





ST. JAMES LUTHERAN CHURCH

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ST. JAMES LUTHERAN CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT

Called by God, centered in the Word and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we rejoice in the Lord, proclaim His gift of Grace through liturgical worship and service and share Christ's love and forgiveness in all we do.

The Reverend Keith Getz, Pastor revgetz@yahoo.com

/Sunday Worship Service: 10:00 AM Sunday-School: 9:00 AM Wednesday: 10:30 am: Bible Study (Library) & Noon: Holy Communion Service (Sanctuary)

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Where Is the Baptismal Font?

During the season of Advent and Christmas, we traditionally put the baptismal font near the entrance of the church, in the nave. We do this because the Chrismon tree is placed where the baptismal font usually goes. Some may ask why the font hasn't gone back to its original spot. I have tried to explain the reasoning why it has remained at the entrance of the church before our worship service lately, but I will elaborate a little more on it.

The traditional theological understanding for having the baptismal font in the chancel area (the place where we used to have it) was to highlight the importance of the word (represented by the pulpit) and the sacraments (altar and baptismal font). However, having the baptismal font over to the side in place of the lectern causes a practical problem. The baptismal font just blends into the fabric of the worship space and is only utilized a handful of times during the year. We only recognize its liturgical significance at baptisms when we use it or on the off chance one makes the connection between confession and baptism. Since the baptismal font is not placed directly center with the altar, its placement causes a visual disconnect between Holy Baptism and Holy Communion, which can obscure the theological connection between these two lifegiving sacraments.

By having the font at the entrance of the church, and using the font every Sunday, we are intentionally and dramatically revealing the importance of Holy Baptism and highlighting it as foundational to our life in Christ. It symbolically reminds us that we enter into the life of the church, into the life of Christ's body, through the birthing waters of the baptismal font, where we are born again from above. Dipping our fingers in the holy water of the font and making the sign of the cross, reinforces who and whose we are. We are reminded that we have been baptized; daily we die to sin and rise to new life in the Spirit. The font is also positioned so that from the font there is a direct and central path leading to the altar, highlighting how these two Holy Sacraments are intimately connected. As we leave the church, we see the baptismal font, reminding us that we have been baptized, named and claimed, to serve others in proclamation and service to others. We are reminded that we walk wet from our baptism; we have been washed clean, fed at the altar, and sent to worship though our love and service to God and others.

By utilizing the baptismal font every Sunday, it seems to me that we more greatly honor the memory of the Rev. J. H. Wilson, in whose memory our baptismal font was dedicated. I have been encouraged by the positive response I have received from many of our members, who like the font where it is now. They find it to be a meaningful reminder of their walk in faith.

Making the Sign of the Cross:

Making the sign of the cross is an ancient gesture that dates all the way back to the early church long before there was a separate Roman Catholic and Eastern Orthodox Church and long before the Catholic and Protestant, Lutheran churches. It is a way to remember our baptism. It also invokes the Holy Trinity to be with us. Luther encouraged making the sign of the cross in many of his writings, including the Large and Small Catechisms and his sermons. For those, who may want to learn to make the sign of the cross here is how:

<u>Small Signing</u>: use thumb to trace cross on your forehead:

Start at top – "In the name of the Father", move to bottom – "and of the Son",

left to right – "and of the Holy Spirit."

<u>Large Signing</u>: You take your right hand and can use any of the following hand gestures:

First 2 fingers up (index and middle finger)

This represents the 2 natures of Jesus (human and divine) in one person (palm).

Or First 3 fingers up, representing the Holy Trinity.

Or use all 5 fingers, representing the 5 wounds of Christ.

Next, you touch your forehead, "in the name of the Father"

"And of the Son", touching above your belly button.

"And of the Holy Spirit", touching your left shoulder and then your right shoulder.

Christ's Peace,

Pastor Keith



RESIDENT'S POINTS:

Greetings to All,

Last month I failed to thank some very important people within the church. Janet Turner, Betty Harvin, and David Armstrong are all outgoing members of St. James Lutheran Council, and I inadvertently omitted their names from my letter. I hope they will accept my sincerest apologies. They were part of a very important council that saw a balanced spending plan proposed and accepted and various amendments enacted that will help the church for years to come. I hope you will join me in thanking them for their service to the church.

