



## ***MESSENGER***

Dear friends in Christ,

Slowly, as the pandemic has run its course and the government and medical experts have valiantly tried to lessen its deadly effects, the haze over the future has begun to lift just a little. The one thing that seems to be becoming clear is that life will change once the stay at home orders are lifted. We know that without a vaccine or an effective treatment for COVID-19 we will have to continue to be careful about who and what we touch, the relative distance between us, the use of masks and other protective clothing and chemicals. Restaurants may have fewer tables and hyper-aware staff. Schools will have to consider how they function. Sporting events will likely look different. And then there is the church: how will we come back together safely? We are already beginning to think about that. I have heard that it is likely we will be returned to worship incrementally – that is, maybe only in groups of 50 or less. Can we sit separately together? How will we administer Holy Communion and Baptism safely? What about meeting for committee work or Bible study? The world is changing and we will think it through just as other generations affected by plagues have done in the past.

As I thought about these questions, the gospel lesson for this coming Sunday gave me pause and hope. It is the story of the Road to Emmaus in Luke's gospel. Two disciples are walking back to Emmaus after the horrific events of the Passover when, the day before, Jesus was crucified. Jesus appears and walks with them though they do not know it is Jesus. And opening up the Scriptures to them, he explains everything. Only later, when they are sitting down to eat, does Jesus reveal himself in the breaking of bread. The comfort I take from this story is that we are walking a road we have trouble seeing any good on, but Jesus is walking with us. Jesus will explain to us again – from the Scriptures – what we can and should do to be faithful to him. It is early on our walk. Trust him.

Please remember that Sunday services and devotions are available on-line at [www.stjameslex.com](http://www.stjameslex.com) and the Friends of St. James Facebook page. If you do not have access to either, you can call the church office and we will send you a DVD of services that you can watch if you have a DVD player. The Word in Season devotionals are also available in the office. Please call if you need anything else! I am always available to talk.

