

THE WEEKLY MESSENGER



1358 South Lake Drive Lexington, SC 29073

Week of April 23, 2017

The Second Sunday of Easter

Cleopas and another, unnamed disciple, despondently left Jerusalem on the road toward Emmaus. They had left the city where the crucifixion of Jesus had taken place and they were crushed. It is interesting that in most of the stories, Jesus is not immediately recognizable by sight. Thomas needed not his face but his wounds. As Jesus walks alongside them, explaining to them the Scripture, their eyes are opened when Jesus breaks the bread. We are still breaking bread to share with the Risen Christ. Jesus is not limited by time and space any longer. He can be in Jerusalem, on the road to Emmaus and here at St. James. Come sit at table with him this week.



Welcome New Members!

This Sunday we will welcome new members to St. James! We will begin with breakfast at 9:15 in the Fellowship Hall. During breakfast we will have some formal introductions of the Council and leaders, of the new members. We are so excited to have these folks among us! Then, in worship at 10:30 will have the formal rite of reception.



Come welcome: Tim & Jennifer Lee (Amelia and Saide), Sandy Emmanuel, Steve & Monica Schmitze, Karen Spanko, Tula McNally, Holly Kyzer, and Myra Weeks!

The Third Petition

Your will be done on earth as in heaven.

What is this? OR What does this mean?

In fact, God's good and gracious will comes about without our prayer, but we ask in this prayer that it may also come about in and among us.

How does this come about?

Whenever God breaks and hinders every evil scheme and will—as are present in the will of the devil, the world, and our flesh that would not allow us to hallow God's name and would prevent the coming of his kingdom, and instead whenever God strengthens us and keeps us steadfast in his word and in faith until the end of our lives. This is God's gracious and good will.

People ask themselves – and sometimes their pastor – “what is God's will for my life?” We all seek out our special purpose and that is not a bad thing. It becomes problematic, however, when we feel that there is something deficient in us that keeps us from recognizing what God wants from us. “What does God want me to do?” The answer to that question may not be evident for some time, if ever. Remember, the sheep and the goats from Matthew 25? They did not know they were serving Jesus in some special way, they just served! We do know, from Scripture, what God's will is for our lives. The Prophet Micah sums it up very succinctly when he writes, ⁸ “He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?” Sometimes the simplest act of kindness has the most profound effect. Years ago a young mother came to worship in the first church I served. She had had a baby that Monday and was in church on Sunday. In that church we took the flowers to those hospitalized but that week there was no one in the hospital. So, even though the Altar Guild did not know her and not catching her before she left, they drove the flowers her house. She was overwhelmed. Shortly thereafter she became a very active member. It was a simple kindness. Love kindness! It is the will of God.

This is New! Church Council has approved the establishment of greeters for church services. In the bulletin and weekly newsletters you will see this new feature added under Worship Leaders section. Just an FYI for the month of May the greeters are Cheryl Austin and Cora Nevitt.

OWL'S BUS TRIP

Just a reminder - the OWL'S trip to "**Smokey Joe's Cafe**" at the Flat Rock Playhouse, Flat Rock, NC is getting closer - **May 10, 2017**. The bus will leave St. James at 7:30 a. m. on May 10, 2017 - for entertainment, fellowship, food and fun!

We would like to thank everyone participating in this OWL'S event!
We have 31 folks going on this trip!!!!

We will see you on May 10, 2017!

Thanks again,

Sam and Lynette

Adult Sunday School Classes

Continuing our celebration of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation the adult classes combine for the next several weeks to review and study again Luther's Small Catechism come learn again what you learned in confirmation.

Please submit by Wednesdays any Prayer requests, announcements or removals that you would like to see in the Newsletter or Bulletin. Email the requests into the church office at: office@stjames.lex.com. Or call 803-359-2122.

Hat Day will be Sunday April 30th. Just a reminder the last Sunday of every month is Hat Day .

