



St James
Lutheran Church

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From the Pastor:

It's July and I'm excited.

I'm excited not because I'm looking forward to hanging out at the pool (I sunburn way too easily) or because I like yard work (I wish the lawn would mow itself). I'm not excited because we have any special trips planned (probably not till September) and certainly not because the Cubs will be worth watching. No, none of that.

Instead, I'm excited because the Hallmark Channel is airing a series of new Christmas movies! It's their “Christmas in July” movie specials.

I know that may seem a little crazy. I already overdose on Hallmark

Christmas movies from the end of October through the end of the year. But I just love Christmas movies. So, I will do my best to see them all.

And really, maybe interjecting a little Christmas into the middle of the year isn't such a bad thing.

Now I'm not necessarily talking about experiencing the warm, fuzzy Christmas spirit – although I think that is a good thing. Rather, I think it is good to be reminded in the middle of the year (and really anytime) what Christmas is about.

For Christians, the celebration of Christmas is the observance of God coming into our lives. It is the celebration of “Emmanuel,” God with us. The story of the nativity is the story of God choosing to come to us, to walk with us, to live and die with us. It is a (Hallmark-like?) love story...the greatest love story.

And so, as we move into the dog-days of summer, I think it is a good thing to be reminded of Christmas. It is good to be reminded that God, through the Child of Bethlehem, has promised to come to us and be with us always – not just in the days leading up to December 25.

So I remind you, as I settle in to watch my Hallmark “Christmas in July” movies, that the message of Christmas is indeed a year-round message. Know that God is “Emmanuel,” with us not only in December, but in July and every day of our lives.

In the Name of the Babe of Bethlehem,

Pastor Knowles

School Kits

Children here and around the world look forward to the future and returning to school with needed supplies. You may purchase supplies to donate now while there are special back-to-school sales.

There will be a collection box in the entry near the info table.

Each Lutheran World Relief school kit contains:

4—70 sheet spiral bound notebooks Wide or College ruled

1—ruler—30 centimeters/12 inches

1—hand held pencil sharpener

1—pair blunt scissors

5—unsharpened pencils

5—blue or black ballpoint ink pens (no gel ink)

1—box 16 or 24 crayons

1—2 1/2 inch eraser

Monetary donations are also welcome and will be accepted, and members of the Missions Team will shop for you!



Worship News

Sunday July 3

First Reading

[Isaiah 66:10-14](#)

Psalm

[Psalm 66:1-9](#)

Second Reading

[Galatians 6:\[1-6\] 7-16](#)

Gospel

[Luke 10:1-11, 16-20](#)

Sunday July 10

First Reading

[Deuteronomy 30:9-14](#)

Psalm

[Psalm 25:1-10](#)

Second Reading

[Colossians 1:1-14](#)

Gospel

[Luke 10:25-37](#)

Sunday July 17

First Reading

[Genesis 18:1-10a](#)

Psalm

[Psalm 15](#)

Second Reading

[Colossians 1:15-28](#)

Gospel

[Luke 10:38-42](#)

Sunday July 24

First Reading

[Genesis 18:20-32](#)

Psalm

[Psalm 138](#)

Second Reading

[Colossians 2:6-15 \[16-19\]](#)

Gospel

[Luke 11:1-13](#)

Sunday July 31

First Reading

[Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23](#)

Psalm

[Psalm 49:1-12](#)

Second Reading

[Colossians 3:1-11](#)

Gospel

[Luke 12:13-21](#)



The Rev. Stacie R. Fidler of Rock Island, Ill., was elected June 18 to serve a six-year term as bishop of the Northern Illinois Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). The election took place during the synod assembly, which met online on June 5 and 12 and then in person

at Augustana College in Rock Island June 17-18.

Fidler was elected on the fifth ballot with 219 votes to 111 votes for the Rev. Dr. Janet Hunt, pastor of First Lutheran Church in DeKalb, Ill. A total of 166 votes was needed for election.

The bishop-elect has served as pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church in Rock Island since 1999. She was pastor of Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Seneca, Ill., from 1995 to 1999 and interim pastor of St. James Lutheran Church in Forreston, Ill., in 1995.

Fidler earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in religion with an Asian studies concentration from Augustana College in 1991 and her Master of Divinity degree from the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago in 1995. She completed the Shalem Institute Group Leaders Program in 2002 and participates in ongoing continuing education with foci on leadership, spirituality and foundation management. The Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago is one of seven ELCA seminaries.

Fidler will take office on Sept. 1. Her installation is scheduled for Oct. 8 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Rockford, Ill. Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton will officiate at the installation.

The Rev. Jeffrey Clements, who has served as bishop of the Northern Illinois Synod since 2016, is retiring.

Information about the Northern Illinois Synod is available at nisynod.org.

