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There's something about the fall season of the year. The changing temperature (at least we hope for a change!), leaves changing color, the sense of pause and reflection from the landscape, and the sense of a new phase of "being" in the world.

The church begins new programs, choirs start rehearsals for fall and winter worships, pastors and worship leaders begin to think about Advent and Christmas worship ideas (please don't tell anyone we're already thinking Christmas!), and congregation councils are thinking next year ministry spending plans.

Ministry Spending Plan. That's what the OG's used to call *The Budget*. What are the anticipated expenses (I prefer the phrase *possible investment in ministry*) that we can expect in the next year (2024). A few folks at St. James have been reviewing and analyzing and projecting numbers for the last few weeks, and last Sunday they made their presentation to congregation council.

Council will review and present a final proposal to congregation in early November. Everyone will have an opportunity to look it over and think about how the dollars-and-cents we give get converted to actual ministry. In other words, how do people hear, see, feel, know, etc. that God loves, knows, forgives, accepts, etc. all people to the family of God? How does giving money during offering on Sunday translate into God's love on Thursday morning, or Saturday evening, or any other time of the week? (Thanks Jim, Gary, Sarah, and Stella!)

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“From the Pastor’s Desk” continued....

In the coming weeks, we will be sharing stories about how that has happened in 2022 and 2023, and how we might envision how God might share God’s love through us in 2024. We’ll share some numbers, a couple of goals, and a few scripture passages.

And, along the way, we’ll ask each family or individual for two very important actions.

- ◇ First, to pray daily for God’s Spirit to give direction and purpose to St. James; to offer specific ways we can make a difference in our communities; and to inspire us to be bold and creative.
- ◇ Second, we ask that you begin praying about your own intention of giving for the final three months of 2023, as well as for the 2024 year.

Stewardship ministry. It’s the telling of stories about God’s mercy and grace through the actions of the ministry of our congregation. It’s inspiring one another with the hope and promise of the gospel. It’s the celebration of God’s fulfillment of God’s promises. It’s asking ourselves and one another how we support these ministries and share our gifts that are first shared with us.

So, be watching for more info, flyers, letters, emails, texts, posters, videos, etc. about how St. James Lutheran Church is *Attempting Great Things for The Lord* in 2024.

Looking forward to surprising, wonderful adventures in faith,
Pastor John

If you would like to be a part of the Stewardship Team, please contact me. I’d love to talk with you and help you be a part of such a vital aspect of congregational ministry.

REVIVE-ALL Painting

A painting will soon be on display in the Gathering Space as a remembrance and celebration of the Revive-All ministry that took place in May of 2023. Many churches in Fayetteville gathered at First Baptist Church on Anderson Street to offer praise, worship, study, and fellowship together. We had all been through so much with on-line worship, safe-distanced meetings, ZOOM communications, parking lot church, no or limited visitation, and so much more. We were tired and weary, thankful the tide was turning and yet still a bit scared and apprehensive. So gathering together as one for five nights was a refreshing, inspiring, and hopeful effort.



The painting was created by a member of First Baptist Church and signed by many participants of the week. I hope that this painting from the REVIVE-ALL Week will offer you hope and joy. The painting will be on display at St. James for several weeks before it offers the Spirit's presence at another REVIVE-ALL congregation.

Congregation Council 2024-25

Congregation Council is the primary decision-making body of the congregation. Each fall 4-6 people are elected by the congregation to serve a two-year term. Ideally, the council is made up of a broad spectrum of individuals with varieties of skills, gifts, talents, and passions. Do you know of someone with gifts for council ministry? Or perhaps you would like to be considered for nomination?

Please share with Pastor John or Jordan Slaymaker, president of the congregation.



Musical concerts in the area (featuring St James' members):



Sat. Oct. 7, 7:30 pm ...

Campbellton Youth Chorus (a part of the Cumberland Choral Arts program) presents John Rutter's *A Mass for Children* at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church. Tickets required. (St. James members Hannah Rea, Amanda Rea)

Sun. Oct. 15, 3:00 pm ...

The Hymnsingers in concert at St. Ann's Catholic Church. Free. (St. James members Sue Rink, Jane Boelke, Rick Boelke, Anna Lisa Johannessen, and Pastor John)

Do you know of others? Please notify the church office to be included in future calendars.

New office computer installed

This newsletter is being created, printed, emailed, etc. with the use of a brand new computer. After 7 years, our previous computer had gone beyond expectations to fulfill the daily duties. Thanks to Rick Boelke, a new computer has been installed.

Plans are developed to move the former main computer to another office for use by finance ministry team, add Pastor's computer to the database management software, improve our remote access, and review security for all programs.



September 10th as part of God's Work, Our Hands Sunday



Shirley Johnson enjoyed a visit from our car parade.

Left to right: *Hannah Rea, Barb Gearing, Shirley Johnson, Beverly Beale, Elizabeth Robertson, Amanda Rea and Tonie Neal*



In the quilt room one quilt was tied for migrant workers and 5 comfort blankets were finished for the Child Advocacy Center (CAC).

