. You can be sure that He will not be outdone in generosity.

Most gratefully,
Joely Leguizamon
Site Administrator, Gloverville Office
Catholic Charities of South Carolina



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.)

May Volunteer List



Lay Readers & Lay Assistants

May 5: Donna Abreo (Lay Reader) Caroline Andrews (Lay Assistant)

May 12: Bob Barkhau (Lay Reader)

May 19: Garrett Maroney (Lay Reader & Lay Assistant)

May 26: Caroline Andrews (Lay Reader & Lay Assistant)

Worship Team

May 5: (A) Justin Joiner (C) Brayden Joiner

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

May 19: (A/C) Dominic Price (Word) Justin Joiner
(Torches) Spencer Johnson & Brayden Joiner
(Banner) Brayden Weed

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

Altar Guild

May 5: Jim & Barbara Cobb

May 12, 19, & 26: Gloria Sloan & Karmen Spletzer

Ushers

May 5: Ronnie Johnson & Kenneth Johnson

May 12, 19, & 26: Mike Cutshall & Kenneth Johnson

Sound Technicians

May 5: Lane Rogers

May 12: Robbie Franklin

May 19: Andy Cone

May 26: Robbie Franklin

Greeter: Tony Carroll

Altar Flowers

May 5: Ralph Abreo in memory of Jean Abreo- \$ Backpack

May 12: Judy Lees in memory of Bob, Irv & Ellie Lees - \$ Backpack

May 19: Pentecost

May 26: Milton Rogers in memory of Gail Rogers- \$ Backpack





Happy Birthday

Happy Anniversary

Ronald Wood	3
Carol Horsley	3
Erin Ford	5
Fred Klinker	8
Gaines Entrekin	12
Cathie Valentine	14
Trey Johnson	17
Dominic Price	21
Austin Odom	24
Payton Tyler	26
Ryan Welsh	26
David Welsh	26
Ron Johnson	27
Audrey Franklin	28

Travis and Jodi Tyler
May 8th





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Congratulations to Joel Antley!

Joel Antley is excited to announce that he has accepted a call to be the next pastor at Our Saviour Lutheran Church - Christiansburg, VA!

Ordination Information:

When: Saturday, May 11th

Time: 10:00 am

Where: St. David Lutheran Church in West Columbia, SC

Joel welcomes all of you to come and celebrate with him and Natalie that day as they begin this wonderful adventure together!

All clergy who wish to participate in the service are invited to gather dressed in the Commons Area just outside of the Sanctuary by 9:30 am.

Can't make it? (That's ok!)

For those of you who can't make it to West Columbia that day, a link to stream the service will be made available to you closer to that Saturday!