

THE VIEW

from St. James on the Hill

August 2010



SAINT JAMES
LUTHERAN CHURCH

Dear Friends,

Sunday, July 25, will live in my memory for a very long time. It was a glorious day of celebration. We gave thanks for the life of St. James, we celebrated Macy's baptism and we welcomed new members. Oh yes, there was also that thing called a 35th anniversary of ordination celebration. I was honored and humbled by Pr. Beck's sermon (even though it was longer than my sermons – and maybe she exaggerated once or twice). Your many kind words and good wishes filled my heart with thanksgiving for each of you. Many people worked together to provide a fabulous brunch following the liturgy. And did you notice how the sun came out just in time so we could use the patio? It was a great day of celebrating who we are as a congregation. And, can you believe it? We received over \$5,000 for the purchase of round tables. Talk about generosity! You are the best!

And now I'm off for a few weeks of rest and renewal on the shores of Lake Michigan. There is a stack of books going with me that will feed my mind and soul. There will be time to prepare special dinners – to feed my body. And there will be time to watch the sun set over Lake Michigan. I'm excited about the opportunity to slow down and spend time just thinking.

When I return at the end of August, I'll be ready to join you as we embark on a new program year of worship, learning, witness and serving. September will be a busy month beginning with the visit of Professor Mark Alan Powell. He comes to us from Trinity Seminary in Columbus, Ohio and will join us for *Homecoming Weekend* – September 11 and 12. On Saturday, September 11 he will spend the afternoon making several presentations having to do with how Lutherans interpret Scripture. On Sunday morning he will lead the Adult Forum at 9:00 a.m. and will preach at the 10:15 a.m. liturgy. Following the liturgy we will once again enjoy a special brunch in the new Gathering Area. It will be an exciting weekend made possible through the generosity of a special St. James member.

September means that *Kerygma* returns to St. James. You should have received a mailing with details. If for some reason you did not, just phone the church office and we'll see that you get the information. I urge those of you who have never experienced a *Kerygma* class to give it a shot. All that is required is a willingness to spend some time in preparation each week.

In September we will also train new acolytes and assisting ministers, the altar guild will meet for a training session, and the Board of Directors will gather in retreat.

It will be good to get a fresh start – but meanwhile, enjoy these final summer days and weeks. Take time to read a book, lounge on the beach, look at the stars, and enjoy the warmth of family and friends. I know I will. And don't forget to worship each and every week!

God's peace be with you,

Pastor Spice

FROM THE PRESIDENT

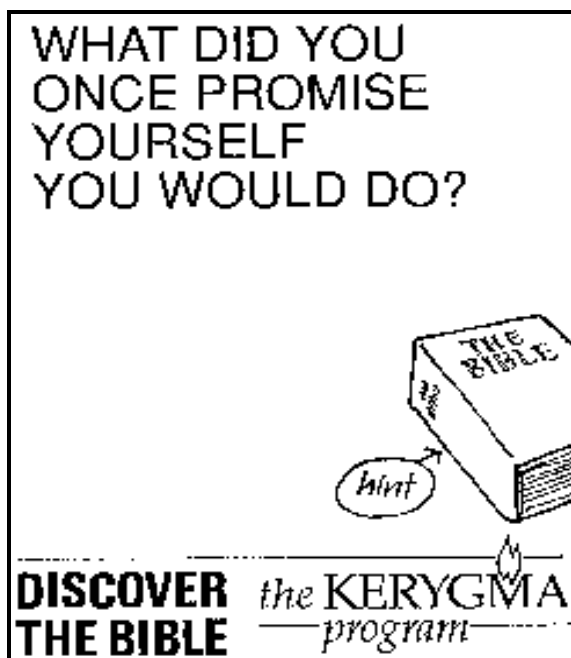
Dear Friends at St. James,

I'm looking at the coming year as president of our congregation with excitement and hope. St. James is on the cusp of many great years ahead. We are poised with our renewed building and our programs to serve our community. God has given us as members of St. James the charge of bringing new followers to him, and we can do that through the use of our new spaces and our growing programs, but we need each and every member of our congregation to participate! One way to do this is by working together to "market" our church to friends and neighbors. Invite them in and share God's love with them! Throughout the year our educational programs will be talking about how to engage with visitors, friends and neighbors to introduce them to St. James and how to invite them in a hospitable way. Watch for opportunities to become involved in this process.

One goal I have for this year is to grow our church into a "green" church. During our Building on Blessings building program many products and practices were used with energy savings in mind, I'd like to become better stewards of God's creation here at St. James. See related article in this newsletter to see how you can be involved.

