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A Heavy Heart Led To Blessings

The phone call that Saturday morning shook me to my core. *Chris died earlier this morning.* I can't say that I was completely surprised by the news. It had been over a year since his diagnosis with an aggressive form of ALS. It was the rest of the message that made me tremble. *He requested that you preach the sermon at his funeral.*

I had known him for over 60 years. He was my longest and dearest friend – we sang together, played sports together, we experienced faith-building times together. As I called him during the service, he was my brother-from-a-different-mother. So, the sermon was one of the most challenging of my career.

Re-living so many of our moments helped me to see and remember the many times of Spirit-filled songs and celebrations. I knew that the Spirit had been at work as Chris requested me to preach. He knew that I would be strengthened by the process, and by remembering the precious love of a brother in Christ.

Many of you knew of my loss, as well as my participation in the service. Thank you for your prayers and notes of support and concern. We do, truly, live among the communion of saints who spiritually energize and empower us. You helped lift a heavy heart, and blessed it with courage and love.

I constantly give thanks for you all!!!

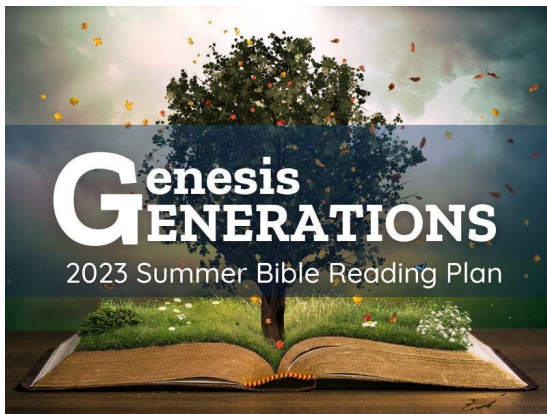
Pastor John

“Christmas in July” worship Sunday, July 23.

We will sing carols, do a little decorating, and a few more surprises.



2023 Summer Bible Reading Plan



Genesis Generations is the title of the 2023, NC synod summer Bible Reading Plan.

Go to [NC Synod Summer Bible Reading Program](#) Sign up for a daily subscription email.

And look for some familiar names on July 7 – Pastor John and Anna Lisa offer thoughts on “The Call of Abram”.

Read a section of Genesis, a short devotional writing, a few questions to ponder, and a prayer all written by NC Synod pastors and lay people. The readings **began on Sunday, July 2**, and continue through Chapter 25 of Genesis. (This summer's cliff-hanger will continue with *Genesis Generations II* in Summer 2024.)

Participate in a number of ways:

- [Receive the daily readings in your inbox.](#)
- Watch for each new reading on the website,
- [Listen daily via the podcast.](#)
- Stay tuned to our socials for glimpses of the readings,



Third Friday Family Night! July 21st 6-8 pm.

If you missed our last family night, you don't want to miss this one!

Meal, fellowship, activities and devotions.

Welcome Home and build St. James relationships.

Sign-up sheets are available in the Gathering space or [online](#)



Youth activities

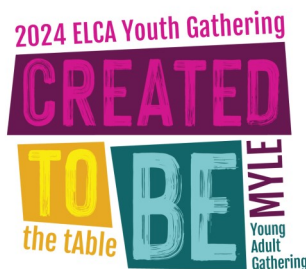


Five of our youth (Gabriel Thomas, Hannah Rae, Aaron Thomas, Angelus VanDervoort, and Nate Stockham) returned recently after a week of faith building at Lutheridge Camp and Conference Center.

Many thanks to Jordan Slaymaker and Ruth Ann Crecelius for leading worship, Jane and Rick Boelke for handling the children's time, and Nancy Oliver for preaching and presiding at communion.



Wed. July 26 is the next planned outing for our youth. Details are still being developed, but we will be traveling to Kure Beach to spend time in fellowship and fun. We conclude the day by leading worship on the beach for Kure Memorial Lutheran.



Youth Gathering 2024 is right around the corner – July 16-20, 2024 in *New Orleans*.

