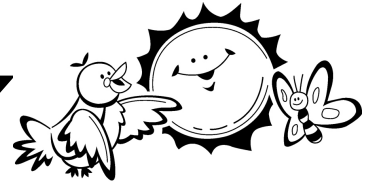


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Reflecting the Light

A Note from Pastor David...

Welcome to summer! Welcome to the long green growing season launched in the Spirit giving of Pentecost!

I look forward to worshipping together with you at one worship service this summer at 9:30 a.m. Our Worship Planning Team is very pleased to invite both worship service communities together to sing a new song with David Haas' musical setting of Morning Praise. Pr. Jill warmly recalls singing this setting during her formative college days at Gustavus in St. Peter. She says that we will absolutely love singing the Lord's Prayer!

You are also invited to sing a new song this summer with our Summer Sunday Singers. Come and rehearse at 9 a.m. for worship that day. Volunteer directors will lead the group in very accessible choir offerings. All are welcome! We thank Deanna Loken and Nancy Lohmann for leading our summer choir as well as a surprise director on June 12 (who sports a somewhat suspect musical certification). Truly, he wants to make the case with our Council that God shows no partiality.

Coffee fellowship and Adult Education opportunities follow worship (see page 7) every Sunday in Peter and Paul. The Best of Summer grill-outs and picnic potlucks will also be offered on the last Sunday of the month on the "Fellowship and Breaking Bread Together Deck" (see Acts of the Apostles and present day St. James Apostles, chapter 2, verse 42).

Yes, I believe it to be a very welcoming summer, especially after our long winter. Let us revel in the promise of these days of Pentecost growth, vibrant worship, and the table grace of breaking bread together!

Pr. David Lechelt

Sundays This Summer

May 29—September 4

9:00 a.m. Summer Sunday Singers

9:30 a.m. Worship

10:30 a.m. Adult Education

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Summer Office Hours

The summer office hours beginning May 31 through Labor Day will be Mon.-Thurs. 7:15 a.m.—4:30 p.m.; closed on Fridays.

Sunday Parking

When coming to church on Sunday mornings, please be mindful of the seniors who need to park closer to the entrance. Thank you!

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June Happenings

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Pentecost Sunday

Pentecost this year is Sun., June 12. Remember to wear red to worship!

Pastor Jill's Vacation

Pastor Jill Bergman will be on vacation June 15-21. She will return to the office on June 22.

Garage Sale

Got spring fever? Want to start cleaning out the garage and closets? Participate in the St. James garage sale on June 3-4 at Tim & Becki Smith's home (4301 Washburn Ave N- Minneapolis). Proceeds benefit St. James.

Donations will be accepted beginning on Wed., June 1 at the Smith's home. Please do not bring items to church, as space isn't available to collect items.

The garage sale is part of the Annual Neighborhood Garage Sale in that area. Volunteers will be needed to help set up, sell things both days, and haul things away after the sale. Please contact any Ebay member for more information: Becki Smith, Delilah LeGeros, Ozzie Hellen, Kristine Nymoen, and Les Lamb.

Outreach Partner: Global Health Ministries

Since their beginning in 1987, Global Health Ministries has continued to grow steadily through the years. Increasing emphasis has been given to primary health care in rural areas, under the leadership of local persons, and in providing training for doctors, nurses and other health care workers.

GHM depends on hundreds of volunteers to carry out this ministry. Volunteers collect medical supplies, transport them to the central warehouse, sort and recondition equipment and other materials and pack them in containers for shipment overseas. Others maintain the building, and assist in administrative functions. Still others plan conferences, conduct workshops, sponsor meetings, show displays, develop materials, serve on committees and serve in countless other ways.

In 2010, medical supplies have been sent to Bangladesh, Bolivia, Cameroon, CAR, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Guatemala, Haiti, Nepal, Nigeria, Peru, Philippines, Senegal, Tanzania, Uganda and Zimbabwe.

The lives of countless individuals throughout the world continue to be benefited by the efforts of GHM supporters, who proclaim the love of Christ through this ministry. Please consider contributing to this worthy Outreach Partner in the Special Offering envelope.

