

St. James Ev. Lutheran Church

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9:00 A.M. Worship Service – 10:30 A.M. Sunday School

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March, 2011

PASTOR'S TABLE TALK

"Grace and Peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ"

Lent could be called, "the season of repentance." It begins with a reminder of our profound sin and mortality on Ash Wednesday when we are reminded as the ashen cross is placed on our foreheads as the pastor's words, "Remember you are dust, and to dust you shall return," are spoken. Each Sunday in Lent we are again called to repentance with the corporate Confession and Forgiveness we repeat together. The confession that begins with the pastor's words, "If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But, if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness." We proceed with the confession together as a congregation and receive the words of forgiveness spoken by the pastor to all who are present.

The Lutheran Church also provides an opportunity for the Rite of Individual Confession and Forgiveness; a sacred time between an individual and the pastor in private when a person feels the need to confess sins or things that they have done or someone has done against them, that cause the individual to feel un-forgiven or un-forgiving. A time for you to meet with the pastor can be easily arranged by contacting her for an appointment which is confidentially arranged between only the pastor and the confessor.

Lent is also a time of fasting and/or focusing on living in a more simplified way. Our Lenten Meals will be a reminder of this "simplification" as we will be serving soup and bread and providing drinks, a more simplified version of our usual Lenten Meals.

The other focus during Lent is giving alms or doing acts of mercy. The Social Ministry Committee is working on a project with Bell Homeless Shelter during Lent and will be announcing how we can be involved. Our "Lenten Envelope" is designated to the support of the Good Samaritan Fund, a special ministry of St. James to provide funds to those who are in need and when other funding is not available to meet the need.

Developing a discipline of meditation or devotion to include Scripture reading and prayer is an important part of our Lenten preparation. We are providing two opportunities, besides the weekly Lenten Services for you to draw near to God in individual meditation. You will find a description of these following the Pastor's Table Talk.

In the words of Joel 2:12 read at the Ash Wednesday Service, may you be drawn to a closer relationship with our Lord, Jesus Christ during the 40 days of Lent.

"Even now, says the LORD,
Return to me with all your heart, with fasting with weeping, and with mourning; rend your hearts and not your clothing.
Return to the LORD your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and relents from punishing."

Keeping our eyes on Jesus, who leads us and makes our faith complete,

Pastor Brenda

LENTEN RESOURCES for the Congregation

[Quantities are limited. Please choose one or the other.]

Available beginning February 27, in the Narthex.



YOUR NAIL—A Daily Devotional Booklet

YOUR NAIL, a devotional booklet that invites you to deepen your relation with God. Each day there is a “catchy” theme that invites you to make devotions a daily part of your Lenten experience. For the forty days of Lent, **YOUR NAIL** invites you to join in the Lenten tradition of meditation—opening yourself to the meaning of Christ’s suffering and death for you. Also provided with the booklets, is a nail for you to use in your daily devotion time. This serves as a “hands-on” reminder of the nails Christ suffered for each of us. The center of each meditation is the powerful word of Colossians 2:13b-14, “Christ has utterly wiped out the damning evidence of broken laws and commandments which always hung over our heads—by nailing it over his own.”

LENTEN CALENDAR

A Brief Daily Scripture and Reflection for the Sacred Season of Lent

For those who would choose to have a more brief time of devotion. This calendar has one “THOUGHT FOR THE DAY” and a Scripture reference to read.

A Children and Family Lenten Resource

MAGNIFY the LORD

Each child in our Sunday School Program will receive a 24 page booklet that is packed with meaningful ideas for the forty days of Lent, this activity book describes some of the many ways we can magnify [praise!] the Lord. Each child will also receive a small magnifying glass to use with some of the nature activities [crafts and easy recipes] and a Lenten [plastic] Egg that will be filled by the child with special small items each week of their experience,

ending with an egg that they will be able to open on Easter Day and tell their family the story of Lent as they recall their placing of each object into the egg.

It is hoped this child and family booklet will provide a meaningful Lenten experience for the child and the family as they grow together in faith.

LENTEN SERVICES THEME

“BY MY HAND? — FOR MY SAKE!”

OVERVIEW OF THE SERVICES

Our Lenten experience begins March 9, Ash Wednesday, at St. Stephens; with Holy Communion and the Imposition of Ashes.