About the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America:

The ELCA is one of the largest Christian denominations in the United States, with nearly 3.3 million members in more than 8,900 worshipping communities across the 50 states and in the Caribbean region. Known as the church of "God's work. Our hands.," the ELCA emphasizes the saving grace of God through faith in Jesus Christ, unity among Christians and service in the world. The ELCA's roots are in the writings of the German church reformer Martin Luther.

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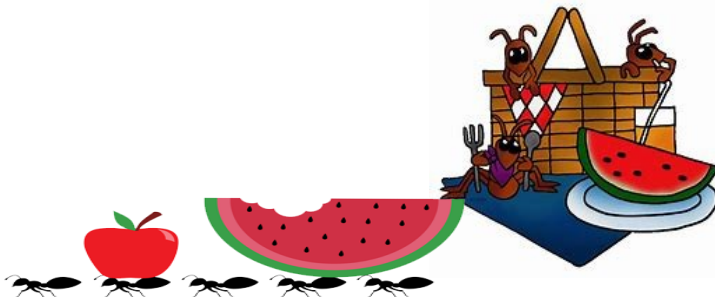
Committee Meetings

Stewardship/Finance Team will be meeting on July 18th at 4:00 pm via ZOOM.

St. James Council will be meeting on July 20th at 7:00 pm via ZOOM.



***Office will be closed
July 4th—July 11th***



The next Adopt-A-Highway is scheduled for Saturday, July 9th.

We will meet at the eastern parking lot of [Mel McKay Park](#) in South Rock Island at 8:45am.

Please wear sturdy shoes. Safety vests, gloves, garbage bags, grabbers, and garbage bag holders will be provided.

St. James Lutheran Church Annual "Corn Roast"

August 21st

St. James Fellowship Hall

Corn will be roasted and the main dish will be pulled pork.

More information will be given as the date approaches



Members of All Saints Episcopal Church and Calvary Lutheran Church are invited.

ST. JAMES COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS, June 2022

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The in-person and virtual June 2022 Council meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. on Wednesday, June 15th, by President Bethany Weipert. Nine of ten members were present. Pastor Knowles opened with a prayer. The minutes of the May meeting were approved. The Treasurer's report through May reflected a good year so far. Treasurer Doug Nelson informed us that he sent checks to all recipient organizations of our \$25,000 tithe of Bobby Davis's estate proceeds. They were all grateful, especially Boy Scout Troop 258, who sent the church a thank-you note signed by the scouts and leaders. The \$2,800 check for the support of the Mdori Parish in Tanzania is slowly but surely making its way there. Bethany recapped the results of the June 5th Special Congregational Meeting, at which we voted unanimously to approve White Roofing's bid to replace the shingles on our building's roof. In an ad hoc meeting after that, the Property Team unanimously agreed on the shingle color, Weathered Wood. Doug reminded us that no down payment was necessary, 90% would be paid upon completion, and the remaining 10% would be paid when the warranty

agreement was in place. The Team is also getting bids to replace some of the outside doors. And finally, the Team signed a bid to have White Roofing replace the four skylights, which are cracked and leaking water. The official date of the annual Corn Roast is Sunday, August 21st. The corn will be roasted, not boiled, as was once considered. The main dish will be pulled pork. All Saints and Calvary Lutheran Church will be invited. More information will be given as the date approaches. Communication issues with LSTC about the endowment scholarship agreement are delaying its implementation. Compliments were given on how beautiful our garden looks, thanks to the talent and hard work of Donna Renneke and others. Luanne Beinke asked for volunteers to serve and clean up during Social Hour following worship services on June 26th and July 3rd. Though she will be out of town on both days, she will provide the food and set up the serving table. If you could lend a hand, please sign the sheet outside the kitchen. The meeting was adjourned at 7:26 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 20, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully,
Luanne Beinke,
Council Secretary





Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago

Letter of Gift

St. James Lutheran Church
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We are pleased to formalize our commitment to endow a scholarship fund at the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago in support of the seminary's mission to train visionary leaders who bear witness to the good news of Jesus Christ.

Purpose:

The Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago will use our gift to create the St. James Lutheran Rock Island Endowed Scholarship Fund. As of December 31, 2021, we have given a total of \$28,000 to this fund. We reserve the right to continue giving in the future and thus increase the overall balance of the fund.

The St. James Lutheran Rock Island Endowed Scholarship Fund will constitute an integral part of the seminary's endowment. The principal of the fund may be invested in common with other funds of like character, provided that the separate identity of the Fund is preserved at all times. Expendable income from the Fund, as determined by applicable LSTC policy, will be used to cover scholarships, with a preference for a student intending to become a Word and Sacrament ordained pastor, who fit one of the following criteria, in this order:

1. A member of St. James Lutheran Church, Rock Island
2. A member of a congregation in the West Conference of the Northern Illinois Synod of the ELCA.
3. A member of a congregation in the Northern Illinois Synod of the ELCA
4. A member of a parish in the North Central Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania
5. A member of another congregation outside of these areas

If, in the opinion of the LSTC Board of Directors, it eventually becomes impossible, impracticable, or inadvisable to use the expendable income from the Fund for the foregoing purpose, the LSTC Board of Directors may apply the income to such other purposes as will most nearly accomplish the intention and at the same time permit appropriate and continuing recognition of the nature of this gift.

