

The Messenger

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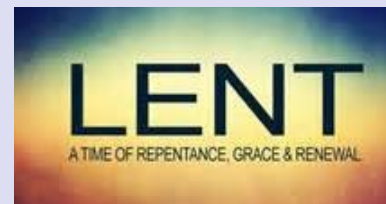
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LENTEN WORSHIP AND DEVOTIONS

Times for Lenten worship, fellowship, and devotion will be available at St. James this year during Lent.



Wednesday Evenings during Lent (each week, from March 1 – March 29th).

5:45 - 6:15 pm

Soup and Sandwich meal available in Fellowship Hall. An opportunity to meet others, have conversation, and build relationships.

6:30 pm

We shift the atmosphere and our focus to a time of meditation, conversation (as you desire) and contemplation on the theme: *IS BLOOD THICKER THAN WATER?*

We conclude vespers with the prayerful Holden Evening Prayer.

<i>Wed. Mar. 1</i>	Esau and Jacob
<i>Wed. Mar. 8</i>	Rachel and Lea
<i>Wed. Mar 15</i>	Joseph and his brothers
<i>Wed. Mar 22</i>	Esther and Mordecai
<i>Wed. Mar 29</i>	David and his brothers

Weekly devotional from Pastor John

A video will be available via St. James YouTube Channel each week on Thursday that will include some of the material from the Wed. night series. A transcript will be available as well, if you have difficulty with internet access.



Prime Timers has been cancelled for April.
Meetings will resume Tuesday, May 2nd at Noon.

~ THANK YOU ~

Thank you to everyone at Saint James for your support and prayers after my mom, Sarah Catherine Combs, passed.

She will be missed. Mom always helped wherever she could.

Sincerely,
Leighann Combs



Crop Walk – Sunday, April 2nd

In 2023, we continue fighting against disease, disaster, displacement and other challenges that leave people hungry. Join with us as we raise funds to help neighbors near and far get the meals they need for today and sustainable food security for tomorrow. Look for the sign up table in the gathering space soon!



Finance Committee News:

The Finance committee wants to thank everyone for their generosity in supporting the ministries of St. James. Below is a summary of our finances for January and February.

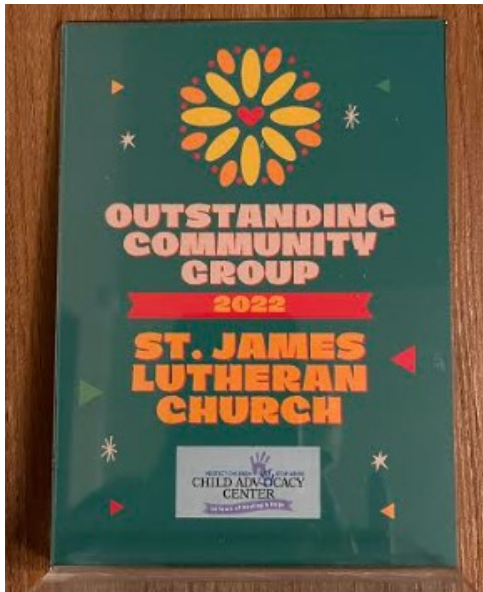
January		
General Offerings	\$16,469	*
Endowment transfer	\$4,000	Needed to meet expenses
Total Income	\$20,469	
Expenses	\$21,247	

* As you will note we do not receive enough offering to meet our expenses. We hope our offerings will increase so we do not need to use our endowment funds.

February		
General Offerings	\$15,670	*
Designated Offerings	\$2,476	**
Endowment transfer	\$4,000	Needed to meet expenses
Total Income	\$22,146	
Expenses	\$22,627	

** Funds are received from a grant, company or individual designated for a specific purpose.

Saint James receives “Outstanding Community Group” award



This award is going to a community organization that truly has gone above and beyond in supporting the efforts of our organization. Following an interview at the Child Advocacy Center (CAC) or at the child medical exam or maybe even from a law enforcement agent, a child will receive a “comfort blanket”. These are no sew fleece blankets. These blankets are given to children to provide “comfort” to them. Coming to the CAC, having a medical exam or having a law enforcement officer talk to them can be intimidating, scary and can create its own trauma. The blanket can serve as a reminder that someone believes in them.

Saint James just completed making their 1000th comfort blanket for the Child Advocacy Center — ultimately to the children we serve. The 2022 Outstanding Community Group award is going to St. James Lutheran Church. Here to receive the award was Marcia Katt. She really is the backbone to their success.

*Roberta Humphries, Executive Director
Child Advocacy Center*



Dear Pastor John and congregation of St. James,
I'm sorry it has taken me so long to write to you all. I think of it every day but didn't know how to put the pen to the paper. I was so amazed when I came around to corner from the Security, to see all the people downstairs - It floored me! It was all so beautiful and all the congratulations from my 60 years with you - how was that possible?
I thank you all for your time and friendship to me + my family. I love you and I will be back to visit soon.
Sincerely
Jugue Jacobucci



Ukrainian Easter Egg Decorating – Saturday, March 25th 9:00 – 12:00



Sign up at saintjameslutheran@gmail.com or 910-484-8052

Want to know how to create one of these beautifully-crafted Easter Eggs? Colleen Tichich has volunteered to teach a class at St. James. She will provide all the needed supplies for the final project – you'll need to bring at least one raw white egg with you.