I'm interested in hearing from each of you! Please let me and the rest of the board of directors know what is on your mind! It takes our entire congregation to grow, learn and move in the direction God has planned for us. I can't wait to see what God has in store for St. James!

Sue Martin, President



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Sunday Schedule
9:30 am Holy Eucharist
Staffed nursery provided for infants-age 3

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Properties

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Worship and Music

Kelly Clements
Youth Nurture

August 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Pentecost 10 9:30 am Holy Eucharist	2 Vacation Bible School 9:00 am - Noon	3 Vacation Bible School 9:00 am - Noon	4 Vacation Bible School 9:00 am - Noon 7:00 pm Holy Eucharist	5 Vacation Bible School 9:00 am - Noon	6 Vacation Bible School 9:00 am - Noon	7
8 Pentecost 11 9:30 am Holy Eucharist	9	10	11 7:00 pm Holy Eucharist	12	13	14 8:30 am Habitat for Humanity 2nd Saturday build day
15 Pentecost 12 9:30 am Holy Eucharist <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content;">September Newsletter Deadline</div>	16	17	18 7:00 pm Holy Eucharist	19	20	21
22 Pentecost 13 9:30 am Holy Eucharist	23	24	25 7:00 pm Holy Eucharist	26	27	28
29 Pentecost 14 9:30 am Holy Eucharist	30	31	<i>(No mid-week Holy Eucharist in September)</i>			

August Worship Assistants:

Altar Guild:

Ray Radtke, Karol Evard and Marcia Wilson

Ushers:

Russ Halleen, Dalton Black, Karen Clein,
Margie Fahim and Janette Halleen

Assisting Ministers:

8/1 Marcia Wilson
8/8 Jim Lingscheit
8/15 Marcia Wilson
8/22 Emily Moellering
8/29 Shawn Allison

Acolytes:

8/1 Aidan Clements, Maddy Ohlsson,
Tomas Garberding, Andrea Garberding
8/8 Nora Smith, Molly Peabody,
Jimmy Peabody and Maddy Ohlsson
8/15 Aidan Clements, Alexa Bryan,
Andrea Garberding, Tomas Garberding
8/22 Megan Kramer, Marisa Stieber,
Katherine Shrader and Anna Simpson
8/29 Tomas Garberding, Alexa Bryan,
Alissa Martin and Emily Richardson

Lectors:

8/1 Fred Schneider and Ray Radtke
8/8 Karen Clein and Fred Whitehouse
8/15 Stu Pettitt and Iris Whitehouse
8/22 Tomas Garberding and Scott Garberding
8/29 Don Ulbrich and Janet Graham

Greeters:

8/1 Wes and Joan Zenow
8/8 Mary Mathison and Margie Fahim
8/15 The Garberding Family
8/22 Helen Minichelli and Edith Petrosky
8/29 The Martin Family

Readings for those serving as lectors will be emailed when possible, sent by regular mail, or they can be picked up from the office. Please call the office if you do not receive your reading. **A reminder to all worship assistants:** Please find a substitute if you are unable to serve as scheduled, and call the office with the name of your substitute a week in advance. *Thank you!*

Building on Blessings “Finishing Touches” Wish List

We are continuing to get positive responses from our generous members toward our wish list of finishing touches that will “help make God’s house our home.” For more information on any of these opportunities please speak to Andy Martin, Marty Torgler, Sue Martin, Susan Allison or Pr. Spice.

Gathering Space: Furniture (tables, chairs, etc.)	\$10,000
Built-in cabinets/kitchenette	\$5,056 (*)
Sound/video equipment	\$4,000
Cabinet for AV equipment	\$2,500
Flat screen video/TV monitor	\$2,500
Food/beverage cart/server	\$2,000
Built-in refrigerator and dishwasher	\$2,139
Narthex: Bench	\$1,000
Informational display monitor	\$1,000
Tack board for announcements and events	\$1,000

Nursery:

All items have been generously underwritten.

Sacristy:

All items have been generously underwritten.

Pastor’s Office:

All items have been generously underwritten.

General Areas: Misc. office furniture	\$2,000
Additional phones	\$1,200
Shelving for closets	TBD
Interior signage	\$3,000
Artwork	TBD

Second Floor: Kitchenette cabinets	\$2,456
Microwave oven	\$200
Refrigerator	\$800
Coffee maker	\$120

Youth Lounge:

All items have been generously underwritten.

