

MESSENGER

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A Word From Pastor Steve

Dear Folks,

“Reinventing Sunday School” is the cover article of the most recent edition of *The Lutheran*, our ELCA magazine. The cover photograph and several photos spread across the article, pages 16-23 are related to the new material we are using at St James. *Bible Song Cross+Gen* is the title.

Let’s unpack those words.

Bible - It is scripturally based with a brief passage or story being the focus for a two week period. Digging deep in scripture will help us know the faith we want to share with our neighbors and pass on to the next generation.

Song – Each scripture passage is put to music, 120 songs so far, in a variety of music styles, some of which will certainly be ‘your cup of tea’, though admittedly not all will ‘wow’ everyone. Songs help us plant thoughts and words more firmly in memory.

Cross+ - means focused on, kneeling before, and raising up the CROSS of JESUS as the good news from God which redeems the world and all who are in it. The cross says there is nothing we need to do to make God love us anymore; and nothing we can fail to do which will make God love us any less.

Cross+Generational – means we want folks of all ages to share this time together. As Rich Melheim says, “every age person has gifts we need, and needs we gift.” No matter what age you are, you can contribute; you can receive something of value.

As any good builder knows, you must start with a solid foundation. Bible Song Cross+Gen is built on two vital components:

Every Week at Church - families stay together and add Cross+Generational care, creativity and conversation to the mix.

Every Night in Every Home - families practice faith talk and caring conversations with FAITH5 Home Huddles.

The hour at church is simply the first encounter with the Bible story, song, and theme for the week. It is the starting point for up to seven nights of intentional faith encounters in the home. Sunday gets you started. FAITH5 connects church to home, and connects families to God and one another. What are the five simple steps?



SHARE highs and lows



READ a Bible verse or story



TALK about how the Bible reading relates to your highs and lows



PRAY for each other’s highs & lows



BLESS one another

Pastor Melheim also says, “If you don’t know your family’s ‘Highs and Lows’ then you don’t know your family. If you don’t know your own highs and lows, then you don’t know yourself.” Susan and I think Rich is onto something, so we are sharing our highs and lows with each other. We believe when done intentionally over time, FAITH5 carries the power to enrich family communication, deepen understanding, and promote spiritual health in families, homes and faith communities.

Won’t you join us for Bible Song Cross+Gen, 9:15 on Sunday mornings in the Fellowship Hall?

Joy and Peace,

Pastor Steve

Council and All Committee Night

Church Council will meet on Sunday, **September 21** at **7PM**. All Committee Night is scheduled for **Sunday, September 14, 7 PM**.

OWLs Monthly Luncheon

St. James' OWLs will eat at Flight Deck in Lexington on **Thursday, September 18** at noon. All are welcome to join us for great food and fellowship!



Rebekah Circle

We will meeting again on **Tuesday, September 16** at **7PM** in the **Parlor**.

History Committee

The History Committee will meet on **Thursdays, September 11** and **25** at **10:30 AM**.

Lutheran Men in Mission

Lutheran Men in Mission will not meet again until **Monday, September 15** at **6:30 PM**. All men are welcome to attend!

Girl Scouts and Cub Scouts

We welcome back the Girl Scouts and Cub Scouts this fall on **Mondays** at **7PM** (Cub Scouts) and **Tuesdays** at **6:30PM** (Girl Scouts).

Chancel Choir

Rehearsals have begun! Choir meets on Wednesday evenings at 7PM for practice each week.

Handbells

We will soon resume rehearsals for Handbells. Mark your calendars for **Monday** evenings starting on **September 8** at **7PM**.

SC Synod

Ventures in Growing Stewards will be the topic as St. James hosts the SC Synod on **Saturday, September 13** from **10AM** until **2PM**.

Guardian Angels

This month, Guardian Angels will meet in the parlor on **Sunday, September 28** at **5PM**. Don't forget the prayer box is located in the back of our sanctuary, if you would like to leave prayer requests for yourself or a loved one.



