

MESSENGER

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FROM PASTOR KEVIN

July 1, 2015

Dear Members of St. James,

When St. Paul started his letters, he said, “Grace and peace to you from God our Father.”

So let me begin my time with you as your pastor with the same words, “Grace and peace to you...” Some things can be lost in translation. We might better say, “grace and peace ARE yours!”

Jann and I were delighted by your warm welcome on June 28th. There is grace and peace here already and you have made us feel that. Grace and peace is yours, it is evident in your worship and in your welcoming of the stranger. My whole calling among you could be summed up simply as I am here to remind you, day in and day out, that grace and peace are yours from God our Father. When we celebrate – as we will next month – major milestones in the life of the congregation, we celebrate how God’s grace is active in our lives. When we face conflicts and trials, as the people of South Carolina have faced this past month, we need to be reminded that peace is already ours in Christ and because of that peace we can be peace for others. When we worry about what is to come, about the future and the inevitable end of our lives, we must hear again grace and peace are ours from God the Father. My job is to keep you focused on that so that you can be Christ’s body in the world offering grace and peace in your daily walk.

I hope to have time to visit with each member as time moves forward. What a joy it already is to be sharing grace and peace with you!

Yours,

Pastor Kevin

Pastor Kevin will be attending the Worship Jubilee in Atlanta June 20 thru June 23 and attending a family funeral in California June 24 thru June 26. Please call the church office for any emergencies.

**Celebration of the 125th Anniversary of
St. James Evangelical Lutheran Church**

Sunday, August 9, 2015

3:00 pm

In order to prepare for this celebration the following condensed version of the church's history is provided for your information. At the event we will worship, enjoy refreshments, view historical displays, and open the time capsule which was buried in 1993. Bring your entire family and invite friends and former members.

A Brief History

St. James Evangelical Lutheran Church was organized in the Red Bank community on August 10, 1890. The name at organization was "Union Lutheran Church" reflecting the common meeting house shared by Methodists and Baptists known as the Union Church. On October 21st of that year the congregation was officially welcomed into the South Carolina Synod. The first pastor to serve the congregation was Rev. J. D. Shealy who served two years. The congregation struggled along until 1912 when it became inactive. It was reactivated in 1921 under the leadership of Pastor C. J. Sox.

On February 2, 1930 St. James became a partner with three other churches in the Pelion Parish. Under the leadership of pastor D. M. Shull the congregation constructed its first church edifice at the same location it resides on now.

In 1936 the Pelion Parish divided and St. James joined with St. Matthew, Lexington to form the Red Bank Parish. A number of pastors served the church as it grew in size until 1952 when it was strong enough to separate from the joint parish with St. Matthew and become self supporting with its own pastor. The Rev. C. Edgar Lindler became pastor in 1953. Ten years later, in June of 1962, a new brick building was completed. The new sanctuary seated 200 and the old, original building became the educational wing.

For thirty years the congregation grew and prospered. In the early nineties meeting space became an issue and once again the people ventured out to expand. On January 10, 1993 a new sanctuary was dedicated. This one with a seat capacity of near 400.

Approaching its 125th Anniversary on August 10, 2015, many descendants of the original 25 founding members still worship at St. James. With justified pride in the opportunities provided to them to serve the Red Bank community, the congregation members look to the future under a new pastor, The Rev. Dr. Kevin Ogilvie who joined us on July 1 of this year.



Announcements

Lutheran Men in Mission

Thanks to all who participated in and contributed to our annual Father's Day Bulletin. If you did not receive a copy there are some left in the Narthex. We appreciate the donations of \$565 and will use the funds to further our LMM projects and support. Special thanks to Michele, for compiling and printing the bulletin. Our group will not meet in July and August, but look forward to having more men participate in September!

Membership Directory

We are in the process of updating our directory. If you have not had the chance to review the copy in the Narthex, please try to do so. If your info is correct, please put a check mark. If not, please make any corrections, additions, or deletions. Also, we hope to be able to include pictures with the names in this publication. It will help us put a "face with the names." We will be working to get pictures taken in the very near future. More to come on that.....!

Thank you from the family of Alvin Sharpe Jr. for your prayers and kindness.

Vacation Bible School was great this year here at St. James! Our theme this year was "Well Water". Each night we studied a chapter in the Bible where water was used to heal and strengthen our faith. Thanks to everyone who rearranged their supper schedules for VBS!