We will meet each week for our service, alternating between St. James and St. Stephens. The theme this year includes a weekly monologue that introduces us to characters who remind us of the story leading up to Christ’s crucifixion. The pastor’s homily will take us through a time of self-reflection on our own hands and how we are all connected to those who we will learn about, whose hands in some way carried out the nails being placed in our Savior’s hands. We will meet Adam or Eve, Nicodemus, Judas, Barabbas, Pilate, The Father of the Thief on the cross, Peter, and The Centurion.

SCHEDULE

<u>DATE</u>	<u>MEAL TIME</u>	<u>SERVICE TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
March 9	NONE	7:00 p.m.	St. Stephen’s
March 16	6:00 p.m.	7:00 p.m.	St. James
March 23	6:00 p.m.	7:00 p.m.	St. Stephen’s
March 30	6:00 p.m.	7:00 p.m.	St. James
April 6	6:00 p.m.	7:00 p.m.	St. Stephen’s
April 13	6:00 p.m.	7:00 p.m.	St. James

HOLY WEEK

MAUNDY THURSDAY HOLY COMMUNION

April 21 NO MEAL 7:00 p.m. St. Stephen's

GOOD FRIDAY

April 22 NO MEAL 7:00 p.m. St. James

All services at St. James will be held in the
Adult Sunday School Room following the meal in the
Social Room.

All Services at St. Stephen's will be held in the Sanctuary.

UPCOMING SPECIAL WORSHIP SERVICES

9:00 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion

April 17 Sunday of the Passion—Palm Sunday

April 24 Resurrection of Our Lord—Easter Day

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WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD FOR OUR NEW EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN BOOK OF WORSHIP

THE ELW

DEDICATION ON MARCH 6.

**Beginning on Transfiguration of Our Lord Sunday,
March 6, we will be using our new
cranberry colored books of worship.**

At the beginning of the service we will receive some brief directions as to how to use the book. We will have a bulletin clearly marked with page numbers and hymn numbers. We will not see the usual music printed in the bulletin. We are doing this for two reasons. First, because we have new books that include much

of the same wording and music we are now putting in the bulletin, and second, to save paper and be more conscious of being good stewards of our resources.

We begin using the same setting of our liturgy we have been using and will not need to learn a new setting at this time. We will over time learn new settings that are in the book. But for now, the music and the format will be the same.

We give thanks to all who have contributed to the purchasing of the books and the additional Ministry and Music resources we needed to purchase.

Thanks also to the Worship and Music Committee and those who assisted in the preparation for the use of the new books of worship.

Thanks to Tina and the Choir for their additional practicing in preparation for the introduction of the liturgy and use of the books in our worship services.

RECOGNITION OF "SERVICE MINISTRIES" MARCH 20 during Worship at 9:00 a.m.

We will recognize those in the Service Ministries of the church. These include: Social Ministry Committee, the "Ham and Cheese Sandwich Makers," Threads of Compassion, Sunshine Workers, Hospital Visitation Ministers, York Conference Tutoring Program snack assistants, Funeral Luncheon Planners and Assistants, Mission Travel Group, Ham Supper Planners and Helpers, and Bulletin and Newsletter Assistants.

At the end of the service all will be asked to come forward and receive recognition and blessing for their endeavors in service to our Lord here at St. James.

**"FIRST WEDNESDAY" WEEK-DAY
HOLY COMMUNION and SERVICE OF HEALING
Monthly 1st Wednesday services will resume in September.**

Church Council Corner

These notes are from the meeting of Jan. 10, 2011

The checking account balance at the end of December, 2010 was \$3,552.00

The Board of Trustees submitted their recommendation to hire IB Abel to do the electrical upgrade.

The Council discussed the proposed agreement for the new position of Custodian.

We decided to recognize Pat Breneman with a cake and flowers after the Annual Congregational Meeting.

Jan., Feb. and Mar. nickel jar receipts will go toward Camperships.

The "Lenten" collection will go to refurbish the Good Samaritan Fund.

"Unbinding the Gospel" needs to be offered again so more of the congregation can benefit from this very worthwhile study.



CHURCH PICNIC COMING SOON!
SAVE THE DATE! MAY 22
AT BROOKSIDE PARK

+ PLEASE NOTE +

**WE WILL HAVE OUR REGULAR SUNDAY
MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE AT 9:00 A.M. AT
ST. JAMES THIS YEAR.**

**FOLLOWING WORSHIP, WE HOPE EVERYONE
WILL COME TO THE PICNIC!
STARTING TIME TO BE ANNOUNCED**

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WELCOME TO SONJA HOKE, our new Custodian
who, beginning March 1, replaces the Merry Maids – and is a
member of the Sexton Staff.

