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Blessings

-A Word from The Pastors Rice

Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like the shifting shadows."

James 1:17

Why all the blessings? Lately, we've been doing a lot of blessing in worship. I don't mean there's been a lot of sneezing. No, we've had a lot of blessings lately. A few months ago we blessed our students who were graduating from confirmation. A few weeks ago we blessed students, teachers, bus drivers, and basically anyone who had anything to do with the start of the school year. The first Sunday of this month we will bless all those who labor as we get ready to celebrate Labor Day. In a couple of weeks people will gather outside the church for a blessing of the animals. Why do we bless stuff? What's the significance of our blessing? James writes in his letter that every good and perfect gift comes from God. He reminds us that our self, our time, and all that we have come from the Father of heavenly lights. When we bless people we are asking God to continue to pour out his Spirit upon this person. We are asking God to continue to remember us, to hold us in his favor, to give us strength and courage, and to offer us protection from all assaults. We are also recognizing the good that God calls us to do with what we have been given.

Everything we have been given has been given to us for a reason. God calls and expects us to use what he has given us for Kingdom work. God wants us to use all that we have to share the Gospel, to seek out justice, and to care for those who are less fortunate. These blessings that add spice and variety to our worship life are also reminders. They are reminders that our Christian vocation doesn't begin and end when we step foot on church property. Our Christian vocation is rooted in every aspect of our life. It is rooted in our care for our family, our life at school and work, the way we treat our pets, and how we spend our leisure activities. All of these aspects of our life are important to God, and they should reflect the great love that we have received from the Father of the heavenly lights.

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Early Morning Prayer Services

Rise and shine! It's time to pray! During the month of September, a brief early morning prayer service will be held on Tuesdays at 7:50 AM in the sanctuary. Amidst your busy week, stop by and take a moment to pray with us.

Labor Day Blessings

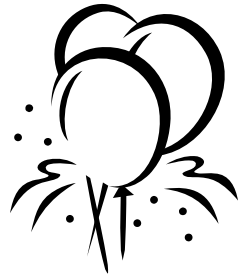
Worship with us on Sunday, **September 4**, as we ask God's blessings on all who labor.

Long Range Planning Task Force

The Long Range Planning Task Force will meet on Sunday, **September 4**, at 5:30 PM. We would also like the hosts of the assessment meetings to attend.

Rally Day Celebration

Come and be a part of our annual St. James Rally Day Celebration on Sunday morning, **September 11**, at 9:15 in the Fellowship Hall. We use Rally Day to kick-off our new Sunday School year for all classes, both youth and adults, and look forward to having another great year of Christian education. In addition to breakfast food, music, and fun, we will also have a variety of other entertainment options, including a Bible knowledge contest pitting adults vs. the kids as well as a fierce checkers battle between a couple of "future Golden Agers." There may also be a few other surprises for those lucky enough to attend. Please join us.



All Committee Night & Church Council

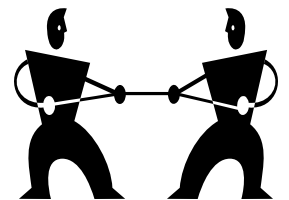
Our next All Committee Night will be held on Sunday, **September 11**, at 7PM in the sanctuary. The next Church Council meeting will be held on Sunday, **September 18**, at 7PM in the parlor.

Confirmation

Confirmation Classes are now back in full swing! Students will meet in the upstairs of the Education building on Sundays, **September 11 and 25**, from 3-4:30PM. If you haven't yet turned in your signed confirmation contract, be sure to have it by our first meeting on the 11th. Dinner will be served at 4:30PM with youth group activities to follow. Wendy and David Frazier are providing dinner on September 11, and Tina Poindexter is providing it on September 25. We are looking forward to a great year together!

Youth Group

Calling all teenagers and preteens in grades 6-12! Meet us for youth group from 5PM-6PM on Sundays, **September 11 and 25**. We have some great games and activities planned for the fall! Bring a friend along to join in the fun.



Prayer Groups at St. James

The Guardian Angels Prayer Group will continue meeting on Sunday evenings at 5PM. Their next meeting dates are **September 11 and 25**. All are welcome!

The Prayer Warriors group is a daytime prayer group that meets on Wednesday mornings at 9AM. Come join our journey toward a better understanding of spirituality and prayer!

OWLs Luncheon

St. James' OWLs will eat at the Harbor Inn on Thursday, **September 15**. Please be ready to be seated by noon. Friends and congregation members are invited to join us. See you there!

God Rockz

God Rockz is a kids' group at St. James that is open to all children who are in 5th grade and under. We learn Bible stories, do social ministry projects, and play games together. Our next meeting will be on Saturday, **September 17**, at the zoo. We will meet at 10AM and will start out with a bible story at the benches right inside the gates of the zoo and then walk around the zoo on an animal excursion. (Please note: In the weeks leading up to our zoo trip, we are asking all congregation members to donate any guest passes they may have to help all of our kids and parents attend with us at discount prices.)