1st Peter [4:10](#) "Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms." Please join me in thanking the following people for the use of their time and talents. Many hands make light work and I couldn't have done it without Rosemary Davis, Kevin Turner, Nancy Spanko, Rebecca Koch, and Mot Caulder.

Worship and Music. I would like to send thanks to all musicians here at St. James for your ministry to the church. I realize that it takes a considerable amount of time and sacrifice to participate in this music ministry, yet I also know how rewarding it can be on a personal level. Thank you for how you bless our congregation each Sunday through your ministry of music.

We are currently preparing music for our 125th Anniversary Celebration Service which will be scheduled for Sunday, August 9th, at 3:00 PM. We would love for you to join us in song for this celebration! We will be rehearsing music for this service on the following dates: Thursday, July 30, 6:30 PM; Wednesday, Aug. 5, 6:30 PM. Hoping you will consider joining us in this ministry of our church! God's Blessing!` Mot

Owl's Luncheon, will be at 12 noon at Ryan's Steak House. As usual the congregation is invited, and we need to be there seated and ready to order by noon.

Food Pantry—We are in of donations that come in a pack which requires 'Add Water Only' (Grits, Bisquick, Muffins, etc.)

Backpack Program – We are taking a break from collecting donations during the summer, but will start again in August.

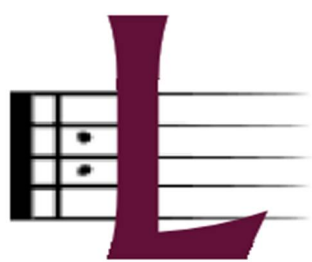
Youth Group, grades 7-12, meets Sunday 10:45 AM. We alternate weekly between a Sunday School lesson and youth program activity. Join us!

Church music leaders John Ferguson and Eric Nelson lead hymn festival in July

Augsburg Fortress, the publishing ministry of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, is hosting a hymn festival at 7:30 p.m. on **Friday, July 17, 2015**, at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Columbia, S.C., that is free and open to the public.



Hymn festivals are a way of promoting congregational song in churches, as well as bringing communities together through music and liturgy. “Let the Whole Creation Cry: A Hymn Festival” follows a pattern for worship that includes hymn introductions and accompaniments, readings, reflections, and prayers prepared by John Ferguson, retired professor of organ and church music and cantor to the student congregation at St. Olaf College, Northfield, Minn. Congregational hymns and choral anthems will be led by Eric Nelson, artistic director of the Atlanta Master Chorale, director of choral studies at Emory University, and minister of music at Second–Ponce de Leon Baptist Church, Atlanta.



In addition to the hymn festival, individuals and choirs are invited to participate in the festival choir led by Nelson and accompanied by Ferguson in a rehearsal prior to the hymn festival from 6 to 7:15 p.m. No registration is required to attend the hymn festival or rehearse and sing with the festival choir. “Whether you sing in a choir or just love adding your voice to a strong singing assembly, you won’t want to miss this rare opportunity to make music with Two of the world’s premier leaders of choral and congregational song,” says Martin Seltz, publisher, Augsburg Fortress. The hymn festival is part of the Augsburg Fortress Summer 2015 Music Clinics, which annually draw hundreds of church musicians at six locations across the United States with the purpose of exploring fresh and innovative ways to enliven music in worship. For more information about the Augsburg Fortress Summer 2015 Music Clinics and to register, visit AugsburgMusic.org/music-clinics.



St. James Lutheran Church Council
Council Mini Minutes

Non-action Items:

- 125th Anniversary plans are coming together and include
- + Regular morning worship at 9:30 AM
 - + 3 PM Anniversary Worship
(with liturgy created from historic liturgies)
 - + Previous pastors will be invited to worship as guests
 - + Banquet served in Fellowship Hall
 - Historical Displays provided by St James' History Committee



JULY BIRTHDAYS

7/5 Lizzy Turner
7/6 Aubrey Poplin
7/7 Brayson Boone
7/8 Lenora Bond
7/10 Melissa Crumpton
Dick Kyzer
Penelope Areheart



7/11 Lisa Tyson
7/13 Walker Crumpton
7/18 Charlene Crumpton
7/20 Norma Moore
7/23 Allen Hollis
7/26 Daniel Sharpe
7/27 Caleb Strickland



We Pray for Our Members, Friends and Family:

