

The Visitor - July 2018



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Sisters and brothers in Christ,
 “Tell the people about Jesus.” This was the consistent message of Bishop Elizabeth Eaton and Bishop Satterlee at the Synod Assembly. It stuck in my mind. Not only has this message stuck in my mind as a Pastor, but also for our church family as we plan our programs for 2018-2019.



When others ask about why we go to church, we often tell stories about the building and the things we have done with the building. We tell them about the great programs we have. We tell them about the music and the meals we eat. We tell them how many years we have been members of St. James. These are all good things to speak of because they speak to what we do. But, what it doesn't do is explain why being the church in the

world is important to us; the driving factor that inspires us to arise and be part of a community that gathers to worship and pray. The missing piece that we are not speaking to is what God has done for us through Jesus. It is our personal story. It is our faith story.

“Tell the people about Jesus.” People need to hear our faith stories because there are many people who are Christian in this world, but their exposure to the church has either been limited or tainted and do not understand the benefits of belonging to a community of believers. So, it is vitally important that we tell the people why it is important to us to give up a leisurely Sunday morning reading the comics and drinking a cup of coffee. Tell them what Jesus means to you, how coming to Worship nourishes your soul, enhances your spirituality, provides support and enables you to be the church in a community and world that needs to know Jesus. “Tell the people about Jesus.”

In peace,
 Pastor Martha

FELLOWSHIP



**At Work at St. James
God's Plans...Our Hands
in June**



Type of Outreach/Fellowship	June
Communion Visit	4
Home Visit	1
Summit Worship	13
Funeral and Luncheon	1
Game Night	10
Dining Out	12

Please send us the stats for what you would like to report each week, so we can recognize the great work done by St. James members.



Join our **Dining Out** group on: **July 19th — Lucero's Mexican, 6258 Jefferson Rd, Brooklyn, MI 49230**

August 16th—Knights Steakhouse & Grill, 2125 Horton Road, Jackson, Michigan 49203

We try to honor requests. July's dining out venue is requested by Joyce Anderson. Please text Chris Zebarah or call 734-790-0671 with your suggestions. Also please RSVP to Chris Zebarah at the number above or czebarah@gmail.com by Monday, July 16th. If at least 6 people do not RSVP then we will not meet. We have fun and fellowship and want you to join us!

PICNIC AND LAKE FUN at Virg Swanson's home on **July 14th at 4:30pm**. Meat will be provided. Sign up in the Narthex to bring your favorite side dish or dessert. Join in for fun and fellowship!



EDUCATION

THURSDAY STUDY GROUP Led by Susan Thornton

I would like to thank everyone in the Thursday Study Group for a wonderful year of exploring the first 1,000 of church history. We learned some amazing things. It was interesting to see how humanness played a role in the church even back then. It was sad to see what Christians did to each other. There are lessons in the past for today. Next fall we will get back to the Schism of 1054 and find out what happened after that in the church. We will concentrate on the Roman Church but the Greek church will play into our adventure, too. We will cover all of the ground to and including the Reformation where the split in the church grows. It is comforting to know that God loves us. I continue to be so grateful for grace. Have a wonderful summer! Susan

OUTREACH



Noisy Offering: Thank you for your Noisy Offering on Sunday, June 17th, we were able to donate \$41.32 to the St. James Summer Mission Camp.

Our next Noisy Offering will be on Sunday, July 15th and will be designated to the Habitat for Humanity. Don't forget to bring your loose change with you!

The School District of Vandercook always has children who are short on school supplies. We will be collecting these items through August 19th if you are able to help.



The following are needed:

- Crayons: 8-24 packs
- Pencils
- Notebooks 70 pages
- Glue Sticks
- Underwear: girls and boys sizes 4 through 6
- Shorts or pants: new or used sizes the same as above

JUST FOR FUN



Carroll
sacredsandwich.com

Servant List - July 2018–August 2018

	July 1	July 8	July 15	July 22	July 29
Greeter(s)	Mike & Sara Tackett	Jeanne Thomas	Rae Anne Tolonen & Ida Anderson	Chuck Thor	Joyce & Bill Anderson
Ushers	Neil & Melinda Robb	Jim Souder & Joyce Anderson	Ken Zebarah & Chuck Thor	John Reynolds & Roy Kelly	Neil & Melinda Robb
Assisting Minister	Mike Tackett	Pat Reynolds	Laura Trombley	Deb Schroeder	Pat Reynolds
Reader	Pat Reynolds	Chris Zebarah	Becky Stevick	Deb Schroeder	Laura Trombley
Projectionist	Kristi Laird & Help Needed	Marian Hong & Help Needed	Help Needed	Help Needed	Kristi & Chloe Laird
Fellowship Time	Bill & Joyce Anderson	Help Needed	Pat & John Reynolds	Help Needed	Melinda & Neil Robb
Counters	Mike King & Pat Reynolds	Jim Souder & Mike King	Kristi Laird & Sara Tackett	Karen Dale & Rae Anne Tolonen	Kristi Laird & Sara Tackett
Altar Care	Help Needed	Help Needed	Help Needed	Help Needed	Help Needed

	August 5	August 12	August 19	August 26
Greeter(s)	Karlyn Blank	Nancy DeGryse	Lois & Roy Kelly	Pat Reynolds
Ushers	Neil & Melinda Robb	Jim Souder & Joyce Anderson	Ken Zebarah & Chuck Thor	John Reynolds & Roy Kelly
Assisting Minister	Mike Tackett	Pat Reynolds	Laura Trombley	Deb Schroeder
Reader	Jack Noren	Chris Zebarah	Laura Trombley	Deb Schroeder
Projectionist	Help Needed	Help Needed	Kristi & Chloe Laird	Help Needed
Fellowship Time	Lois & Roy Kelly	Help Needed	Help Needed	Help Needed
Counters	Mike King & Pat Reynolds	Jim Souder & Mike King	Kristi Laird & Sara Tackett	Karen Dale & Rae Anne Tolonen
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July 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:30am – Worship	2	3 7:00pm – Pub Theology at Grand River Brewery	4 	5	6	7
8 9:30am – Worship	9 9:00am – Prayer Shawl Group in Lounge	10	11	12	13	14 4:30pm – Picnic at Virg Swanson's Home
15 9:30am – Worship	16 1:30pm – Life Changes in Lounge	17 7:00pm – Pub Theology at Grand River Brewery	18	19 6:00pm – Dining Out at Lucero's Mexican	20	21
22 9:30am – Worship 2:00pm – Summit Worship	23	24	25	26	27	28
29 9:30am – Worship	30 9:00am – Women's Breakfast at Denny's	31	1	2	3	4

 <p>7/08 Melinda Robb 7/17 Chris Zebarah 7/23 Evan Robb 7/24 Kathy Krafft 7/26 Karlyn Blank 7/27 Tim Ernst 7/31 Lois Kelly 7/31 John Reynolds</p>	 <p>7/10 Paul & Arlene Barosko (64)</p>
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Jan Lehman and Robin Vogel	Pastor
JoAnne Gaffney	Anna Pedrotte
Jim Skrocki	Martha Porter-Reid
Choir Director	Parish Administrator
Organist	
Custodians	

Staff Listing:

Sundays at 9:30 a.m. – Worship Service with Holy Communion

Worship with us:

“We are a grace-centered family of faith that seeks to know Christ and make Him known.”

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