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Holy Week Schedule



Maundy Thursday: 4/17- 7pm

Love one another is Jesus' mandate. He demonstrates as he washes feet, offers a meal, breaks bread, and pours wine. We worship as we wash feet (or hands), hear the Word, gathering around The Table,

Good Friday: 4/18 - 7pm

(Jesus sacrifices himself on the cruelest of tortures - a wooden Roman cross. It is central to our worship of prayer and song.)

Easter Vigil: 4/19 - 7pm

(We join with Episcopal sisters & brothers at Holy Trinity, 1601 Raeford Rd.

We celebrate the ancient tradition of the church as we repeat God's stories of mercy, hope, and salvation. The sounds of "He Is Risen" we'll be on our lips and in our hearts.)



Sunrise at 7am
Breakfast 8-9 am
Children's Easter Egg Hunt 9 am
Festival Worship at 10am

(We will gather outdoors as the weather permits. Bring your own chairs and blankets if needed. We will celebrate The Son Rising as the sun rises upon us. We celebrate in fellowship, food, and fun with a delicious breakfast followed by an Easter Egg Hunt for the children. A festival of worship, featuring special music, and instruments, in our wonderfully decorated sanctuary.)

Social Ministry - Serving God's Children

Focus for April CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

St. James is a strong supporter of our local CAC (Child Advocacy Center).



The pinwheel serves as a reminder of the happy, safe, and carefree childhood that every child deserves.
The Child Advocacy Center



During April you will see blue pinwheels in numerous places in our area. Everywhere you see them, know people are supporting STOP child abuse.



The CAC offers a safe and child-friendly place to interview and provide support for child victims of abuse. For the last six years, our effort has been to share God's love with these children by providing "comfort blankets." We also have a very special "member" (therapy dog) who visits when a child might need a little extra support.

During April, we will collect other much needed items, as well. The following items are continually needed. Bring one or more of these on a Sunday morning, and place them in the bin located in the gathering area.

- Bottled water
- Juice boxes
- Individually wrapped snacks for children
- Canned soda
- Coffee
- Keurig coffee pods
- Paper plates (sturdy) dinner and dessert size

Jesus says "Let the little children come to me." We pray that we are able to step in with determination and step out with love and mercy for God's *little ones*.

Don't want to shop? Someone will shop for you. If you write a check, place CAC on memo line. If you are giving cash, place in envelope and mark CAC.

Questions?: Contact Marcia Katt at 910-322-8037

Crop Walk Fun Day was March 30th

Over 200 folks gathered in downtown Fayetteville on March 30th to take a stand against hunger - globally, nationally, and locally. Approximately \$20,000 was raised to fulfill God’s command to feed the hungry.



Snacks and water energized participants, as bagpipe music, singing, and Zumba music by drum core from Grays Creek High School helped inspire them.

It was a memorable event!



Tonie Neal, Beverly Beale, Sue Rink

Thank you St James Congregation for your 34th year of showing up for our Good Lord, who wants no one hungry.



We invite you to make a donation towards beautifying our worship space this Easter season.

This year we decided on reusable/ silk decorative foliage and blossoms that will adorn our church for years to come, due to difficulty of reliable sources, keeping them fresh, etc.

Please print. You can place your donation in the offering plate or scan the QR code



Name: _____

Gift: _____

In honor/memory of:

Names will be listed in the Easter Sunday bulletins.



GRATEFUL FOR...

Here is a collection of submissions: in March

I am grateful for amazing parents and my St. James family who love and support me, even if I move to Minnesota....

Maddie Crecelius

I am grateful for friends near and far, new and old
Dan Rodemann

Springtime Recital with Christopher Min and Friends.



April 26th: 3-6 pm

"Join us for an afternoon of(description) music and let our own Christopher Min delight you on the piano."



Join us to help keep Fayetteville clean!

Saturday, April 12th: 9 am - noon

We will meet at the Church at 9 am for supplies and directions/assignments. Use the sign up sheet in the Gathering Space or contact Todd Burns (910) 308-5431 to sign up or ask for more information



We will be at Honeycutt Park, General Lee Park (2 1/2 blocks north of St. James), Claremont Ave, and Dobbin Ave along with the side streets.

Troop 747's annual BBQ & Fried Chicken dinner plate sale going on now!
Tuesday, April 15, 2025 5:00-7:00pm at the church!



See Ian Gibson, Tanner Burt or Dave Runkle for tickets, or scan the QR code and place your order online. Thanks in advance for your support!

BOY SCOUT TROOP 747
BBQ PORK DINNER



\$13.00

ST. JAMES LUTHERAN CHURCH
TUESDAY, APRIL 15, 2025
EAT-IN OR TAKE-OUT
5:00 PM TO 7:00 PM
\$1 per ticket to Hurricane Helene Relief
**** LOCATION ****
1424 MORGANTON ROAD in HAYMOUNT

BOY SCOUT TROOP 747
FRIED CHICKEN DINNER



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Recycle your ink cartridges and help support Saint James

We are collecting used desktop ink cartridges. NO Xerox type toners.

Place them in the marked bin outside of the Fellowship Hall.

Thank you!



Pictorial Directory Project Underway

A key emphasis of our ministry plan this year is *building community* within our congregation. The transient nature of our community, the widespread geography of where people live, and the varying frequency of worship attendance complicate our ability to get to know each other.



A congregational pictorial directory will be a tremendous aid in building community. We've been trying for several years to publish a directory, since the last one was done 19 years ago and about 75% of the folks included in it are no longer part of the congregation.

Photograph days are tentatively scheduled for three Sunday's in April 13, 20, and 27.

