



NEWBERRY COLLEGE

St. James Lexington/Koch Lutheran Scholarship
For the Period January 01, 2020 - December 31, 2020

Fund Number: 56354740

Purpose Description: Awarded annually to a freshmen student(s) who are members of the St. James Lexington Lutheran Church at 1358 South Lake Drive, Lexington, SC, with demonstrated potential for community leadership and service; sophomore(s), junior(s) or senior(s) who are members of the St. James Lexington Lutheran Church maintaining a 2.5 GPA with a demonstrated potential for community leadership and service and financial need; or sophomore(s), junior(s) or senior(s) who are members of a Lutheran Church of the SC Synod maintaining a 2.5 GPA with demonstrated potential for community leadership and service and financial need. This award is renewable by pursuing a bachelor's degree with a maintained 2.5 GPA and continued financial need for no more than four academic years.

Fund Performance - Financial Summary

Beginning market value 1/1/2020	\$ 8,095.51
Investment performance	\$ 1,680.31
Additional Contributions	\$ -
Distribution	\$ (463.45)
Ending market value 12/31/2020	\$ 9,312.37

Recipient(s)

Name
Elizabeth Collum

MAY

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09. West/Roland
16. Delila Hall
23.
30.

FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR

Would you like to remember a loved one or honor someone special? Please consider a donation of flowers for our altar area on Sunday morning! A sign up sheet is in the Narthex. You are asked to speak directly with the florist or to bring the arrangement yourself. Speak with Pastor Kevin for details.

St. James



Tuesday, 5/18 from 10-11am,

If you would like to donate funds or gift cards please, place it in an envelope for food pantry. Any checks that are given for the food pantry needs to be marked as food pantry donation on the memo line.

Drop off donations in the Narthex or the fellowship hall stage!
See Cheryl Austin for any questions.



We need Worship Leaders!

Sign up book is in the Church Narthex. Please remember if you sign up for flowers, email the office for whom you are in memory or in honor of or fill out the form and send it in.

MAY

2. Katrina Shealy
9. Adam Steele
16. Delila Hall
23. Robert Sharpe
30. Dick Kyzer

If you would like to volunteer to be a Lector. See Sammie Metts



It's a special lady's 90th Birthday!

Doris Sharpe will be turning 90 May 19th. The family would like to give her cards from loved ones and church members. If you would like to give a card, there will be a special box placed in the Narthex. If you have any questions please speak with Robert or Jan Sharpe.



Dear Pastor St. James Lutheran Church,

Thank you very much for the St. James Lexington/
Koch Lutheran Scholarship. I'm a sophomore at
Newberry College. I am majoring in mathematics but on
the pre-vet track. I'm from Chapin South Carolina,
I'm involved in an organization called Wolf Nation.
It's important to me because it helps my
grandparents pay for college. This scholarship has
made me want to push harder to achieve my dreams.
This scholarship has made my day, I didn't think
I would be able to receive a Scholarship. Thank you
so much for the St. James Lexington/Koch Lutheran
Scholarship.

Sincerely,
Elizabeth Collum



NEWBERRY
COLLEGE

April 15, 2021

St. James Lutheran Church
c/o Pastor and Congregation
1358 South Lake Drive
Lexington, SC 29073

Dear Pastor and Congregation:

Newberry College has, once again, emerged resilient from the challenges of COVID-19 and thrived even in the face of adversity to remain focused on the mission. Frankly, the College has been blessed with support from donors like you and this has reminded all of us the importance of family, including you, our Newberry College family. I am pleased to be able to provide you with an endowment report during this unprecedented time in our history as an institution and society.

Additionally, I am delighted to provide you with good news about the progress of the endowment at Newberry College. With market growth, your support has allowed hundreds of students to continue their college education and allowed us to make unexpected campus changes in response to COVID-19. Your generosity drove the much-needed classroom improvements and helped build excitement for new projects, such as the Nursing and Health Sciences Center that is coming soon.

