



St. James Newsletter

July & August 2025

Rescue Mission Meal

Christian Care Center on
Wednesday, July 9 and August 13.

We will buy the ham and needed supplies. If you would like to help, we need volunteers to serve and prepare crockpot beans and cheesy potatoes.

A sign-up sheet is on the info table in the narthex. Meet in the church kitchen on July 9 and August 13 at 5:30 pm or bring prepared items before that time.

Thank you also to everyone who has donated a cake, brownies, or cookies for dessert.

Pastor's Vacation July 9-22



Prayers

- ◆ Terri Warren
- ◆ Jane Massey
- ◆ Derek Weipert

Quilters



St. James Quilters will be meeting in the Fellowship Hall on Saturday, July 19 and Saturday, August 16 at 1:00 pm. All are welcome, even beginners. Please join us as we quilt.

Daily Grace

This website is a daily faith reflection. Examples:



Sustained on the Hard Days
Turn it Around
A Time for Everything
Sacred Spaces of Welcome

Adopt-A-Highway

The next cleanup date will be on
Saturday, July 26, from 8:45 to 10:00
am. All are welcome!

Please meet at the eastern parking lot of
Mel McKay Park in South Rock Island.

Safety vests, gloves, garbage bags,
grabbers, and garbage bag holders will
be provided.



Sunday School

In June the Little Lordie Girls worked hard to learn a song that was sung for the church picnic on June 29 at Sunset Park! The song was called "Lean in Towards the Light" by Carrie Newcomber. A message we can all remember in times of darkness throughout our lives.

While learning their song, they've also learned how Jesus washed his disciples' feet as a humble servant to his friends to show them love! The girls also washed each other's feet and told each other that they love each other as Jesus loves them! They also learned about Pentecost and how the spirit flew into the room and made them speak in different languages, but no matter what language we speak, LOVE translates the same!

We as a church also took a field trip to see the play Joseph at the Music Guild!! It was a great turn out and a fun show!

As we wrap up our second year of our Sunday school revival, I reflect on how much the girls have grown, not only physically but in faith. Our group is also growing with BOYS!!! Next year we will have two new baby boys in the congregation! In about a year or two we will have to come up with a more inclusive name! Such an exciting time! Have a great summer everyone!

God Bless!

Bethany C. Weipert



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 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—handheld pencil sharpener
- 1—pair blunt scissors
- 5—unsharpened pencils**
- 5—blue or black ballpoint ink pens (no gel ink)
- 1—box of 16 or 24 crayons
- 1—2 1/2-inch eraser

Monetary donations to “school kits” are also welcome. Members of the *Missions Team* will shop for you!

Worship/Picnic June 29



Created by: Kristy Still

Easy Taco Salad

COURSE MAIN COURSE

CUISINE AMERICAN

SERVINGS 4



Make a super easy Gluten-Free Easy Taco Salad!

Prep Time 5 min

Cook Time 15 min

Total Time 20 min

INGREDIENTS

- 1 lb Ground Beef or Ground Turkey
- 1 Package of Gluten-Free Taco Seasoning
- 1 Head of Green Leafy Lettuce
- 1 15 oz Can of Ranch Style Beans
- 1 2.25 oz Can of Sliced Black Olives or Chopped Olives
- 4 Cherry Tomatoes Halved
- Mexican Style Shredded Cheese
- Catalina Dressing
- Fritos

INSTRUCTIONS

- Begin by browning the ground beef in a skillet, adding in the taco seasoning as instructed on the package.
- Next, prepare the salad, start by cutting the lettuce.
- Place a little bit on each plate with lettuce, meat, beans, olives, and tomatoes.
- Then, top with the cheese, dressing, and Fritos.

Save the Dates

St. James Lutheran Church

3145 31st Ave

Rock Island, IL 61201



and



Bake Sale

Friday

September 5

9 – 5

Saturday

September 6

9 - Noon

Assisting on Sunday – July 2025

Sunday	Lector	Counters	Sound Booth
July 6	Ruth Ann Hartman	Stacy Miles Tina Wieland	Mike Olinski
July 13	Rhea Frank Cottingham	Todd Gann Linda Ryden	Bob Ryden
July 20	Terrill Johnson	Dave Renneke Rhea Frank-Cottingham	Dave Renneke
July 27	Cam Palicki	Ruth Anne Hartman Gary Wolber	Jerry Johansen

Assisting on Sunday – August 2025

Sunday	Lector	Counters	Sound Booth
August 3	Mark Ridolfi	Stacy Miles Tina Wieland	Mike Olinski
August 10	Stacy Miles	Todd Gann Linda Ryden	Bob Ryden
August 17	Dave Renneke	Dave Renneke Rhea Frank-Cottingham	Dave Renneke
August 24	Sandy Ridolfi	Ruth Anne Hartman Gary Wolber	Jerry Johansen
August 31	Doug Nelson	Bill Kempf Jerry Johansen	Dave Renneke

July Birthdays

Kadin Each	7/2
Angela Rasmussen	7/2
Cole McGinnis	7/5
Michael Nesseler	7/5
JJ Vandygriff	7/7
Virginia Pirch	7/6
Ben Cappaert	7/10
Alex Jones	7/10
Katlynn Ryden	7/10
Kyle Carstens	7/11
Deb Nesseler	7/12
Marsha Peterson	7/13
Ndereyimana Stire	7/13
Luanne Beinke	7/14
Martha Lestor	7/16
Meadow Weipert	7/16
Ruth Anne Hartman	7/18
DaShaun Lucas–Heinrich	7/18
Tim Warren	7/18
Michelle McKenzie	7/21
Daryl Empen	7/22
Larry Simmer	7/22
Rachel Petersen	7/25

August Birthdays

Angela Ridolfi	8/2
Louanne Chambers	8/3
Lucas Owens	8/6
Ethan Pressly	8/9
Sandy Ridolfi	8/9
Doris Ross	8/12
Jon McGuire	8/14
Tricia Barron	8/15
Jeff Christenson	8/16
Adam Stire	8/16
William Trotter	8/16
Mya Johnson	8/19
Forrest Weipert	8/19
Antoinreth Uwimana	8/20
Amy Bower	8/21
Mark Ridolfi	8/21
Lori Carstens	8/23
Nancy Wolber	8/23
Suzanne Christenson	8/25
Josephine Grindle	8/25
Gracie Ryden	8/25
Bukuru Stire	8/25

July Anniversaries

Jo & Bill Kempf 7/6



August Anniversaries

Deb & Michael Nessler	8/7
Linda & Bob Ryden	8/9
Virginia & Jim Pirch	8/11
Jan & Doug Nelson	8/19
Don & Mary Knowles	8/27

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St. James on the Web

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At our website you will find
single-click links to

[Facebook](#)

and St. James photos

[Flickr photos](#)

St. James is 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, gender expression, sexual orientation, age, abilities, beliefs, political views, financial resources, or family status.

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

For more information check out [Reconciling Works](#).



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