

# THE WEEKLY MESSENGER



1358 South Lake Drive Lexington, SC 29073

Week of July 23, 2017



## The 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed..." we read in our Gospel lesson this week. South Carolinians know something about mustard, of course. It makes the best BBQ sauce! Somethings I didn't know about mustard until I lived in Saskatchewan, Canada, however: Saskatchewan is the world's leading exporter of mustard! Who knew? Jesus says the seed in his parable though very small grows into a huge tree where birds come and nest. Actually, it is, at best, a small shrub. I might have known this if I had grown up in Saskatchewan or in the Middle East of Jesus' day. So was Jesus being ironic? Perhaps because just after this, Jesus declares that a little bit of leaven goes a long way in making bread. So, this Sunday, come think about how God makes little things into great and powerful agents for the kingdom!



## Theology Corner

### The Doctrine of God

I got this wrong on my final exam in college, so I have never since forgotten it. What or who is God? The answer seemed obvious to me: Jesus, the Trinity, the Creator of the universe, omniscient, all powerful, etc., etc. Luther's explanation is so much simpler than all those words! "God" is whatever you put your ultimate trust in. In Luther's explanation, there can be no atheists, oddly enough. Even atheists put their ultimate trust in something, even themselves. Hence the old insult: "He's a self-made man who worships his creator." "God" is anything I put my ultimate trust in and that tells me that daily I break the First Commandment.

In the above quoted insult, wealth and power, education, hard work – the list goes on and on – all become my god when I trust them more than the God revealed to us in Holy Scripture. Am I of any worth? Maybe if I buy the right clothes, live in the right house, have the right friends? Can I live in security and peace? Maybe if I trust the right politician, buy the right security package for my home, invest in weapons and defensive shields. Can I know love? Maybe, if I join the right website, act a certain way, buy the right eye liner or a muscle shirt. All these things become my god if I cannot trust that God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, has my best interests at heart, loves me unconditionally, wants the very best for me and – and this is the big one – has re-ordered the world so that

resurrection is my ultimate destination, not death. I have nothing to fear.

It is worth reviewing the 10 Commandments daily, especially the First Commandment: You shall have no other gods. Ask yourself, where do you put your ultimate trust. Pray for forgiveness and ask God to grant you the ability to trust all God's promises.

THANK YOU



A huge **Thank You** to everyone who came out and attended July 21st Movie night! We hope you Enjoyed it.

# WORSHIP LEADERS IN JULY/AUGUST

**Sunday, July 30**

**Presiding Minister**  
Pastor Kevin Ogilvie

**Assisting Minister**

**Acolyte**

**Communion Assistants**  
Gwen Freeman

**Altar Guild**  
Lynnette Steele

**Greeters**  
Tom Boozer  
Glenda Boozer

**Lector**

**Ushers**

**Sunday, August 6**

**Presiding Minister**  
Pastor Kevin Ogilvie

**Assisting Minister**

**Acolyte**

**Communion Assistants**  
Chery Austin

**Altar Guild**  
Kim Backman

**Greeters**  
Dick Kyzer  
Debbie Kyzer

**Lector**  
Mary Browder

**Ushers**

**Sunday, August 13**

**Presiding Minister**  
Pastor Kevin Ogilvie

**Assisting Minister**

**Acolyte**

**Communion Assistants**  
Carolyn Steele

**Altar Guild**  
Kim Backman

**Greeters**  
Dick Kyzer  
Debbie Kyzer

**Lector**

**Ushers**

**Sunday, August 20**

**Presiding Minister**  
Pastor Kevin Ogilvie

**Assisting Minister**

**Acolyte**

**Communion Assistants**  
Gwen Freeman

**Altar Guild**  
Kim Backman

**Greeters**  
Dick Kyzer  
Debbie Kyzer

**Lector**

**Ushers**



## SISTERCARE

Freeing Families From Fear

As you all know our emergency shelters offer confidential space where survivors can escape violence and plan for their future. Individual and group counseling, supportive services, food, laundry, clothing, transportation and more are provided. *At this time our shelters are in need of women's body wash, deodorant, razors, children's DVDs, combs, and hair brushes.* If you or someone you know would like to donate please contact me directly for additional information. Thank you for your support of our mission we appreciate your efforts.

