

***ALL SERVICES /ACTIVITIES HAVE BEEN CANCELLED
UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE***

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I shared the following verse with the Church Council at our last meeting. The first time I remember hearing it was when our Professor of Old Testament in seminary read it, slammed his bible shut, looked up and said, “That is the definition of salvation! Never forget it!” And I didn’t. Psalm 68:5-6 – “⁵ Father of orphans and protector of widows is God in his holy habitation. ⁶ God gives the desolate a home to live in; he leads out the prisoners to prosperity, but the rebellious live in a parched land.” This verse took on even more meaning after I adopted my son. My son once provided me a glimpse of what I can only describe as the closest thing to pure ecstasy I have ever seen. I had adopted Hery officially on September 4, 2001. We traveled to the US from Madagascar for Thanksgiving that year and he met his grandfather, his uncle, his aunts and cousins. He adored his family! Then on November 25th he was baptized. He had on a cute little black suit and bow tie. Under his shirt he wore the baptismal cross his godparents had given him. He was seated with my family and I was seated with the pastor as I would do the baptism. When I walked over to the font, Hery had undone his tie and top shirt button. At first I was annoyed and then I looked closer. He wanted his baptismal cross out so everyone could see it. We did the baptism and the pastor picked him up and introduced him to the congregation and they applauded. In that moment an orphan had a family, a desolate person had a home to live in. He was loved. The look on his face was greater than joy, it was ecstasy.

God has provided each of us with that same experience in our baptism because God is our Father, our protector, the one who causes even the most desolate amongst us to have a home. You are that loved.

Thank you for all the condolences and expressions of love. They mean a lot. And thank you for keeping me in your prayers as I undergo a replacement of my knee replacement tomorrow, May 19th. I will be out for 4 weeks. My wife, the Rev. Jann Boyd, will cover for any emergencies.

In Christ,
Pastor Kevin



**The Office will be
closed Monday May
25th in observance
of Memorial Day.**



FOR OUR PRAYERS

Friends & Relatives of Church Members

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

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

Members

Tom Boozer, H.O. & Doris Sharpe, Bill Hogan, Bob Koch, Kathy Goings, Harold Roland, Libby Roland, Stan Hutto, 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.

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*

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

Latest on the Corona Virus Covid-19: 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)

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 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 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 wipe everything down you have touched. The cleaning has been cut 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.



	5/3/2020	5/10/2020	5/17/2020
Offering	\$2,212.00	\$7,434.00	\$1,917.00
Needed Weekly	\$ 4,115.38		
Budget Year-to-date	\$ 82,307.69		
Received Year-to-date	\$ 109,065.96		
Status	\$ 26,758.27 (+33%)		



Pastor Kevin is out on surgery leave. All Services will be online unless other wise noted. Should you have any questions please give the office a call. 803-359-2122 or email us at office@stjameslex.com
In case of an emergency Please contact Pastor Jan Boyd 803-553-9546 or 803-520-0709

Blood Drive
St. James Lutheran Church
1358 South Lake Drive
Fellowship Hall

Monday, June 8th
2 pm – 7 pm

Sign up online at www.redcrossblood.org
Use Sponsor Code: **stjameslex**

For more info contact Cheryl Austin at (803) 755-6592

See flyer insert for Information.

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BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

5/02 Lara Backman	5/09 Elaine Sutcliffe	5/20 Harold Roland Jr. David Roland
5/03 Jacob Standridge Sharon Summers	5/11 Gary Roland	5/22 Irma Frye
5/04 Julian Harmon	5/12 Barbara Roland	5/24 Alice Raffa
5/06 Thom Backman	5/17 Leon Browder Jr. Lynn Barley Adam Steele Jr. Alyssa Jenkins	5/25 Joe Joyner
5/07 Rosemary Davis	5/19 Doris Sharpe	5/31 Sheryl Jeffords Jeff Hibbs
5/08 George Knox		

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.



Pastor
Kevin Ogilvie, PhD.

Music Director
Sharon Witherell

Secretary
Sharon Summers

**Adult
Sunday School**
9:15AM

Worship
10:30AM

**Worship
Schedule**

2020 St. James Council

Luke Roland/President
Laney Strickland/VP,
Worship & Music
Treasurer/Ben Freeman
Myra Weeks/Secretary, Evangelism
Amanda Huber/Education, Youth
Kevin Simmons/Property

Bill Hogan/ Property
Jeff Hibbs/Stewardship
Jim Tyner/Family Life
Kathleen Bishop/Social
Xavier Herriot-White/Youth
Pastor/Parish Kevin Ogilvie

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