St. James Lutheran Messenger



Dear Members,

The lessons of the last weeks and this coming week have focused on the Sermon on the Mount. You remember this sermon as it begins so famously with "Blessed are the poor in spirit..." The message that most of us take from it is that God is turning the world upside down, reversing people's fortunes where the poor, the meek, the merciful, the peacemakers, the justice seekers will be blessed and those who are unfeeling rich, war-mongers, haughty, cruel and oppressive will have their comeuppance. Jesus, many will tell you, was a dreamer. This is not true in real life, so why would Jesus teach us this?

This week Jesus speaks about the 10 Commandments. He tells people that we know that killing is wrong but he says even being angry with another, calling them a name, is the same thing. We know that adultery is wrong but Jesus says even having a wandering eye and a little stirring of lust even if it is not acted upon is the same thing. We know that using the Lord's Name in vain – that is swearing an oath you know to be false – is a bad thing but Jesus tells us that our truthfulness has to exceed even the swearing of an oath.

It is impossible. It is not what the world teaches. The world teaches getting revenge on your enemies — or the jump on them if you think they might do something. The world teaches that name-calling, demeaning other people so you can look better is a good thing. Just listen to the rhetoric in our current political season! The world teaches that some people have to be on the bottom so the rest of us can live good lives. How can those people be blessed when we who are on top clearly are?

Jesus teaches us that God is turning the world upside down. Jesus teaches us that the world God envisions cares about all people, especially the weakest among us. To see the world as God sees the world, learn the Sermon on the Mount and then hold on to your hat! It's going to be wild a ride!

Pastor Kevin



FOR OUR PRAYERS

Friends & Relatives of Church Members

John Chisolm Jr.-

Friend of Hollis Family

Mason James-

Grandson of Virginia Hall

Maverick James-

Grandson of Virginia Hall

Iris Crapps-

Friend of Virginia Hall

Don Chasse-

Nephew of Virginia Hall

Sandra Chappman-

Friend of Virginia Hall

Justin Snider

Son of the Freeman's

Marie McGuinness-

Friend of Gail Long

Annette Stephens-

Cousin of Myra Weeks

Holley Sheppard-

Family of Laney Strickland

Gene Crumpton-

Uncle of Janet Taylor & Mike Crumpton

Sandy Martin-

Friend of Jane & Russell Taylor

Emma Snelgrove–

Mother of Cheryl Austin

Colene Hook-

Mother of kristie Joyner

Lanell Hicks-

Mother of Miranda West

Samantha Molnar-

Sister of Carolyn Steele

John Hotaling -

Brother of Mary Browder

Taylor Armstrong -

Grandson of Jimmy & Katrina Shealy

Emma Henderson-

Great Granddaughter of Leon & Mary Browder

Prayer request will be posted for 30 days .

Should you need to place someone back on the list, Please resubmit a new prayer request form.

Thank you, St. James Office



Members

Margaret Hollis
Kathy Goings
Tom Boozer
Vickie Johnson
Harold Roland
Holly Kyzer
Von Goff
Chuck Backman

Shut-ins

Jackie Metz
Dollie Pounds
Anna Ree Roland
Kathleen Smith
Alice Raffa
Retha Slice
Virginia Hall
Lance Steadman
Cynthia Lopez

Continue to remember those who have illnesses or needs in their lives.

Military

Joseph Brown-

Grandson of Kathryn Kyzer

Ryan Caulder-

Son of Mot Caulder

Aaron Frazier–

Grandson of Jean Frazier

Daniel Herb-

Son in law of Mot Caulder

Jeremy Jolly-

Grandson of Hazel Bachman

Wayne Watkins–

Nephew of S. Jeffords

David Supowit-

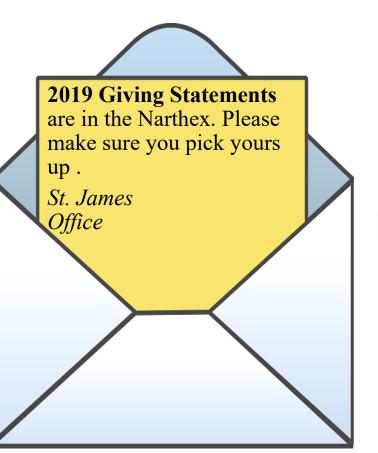
Son in Law of Kathleen McLean

Levi Dane Kyzer—

Grandson of Holly Kyzer

If you have an active Military family member that you would like St. James to send them a Care Package please get with Myra Weeks and let her know.