We have some big decisions to make this year regarding our ministry teams, the school, and how we intend to grow in discipleship within our community. Our church has been through a lot over the past 5-6 years, and now that we have all those issues behind us, we can start spreading the word that we intend to grow and be an active and vital part of the community. One of the ways we can do this is to improve the appearance of our church and grounds. In order to accomplish this, we must start a capital campaign that will allocate the funds toward building maintenance, landscaping, and building expansion. When people drive by and see things happening at our church, they realize that we are an active congregation that will be around for a long time. We have not had any "growth" in our appearance since the addition of the library and porch. The widening of Alice Drive will bring more focus to our church, and we need to take advantage of this by improving our aesthetic footprint. Details of the capital campaign will be released in the next few weeks.

The council's focus over the next year will be to develop ways to increase the church attendance, improve the worship experience, and resurrect the youth group. I am very interested in hearing from you, the congregation, on your thoughts on how to accomplish this major undertaking. Please take a few minutes and send me an email (mws7088@yahoo.com) with some ideas on how you feel we need to be approaching these difficult topics. I cannot guarantee that we will use all the ideas, but it would certainly help the council in getting started. Over the next year, I will be contacting you to set up in-home visits to discuss these topics face-to-face, as well as your overall thoughts on your worship experiences. I think you all will agree that change is a hard thing to accomplish, but we also agree that change, and God's unwavering love, are the only constants in this world we live in today.

May God's peace be with you always.

Mike Stewart

Mike Stewart, St. James Council President



	FEBRUARY			
1	Darlene Earp, Mildred Tietjen			
2	Andrew Parsons			
6	Mac McLeod			
11	Thomas Hart, Michael Kamin, Kris Kamin			
13	Marsha Geddings			
16	Christopher Wagner			
18	Sam Price, Sarah Myers			
22	Gary Harbath			
27	Brandi Hallman, Kimberly Dees			

If we missed your birthday, please let us know either by noting it on the back of your attendance slip, emailing or by calling the church office.

Baptismal Anniversaries

These young members of our congregation are celebrating their baptismal anniversaries this month:

Serena Loney-2/8/04; Andrew Parsons-2/22/06; Anna Parsons-2/22/06

Messenger Due Dates

Anything that you wish to be included for publication in the *Messenger* should be turned in at the church office or e-mailed

to: stjamesoffice@sc.rr.com

The deadline is 7 days <u>before</u> the last day of the month. The Church Council meets on the 3rd Monday of each month.

This *Messenger* and monthly calendar can be found on the St. James website: www.stjamessumter.org

Click on news and calendar to view them.

Church Council

Mike Stewart	2013
Kimberly Dees	2013
Curt Caulkins	2013
Carl Simpson	2014
Tim Tidwell	2014
Susan Wild	2014
Brian Crawshaw	2015
Elizabeth "Sam" Beck	2015
John Kinser	2015



Ministry Teams

Outreach/Care:

Youth: Eliz. "Sam" Beck
Finance: Mike Stewart
Worship: Pastor Keith
Property: Carl Simpson
Education: Kimberly Dees
Stewardship: John Kinser
Evangelism: Susan Wild
Mutual Ministry: Karen Hesselbart
Spiritual Growth: Tim Tidwell

Church Officers

President: Mike Stewart Vice President: Susan Wild Secretary: Kimberly Dees Treasurer: Glenn Hesselbart



If you have a prayer need and would like it in the next Newsletter, please E-mail me at <u>stjamesoffice@sc.rr.com</u>

Pray for our Members in Nursing Homes: Mary Sigmon (McElveen Manor), Frankie Martin (Southerland Place Rm#403.....200 Winners Circle 5......Brentwood, Tn 37027) and Don & Jean Hoyt (161 Lakeview Ave. Lakewood, NY 14750) (716-985-4581)

Loving Father, we pray for all those in need of comfort in sickness of body, mind or spirit:

Health and Related Issues: Denise Copeland, Prudence Roos (Lois Heal's sister), Dot Barrineau, Serena Loney, Deb Forke, Nit Cohen (Kim Strange's sister), Ed Litteer, Mary Ann Reither (Susan Wild's mother), Garrett Haas (Lee Haas' grandson), Francis Chua (friend of Evelyn and Kenn Keyes), Dean Heal, (husband of Lois Heal), Bernice Ketterer (Bill Ketterer's mother), Annie Johnson, Curt Caulkins, Tom Taylor, Shirley and Lionel Vein on the death of Shirley's sister and Lee Haas on the death of her sister-in-law.

