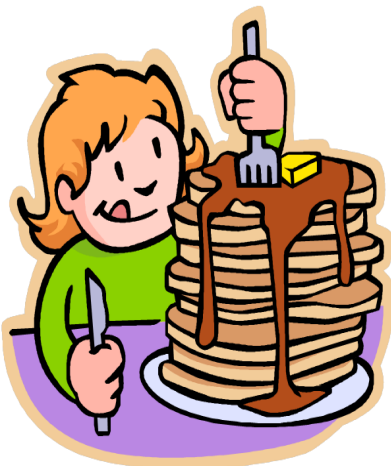




## The Transfiguration of Our Lord

Jesus brings Peter, James and John up on the mountain to pray and there they see Jesus as he really is: the resurrected Lord of Life. They are dazzled and want desperately to hold on to the glory of the moment if at all possible. Instead the vision fades and they are left with Jesus alone. In the midst of the vision they hear the voice of God saying, “This is my beloved Son. Listen to him!” Hearing the voice of Jesus and living as he teaches is what God wants us to know; faith is not all mystical visions but living day-to-day the love of God.



## Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

It's almost that time! Epiphany will draw to a close on February 28<sup>th</sup> and Lent will start with Ash Wednesday on March 1<sup>st</sup>. We have one last chance to party and to invite our neighbors to join us. Come for pancakes and sausage, fun and fellowship. **MARK IT ON YOUR CALENDARS!** *Tuesday, February 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm.*

## CATECHISM CORNER

*From Martin Luther's Small Catechism:*

### THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

#### **The Seventh Commandment**

*You shall not steal.*

*What is this? OR What does this mean?*

We are to fear and love God, so that we neither take our neighbors' money or property nor acquire them by using shoddy merchandise or crooked deals, but instead help them to improve and protect their property and income.

Stealing is a lot more complicated when you listen to Luther! There are different types of stealing, not just taking what is not yours by theft. You could cheat someone out of what they are due. Have you had a contractor only do part of the job they promised and then ask for more money? That is a form of stealing. With the internet and telephones we have seen a massive increase in the use of scams to get money out of unsuspecting people. We know stealing when we see it – usually. Sometimes people will tell you that getting the highest price for the least amount of product or work is part of a great deal done by skillful business people. God does not agree! A fair wage, a fair price are what God seeks for all people. In our competitive world, it is hard to keep our sense of balance and to avoid falling into the trap of justifying our actions because the buyer was foolish enough to pay. Luther reminds us that Christians do not just avoid stealing, instead we take the positive approach of protecting our neighbor's wealth and property, even helping them to improve it where we can.

#### **Hat Sunday**

February 26th the congregation is invited to put on your best hat .

### **Bible Study of Matthew**

Pastor Kevin is offering a Bible Study on the *Gospel of Matthew* on Thursday nights at 7pm. Matthew wrote his gospel for his community that was reeling from the destruction of the Temple in 70 AD. They had been expelled from the Jewish synagogues and were living in exile in Syria away from the Jewish homeland. “What does it mean to be the People of God?” and “How do we reach out to people not like us?” were the questions being asked. Perhaps we are asking similar questions. Matthew’s gospel maybe a place to start!

Thursday evenings at 7pm in the Fellowship hall! Bring your supper!

### **Adult Sunday School Classes**

John Harmon’s class, meeting in the NE Age Room on Sunday mornings will be looking at our **Church History** during this year of celebrating the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation.

Adam Steele’s class, meeting in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday mornings will be studying the **Sermon on the Mount** from the Gospel of Matthew.

### **A Thank You note was mailed into the office on February 16, 2016.**

Dear St. James Lutheran Church,

I appreciate the scholarship program that y’all have at your church (specifically, the Rev. William Bryan Kyzer Scholarship). I am a grateful recipient of your scholarship at the Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary in Columbia, SC. Your scholarship allows me to study in financial peace. I have a significant amount of debt from my undergraduate institution, but this scholarship allows me to focus on my grades, and slowly pay off my debts. I sincerely Thank you for your scholarship!

Peace,  
Natalie Cook

(P.S., I am friends with one of your members, Kayte Backman.)

# THE OWLS ARE PLANNING A TRIP

May 10, 2017

- 7:00am Meet your fellow travelers at the church and prepare for departure.
- 7:30am Depart the area with a rest stop en route.
- 10:00am Arrive at A Day in the Country for Shopping and Lunch (included). After lunch, we will visit Van's Chocolate Shop for the group to stop and shop and cure their sweet tooth.
- 1:15pm Meet the bus and take the short drive to the **Flat Rock Playhouse, Mainstage**.
- 2:00pm **"Smokey Joe's Cafe"** *The music of Leiber and Stoller is sure to have you tapping your toes and dancing in the aisles with such hits as On Broadway, Stand by Me, Jailhouse Rock, Yakkity Yak and I Am Woman.*
- 4:30pm After all that fun, we will make our way to Bloomfield's and enjoy a little shopping before heading back home.
- 8:30pm Estimated time of arrival back at the church.

