St James Lutheran Church

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From the Pastor:

May the joy of the season and blessing of the Christ Child be with you throughout the coming year.

In Christ,

Pastor & Mary Knowles

Official Notice of Annual Congregational Meeting

The Annual Meeting will be after service on Sunday, January 29,2023 in Fellowship Hall directly after our 8:30 AM service (around 9:30 AM). It will be held in person and on Zoom.

All committee reports and other items wishing to be added to the agenda must be submitted to the church office no later than December 31st.

January 1, 2023

Message from Pastor Enock Loriki of Mdori Parish

Shalom Mdori parish wishing you family and all St James Christians merry Christmas and Happy new year of 2023. God bless you all.

LSTC News

The LSTC St. James scholarship was awarded in the fall!! Hopefully we will receive more information soon.

Worship News

Sunday January 1

First Reading
Numbers 6:22-27
Psalm
Psalm 8
Second Reading
Galatians 4:4-7
Gospel
Luke 2:15-21

Sunday January 8

First Reading
Isaiah 42:1-9
Psalm
Psalm 29
Second Reading
Acts 10:34-43
Gospel
Matthew 3:13-17

Sunday January 15

First Reading
Isaiah 49:1-7
Psalm
Psalm 40:1-11
Second Reading
1 Corinthians 1:1-9
Gospel
John 1:29-42

Sunday January 22

First Reading
Isaiah 9:1-4
Psalm
Psalm 27:1, 4-9
Second Reading
1 Corinthians 1:10-18
Gospel
Matthew 4:12-23

Sunday January 29

First Reading
Micah 6:1-8
Psalm
Psalm 15
Second Reading
1 Corinthians 1:18-31
Gospel
Matthew 5:1-12

Committee Meetings

Stewardship/Finance Team will be meeting on January 9th at 4:00 pm via Zoom.

St. James Council will be meeting on January 19th at 7:00 pm via Zoom.

Tuesday Evening Bible Study will be held Jan. 17th, 24th & 31st@ 6:30 pm.

This Bible study will be via Zoom. The link is on the church homepage.

We will again be gathering for Bible study on Monday mornings @ 10:00am, except on Jan. 2nd. We will meet in person in the Upper Room at Calvary. Or, you can participate virtually via Zoom. You will find the Zoom link on the St. James website.

St. James Women's Circle
2:00 pm
Jan. 19th, 2023

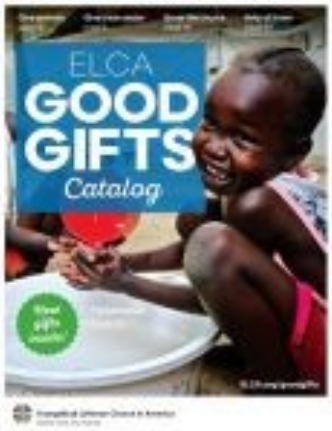
All women of St. James are invited. If you would like to join us. Call the office (309) 786-0503

Prayer Requests

Bob Hein
of Bellbrook, Ohio

(Brother of Liz Johnson)

Good Gifts	How It	Works
1.CHOOSE YOUR GIFT Give the gifts that mean the most to you, or choose gifts to give in honor of someone special.	**2. GET A CARD** Mail, print or email a card to share the news of your gift with friends and loved ones.	**3. MAKE A DIFFERENCE** Your gifts support the ministries of the ELCA in nearly 80 countries around the world.



Gifts that make a Difference

What if you could give a gift that makes a real, life-changing difference? What if you could gift something that was not only thoughtful and valuable, but that would also transform the life of someone in need? The new, 24-page 2021-2023 ELCA Good Gifts catalog offers many different ways to honor friends and loved ones with gifts that will go on to make a difference in the world.

With more than 50 different giving options--from honeybees to a fruit-tree seedling to a goat or piglet to a clean water filter or portion of irrigation project--there's something to honor everyone on your list. Visit ELCA.org/good gifts online, give on the phone by calling 800-638-3522, or catalogs with order forms are available on tables in the St. James library.

ST. JAMES COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS, DECEMBER 2022