Over 55's

The Over 55's will have a picnic at Eagle Lake/ Thorson Shelter on Mon., June 27 at noon. Please bring a dish to share and a beverage. Chicken will be provided. A dice game will be played with white elephant gifts from each individual. If you can help set up, call Mattie Erdahl at 763-420-2662.

The Shelter is off 63rd Ave just west of Hwy 169.

Intergenerational Movie Night

Invite your friends, family and neighbors for an All Church Movie Night at St. James on Fri., June 24 at 7:00 p.m. to view "The Ultimate Gift."

July Happenings

Outreach Partner: NEAR School Supplies

St. James will be collecting school supplies for NEAR students in July. In 2010 NEAR distributed supplies to 185 families with 461 children. This number is higher than in 2009 and we expect it to be higher now in 2011. (Elementary school 225 / Middle school 117 / High school 119) Please know that the parents really appreciate all of your help.

Bags of school supplies will be made up early in August. Many volunteers can be used for this job. The clients will receive the supplies the week of August 29-September 2. Help will also be needed that week.

Supplies that are most needed are folders (red, blue, yellow, green) hundreds of them, pencil top erasers, blunt scissors, colored markers, pencil sharpeners with enclosed case only, highlight pens, pencil boxes and many backpacks. All donations of money this month will be used to purchase the items that are not donated. Make check to St. James with school supplies in the memo line.

It is good to watch for sales. Place items in the school bus. There will be ideas on the bulletin board and in the show case. Thank you.

Over 55's

The Over 55 event in July will be to attend the Minneapolis Pops Orchestra on Nicollet Island at 11:00 a.m. This is free and free coffee and rolls will be served. Please watch for the date and more information in the July Pews News.

Summer Sunday Potlucks

It's time to fire up the grill! The fourth Sunday of each month this summer, St. James will hold a potluck lunch on the east lawn following worship. Please bring a dish to share!



Borrowing Items from Church

St. James' policy is not to lend or rent out items (including tables and chairs) to anyone, unfortunately this includes members. Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

Summer Preaching Series with Pr. Jill

We have so many questions for God but this summer we will ponder the questions *Jesus asks us*. Some examples include "Who do you say that I am?" and "What are you looking for?" Each question is taken directly from the words of Jesus as recorded in Scripture. None of them will have easy answers. Join me on this challenging and illuminating path! We begin on Sun., June 26.



Pastor David's Vacation

Pastor David Lechelt will be on vacation and continuing education June 23 through July 13. He will return to the office on July 14.

Church Office Closed

The church office will be closed Fri., July 1 and Mon., July 4.

In case of an emergency, contact Pastor Jill at 651-269-0266.



Lost and Found

Missing an item? Check the Lost & Found box in the coat rack area.

Dishes from funerals are located on top of the coat rack in the basement.

August Happenings

NEAR Volunteers

Volunteers are needed to bag school supplies early in August. Please call Emily Hauan (763-533-1929) if you can help.

Outreach Partner Forest School

St. James will be collecting school supplies for Forest School in August. Items donated in July and August will be split between NEAR and Forest. Any money donated in August will be designated for Forest. Needed items will be listed in the August Pews News.

Over 55's

Over 55's will have the Monday Special Lunch at Lord Fletcher's on Lake Minnetonka. It will be a half-pound hamburger for \$4.00, served outside on the wharf. Burgers are cash only. Other items on the menu may be ordered and charged. Watch for more information on the date in the August Pews News.

Lutheran Night at the MN Twins

Lutheran Night at the MN Twins is set for Mon., Aug. 22 at 7:10 p.m. Tickets are \$30 each (skyline deck seats). **To attend, you must sign up and pay no later than Sun., July 10.** There is a limit of 25 people— so sign up on the bulletin board outside Pastor David's office today! *(Please note that if not enough people sign up, we will have to cancel the event.)*



Thrivent Financial

Thrivent Financial for Lutherans now financially supports congregations in a different way from what it has in the past! It no longer will provide matching funds for annual church events. Instead, eligible Thrivent members are given Choice Dollars to distribute to organizations of their choosing.

If you are a member with this benefit, we invite you to give your Choice Dollars to the mission and ministry of St. James. St. James is registered to receive your designation but look for us with a Minneapolis address.