Today, enrollment at the College remains steady at 1,250 students and we are on a path to 1,400 students in the coming years. In other good news, your support has boosted retention among our returning students and aided faculty in their focus on the academic support our students need.

Whether through gifts, time, or talent, we remain grateful for your investment in Newberry College and your confidence in the leadership of President Morrie Scherrrens, the Board of Trustees, and my colleagues serving on the President's Council.

The institutional advancement team at Newberry College remains steadfastly dedicated to increasing the value of your degree and honoring your philanthropic gifts. During the last year, and possibly further in the future, the philanthropic landscape has been a challenge, yet you have shown great resilience as donors. Simply and sincerely, thank you!

Hail Scarlet and the Gray,

A handwritten signature in red ink that reads "Lori Ann Summers".

Lori Ann Vinson Summers
Vice President for Institutional Advancement
President, Newberry College Foundation

What's going on at St. James

Calling all members!

Do you have any **old photos** the office can borrow? We are going to work on a project and we need your help. Old photos of past events at St. James are needed. Please see Delila Hall or Speak with the office for any questions. **We need volunteers with this project!**

It's that time of year!!

We need **new** or our usual volunteers to come and assist with maintaining the grounds at St. James. We have the lawn mower just bring some gas! If you would like to weed eat and help with the bushes that would be GREAT! Sign up sheet is in the Narthex.

Food Pantry - 5/18 4-6pm

Please note we are changing our Food Pantry hours to accommodate working community members who find it difficult to participate in our current hour.

Beginning in **May 2021**, hours will be **4:00PM to 6:00PM** on the **3rd Tuesday** of each month going forward.

We are not changing the day, only the hours.

Our hope is that this will be convenient for all of you, as well as others who will be able to participate at this later time and extension of hours.

Financial update (as of April) :

<u>Income</u>	
Budget YTD	\$63,131.77
Income YTD	\$71,043.06
Difference	\$7,911.29
Percent	+12.53%
<u>Expense</u>	
Budget YTD	\$54,714.00
Expense YTD	\$45,732.11
Difference	\$5,153.95
Percent	+9.42%

<u>Balances:</u>	
General Fund	\$93,486.75
Memorial Fund	\$6,460.10
Food Pantry	\$8,162.85



WELCOMING OUR NEW
MUSIC DIRECTOR!

Jefferey Clearman (Jeff) is a native of Petal Mississippi. He holds the Bachelor of Music degree in organ performance from the University of Memphis where he studied with Dr. John David Peterson. Jeff attended the University of Mississippi where he was a member of the Concert Singers, accompanist in the voice department and also accompanist for the Spirit of Ole Miss, the university's show choir. He has sung and played under the baton of Robert Shaw, Alan Balter and Jerry Jordan. Jeff has done additional organ study with Diane Meredith Belcher and Dr. Jeff McLelland. He has been organist/choirmaster at St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Oxford MS, All Saints Episcopal Church in Mobile, AL, All Saints Memorial Church in Navesink, NJ, and St. John's Episcopal Church in Somerville, NJ. Jeff also has been musical director for musical theater; *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* and *Once Upon a Mattress* for the Stone Church Players in Navesink. In Mobile he was musical director for the Joe Jefferson Players production of *Avenue Q* and the Chickasaw Community Theater's production of *Mary Poppins* and *Oklahoma*. Jeff lives in Columbia with his husband Kevin Davis, who is Organist/Choirmaster at Mount Tabor Lutheran Church in West Columbia, and their cat Midnight. They have one daughter, one grandson, and one grandson on the way. They live in Sledge, MS just south of Memphis, TN.



St. James Church Cleanup Day
Saturday May 15th 8:30AM
Everyone is welcome to come and help with cleaning even if you don't serve on a committee.

It would help if each committee could bring the supplies needed to do the tasks. The cleaning should last 2-4 hours.

Lutheran Men in Mission

Meeting: May 17th at 7pm.

