



# MESSENGER

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## ***Is Your Home Holy?***

*-A Word from The Pastors Rice*

In the history of the church, Epiphany is traditionally the time when Christians have their homes blessed, as we remember how the Wise Men visited Mary, Joseph, and Jesus in the home that they had established in Bethlehem. Our homes are sacred places of rest, refreshment, and refuge from the cares of the world. From our homes, we extend the great Christian virtue of hospitality, by inviting others into our sacred space. The earliest holy places were people's homes: churches originally met in people's homes, and the tenants of the faith were taught in the homes of God's people. Today, we expect to feel a sense of holiness when we enter a church, but we should also expect to experience a similar sense of prayerfulness and holiness in our own homes. How fitting that we should bless our homes, where we spend so much of our Christian lives!

During a house blessing, ministers say a prayer of blessing over what are considered the three most holy areas of the home. The first holy place is the threshold of our homes, for it is there that we welcome all who enter, whether they be a returning family member or a guest. Hopefully, we open the door of our home to envelope others in an atmosphere of warmth and acceptance, cherishing and nurturing them. As each person leaves, we also send them forth with a goodbye, which comes from the words, "God be with you."

Another most holy place in our homes is our dinner table, because it is there that we break bread with family as we celebrate unity, and it is that that we dispense hospitality with friends. Our meals together are the daily celebrations which prepare us to celebrate Holy Communion on Sundays with the wider faith community. Each meal, then, is an observance of God-with-us, day in and day out.

Finally, the third most holy places in our homes are the bedrooms, where new life is begun and old life is ended. For all of us, our nightly falling asleep is a "practice" for that last entrance into sleep at our death. As we commend our souls to God at night and in the morning are aware to thank him for the new day and dedicate it to him, our bedrooms are sanctified.

May you experience the holiness of God's presence in your homes in 2012 from sunrise to sunset, at each meal, and as you and your family and friends enter and exit your home each day. Throughout this season of Epiphany, your pastors would love to stop by and offer a blessing over your home. If you are interested in receiving a house blessing, please contact us.

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## 2012 Directories

St. James is updating our member directory for the new year, and we need your help. Please fill out your current and updated contact information using our bulletin inserts (a copy is included on page 10 of our newsletter), and place it in the offering plate or drop it by the church office, so that we can check it against the information that we have for you in our computer system. Even if all of your contact info has not changed in the past year, please make sure that we have your correct birthday month and date!

## Youth and Confirmation at St. James

Confirmation and Youth Group will meet again on Sundays, **January 8** and **22**. This month, Confirmation Students will study the poetry-based books of the Old Testament together. Also, this month our meal will be provided by Wendy and David Frazier on January 8, and Todd and Michelle Feaster on January 22.



## Lutheran Girl Pioneers

The Lutheran Girl Pioneers will meet at the church on Saturday, **January 14**, at 1PM. Lutheran girls of all ages are invited to join us! This month, we will hear the bible story of Queen Esther and learn the art of makeup and skin care. Also this month, each of our Lutheran Girls has the opportunity to have their own Lutheran Girl charm bracelet with charms that go along with all of the skills we have learned so far. Each bracelet costs \$5, and the charms are \$1 apiece. We will have charms for gardening, knitting, cake decorating, and the Lutheran Girl logo. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Andrea or Frauke Avent.

## Baptism of Our Lord

It's that time of year again! Time to make a splash at church! Join us for the celebration of The Baptism of Our Lord on Sunday, **January 15**, when our pastors will sprinkle water on the congregation as we hear again God's call to us, his children, and we are renewed in our calling to go forth and do his work in the world.



## Pick Up A Picture

Beginning on Sunday, **January 15**, professional pictures of St. James will be 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. Contact Bill Barley if you have any questions.

## 2012 Council Retreat

All Council members are invited to an afternoon council retreat at the church on Sunday, **January 15**, from **3PM - 7PM**. During our meeting, we will make goals for the new year and look together at what new things God is doing in the life and the ministry of the people of St. James in 2012. This year, we welcome our newest council members: Steve Pullie, Byron Roberts, Lunette Roland, Carin Seward, and Tim Wallace.

## OWLS Luncheon

St. James' OWLS will eat at the Eastern Buffet (955 Main St in Lexington) on the third Thursday of the month, which is **January 19**. 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.



## Upcoming Youth Events

The Youth at St. James will have a Lock-In on Friday, **January 20**, at the church, beginning at 6:30PM. We will go bowling, play games and have lots of fun! We will also have our annual Bake Sale on Sunday, **January 22**, Soup Sale on **January 29**, and our Loose Change Collection and Super Bowl Party on Souper Bowl of Caring Sunday, **February 5**. Parents of Youth, we need your help in all of these events! Please let Pastor Nathan or Jeremy Frazier know of any ways that you can help us with these exciting youth events to kick off 2012.

