



ST. JAMES

LUTHERAN CHURCH

September 2024

The Journal

September Worship Services

Sunday, September 1st
Worship with Holy Communion at 11:00 am

Sunday, September 8th - Rally Day
Rally Day Welcome Reception at 9:45 am
Worship with Holy Communion at 11:00 am
Congregational Dinner following worship

Sunday, September 15th
Worship with Holy Communion at 11:00 am
Welcome of New Members

Sunday, September 22nd
Worship with Holy Communion at 11:00 am

Sunday, September 29th
Worship with Holy Communion at 11:00 am

Sunday Mornings
Coffee & Conversation with Pastor Fred
9:15- 9:45 am
Sunday School at 9:45 am

A message from Pastor Fred...



Grace and Peace to You,

I give thanks to God for the gift of faith. Faith isn't something we can generate on our own, but we are saved by God's grace through faith, and God does this freely, giving up his own Son, so that we may know of and be enveloped in God's eternal love. I can't help but give thanks, though I cannot even fathom the expanse of God's grace and generosity.

God gives abundantly to you and to me, but what does that mean for us?

A gift is something special in our realm of human economics. A gift is something that doesn't require anything in return. If someone were to give something and expect something back, we would consider that a transaction. A gift doesn't have any strings attached; it isn't given to control the recipient to ensure something happens in the future. It is simply something given out of love. What the recipient of that gift does with the gift is up to them.

Romans 12:3-8 "For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgement, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, ⁵so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. ⁶We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ⁷ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; ⁸the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness."

God has poured God's grace on you and given you many gifts.
What is something you love that God has given you the ability to do?

I give thanks to God that I can explore the love of God with people. It's something that's so unfathomably expansive, and yet even with my human-sized brain, I can talk about it, and it brings me great joy to do so. God has given me this gift; do I have to use it? I'm not forced to, but I love to share the love of God with you and the whole world!

Think about your gifts and how much joy you get from sharing what God has given you with the world. It is a gift to have an opportunity to serve. *Imagine if I wanted to tell the world about God's love, but no one was here.* What's great is that St. James has many opportunities available where you can put the gifts God has given to you to good use! If you've seen something that needs some extra attention, and you're the one to fill that need, we all benefit. It's a way that the body of Christ comes together in wholeness.

Pray about how the gifts God has given you fit into the world, and notice how in doing so you are filled. As St. James we have come together as one body to live out Christ's love in the world around us. Our gifts change and grow, and we want to make sure that everyone has an opportunity to share their gifts with the Kingdom of God, so in the next few weeks we will have Time and Talent sheets available, where you can indicate if there is a way you can share your gifts with the body of Christ. Serving is a great way to live into our faith. The world is our mission field, and it is a joy to share Christ's love alongside you while sharing our gifts!

Peace,

Pastor Fred



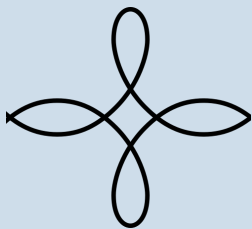
September Upcoming Events

Rally Day- Sunday, September 8
Welcome Reception at 9:45 am followed by Sunday School
Worship at 11:00 am
Congregational Dinner & Trivia Tournament following Worship
Church Council will meet on Sunday, September 8, at 5:00 pm.
Tie Blankets will meet on Monday, September 9, at 1:00 pm.
Midland Valley JV Football Meal – Thursday, September 19
Lifestyle in September- Time and Date to be Announced
WELCA/LMM will meet on Monday, September 23,
for lunch at 1:00 pm followed by the meetings.



Midland Valley Junior Varsity Football Meal – September 19th

St. James will host the Midland Valley JV Football Team on Thursday, September 19th with a pre-game meal. 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.



Lifestyle

Since the first meeting in January 2022, Lifestyle has featured many wonderful speakers from our community that have shared information on a wide variety of topics from local history to health to finances. As we prepare for Lifestyle meetings to begin this fall, we would like your help planning the topics and securing the speakers/presenters for the monthly meetings. Please share your ideas with Pastor Fred or Kathy.

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

Rally Day- Sunday, September 8th

**Welcome Reception at 9:45 am
in the fellowship hall
followed by Sunday School**

**Worship with Holy Communion at 11:00 am
Congregational Dinner & Trivia Tournament
following Worship**

Fried chicken and drinks will be provided.

Please bring side dishes (casseroles, vegetables, salads, etc.) and desserts to share.