THRIVENT FINANCIAL ACTION TEAMS

Thrivent Financial is a company started as a fraternal benefits insurance and savings program for Lutherans. The company makes no profits for itself like say, Wells Fargo or Goldman Sachs. Instead, they plow the profits back into the organization for charitable work in Lutheran congregations and their communities. A number of members own their products. Those who do can designate \$50/year to a charity of their choice (including St. James!). Also, they can sponsor 2 “action teams” per year with seed money of \$250 granted. Anyone interested in this program is invited to come here more of how to help others while helping yourself is invited to a special dessert, Sunday, **April 30th at 4pm.**

Rides for Seniors

Several of our church members are no longer able to drive, mostly for medical reasons. They would love to come to church but can't get there. If you would be willing to drive a member to church and back, please let Pastor Kevin know.



Financial Assistance for Vicar Shea

Part of the educational program for seminarians at Southern Seminary is an international trip. Vicar Shea and his wife, Grace, are planning to go to Israel next January. They have set up a Go Fund Me page on the internet (www.gofundme.com/sheandgrace) or you can make a donation through St. James. Vicar Shea will finish his time with St. James in May.

WORSHIP LEADERS IN APRIL/ MAY

Sunday, April 30	Sunday, May 7	Sunday, May 14	Sunday, May 21
Presiding Minister Pastor Kevin Ogilvie	Presiding Minister Pastor Kevin Ogilvie	Presiding Minister Pastor Kevin Ogilvie	Presiding Minister Pastor Kevin Ogilvie
Assisting Minister Vicar Shea Berbaum	Assisting Minister Vicar Shea Berbaum	Assisting Minister Vicar Shea Berbaum	Assisting Minister Vicar Shea Berbaum
Acolyte	Acolyte	Acolyte	Acolyte
Communion Assistants Gwen Freeman	Communion Assistants Von Goff	Communion Assistants	Communion Assistants
Altar Guild Lisa Tyson	Altar Guild Laura Hibbs	Altar Guild Laura Hibbs	Altar Guild Laura Hibbs
Greeters Larry Kyzer Hazel Kyzer	Greeters Cheryl Austin Cora Nevitt	Greeters Cheryl Austin Cora Nevitt	Greeters Cheryl Austin Cora Nevitt
Lector Mary Browder	Lector	Lector Brenda Poplin	Lector
Ushers Olin Slice	Ushers	Ushers	Ushers

WORSHIP LEADERS NEEDED

St. Peter writes: ⁴Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and ⁵like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. (1 Peter 2:)

You are that royal priesthood and all Christians are invited to help in leading worship. We have many opportunities from reading lessons, assisting with communion, serving as an acolyte or in the choir. Please be sure to sign up in the Narthex on Sunday mornings or speak with Pastor Kevin! He is happy to give you instruction in how to do the service you choose.

FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR

Would you like to remember a loved one or honor someone special? Please consider a donation of flowers for our altar area on Sunday morning! A sign up sheet is in the Narthex. You are asked to speak directly with the florist or to bring the arrangement yourself. Speak with Pastor Kevin for details.

Member Prayer List

Pastor Bill Kyzer
Chuck Backman
Kathleen Smith
Sandra Chapman



Member Shut-ins

Bobby Frazier
Frank McLeod
Roberta Pound
Dollie Pounds
Anna Ree Roland

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to Megan Joyner, whose mother Donna Florence died Monday April 17th. Please keep her and her family in your prayers.

Friends & Relatives of Church Members

David Ball - Father of Rosemary Davis
Randy Baker - Friend of the Freeman's
Pam Crossland - Friend of Cheryl Austin
The Family of Alberta Dooley - Aunt of Margaret & Allen Hollis
Jacob Dooley-Uncle of Margaret and Allen Hollis
Clarence Davis - Father of Jason Davis
Barbara Eckard - Cousin of Mary Hines
Donna Florence - Mother of Megan Joyner
Gracey Goodman - Great Niece of Henry Poplin
Mildred Gunter - Cousin of Anna Ree Roland
Lee Hamilton - Grandson of Norma Moore
Terri Moore Hamilton - Daughter of Norma Moore
Colene Hook - Mother of Kristie Joyner
Keith Gossett - Brother of Brenda Poplin
Bob Florence - Father of Megan Joyner
Ann Addy—Friend of Katrina Shealy
Laurie Williams— Marshall O'Quinn Teacher
Calla Wood— Granddaughter of Adam and Carolyn Steele
Mary Dunham— Friend of Mary Browder
Mickey Steele and Rita Cromer— Friends of the Austin Family.
Bill & Linda Dottery —Cousins & friends of Margaret Hollis

