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GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS.



St. James will soon engage in service work right here in our community. We are one of over 8,700 congregations participating in "God's work. Our hands." Sunday, on Sept. 10. Across the country, thousands of members will engage in service work to make a positive change in our communities, build and deepen relationships and share God's love. Join us as we do God's work with our hands!

At St. James here are opportunities to serve:

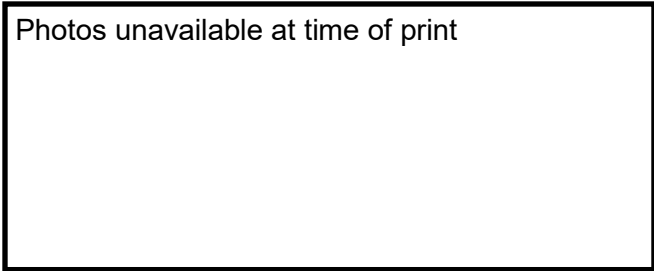
- Join the Quilter group and the Comfort Blankets team in the annex after worship. They can use your help tying knots on comfort blankets or doing the final "ties" on quilts. (Leads: Penny Kendall and Marcia Katt)
- A Car Parade (a la Covid days!) to greet and cheer some of our shut-in members. Join in a ride around town and bring cheer and smiles to Warren, Brenda, Shirley, and others. (Lead: Beverly Beale)
- Greeting Cards will be made by our children, and young-at-heart folks, for a variety of recipients!
- Help assemble gift bags for the Car Parade folks to take to our shut-ins.
- Refreshments and light snacks will be available following worship.

August 20th we received new members.

We are excited that the St. James family is growing!
Please join us in welcoming the following:



Rick & Jane Boelke



Kathy Brown; Anna Lena and Thomas Andersen

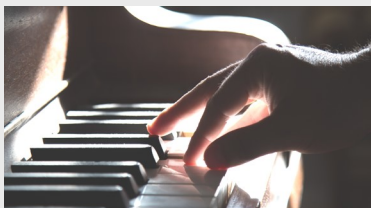
MUSIC POSITION UPDATE

As many of you know, Chris Colon has resigned from St. James Lutheran as of Sep. 20, to pursue another opportunity.

Pastor John called together a variety of folks on Aug. 23 to begin the transition process for a new leader in our music ministry. They will be exploring and assessing what type of musician and leader we need at this point in time, what resources (talents and skills within the congregation), as well as what the local talent pool looks like at the moment. In the meantime, we will focus on having individuals fill in on Sunday mornings to lead congregational singing, use pre-recorded music on our Roland keyboard, and ask local St. James talent. How long this process might take is hard to tell.

If you were at worship on August 27, you heard the exceptional talent of Scott Marosek.

On September 10 & 17 the wonderful pianist Michael Macias will be leading congregational singing. If you know of someone the task force should consider, please let them know.



Allan Winter is serving as lead of the task force, which is made up of Amanda Rea, Tristan Bonde, Ruth Ann Crecelius, Colleen Tichich, Scott Marosek, Jim Schlenker, and council executive team: Jordan Slaymaker, Valerie Brewer, Nancy Oliver, and Pastor John.

STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY TEAM

One of the most important ministries of the church often goes overlooked and ignored – stewardship! We imagine the harsh severe nature of decades ago, with the pastor and board reviewing whether each family is on time with their tithing!

Graciously, those days are long gone. We have a different understanding of “cheerful giver”.

We give because God first loves us, and we want to share those gifts so that all may know.

Our focus in stewardship in today’s church is to hear how we are called to be a part of God’s story, and how that call involves our hands, our hearts, voices, talents – and yes, our money – to proclaim God’s love to all the world.

We need 3-4 people to learn about *Stewardship for All Seasons* - a model for stewardship that is endorsed by the NC Synod. We’ll become comfortable with knowing the story of God’s presence in this community of St. James, develop ways to share those stories to motivate the congregation, and ask folks to be involved in accomplishing the goals. Then, along the journey, we have the wonderful opportunity to share the ongoing stories of God working through St. James to touch and minister in the world around us!

Involvement in Stewardship Team is inspiring in itself because you will be hearing some of the wonderful ways God’s Spirit is working in people you know!



Give Pastor John a call today (704-530-9969) or make a note on the attendance sheet on Sunday morning.

Theology on Tap

Come join us Wednesday, September 6th 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 me know in advance. Weather plan is in the Annex/Entrance across the parking lot.



Update from our former member, Deb Rosenberg...

From the Bishop's Office



Open to God's Calling

Before she was ever a SAM, (Synod Authorized Minister) Deb Rosenberg was making an impact on St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Lumberton. As the wife of Pastor Carl Rosenberg, Deb initiated the building of a prayer labyrinth on the church property and started weekly prayer meetings at the labyrinth. She started a weight loss support group, revived the women's sewing circle, and began leading the adult Sunday School class. She planned and led special studies for Lent and Advent.

Read the full story [here](#)

Thank you

Thank you to everyone for the prayers, cards, gifts and encouraging words while I dealt with the loss of my mother.

It's so comforting to know the Saint James family is there for me.