You may learn more and act to designate Choice Dollars by visiting www.thrivent.com/thriventchoice, calling 1-800-847-4836, or by calling Betty Sultvedt, Congregational Advocate at 763-535-3336.

So far \$2,273 has been given to St. James through this program.

Mission Future 4Kids

Fund for children of baptized members

Several years a fund was started to provide a new savings account startup through the ELCA financial services group for all baptized children of members. The account was established with \$50.00 in it with the idea that this will help ensure a long time connection with the Church and provide a program where parents, family and friends can provide additional dollars for future use by their children for college, trade school, start-up business, etc.

Many members contributed funds for this start up and for that we are thankful. Unfortunately, the fund has "dried up" and is in need of additional funds to continue this practice. Please consider a contribution to this fund to help St. James continue this wonderful program. Thanks in advance for you help

Family & Children's Ministry

Summer Camp at Luther Park

Luther Park of Danbury, WI offers a variety of programs at different times and for different ages during the summer. A full schedule is available online at www.lutherpark.com. Financial assistance is available through St. James or Luther Park, please talk with Shayna Anderson. Never let cost keep your child from making great camp memories!

Day Camp: Jesus Chooses Us!

June 27-30 1: 9:00 a.m. - 3:00p.m. daily
New this year: At Bassett Creek Park, Crystal

There's still room for you at Day Camp! Friends from House of Hope, First Lutheran and counselors from Luther Park will meet at Bassett Creek Park each day of camp for fun games, songs, and cool crafts! Join the fun, and invite a friend. There is no cost to attend day camp. We welcome monetary gifts as families are able. Registration forms can be found online at www.stjamesincrystal.org, or on the Children's ministry board. Registrations will be taken through the beginning of camp, but early registration is encouraged for planning purposes.



Quilting For Kids

Would your children love to learn to sew? Are they interested in making their own quilts? The St. James quilters have set aside July and August to teach children the basics of quilting. Classes will be midweek mornings--Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday (TBD). At the end of this 8 week course, students will bring home their own finished quilts. The minimum age for this class is **7 years old**.

The St. James quilters will provide teaching assistance, fabric, batting, and backing at NO COST to the students.

If anyone has a portable machine in good working order to use for this project it would be appreciated. If students can bring their own that would be great.

Watch the Pews News for more information about dates and time.

Box Tops for Education, Milk Caps and Campbell's Soup Labels...

What do those three things have in common? They've been able to purchase gym equipment, educational videos, books and other items to help enhance learning at Forest Elementary! Even during the summer, St. James continues to collect them in the drawers near the front door. Milk caps must have a sticker on them (please rinse the caps!), and Campbell's needs only the UPC barcode with the logo on it. Thank you!

Summer Office Hours for Shayna:

Shayna Anderson will not have regular office hours for the months of June and July. Questions can be directed to the office during that time. She will be back in the office in August, on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

Global Barnyard Goal Met!

To the children and families of 9:57 – who gave offerings each week and raised enough money this year to buy a family a COW through God's Global Barnyard, THANK YOU! The hope and goal for the family is that they will be able to use that animal as a way to make money to support their family. Amazing! Thank you, thank you, thank you, for your generosity and being a blessing and light in our world!

Youth Ministry

Youth Contact

If you need to contact Youth Director Ryan Walesch, please email him at: ryan.stjamesyouth@gmail.com.

Graduate Recognition

All graduates will be recognized in worship on Sun., June 5. Please congratulate them on their accomplishment!



Youth Nights

Youth nights at church are Wednesdays starting at 6:00 p.m. June 8 & 22; July 7 & 20; August 3 & 31 (no youth night on Aug. 17).

Sr. High Youth Director Ryan Walesch will be at St. James with the youth for games and movies.

Confirmation Dates to Remember

Confirmation Orientation is scheduled on Wed., Aug. 31 from 6:30 to 7:20 p.m. for 6th – 8th graders and 7:30 to 8:00 p.m. for 9th graders. If your child would like to participate in confirmation but cannot attend the orientation, please contact Pastor Jill Bergman at 763-537-3653 or jbergman@stjamesincrystal.org.

This fall our 9th graders will Confirm their Faith on Sun., Oct. 23.

