



ST. JAMES
LUTHERAN CHURCH

August 2024

The Journal



August Worship Services

Sunday, August 4th

Worship with Holy Communion at 11:00 am

Sunday, August 11th

Worship with Holy Communion at 11:00 am

Sunday, August 18th

Worship with Holy Communion at 11:00 am

Sunday, August 25th

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,

School has started! I give thanks to God for all of the talented teachers who share their knowledge with our children. I give thanks to God for all who support the teachers and students in our schools, the bus drivers, the administrators, and those who keep our schools a safe and clean place. I pray for our students that they have the sustenance and safety they need to learn and that they may grow and find where God is calling them into our life here.

Our students have not been the only ones learning; we have also been learning here at St. James. We have been going through different ways to pray at VBS, and now we're honing our listening skills in Sunday School. Listening takes a lot of work, but reading through the techniques with you has been a great joy!

Listening is a great way to minister to people, and there are many more ways we can serve in our community and in our church. As individuals, we've learned a variety of different skills and are now being called to put those talents to use in the Kingdom of God in our life here on earth. In the coming weeks, we are looking at checking in to see what time and talents you'd wish to put to use at St. James. Pray about it. Think about it. What are things you love to do that could serve God and God's people?

For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. Romans 12:4-5

There are so many gifts among us, and I thank God for that. Together we can do wonderful things, and that's what we're doing!

Wishing you peace and a wonderful start to a new school year and a time for learning new things,

Pastor Fred



August Upcoming Events

Mutual Ministry Committee will meet on Sunday, August 4, following worship.

**St. James College Students are meeting on Tuesday, August 6, at 3:30 pm
at Top Golf in Augusta.**

Church Council will meet on Sunday, August 11, at 5:00 pm.

Tie Blankets will meet on Monday, August 12, at 1:00 pm.

**WELCA/LMM will meet on Monday, August 26, for lunch
at 1:00 pm followed by the meetings.**

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



Change in Communion Schedule

Beginning Sunday, June 23, communion will be offered at the altar rail every Sunday through Labor Day weekend except VBS Sunday. The current altar guild schedule will not be impacted as a volunteer has offered to handle the additional Sundays. Council is actively listening to the needs of all members and welcomes your comments, concerns, and ideas during this trial period.



Offering Option www.stjamesgraniteville.com/giving/

You can now give online on our website! You can give a one-time 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.)

THANK YOU!

To my Church Family.

My heartfelt thank you for all the calls, cards, food and offers of food, and especially the prayers during my recent surgery and recovery. I feel so blessed to be a part of such a loving and caring church family. God bless you all.

Love,
Barbara

Dear St. James Family,

Vinny, Ashton, Austin and I would like to thank you for all the support during the death of Vinny's mother, Donna Harris. We really appreciate the cards, texts and prayers. We are very lucky to have a wonderful church family.

Love,
The DeRemigios

Thank you to all of our volunteers for helping us to dive into our friendship with God at SCUBA VBS. We had a "whale" of a good time singing, playing, learning about God, making crafts, learning about ocean animals, praying, making friends, and eating!! Thank you to everyone who made monetary donations to help pay for t-shirts and dinners. Thank you to everyone who donated food or drinks or prepared desserts or food items for dinner or snack time. Thank you to our kitchen crew for preparing and serving dinner and dessert each night. Thank you to our teachers and leaders, who led our classes of children, youth, and adults in Bible Adventures, crafts, music, recreation, and snacks. Thank you to the actors in our skits. Thank you to our sound technicians and photographers. Thank you to our decorating crew for bringing our undersea world to life. Thank you to everyone who gave their time and talents to make our week of VBS a "turtle-y" amazing time spent with our church family and some new friends. I'm already looking forward to next year!

Love you all,
Kathy



Please remember in your thoughts and prayers: Ben Sharpe, Robert Coleman, Tom Hair, Dottie & Lew Iritz (Sister & Brother-in-law of Gloria Sloan), Bruce Ashby (Brother of Karmen Spletzer), Allison Ashby (Niece of Karmen Spletzer), Kathleen McCarvell (Friend of Katherine Sundstrom), Curtis English (Friend of Butch & Marcia Shaffer), Carol Sievers (Friend of Libby Scott), John Allen Eidson (Cousin of Cathie Valentine and Mike Willis), 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 review the prayer list and contact the church office with updates.



August Volunteer List

Lay Readers & Lay Assistants

- August 4:** Lang Entrekin (Lay Reader & Lay Assistant)
- August 11:** Teddy Weeks (Lay Reader) Georganne Weeks (Lay Assistant)
- August 18:** Angela Vandegrift (Lay Reader & Lay Assistant)
- August 25:** Ralph Abreo (Lay Reader & Lay Assistant)

Worship Team

- August 4:** (A) Zoe Ford (C) Dominic Price
- August 11:** (A) Trey Johnson (C) Spencer Johnson
- August 18:** (A) Brayden Joiner (C) Justin Joiner
- August 25:** (A) Spencer Johnson (C) Zoe Ford

Altar Guild: Tonia Busbee, Angela Vandegrift, & Daphne Carroll

Ushers: Mike Cutshall & Ronnie Johnson

Sound Technicians

- August 4:** Robbie Franklin
- August 11:** Lane Rogers
- August 18:** Andy Cone
- August 25:** Lane Rogers

Greeter: Gaines Entrekin

Altar Flowers

August 4: Don & Cindy Hatcher in honor of the marriage anniversaries of Herbi & Erin Ford, Louis & Zoe Hatcher, Don & Cindy Hatcher and in memory of the birthday of Louis Hatcher- \$ WELCA

August 11: Brandon, Julie, Thomas, & Evie Hair and Zak & Sara Hoisington in honor of the 53rd anniversary of their parents, Tom & Donna Hair

August 18: Charles & Tonia Busbee in honor of their wedding anniversary - \$ Capital Fund

August 25: Gene Moyer in memory of Sara Moyer and daughter, Tracey Lynn- \$ Capital Fund



August

Happy Birthday

Beth Barkhau	2
Alyssa Edens	6
Herbi Ford	13
Steve Murphy	17
Brinkley Johnson	18
Zoe Ford	20
Ethan Gonya	24
Mary Ellen Johnson	24



Happy Anniversary

Herbi & Erin Ford
August 5

Bob & Beth Barkhau
August 6

Wesley & Gloria Sloan
August 6

Tom & Donna Hair
August 7

Mike & Patti Cutshall
August 10

Charles & Tonia Busbee
August 19

Otis & Carol Gibson
August 31





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