All men in the congregation are invited.

Speaker: Joey Frazier on the Theology of the Andy Griffith Show

Boxed dinner provided by Joel Tyson and Robert Sharpe

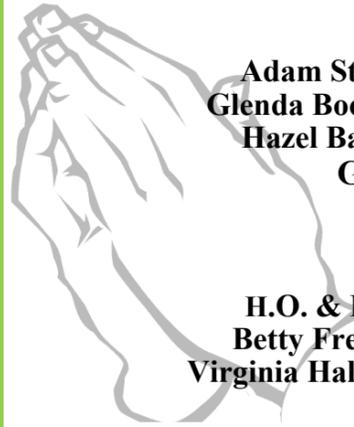


Handbells will be starting back soon HOW EXCITING! Keep an ear out from Mr. Jeff and he will let everyone know the details.

Friends & Relatives of Church Members

Patrick Chisolm-
Brother-n- Law of Margaret Hollis
Vickie Dooley-
Cousin of Margaret Hollis
**Richard Smith, Connie Vyveberg,
& Maryann Mullins**
Cousins of Brenda Poplin
Tommy Rawl-
Son of Hazel Bachman
Johnny Craft-
Cousin of Hilda West
Cricket Leaphart-
Niece of Jean Fraizer
Dean Cannon
Friend of Mike & Lisa Long

FOR OUR PRAYERS



Members

Adam Steele, Hilda West, Brenda Poplin,
Glenda Boozer, Deborah Kyzer, Hazel Kyzer,
Hazel Bachman, Leon Browder, Kathy
Goings, Chuck Backman

Shut-ins

H.O. & Doris Sharpe, Kathleen Smith,
Betty Freeman, Alice Raffa, Retha Slice,
Virginia Hall, Lance Steadman, Cynthia Lopez

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

The Ascension of Our Lord

⁵⁰Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. ⁵¹While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. (Luke 24).

The Ascension of Our Lord marks the 40th day after Easter when our Lord took leave of his disciples from Bethany and, before their eyes, ascended into heaven. In many countries the day is celebrated as a holiday and some churches have services for it. I have only been privileged to celebrate it as a parish pastor once as we used the day to start a summer series of services. In Madagascar, the Lutheran Church often has services that day. Roman Catholics and Episcopalians often celebrate the day as well. This is the last day that we keep the Pascal Candle lit during the season of Easter.

Ascension Day is important to me for another reason. One of the assigned texts for the day comes from Mark 16: 9-20. This section of the gospel of Mark is not original to Mark but an addition and I wanted to know how preachers in Madagascar used it. I won't bore you with all the details of why this is so very fascinating to me (that I could write 263 pages). One of the Malagasy preachers talked about why Ascension Day is so important by putting it this way. He said that if Jesus did not ascend to the right hand of his Father, then he could only be in one place at a time. We would then be spending all our time running from hither to yon looking for Jesus. Someone says he's in Paris and we run there. Then he is in Charleston and we run there. But because Jesus has ascended to the right hand of God the Father, we know that he has assumed the full power of God which means that he can be wherever he is needed. He can be in Red Bank and Paris, in Denver and Dubai, in Waco and Wallawalla. For us, this is the best news possible for it means Jesus is always with us.

Now you know why we probably should have a wonderful service on Ascension Day!

Joseph Brown-
Grandson of Kathryn Kyzer
Ryan Caulder-
Son of Mot Caulder
Daniel Herb-
Son in law of Mot Caulder
Jeremy Jolly-
Grandson of Hazel Bachman

Military



Wayne Watkins-
Nephew of S. Jeffords
David Supowit-
Son in Law of Kathleen Bishop
Levi Dane Kyzer-
Grandson of Holly Kyzer

Happy Birthday to all the May & June Babies!