All student journals, reflection questions, and make-up Wildfire events need to be completed by September 1st. Please contact Pastor Jill for details.

Sr. High Youth Events

June: All senior high youth, and one friend each, are invited to visit the Como Zoo in St. Paul on Sun., June 12 at noon. This is a free event; food is on your own. Please RSVP by June 8 if you plan to attend.

July: An afternoon of swimming and a picnic are planned for Sat., July 16 at French Park Beach. Meet at church at 11:00 a.m.

August: Youth are invited for a weekend camping trip at Lake Crescent (north of Lutsen) Thurs., Aug. 18—Sun., Aug. 21. There will be one day of service while on this camping trip. More details to follow.

Dinner at Your Door Drivers: High School & College Students Are Needed for the Summer!

Do you have 1 1/2 hours to spare in a month? Do you have a drivers license? Do you have a car to drive? Dinner at Your Door needs drivers to deliver meals to shut-ins during the summer months of June, July and August.

Without volunteer drivers, there are many shut-ins who would not have a hot meal to eat during the day. Can you help by delivering meals as part of St. James' outreach ministry?

High school and college students are encouraged to volunteer in this important ministry this summer!

If you can drive or help deliver, call Judy Olsen at 763-533-4868.

Adult Ministry

Summer Adult Ed

Adult Ed will be held every Sunday at 10:45 a.m. in the Peter & Paul room.

June 5-19 “*Creeds, Ancient and New*” led by Pr. David Lechelt. How were our creeds formed? Do they still speak in our language today? This three week focus will accompany Pr. David’s preaching on the three parts of the Apostles’ Creed at worship. The course will include an invitation to write our own belief statements.

June 26-July 10 “*Making Sense of the Christian Faith*” led by Pr. Jill Bergman. Pr. Jill will offer three new sessions exploring the major theological doctrines of the Christian faith in the order of the biblical story. The sessions were written by Professor David Lose of Luther Seminary, author of the book of the same name. The series is written in such a way that invites participants to “jump into” the conversation! Bring your Bibles.

July 17-August 28 “*Studying the Biblical Texts Together*” Each Sunday will be an opportunity to look at the upcoming Sunday’s texts for worship. Our study will include historical, devotional, theological, and “mission of the church today” questions and reflection.

Young Adults

It’s time for a Road Trip! The Young Adults will make a day long road trip hitting all kinds of exciting stops along the way– including Taylors Falls and Osceola, WI. Cost is on your own and gas money for the drivers. Please meet at church at 9:00 a.m. on Sat., June 18.

In July, the young adults will go bowling at Park Tavern in St. Louis Park on Sun., July 17 at 1:00 p.m. Meet at the bowling alley.

In August, Ryan & Andrea Walesch will host a potluck and bonfire at their home on Fri., Aug. 5 at 7:00 p.m.

The young adults are those out of high school through age 35. Questions can be directed to Ryan Walesch at 763-537-1702 or ryan.stjamesyouth@gmail.com.

Bonfire Parish Nurse Availability

Bonfire Parish Nurse Debbie is happy to check your blood pressure, visit about health concerns and planning. Feel free to stop by during her office hours at any of the Bonfire churches. Feel free to contact her at any location. You may also contact her at 612-408-2049.

St. James: the 4th Sunday of the month, and Tuesdays 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. Her office is in the archives room, across from the Montessori coat racks. If the few steps are a problem to get there, go around outside; there aren’t any steps to tackle!

House of Hope: the 3rd Sunday of the month, and Thursdays 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

First Lutheran: the 2nd Sunday of the month, and Tuesdays 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Men’s Breakfast

The next Men’s Breakfasts are June 18, July 16 and August 20 at 8:00 a.m.

If you’d like to cook, contact Pastor David at 763-537-3653.

Donations for Flowers

Donations are welcome to help pay for the Lee Warmbo Memorial Garden flowers, those around the new sign, and for the entryway. Flowers make St. James warm and inviting and we appreciate any donation to help us do so!

Communion Alternatives

St. James has gluten-free communion wafers available for those with gluten, wheat, dairy, corn or soy allergies, as well as grape juice. Just ask for one of these alternatives when receiving communion.