Lanell Hicks - Mother of Miranda West
Rick Kyzer - Son of Richard Kyzer
Roger Lindler - Brother of Mendel Lindler
Billy Long - Brother of Mike Long
Sandy Martin - Friend of Janet & Russell Taylor
Samantha Molnar - Sister of Carolyn Steele
Gerald Roof - Brother of Debbie Kyzer
Priscilla Shealy - Sister of Alice Raffa
Allie Snider- Granddaughter of the Freeman's
Johnny Starnes - Brother of Anna Ree Roland
Susan Russell - Friend of Brenda Poplin
Caleb Bratcher— Friend of Mary Hines
Sandra Voelker - Friend of Margaret Hollis
Lois Watson - Mother of Debbie Areheart
William Watson - Father of Debbie Areheart
Julia Shealy—Friend of Katrina Shealy
The Family of John Price — Cousin of Margaret & Allen Hollis
Mike and Janet Crumptions family
Gene Crumpton— Uncle
Family of Karen Lamond as they celebrate her going home to the lord this week-Friend of Mary Browder

Military Workers

Michael Anderson - Friend of St. James
Dwight Barrs - Grandson Eunice Backman
Joseph Brown - Grandson of 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

This Week At St. James

Monday, April 24

6:30PM Yoga

7:00PM Cub Scouts

Tuesday, April 25

6:30PM Girl Scouts

Wednesday, April 26

6:30PM Choir Practice

7:30PM Handbell Choir

Thursday, April 27

7:00PM Alcoholics Anonymous

Sunday, April 30

Third Sunday in Easter

9:15AM Breakfast with New Members

10:30AM Holy Communion

4:00PM Thrivent Meeting

6:00PM Church Council

Birthdays

4/30

Jennifer Boone

05/02

Lara Backman

05/03

Jacob Standridge

05/04

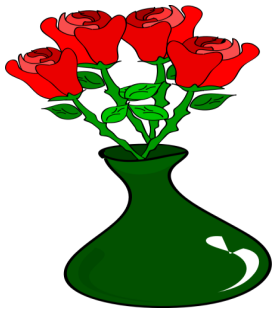
Julian Harmon

05/05

Glenn Hollis

05/06

Thom Backman



The rose on the altar is in celebration of the birth of McKenna Lauren Sharpe, Daughter of Daniel and Ashley Sharpe, granddaughter of Robert and Jan Sharpe, great-granddaughter of H.O. and Doris Sharpe. Congratulations on God's gift of new life!



Useful Information to know.

First aid kits are available and are located in the church office and the kitchen area.

Fire Extinguishers are also available throughout the building. There are a total of 12. One is in the parish behind the pulpit area of the choir. There is also one upstairs. If you would like a detailed placement of the locations please email the office and I will let you know.

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Music Director

Martha Caulder

Secretary

Sharon Summers

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9:15am Sunday School

10:30 Holy Communion

Office Hours

Monday-Thursday

9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

St. James Lutheran Council for 2017

Cheryl Austin,	<i>President</i>	Dick Kyzer	<i>Property</i>
Adam Steele,	<i>Vice-President/Cemetery</i>	Larry Kyzer	<i>Evangelism</i>
Kevin Turner,	<i>Secretary/Family Life</i>	Katrina Shealy	<i>Worship & Music</i>
Jeff Hibbs,	<i>Fin. Secretary/Personnel</i>	Pastor Kevin	<i>Ex Officio</i>
Ben Freeman	<i>Treasurer/Finance</i>		
Kim Backman,	<i>Christian Education</i>		
Mary Browder	<i>Social Ministry</i>		
John Harmon	<i>Stewardship</i>		
Mary Hines	<i>Youth</i>		