Ministries, Announcements & Upcoming Events



wednesday. February 13

DO YOU KNOW THIS MEMBER OF OUR CONGREGATION?? She was born in Philadelphia (noticeable by her accent) and moved to Sumter in 1973 from Tennessee upon the death of her husband. In the subsequent years, she worked at Crescent Tools and Bendix while raising her family. She joined St. James and has been an active contributor of her time and talents. She received a Life Member pin from WELCA. She always dabbled in drawing, but it was not until she retired that she was able to peruse her artistic talent and take art lessons. She was asked to brighten the walls in the choir room and there you will see musical notes all over the walls. When Connie Hallman wanted a picture of Noah's Ark for her Sunday school room, she gladly painted one. When another St. James member saw her work, a request resulted, one to "liven up" the plain walls in the nursery room (now the St. James Lutheran School office), and she painted a lovely mural of Winnie the Pooh. She was also instrumental in decorating the fellowship hall. Who is she?? Come by the Education wing and see her delightful work. (answer in the March newsletter) (January's featured person was Ray Davenport)

For the mountains may depart and the hills be removed, but my steadfast love shall not depart from you, and my covenant of peace shall not be removed, says the Lord, who has compassion on you. Isaiah 54:10

ACOLYTE AND CRUCIFER SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY 2013:

February 3:	Acolyte:	Owen Getz	Crucifer: Larkin Simpson	Attendant:	Vicki Simpson
February 10:	Acolyte:	Easton Ward	Crucifer: Samantha Wild	Attendant:	Susan Wild
February 13:	Acolyte:	Savannah Grace Stewart	Crucifer: Brandi Hallman	Attendant:	Karen Hesselbart
February 17:	Acolyte:	Caroline Getz	Crucifer: Larkin Simpson	Attendant:	Vicki Simpson
February 24	Acolyte:	Annah Beck	Crucifer: Jonathen Beck	Attendant:	Karen Hesselbart

USHER SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY 2013

February 3: Scouts & Youth Group

February 10: Eric Hutchinson and Gary Harbath
February 17 & 24: Ike Jenkins and Elton Hallman

LITURGIST & CA SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY 2013:

February 3:	Liturgist:	Hugh China	CAs: Susan Wild & Karen Bailey
February 10:	Liturgist	Jim Bradshaw	CAs: Bob Bessel & Cheryl Schmeling
February 13:	Liturgist:	Ford Kamin	CAs: Judith Terry & Harold Chandler
February 17:	Liturgist	Karen Hesselbart	CAs: Gary Harbath & Ike Jenkins
February 24:	Liturgist:	Ford Kamin	CAs: Mildred Tietjen & Bob Summers

LAYREADER SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY 2013:

February 3: Andrew Parsons & Michael Perry (scouts)

February 10: Sean Hackett

February 13: Richard Rasmussen

February 17: Elton Hallman

February 24: Ford Kamin

CHILDREN'S SERMON SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY 2013:

February 3: Anna Parsons
February 10: Elton Hallman
February 17: Pastor Keith
February 24: Karen Hesselbart

THE SCHOOL'S CHICK-FIL-A SPIRIT NIGHT will be on Wednesday, February 20 at the Broad St. location from 5pm-8pm. Please don't forget to put your receipt in the SJLS box provided so that the school gets credit.

<u>CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING:</u> Antonio Scott Filipiak, Hailey Geraldine Thorpe, and Natalie Elizabeth Palmo who celebrated the occasion of their first Communion on January 20th. We welcome you to Christ's table.

LENTEN SUPPERS WILL START ON FEBRUARY 20TH and continue for the following Wednesdays in Lent: February 20, 27, March 6, 13 & 20. WELCA, the Church Council, Lutheran Men, Boy Scouts and the Youth Group will provide the meals. Cost will be \$4 for adults and \$2 for children under 10. More information and sign-up sheets will be provided in your February bulletins.