What You Need to Know

Street Dance

Save the date for the next St. James Street Dance on Fri., Sept. 9, 5:30-10:00 p.m. Activities include food, music, bingo, snack walk, face painting, silent basket auction, food, quilt raffle, meat raffle, inflatables, classic car rides, perler beads, and a candy guessing game.

Volunteers are needed! Please consider volunteering for an hour or more at the St. James street dance. We need your help to make it a success! Watch for a sign-up sheet in the narthex.

Donations are also needed! Cans of Pepsi & Coke products (*Pepsi, Diet Pepsi, Coke, Diet Coke and Root Beer only please*), small bottles of water, snack walk items (*Twinkies, 20 oz bottles of pop, candy bars*), small (1.5 oz.) bags of chips, gift cards for bingo, bingo prizes, and silent auction baskets. Monetary donations are also welcomed!

Geraniums For Pentecost

Geranium plants may be ordered to help decorate for Pentecost Sunday on June 12. Your geranium orders need to be placed by Sun., May 29. Plants can be picked up following Pentecost Sunday worship.



Number of plants ordered Amount paid

_____ dozen @ 27.00 = _____

_____ half dozen @ \$ 16.00 = _____

_____ single plant @ \$3.50 = _____

Total paid _____

Given in MEMORY / HONOR of: _____

Given by: _____

I'd like to donate _____ (indicate #) of my plants for planting outside at St. James.

NEAR Summer Food Program

Now that children aren't eating lunch at school, NEAR is providing each family with school children an extra bag of food each month. This will be done in June, July, and August. Items provided in the bag are: peanut butter, jelly, soup, pasta, pasta sauce, kool-aid, and snacks. If you would like to donate any of these items they would be put to good use.

"Thank you so much for your wonderful participation in the March Food and Money Drive. Your totals were \$7,058 and 198 pounds of food! God loves a cheerful giver. We are so happy that you are so cheerful. We thank you and our families thank you."- NEAR

Change of Address

Jeoffrey & Alissa Begin
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Whitefish Bay, WI 53217-5820

Ada Colvin
6305 Zinnia Ln
Maple Grove, MN 55311

William Bomee
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Bowie, MD 20716-2607

Dan & Christina Tousignant
14818 Waconia St NE
Ham Lake, MN 55304-6300

Here's the Good News

Y-O-U Spells HVAC Summer Relief

Yes, it's true, the Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning unit that has served the basement level of the Life Long Learning Center for fifteen years is kaput. And it's also true that we need to take care of it before the summer humidity rolls in. We always want to have the best environmental conditions within our walls for everyone and that especially means the prevention of mold.

\$10,000 is the price tag for a High-efficiency Heat/Cool Unit with Dehumidification capabilities. The good news is that we already have a \$4,000 gift in hand to make this happen. The rest is up to us. YOU and your gift will literally mean summer relief.

To color this invitation (and sweeten the motivation), your Council and Pastors have volunteered to be a visible sign of our fundraising progress. For every week we cross a \$1,000 threshold on our way to \$10,000, the name of a donor will be drawn from a hat. That person gets to choose which Council member or Pastor gets to color their hair (and with a color of their choosing). You can trust that the dye won't rinse out that quickly either. Thank you for your support of a new HVAC unit!

Finance Committee & Council

(Hair Update: Pastor David Lechelt had MN Vikings purple and Pastor Jill Bergman had green hair on Sun., May 22.)

Farewell & Thanks From Con Ed Student Denise Fossen

Greetings in the name of the Risen Christ!

I am so thankful to have been a part of St. James Lutheran Church for the last two years. You have graciously and lovingly welcomed me and my husband. You have supported me with prayers, constructive criticisms, encouragement and financial scholarships. You have allowed me to practice leadership in the classroom in adult education, confirmation, and the women's morning retreat; from the lectern and pulpit as assistant minister and preacher; from home visits and from the opportunity to be a part of the Bonfire Ministry group with First Lutheran and House of Hope. Pastors David and Jill have been extremely supportive, encouraging, and offering good counsel. I have learned much from their leadership. I am so very grateful to have been engaged with St. James as my contextual learning site.