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Volunteer and Community Outreach Coordinator  
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## Member Prayer List

Kathleen Smith  
Sandra Chapman  
Von Goff  
Trevor Davis  
Tim Davis  
Robert Sharpe



## 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  
Emma Snelgrove - Mother of Cheryl Austin  
Jacob Dooley-Uncle of Margaret and Allen Hollis  
Clarence Davis - Father of Jason Davis  
Barbara Eckard - Cousin of Mary Hines  
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  
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  
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  
Mike and Janet Crumptions family  
Gene Crumpton— Uncle

## Military Workers

Michael Anderson - Friend of St. James  
Dwight Barrs - Grandson Eunice Backman  
Joseph Brown - Grandson of Kathryn Kyzer  
Ryan Caulder - Son of Mot Caulder  
Aaron Frazier— Grandson of Bobby and Jean Frazier

Daniel Herb - Son in Law of Mot Caulder  
Jeremy Jolly - Grandson of Hazel Rawl  
Wayne Watkins - Nephew of S. Jeffords

## **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.

## This Week At St. James

**Monday, July 24**

6:30 Yoga

**Tuesday, July 25**

6:30PM Girl Scouts

**Thursday, July 27**

7:00PM Alcoholics Anonymous

**Sunday, July 30**

*Eighth Sunday after Pentecost*

9:15AM Sunday School

10:30AM Holy Communion

# Meeting

The next planning for the Reformation Celebration will be July 31st at 7PM

## OWLs Planning Supper at Old McDonald Fish Camp

St. James OWLs are planning a supper at Old McDonald Fish Camp, tentatively **Friday, August 25**. If you are interested, please check for the signup sheet in the narthex and listen for more details. If you have questions, call Margaret at (803) 359-6633.

**No children's Sunday School in June, July and August.**

## Birthdays

**08/02**

Taylor Newman

**08/03**

Tara Gee  
Barb Stamm

**08/04**

Mattie O'Quinn

**08/05**

Dickie Enlow

**08/06**

Samantha Long



## Needs for House of Hope

Preemie diapers  
Baby boy caps  
baby socks, shoes, bibs, pacifiers  
baby bottles

A box is placed in the Narthex for these items. If you have questions please stop by the church office.

# CHURCH COMMUNITY SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

The reason for our correspondence is to reach out to you on behalf of Lexington School District 1. As I'm sure you're aware, the beginning of the school year can be hard for many students as their parents don't have the ability to provide basic school supplies. Sadly, this puts many students behind from the onset of the school year.

Our desire is to display the unity of the Body of Christ while ministering to the needs in our community. By partnering together, we can ensure that all students in LSD1 have the basic necessities to secure their success in the upcoming school year.

## **HOW YOUR CHURCH CAN HELP:**

We are asking for all of our area churches to hold School Supply Drives in honor of LSD1 leading up to the beginning of the school year.

## **THE TYPES OF SUPPLIES REQUESTED:**

**Book bags, 3-ring (1 inch) binders, composition notebooks, loose leaf paper (wide/college rule), pencils, pens, glue sticks, crayons, rulers, markers, dividers,** and other basic supply items.

There is also a great need for other basic needs such as **hygiene and clothing items**. Specifically: **deodorant, lice treatments, toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, shampoo, undergarments, socks, shoes, and clothing items of all types and sizes.**

## **PRESENTATION OF SUPPLIES:**

Our goal would be to collect all items the week of Aug 14-18. We would like to present all donations as a community effort with a representative present from each contributing church to the district's specified delivery location at the end of that week. We will be glad to come to your church and pick up the items for delivery should you so desire.

**\*\*We will have an area set up in the office for donations. We have 3 different needs at this time, two which are in the Narthex. Thank you all for the wonderful support given for our functions we are holding at St. James.\*\***

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### CHURCH STAFF

#### **Pastor**

Kevin Ogilvie, PhD.

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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 &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>		