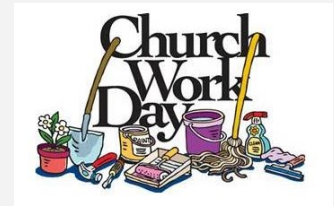
Penny Kendall, Kathy Picon, and Fran DeSilva

50 "comfort blankets" were delivered to the Child Advocacy Center on 9/11/2023



Property repair and maintenance!!!

It seems never-ending. Change a light bulb, fix a leaky faucet, change a filter, paint a wall (or three), repair HVAC units, weed the landscape areas, fix the lock on a door ... the list goes on and on. And these are just routine, everyday events.



We are SO THANKFUL to the handful of folks who offer time and talent to keep our facilities clean, safe, and inviting. A few of the regulars are Todd Burns, Dave Runkle, Tom Liedig, Amanda Rea, Barb Gearing, David Moon, Joe Lehner, Kim and Jason Lorentzen, and John Frinak (if I omitted your name, please accept my apology). I can only imagine how much it would cost St. James if we had to pay outside contractors to do the work these folks take care of.

A workday is scheduled each month on the third Saturday, 8:30-11:30 to work on various projects. Consider coming in October – make some new friends as we work together to make St. James campus a safe and inviting place of faith for all!

Future Church: God's love made real (survey reminder)

"We want to know what it is to be the church God is calling us to be. But we need YOU.

Join us as we seek to discern God's Spirit and
work to become the church God is calling us to be.
This is Future Church; This is God's Love Made Real."

(from ELCA web site)

The churchwide office of the ELCA has appointed a task force to do some long-range visioning of *what* the church (ELCA) is and *who* and *where* we are called be in the coming years. So much has changed in our world since the ELCA was created in 1988. The church is doing a self-assessment of who we are, what we are to become, and what directions we are to go. One part of that process is hearing from people all across the church. Please go to <https://lovemadereal.elca.org/>, to find out more information and to take a short survey.

The information from this survey is vitally important to the task force. So, please take 10 minutes and do it today.

Social Ministry Item of the Month

As some of you know, we have joined Church Women United in our Social Ministry efforts.

For their Migrant Ministry appeal (Episcopal Farmer Workers, Dunn, NC) their request is quilts with a deadline of November 1st,.

Please bring gently used / new quilts and blankets and place them in marked box in the Gathering Space.



In addition to quilts they also need

- dress shirts and shoes for men,
- ladies items
- gloves & caps
- twin sheets
- towels



Recycle your ink cartridges and help support Saint James

We are collecting used desktop ink cartridges.
NOT Xerox type toners. Place them in the marked bin outside of the Fellowship Hall.
Thank you!





Dear Friends,

On behalf of the Child Advocacy Center, thank you for the **50** “Comfort Blankets” that you made and donated. We give each child that comes to the Center a special blanket to provide comfort and healing. Thank you for your willingness to provide very tangible items for the Children we serve in Cumberland County. Your continued support is greatly appreciated.

Your contribution will help the Child Advocacy Center’s mission of providing a safe, child-friendly place for child victims of abuse.

Thank you again for your support of Cumberland County’s children.

Sincerely,

Jasie Landeros
Executive Director
jasie@cacfaync.org
www.cacfaync.org

Thank you so
much!

No goods or services were provided by the Child Advocacy Center in consideration of your gift.

Child Advocacy center is a tax-exempt, non-profit organization as described in section 501(c)(3) of the IRS Code for 1984, as amended. Our tax identification number is 56-2161682.

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Thank you

Thank you all again for providing some of the activity lap blankets (fidget blankets) for our clients, as well as some of the new clothing protectors your group created. They are beautifully made and such a great tool for so many. We have a husband and wife who are cared for by their daughter, and they have requested one for each of them already. I am certain they will enjoy them, as you all do wonderful work!

Thank you again for thinking of us and our seniors!

Sincerely,
Lisa

Lisa Hughes, MSW, CDP, CMDCP
Executive Director



Music Notes

We give a shout out to Rick Boelke for a labor of love. After many hours of cleaning, polishing, and maintenance, he restored our handbell set to the glimmering shine of which they are worthy. What a delight surprise for our handbell choir members as they resume rehearsals this fall.

Are you interested in singing or playing an instrument? Please talk with Pastor John and he can direct you to the proper person and help give you an opportunity to share your gift?

Do you enjoy singing along to your playlist in the car? Around the house? While exercising? Maybe you have a call to share that gift with others. Consider coming to a choir rehearsal on Wed. nights, 7:00 – 8:15. Add your voice to the other joyful sounds and feel the wonder of the Spirit working through a group of singers. Contact Amanda Rea for more details.





Do you like coffee and ice cream or both?

Come on down and have a Sip & Scoop!

Any type of milkshake with a shot of espresso. This will give you the best of both worlds.

Penny Kendall's granddaughter, Krista Multerer, in partnership with her Grandfather, Jim Henley just opened up!