## All Committee Training Night

Have you ever been on a church committee before at St. James? Would you like to be? Committees of the church help to plan, lead, and carry out the work of discipleship at St. James. Please consider joining one this year. Our first All Committee Night of the year will be held on Sunday, **January 22**, at 7PM. On this night, all members of the church will have an opportunity to sign up to be on any of our committees. In addition, the pastors will train us on how church committees are supposed to function, the expectations for each specific committee, and the ways in which our church goals for 2012 will provide guidance for our committee work this year.

## Lutheran Men and Women of the ECLA

St. James Lutheran Men in Mission and Women of the ECLA will meet on Monday, **January 30**, at 6:30PM. This is the Men's conference gathering, so it will be an opportunity for the Women to support them. The Men will be preparing chicken stew, and all women are asked to bring appropriate side dishes and desserts. Just remember to bring extra to serve those Men visiting from our family of Lutherans. All men and women are invited to join us as we begin this new year!

## God Rockz

The God Rockz Handbell Choir will meet again on Thursday, **January 26**, from 6-7PM. Supper will be served before we pick back up our bells to play again. All kids of the church are welcome!

## How Can You Help?

St. James is in need of lay readers, bringers of bread, donations of altar flowers, and attendants for the nursery in January and February. Our sign up list is still very empty in the narthex. Please sign up today, or call the church office to let us know if you can help.

## Food Pantry and Weekend Backpack Project

Both the Food Pantry and Weekend Backpack Project are in need of food donations as well as plastic grocery bags. Food items include non-perishables and the children could use apple sauce, pudding and hot/microwavable foods. These items may be donated on a regular basis.



## January Birthdays

01/02  
Betty Clark  
Mollie Harrison

01/03  
Scott Summers

01/05  
Lunette Davis

01/06  
Carol Biering

01/07  
Linda Bailey  
Brandy Crumpton

01/08  
Gabriel Harmon  
Mandy Jenkins

01/09  
Jonah Harmon  
Carolyn Steele

01/11  
Shelby Duke  
Tommy Tyson

01/13  
Robert Sharpe  
Allison Shealy

01/14  
Elizabeth Peeples

01/15  
Zachary Kyzer  
Nick Roberts  
Kevin Steele  
Miranda West

01/16  
Robby Bouknight, Jr.  
Josie Price  
Pat Taylor

01/18  
Russell Davis  
Tina Poindexter  
Steve Pullie

01/19  
Louie Lanford  
Don Price  
Yvonne Sharpe  
Janet Taylor

01/20  
Nikki Grogan  
Clay Harmon

01/22  
Mackey Monts

01/24  
Patton Gossett  
Hazel Rawl

01/25  
Eric West  
Tom Zeigler

01/26  
Anna Ree Roland

01/27  
Michael Bouknight  
Mike Crumpton

01/28  
Eric Janson

01/29  
Linda Taylor

01/31  
Byron Roberts



## The Prayers of St. James

As always, we continually keep our shut-Ins, our service workers, and our sick and suffering friends and members in our prayers. May God protect, comfort, and care for all who are in need! St. James has two different prayer groups called The Guardian Angels (meeting on **January 8** and **22** at 5PM) and The Prayer Warriors, (meeting on **January 11** at 9AM). Please consider joining with the members of our church to pray for people in need and to learn about disciplines of prayer as we all strive to follow our Lord Jesus Christ.

### Our Shut-Ins:

Mollie Harrison  
Kathleen Smith  
Charlie Webb

### Our Service Workers:

Michael Anderson  
Dwight Barrs  
Ryan Caulder  
Eric Janson  
Zachary Hilty  
Jeremy Jolly  
Ryan Rawl  
Mike Rollinson  
Christopher Summers  
John Walden

## **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  
Bert(Alberta) Dooley - Aunt of Margaret Hollis  
Libby Fertick - Friend of Michelle Feaster  
Allen Goings - Brother-in-law of Kathy Goings  
Dennis Gossett - Brother of B Poplin & K Gossett  
Mildred Gunter - Cousin of Anna Ree Roland  
Melissa Harvey - Friend of Michelle Feaster  
James Hibbs - Father of Jeff Hibbs  
Tricia Hood - Former St. James Music Director  
Jerry Hutto - Church Member  
Lynette Koon - Friend of Sharon Duke  
David McMichael - Cousin of Anna Ree Roland  
Phillip Moore - Son of Norma Moore  
Alice Ruth Reynolds - Aunt of Mike and Lisa Long  
Clark Riddle - Nephew of Hank and Brenda Poplin  
Kathryn Robinson - Friend of Cheryl Austin  
Anna Ree Roland - Church Member  
Harold Roland - Church Member  
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  
Family of Lizzie Caulder - Grandmother of T. Summers  
Family of JoAnne Hutto - Church Member

## *Notes of Thanks and Hope*

### *Congratulations*

Congratulations to Laura Backman on the birth of a daughter, Baylee Clark Backman, on December 13. She was 7 lbs, 8 oz, and 19 1/4 in long. May God bless Baylee and her family.

