



# MESSENGER

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## **Looking Ahead**

### ***-A Word from The Pastors Rice***

Throughout September, many of you were able to meet at another church member's house for a ministry assessment meeting. These meetings were a great success. We had such a wonderful response from you that we had to find more people to host these meetings in order to keep each group under 12 people. We wanted to extend a thank you to every home host that allowed us to come into their house and meet. Thank you for calling, welcoming, and feeding such a large percentage of our congregation. Right now, the long range task force is sifting through the many pages of information that was collected. Know that we plan to take every comment seriously as we prayerfully discern where God is leading St. James Lutheran Church. We will soon post the results of the ministry assessment on the bulletin board outside the office. We will also write a summary that will appear in next month's newsletter. The summary will include goals that will help us to continue to live into the vision and ministry that God has set before us.

We want you to know that this is only one piece of our discernment. In November, we will also have an evening of historical reflection. As we look back at our history as a congregation, we can often see that ways that God was busy, living, and active in our midst. It is important that we perceive and acknowledge that God has been with us.

Being aware of the ways that God was present with those who came before us can give us confidence in God's continued presence with us now. In one sense, our sacred Scriptures are an accounting of how God interacted with his people over the course of history, In a similar vein, each congregation has its own sacred history and needs to refer from time to time to its own "scriptures:" the history of a congregation as it is passed along from one generation to the next. During this event, participants will have the opportunity to create goal statements that spring specifically from the congregation's sense of God's presence with them throughout history. Please be on the lookout for this event coming in November. It should be a wonderful experience for members who have been here a lifetime as well as for the newcomers in our midst!

"For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope." Jeremiah 29:11

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## **Carolina/Clemson Food Drive**

Beginning on **Sunday, October 2**, The Social Ministry Committee is hosting a Carolina/Clemson Food Drive/Pet Food Drive during October and November. The competition is on!!! Let's see who gets the win here...*Carolina or Clemson*. There will be a Carolina Bucket and a Clemson Bucket in the Narthex for all of your donations. We will keep a weekly total. Check the bulletin to see who is winning. We will announce the winning team on November 20. Good luck!

## **Backpack Project**

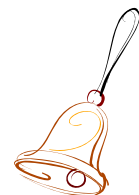
Children at Red Bank Elementary School need our help! In the narthex starting on **Sunday, October 2**, there will be a basket for Red Bank's children who go hungry on the weekends. We are filling backpacks with individually wrapped items, including microwaveable cups of mac & cheese, microwaveable Chef-Boyardee items, individually wrapped grits, oatmeal, and cereal packets, boxed juices, granola bars, packs of crackers, pop-tarts, fruit cups, applesauce cups, and pudding cups. Thanks for your help!

## **Pet Blessing**

Round up your dogs, cats, birds, or other pets, and bring them to St. James at 7PM on St. Francis Day, **Tuesday, October 4**, at 7PM. At our worship service on the front lawn, we will celebrate and pray for God's blessing upon all of those creatures great and small who are a much loved part of our homes and our lives.

## **God Rockz**

All kids of the church, ages 5th grade to toddler are invited to join our God Rockz handbell choir starting **Thursdays, October 6 and 20**, from 6-7PM. Our evening will begin with a meal, and then we'll make some joyful noise together. Our next God Rockz outing will be a hayride on **Saturday, October 22**. Check your mailboxes and bulletins for more info.



## **Confirmation And Youth Group**

Our next meetings will be held on Sunday, **October 9 and 23**, with Confirmation at 3PM and Youth at 5PM. Confirmation classes this month will focus on important stories from the first five books of the Bible. A light dinner will be served by Laura and Jeff Hibbs on October 9, and by Shawney Shealy on October 23.

## **Prayer Groups at St. James**

The Guardian Angels Prayer Group will continue meeting on Sunday evenings at 5PM. Their next meeting dates are **October 9 and 23**. The Prayer Warriors group is a daytime prayer group that meets on Wednesday mornings at 9AM. Their next meeting dates are **October 12 and 26**.

