

The Visitor - August 2019



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We are a grace centered family of faith, seeking to know Christ and make him known. (St. James Lutheran Church Mission Statement)

Greetings from St. James Church Council:

Cottage Meetings: The sign-up sheets for the Cottage Meetings are posted in the Narthex on the bulletin board, and everyone is invited to participate; members, prospective members and visitors. The sign-ups are going well, and we have begun to receive responses through email and the mail. We encourage you all to participate and include your voices in this important effort.

Once again, we remind you, that if you are not able to attend any of the Cottage Meetings, we ask that you please send in your responses to our questions through email, through the mail, or drop your answers off to the church office. Our desire is to hear from everyone.

We have sent out a mass email detailing the topic questions and dates for meetings, sent hard copies of the questions to those we know have no email, and there are copies of the questions on the table in the Narthex. Your thoughts are important to us, so we are trying to provide you with as many options to participate as we possibly can.

Our intention is to understand:

Where do you see our church in five years:

Where do we see us headed at the current trend of St. James attendance and membership while we keep in mind the comparison to other denominational churches and seek to explore what they are doing and what we envision us doing.

What goals do we want to set for ourselves:

This question means that we need to think outside the box. It means we need to dream. It means we need to observe what others are trying to do. It means we need to let go of beliefs that it may not work for us but consider trying it anyway. It means that we might need to let go of personal preferences and think of the church at large and plan for the greater good. It means we trust the Holy Spirit will be at work in our meetings and ministry, and it means we need to pray. It incorporates those questions of how we can best serve our community, our congregation, and how can we expand worship in ways that prepares us to go back out into the world to serve.

In other words, how can we follow the mandate to spread the Gospel to *“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.”* Matthew 28: 19-20.

What are the commitments that each of us are willing to make to help this happen: This

may be the hardest question of all. We all want to see St. James prosper, so our responses will be inspired by our love of our community and our desire to be disciples.

Let us pray:

O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

In Peace, Church Council

OUTREACH

BOAT BLESSING

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will take place on **Sunday, August 4th** immediately following Worship. Meet at The Pointe Restaurant in Clarklake. Please let Pastor Martha know if you are available to help.



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

| Type of Outreach/ Fellowship | June | July |
|---------------------------------|------|------|
| Communion Visit | 2 | 2 |
| Hospital Visit | 8 | 1 |
| Home Visit | 1 | 0 |
| Preach Outside Sj | 1 | 0 |
| Summit Worship | 10 | 7 |
| Hospice | 0 | 3 |
| Funeral | 0 | 1 |

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.

NOISY OFFERING:

Thank you for your Noisy Offering on Sunday, June 16th of \$62.50 this will go toward the Big Brothers, Big Sisters and July 21st of \$93.85 Will go toward the school supplies at Dibble Elementary. Thank you for your generosity!



Our next Noisy Offering will be on **Sunday, August 18th** and will be designated to the Cascades Humane Society. Kathie Ramsey will be the temple talk guests on **August 11th** and will speak about their mission and statistics. Don't forget to bring your loose change. to make a joyful noise!

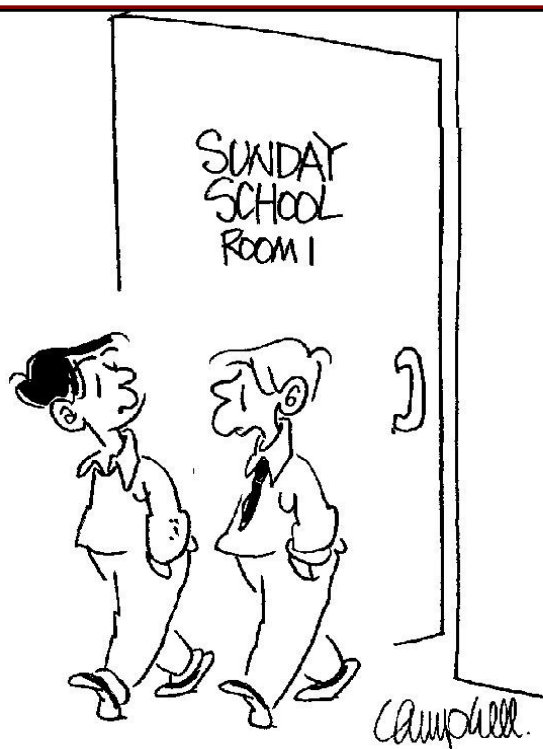
EDUCATION

ADULT FORUM

Led by Pastor Martha and Laura Trombley

New materials have been purchased for the fall Adult Forum and plans are beginning to form. Watch the Visitor and Bulletin for more information to follow. We will begin sometime in September.

