

# THE WEEKLY MESSENGER



1358 South Lake Drive Lexington, SC 29073

Week of June 26, 2016

Dear Members,

One of the brightest jewels in St. James Lutheran Church's crown is that, as a congregation, you care deeply about children and families. Ironically, we are at a period in our congregational life where we do not have a great number of children in our Sunday School. Many worry about this. I think it is just a small drought that might precede a flood. Just the same, you have not stopped caring about the children in our community who need care and for whom life is not always smooth. In January we voted to pursue an After School program to begin this fall. You will find information about that program in the pages that follow. You will also find ways you can be involved with this ministry.

<sup>5</sup> Father of the fatherless and protector of widows is God in his holy habitation.

<sup>6</sup> God gives the desolate a home to dwell in; he leads out the prisoners to prosperity; but the rebellious dwell in a parched land. (Ps. 68:5-6 RSV)

When I was in seminary, our professor of Old Testament one day read the portion of Psalm 68 above. He then slammed his Bible shut and said to us, "That is the Gospel! Do not forget it!" You all remind me so often of the truth of this psalm. Thank God we can now tell others and they can experience what it means that the desolate have a home to dwell in!

Your servant in Christ,  
Pastor Kevin

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## CHURCH OFFICE NOTES

- ~ Anyone interested in volunteering as worship assistant in one, or more areas, please feel free to call the church office or sign up in the narthex. We are in need of assistants in all areas of worship.
- ~ Any articles that you would like to have included in the Weekly Messenger need to be emailed to [office@stjameslex.com](mailto:office@stjameslex.com) or simply brought by the church office prior to Wednesday of the week you would like to see it in the publication. Thank you!

### TIME SENSITIVE STUFF



Please check the prayer list in the back of the newsletter this week. If you see a name that needs to be removed or if you know of someone that needs to be added, call or email the church office with the name so that any updates may be made.

Thank you.

**God Bless America! Happy Fourth of July!**



## UPCOMING EVENTS AT ST. JAMES

**Where:** St. James' N E Age Room  
(Parlor)

**When:** Tuesdays, beginning on July 12<sup>th</sup>  
At 12:00PM

*All are welcome and invited to join us!*  
Details To Come Soon



### **Friends and Faith St. James Lutheran Church After School Program**

Beginning in September of 2016, St. James will be hosting an after school program for approximately 40 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> graders from Red Bank Elementary. This program will be offered one afternoon a week and will follow the academic calendar as proposed for Lexington School District One.

Our goals include but are not limited to:

Making Christ known by:

Using our church facilities to host this program

Providing a Sunday School lesson each week

Having St. James members as volunteers for homework assistance, games, supervise play, supervise/teach art, music, theater, gardening...

Provide a warm, welcoming environment for those in our community that may be looking for a church home

Provide resources as we are able to assist the families we serve

Sponsor Celebration Activities where the church and community can come together to celebrate the successes of this program

Tutoring in the areas of reading and math from certified teachers

Provide a snack/backpack for each student

Provide a safe, positive environment where children can grow in faith and in academics

Grow in partnerships with our business community

# Friends and Faith: Committees and Volunteers

(All volunteers agree to go through a background check and child protection program)

## **Snack Committee: Charlene Crumpton**

This committee will be responsible for planning and distributing snacks and backpack food weekly. This group *will probably* need to be at the church from 2:15-3:15 each week.

## **Activities:**

This committee will be in charge of providing opening session (during snack time), songs, video, group games, each week and plan for various activities for the last 30-45 minutes of the program. This could include various activities such as art, music, theater, dance, sewing or crocheting classes, playing outside on our “soon to be” playground. Skies the limit here!

## **Academic Assistance: Homework Help!**

Each week volunteers will be needed to sit with children and help them with any homework they have. This is also a GREAT OPPORTUNITY to read to a child, work with flash cards, play games, just spend some quality one on one time with a child. Making Christ known through a personal touch will change a child’s life forever!

## **Sunday School Lessons: Holy Moly Ya’ll!**

Each week, a short Bible story will be presented. We will be using the Holy Moly series from Augsburg Fortress. Simple, straight forward, fun, easy booklets portray various bible stories with plenty of additional activities provided to round out the lesson. This will also provide the child with information to take home and SHARE.

## **Academic Tutoring:**

We are currently seeking 2 certified teachers to provide tutoring in the areas of math and reading. These will be paid positions.