Sunday School

St. James begins a new curriculum this fall called Bible Song Cross + Gen, which will be a terrific learning experience for everyone! Join us for Sunday School at **9:15AM** each Sunday and don't forget to **bring your Bible!**

A Note From Your Church Office

Please be aware that there are deadlines before which the church office must be contacted if you want announcements or prayer requests in either the weekly bulletin or monthly newsletter. These deadlines are to insure that publications are complete and in print form in a timely manner and are as follows:

Weekly Bulletin—Noon on Wednesday each week.

Monthly Messenger—By 2PM the third Wednesday of each month.

Thank you for understanding and helping us present to you the most complete and thorough publications possible.

The Christmas Show Of The South

Capitol Tours and St. James OWLs present "The Christmas Show of The South" at the Carolina Opry in Myrtle Beach on **Tuesday, December 2**. Join us for the day and enjoy a time of fun, food and friendships all while experiencing Christmas at the Carolina Opry. Cost is \$110 per person, **due by October 2**, and includes roundtrip motor coach transportation, admission to the Carolina Opry, time at Tanger Outlets, dinner at the Original Benjamin's Calabash Seafood Buffet and a gratuity for the motor coach operator. If you would like to come along, please contact Sammie Metts or Lynette Steele or, if you prefer, there are forms located in the narthex that may be filled out along with a sign up sheet.

St. James Lutheran Church OWLS presents.....

**THE CHRISTMAS SHOW OF THE SOUTH AT THE CAROLINA
OPRY - DECEMBER 2, 2014**

**Cost - \$110.00 per person – Make check payable to CAPITOL
TOURS**

**(This cost includes bus trip, tickets to Carolina Opry and a
Calabash Seafood Buffet) LUNCH IS ON YOUR OWN**

LAST DAY TO SIGN UP - OCTOBER 2, 2014

NAME _____

TELEPHONE _____

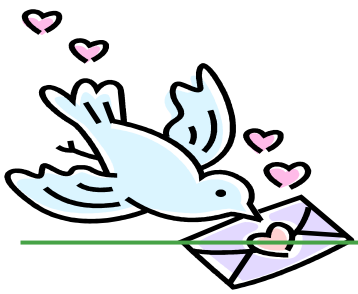
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check to Lynette Steele 359-2900 or Sammie Metts 359-
3789**

If you have any questions call Lynette or Sam

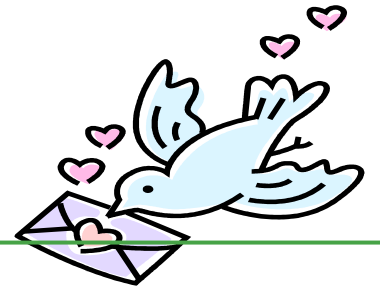
REMEMBER WE NEED THIS COMPLETED & ^{your}CHECK BY

OCTOBER 2, 2014

Also if you would like, you can bring some goodies to share



Notes of Thanks and Hope



Congratulations

Laura and Cameron Bowers welcomed into this world their first child, a boy, on August 19. Sampson Bartlett Bowers is a great grandchild of H.O. and Doris Sharpe. Congratulations Bowers Family! May God's love and light surround Sampson Bartlett Bowers!

Thank You

With gratitude, we thank you for the kind thoughts and condolences you have shown our family during our recent time of sorrow. Your love, prayers and kindness have helped us through some difficult days. Please continue remembering us in your thoughts and prayers as we go forward. -Tim's Mother and Dad, Dee and L.G. Franklin

Memorials

Tim McManus by Tom and Glenda Boozer
Back Pack Fund in memory of Woody Duke by Marjean and Bill McRoberts
Woody Duke by Sara and Ed Fisher

In Honor Of

Tom and Glenda Boozer by Larry and Hazel Kyzer

Gifts

Thank you to the anonymous donor of two changing stations for our children and mothers and fathers here at St. James. We are blessed and gratefully accept these stations for use by our congregation!