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THOSE LONG-AWAITED CHURCH DIRECTORIES HAVE ARRIVED!!

A Big Thanks to all those who helped in anyway to make our St. James Church Directory a success: Shonna Cardello, Sherri Jennings, Nancy Laird, Missy Starner, Carol Knaub, Peggy Funkhouser, and Pastor Brenda.

We began distributing the Directories on Jan. 23. If your picture appears in the Directory or if you are not in the Directory but have ordered one, please see Carol Knaub in the Social Room, following worship to receive yours. All Shut-Ins who are in the Directory are to receive a copy. Lay Eucharistic Ministers may obtain the Directories for their Shut-Ins after checking for their picture in the Directory.

**SPRING ASSEMBLY – Tuesday March 22 at 7:00 p.m. at
St. Peter's Lutheran Church on North George Street.**

This is the first time the Assembly is being held in the evening. It is a time for our Synod Representatives to meet with the Bishop and the Dean for information regarding the Synod in preparation of the upcoming Assembly on June 2-4 at Messiah College. Any member of a church in the York Conference is invited to attend this meeting. Please contact Pastor Brenda or the Church Office if you are interested in attending.

WHEN YOU ARE IN THE HOSPITAL

When you find yourself in the hospital either unexpectedly or for a planned stay, please let us know by contacting the church office at 854-7198 or the pastor at home, 244-4633 or on her cell phone, 542-3505. Lately we have not been contacted by the hospitals to inform the church of your admission and with the HIPPA regulations, it can be difficult or even impossible for clergy to discover your admission. To ensure that you will receive pastoral care in the hospital, please inform pastor or office.

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“GROUP NEWS / COMMITTEE NEWS”

ST. JAMES SENIOR MEMBERS will meet on Thursday, March 3rd., at 11:30 A.M. in the Social Room. Bring a sandwich of your choice, beverage and dessert will be provided. We will be entertained by Bob Doll performing "Musical Memories". We welcome all new attendees, no dues to pay, we only pass the basket for a free-will offering to help defray expenses.

SUNSHINE WORKERS CLASS EVENTS:

Class Meeting - Monday, March 7th
Social Room at the church – 1PM

BINGO for residents at Sprengle Village –
March 10th – 10:15 A.M.

SUNSHINE WORKERS' BREAKFAST

Alexander's Restaurant – 8:30 a.m.
Thursday, March 17th
Come out and start your day with us.



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Classes continue for all ages each Sunday at 10:30 a.m.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES resume March 6. We will begin with a new schedule for reading and classes. Also, Second Year Confirmands, will need Project ideas and plans for discussion and approval on this date. Please contact Pastor Brenda with questions before March 6. All Confirmands are expected to attend the Sr. High Youth Sunday School classes in place of Confirmation classes until we resume March 6. We will “catch up” on all we need between March 6 and May 15, last day of class.

CAMPING IS COMING!!



Children and Youth of St. James - [grades 2-11] who meet specific requirements, and receive approval of Council and Pastor, are eligible for financial assistance to attend a Lutheran Camping Corporation camp this summer.

All application forms and camping registration forms must be in the Church Office by March 6, 2011.

PARENTS: Please do not send your child's registration to the Camping Corporation. If you are applying for St. James' Campership funds please submit all paperwork to the church office by March 7th. The child must be approved through the process.

EVANGELISM/HOSPITALITY

March meeting March 22, 6:30 p.m. in the Parlor.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY TEAM

“Threads of Compassion.” Group meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month, 1:00 P.M. in the parlor. If interested in joining the group please contact Peg Funkhouser for more details.



YOUTH GROUP

RETREAT – “BAPTISM” at Camp Nawakwa, May 20—21.
Requirement for Confirmands and Senior High Youth are invited to attend. Lots of learning and lots of fun!

SOCIAL MINISTRY

Feb. 2011 Ham & Cheese - Profit \$918.90
Distribution 91.90 – church
827.00 – Emilee Heilman Fund
\$ 918.90



Next Ham & Cheese Sandwich Sale
Wednesday, March 30th - Cost - \$3.00 each
Pick-up 11:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. and 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Order forms will be available on the pamphlet rack or in the bulletin. Deadline – March 20th



SOCIAL MINISTRY LENTEN PROJECT – With this year’s Lenten focus being FASTING, PRAYER and GIFTS to the POOR, we contacted the Bell Family Shelter and found that they are in need of bath towels and washcloths. During Lent, from Ash Wednesday to Easter, we will be collecting these items to deliver to the shelter. All donations will be greatly appreciated. Please place items in the BELL FAMILY SHELTER box that can be found on the pool table in the social room.