LENT BEGINS WITH A SOLEMN CALL TO FASTING AND REPENTANCE AS WE START OUR JOURNEY TO THE BAPTISMAL WATERS OF EASTER and we reflect on the meaning of our baptism into Christ's death and resurrection. The sign of ashes suggests our human mortality and frailty. With the cross on our brow, we long for the spiritual renewal that flows from the springtime Easter feast to come. Lent begins with a bold, visible, unmistakable reminder of who we are: simultaneously mortal dust and baptized children of God. THERE WILL BE TWO OPPORTUNITIES TO WORSHIP ON ASH WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 13:

12:00 NOON for an abbreviated Holy Eucharist service and Imposition of Ashes 7:00PM: for the service of Holy Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes

Improve your husband/wife communication skills in a comfortable and private environment away from distractions. The next Weekend is Feb. 22-24th in Myrtle Beach, SC. For more information or to register, visit: GodLovesMarriage.org or contact Ed &Judy Raney at: jermaggiageencounter@gmail.com or call: 843-707-7085. Weekends fill fast and registration is due soon, so don't miss out!

THE PRICE OF A SHEKEL: How much is a shekel, the ancient coin used in the days of Jesus, worth? Apparently, \$1.1 million. That's what a collector recently paid for the silver coin minted in the year 66 B.C.

PLEASE PLAN TO JOIN THE YOUTH OF ST. JAMES for their Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper to be held in the fellowship hall on Tuesday, February 12. There is no charge for the supper and a free-will offering will be graciously accepted. All monies collected will be donated to a local charity.

LENTEN SERICES WILL BE HELD in the sanctuary on Wednesdays, February 20^{th} and 27^{th} , and March 6^{th} , 13, and 20^{th} at 7:00pm. An abbreviated Lenten service will also be held at noon on the same Wednesdays.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE WELCA WINTER GATHERING. A covered-dish salad luncheon for all women of St. James will be held on Saturday, February 16th at 11:00am in the fellowship hall. Please bring a salad or dessert and join us for fellowship and an interesting program. Please call Judy Lessard at 499-3799, or Susan Chandler at 481-7868 for more information, if needed.

WE CME WE ARE DELIGHTED TO HAVE WELCOMED TO THE FAMILY OF ST. JAMES on January 13th Ryan, Jennifer, Audrey and Jackson Landoll, and Lonnie Holcomb. The Landoll family has recently moved to Sumter from Springfield, VA. They met while studying pschology at the University of North Carolina. Ryan works as a psychologist at Shaw AFB. Lovie has transferred his membership from Hope Lutheran Church in Eagle, ID. He works at Shaw AFB and his background is in computers. Welcome!!

St. James Lutheran School

Pre-registration for 2013-2014

Pre-registration for 2013-14 has started for children or grandchildren of St. James members. If you have a preschooler, kindergartner, first, second, or third please call or come hisit us as you make plans for next year. Please do not delay as one of our classes is already full and the others are filling up fast.

Exanks!

On behalf of our staff, children, and families, we wish to thank everyone who supports SJLS. We are truly touched by the acts of kindness that this congregation and our families bless us with each day?

Wxat's Xappening?

Among the many exciting activities coming up at SJLS are the following:

- the school board is planning for the spring benefit. This year's celebration theme is a Nawaiian Luau. Please mark your calendar for April 13th. The school is looking for donation items for the silent auction. If you have anything or know of a business that might be willing to donate, please call the school or get in touch with any of the board members. We would greatly appreciate your kelp.
- the SJLS School Board met on January 16th and discussed a list of safeguards and policies that will be put in place throughout the school. The current security measures include: all perimeter doors stay locked at all times. All classroom doors stay locked at all times. Yideo camera for entry door and photo identification required before entering the building.

New security measures that the SJLS School Board passed and installed on January 17th include: adding a 16 channel digital yideo recorder throughout the building, ten wireless intruder devices with siren and strobes as well as a silent first response alarm going out to police, eMS, and fire stations.

As the school continues to grow we will continue to evaluate and implement other security measures to ensure the safety of our students here at SJLS. Please know that the SJLS School Board, administration and staff believe that there is no price on safety. It is our number one priority!