## **Friends and Faith: Our Schedule**

Preliminary planning:

Children arrive as soon as school is dismissed (right now parents are responsible for transportation to and from the church)

**2:45-3:25 Snacks, Opening Session**

**3:25-3:30 Prepare for Sessions, travel time to appropriate station**

**3:30-5:30** Children are split into 4 groups. Each session lasts 30 minutes. Children rotate through each of the following areas:

Math

Reading

Sunday School

Homework Assistance

**5:30-6:00 Closing Session**

**Adjourn**

# CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!!

**We need YOUR help!**

## **Friends and Faith Volunteers Needed!**

St. James is blessed with many wonderful members. We all have a talent to share! Please prayerfully consider an area where you can make Christ known and change the life of a child. We need volunteers/directors for the following areas. Training sessions will be held on Wednesday, August 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:00AM and Thursday, August 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM for anyone interested in helping.

Opening Session  
Closing Session  
Homework Assistance  
Sunday School Teachers

### **Additional areas:**

Kitchen  
Snacks  
Organization of various projects  
Possibility of more areas if the need arises

### **Count me IN!**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Area I want to help \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_



## THANK YOU



I would like to thank the St. James Congregation for the support and kindness you have given with the recent death of my father, Jerry Hutto. It has been a great comfort.

Stan Hutto

## ALTAR FLOWERS FOR JULY

July 3

July 10

July 17

July 24

July 31

Dick & Debbie Kyzer

Mike & Charlene Crumpton

Luke & Barbara Roland



## BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

06/26

Emerson Hibbs  
Scott Strickland

06/27

Katie Dattilio  
Carin Seward

06/28

Kathryn Kyzer

06/29

Hannah Turner

### Member Prayer List

Margaret Hollis

Gerry Jeffords	Frank McLeod
Norma Moore	Anna Ree Roland
Elizabeth Roland	Katie Rose
Terese Tyner	

### Shut-ins

Margaret Kyzer	Roberta Pound
Dollie Pounds	Kathleen Smith

## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

### SUNDAY, JULY 3

<b>ACOLYTE</b>	Mattie O'Quinn
<b>ALTAR GUILD</b>	Lynette Steele
<b>LECTOR</b>	Vanessa Foulks
<b>USHERS</b>	Hank Poplin Guy West

### **COMMUNION ASSISTANT**

Von Goff

### **SOUND SYSTEM**

Jan Sharpe

Be aware that the weekly newsletter will be the **only** reminder that volunteers will receive. If unable to perform the duty you have volunteered for, please find a substitute and notify the church office of the name.

### Friends & Relatives of Church Members

David Ball - Father of Rosemary Davis  
Angelica Bennett - Friend of Amy Walker  
Betty Boone - Friend of Hilda West  
Cue Cantrell - Aunt of Brenda Poplin  
Pam Crossland - Friend of Cheryl Austin  
Jacob & Alberta Dooley - Relative of Margaret & Allen Hollis  
Clarence Davis - Father of Jason Davis  
Barbara Eckard - Cousin of Mary Hines  
Colton Godfrey - Great Nephew of Charlene Crumpton  
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

Lanell Hicks - Mother of Miranda West  
Rick Kyzer - Son of Richard Kyzer  
Roger Lindler - Brother of Mendel Lindler  
Sandy Martin - Friend of Janet & Russell Taylor  
Samantha Molnar - Sister of Carolyn Steele  
Girley Rawl - Sister-in-Law of Hazel Rawl  
Gerald Roof - Brother of Debbie Kyzer  
Priscilla Shealy - Sister of Alice Raffa  
Johnny Starnes - Brother of Anna Ree Roland  
Corey Taylor - Friend of Mary Hines  
Annette Walls - Sister of Gwen Freeman  
Lois Watson - Mother of Debbie Areheart  
William Watson - Father of Debbie Areheart

### 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  
Keith Zeigler - Son of Tom Zeigler

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Vicar Brian Foulks

**Music Director**

Martha Caulder

**Secretary**

Amy Walker

**SUNDAY SCHEDULE**

9:30AM Holy Communion

10:45AM Sunday School

**Office Hours**

9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

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**MORE INFORMATION...**

**ELCA GLOBAL LINKS** - Would you like to know more? The ELCA invites you to click on or copy and paste any of the following links to learn more about the many events, groups and dates that are upcoming and may be of importance to you. <http://www.elca.org/globalchurch>  
<https://twitter.com/ELCAGCS>, <https://www.facebook.com/GlobalLinks/>

**ST. JAMES FOOD PANTRY** - Canned potatoes, canned fruit and pasta sauces are needed for our pantry. As always, any and all donations are welcome and appreciated. We open the Fellowship Hall to our friends and neighbors in need each month on the **3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday at 10 AM.**

**Go! Share God's Peace. Make Christ Known.**