**Per Person Cost - \$129**

**Inclusions:** Round trip motorcoach transportation, reserved ticket for "Smokey Joe's Cafe" at the Flat Rock Playhouse, plus all parking, permits, tolls and gratuity for the motorcoach operator.

Final payment due by: **March 30, 2017**

**CANCELLATION POLICY:** The cost of tickets is non-refundable once purchased. The remainder of your trip is refundable up to **April 10, 2017** Capitol Tours bases the payment / cancellation policies on those imposed by attractions, restaurants and/or the charter department. After the above date, we will work on your behalf to obtain a refund but we cannot refund money that has not been refunded to Capitol Tours. Cancellation insurance is available upon request.

□ *All arrival & departure times are approximate.*

□ Capitol Tours reserves the right to change the itinerary when it is found necessary to do so for the success of the tour. In the event that a replacement is needed, we will try to replace it with one of equal value whenever possible.

□ Capitol Tours is a proud member of the American Bus Association (ABA), the United Motorcoach Association (UMA) and the Motorcoach Association of SC (MCASC). Capitol Tours is fully insured.

## WORSHIP LEADERS IN JANUARY

**Sunday, February 26**

**Presiding Minister**  
Pastor Kevin Ogilvie

**Assisting Minister**  
Vicar Shea Berbaum

**Acolyte**  
Alyssa Long

**Crucifer**

**Communion Assistants**  
Mary Browder

**Altar Guild**  
Jan Sharpe

**Lector**  
Mary Browder

**Ushers**  
Larry Kyzer  
Luke Roland

**Sunday, March 5**

**Presiding Minister**  
Pastor Kevin Ogilvie

**Assisting Minister**  
Vicar Shea Berbaum

**Acolyte**

**Crucifer**

**Communion Assistants**  
Cheryl Austin

**Altar Guild**  
Carolyn Steele

**Lector**

**Ushers**  
Olin Slice

**Sunday, March 12**

**Presiding Minister**  
Pastor Kevin Ogilvie

**Assisting Minister**  
Vicar Shea Berbaum

**Acolyte**  
Callie Poplin

**Crucifer**

**Communion Assistants**  
Von Goff

**Altar Guild**  
Carolyn Steele

**Lector**  
Cheryl Austin

**Ushers**  
Olin Slice

**Sunday, March 19**

**Presiding Minister**  
Pastor Kevin Ogilvie

**Assisting Minister**  
Vicar Shea Berbaum

**Acolyte**

**Crucifer**

**Communion Assistants**  
Bill Hogar

**Altar Guild**  
Carolyn Steele

**Lector**  
Tammy O'Quinn

**Ushers**  
Olin Slice

## WORSHIP LEADERS NEEDED

**St. Peter writes:** <sup>4</sup>Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and <sup>5</sup>like 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



## Member Shut-ins

Bobby Frazier  
Frank McLeod  
Roberta Pound  
Dollie Pounds  
Anna Ree Roland  
Kathleen Smith  
Joan Leskoske  
Norma Moore

## 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 and Uncle of Margaret & 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  
Nancy Spinella—friend of Cora Nevitt  
Laurie Williams— Marshall O'Quinn Teacher

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  
Hazel Tisdale - Friend of Tracy Shealy  
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 Sam Bailey and Ed Bailey —  
Cousin of Margaret & Allen Hollis  
Mike and Janet Crumptions family  
Gene Crumpton— Uncle  
Donnelle Windham—Aunt  
Tim Windham—Cousin

## 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, February 20**

**7:00PM** Cub Scouts

**Tuesday, February 21**

**6:30PM** Girl Scouts

**Wednesday, February 22**

**6:30pm** Choir Practice

**7:30pm** Handbell Choir

**Thursday, February 23**

**7:00PM** Alcoholics Anonymous

**7:00PM** Bible Study

**Sunday, February 26**

***Transfiguration of Our Lord***

**9:15 AM** All Committees meet

**10:30 AM** Holy Communion

**2:30 PM** Cub & Girl Scout Classes

**4:00 PM** Confirmation Class

## Birthdays

2/20

Jim Tyner

Phyllis Boineau

2/22

Dee Franklin

2/23

Debbie Kyzer

Robbie Germershausen

2/25

Brenda Poplin

2/26

Cheryl Austin

2/28

Joyce Zeigler

## Daniel's Law

St. James, as a “house of worship” is designated by South Carolina law as a “safe haven” for abandoned babies under S.C. Code 63-7-40. This means that someone considering abandoning their infant can bring them to the church without fear of criminal prosecution, turn the child over to someone trained in the office to receive the child (pastor or secretary), leave as much pertinent information as possible (the office has a special form to fill out) and St. James will make sure the child is taken to a local hospital within 6 hours to insure that the child is safe and cared for. A small decal on the outside door to the office wing indicates that we are a “safe haven.”

**Daniel's**

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**Music Director**

Martha Caulder

**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 &amp; 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>		