REMINDER: Social Hour Hosts (2011)

March – Social Ministry Committee
April – Adult Sunday School Class

Nickel Jar: *January – March 2011*
St. James Camperships for summer camp

TREASURER’S MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

| | <u>January 2011</u> |
|--------------------------|---------------------|
| Current Receipts | \$ 16,771.85 |
| Current Disbursements | <u>\$ 16,579.85</u> |
| Current Receipts less | |
| Disbursements | \$ 192.00 |
| Benevolence Receipts | \$ 923.00 |
| Benevolence Disbursement | \$ 923.00 |

*In The
Spirit Of
Giving...*

LENTEN OFFERING ENVELOPE - enclosed

These less expensive envelopes replace the \$10 Lenten quarter coin folders previously used –



2011 LENTEN ENVELOPE RECEIPTS WILL BE DEPOSITED in the St. James Good Samaritan Fund

PERSONAL CARE KITS AT SYNOD ASSEMBLY

When natural disaster strikes or political conflict flares, families often have little chance to gather their belongings before fleeing the danger. They arrive in a refugee camp or other place of safety scared, vulnerable and dirty from the travel. The simple items included in a Personal Care Kit allow them to wash away the dirt and sweat, with the fresh scent of soap and the softness of a towel as reminders of someone’s care and concern for them in their plight.



Our goal at Synod Assembly is to assemble 800 personal care kits. Each conference is being asked to provide items and boxing materials needed for the kits. 800 sounds like a large number, but that is about 1 kit for every person attending.

York Conference Goal – 250 metal nail clippers. Donations may be placed in the box marked “Nail Clippers” that can be found on the pool table.

"THE BOOK NOOK" Just a reminder – there are plenty of good books in our library for all ages. We will always gladly accept donations of any fiction (if appropriate) or non-fiction materials. As an example of what we have to offer – We have a few Beverly Lewis books. She is the local Lancaster County author who has written best-sellers about the Amish community. We also have Tim LaHaye's "Left Behind Series." We also have a generous donation of the complete books of the Bible on CD. Please come downstairs and check us out. *Your Librarian, Deb Starnier*



THANK YOU NOTES:



I just want to say thank you for the altar flowers. They were a great surprise and to see Martha and Rosemary who brought them. Thanks again, it sure made my day happy. *Edna Berkheimer*

Thank you to ALL who helped with the ham supper. We made \$1,321.03 and the youth received \$650. The ham supper would not have happened without all of you support.

The Mission Travel Group

Dear St. James Ev. Lutheran Church, We would like to thank you for your contribution to our daughter, Emilee Nicole Heilman. We are very blessed to have her here with us and to be loved by so many people. You are very thoughtful and kind to help us during this tough time in our life. It is amazing how many loving people are out there in this great big world who are giving to our little girl, people who have not even met her yet. Please continue to keep her in your thoughts and prayers...for they are what get us through each and every day of our lives.

With all our love, Donald & Jennifer Heilman

[Please follow her journey @ www.prayers4emilee.com]



A Night of Music at St. James *with Julie Nevel*

Saturday, March 19 at 7:00 PM

Donation: \$5.00 (Children under 5 Free)

Light refreshments

Tickets will be on sale in the social room
February 27 & March 6, & 13



Julie Nevel is an independent Christian artist based in Harrisburg, PA. She has performed for over 20 years as a singer/songwriter, and pianist in an array of venues.

Julie's powerful music ministry captures listeners with original songs written from the heart and reflecting her own personal experiences. Recognized by many as an accomplished songwriter, Julie's artistic development in this creative craft has continued to open doors of opportunity for special projects. These include the song "**The Spirit of the Flame**," inspired by the athletes of the Special Olympics, and first sung at the 1995 World Games, and "**Step by Step**," a song penned for breast cancer awareness.

Julie's music will inspire and encourage you. For more information about Julie, visit her website www.julienevel.com

For information or if you need transportation please contact Linda Kern at 792-3402

Join us for an inspirational evening!