The in-person and virtual December 2022 Council meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m. on Wednesday, December 21st, by President Bethany Weipert. Eight of the ten members were present. Pastor Knowles opened with a prayer. The minutes of the November meeting were approved. The Treasurer's report through November continued to reflect a balanced year. We are blessed that envelope offerings year-to-date are 3% higher than budgeted. Pastor Knowles reminded us that he will be on vacation between December 26th and January 2nd. He recounted that, at a recent periodic meeting with conference pastors, he gratefully commented that things are going well with his two congregations. The rest of us concurred that good pastoral leadership was a large part of the reason! The Mdori Parish, our companion in Tanzania, thanked us for our $2,800 donation, which was used to buy three motorcycles for evangelists to travel from church to church. The Parish needs continued help, this time with sending three evangelists to theological school. Cost is $600 per person per year. We will look into the Endowment Fund as a possible financial source. Details will be put in the newsletter as well. The recipients of the endowed LSTC scholarship will be announced to us in January. Andersen Windows finished replacing the windows during the week of December 19th. American Industrial Door Company is believed to be in the process of painting the doors, as we requested, before installing them. White Roofing will put on the new roof next summer We voted to forward the proposed 2023 budget to the congregation for its approval at the Annual Meeting on January 29, 2023. Plans for training sessions on the use of the defibrillator (AED) and basic first aid will resume in January. We discussed the possibility of re-establishing the Personnel Committee. This committee had been dropped years ago, presumably because of lack of need. Pastor Knowles will talk to the Nominating Committee to draw up a list of candidates before the Annual Meeting. The ordering of Equal Exchange coffee and chocolate will be resumed. More details about this will be forthcoming in the newsletter. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, January 18, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Respectfully,
Luanne Beinke,
Council Secretary

Nov. 8, 2022

Dear Ruth Anne and Bill,

Your donation of $100.00 for the mission of IHP is helping to pay the salaries of the staff at Zinga. In this way the patients can be charged only a fraction of the true cost of care, and we can retain quality professional staff. Thank you.

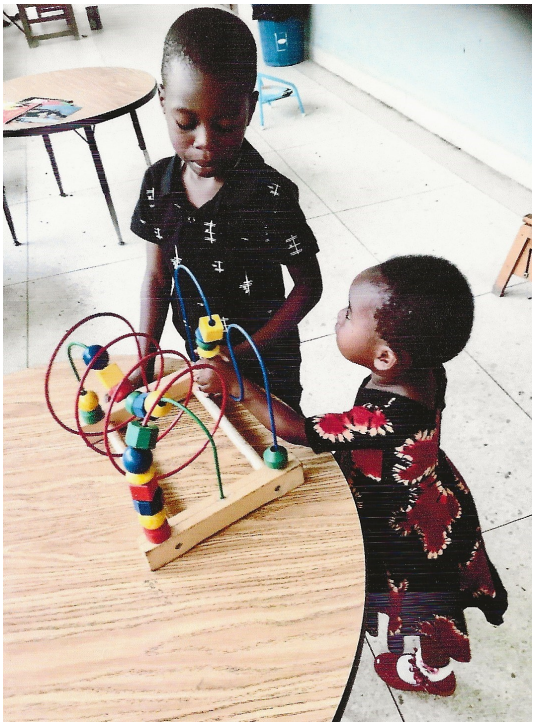
Magnessa is 9 years old and was brought to the outpatient clinic by his dad. Magnessa had a history of difficulty hearing on the left side for over a year. On exam by Dr. Kenny, the otoscope revealed a foreign body. A cylindrical piece of paper was extracted, and hearing returned to normal. Boys will be boys!

Chickenpox vaccine is not universally available in Tanzania, so we see a lot of it. These two siblings were back for their post-disease checkup. We do see shingles then in older folks.

A premature baby was brought in for a check. The baby had an umbilical hernia, easily fixed if done early. If left untreated, and especially if the baby is female, it may lead to weakening of the abdominal muscles especially during the later months of her own pregnancy.

We will be expanding the scope of our work in Tanzania starting in January. We're quite excited and grateful for your continuing support.

Blessings & gratitude,
Paula & Kenny



November 2022

Dear Members of St. James:

The Endowment Fund Team is once again pleased to announce that gifts can be distributed from the Endowment Fund. In accordance with the Endowment Fund By-Laws and by previous motions made by the Endowment Fund Team and approved by the Congregation Council, it was deemed that five percent (5%) of the total Endowment Fund shall constitute the income of the fund. Distribution from the fund is determined by the value of the fund on December 31st of each year. We are not able to determine the exact value as of this date, but based on the past couple years, the distribution is about $6000.00.

The Endowment Fund Team is ready to receive applications from individuals or groups who wish to participate in the distribution. If you as an individual or group have a need for funds that would meet one of the six categories of the approved Endowment Fund Ministries as stated in the Endowment Fund By-Laws (listed for your convenience in item nine on the application form), please feel free to complete an Endowment Fund Application for Gift Form. The completed form must be received in the Church office no later than **January 15, 2023.** Forms received after this date may be considered if funds are available after the initial distribution. Your application will be reviewed by the Endowment Fund Team in late January and may be accepted or rejected in part or in full.

A gift to the Endowment Fund keeps giving over and over again as the principal of the fund cannot be distributed. We hope the amount available for distribution from the Fund will increase in future years as the fund continues to grow with your generous gifts. Please keep the Endowment Fund in mind for your future giving and your estate planning. This giving is an excellent way to remember or honor a friend or loved one. Please indicate that your offering is designated for the St. James Endowment Fund when you annotate your gift amount.

Yours in Christ,

The Endowment Fund Team
St. James Lutheran Church

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APPLICATION FOR GIFT FORM

ALL questions must be answered. One page only may be attached to this application to provide more details of your request.