This spring ends the first two years of theological training at Luther Seminary and also concludes my assigned time at St. James. In August I will start as intern at Zion Lutheran in Pelican Rapids, MN. This will be a year of practical learning: preaching on a regular schedule; meeting the pastoral needs of the congregation and community by hospital visits, home visits, informal counseling, and baptisms, funerals and weddings; becoming familiar with a new context (rural lake country) and synod (Northwest MN); and for Kevin and I to be in a new stage of our life as a couple in ministry. After our year of internship, we will be back at our home in Ramsey and I will complete my senior year of theological education. In the spring of 2013 I expect to graduate and receive my first call (and ordination) to a congregation.

We look forward with excitement to this next stage of our ministerial journey. We look back with fondness on what you have given us: your love, your heart, your support. We depart with sadness at physically leaving you and at the same time, with happiness in having known you.

God bless you, St. James, in your ministry as you proclaim the mighty works of God and reflect the light of Christ in Crystal.

Peace, Denise Fossen

Summer Watering

Volunteers are needed to water the flowers and shrubs around St. James. If you are available for a one week commitment, please sign up on the bulletin board outside Pastor David's office.

Irresistible Almond Bars Recipe

(from Quilt Show)

Crust: 1 cup butter, 1/2 cup powdered sugar, 2 cups flour. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Mix together all ingredients and pat into 9x13 pan. Bake for 15-20 minutes.

Filling: 8 oz. softened cream cheese, 1/2 cup sugar, 1 1/2 tsp. almond extract, 2 eggs. Beat together all ingredients. Pour onto the baked crust and bake an additional 15-20 minutes. Let cool.

Icing: 1 1/2 cups powdered sugar, 1/4 cup butter, 1 tbsp milk, 1 tsp almond extract, sliced almonds. Mix all ingredients and spread over the bars. Cut into squares. Sprinkle the almonds over the top.

Refrigerate.

This 'N That

Hymn Sing

Has it been a while since you've sung your favorite hymn from the ELW? Come for a hymn sing beginning at 9:15 a.m., prior to the 9:30 a.m. worship on June 5, July 3 and August 7.

Prayer Chain Requests

Have something or know someone you'd like put on the prayer chain?

All prayer requests start in the church office at 763-537-3653 or office@stjamesincrystal.org weekdays, or by calling Sandy Johnson at 763-557-9858 evenings or weekends.

Thank You's

St. James,

Thank you for all your support and prayers for our family during this difficult time. Brayden has recovered quickly and has a lot of energy. Each day we are so blessed with his strength and braveness to continue to accept any challenge that comes his way. He is my hero! Thanks again for your prayers.

*Rhonda, Greg &
Brayden Hall*

*More thank you notes
on page 11-12.*

Summer Sunday Singers

Do you like to sing, but don't want to make the time commitment of joining the choir? The Summer Sunday Singers is perfect for you! The only commitment is to come to St. James at 9:00 a.m. (half an hour before worship begins). Every week, we rehearse a new song to perform during the worship service. Can't come every Sunday? No problem! Just come when you're able. Never sung in a choir? No problem! We're a pretty friendly group and love welcoming new singers. Feel like you're too young to sing with this group? No problem! We especially love it when the youth and families sing with us. So come and join the Summer Sunday Singers any Sunday beginning May 29 through September 4.

If you have questions, contact Deanna Loken: 763-533-4631 or deanنالoken@aol.com



Synod Assembly Report

On May 6 and 7, St James sent our two pastors and three lay representatives to our local Synod Assembly. We participated in spirited worship, led by presiding minister Bishop Mark Hanson, and including the Synod's brass band and African-themed music. Keynote speaker Vivian Nelson addressed diversity, in concert with the assembly's motto "from stranger to neighbor". Church-wide representative Bishop Hanson noted in his reflection that in tough times, institutions sometimes focus on their own needs to the exclusion of others. However, our network of organizations has been a strength of the Lutheran church. Churches were invited to respond to tough times by drawing together, prioritizing tithing to the broader church.

Synod resolutions took on social issues, calling to aid those considering military service (sent to committee); addressing bullying in schools (passed); opposing a Minneapolis casino (passed); and calling for investigation of FBI raids on local peace activists (passed). Other resolutions pursued streamlined youth involvement in the synod (passed); asked that funds from church closings in North Minneapolis be re-dedicated to that area (defeated); and passed a 2011 budget. More detail is available at the Synod website, <http://www.mpls-synod.org/events/assembly>.