## **All Committee Night & Church Council**

Our next All Committee Night will be held on Sunday, **October 9**, at 7PM in the sanctuary. The next Church Council meeting will be held on Sunday, **October 16**, at 7PM in the parlor.

## **Stewardship of Mind And Body**

Weekly Zumba and Yoga classes will be held on Tuesdays and Wednesdays this Fall. Starting on **October 11 and 12** in the Fellowship Hall, Zumba will be held on Tuesdays at 6:30PM and Wednesdays at 6PM. Yoga will be held on Tuesdays at 7:30PM and Wednesdays at 5PM. The cost for these is \$2 per class, and if you take both, it is still just \$2. Please bring exact change with you.



## Spooky Stories Event Preparation

Don't forget to check out the spooky tree in the Narthex, filled with tags that list some of the items we are looking for our Spooky Stories Event. We are especially in need of Christmas tree stands to hold up the trees in our spooky forest. Also, we are in need of more volunteers to help us carry out our night of fun. Our next meeting will be held on **Thursday, October 13**, at 6:30PM. All booth leaders are asked to have practiced your story and know how you are going to decorate your tent. Set up for our Spooky Stories event will begin on Sunday, October 22.

## Lutheran Girl Pioneers

After a summer hiatus, our Lutheran Girl Pioneers will reunite at Rebecca Koch's home on Saturday, **October 15**, at 1PM. Our focus this month will be on the biblical character, Tabitha, and our girls will learn the basics of knitting. Lutheran girls of all ages are invited to join us!



## Women of The ELCA & Lutheran Men in Mission

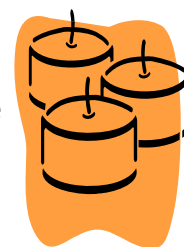
The Women of the ELCA and the Lutheran Men in Mission will meet again on Monday, **October 17**, at 6:30 PM. We will gather together to eat, and then we will break into our groups. Also, set your tastebuds for Sunday, November 20, when the women of our church will hold a cake auction to present their finest cakes to raise money to bring water to those suffering from drought in our sister synod in Tanzania.

## OWLS Luncheon

The OWLs will meet and eat at Big Mama's Cafe in Gilbert on **Thursday, October 20**, at high noon. Big Mama's is located at Harmon's Tree Farm just past Lexington High School (3152 Augusta Hwy/US1). The daily Buffet Special is \$7.99 plus tax, and includes dessert and a drink. Come on out, y'all!

## Votives for All Saints' Sunday

On All Saints' Sunday, November 6, we will give thanks to God together for all of the saints, who now rest from their labors. This year, we are filling up the sanctuary with votive candles in memory of all of our loved ones. If you are interested in having a votive candle lit in memory of a friend or loved one, please call the church office, or fill out a form during worship and leave it in the offering plate. Cost is \$2.50 per votive, and you may take yours home with you after the service, if you desire. The deadline for votive orders is **Sunday, October 22**.



## Spooky Stories of The Bible

Invite your friends to come and experience some spooky stories of the Bible on **Saturday, October 29**. Drop by the church any time between 4PM and 9PM to walk through our spooky forest and experience interactive stories, games, family fun, and food! Come and taste bugs at John the Baptizer's Banquet Table; use David's slingshot to defeat a giant named Goliath; help Jesus raise the dead from their slimy graves; dig up some dry bones that God breathes new life into; get lost inside the dark belly of a big fish with Jonah, and get close enough to feel the flames of the fiery furnace with Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego! Come along and bring your friends to this fun learning event.

## Prayer List

### Birthdays

10/01	10/16
Megan Bowers	Margaret Kyzer
Katie Hines	Mike Long
Lavette Roark	
10/04	10/17
Jamie Germershausen	Ronnie Shealy
	Grant Taylor
10/06	10/19
Mot Caulder	T.E. Rawl
10/07	10/23
Hazel Kyzer	Hank Poplin
10/08	10/24
Bill Hogan	Shane Juergans
10/09	10/27
Megan Joyner	Emily Enlow
Gail Long	
Kenneth Long	10/29
	Amanda Crout
10/10	Vondolla Goff
Allen Hallman	
10/11	10/30
Jocelyn Rice	Laney Strickland
10/13	
Judsen Joyner	