Initial application deadline is January 15th. Applications received after this date may be considered if funds are available.

1.Name of Organization/Person:_____

2.What is the purpose of this request?

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3.Project Title:_____

4.Please provide a complete description of the project:_____

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5.Date (s)) of project:_____

6.Amount Requested:_____

Can your project be completed with a grant that is less than what you requested above? If yes, please explain.

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7.What Team(s) of St. James Church or the Community (if any) will this grant serve?

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8.Does your Team have any other source of income for the project described in paragraph 4? If yes, please explain.

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9.Which Category (listed below) of the approved Endowment Fund Ministries authorizes this gift?

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- ♦ Encourage new developments in the ongoing work of St. James.
- ♦ The Mission of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America-Designated Advanced Gifts Program.
- ♦ St. James Lutheran Staff development
- ♦ College and seminary scholarship grants and loans
- ♦ Community outreach in ministry
- ♦ Capital improvements and special causes of St. James Lutheran Church, including the acquisition of fixed assets.

10.If this gift request is approved, who is the check to be made payable to? Please include complete address where the check is to be mailed.

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11.Printed name, address and telephone number of person submitting this form:

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Signature:_____ Date:_____

Please return completed form by January 15th to

St. James Lutheran Church
Attention: Endowment Fund Team
3145 – 31st Avenue
Rock Island, IL 61201

Serving This Month

January 2023

Sunday	Ushers	Lector	Communion Assistants	Greeters	Counters	Sound Booth	Assisting Minister
January 1	Tanner & Chip Johnson	Judy Johansen			Stacy Miles Jane Massey	Dave Renneke	Stacy Miles
January 8	Tim Warren	Virginia Johnson			Virginia Johnson Linda Ryden	Bob Ryden	Stacy Miles
January 15	Terrill & Susan Johnson	Jerry Johansen			Dave Renneke Rhea Frank Cottinham	Mike Olinski	Stacy Miles
January 22	Bill Hartman	Ruth Anne Hartman			Ruth Anne Hartman Gary Wolber	Jerry Johansen	Stacy Miles
January 29	Mark Ridolfi	Rhea Frank Cottingham			Bill Kemp Jerry Johansen	Dave Renneke	Stacy Miles

Birthdays:

Tanner Johnson	*01/05*
Etienne Ntiriniga	*01/05*
Vaughn Stroud	*01/09*
Darryl Johnson	*01/10*
Douglas Johnson	*01/10*
Keith Petersen	*01/13*
Donald Knowles	*01/14*
Rebecca Resch	*01/14*
Larry Coronell Jr.	*01/15*
Jason Schroeder	*01/15*
Jadon Johnson	*01/16*
Jaimie Schroeder	*01/22*
Tom Fox	*01/25*
Alicia Grindle	*01/29*

Anniversaries:

Larry & Peg Simmer	01/15

January 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8:30am Worship (SJ) 9:30 am Fellowship (SJ) 10:30am Worship (AS)	**2** Office Closed 	**3** **6:30pm Bible Study via Zoom—cancelled**	**4** 9:30am All Saints Worship Service (AS)	**5** 6:30pm Cub Scouts	**6** *Office Closed*	**7**
8 8:30am Worship (SJ) 9:30 am Fellowship (SJ) 10:30am Worship (AS)	**9** **10:00am Bible Study via Zoom** 1:30pm Retired Pastor's **4:00pm Stewardship/ Finance Team via Zoom** 6:00pm Jr. Bd of RI	**10** 6:30pm 30/31 Book Club ©	**11** 9:30am All Saints Worship Service (AS)	**12** 6:30pm Cub Scouts	**13** *Office Closed*	**14**
15 8:30am Worship (SJ) 9:30 am Fellowship (SJ) 10:30am Worship (AS) 11:30am Vestry	**16** Office Closed **10:00am Bible Study via ZOOM** Martin Luther King Day	**17** 6:30pm Boy Scouts **6:30pm Bible Study via Zoom**	**18** 9:30am All Saints Worship Service (AS) **7:00pm Council (SJ) Zoom**	**19** **2:00pm St. James Women's Circle** 6:30pm Cub Scouts	**20** Office Closed	**21**
22 8:30am Worship (SJ) 9:30 am Fellowship (SJ) 10:30am Worship (AS)	**23** **10:00am Bible Study via Zoom**	**24** 6:30pm Boy Scouts **6:30pm Bible Study via Zoom**	**25** 9:30 am All Saints Worship Service (AS)	**26** 6:30pm Cub Scouts	**27** Office Closed	**28**
29 8:30am Worship (SJ) 9:30 am Annual Meeting 10:30am Worship (AS)	**30** Office Closed	**31** 6:30pm Boy Scouts **6:30pm Bible Study via Zoom**			January 16th	

St. James on the Web

stjamesri.org

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, 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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