Prayer List Members

Jean Frazier
Evelyn Knox
Anna Ree Roland

Gerry Jeffords
Frank McLeod
Betty Jean Tyson

Gene Joyner
Norma Moore
Hilda West

Friends & Relatives of Church Members

Gene Bachman and Sydney Bachman
Brother & Granddaughter of Dwight Backman

Courtney Cagle - Granddaughter, Dollie Pounds

Cue Cantrell - Aunt of Brenda Poplin

Pam Crossland - Friend of Cheryl Austin

Jacob & Alberta Dooley
Aunt & Uncle of Margaret & Allen Hollis

Clarence Davis - Father of Jason Davis

Donna Florence - Mother of Megan Joyner

Gracey Goodman - Great Niece of Henry Poplin

Roland Gossett -Brother of Brenda Poplin

Rachael Gould - Mother of Henry Poplin

Mildred Gunter - Cousin of Anna Ree Roland

Lee Hamilton - Grandson of Norma Moore

Terry Moore Hamilton - Daughter, Norma Moore

Lanell Hicks - Mother of Miranda West

Tommy Hinnant -Brother-in-Law of George Steele

Michele Johnston—Friend of Miranda & Eric West

Patricia Jolly - Daughter of Hazel Rawl

Rick Kyzer - Son of Richard Kyzer

Joey Langley - Friend of George Steele

Roger Lindler - Brother of Mendel Lindler

Jack Morich - Father of Krisie Turner

Frankie Pounds - Grandson of Dollie Pounds

Jerry Pounds - Son of Dollie Pounds

Randy Pounds - Son of Dollie Pounds

Fred Sharpe - Friend of Danny & Cheryl Austin

Priscilla Shealy - Sister of Alice Raffa

Allie Snider, Granddaughter of the Freeman's

Johnny Starnes - Brother of Anna Ree Roland

Lois Watson - Mother of Debbie Areheart

William Watson - Father of Debbie Areheart

Randy Willyerd - Friend of Crumptions/Taylors

Our Military Workers

Michael Anderson - Friend of St. James

Dwight Barrs - Grandson Eunice Backman

Joseph Brown - Grandson, Bill & Kathryn Kyzer

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

Jerry Hutto

Margaret Kyzer

Roberta Pound

Dollie Pounds

Dorothy Shealy

Kathleen Smith

Worship Assistants

Acolytes

July 5 Emerson Hibbs
 June 12 Callie Poplin
 July 19 Emily Enlow
 July 26 Emerson Hibbs

Altar Guild *Sound Board*
 Lynette Steele Tracy Shealy

Announcements

July 5 Rebecca Koch
 July 12 Gwen Freeman
 July 19 Carolyn Steele
 July 26 Robert Sharpe

Assisting Ministers

July 5 Kim Backman
 July 12 Katrina Shealy
 July 19 Adam Steele
 July 26 Lisa Tyson

Communion Assistants

July 5 Kim Backman
 July 12 Ben & Gwen Freeman
 July 19 Ronnie Shealy,
 Tracy Shealy

July 26 Jeff Hibbs
 Laura Hibbs

Lectors

July 5 Chuck Backman
 July 12 Kevin Turner
 July 19 Carolyn Steele
 July 26 Jeff Hibbs

Ushers : Hank Poplin
 Guy West

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	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 6:30—Chancel Choir 7:30—HandBells	2	3	4
5 9:30 AM Holy Communion 10:45 AM Sunday School	6		7	8 NO CHOIR OR HAND BELLS TONIGHT	9	10	11
12 9:30 AM Holy Communion 10:45 AM Sunday School	13		14	15 NO CHOIR OR HAND BELLS TONIGHT	16 12:00—Owl's Luncheon at Ryan's	17	18
7:00 PM Committee Meeting							
19 9:30 AM Holy Communion 10:45 AM	20		21 10:00—11:00 AM Food Pantry	22 NO CHOIR OR HAND BELLS TONIGHT	23	24	25
7:00 PM Council Meeting	PASTOR AT		WORSHIP	CONFERENCE	PASTOR AT	FAMILY	FUNERAL
26 9:30 AM Holy Communion 10:45 AM Pastor at Family Funeral	27		28	29 CHOIR AND HANDBELL TOMORROW NIGHT	30 6:30—Chancel Choir 7:30—Hand Bells	31	

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Kevin Ogilvie

Music Director

Martha Caulder

Secretary

Michele Holliday

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9:30 Holy Communion

10:45 Faith Formation

Sunday Church School

Office Hours

Monday-Thursday

9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

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