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Ready to Outlive Your Life?

-A Word from The Pastors Rice

In his book, Out Live Your Life, Max Lucado writes, "These are difficult days in our world's history. 1.75 billion people are desperately poor; natural disasters are gouging entire nations; and economic uncertainty still reigns across the globe. But you and I have been given an opportunity to make a big difference. What if we did? What if we rocked the world with hope? Infiltrated all corners with God's love and life? We are created by a great God to do great works. He invites us to outlive our lives, not just in heaven, but here on earth. Let's live our lives in such a way that the world will be glad we did."

As children, we all think we can change the world. We know that we are going to do something great. We know that we are something special. Truthfully, you are. God has made you into something special. God has gifted you to change the world. During Lent, we are going to have a congregation-wide Bible study about doing this very thing. We are going to talk about changing the world: one step, one act, one day at a time. The first 12 chapters of the Book of Acts and Max Lucado's book, Out Live Your Life, are going to get the ball rolling. We are going to learn through our study of Acts how Jesus' 11 disciples set out, after Jesus' ascension, to change the world.

Lucado has provided us with questions, stories, and videos that will help us to see how "ordinary" people like you and I, with the help of God, can and do change the world and "out live" their lives. On Wednesday, February 29, we will meet in the fellowship hall at 6:00PM for a meal. (You will need to register for this meal in advance. There will be an insert in the bulletins, or you may also call and make reservations with our church office.) We will begin the Bible study while everyone finishes dinner at 6:30PM, and it will run until 7:30PM. Please make every effort to attend. The church will provide childcare. Please mark your need for this when you make your reservation on the insert in the bulletin. This year during Lent, let's out live our lives!

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Prayer Meetings at St. James

The Guardian Angels Prayer Group will meet again on Sunday evenings, **February 5** and **19**, at 5PM. The Prayer Warriors will meet again on Wednesdays, **February 8** and **22**, at 9AM. All are welcome to join either of our prayer groups at St. James.

Soup Kitchen at St. James

There are some members in our congregation interested in starting a soup kitchen in cooperation with some other churches in the area. If you would like to know more about this, or wish to be a part of our planning and discussion, please meet us in the fellowship hall at 7PM on Tuesday, **February 7**.

God Rockz

God Rockz will meet again on Thursdays, **February 9** and **23**, to eat a meal together and practice handbells. They will play their next song in church on Sunday, **February 26**.



Youth Group

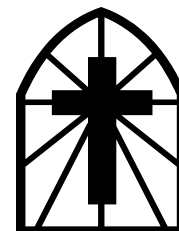
All Youth are invited to get together for a great time as we eat pizza and assemble Valentines for church members on Friday, **February 10**, at 6:30PM in the Fellowship Hall. After that, we will gather on Sunday, **February 12**, to hand out the Valentines at our worship services. We will also meet for fun and games on February 12 at 6PM instead of our normal youth time. Afterwards, at 7PM, the Youth Ministry Committee will meet to plan more activities for the months ahead. **Congregation members, please note: we are looking for people other than the parents of our youth who would like to chaperone youth activities or serve as mentors for our students this year. You can help make a difference in the lives of the young people at St. James! Please see Pastor Nathan for more details.**

Norm Identification

We are almost done with our Long Range plan for St. James. We have one more event that the entire congregation is invited to attend. Once again, we need your input! This is your opportunity to speak. Don't let it slip away. On Sunday, **February 12**, at 4:30PM, we will meet for refreshments and discussion in a session about Norm Identification. What is Norm Identification? Over time, congregations develop patterns and ways of doing things. These patterns can be great for the congregation, or they can be harmful. Therefore, we must identify and rejoice in our productive patterns while we confront our destructive ones. We hope that you will attend and share your opinion with the group.

New Member Class

Our next New Member Classes will be held during the Sunday School hour beginning at 9:15 AM in the upstairs of the Educational Building on **February 12, 19, and 26**. If you are interested in being a member at St. James or would simply like to know more about us, please join us for these classes. They will be led by our pastors.



Operation Inasmuch Planning Meeting

We are gearing up for Operation Inasmuch 2012! This continues to be a fantastic ministry opportunity for people of all ages and skills in our congregation. If you are interested in helping us plan the events for 2012 or would simply like to know more about it, then join us on Thursday, **February 16**, at 7:30PM in the parlor.

OWLS Luncheon

St. James' OWLS will eat at Lizard's Thicket, (US HWY 1 near the Kittiwake intersection), on the third Thursday of the month, which is **February 16**. Please be there and seated by 12 noon, ready to place your order. As always, our congregation and friends are invited to join us for good food and Christian fellowship.