The Owls will meet February 20th @ 12 pm at Creekside in Lexington.

Bulletin Board

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Prayer request forms are in the Narthex.	If you have not signed up for a volunteer position this year, lists are in the Narthex.
Shrove Tuesday 2/25 @ 6PM	Ash Wednesday Service 2/26 @ 7PM
Giving Statements are in the Narthex	Flower Sign up is in the Narthex Volunteer book
Council Meeting February 16th @ 4PM	FYI Council Meetings are open to church members to sit in on .



We would like to express our gratitude to everyone here at St. James . **Thank You** for all the prayers, cards and phone calls these past few days on the death of our Sister-N-Law. You all have a special place in our hearts.

The Hollis Family

WORSHIP LEADERS

FEBRUARY 16

Presiding MinisterPastor Kevin Ogilvie

Altar Guild Jan Sharpe

LectorGwen Freeman

Communion Myra Weeks

Ushers
Dick Kyzer
Luke Roland

Children's Church Leaders
Alyssa Long
Chris & Amanda Huber

Flowers-Lisa & Joel Tyson

FEBRUARY 23

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Ushers
Dick Kyzer
Luke Roland

Children's Church Leaders
Alyssa Long
Rebecca Koch

Flowers- Guy & Hilda West

Coming up at St. James

Monday, February 10 7:00PM Cub Scouts

Tuesday, February 11 6:30PM Girl Scouts

Wednesday, February 12 6:30PM Choir Practice 7:30PM Handbell Practice

Thursday, February 13 7:00PM AA 6-9PM Boy Scouts

Sunday, February 16 Sixth Sunday After Epiphany

9:15AM Sunday school 10:30AM Holy Communion Monday, February 17
7:00PM Lutheran Men In Mission
7:00PM Cub Scouts

Tuesday, February 18 10-11AM Food Pantry 6:30PM Girl Scouts

Wednesday, February 19 6:30PM Choir Practice 7:30PM Handbell Practice

Thursday, February 20 12PM Owls @ Creekside 7:00PM AA 6-9PM Boy Scouts

Sunday, February 23 Transfiguration of Our Lord

9:15AM Sunday school 10:30AM Holy Communion

When leaving the church building or facilities, Please remember to make sure all doors have been properly closed and locked and lights have been turned off.

If you have a function and food is also involved Please remove **ALL Trash** and place in the dumpster after your event.

Please place your tissues, candy wrappers bottles and cups in the trash.

Thank you, St. James Office





Goal for the month: Invite someone new to our church.

Wednesday Saturday Friday Sunday Monday Tuesday Thursday 9AM Saturday 7 **Sisters Scouting** drop-off 9AM Den 9AM Scouting & Scout Boy Meeting 3 Girl Back-Sunday 4 **Scouts** pickup **Scouts Packs** 7PM **7PM** 9AM 6:30PM **Pack** Choir Blue & Gold 6:30PM $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{A}$ **Planning** Handbells Banquet 7PM 3PM 7:30PM **6PM** Boy Council 16 Meeting 16 14 Choir 12 Scouts 13 Meeting 10 Girl Scouts **7PM** 4PM 7PM 6:30PM 6:30PM Handbells Backman $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{A}$ 7:30PM 1-5PM F.H. **7PM** Valentine's Day **Owls** Pantry 18 **LMM** 21 23 Choir 19 22 20 **12PM 7PM Boy Scouts** 6:30PM 10-11AM Den 7PM Handbells Meeting Girl $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{A}$ 7:30PM 7PM **Scouts 7PM** Presidents' Day 6:30PM Boy 28 Service 26 29 Scouts 27 Shrove **25** Tuesda Den **7PM** Meeting 6PM **7PM** 7PM AA Girl **7PM Scouts** Ash Wednesday 6:30PM