### *In Sympathy*

Sympathy is extended to the friends and family of JoAnne Dyson Hutto, who died on December 19. May God's peace be with them, and may God's light forever shine on JoAnne.

### *In Memorium*

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

Tom and Glenda Boozer  
Joby Castine  
John and Jeanette Harmon  
Bob and Gaynell Hubbs  
Gerry and Sheryl Jeffords  
Larry and Hazel Kyzer  
Joretta Martin  
Keith and Tammy O'Quinn  
Anna Ree Roland  
Luke and Barbara Roland  
P.M. Shealy  
George and Lynette Steele  
Russell and Janet Taylor

## 2012 Church Directory

We are updating the Church Directory and need your help. Please fill out this form and mail or bring it by the church office. Thank you!

**Full Name :** \_\_\_\_\_

**Children (names, DOB):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mailing Address :** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date of Birth :** \_\_\_\_\_

**Home Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Work Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Cell Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

### St. James Fantasy Football Champion

Who says girls can't play football? Congratulations to Katy Wallace and the Southern Belles, who defeated Casey Roberts and the Flea Flickers in a clash of division champions. The final score was a whopping 122 to 159 with the Belles coming out the victor. Thanks for a great season!



### Worship Assistants

#### **Acolytes 8AM**

January 1 - Susan Hollis  
January 8 - Elisa Rice  
January 15 - Jocelyn Rice  
January 22 - Aaron Frazier  
January 29 - Adam Jenkins

#### **Acolytes 10:30AM**

January 1 - Jacob Feaster  
January 8 - Jacob Feaster  
January 15 - Carrigan Gossett  
January 22 - Jake Poindexter  
January 29 - Hembree Poindexter

#### **Altar Guild**

Linda Gable

#### **Communion Bread**

January 1 - Kevin and Krisie Turner  
January 8 - Linda Gable  
January 15 - Tammy O'Quinn

#### **Lay Readers**

January 1 - Krisie Turner  
January 8 - Lynn Sloan  
January 15 - Rebecca Koch  
January 22 - Kevin Turner  
January 29 - Lisa Tyson

#### **Nursery Attendants**

January 1 - Susan and Glenn Hollis  
January 8 - Rebecca Koch  
January 15 - Tammy O'Quinn and Susan Hollis  
January 22 - Tammy O'Quinn and Lara Backman  
January 29 -

#### **Ushers**

Ben and Gwen Freeman  
Luke and Barbara Roland

#### **Sound System**

Jan Sharpe

# January

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8:00 AM - Holy Communion 9:15 AM - Sunday School 10:30 AM - Holy Communion	2 6:30 PM - Zumba 7:30 PM - Yoga	3 7:50 AM - Prayer Service 6:30 PM - Zumba	4 7:00 PM - Choir	5	6	7 8:30 AM Saturday Sisters
8 Epiphany Sunday 8:00 AM - Holy Communion 9:15 AM - Sunday School 10:30 AM - Holy Communion 3:00PM - Confirmation 5:00 PM - Youth	9 6:30 PM - Zumba 7:30 PM - Yoga	10 7:50 AM - Prayer Service 6:30 PM - Long Range Planning Committee 6:30 PM - Zumba 7:30 PM - Yoga	11 9:00 AM - Prayer Warriors 7:00 PM - Choir	12	13	14 1:00 PM - Lutheran Girl Pioneers
5:00 PM - Guardian Angels						
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22 8:00 AM - Holy Communion 9:15 AM - Sunday School 10:30 AM - Holy Communion 3:00 PM - Confirmation 5:00 PM - Youth 5:00 PM - Guardian Angels 6:00 PM - Handbells 7:00 PM - All Committee Night	23 6:30 PM - Zumba 7:30PM - Yoga	24 7:50 AM - Prayer Service 6:30 PM - Zumba 7:30 PM - Yoga	25 7:00 PM - Choir	26 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM Cayce Food Pantry 6:00 PM—God Rockz Handbell Choir	27	28
29 8:00 AM - Holy Communion 9:15 AM - Sunday School 10:30 AM - Holy Communion 6:00 PM - Handbells 6:30PM - LMM Conference	30 6:30 PM- Lutheran Men in Mission and Women of the ELCA- Gathering Supper	31 7:50 AM - Prayer Service 6:30 PM - Zumba 7:30 PM - Yoga				

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Rev. Nathan Rice

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Worship Service: 10:30 AM

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