Church Council Meeting and All Committee Night Rescheduled

This month, we will hold our All Committee Night on Sunday, **February 19**, at 7PM. Our Council will meet on Sunday, **February 26**, at 7PM.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

St. James will be having our annual Pancake Supper on Shrove Tuesday, **February 21**. Pancakes and sausages will be ready for the eating between 6:00-7:30PM. Come on out and pile your plate high with some delicious food as we have a great feast and play some games before the somber fasting of Lent begins.

Ash Wednesday Worship

Join us for a service of Holy Communion with the Imposition of Ashes on Ash Wednesday at 7PM on **February 22**.



Outlive Your Life: Midweek Lenten Meals and Bible Study

Starting on Wednesday, **February 29**, we will begin a four week Bible study through the first 12 chapters of the Book of Acts called, "Outlive Your Life." We will meet at 6PM for dinner in the fellowship hall. We are hoping to have the meal catered, so you will have the opportunity to make a reservation for the meal at church or by calling the church office. Our Bible Study will then go from 6:30 to 7:30PM. We hope you all can make it. Sign up now, if you are interested!

Lutheran Girl Pioneers

The Lutheran Girl Pioneers will meet on Saturday, **February 25**, at 1PM in the Fellowship Hall. Lutheran girls of all ages are invited to join us! This month, we will hear the bible story of Jezebel and learn the art of jewelry making. We will also have two new charms (makeup and jewelry) for each girl to add to her bracelet. Cost is \$1 each.

Confirmation Change of Schedule

We have only one Confirmation meeting this month, and it will be held on Sunday, **February 26**. OUR MEETING ON FEBRUARY 12 HAS BEEN CANCELLED. Our meal on the evening of the 26th will be provided by Mandy Jenkins and Deborah Lindler.



Church Directories

Church directories for 2012 will be printed this month. A final draft is in the narthex for members to glance over and add their final changes before it is sent out to the whole church. Thanks to all who have helped us update your information!

February Birthdays

02/04
Bryan Kyzer, Jr.
Lynette Steele

02/05
Gene Joyner

02/06
Zoey Standridge

02/07
Melaine Juergans
Timothy Roark

02/08
Gwen Freeman

02/11
Hembree Poindexter
Madison Poindexter
John Spanko

02/12
James Miller

02/13
Becky Kukla
Retha Slice

02/15
Tommy Hollis

02/16
Pauline Avent
Zachary Frye
Allen Germershausen

Courtney Rikard

02/23
Debbie Kyzer
Robbie
Germershausen

02/25
Cheryl Austin
Brenda Poplin

02/26
Paul Pilkington

02/28
Joyce Zeigler

Prayers for Our Members, Friends and Family:

Jim Abrams - Cousin of Mot Caulder
Susan Cook - Friend of Margaret Hollis
Donna Conger - Friend of Deana Gunter
Brian Corley - Cousin of Linda Gable
Mike Crumpton - Church Member
Bert(Alberta) Dooley - Aunt of Margaret Hollis
Libby Fertik - Friend of Michelle Feaster
Faye Frye - Aunt of K. Shealy and S. Jeffords
Allen Goings - Brother-in-Law of Kathy Goings
Dennis Gossett - Brother of B Poplin & K Gossett
Linda Gossett - Sister-in-Law of Brenda Poplin
Mildred Gunter - Cousin of Anna Ree Roland
Mollie Harrison - Church Member
James Hibbs - Father of Jeff Hibbs
Tricia Hood - Former St. James Music Director
Lynette Koon - Friend of Sharon Duke
Margaret Kyzer - Church Member
Rick Kyzer - Son of Richard Kyzer
David McMichael - Cousin of Anna Ree Roland
Phillip Moore - Son of Norma Moore
Kathryn Robinson - Friend of Cheryl Austin
Anna Ree Roland - Church Member
Harold Roland - Church Member
Ronnie Scarboro - Friend of Kristie Joyner
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 V. Goff
Anne Trongo - Daughter of Joretta Martin
Mary Jane West - Mother of Eric West
Tommy Whitten - Brother of Lynn Sloan
Tina Wilson - Granddaughter Eunice Backman

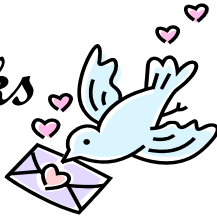
Our Service Workers:

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

Our Shut-Ins:

Mollie Harrison	Kathleen Smith
Charlie Webb	

Notes of Thanks and Hope



Congratulations

Congratulations to Adam and Carolyn Steele on the birth of a granddaughter, Calla Eowyn Wood, on November 11. Calla weighed 6 lbs 11 oz and was 21 in long. May God bless Calla and her family.

Congratulations to Dana Wright on the birth of a daughter, Aubrey Nicole Wright, on January 12. She was 6 lbs 1 oz and was 19 1/4 in long. The proud grandparents are Faith and Terry Wright, and the great grandparents are Bill and Kathryn Kyzer. May God bless Aubrey and her family.