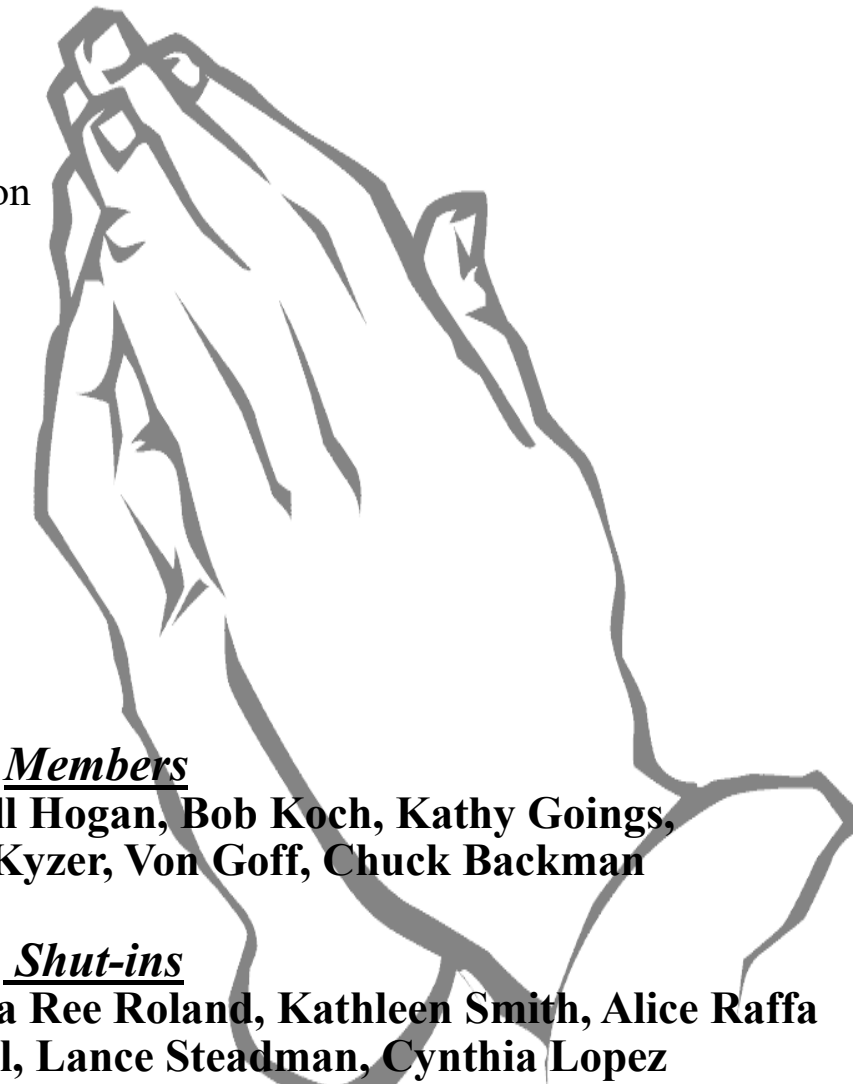
*Yours in Christ,  
Pastor Kevin*

***ALL SERVICES AND  
ACTIVITIES HAVE BEEN CANCELLED THROUGH THE  
MONTH OF APRIL***

**FOR OUR PRAYERS**  
**Friends & Relatives of Church Members**

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

**Vincent Slice-**  
Son of Olin & Retha Slice  
**Boyd Shorter**  
Father of Gwen Freeman  
**Gene Crumpton-**  
Uncle of Janet Taylor & Mike Crumpton  
**Sandy Martin-**  
Friend of Jane & Russell Taylor  
**Emma Snelgrove-**  
Mother of Cheryl Austin  
**Lanell Hicks-**  
Mother of Miranda West  
**Samantha Molnar-**  
Sister of Carolyn Steele  
**Jennifer Watkins**  
Niece of Jimmy & Katrina Shealy



**Members**

**H.O. & Doris Sharpe, Bill Hogan, Bob Koch, Kathy Goings,  
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**



***The Guardian Angel Prayer Group** is asking for all of its members and the members of St. James to please say an extra prayer for our community and country.*

**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

**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*

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 Bulletin Board

Latest on the Corona Virus Covid-19: [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov)

If you would like the devotional booklet, *The Word in Season*, we will happily mail it to you. Just contact the church office either by phone (803) 359-2122) or by email ([office@stjameslex.com](mailto:office@stjameslex.com))

We also have videos available for you if you would like one of Pastor Kevin's devotionals or Sunday service. Let the office know and we can mail a copy or you can pick one up.

Make sure you keep an eye on the website [stjameslex.com](http://stjameslex.com) and our Facebook page Friends of St. James to keep up with any information the office may send out.

If you would like something to be posted email it over and we will do our best!

Just a reminder the office is **open Monday - Thursday from 9-2** during this time. Should you have any questions, or concerns please let us know.

*St. James is encouraging our members if they would like to come in and spend a few minutes in the Sanctuary give the office a call and we can set up a time schedule.*

***Just a reminder to anyone using the facilities. Due to the Pandemic we are getting the word out, We have A LOT of fragile members and if you are using the building please wear gloves and wipe everything down you have touched. The cleaning has been cut back and we need to protect all of our precious members here at St. James when services and activities resume.***

Your offering envelope is designed to be mailed just put a stamp on it. Please remember the ongoing expenses maintaining the church during this time.



**Remember Your Offerings**

	4/5/2020,	4/12/2020,	4/19/2020
Offering	\$ 5,132.00	\$ 38,129.00	\$ 2,145.00
Needed Weekly	\$ 4,115.38		
Budget Year-to-date	\$ 65,846.15		
Received Year-to-date	\$ 95,825.96		
Status	\$ 29,979.81 (46%)		

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**4/1**

Carolyn Monts

**4/8**

Ben Freeman

Myra Weeks

**4/9**

Dale Hutto

**4/12**

Sharon Witherell

**4/13**

Joshua West

**4/15**

Sharon Duke

Susan Gossett

**4/16**

Steven Jenkins

**4/17**

Ann Kyzer

Charles Johnson III

**4/19**

Hailey Bouknight

**4/25**

Jacob Feaster

**4/26**

Margaret Hollis

Jan Sharpe

**4/30**

Jennifer Boone

**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.**

**DRIVE  
THRU**



***Pastor***

Kevin Ogilvie, PhD.

***Music Director***

Sharon Witherell

***Secretary***

Sharon 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***