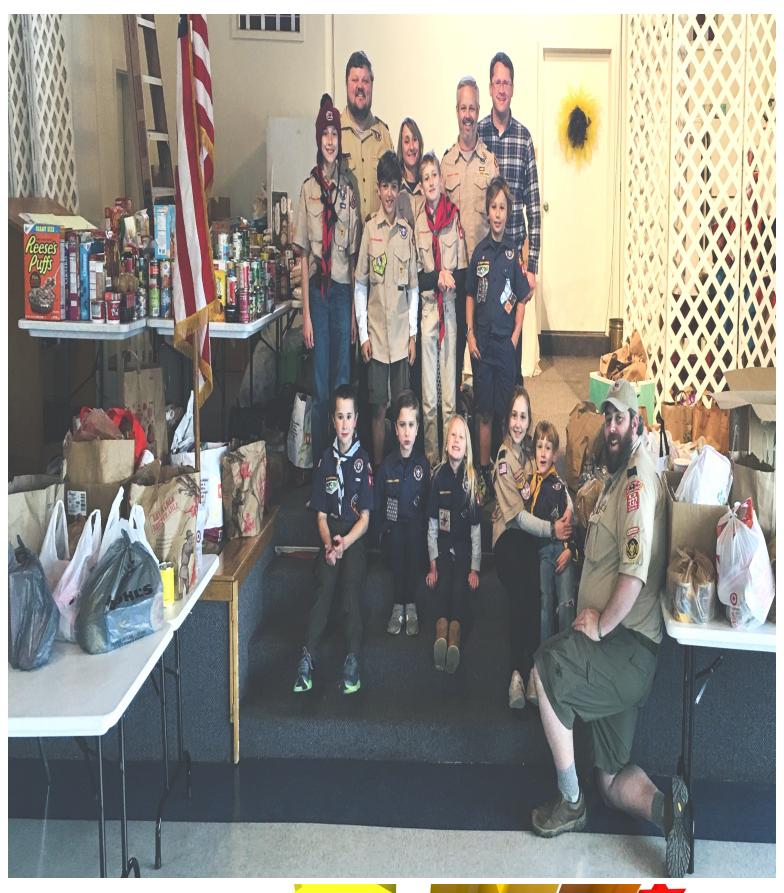
Our first Feeding Friends Dinner event kicked off on January 31st.! Lexington County Police dept. and several Pastors from area churches also attended. St. James Food Pantry assisted in serving chili, cornbread and desserts to our community. For more information on upcoming events please speak with Mary Browder.















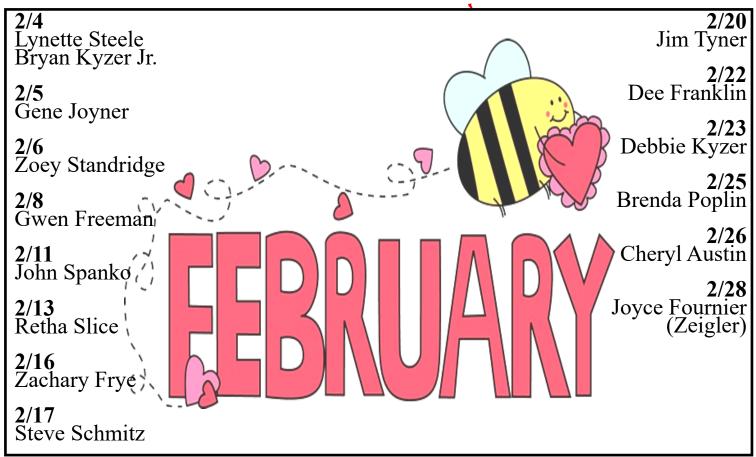


2020 St. James Council

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Treasurer/Ben Freeman	
Myra Weeks/Secretary, Evangelism	
Amanda Huber/Education, Youth	
Kevin Simmons/Property	
Jeff Hibbs/Stewardship	

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Jim Tyner/Family Life
Kathleen Bishop/Social
Xavier Herriot-White/Youth
Pastor/Parish Kevin Ogilvie
Personnel – Luke Roland
Finance— Jeff Hibbs &
Ben Freeman
Scouts- Laney S





If your name was left off this month's list, please call or email the church office so we may add it to the list.

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The Food Pantry is February 18 10-11AM (Food Pantry)

Food Items Needed:

Individual cans of pasta, packs of fruit snacks & 6pack of apple sauce (Backpack)

Canned Vegetables all types, Canned Meats and Tuna, Rice, Sauce, Canned fruit, Mashed Potatoes and PB&J (Food Pantry)

Speak with Cheryl Austin or Mary Browder if you have any questions. We encourage anyone who would like to help to join us.

Please remember we can't give out open food, expired food or damaged food.

If you would like to donate funds to the food pantry, Please make sure you place it in an envelope with food pantry listed.

Any checks that are given for the food pantry also need to be marked as food pantry donation.

Pastor Kevin Ogilvie, PhD.

Music Director Sharon Witherell

SecretarySharon Summers



Service Schedule
Sunday
Adult Sunday School
9:15AM
Worship Service
10:30AM

If you no longer wish to receive this newsletter, please contact St. James Lutheran Church office at 803-359-2122