

# MESSENGER

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Dear friends,

The Reformation began 498 years ago this October 31<sup>st</sup> when Martin Luther published 95 topics (theses) for debate. It was something you would expect a young professor to do. And young professors are savvier with the new technologies – hence the old joke (very old now) that kids can more easily program a VCR than their parents. Luther not only used the “bulletin board” of the day but he also used the “smart phone” of the day, the printing press and the mail. To use today’s terminology, his 95 debate topics “went viral.”

Central to Luther’s concern was that the Gospel was not for sale, that salvation, God’s grace was free and abundant for everyone. There is nothing you or any sinner must do to be saved, rather we trust that Jesus has done this for us and live our lives gratefully in service to others. The Gospel is so simple and people try to make it harder because it is such good news, it is hard to believe it is that simple!

Luther did not set out to start a new church and so Lutherans have never truly understood themselves to be a separate church, rather what Luther began was a reform movement within the catholic (universal) Church. If we compared Lutheran and Roman Catholic teachings side by side, we would find that Lutherans and Catholics disagree on very little – maybe 10%. Many of the abuses that Luther and his colleagues were upset about in 1517 have been corrected by the Roman Catholics over time (for example, the services are now in the language of the people and both wine and bread are offered on Sunday). For Lutherans, the most important doctrine is that of justification, that is we are saved by God’s grace apart from works through faith. In 1998 the Lutheran World Federation and the Roman Catholic Church signed the Joint Declaration on the Doctrine of Justification where both churches agreed that the differences of the 16<sup>th</sup> Century had been mostly resolved and what remains are largely the languages we use to say nearly the same thing. As a result many of the mutual condemnations (anathemas) leveled in the 16<sup>th</sup> century have been removed. We continue to talk to each other recognizing that Christ prayed for his disciples “that they might be one.” (John 17:20-21).

The Lutheran World Federation has chosen as its theme for the up-coming 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations, “Liberated by God’s Grace: Salvation – not for sale; Human beings – not for sale; Creation – not for sale.” And ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton has called on all members to study Luther’s Small Catechism as we celebrate God’s amazing grace! You have an opportunity to study what Lutherans believe after church each Sunday this month with me and look for more opportunities in the near future!

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Kevin

## Announcements

**Owl's Luncheon** will meet on Thursday, October 15 at Eastern Buffet.

**Food Pantry**—We are in need of rice.

**Backpack Program** – We are collecting non-perishable items already prepared to include Capri Sun, Kool Aid, fruit cups, pudding, etc.

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

**Thank you to everyone** who gave endless support, caring cards, calls, and powerful prayers to Dot Shealy (Nanny) in the last several months and during the difficult time of her passing. She is with her loved ones above and now sitting on the pew again with us listening to the beautiful music she loved so much. A special thank you to Pastor Kevin for the many visits, prayers, and caring nature. Thank you to all. - Ronnie and Tracy

**Laugh, Learn & Lunch**—You're invited to join us for a day of fun, learning and fellowship on October 15, 2015, at **Camp Kinard**. Guest presenter for the day will be Rev. Dr. Jim Kinsler, who will be speaking on passing along our faith stories to younger generations. The day will also include lots of other fun activities you won't want to miss! Sign up in church office.

**The People of St. James** are warmly invited to attend the Ordination of Susan K. Thisell to the Ministry of Word and Sacrament, Saturday, October 10<sup>th</sup> at 1pm in Christ Chapel at Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary. Both Pastor Steve Plonk and soon-to-be Pastor Susan, have received and accepted calls in the Southeastern Synod, near Savannah.

**Let's help The Huber's!** there are still spots available on the sign up sheet for meals! Please consider taking the family ONE breakfast or ONE dinner item. While Amanda is confined, this is a great way to reach out and Make Christ Known! Sign up sheet in Narthex. Thank You!!

**If anyone is interested** in helping with Sunday School or with working with the youth, please see Gwen Freeman. It's time for all to update Child Protection Policy Training and background checks.