Music Room: 8-foot white board	\$1,000
Desk	\$800
Bell foam to pad tables for bells	\$320
Book shelf stereo system	\$200
6-foot tables for bells	\$200

Undercroft/Classrooms: Folding room partition	\$3,000
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Sanctuary/Narthex: Replace red doors with glass	\$2,500
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Terrace: Benches	\$2,000
Hose cart	\$250

Exterior: St. James sign at alley corner	\$25,000
Lighting and sign at office entrance	\$2,000

Notes: ~~Strikethrough~~ indicates the item/project has been underwritten. (*) Indicates some progress has been made toward the item/project.

VBS Volunteers

The stage is set for St. James to host Baobab Blast Vacation Bible School (VBS) August 2-6 from 9am to Noon each day. There will be lots of visiting people who don't always have their own church. St. James members are encouraged and welcomed to come down each day during the week to observe the program and mingle with the participants to make them feel welcome at our church.

The success of the VBS program ultimately falls to the volunteers. We are looking for youth entering 5th grade through adults to embrace the opportunities that are the week of the event in the following areas:

- Nursery care for children under 4
- People to act in daily skits that reinforce the theme
- People to assist with the closing picnic on Friday
- First aid
- Photographers

Whether you can give one day or a whole week, your time volunteering will help shape a young child's faith.

Racing For Kids

Volunteers are needed to represent St. James at our table during the Racing For Kids charity street fair on Wednesday September 1 from 11am to 3pm. Contact Sandi Smith if you are willing to sign up for a 1 or 2 hour block of time. Racing For Kids is a 20-year old charity that raises money for children's hospitals and health care. Kercheval is closed for a 2 block section during the event and many kids and families will be participating in a scavenger hunt to get their race track stamped by participating businesses like St. James. Last year over 500 people stopped at our table. It is a great opportunity for us to promote our fall programming and showcase our friendliness and enthusiasm. The more faces we have the better!

Confirmation Program

At St. James 6th, 7th and 8th graders are invited to participate in a Confirmation program which is designed to prepare them to affirm their baptismal covenant. This year's class will meet on Monday

evenings from 6:30-8:00 pm. If you have not yet registered your child for confirmation or have questions about the program please contact Sandi Smith.

Small Group Leaders Needed

Due to the anticipated size of our confirmation class (16 students) volunteers are needed to help with weekly break out sessions or small group time each week. Class will open with a large group presentation on the theme and several large group activities. We will then divide into smaller groups to complete a learner sheet before closing as a large group. All materials will be provided and there is nothing to prepare. Simply show up each week willing to share your faith with our future church leaders. Please see Sandi Smith for further information or to volunteer.

Confirmation Prayer Partners

There are still openings for Prayer Partner Volunteers for the students who are beginning confirmation class this year. The duties are similar to a secret pal in that you will be assigned a specific student. Throughout the year you will send them cards and words of encouragement – anonymously – and pray for them. You can also give them small tokens of encouragement to let them know the congregation is supporting them through their journey. The trick will be to keep your identity anonymous until the student is ready to be confirmed. Please contact Sandi Smith if you are willing to donate your time as a single person or as a couple to this important ministry.

Nursery Caregiver Wanted

St. James Lutheran Church
170 McMillan
Grosse Pointe Farms
(On the "Hill")

Sundays from 8:45 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.
Experience with Children 0-3 yrs. Required

Interested Persons Contact
Sandi Smith
313•884•0511

Child and Youth Education Volunteer Opportunities

Plans are underway to kick off our Sunday education hour on September 12. The child and youth nurture committees are in need of volunteers to help teach. Please consider volunteering your time in one or more of the following areas:

Godly Play meets Sunday mornings at 9:00 am. Doorkeepers and Storytellers work with our youngest learners (age 3-3rd grade). Teachers rotate and typically teach once per month. If you are interested in being a Storyteller or Doorkeeper, please contact Sandi Smith to be included in the rotation or to observe classes. Training DVDs and teacher books are available to check out if you would like to get a quick refresher on the style of teaching.

Middle Matters (Grades 4 & 5) and **Jr. High** (Grades 6, 7 & 8) classes meet Sunday mornings at 9:00 am. Middle Matters lesson plans can be accessed and prepared online and we have leader books for the Jr. High topics. We are currently looking for adults willing to teach a 2 – 4 week segment of the class. Please contact Sandi to review the curriculum and sign up for the topics that you are interested in sharing with the youth.

Youth Forum is the Sr. High learning option and will be held at church at 4:00 pm the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month. Each week we discuss a current events topic related to the lectionary from the FaithLens Bible Study posted weekly on the ELCA.org website. We are looking for adults interested in sitting in each session as special guests. Sandi Smith will also be there to lead the discussion but another adult's perspective is always appreciated. It is also a great way for the confirmed youth to feel part of the larger congregation.