5/02 Lara Backman	5/08 George Knox	5/17 Leon Browder Jr.	5/24 Alice Raffa
5/03 Sharon Summers	5/09 Elaine Sutcliffe	5/19 Adam Steele Jr.	5/31 Jeff Hibbs
5/06 Tom Backman	5/12 Barbara Roland	5/19 Doris Sharpe	
6/05 Jay Peeples	6/16 Tim Davis	6/25 Bob Koch	6/28 Katheryn Kyzer
6/10 Wayne Areheart	6/19 Chuck Backman	6/26 Scott Strickland	6/29 Cletus Brian Estep
6/11 Stan Hutto	6/23 David Hines	6/27 Emerson Hibbs	
	Heather Carter	Carin Seward	

If your name was left off this list, please call or email the church office so we may add it.

St. James Lutheran Church
(803) 359-2122
1358 South Lake Drive
Lexington, SC 29073
Sunday's Worship
10:30AM

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Pastor

Kevin Ogilvie, PhD.

office@stjameslex.com
Secretary

Sharon Summers

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Friends of St James
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/StJamesRedBank>

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PLEASE REMEMBER—

When using church facilities turn off the lights you are using and fans in restrooms and **confirm all doors have been locked.**

A huge thank you to those who have already been taking care of this.

St. James is slowly opening back up and we could not be more excited!

All of our Scouts are back on Mon, Tues. and Thurs.

AA is also back on Thursday's 7pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Just a reminder, face masks are still required as is Social Distancing.

We all have to take part in making sure we clean up after ourselves and the area you have used. We are stressing to everyone using the facilities to wipe down everything used and make sure trash has been placed in the dumpster outside.

At this time only certain sections of the church are cleaned weekly due to cutbacks from Covid -19 pandemic. This is why it is extremely important to make sure you're cleaning the area you have used.

If you no longer wish to receive this newsletter, please contact St. James Lutheran Church office at 803-359-2122

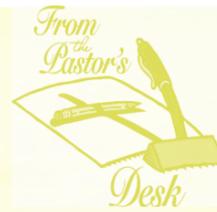
ST. JAMES MONTHLY MESSENGER

MAY 2021





Dear Brothers and Sisters,



Mother's Day is soon upon us. It is often referred to as a "Hallmark Holiday" in that it is not a day in the church calendar...and Hallmark sells a lot of cards that day. The first secretary I ever hired, Susan West, forbade her family to celebrate the day. I was shocked and asked her why, after all people love their mothers and want to show them appreciation. She replied, "They should show me love every day, not just once a year!" Of course this is true. Just the same motherhood is something we value highly while at the same time recognizing that not all mothers are capable or good at what they do. We receive the gift of life through our mothers and whether they were wonderful (as most of ours are) or terrible (as some unfortunately are), God has gifted us with our very existence through women whose bodies sheltered and nourished us for nine months. Not to thank God for mothers would be not to thank God for our very lives!

Two mothers in Scripture stand out. The first mother we know of is Eve and years ago a Malagasy youth group gave me a great insight into God's grace by pointing something out I hadn't seen before. It is too easy to take motherhood for granted. In Madagascar once you have a child you are no longer known by your own name but by the name of your child. This is true for men, too. After I adopted my son, my friends called me "Papan'I Hery" or Hery's Dad instead of Kevin. After Adam and Eve are thrown out of Eden, in Chapter 3 of Genesis we read,²⁰ "The man named his wife Eve, because she was the mother of all living." Thrown out of Eden, disgraced, yet given the highest honor a mother could be given... almost.