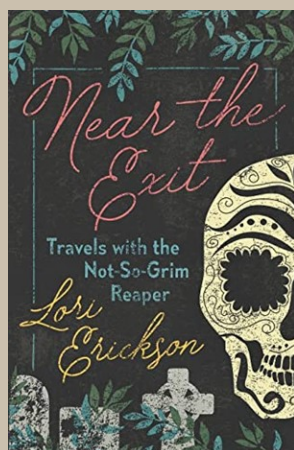
Something New Is Coming This November

Near The Exit, Travels with the Not-So Grim Reaper by Lori Erickson is the title of a new Sunday morning study coming to St. James beginning November 3, All Saints Sunday, 9:45 am.

Pick up your copy of *Near the Exit* at the Church Office. Questions? Reach out to Bob or Beth Barkhau at bbarkhau@gmail.com.

“You simply don’t expect a book about loss and mortality to be the exceptional read that, *Near the Exit* is. Erickson’s prose is a rich teaching that seamlessly includes the ritual of many cultures, travel, and the beautiful intimacy of saying goodbye to someone you love.”

- Paula D’Arcy





Please join us for Trunk or Treat!

We are teaming up again this year with Gregg Park Civic Center!

Thursday, October 24th

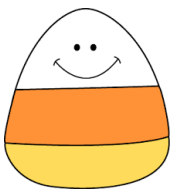
6:00 pm-7:30 pm

Gregg Park Center Parking Lot

(If it rains - this will be moved inside.)

Monetary donations are needed to help purchase candy.

If you would like to help or need assistance in decorating your vehicle or ideas, please contact Tonia Busbee.





Congratulations!

Congratulations to
Kyle Vandegrift
who graduated from Clemson University
with a Bachelor of Science in Packaging Science.
Kyle is employed at PAI Pharma in Greenville.



Our St. James college students enjoyed
an outing at Top Golf with Pastor Fred
before going back to school.

Please remember in your thoughts and prayers:

Ben Sharpe, Robert Coleman, Tom Hair, Ricky Franklin (Father of Melissa Cone), Kayla McBroom (Friend of Tonia Busbee), 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.



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.)



September Volunteer List

Lay Readers & Lay Assistants

September 1: Georganne Weeks (Lay Reader & Lay Assistant)

September 8: Lanny Valentine (Lay Reader) Garrett Maroney (Lay Assistant)

September 15: Georganne Weeks (Lay Reader & Lay Assistant)

September 22: Tiffany Coleman (Lay Reader) Patti Cutshall (Lay Assistant)

September 29: Jim Cobb (Lay Reader) Carol Horsley (Lay Assistant)

Worship Team

September 1: (A) Justin Joiner (C) Brayden Joiner

September 8: (A) Brayden Weed (C) Spencer Johnson

September 15: (A) Brayden Joiner (C) Justin Joiner

September 22: (A) Zoe Ford (C) Brayden Weed

September 29: (A) Spencer Johnson (C) Dominic Price

Altar Guild: Lisa Bryant, Dana DeRemigio, Cathie Valentine

Ushers

September 1: Ronnie Johnson & Mike Willis

September 8, 15, 22, 29: Mike Cutshall & Mike Willis

Sound Technicians

September 1: Robbie Franklin

September 8: Andy Cone

September 15: Robbie Franklin

September 22: Lane Rogers

September 29: Andy Cone

Greeter

September 1: Gaines Entrekin

September 8, 15, 22, 29: Patti Cutshall

Altar Flowers

September 1: Judy Lees- \$ Capital Fund

September 8: Teddy & Georganne Weeks - \$ Backpack

September 15: Tony & Daphne Carroll in honor of their wedding anniversary - \$ Backpack

September 22: Scott & Angela Vandegrift - \$ Backpack

September 29: Milton Rogers in memory of Kyle Rogers- \$ Backpack





September



Happy Birthday

Chase Busbee	2
Robert Reece	5
Gary Bryant	6
Barbara Cobb	6
Dana DeRemigio	8
Everly Brunson	10
Taylor Coleman	13
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



~ Thank you! ~

I would like to say thank you again for a wonderful VBS experience for Kenzie, me, & James. Everyone was so welcoming and eager to share God's love with all who came. Please send my gratitude to Pastor Fred & all the amazing volunteers that made SCUBA so awesome. We look forward to seeing you all next year!

Sincerely,

Diane Richardson

P.S. All of the meals were delicious & the décor was spectacular. Thanks God!

Dear St. James Family,

Thank you for the cards, phone calls, and prayers after my surgery.

I am blessed to have wonderful friends and family at St. James.

Sincerely,

Kenneth

On behalf of the Board, I would like to thank St. James Lutheran for their commitment to ACTS. Without your help, our ability to serve our needy citizens of Aiken County would be impossible. Your contributions are needed and very much appreciated.

Sincerely,

Wanda Scott



WORD SEARCH

About Jesus

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- KING
- FORGIVENESS
- LORD
- TEACHER
- GATE
- LAST
- LIFE
- LEADER



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