September Birthdays

09/01	09/21
H.O. Sharpe	John Harmon
Tommy Tyson	Rebecca Koch
09/08	09/23
George Steele, Sr.	Debbie Areheart
09/12	09/24
Harold Roland	Jason Davis
09/13	Melissa Long
Mary Hines	Hilda West
Lisa Long	09/25
09/14	Glenda Boozer
Susan Hollis	09/27
Randy Summers	Charlene Frye
09/17	Kathy Goings
William Bond	09/28
Barbara Killian	Luke Roland
09/18	Russell Taylor
Tom Janson	09/29
09/19	Jerry Hutto
Jase Joyner	Gerry Jeffords
09/20	09/30
Tom Boozer	Mendel Lindler

Council Notes

Notes from the Council President and Mini Minutes

Your Church Council met on August 17th with all current members present. Devotions were conducted by Rebecca Koch. The minutes of our July meeting were approved and the July Treasurer's Report was received and reviewed by Council. Pastor Steve submitted a detailed report of his activities since our last meeting.

We sadly accepted the resignation of Byron Roberts from Council as he and his family have made the decision to leave St. James. Since Byron also served as Vice President, we elected Carin Seward to serve as VP for the remainder of this year, and will wait until our Congregational Meeting to elect new Council Members to fill the vacancies we now have. We discussed the appointment of this year's Nominating Committee and will have that list confirmed by our next meeting, as well as setting the date for the Congregational Meeting.

I am pleased to report that the Call Committee has finished and submitted the Ministry Site Profile to the ELCA and SC Synod for review. The next step in the process is a meeting of the committee and the Bishop. That should take place in early September. Thanks to the members of the Call Committee for their work so far and their continued efforts on our behalf!

Larry Kyzer has been elected as Chairman of our St. James Lutheran Church Mission Endowment Fund Committee which will have the custodial responsibility of our Mission Endowment Fund. Council recently voted to establish the Fund to "provide for mission work beyond the operational budget of this congregation." More info will be forthcoming as we work together to recommend to the Congregation that we amend the Constitution and Bylaws to further promote this future mission work for St. James.

Our work continues together in many areas despite the "summer slowdown" that naturally occurs! Members of our Stewardship Committee (and others) have participated in and will host training events. Our Education Task Force has been working diligently to get ready for our Sept 7th kick-off of our new Sunday School curriculum, Bible Song Cross+Gen, hoping for great participation. Our Summer Schedule has ended and we start back with our 8:00 am and 10:30 Services this week with SS at 9:15. Choir Rehearsals have begun again and Handbells will begin again on Sept. 8th! (Would you like to join with us??) Worship and Music has announced dates for our Christmas Cantata (Sun, Dec 7th) and a Coffee House event (Sun, Dec 14th). Our Property Committee (along with others) has been hard at work with many repairs, maintenance projects, and the painting of our Nursery. Our Church History Committee has been working on the proper storage and safekeeping of our records! Our Men's and Women's groups have meetings planned, and our church sponsored Boy Scouts (Mondays) and Girl Scouts (Tuesdays) are meeting.

Have you considered where YOU might want to become more involved in the many opportunities at St. James?

Thanks to all of you for your support, prayers, and continued involvement in the LIFE and Work of St. James. I especially want to thank our Interim Pastor, Pastor Steve, our Church Secretary, Amy Walker, and our Music Director/Organist, Mot Caulder for all the effort, planning, and Teamwork it takes to keep us going! As another school year begins, our Fall schedule starts, and football season (such as it is) gets underway, let's start anew as well with a renewed focus on our Mission as God's People at St. James. **MAKE CHRIST KNOWN!!**

Robert Sharpe





We Pray for Our Members, Friends and Family:

Members

Virginia Hall
Evelyn Knox
Mendel Lindler
Norma Moore
Floyd Prevost

Clara Prevost
Dollie Pounds
Anna Ree Roland
Dot Shealy
Betty Jean Tyson

Friends & Relatives of Church Members

Gina Amick-Niece of Russell Taylor
Courtney Cagle-Granddaughter of Dollie Pounds
Darren Corley-Cousin of Randy Summers
Richard Culliver-Student of Mot Caulder
Clarence Davis-Father of Jason Davis
Randy Dickerson - Friend of David & Mary Hines
Chris Farmer-Friend of Joel & Lisa Tyson and Mike Long
Donna Florence - Mother of Megan Joyner
Robin Goodman - Niece of Hank Poplin
Mildred Gunter - Cousin of Anna Ree Roland
Lee Hamilton - Grandson of Norma Moore
Vera Havird - Aunt of Miranda West
Lanell Hicks - Mother of Miranda West
Tim Jackson - Friend of Gwen & Ben Freeman
Billy James - Relative of Virginia Hall
Rick Kyzer - Son of Richard Kyzer