Congratulations to Baylee Clarke Backman, who was baptized into the family of God on Sunday, January 15. May Baylee always know how great is the love of God in Christ for her.

In Memorium

Gifts were given to St. James this January in loving memory of JoAnne Dyson Hutto by:

Barbara Cobb
Dick and Debbie Kyzer

Thank You

A big thank you to everyone who has supported our youth group this month!! With your help, we collected 970 cans to fill up our Food Pantry and more than \$550 to help us keep it full for a while. We are so grateful for your generosity to keep up this wonderful ministry that reaches out to needy families in our neighborhood.

Dear Women of the ELCA at St. James,
Thank you so much for your generous contribution of \$1334 to Alex's House Orphanage. 2011 has been an incredible year as we have ministered to the poorest of the poor in Haiti. Children who were once homeless are now being clothed, fed, educated, and are growing up in the love and protection of a Christian home. We have grown tremendously, adding 4 new partner churches, growing up to over 50 children in two locations, and purchasing land and what will be a future guest house due to the generosity of so many like you! Thank you for the wonderful difference you are making in the lives of our children. I am forever grateful that you have chosen to stand with us in ministry.

God Bless,
Bill Howard and Jason Nussbaum



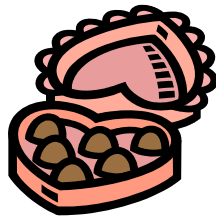
*Gum Sculpture Contest
at our Youth Lock-In*

Ongoing Ministries at St. James

We are always collecting non-perishable food items for children at Red Bank Elementary School, who go hungry on the weekends. Next time you are at the grocery store, please consider picking up items such as applesauce, pudding, pop tarts, crackers, or juice boxes to drop off in our narthex on Sunday. Thank you!

Pick Up A Picture

Professional pictures of St. James are still being sold to help our congregation raise money to build a bigger storage area for our Food Pantry. Prints will be made in 14"x17" for \$25 and 18" x 24" for \$50 and will be delivered in a clear envelope with backing board to protect the print until it can be framed. Please order one today to help our church raise money for this good cause. Questions? Contact Bill Barley.



God's Little Valentines

Do you have someone special that you would like to recognize on Valentine's Day? It doesn't have to be a Sweetie - just a friend or someone special in our congregation. Please fill out the form below to have the Youth prepare and deliver a gift of God's love for Valentine's Day. Send as many as you like. Cost is \$1. **Please note: Orders must be placed by Sunday, February 5, for treats to be delivered by February 12.**

To: _____

From: _____

Message: _____

Worship Assistants

Acolytes 8AM

February 5 - Alyssa Long
February 12 - Elisa Rice
February 19 - Jocelyn Rice
February 26 - Adam Jenkins

Acolytes 10:30AM

February 5 - Jacob Poindexter
February 12 - Hembree Poindexter
February 19 - Casey Roberts
February 26 - Casey Roberts

Altar Guild

Jan Sharpe

Communion Bread

February 5 - Lunette and Tim Davis
February 19 - Tammy O'Quinn
February 22 - Melaine Juergans

Lay Readers

February 5 - Marion Gable
February 12 - Lunette Roland-Davis
February 19 - Linda Gable
February 22 - Melaine Juergans
February 26 - Paul Pilkington

Nursery Attendants

February 5 - Stacey Lanford and Michelle Feaster
February 12 - Tammy O'Quinn and Susan Hollis
February 19 - Tammy O'Quinn and Lara Backman

Ushers

David Frazier
Jeremy Frazier
Joel Tyson
Gerry Jeffords

Sound System

Jeremy Frazier

February

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
5:00 AM - Holy Communion 9:15 AM - Sunday School 10:30 AM - Holy Communion 4:00 PM - Long Range Planning 5:00 PM - Guardian Angels 5:00 PM - Handbells	6:30 PM - Zumba 7:30 PM - Yoga	7:50 AM - Prayer Service 7:00 PM - Soup Kitchen Meeting	1 7:00 PM - Choir	2 6:00 PM - God Rockz	3 6:30 PM - Youth Pizza and Valentines	4 9:00 AM - Saturday Sisters
8:00 AM - Holy Communion 9:15 AM - Sunday School 10:30 AM - Holy Communion 4:30 PM - Norm Identification 6:00 PM - Youth 6:00 PM - Handbells 7:00 PM - Youth Ministry Committee Meeting	6:30 PM - Zumba 7:30 PM - Yoga	7:50 AM - Prayer Service	7:00 PM - Choir	12:00 PM - OWLS Luncheon 7:30 PM - Operation Inasmuch Meeting		
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