Many thanks to Erin Orose (photographer) and Verena Min (scheduling) for their willingness to make this project possible. Additional help is still needed. So if you can volunteer some time, please contact the church office.

Complete information should be coming your way by April 8. Each family and individual will have opportunity to have photographs made here at the church, submitting photos online, or bringing prints to the church to be scanned.

LOOK FOR MORE INFORMATION SOON!

Worship News - Communion Distribution

On the first Sunday's of April, May, and June, we will commune at the altar rail during worship, something we discontinued after Covid. A number of folks, however, have recently expressed a desire to reinstate this method. Congregation council, during its March meeting, discussed and decided to do so.

This coming Sunday, April 6, we will distribute communion at the altar rail. I will take a few moments during worship to offer instructions and guidance.



Holy Communion is one of our sacraments in the Lutheran Church - a means of grace. We recognize God as the main actor in this meal, being present in, under, and through the bread and wine. God provides strength, forgiveness, encouragement, and love to each of us in this meal, regardless of how it is distributed. We come to the table with humble and thankful hearts, rejoicing for the gracious nature of God. Being able to kneel or stand at the altar rail offers many people a time of stillness to pray and reflect, and say thanks.

Pastor John

Fellowship Opportunities



Fellowship opportunity for women!

Our monthly breakfast group (**Salty Women**) meets on second Thursdays, **April 10 at 9am** at Maple Street Biscuit Company (Freedom Pkw shopping center).

If you are interested, please let Ruth Ann know: 910-309-1007



Men's Fellowship

Come join us every first Wednesday 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.

*In April we meet THURSDAY, **April 3** due to Lent Worship*

Weather plan is in the Annex/Entrance across the parking



Join us every first Tuesday, at Noon!

Potluck Lunch in our Fellowship Hall

April 1st

The Prime Timer group is designed as a fellowship opportunity for all members over 55.

Gatherings are once a month on the first Tuesday of each month at 12:00 noon.

Each person is encouraged to bring a dish of food to share.

There are occasional programs, but sharing conversation seems to be the most uplifting and consistent activity.



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.

Receive Text Updates

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

To receive text messages as well, or instead of email, here is how to sign up

To receive messages via text,

**Text @8bhg3
to 81010**



You can opt-out of messages at anytime by replying, 'unsubscribe @8bhg3'.

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

Upcoming Zoom Meetings

Click on the times to connect

Property Team - (April 8)
- 2nd Tuesdays

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

[6:00 pm](#)

Men's Bible Study - Sundays

(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](#)



Assisting Ministers

4/6 Ruth Ann Crecelius
4/13 Scott Marosek
4/20 sunrise Allan Winter
4/20 10am..... Jane Boelke
4/27 Jacky Hummel

Lectors

4/6 Lindsey Smith
4/13 Todd Burns
4/20 sunrise Anna Lisa Johannessen
4/20 10am..... Diana Vittoe
4/27Matthew Shealey

Communion Assistant

4/6 Jane Boelke
4/13 Tonie Neal
4/20 sunrise..... Delores Schiebe
4/20 10am Sue Rink
4/27 Jane Boelke

Ushers

4/6Gary & Ruth Ann Crecelius
4/13 John & Gayle Frinak
4/20 sunrise..... Gary & Ruth Ann Crecelius
4/20 10am Tonie Neal, James Peterson
4/27 Roscoe Killett, Joan Eissinger

Acolytes

4/6 Aaron Thomas
4/13 Angelus VanDervoort
4/20 sunrise Hannah Rea
4/20 10am..... Nate Stockham
4/27 Victoria Orellano

Greeters

4/6 Fran DeSilva
4/13 Jacky Hummel
4/20 sunrise..... Tonie Neal
4/20 10am Teri Bumphrey
4/27 Sharon VanPelt

Rover

4/6 Dan Hewins
4/13 Tom Liedig
4/20 sunrise Todd Burns
4/20 10am Todd Burns
4/27 Verena & Christopher Min

Nursery

4/6 Erika Stockwell, Verena Min
4/13 Sue Rink, Kathy Brown
4/20 sunrise..... n/a
4/20 10am Verena Min, Valerie Brewer
4/27 Heather VanDervoort &
..... Kathleen Heinrich

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
- Brenda Killett
- Carolyn Uchtorff

Prayer Concerns:

- ◇ Joe & Dara Lehner
- ◇ Angel Davis
- ◇ John Tucker
- ◇ Beth Sessoms
- ◇ Orose Family
- ◇ Thomas Oliver
- ◇ Mark & Ann Mabe
- ◇ Brenda Tinney
- ◇ Ashley Littman
- ◇ Chris Yerton
- ◇ Joseph San Miguel
- ◇ Carol Garcia
- ◇ David Herring
- ◇ James Peterson, Jr.

Military Members

(* *Deployed*)

- Earl Stockham
- Jessie Hewins
- Joshua Trogdon
- Darian Dix
- David Oliver
- Bella Fish
- Rob Whitt
- Dan Gibson
- Tristan Bonde
- Jacob Rea
- Zach Turner
- Hochang Min*



- 4/03 Ian Gibson
- 4/04 Tanner Burt
- 4/05 Clayton McLamb
- 4/05 Anna Lisa Johannessen
- 4/08 Abigail Snyder
- 4/11 Sharon Mathis
- 4/12 Joshua Trogdon
- 4/12 Jacky Hummel
- 4/15 Aiden Stockham
- 4/16 Erin Orose
- 4/17 Tawan Thomas
- 4/19 Sue Rink
- 4/21 Isaac Law
- 4/23 Lisa Law
- 4/26 Dave Runkle
- 4/29 Gary Crecelius
- 4/29 Dan Gibson



Anniversaries

- 4/1 Richard & Kathy Brown

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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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