A special thank you to Valerie Brewer for sitting in for me at the office during my trip to Germany and Jim and Gary Eissinger, for managing the financial and bookkeeping aspects.

~ Michelle Dix



As most of you are aware Hawaii recently experienced devastating wildfires. We CAN help.



A \$1,000 donation has been made from the Patterson endowment fund to ELCA disaster response . The donation is designated for Hawaii wildfire.

Everyone is encouraged to make a donation if they are able to. No amount is too small.

Please make checks payable to St. James and indicate Hawaii Wildfire, donate online [here](#), or use the QR Code. Monies will be forwarded to ELCA disaster response—Hawaii Wildfire.



Quilt Drive

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, 2023.

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

In addition to quilts, dressed shirts, shoes, ladies items, gloves, caps, twin sheets, towels have also been requested.

SUMMER FELLOWSHIP ACTIVITIES WERE AWESOME!!!



Do more! Do more!

The three “family-fellowship (Welcome Home!) activity family meals, fun, and faithful time” were outstanding.

Over 50 people attended each event, with about 80 different individuals over the course of the summer. There were a few snafus, but all-in-all, the events were fun and allowed for folks to meet and get to know each a little better.

The Congregation Council has decided that we should continue with more fellowship activities this fall. They are seeking leadership (4-5 people) to serve as an oversight and planning team to develop several more events this fall (Sep. – Dec.) This group will be tasked with developing themes, locations, date/time, etc. and recruit 2-3 leaders for each event.

If you are interested in participating in either of those ministry groups, please contact Pastor John, Jordan Slaymaker, or make a note on the attendance sheet during worship.

Some images from our June gathering...

↓ “Cast” of our “not-so-newly-wed” game.

Dave & Donna Runkle as Adam and Eve;
Linda & Jim Schlenker were Abraham and Sarah;
Colleen & Kevin were David and Bathsheba;
and Rob & Kelly were Mary and Joseph;
our host was Elliott Fish.



Comfort Blankets



Special thank you to Ashley Ledford friend of Amy Allison for donation of fleece.

Donations are always welcomed and always appreciated.

Comfort Blanket "Bee"

The word 'bee' was used in colonial America to refer to different forms of communal work (they were also a social gathering) that benefited a neighbor.

The first comfort blanket "bee" was held July 25, 2023. It wasn't the first "bee" ever held. It WAS the first since Covid and the first in the expanded quilt room.

A special thank you to Todd Burns and everyone who help with the renovations of the quilt room. There is so much added space for quilting and opportunities to make comfort blankets for the Child Advocacy Center.

If you are interested in helping to make comfort blankets, we would love to set up another "bee".

Questions: Contact Marcia Katt 910-322-8037

Comfort Blankets - Our Volunteers



Kathy Picon
and Paula Burns



Penny Kendall and Kathy Picon



Amy Allison



Kathy Picon



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 September 5th at Noon!

Recycle your ink cartridges and help support Saint James ministries!

We are collecting used desktop ink cartridges.

NOT Xerox type toners. Place them in the marked bin outside of the Fellowship Hall.

Thank you!



Assisting Ministers

9/03Allan Winter
9/10 Jason Lorentzen
9/17 Jordan Slaymaker
9/24 Ruth Ann Crecelius

Lectors

9/03Glenn Stockwell
9/10 Jane Boelke
9/17 Sue Rink
9/24 Beverly Beale

Communion Assistant

9/03..... Tawan Thomas
9/10..... Tonie Neal
9/17..... Lela Pell
9/24..... Nancy Oliver

Ushers

9/03Gary & Ruth Ann Crecellius
9/10 Joan and Gary Elssinger
9/17 John & Gayle Frinak
9/24 Roscoe Killett, Gary Eissingar

Acolytes

9/03..... Nate Stockham
9/10..... Angel VanDervoort
9/17..... Aaron Thomas
9/24..... Victoria Orellano

Greeters

9/03 John & Gayle Frinak
9/10 Delores Schiebe
9/17 Sue Rink
9/24 Glenn & Erika Stockwell

Nursery

9/03..... Colleen Tichich, Kim Lorentzen
9/10..... Lisa Law, Kathy Brown
9/17..... Jeffrey Hoffmann, Valerie Brewer
9/24 Heather VanDervoort, Kathleen Heinrich

Rover

9/03 Tom Liedig
9/10 David Moon
9/17 Dave Runkle
9/24 Todd Burns

Upcoming Zoom Meetings

Click on the times to connect

Property Team - 2nd Tuesdays (September 12)

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

[6:00 pm](#)

Congregation Council (Sunday— September 17)

(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
- ◇ Sara Beth Lyth
- ◇ 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



Rea II, Joshua	9/5
Slaymaker, Jordan	9/10
Azzarelli, Barbara	9/13
Earle, Catherine	9/14
Crecelius, Madaline	9/19
Locke, John	9/25
Schlenker, Linda	9/25
Runkle, Donna	9/26
Thomas, Gabriel	9/28

Anniversaries



Roscoe & Brenda Killett	9/09
Dan & Ann Gibson	9/29

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

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