Roger Lindler-Brother of Mendel Lindler
Cindy Miller - Friend of Tina Poindexter
Jack Morich - father of Krisie Turner
Sherrie Musselman - Friend of Gwen & Ben Freeman
Loretta Nettles - Cousin of Hilda West
Frankie Pounds - Grandson of Dollie Pounds
Jerry Pounds - Son of Dollie Pounds
Randy Pounds - Son of Dollie Pounds
Pam Presley - Friend of Charlene Crumpton
Janice Satterfield - Wife of Jean Miller's Nephew
Johnetta Self - Friend of Faye Kirby
Fred Sharpe - Friend of Danny & Cheryl Austin
Priscilla Shealy - Sister of Alice Raffa
Johnny Starnes - Brother of Anna Ree Roland
Jerry Steele - Brother of George Steele
Mary Jane West - Mother of Eric West
Emily Whitten - Mother of Lynn Sloan

Our Military Workers:

Michael Anderson - Friend of St. James
Dwight Barrs - Grandson Eunice Backman
Ryan Caulder - Son of Mot Caulder
Daniel Herb - Son in Law of Mot Caulder
Jeremy Jolly - Grandson of Hazel Rawl
Wayne Watkins - Nephew of S. Jeffords
Keith Zeigler - Son of Tom Zeigler

Our Shut-ins:

Mollie Harrison
Jerry Hutto
Roberta Pound
Kathleen Smith
Alvin "Jr. "Sharpe
Dot Shealy

Worship Assistants

September 2014

Acolytes 10:30AM		SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
September 7 - Emily Enlow								
September 14 - Marshall Hibbs								
September 21 - Callie Poplin								
September 28 - Mattie O'Quinn								
Altar Guild								
September - Hazel Rawl		1 7PM - Handbells	2 6PM - Girl Scouts	3 7PM - Chancel Choir	4		5	6 9AM - Saturday Sisters
Communion Assistants								
10:30AM		7 8AM-Holy Communion 9:15AM - Sunday School 10:30AM - Holy Communion	8 7PM - Handbells	9 6PM - Girl Scouts	10 7PM - Chancel Choir	11 10:30AM - History Committee	12	13 10AM - Stewardship Workshop
September 7 - Adam Steele								
September 14 - Robert Sharpe								
Laura Hibbs								
September 21 - Hank Poplin		14 8AM-Holy Communion 9:15AM - Sunday School 10:30AM - Holy Communion 7:00 PM - All Committee Night	15 7PM - Handbells	16 2PM - Harvest Hope 6PM - Girl Scouts 7PM - WELCA	17 7PM - Chancel Choir	18 12PM - Owls Luncheon	19	20
September 28 - Lynn Sloan								
Bill Barley								
Lectors								
7 - George Steele		21 8AM - Holy Communion 9:15AM-Sunday School 10:30AM - Holy Communion 7PM - Council Meeting	22 7PM - Handbells	23 6PM - Girl Scouts	24 7PM - Chancel Choir Newsletter Deadline for announcements	25 10:30AM - History Committee	26	27
14 - Laura Hibbs								
21 - Brenda Poplin								
28 - Tammy O'Quinn								
Ushers								
Bill Barley		28 8AM-Holy Communion 9:15AM - Sunday School 10:30AM - Holy Communion 5PM - Guardian Angels	29 6:30 Cub Scouts 7PM - Handbells	30 6PM - Girl Scouts				
Dickie Enlow								
Sound System								
Jan Sharpe								

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Music Director: Martha Caulder

Secretary: Amy Walker

Summer Schedule

Worship Service: 9:30 AM

Office Hours

Monday-Thursday

9:00 AM-2:00 PM



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