Above And Beyond Social

The Family Life Committee is sponsoring a church social on Sunday, **September 18**, at 5PM. We will be watching a video compilation of some of our former Above And Beyond Events and enjoying refreshments together.

Women of The ELCA & Lutheran Men in Mission

The Women of the ELCA and the Lutheran Men in Mission will meet again on Monday, **September 19**, at 6:30 PM. We will gather together to eat, and then we will break into our groups. Also, please note: Lutheran Men in Mission Sunday will be on **September 25**. This year, we will have special bulletin inserts in honor of the fathers and sons of our congregation.

Flu Shot Clinic

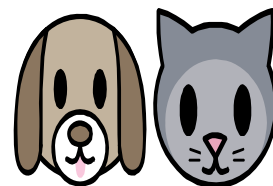
It's time to start thinking about yearly flu shots! The Social Ministry Committee has contracted with CVS Pharmacy to provide flu shots here at St. James on Friday, **September 23**, from 5:30PM - 7:30PM. Those with Medicare and Tricare receive free vaccinations, and all others will be charged \$29.99.

Lutheran Girl Pioneers

After a summer hiatus, our Lutheran Girl Pioneers will reunite at Rebecca Koch's home on Saturday, **October 8**, 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, and any women of the church who know how to knit are invited to come along and help us teach the basics!

Pet Blessing

Round up your dogs, cats, birds, or other animals, and bring them to St. James at 7PM on St. Francis Day, which is Tuesday, **October 4**. At our brief evening 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.



Spooky Stories of The Bible

On Saturday, **October 29**, invite your friends to learn some spooky stories of the Bible here at St. James any time between 5PM and 9PM that evening. We will have booths set up throughout the fellowship hall with games and activities related to different spooky stories of the Bible. Come on out to hear a few stories you might have never heard before.

Birthdays

9/1
H. O. Sharpe
Joel Tyson

9/8
George Steele

9/12
Harold Roland

9/13
Mary Hines
Lisa Long

9/14
LeAnne Hollis
Susan Hollis
Randy Summers

9/16
Abigail Wallace

9/17
Bobby Bond
William Bond
Barbara Killian

9/18
Tom Janson
Lisa Roney
Susan Summer

9/20
Tom Boozer

9/21
John Harmon
Rebecca Koch

9/23
Debbie Areheart

9/24
Jason Davis
Melissa Long
Hilda West

9/25
Glenda Boozer

9/27
Charlene Frye
Kathy Goings
Juliet Rice

9/28
Luke Roland
Russell Taylor

9/29
Jerry Hutto
Gerry Jeffords
Leslie Sharpe

9/30
Mendel Lindler

Prayer List

Jim Abrams - Cousin of Mot Caulder
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
Philip Goings - Father-in-law of Kathy Goings
Sherron Harmon - Friend of Tammy O'Quinn
Melissa Harvey - Friend of Michelle Feaster
James Hibbs - Father of Jeff Hibbs
Stacey Lanford - Church Member
Jack Lawson - Nephew of Dot Hallman
Heather Lindberg - Friend of Miranda West
Kenneth Long - Father of Mike Long
Randy McGee - Brother-in-law of Miranda West
David McMichael - Cousin of Anna Ree Roland
Phillip Moore - Son of Norma Moore
Jim Poindexter, Sr. - Father of Jim Poindexter
Cletus Porth - Brother-in-law of George Steele
Andrew Price - Friend of LeAnne Hollis
Anna Ree Roland - Church Member
Helen Rosenfield - Friend of Miranda West
Gene Schofield - Father of Tina Poindexter
Joan Simmons - Friend of Jean Miller
Johnny Starnes - Brother of Anna Ree Roland
Gus Tinsley - Friend of Kristie Joyner
Tommy Whitten - Brother of Lynn Sloane
Tina Wilson - Granddaughter Eunice Backman

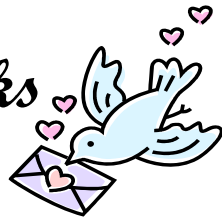
Military Workers:

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

Shut-Ins:

Mollie Harrison, Kathleen Smith, Charlie Webb

Notes of Thanks and Hope



Congratulations

Congratulations to Cory and Rebecca Standridge on the birth of their son, Alexander James, on August 12. Alex measured in at 9 lbs, 6 oz, and 22". May God watch over and bless the Standridge family.

Gifts to St. James

Gifts in memory of Michael Nevitt have been given by Linda and Marion Gable, and George and Lynette Steele.

A gift in memory of W.T. Pound has been given by George and Lynette Steele.

Thank You

For all of our teachers, who work so hard to bring meaningful Sunday School lessons week after week to the disciples at St. James, we are so grateful.

For all of our worship leaders, who give their heart to practicing and making music, lectoring, acolyting, ushering, and assisting with communion each Sunday at St. James, we are so thankful.