Cost is a \$25 donation to Ukrainian Relief.



Synod Assembly is June 2nd / 3rd in Greensboro.
Council is looking for voting members from Saint James.
If you are interested in attending, email the office at saintjameslutheran@gmail.com



It's that time again! Our scout troop's annual BBQ and Fried Chicken Dinner will be Tuesday, April 4 from 5:00pm to 7:00pm here at the church.

You can eat here or carry it out. **Tickets are \$12 each.** You can purchase them in the gathering space on Sunday morning before and after church from Ian Gibson.

If you have a business that would like to purchase lunch deliveries on the same day, contact Dave Runkle (910.308.8803 / DRunkle747@gmail.com) to arrange free delivery. There is a minimum of 10 plates required for lunch, and it is BBQ only.

All meals are served with potato salad, cole slaw, and a dinner roll.



Our 10:00 Sunday worship service is being streamed live, and is also available for later viewing. Click [here](#) to watch



Tech folk are also needed to help with audio and video controls. Training is available. Contact office or Pastor John.

Assisting Ministers

- 3/05 - Allan Winter
- 3/12 - Jason Lorentzen
- 3/19 - Ruth Ann Crecelius
- 3/26 - Jordan Slaymaker

Lectors

- 3/05 - Sue Rink
- 3/12 - Bill Rettmann
- 3/19 - Beverly Beale
- 3/26 - Glenn Stockwell

Communion Assistant

- 3/05 - Lela Pell
- 3/12 - Tonie Neal
- 3/19 - Nancy Oliver
- 3/26 - Delores Schiebe

Ushers

- 3/05 - John & Gayle Frinak
- 3/12 - Roscoe Killett, Gary Eissinger
- 3/19 - Tonie Neal, Kathleen Heinrich
- 3/26 - Gary & Joan Eissinger

Acolytes

- 3/05 - Gabriel Thomas
- 3/12 - Gianna Orellano
- 3/19 - Aaron Thomas
- 3/26 - Victoria Orellano

Greeters

- 3/05 - Gayle & John Frinak
- 3/12 - Sue Rink
- 3/19 - Kathleen Heinrich
- 3/26 - Erika & Glenn Stockwell

Upcoming Zoom Meetings

Click on the times to connect

Property Team - 2nd Tuesdays

(Meeting ID: 829 6466 1925 / Password: 977528)

[6:00 pm](#)

Men's Bible Study - Sundays

(Meeting ID 821 9445 9989/ Password: 442495)

[9:00 am](#)

Fellowship & Conversation - Tuesdays

(Meeting ID: 837 4730 9659 / Password: 588450)

[7:00 pm](#)

THANKS FOR SHARING RESOURCES



We appreciate every gift that is received, and we attempt to make wise decisions in how we use and invest these funds.

Thanks for on-going financial giving.

You can support our ministries by scanning the code or online

Click [here](#)



Around the Parish



One of the gifts that the Christian community shares with others is praying for those with special needs or concerns. Call the Church Office or fill out the green form in the pew racks to let us know of prayer needs.

The list in the weekly bulletin is intended to be for persons in immediate crisis. Generally those names will be changed after 3 weeks.

The newsletter has our long term prayer list which is updated as you tell us.

Please keep us informed so that we can share accurate information with the Saint James community.

Remember These

People at Home or in Care facilities (restricted mobility)

- Peggie Ann Jackson
- Sigrid Walters
- Charlotte Davis
- Claudia Doyle
- Shirley Johnson
- Lorraine Breisch
- Brenda Killett

Prayer Concerns:

- ◇ Joe & Dara Lehner
- ◇ Angel Davis
- ◇ John Tucker
- ◇ Beth Sessoms
- ◇ Diane Stulz
- ◇ Carolyn Uchtorff
- ◇ Julie Kuhrt
- ◇ Julie Murthy
- ◇ Ellen Blocker
- ◇ Sherieda Peasley
- ◇ Darcy Dapra
- ◇ Chad Smyre
- ◇ Orose Family

Military Members

(* *Deployed*)

- Luke Steffen
- Riley Broding
- Grant Alexis
- Earl Stockham
- Nikki Rettmann
- Jessie Hewins
- Ben Schollett
- Brandon Berry
- **Darian Dix ***
- Joshua Trogdon
- Kelly Steenrod
- David Oliver
- Bella Fish
- Sarah Fox
- Rob Whitt
- Austin Hilken
- Dan Gibson
- Tristan Bonde
(former member at Ft. Campbell)



Eissinger, Joan	3/4
Gibson, Lore	3/5
Lee, Charles	3/7
Frinak, Gayle	3/15
Orellano, Victoria	3/18
Burns, Todd	3/20
Lorentzen, Jason	3/20
Burks, Amy	3/23
Winter, Mary Beth	3/23
Gearing, Barbara	3/28
Martin, Karen	3/29
Schlenker, James	3/29
Fish, Annabella	3/31

Anniversaries



Sharon & Eddie Mathis 3/3

**The Messenger is a monthly newsletter of
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P.O. Box 53276; Fayetteville, NC 28305.**

All are welcome to worship each Sunday at 10 a.m.
Holy Communion is celebrated every week.

**Should you have an emergency or need Pastoral Care, contact
Pastor John Locke: Cell (704) 530-9969 or jpl406@gmail.com .**

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