Monday-Saturday 6am-9pm in the Boonetrail Shopping Center.
3037A Boone Trail Ext



Lutheranism 101 course

Do you ever wonder about terms like *simul justus et peccator*, or like to know more about the sacraments of baptism and communion, or maybe you've never understood some of worship style with all the singing, standing, and sitting, etc.

Then *Lutheranism 101* might be for you. Pastor John is preparing to teach a short course covering many of the topics we teach in youth confirmation. If you are interested, please let him know and give the days and times that would be most convenient for you. More information will be available soon.



E-News and Text Updates

If you are not currently on our email news list, sign up on our website: <https://saintjamesfay.org/>

To receive text messages instead, here is how to sign up

To receive messages via text,

Text @8bhg3
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Trouble using 81010? Try texting @8bhg3 to (910) 401-3357 instead.

A Thank you for our Quilting Ministry



Thank you so much for the beautiful sensory Blankets & bibs. The residents that received them loved them! We appreciate all of you!
Harmony At Hope Mills



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 in our Fellowship Hall
Every first Tuesday of the month.

Join us October 3rd at Noon!



Men's Fellowship

Come join us Wednesday, October 4th from 5:30 pm - 8 pm on the back lawn of St. James for brats, beans, and beverages. If you are coming, let Dave Runkle or Todd Burns know in advance.

Weather plan is in the Annex/Entrance across the parking lot.

Assisting Ministers

10/01 Jason Lorentzen
 10/08 Allan Winter
 10/15 Jordan Slaymaker
 10/22 Ruth Ann Crecelius
 10/29 Allan Winter

Lectors

10/01 Bill Rettmann
 10/08 Glenn Stockwell
 10/15 Todd Burns
 10/22 Beverly Beale
 10/29 Jane Boelke

Communion Assistant

10/01 Delores Schiebe
 10/08 Dave Runkle
 10/15 Tonie Neal
 10/22 Sue Rink
 10/29 Tawan Thomas

Ushers

10/01 Gary & Ruth Ann Crecelius
 10/08 John & Gayle Frinak
 10/15 Roscoe Killett & Gary Eissinger
 10/22 Tonie Neal & Kathleen Heinrich
 10/29 Gary & Ruth Ann Crecelius

Acolytes

10/01 Gianna Orellano
 10/08 Ian Gibson
 10/15 Gabriel Thomas
 10/22 Hannah Rea
 10/29 Nate Stockham

Greeters

10/01 Kathy Brown
 10/08 Kim Lorentzen
 10/15 Nancy Oliver
 10/22 Linda Stellfox
 10/29 Kathleen Heinrich

Nursery

10/01 Colleen Tichich & Kim Lorentzen
 10/08 Lisa Law & Kathy Brown
 10/15 Kim Lorentzen & Valerie Brewer
 10/22 Heather VanDervoort,
 Kathleen Hienrich
 10/29 Kevin Hoffmann, Tonie Neal

Rover

10/01 Dave Runkle
 10/08 Rob Whitt
 10/15 Tom Liedig
 10/22 David Moon
 10/29 Dave Runkle

Upcoming Zoom Meetings

Click on the times to connect

Property Team - 2nd Tuesdays (October 10)
(Meeting ID: 829 6466 1925 / Password: 977528)

[6:00 pm](#)

Congregation Council (Sunday— October 15)
(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

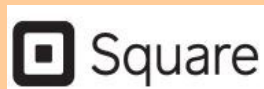


We appreciate every gift that is received, and we attempt to make wise decisions in how we use and invest these funds.

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
- Warren Porter

Prayer Concerns:

- ◇ Joe & Dara Lehner
- ◇ Angel Davis
- ◇ John Tucker
- ◇ Beth Sessoms
- ◇ Ellen Blocker
- ◇ Orose Family
- ◇ Thomas Oliver

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



Neal, Tonie	1-Oct
Williams, Nanci	2-Oct
McClenahan, Chandra	2-Oct
Rosenberg, Mary	4-Oct
Whitt, William	4-Oct
Osagiede, Lindsey	5-Oct
Doyle, Claudia	5-Oct
Meyer, Charlotte	5-Oct
VanDervoort, Aurora	6-Oct
Hoffman, Kevin	6-Oct
George, Janet	7-Oct
Runkle, Marie	8-Oct
McClenahan, Michael	12-Oct
Rea, Amanda	13-Oct
Boelke, Rickie	19-Oct
Brown, Kathy	19-Oct
Orellano, Gianna	19-Oct
DeSilva, Fran	20-Oct
Wright, Mary	20-Oct
Schollett, Pamela	21-Oct
Combs, Leighann	21-Oct
Law, Nora	23-Oct
McLamb, Wade	23-Oct
Porter, Willa	24-Oct
Oliver, Nancy	27-Oct
Myers, Elijah	29-Oct
Wright, Jim	31-Oct

Anniversaries



Schlenker, Jim & Linda	2-Oct
Thomas, Tawan & Ewa	7-Oct
Porter, Willa & Warren	11-Oct
Stockwell, Glenn & Erika	12-Oct
Eissinger, Gary & Joan	12-Oct