The St. James Lutheran Rock Island Endowed Scholarship is now available for a student studying to become a pastor according to the priorities listed in the agreement above. The endowed fund is now at \$30,000.



Baptism of Leah Ellen Vandygriff
June 5, 2022



Thank You!

Boy Scout Troop 258



St. James Lutheran Church
Rock Island, IL

Ad E.
Scoutmaster

Shirley Burton

Mr. Berger
Asst Scoutmaster

Ellen Reed

Alex Wulgaert

Scott Burger

Thank You
- Andrew Amacher

Ray Leon

Noah Wulgaert

Thank you!

Brandt M.

Thank You!
John Reed

Nick B. Lewis
A.S.M.

Thank You!
Christian Lewis

Thank you
so very much!
- Leo Kopp

Thank you
- Darryl Lewis

Thank You
- Billie W. Lewis

Thank you!!!
- Evan Lewis

JDAT

Dear St. James Council and Members,

On behalf of Troop 258, THANK YOU so very much for the generous contribution to the Troop! It will definitely be put to good use and will help ensure we can continue to make scouting affordable and enjoyable for everyone. It is truly appreciated!!!

Serving This Month

July 2022

Sunday	Ushers	Lector	Communion Assistants	Greeters	Counters	Sound Booth	Assisting Minister
July 3	Tanner & Chip Johnson	Doug Nelson			Stacy Miles Jane Massey	Bill Kempf	Stacy Miles
July 10	Tim Warren	Bob Ryden			Virginia Johnson Linda Ryden	Bob Ryden	Stacy Miles
July 17	Terrill & Susan Johnson	Daryl Empen			Dave Renneke Peg Simmer	Dave Renneke	Stacy Miles
July 24	Bill Hartman	Linda Ryden			Ruth Anne Hartman Gary Wolber	Jerry Johansen	Stacy Miles
July 31	Mark Ridolfi	Chip John- son			Bill Kempf Jerry Johansen	Dave Renneke	Stacy Miles

Birthdays:

Angela Rasmussen	07/02
Kadin Each	07/02
Michael Nesseler	07/05
Virginia Pirch	07/06
Ben Cappaert	07/10
Katlynn Ryden	07/10
Kyle Carstens	07/11
Deb Nesseler	07/12
Ndereyimana Stire	07/13
Marsha Peterson	07/13
Luanne Beinke	07/14
Martha Lestor	07/16
Timothy Warren	07/18
DaShaun Lucas-Heinrich	07/18

Ruth Anne Hartman	07/18
Michelle McKenzie	07/21
Larry Simmer	07/22
Daryl Empen	07/22
Rachel Petersen	07/25

Anniversaries:

Jo & Bill Kempf	07/06
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July 2022

National Grilling Month



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 <u>Office Closed</u>	2
3 8:30am Worship (SJ) 9:30 am Fellowship(SJ) 10:30am Worship (AS)	4 Office Closed 	5 Office Closed 6:15pm Vestry 6:30pm 30/31 Book Club ©	6 Office Closed 9:30am All Saints Worship Service (AS)	7 Office Closed	8 <u>Office Closed</u>	9 8:45am Adopt-a- Highway
10 8:30am Worship (SJ) 9:30 am Fellowship(SJ) 10:30am Worship (AS)	11	12	13 9:30am All Saints Worship Service (AS)	14	15 <u>Office Closed</u>	16
17 8:30am Worship (SJ) 9:30 am Fellowship(SJ) 10:30am Worship (AS)	18 4:00pm Stewardship/ Finance Via ZOOM (SJ)	19	20 9:30 am All Saints Worship Service (AS) 7:00pm Council (SJ) via ZOOM	21	22 <u>Office Closed</u>	23
24/31 8:30am Worship (SJ) 9:30 am Fellowship(SJ) 10:30am Worship (AS)	25	26	27 9:30 am All Saints Worship Service (AS) 7:00pm	28	29 <u>Office Closed</u>	30

Did you know St. James has a Facebook page?

Check us out and give us a like!

[Facebook.com/stjamesri](https://www.facebook.com/stjamesri)



If you are not on Facebook you can find photos on our flickr page!

www.stjamesri.org/photo-gallery



St. James a Reconciling In Christ

Congregation

In our awareness that we are all broken people, we rejoice in God's abundant grace. Therefore, we welcome all who are seeking God's love and forgiveness regardless of national origin or ancestry, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, abilities, beliefs, political views, financial resources or family status.

There will always be a place for you at St. James.

Adopted on June 11, 2017

For more information check out Reconciling Works at www.reconcilingworks.org



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