



**1358 South Lake Drive Lexington, SC 29073**

**Week of July 30, 2017**

## The 9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost



<sup>1</sup>Ho, everyone who thirsts,  
come to the waters;  
and you that have no money,  
come, buy and eat!  
Come, buy wine and milk  
without money and without price. (Isaiah 55)

Here is an oxymoron (a self-contradictory statement): “buy” without money. You cannot buy without money. You can be given something. But if you make no financial investment in the product, you are not buying it. We Americans pay the least amount of our monthly income for food of any nation on earth. That does not mean food is cheap for those who struggle. Jann and I were reminded of how cheap our food is in the grocery store in British Columbia while we were visiting. Chicken costs about as much as beef. When most of your income goes for food, housing, clothes and other necessities must come second. Imagine in a poorer place the news that food is free! I have seen famine first hand. It is an ugliness that defies description. I watched as a woman, skin and bones, pushed her mother in a wheelbarrow towards a feeding station. A couple of steps and then she’d drop the handles. It took all the energy she had and she was only a couple hundred yards from relief. To her, I was sure, it was a couple of miles. Jesus told his disciples to feed the crowd and when they hesitated, he did it. Jesus did not ask who was worthy and who was lazy. He gave out more than enough food. The people of St. James care about hungry people and so we share through the food bank, the backpack program, and globally through the ELCA’s programs. We buy not with money but with the love God has invested in us.

# Law and Gospel

The concept of Law and Gospel is a deeply Lutheran trademark. Lutherans understand that the message God imparts to us in Scripture is a message that both holds us to account (Law) and sets us free (Gospel). Some people think that when we use the word “Law” we mean the Old Testament because there are so many laws in the Old Testament, especially the 10 Commandments. But there are also soaring passages of grace in the Old Testament, like the Isaiah passage quoted on the first page of this newsletter. These same folk would then say that the New Testament is grace and gospel but it too has law. You know the beatitudes in Matthew’s gospel (Chapter 5). Check out the woes (or “anti-beatitudes”) in Luke’s gospel (6:24-26).

Law and Gospel is a hermeneutic filter we use to understand the message of Christ. “Hermeneutic” is a \$10 word meaning “way of interpreting.” When we read any scripture, we ask ourselves does this condemn or judge us? or does this set us free? We need the Law because it teaches us just how much we need Jesus. Perhaps more so today than in previous generations we have need to listen to the demands of the Law. If, for example, an economist tells us that greed drives the economy in good ways, making people rich, we must hear the story of the rich man with the smaller barn who decides to build a bigger one and then dies that night. (Luke 12:16ff) God never defines greed as good but as a false god (Mammon) that we think will provide us security. Instead, we hear in the Book of Genesis, that God created the entire world and gave it to us for our pleasure and sustenance (Chapter 1).

When you read the Bible, ask yourself this question, “Is what I am reading making me uncomfortable, making me feel that I need to repent, that I need someone to help me?” If so, then that is Law. The good news is that Law drives you to Jesus who can help you! If the

passage you are reading sets you free, relieves your burdens and reminds you of how deeply God loves you (say, Romans 8), then it is Gospel. Not all passages of Scripture have the same weight for us. In the end, we value gospel words the most.

When you listen to a sermon, you can ask yourself the same questions. If the pastor's sermon is not, in the end, good news, well, it might not be a very good sermon. Talk to me or whomever the preacher is if you think that is the case. I'll thank you for it!



Join us on Friday Aug 4th @ 7 PM for our next Family Movie Night. We will be showing the classic "Chitty Chitty Bang Bang". Get ready for a fabulous trip in the amazing flying car. We encourage you to bring your blankets and pillows and we'll supply the popcorn.

# WORSHIP LEADERS IN AUGUST

**Sunday, August 6**

**Presiding Minister**  
Pastor Kevin Ogilvie

**Assisting Minister**

**Acolyte**  
Lizzy Turner

**Communion Assistants**  
Cheryl Austin

**Altar Guild**  
Kim Backman

**Greeters**  
Dick Kyzer  
Debbie Kyzer

**Lector**  
Mary Browder

**Ushers**  
Bill Hogan  
Von Goff

**Sunday, August 13**

**Presiding Minister**  
Pastor Kevin Ogilvie

**Assisting Minister**

**Acolyte**  
Lizzy Turner

**Communion Assistants**  
Carolyn Steele

**Altar Guild**  
Kim Backman

**Greeters**  
Dick Kyzer  
Debbie Kyzer

**Lector**  
Krisie Turner

**Ushers**  
Jeff Hibbs  
Scott Strickland

**Sunday, August 20**

**Presiding Minister**  
Pastor Kevin Ogilvie

**Assisting Minister**

**Acolyte**  
Lizzy Turner

**Communion Assistants**  
Gwen Freeman

**Altar Guild**  
Kim Backman

**Greeters**  
Dick Kyzer  
Debbie Kyzer

**Lector**  
Kevin Turner

**Ushers**  
Dick Kyzer

**Sunday, August 27**

**Presiding Minister**  
Pastor Kevin Ogilvie

**Assisting Minister**

**Acolyte**  
Alyssa Long

**Communion Assistants**  
Rebecca Koch

**Altar Guild**  
Kim Backman

**Greeters**  
Dick Kyzer  
Debbie Kyzer

**Lector**  
Mary Browder

**Ushers**  
Dick Kyzer



**Worship leaders are needed Weekly. Please see the sign up book in the Narthex. If you are interested but not sure on the specific duties Pastor Kevin would love to explain so you can help.**

## Member Prayer List

Kathleen Smith  
Sandra Chapman  
Von Goff  
Tim Davis  
Robert Sharpe  
Terese Tyner



## Member Shut-ins

Bobby Frazier  
Frank McLeod  
Robertta 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  
Charles Keisler— Cousin of Mike Long

Janell 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 31**

**6:30** Yoga

**Tuesday, August 1**

**6:30PM** Girl Scouts

**Thursday, August 3**

**7:00PM** Alcoholics Anonymous

**Friday, August 4**

**7:00PM** Family Movie Night

**Sunday, August 6**

*Ninth Sunday after Pentecost*

**9:15AM** Sunday School

**10:30AM** Holy Communion

## OWLs August Lunch

St. James OWLs will meet at **Flight Deck** in Lexington for lunch

**August 17 (third Thursday)**. Please be there and seated by **12 noon** ready to order. Join us for Christian fellowship and good food. See you there.

## 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

8/07

Iris Webb

8/10

Brenda Hollis

Kim Backman

8/12

Adam Steele III

Alexander Standridge

8/13

Jean Frazier



## 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

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#### Music Director

Martha Caulder

#### Secretary

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### SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9:15am Sunday School

10:30 Holy Communion

#### Office Hours

Monday-Thursday

9:00 AM - 2:00 PM



# 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 we appreciate your efforts.

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