Please contact Sandi Smith at 313.884.0511 for more information on any of these opportunities to assist with the faith formation of our children and youth!

Build for Habitat for Humanity

August 14 is the next Habitat for Humanity "2nd Saturday Build Day." The work day starts at 8:30 am and work concludes around 4:00 pm. The general job site is within the area bounded by Cadieux and Alter between Mack and Warren. To participate, please phone Chick Van Dusen at 313.720.4892 as soon as possible. He will provide work details and the exact job location.



You can make a difference in caring for God's creation! Sue Martin would like to form a "green team" here at St. James. The "green team" will be a group of children, youth and adults who care for the environment and would like to help St. James Lutheran become a "green" church. If you have helped your school, workplace or home become more environmentally friendly, then we can do it here! With the renovation of our building many energy saving products and practices were used, and now we can integrate more practices around our building to ensure we are being the best stewards possible of God's gift to us. If you are interested, please contact Sue Martin. We will have an idea sharing meeting sometime in early September.

Can you help?

The answer is "Yes." The better question is "Will you help?"

We are in need of more volunteers to serve as acolytes, lectors, assisting ministers, altar guild members and ushers. Prayerfully consider serving God and your church in one of these important ways. Let Pr. Spice know if he can count on you (send him an email – or leave a note in his mailbox in the office).

Moving Van Alert!

Summer is a time for moving. Moving vans have been spotted throughout the Pointes. If you see a moving van in your neighborhood, stop and welcome your new neighbors and invite them to worship with you at St. James. It's the neighborly thing to do and studies show that people join a church most often because someone invited them.

Midweek Services Continue

Throughout the month of August the Eucharist will be celebrated each Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m. We are grateful to our Pastor Emeritus, Pr. Kopka, for leading these services each Wednesday in August.

An Easy, Generous Choice

The **Simply Giving** Program endorsed by Thrivent Financial Bank is a simple, reliable way to make your regular contributions to St. James through automated giving. Some of our members already use **Simply Giving**, and we encourage you to join them.

The program is designed to help you conveniently and consistently give financial gifts to St. James by electronic funds transfer. In addition to convenience, the program is more accurate, secure and confidential than writing a check or giving a cash gift. Your contributions will be reflected on the quarterly statements you receive from the church the same way as checks or cash, and you'll never need to "catch up" with regular giving if you are away at any time during the year or keep track of a set of offering envelopes. It also saves us the cost of offering envelopes. Contact Janet Graham, Director of Finance, or the church office to get started.

Let the **Simply Giving** Program help you build better stewardship by turning a simple choice into a generous response.

Offering Envelopes

For those of you who do not participate in **Simply Giving**, using offering envelopes prepared for you with your assigned envelope number is a tremendous help to our offering counters and enables accuracy in our record keeping. If you don't have a set of offering envelopes or if at any time during the year you need more please contact the office or make a note on your pew card that you need envelopes. Even better ... join **Simply Giving**!

Pastoral Acts and Member Updates

+ In Memoriam +

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to Jane Schneider and her family upon the death of her cousin, Cathy Schertel, June 3, 2010.

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to the family of Caroline Hoeffner upon her death June 20, 2010.

*Rest eternal grant them, O Lord,
and let light perpetual shine upon them.*

BAPTISMS:

Sydney Ella King was baptized June 13, 2010. Sydney was born March 5, 2010 to Cindy and Bayard King. Hers sponsors are Karen Farra and Dan Neumeyer.

Macy Rayne Baasch was baptized July 25, 2010. Macy was born April 12, 2005 to Suzette and Monte Baasch. Her sponsors are Denise and Marty Brooks.

Please keep these children and their families in you prayers, asking God to watch over them, protect them, and fill them with joy and peace.

COMMUNION PARTICIPATION:

Noah Humphries received communion for the first time on June 13, 2010.

NEW MEMBERS RECEIVED:

On Sunday, July 25, 2010 we were pleased to welcome the following new members into our community of faith:

Monte and Suzette Baasch, Shea and Macy
James and Cynthia Campbell, Christine and Jeffrey
Irene ("Chris") Stowell

ADDRESS/PHONE UPDATES:

Has your address or phone number changed? Please submit corrections/updates to the church office or to the Pastor. Thank you for keeping our directory up-to-date!

St. James Lutheran Church
Summer Worship Schedule
Holy Eucharist

Sunday	9:30 a.m.
Wednesday	7:00 p.m.

Please help us keep our mailing list current. If this newsletter was forwarded to you by the Post Office, please contact us with your current address. If you no longer wish to receive this newsletter, please let us know. You may contact us by telephone, by mail, or by e-mail: stjamesgp@ameritech.net. Thank you!

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