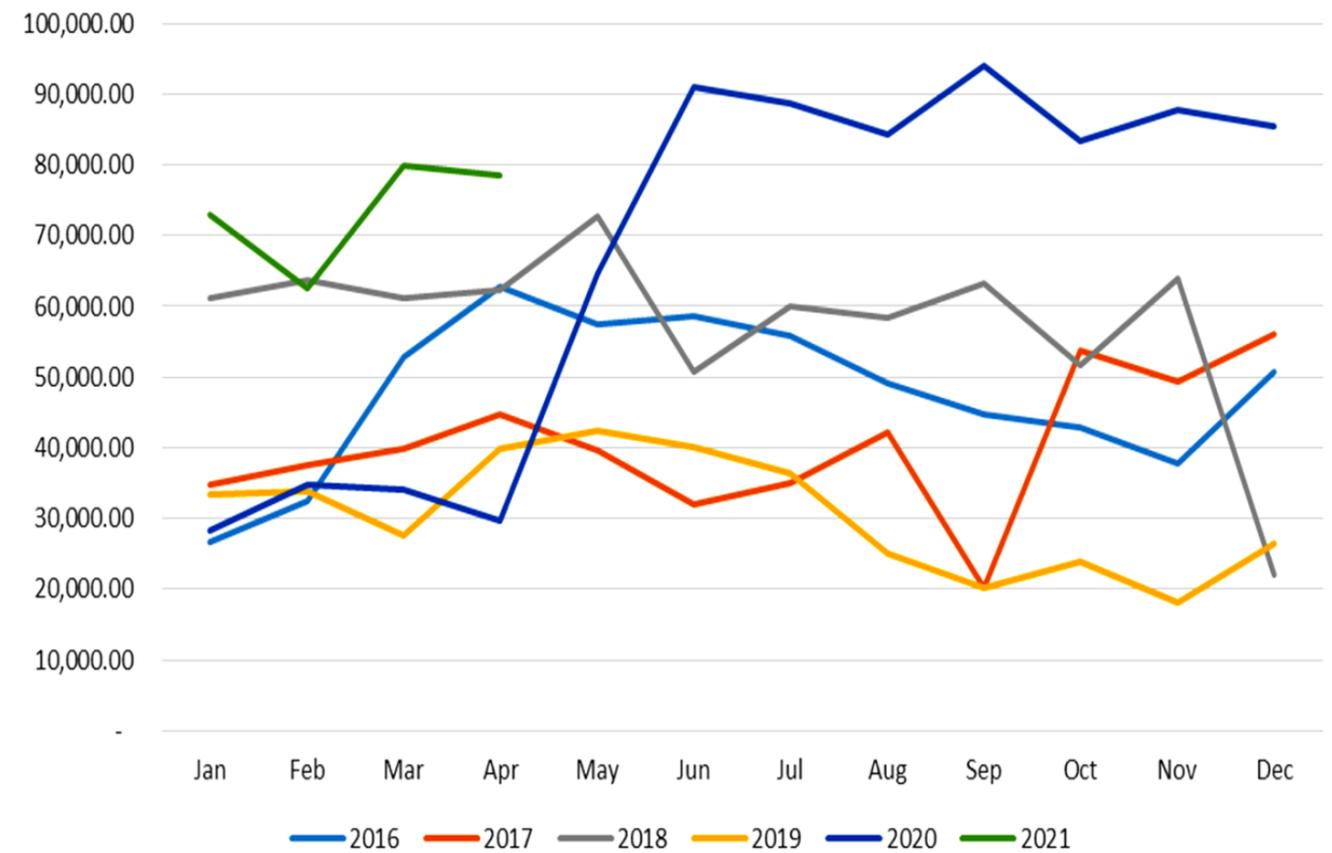
The second woman to be so honored is Mary, the mother of Jesus. The Church through the ages has referred to Mary by two titles. The first was given by the Greek speaking world: Theotokos or "God bearer." The second was given by the Latin speaking world: Mater Dei or "Mother of God." From the first two chapters of Luke we learn that Mary was an obedient servant of God and so rightly honored as a mother.

Let all the mothers amongst us strive to live lives that are as faithful as Mary's and let all of us honor every mother amongst us as we would Eve or Mary for they give us life!

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Kevin

On Mothers Day
Please make sure you have received a flower
to pin on your clothing.
Red is in honor White is in memory

Bank Balance 2016-2021



Income, Expense vs Budget 2016-2021