### Shut-Ins:

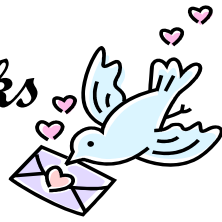
Mollie Harrison, Kathleen Smith, Charlie Webb

Jim Abrams - Cousin of Mot Caulder  
Sondra Alls - Daughter of Carol Biering  
Carol Biering - Church Member  
Dr. Donald Busarow - Friend of Mot Caulder  
Lizzie Caulder - Grandmother of Tabatha Summers  
Brian Corley - Cousin of Linda Gable  
Libby Fertick - Friend of Michelle Feaster  
Allen Goings - Brother-in-law of Kathy Goings  
Melissa Harvey - Friend of Michelle Feaster  
Jim Hayden - Uncle of Donna Zeigler  
James Hibbs - Father of Jeff Hibbs  
Tricia Hood - Friend of Mot Caulder  
JoAnn Hutto - Church Member  
Megan (and Maylee) Joyner - Church Member  
Stacey Lanford - Church Member  
Jack Lawson - Nephew of Dot Hallman  
Heather Lindberg - Friend of Miranda West  
David McMichael - Cousin of Anna Ree Roland  
Phillip Moore - Son of Norma Moore  
Jim Poindexter, Sr. - Father of Jim Poindexter  
Clark Riddle - Nephew of Hank and Brenda Poplin  
Kathryn Robinson - Friend of Cheryl Austin  
Anna Ree Roland - Church Member  
Harold Roland - Church Member  
Helen Rosenfield - Friend of Miranda West  
Gene Schofield - Father of Tina Poindexter  
Larry Shealy - Uncle of Mike and Lisa Long  
Joan Simmons - Friend of Jean Miller  
Johnny Starnes - Brother of Anna Ree Roland  
Sherri Taylor - Granddaughter-in-law of Vondolla Goff  
James Whitten - Father of Lynn Sloan  
Tommy Whitten - Brother of Lynn Sloan  
Tina Wilson - Granddaughter Eunice Backman

### Military Workers:

Michael Anderson	Dwight Barrs
Ryan Caulder	Eric Janson
Jeremy Jolly	Ryan Rawl
Mike Rollinson	Christopher Summers
Keith Zeigler	

# Notes of Thanks and Hope



## Congratulations

Congratulations to Hannah Grace Turner, who was born into Christ's church through the waters of baptism on Sunday, October 2. May Hannah always know God's great love for her.

## Gifts to St. James

Gifts in memory of Michael Nevitt have been given by Sammie Metts, and Barbara and Luke Roland.

Gifts in memory of W.T. Pound have been given by Sammie Metts, and Barbara and Luke Roland.

## Thank You

Dear St. James Congregation,  
Thank you for your generosity in the Class of 2005 Scholarship. I am a senior MAR, anticipating graduation with a concentration in diaconal ministry. I am discerning a call to prison ministry. I moved to SC from WV for seminary, so this scholarship is a significant help in paying for my schooling. What an immense help your scholarship has been in my life! Again, thank you for your generosity.

Sincerely,  
Elizabeth Chapman



*These pictures are from our Rally Day Sunday School Event on September 11.*

## Sept Sunday School Perfect Attendance

Toddlers:	Jocelyn Rice Juliet Rice
4 & 5 Year Olds:	MariKatherine Pullie
1 <sup>st</sup> – 4 <sup>th</sup> Graders:	Callie Poplin Connor Pullie
8 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> Graders:	Emily Shealy Justin Shealy Marshall Hibbs MacKenzie West
In Betweeners:	Margaret Hollis Adam Steele Carolyn Steele Rebecca Koch Scott Strickland
N E Agers:	Bill Kyzer Sammie Metts Cora Nevitt Shawney Shealy Lynette Steele

## Looking Ahead...

Invite your relatives and friends from near and far to join us for Homecoming Sunday at St. James on November 13. We will have a single worship service at 10:30AM, and afterwards, we will share a pot luck supper in the Fellowship Hall.

On the first three Wednesdays in November, we will have our Fall worship emphasis. Join us for a meal at 5:45PM with worship to follow at 6:30PM.