**Many Thanks** to Music and Worship would like to extend a huge "Thank You" to all who participated and helped to make Pastor Kevin's Installation Service and Reception a joyous occasion. We enjoyed the fun of T-shirt Day, the sanctity of our "marriage" to Pastor Kevin, and Fellowship with a new Lutheran Mission. We also got to meet our new Seminarians. What a Great Day for St. James! All this took the time and energy of so many of you. Please know that all of your hard work and donations were greatly appreciated.

**A special thank you** to the congregation of St. James for their outpouring of love through prayers, cards, telephone calls and a prepared meal during our mom's sickness and death. Pastor Kevin cared for mom and when called by the family, he was there with his presence and prayers. The celebration of life of Dorothy C. Shealy by songs, words and message was just what she wanted.

Linda Gable, Ronnie Shealy and Trudy Moore and families



**Family Life Committee** is sponsoring trunk-or-treat again this year. It's being scheduled on October 31 from 6:00 until 7:30 pm. This is a great opportunity for us to show our kids and kids of the community a great time. A sign up sheet will be in the Narthex, so please sign up and let's all come have a good time.

### **A BIG THANK YOU**

A big thank you to all those who made my service of installation such a joyous and wonderful event – to the choirs and to Mot, the worship assistants and preparers, those who set up and provided the wonderful reception and all who came and celebrated!! What a wonderful day, what a blessing to be pastor of such a great congregation. Thank you!

Pastor Kevin

### **Congratulations**

To **Jerry Hutto** and **George Steele** for being recognized as Members of the Committee of 100 of the Saxe Gotha Conference's Lutheran Men In Mission for 25 years!

The Committee of 100 was established in 1976 by the SC Synod Lutheran Men in Mission to encourage 100 men to give \$100 each year to be used for the Loan Fund. We now have over 700 individuals who give \$100 or more each year to the fund. Our new goal is to have 1,000 people to give \$100 or more a year. Lutheran men and other interested persons are invited to join this special group of committed people who have, over the past several years, increased the Loan Fund and New Mission Start Program in excess of \$65,000.

### **OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS**

10/1	Katie Hines	10/16	Margaret Kyzer
10/6	Mot Caulder		Mike Long
10/7	Hazel Kyzer	10/17	Ronnie Shealy
	Maylee Joyner	10/18	Carrol Frye, Jr.
10/8	Bill Hogan	10/21	Dwight Bachman
10/9	Gail Long,	10/23	Henry Poplin
	Ken Long	10/27	Emily Enlow
	Megan Joyner	10/28	Terese Tyner
10/13	Judsen Joyner	10/29	Vondolla Goff
10/14	Stephanie Frye,	10/30	Laney Strickland
	Elizabeth Russell		



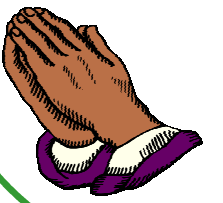
### **A Note From Your Church Office**

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.



## We Pray for Our Members, Friends and Family:

### Prayer List Members

Jean Frazier  
Evelyn Knox  
Norma Moore  
Anna Ree Roland

Amanda Huber  
Phil Kyzer  
Brenda Poplin  
Hilda West

Gerry Jeffords  
Frank McLeod  
Hank Poplin

### Friends & Relatives of Church Members

Edith Hook Arledge—Aunt of Kristie Joyner  
Cheryl Beard—Friend of Kim Backman  
Betty Boone—Friend of Hilda West  
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  
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

Barbara Killian—Aunt of Gene Joyner  
Rick Kyzer - Son of Richard Kyzer  
Joey Langley - Friend of George Steele  
Roger Lindler - Brother of Mendel Lindler  
Sandy Martin - Friend of Janet & Russell Taylor  
Jack Morich - Father of Krisie Turner  
Frankie Pounds - Grandson of Dollie Pounds  
Jerry Pounds - Son of Dollie Pounds  
Randy Pounds - Son of Dollie Pounds  
Gerald Roof - Brother of Debbie Kyzer  
Fred Sharpe - Friend of Danny & Cheryl Austin  
Priscilla Shealy - Sister of Alice Raffa  
Johnny Starnes - Brother of Anna Ree Roland  
Annette Walls—Sister of Gwen Freeman  
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  
Kathleen Smith  
Betty Jean Tyson





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**Kevin Ogilvie**

Music Director  
**Martha Caulder**

**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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