For all of our volunteers, who donate their time and energy to clean the church and bring bread for communion, provide flowers and watch the nursery, work the sound system and mow the lawn, set up the altar and change the church linens, serve at the food pantry and unlock the doors, count the money and make sure the kitchen is stocked and ready, we are so appreciative.

For all of the things you do to keep St. James running week after week, we are always and forever thankful!

Your Partners in Ministry, The Pastors Rice

Dear St. James,

The St. James Lexington/Koch Lutheran Scholarship recipient, Steven McCloud, is a senior at Newberry this year. He is pursuing his bachelor's degree in mathematics and one day hopes to be a teacher. Thank you for your support of Newberry College, its mission and its students.

Sincerely, V. Scott Koerwer

Dear Friends at St. James,

We are in receipt of your monthly gift to the Heritage at Lowman. Please know how grateful we are for your gift, which will be directed as you have designated. Thank you for making a difference in the lives of those we serve at the Heritage at Lowman. Your partnership is vital to achieving our mission of enhancing the well-being of the older adults we serve.

Sincerely, Rev. Robert G. Coon



Saturated Sunday at St. James

Our sister synod of Tanzania in the South Western Diocese is currently suffering because of a drought. The small river that supplies Matamba and the surrounding villages has dried up. This includes the areas around the orphanage, women's center, sewing shop, and schools, where two of our own members, Lisa Curtis and Carolyn Steele, traveled to bring uniforms, cross necklaces, infant layettes, and other goods from members at St. James in July 2010.

Bishop Mbwilo estimates that about 7,000 - 10,000 villagers are without water. His plan is to run pipes to the Matamba area to provide water. The diocese is in need of about 30 coils of pipe along with fittings and other plumbing supplies. The SC Synod is raising funds to help restore water to their villages. Join us on Saturated Sunday, September 18, as we pray for our thirsty brothers and sisters in Tanzania to have their land saturated with water, and as we hear more about their dire situation. May our Lord use us once again to make a difference in the lives of God's needy children across the world.



24 Hour Prayer Vigil

Red Bank United Methodist Church invites everyone in the area to join them in keeping a 24 hour prayer vigil from 8AM Saturday, September 10, to 8AM Sunday, September 11. They wish to gather us all together to pray for our needs in our churches, homes, country, and world. If you are interested in being a part of the prayer vigil, simply drive on over some time during the 24 hours of prayer and sit or kneel in their sanctuary for a time of prayer with other believers.

Worship Assistants

Acolytes

September 4 - Jake Poindexter
September 11 - Mattie O'Quinn
September 18 - Mattie O'Quinn
September 25 - Carrigan Gossett

Lay Readers

September 4 - Josie Price
September 11 - Melaine Juergans
September 18 - Linda Gable
September 25 - Krisie Turner

Tellers

Jeff Hibbs
Jeremy Frazier

Ushers

Bill Barley
Dickie Enlow
Don Price
Gerry Jeffords

Communion Bread

September 4 - Melaine Juergans

Nursery Attendants

September 4 - Carole Collins and Tammy O'Quinn
September 11 - Debbie and Erin Areheart
September 18 - Brenda and Hank Poplin
September 25 - Jeremy and Shelley Joyner

Altar Guild

Miranda West

Sound System

Jeremy Frazier

September

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4 Labor Day Blessing 8:00 AM - Holy Communion 9:15 AM - Sunday School 10:30 AM - Holy Communion 5:30 PM - Long Range Planning		6 7:50 AM - Prayer Service 7:00 PM - Saturday Sisters	7 7:00 PM - Choir	8	9	10
11 8:00 AM - Holy Communion 9:15 AM - Sunday School Rally 10:30 AM - Holy Communion 3:00 PM - Confirmation 5:00 PM - Guardian Angels Youth 6:00 PM - Handbells 7:00 PM - All Committee Night	12	13 7:50 AM - Prayer Service	14 7:00 PM - Choir	15 12:00 PM - Owl's Luncheon	16	17 10:00 AM - God Rocks at the Riverbanks Zoo
18 8:00 AM - Holy Communion 9:15 AM - Sunday School 10:30 AM - Holy Communion 4:00 PM - Sunday Matinee 6:00 PM - Handbells 7:00 PM - Council	19 6:30 PM - WELCA & LMM	20 7:50 AM - Prayer Service 2 - 3:00 PM - Harvest Hope	21 7:00 PM - Choir	22	23 5:30 - 7:30 PM - Flu Shot Clinic	24
25 LMM Sunday 8:00 AM - Holy Communion 9:15 AM - Sunday School 10:30 AM - Holy Communion 3:00 AM - Confirmation 5:00 PM - Guardian Angels Youth 6:00 PM - Handbells	26 7:00 PM - Cub Scouts	27 7:50 AM - Prayer Service	28 7:00 PM - Choir	29 5 - 7:00 PM - Cayce Food Pantry	30	

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