We are getting the word out early this year about our Christmas Poinsettias. Once again, we will be ordering from A-Oak Farms, and the cost for each poinsettia is \$12.75. The deadline for ordering is December 1. Look for order forms in the Sunday bulletin.

## Worship Assistants

<i>Acolytes</i>	<i>8AM</i>	<i>10:30AM</i>
October 2 -	Elisa Rice	Carrigan Gossett
October 9 -	Adam Jenkins	Casey Roberts
October 16 -	Jocelyn Rice	Casey Roberts
October 23 -	Aaron Frazier	Emily Shealy
October 30 -	Adam Jenkins	Emily Shealy

### *Lay Readers*

October 2 - Marion Gable  
October 9 - Krisie Turner  
October 16 - John Harmon  
October 23 - Kevin Turner  
October 30 - Lynn Sloan

### *Tellers*

Adam Steele and Hank Poplin

### *Ushers*

James Maurer  
M. J. Maurer  
Todd Feaster  
Michelle Feaster

### *Communion Bread*

October 2 - Hilda West and Anna Ree Roland  
October 30 - Tammy O'Quinn

### *Nursery Attendants*

October 2 - Susan Hollis & Tammy O'Quinn  
October 9 - Debbie and Erin Areheart  
October 16 - Michelle Feaster & Stacey Lanford  
October 23 - Jeremy and Shelley Joyner  
October 30 - Tammy O'Quinn & Lara Backman

### *Altar Guild*

Cora Nevitt

### *Sound System*

Jan Sharpe

# October

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 8:30 AM - Saturday Sisters
<b>2</b> 8:00 AM - Holy Communion 9:15 AM - Sunday School 10:30 AM - Holy Communion 2:00 PM - Spooky Stories Mtg 3:00 PM - Ministry Assessment	<b>3</b> 6:30 PM - LIR Planning	<b>4 St. Francis Day</b> 7:00 PM - Pet Blessing	<b>5</b> 7:00 PM - Choir	<b>6</b> 6-7:00 PM - God Rockz	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b> 8:00 AM - Holy Communion 9:15 AM - Sunday School 10:30 AM - Holy Communion 3:00 PM - Confirmation 5:00 PM - Youth Guardian Angels 6:00 PM - Handbells 7:00 PM - All Committee Night	<b>10</b> 2:30 - 8:00 PM - American Red Cross Blood Drive	<b>11</b> 6:30 PM - Zumba 7:30 PM - Yoga	<b>12</b> 9:00 AM - Prayer Warriors 5:00 PM - Yoga 6:00 PM - Zumba 7:00 PM - Choir	<b>13</b> 6:30 PM - Spooky Stories Meeting	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 1:00 PM - Lutheran Girl Pioneers
<b>16</b> 8:00 AM - Holy Communion 9:15 AM - Sunday School 10:30 AM - Holy Communion 6:00 PM - Handbells 7:00 PM - Council - Cantata Rehearsal	<b>17</b> 6:30 PM - WELCA & LMM	<b>18</b> 2 - 3:00 PM - Harvest Hope 6:30 PM - Zumba 7:30 PM - Yoga	<b>19</b> 5:00 PM - Yoga 6:00 PM - Zumba 7:00 PM - Choir	<b>20</b> 12:00 PM - OWLS Lunch 6-7:00 PM - God Rockz	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> TBID - God Rockz Hayride
<b>23</b> 8:00 AM - Holy Communion 9:15 AM - Sunday School 10:30 AM - Holy Communion 3:00 AM - Confirmation 5:00 PM - Youth - Guardian Angels 7:00 PM - Cantata Rehearsal	<b>24</b> 7:00 PM - Cub Scouts	<b>25</b> 6:30 PM - Zumba 7:30 PM - Yoga	<b>26</b> 9:00 AM - Prayer Warriors 5:00 PM - Yoga 6:00 PM - Zumba 7:00 PM - Choir	<b>27</b> 5 - 7:00 PM - Gayce Food Pantry	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 4-9:00 PM - Spooky Stories of the Bible
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Rev. Nathan Rice  
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