JUST FOR FUN



"How come there's a forbidden fruit,
but not a forbidden vegetable?"

Servant List – June 2019 – July 2019

| | August 4 | August 11 | August 18 | August 25 |
|--------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Greeter(s) | DeAnna McMillin | Pat Reynolds | Neil & Melinda Robb | Edna & Jim Souder |
| Ushers | Neil & Melinda Robb | Jim Souder & Joyce Anderson | Chuck Thor & Help Needed | John Reynolds & Roy Kelly |
| Assisting Minister | Mike Tackett | Laura Trombley | Laura Trombley | Deb Schroeder |
| Reader | Laura Trombley | Help Needed | Becky Stevick | Deb Schroeder |
| Projectionist | Help Needed | Help Needed | Help Needed | Help Needed |
| Fellowship Time | Kim Hurley | Help Needed | Help Needed | Help Needed |
| Counters | Mike King & Pat Reynolds | Jim Souder & Mike King | Kristi Laird & Sara Tackett | Karen Dale & Rae Anne Tolonen |
| Altar Care | Sara Tackett | Pat Reynolds | Becky Stevick | Sara Tackett |

| | September 1 | September 8 | September 15 | September 22 | September 29 |
|--------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Greeter(s) | Deb & Matt Schroeder | Becky Stevick | Mike & Sara Tackett | Jeanne Thomas | Chuck Thor |
| Ushers | Neil & Melinda Robb | Jim Souder & Joyce Anderson | Chuck Thor & Help Needed | John Reynolds & Roy Kelly | John Reynolds & Roy Kelly |
| Assisting Minister | Mike Tackett | Laura Trombley | Deb Schroeder | Pat Reynolds | Laura Trombley |
| Reader | Help Needed | Jack Noren | Becky Stevick | Laura Trombley | Chris Zebarah |
| Projectionist | Help Needed | Help Needed | Help Needed | Help Needed | Help Needed |
| Fellowship Time | Help Needed | Help Needed | Help Needed | Help Needed | Help Needed |
| Counters | Mike King & Pat Reynolds | Jim Souder & Mike King | Kristi Laird & Sara Tackett | Karen Dale & Rae Anne Tolonen | Karen Dale & Rae Anne Tolonen |
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St. James Lutheran

August 2019

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--|---|---------|--|---|--------|----------|
| 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 9:30am— Worship BOAT BLESSING | | | | | | |
| 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| 9:30am— Worship 10:45am— Cottage Meeting | 9:30am— Prayer Shawl Group 7:00pm— Church Council | | 6:30pm— Cottage Meeting @ Chuck Thor's 3022 Kibby Rd | | | |
| Noisy Offering 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| 9:30am— Worship | | | | 6:30pm— Cottage Meeting @ Ken & Chris Zebarah's 1272 Jefferson Rd | | |
| 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 |
| 9:30am— Worship 10:45am— Cottage Meeting | 9:00am— Women's Breakfast | | | | | |

08/01 Michael King
 08/05 Becky Stevick
 08/11 Mike Matteson
 08/12 Paul Barosko
 08/12 Jack Noren
 08/17 Bryce Alfred
 08/18 Jack Lundstrum
 08/21 Ethan Stebing
 08/28 Caroline Tackett

08/08 Jim & Marian Hong (55)
 08/15 John & Andrea Niehaus (49)
 08/29 Mike & Sara Tackett (38)



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| Jan Lehman and Robin Vogel | Jan Lehman and Robin Vogel |
| Jim Skrocki | Jim Skrocki |
| Tim Ernst | Tim Ernst |
| Anna Pedrotte | Anna Pedrotte |
| Rev. Martha Porter-Reid | Rev. Martha Porter-Reid |
| Pastor | Pastor |
| Parish Administrator | Parish Administrator |
| Tech Director | Tech Director |
| Organist | Organist |
| Custodians | Custodians |

Staff Listing:

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

Worship with us:

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