



Ash Wednesday

As God expelled Adam and Eve from the garden, Genesis tells us that God said, “In the sweat of your face you shall eat bread till you return to the ground for out of it you were taken; you are dust and to dust you shall return.” At the beginning of Lent we mark the sign of the Cross in the ashes of last year’s Palm Sunday branches, we remember our mortality with those same words and in so doing remember that our lives, short as they are in this world, are a gift from God. Lent is a penitential season. Remorse and regret for sin are appropriate...to a point. We truly repent, not by feeling sorry but by changing our lives to reflect the will of God.

The First Sunday in Lent

We read the story of the Temptation of Jesus by the devil in the 4th chapter of the Gospel of Matthew this Sunday. We learn that Jesus was fasting and the devil came, knowing Jesus was hungry and suggested he turn stone to bread and satisfy his hunger. But Jesus was not a malnourished peasant desperate for food, rather he was purposefully reminding himself by his own choice that God is the author of all things good, that God speaks and we have what we need. Lent is about fasting – either by denying ourselves something that matters or by taking on a service that might take time away from our leisure. The devil will tell you it is onerous but joy is promised those who rely on the Lord.



CATECHISM CORNER

From Martin Luther's Small Catechism:

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

The Eighth Commandment

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

What is this? OR What does this mean?

We are to fear and love God, so that we do not tell lies about our neighbors, betray or slander them, or destroy their reputations. Instead we are to come to their defense, speak well of them, and interpret everything they do in the best possible light.

In an age of exaggerated news stories, in an age when social media makes it tempting to speak more about a person than to a person or leaves us feeling safe behind the computer screen to say things we might not say in person, in an age when our right to free speech has become a perceived license to attack or humiliate another person, this commandment calls us up short. It might surprise some to learn that in spite of our hyper-sexualized society with rampant displays of fornication, lust and adultery, I spend more time on this commandment in Confirmation Class than on the 6th. A man or woman's reputation, their good name, grants them standing in society, dignity and can directly affect their livelihood. In the political arena – which, I fear, too often informs our interpersonal dealings – it has become more and more acceptable to attack a person's character, origin, body image, gender, or even taste in clothing rather than engage with their ideas. Disagreements about ideas, honest debate is important in a free society. Vehement disagreement is even healthy as long as we do not misrepresent what the other is saying or impugn their integrity for saying it. We are quick to judge the actions of others before we know the whole story. Luther turns the commandment upside down. For Christians it is not enough to say only that we will not lie against or slander a neighbor. Instead we are called to protect the reputation of our neighbor and put the best construction on their words and actions. It is hard but living this way will change society for the better!

Continuing in the Covenant of Baptism: Lenten Mid-Week Services

The candidate for holy baptism or confirmation is asked the following question to which the expected answer is “yes”:

You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

- to live among God’s faithful people,
- to hear the word of God and share in the Lord’s supper,
- to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,
- to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,
- and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

We will gather on Thursdays at 6:30pm for a simple supper followed at 7pm for a service of reflection on these promises of the promises. What does it mean to “live among God’s faithful people,” etc. Each week participants will be asked to think how, in the coming week, they might live out the meaning of their baptism by focusing on one of each of these promises. You may have been baptized a long time ago but your face is still wet. Come find out why!

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 on 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.

I would like to Thank everyone for their patience as I settle into this position. I have enjoyed meeting many smiling faces. If you have any questions or need to reach me by phone the office number is 803-359-2122. If I am not available leave me a message and I will return your call. Sharon

The Owls will meet for lunch at Creekside in the old Lexington Mill the third Thursday (March16) at 12noon. Come share a meal and Christian fellowship with fellow brothers and sisters of St. James. See you there.

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.*

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WORSHIP LEADERS IN JANUARY

Sunday, March 5

Presiding Minister
Pastor Kevin Ogilvie

Assisting Minister
Vicar Shea Berbaum

Acolyte

Communion Assistants
Cheryl Austin

Altar Guild
Carolyn Steele

Lector
Lynn Barley

Ushers
Olin Slice

Sunday, March 12

Presiding Minister
Pastor Kevin Ogilvie

Assisting Minister
Vicar Shea Berbaum

Acolyte
Callie Poplin

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

Communion Assistants
Bill Hogan

Altar Guild
Carolyn Steele

Lector
Tammy O'Quinn

Ushers
Olin Slice

Sunday, March 26

Presiding Minister
Pastor Kevin Ogilvie

Assisting Minister
Vicar Shea Berbaum

Acolyte

Communion Assistants
Mary Browder

Altar Guild
Jan Sharpe

Lector
Mary Browder

Ushers
Olin Slice

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



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 27

7:00PM Cub Scouts

Tuesday, February 28

6:30PM Shrove Tuesday

6:30PM Girl Scouts

Wednesday, March 1

7:00PM Ash Wednesday Service

Thursday, March 2

7:00PM Alcoholics Anonymous

7:00PM Bible Study

Sunday, March 5

First Sunday in Lent

9:15 AM All Committees meet

10:30 AM Holy Communion

2:30 PM Cub & Girl Scout Classes

4:00 PM Confirmation Class

Birthdays

02/28

Joyce Zeigler

03/01

Brandon Crumpton

Joretta Martin

Cheryl Rhodes

03/02

Jackie Jarrell

03/03

Keith O'Quinn

Kenneth Gossett

03/04

Margaret Roland

Jay Toole

03/05

Amber Godfrey

Trevor Davis

Beware of Telephone Scams!

On Monday the church office was the recipient of a scam phone call. The scammer did not succeed but it reminded us that we need to use caution on the telephone. The caller said he was a technician from SCE&G, that our bill was unpaid and that he was instructed to come to the church and turn off the power within the hour. He gave us a phone number to call that we could use to discuss the matter with the company. Pastor Kevin pressed him but he then hung up. The number he gave and the number for SCE&G were not the same. The police were informed. The electric company will NOT shut off your power without several written, mailed notices! They do not use these kinds of phone calls. Before you do as the caller suggests, call a friend, call the numbers you have on your monthly statements NOT the number that was given you on the phone. Check it out. And stay calm. Criminals want to scare you. Good businesses want your continued patronage.

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CHURCH STAFF

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Kevin Ogilvie, PhD.

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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 & 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>		