Registration begins this September. The theme for the Gathering is *Created To Be*, centered on Psalm 139:14. Youth must be in 8th – 12th grade this fall to attend.

There will be an informational meeting for youth and parents on Sun. Aug. 6, at 11:45. This will be a hybrid in-person/zoom meeting if necessary.



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.



Potluck Lunch -
Every first Tuesday of the month.

We will NOT meet in July in celebration of Independence Day.

Join us August 1st at Noon!

The improvements of the stain glass windows were given in memory of Ted Rose.

Woodpecker baseball group outing is Friday, August 18.

Group tickets for St. James are \$13 each (behind third base dugout.) Game time is 7:05, and the national anthem will be song by **Anna Lisa Johannessen**, and we will begin at approximately 6:50.

So, come by third Friday fellowship for a hot dog meal before the game.

Sign-up sheets are available in the Gathering space and at saintjamesfay.org



Item of the Month

Every months we try to assist an area of ministry and collect items.

July we want to update our nursery.

There has been good use of the nursery during worship. We have noted some wear and tear and an update seems to be in order. Kathleen Heinrich has volunteered to chair this endeavor. She would like gently used baby/ children clothing (up to size 10), and toys, that could be recycled.

Please find a box in the foyer for your donations.

Assisting Ministers

7/02 Ruth Ann Crecelius
 7/09 Allan Winter
 7/16 Jason Lorentzen
 7/23 Jordan Slaymaker
 7/30 Ruth Ann Crecelius

Lectors

7/02 Glenn Stockwell
 7/09 Gary Crecelius
 7/16 Dave Runkle
 7/23 Valerie Brewer
 7/30 Sue Rink

Communion Assistant

7/02 Delores Schiebe
 7/09 Tawan Thomas
 7/16 Valerie Brewer
 7/23 Tonie Neal
 7/30 Sue Rink

Ushers

7/02 Gary & Ruth Ann Crecelius
 7/09 Joan & Gary Eissinger
 7/16 John & Gayle Frinak
 7/23 Roscoe Killett & Gary Eissinger
 7/30 Joan & Gary Eissinger

Acolytes

7/02 Nate Stockham
 7/09 Angel Van Dervoort
 7/16 Gianna Orellano
 7/23 Ian Gibson
 7/30 Victoria Orellano

Greeters

7/02 Sue Rink
 7/09 Nancy Oliver
 7/16 Kathy Brown
 7/23 John & Gayle Frinak
 7/30 Delores Schiebe

Nursery

7/02 Tonie Neal
 7/09 Rob & Kelly Whitt
 7/16 Kim Lorentzen, Jeffrey Hoffmann
 7/23 Mandy Rea, Heather Van Dervoort
 7/30 Colleen Tichich, Heather Van Dervoort

Rover

7/02 Tom Liedig
 7/09 Paula Burns
 7/16 Dave Runkle
 7/23 Rob Whitt
 7/30 Todd Burns

Upcoming Zoom Meetings

Click on the times to connect

Property Team - 2nd Tuesdays (July 11)

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

[6:00 pm](#)

Congregation Council (Sunday—July 16)

(Meeting ID: 867 0951 0008 / Password: 103028)

[11:30 am](#)

Men's Bible Study - Sundays New link!

(Meeting ID 821 3488 9583 / Password: 257977)

[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)

- Charlotte Davis
- Claudia Doyle
- Shirley Johnson
- Lorraine Breisch
- Brenda Killett

Prayer Concerns:

- ◇ Joe & Dara Lehner
- ◇ Angel Davis
- ◇ John Tucker
- ◇ Beth Sessoms
- ◇ Ellen Blocker
- ◇ Orose Family
- ◇ Jim & Linda Schlenker

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



Stockwell, Glenn	7/1
Orose, Paul	7/2
Thomas, Ewa	7/4
Heinrich, Kathleen	7/6
Gibson, Ann	7/9
Orellano, Henry Jr	7/22
Chasse, Sheryl	7/27
Eberle, Jason	7/27
Rettmann, Avia	7/31

Anniversaries



Lisa & Josh Law	7/01
Allan & Mary Beth Winter	7/23

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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
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