Brandy Mullennax,

Director of Education and After-School Enrichment Program

FEBRUARY 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 9:00 AM Sunday School for All Ages 10:00 AM Traditional Communion Service	28 7:00 AM Lutheran Men's Breakfast (Guignard Diner) 6:00 PM Girl Scouts Froop #2292 (Youth room) 6:00 PM Zumba (FSH)	29 6:00 PM Girl Scout Troop #436 (FSH)	30 10:30 AM Bible Study (Library) 12:00 PM Holy Communion Service (Sanctuary) 7:00 PM Choir Practice	31 12:00 PM SILS P.E. (FSH) 6:00 PM Cub Scouts Pack #305 7:00 PM Boy Scouts Troop #305 (FSH)	1	Groundhos Day 9:00 AM Prayer Fellowship (Sanct.) 9:00 AM SJLC "Mom's Circle" (FSH)
Boy Scout Sunday 9:00 AM Sunday School for All Ages 10:00 AM Traditional Communion Service 3:00 PM Confirmation Classes (Library)	4 6:00 PM Girl Scouts Troop #2292 (Youth room) 6:00 PM Zumba (FSH)	5 9:30 AM Lula June Circle 6:00 PM Girl Scout Troop #436 (FSH)	6 10:30 AM Bible Study (Library) 12:00 PM Holy Communion Service (\$\security{3}\) 7:00 PM Arts & Crafts Group (FSH) 7:00 PM Choir Practice	7 12:00 PM SJLS P.E. (FSH) 6:00 PM Cub Scouts Pack #305 7:00 PM Boy Scouts Troop #305 (FSH)	8	9 9:00 AM Prayer Fellowship (Sanct.)
Transfiguration Transfiguration Sunday 9:00 AM Sunday School for All Ages 10:00 AM Traditional Communion Service 3:00 PM Confirmation Classes (Library)	11 6:00 PM Girl Scouts Troop #2292 (Youth room) 6:00 PM Zumba (FSH) 7:00 PM Lutheran Men's Meeting	12 9:30 AM Lulu June Circle 6:00 PM Girl Scout Troop #436 (FSH) 6:00 PM Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper (FSH) 6:00 PM Worship Team Meeting (Parlor) 7:00 PM Boy Scouts Order of Arrow Mtg. (FSH)	Ash Wednesday 10:30 AM Bible Study (Library) 12:00 PM Holy Communion Service (Sanctuary) 6:00 PM Lenten Supper (FSH) 7:00 PM Arts & Crafts Group (FSH) 7:00 PM Choir Practice	Valentine's Day 12:00 PM SJLS P.E. (FSH) 3:00 PM Suber Bultman Circle 6:00 PM Cub Scouts Pack #305 6:30 PM School Board Ministry Tm. (Library) 7:00 PM Boy Scouts Troop #305 (FSH)	15	16 9:00 AM Prayer Fellowship (Sanct.) 9:00 AM SJLC "Mom's Circle" (FSH) 9:00 AM Super Sensational Saturday (FSH)
17 9:00 AM Sunday School for All Ages 10:00 AM Traditional Communion Service 3:00 PM Confirmation Classes (Library)	Presidents Day 6:00 PM Girl Scouts Troop #2292 (Youth room) 6:00 PM Zumba (FSH) 7:00 PM Council Meeting (Library)	19 Newsletter Deadline 6:00 PM Girl Scout Troop #436 (FSH)	20 10:30 AM Bible Study (Library) 12:00 PM Holy Communion Service (Sanctuary) 6:00 PM Lenten Supper (FSH) 6:00 PM Lenten Supper (FSH) 7:00 PM Choir Practice 7:00 PM Jewelry Making Group (FSH) 7:00 PM Lenten Service (Sanctuary)	21 12:00 PM SJLS P.E. (FSH) 6:00 PM Cub Scouts Pack #305 7:00 PM Boy Scouts Troop #305 (FSH)	22	23 8:30 AM Kairos Team Meeting (FSH) 9:00 AM Prayer Fellowship (Sanct.)
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SERVICES:

Wednesday: 10:30 am, Bible Study Noon, Holy Communion Service Sunday School: 9:00 am Sunday Worship Service: 10:00 am

Ash Wednesday: Noon & 7:00pm Lenten: Feb. 20 & 27, March 6, 23, & 20 at Noon & 7:00pm