Usher Schedule

June 5, July 3, August 7:

9:30 a.m. Clarence Peterson, Vern Christensen, Russ Sondrol, Junior Kautz
Lois Selle, Maria Weiland, Ken Lutz

June 12, July 10, August 14:

9:30 a.m. O. J. Hellen, Terry Teigen, George McClure, Mike Logas, Roger E. Johnson, Ken & Phyllis Nelson, Pat Ferguson, Judy Berney

June 19, July 17, August 21:

9:30 a.m. Mike Stanchfield, Jim Olsen, Stan Tikkanen, John Lindstrom, Wayne Rierson, Don & Deb Edmondson

June 26, July 24, August 28:

9:30 a.m. Erv Tuttila, Marv Berke, Jim Hauan, Jim Gronlund, Becki Smith
Tim Buck, Jim Valentine

July 31: Team III

Library News

Book Club News “The Page Turners”

June’s Pick: Alex and Me: how a scientist and a parrot discovered a hidden world of animal intelligence – and formed a deep bond in the process by Irene M. Pepperberg. “You be good. I love you,” were Alex’s final words to his owner, research scientist Irene Pepperberg, before his premature death at age thirty-one on September 6, 2007. An African Grey parrot, Alex had a brain the size of a shelled walnut, yet he could add, sound out words, understand concepts like bigger, smaller, more, fewer, and none, and he disproved the widely accepted idea that birds possess no potential for language or anything remotely comparable to human intelligence [from the Publisher]

July’s Pick: This Time Together: laughter and reflection by Carol Burnett. Comedy legend Burnett looks back fondly on her long and successful career in short, easily digestible chapters that part the curtain on her private life. Told in a chatty, intimate way, the stories encompass the star’s childhood; early days as an actress doing bit parts in New York City, appearing on game shows and various variety shows, her 11 years hosting The Carol Burnett Show; and life after the show ended its run. [from Booklist]

August’s Pick: Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet by Jamie Ford. In 1986, Henry Lee, a Chinese American widower, comes upon a crowd gathered outside the Panama Hotel, once the gateway to Seattle’s Japantown. It has been boarded up for decades, but now a new owner has made an incredible discovery: the belongings of Japanese families left behind when they were rounded up and sent to internment camps during World War II. [from the Publisher]

The group meets the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the Peter and Paul room. All are welcome! For more information on the book club, contact Linda Judge (at 763-533-4081 or judgelinda@msn.com).

Book Sale

A big thank you from the library staff for all the books donated and purchased. Since the library is no longer a budget item, the money is used to purchase new books to keep the library current.

Books were given away at Car Care in May as part of the library’s outreach. Please donate books, especially children’s books, for the next Car Care Saturday in September. Donations can be dropped off in the library any time, just be sure to mark them for Car Care.

Thank You Notes

St. James Community,

Thank you so much for the wonderful “surprise” celebration on April 3 of my 35 years of being on the St. James staff. It was a total surprise! Thank you to everyone who participated in making it happen. Thanks also for the gift card. Another “wonderful surprise.” It has truly been a blessing to be on staff all these years. The time has literally flown by.

In deep appreciation, Lana Teigen

Thank you for the donation of the toiletries and phones to Home Free. St. James is such a great support to Home Free and the families we serve. Thank you for all you do for us.

Kari Kitchcock, Home Free

New Books

From a local author, Kerry Casey, Fall to Grace. This book is the story of two 13 year old boys who both lost their fathers on the same day.

The Message, by Eugene H Peterson. This is the New Testament written in contemporary language “like you’ve never read it before.” This still isn’t easy reading, but it might give new insight and understanding.

The Message, The Old Testament Wisdom Books, by Eugene H. Peterson. This is a companion book to the above.

Tuesdays with Morrie, Albom, Mitch. This book is a tribute to age and aging. Prepare to be touched and amused.

A Week Past Forever, Cynthia DiLaura Devore, M.D. This is a book for children facing the terminal illness of a relative.

Dear friends at St. James,

Thank you so much for the prayer shawls and card. Miles continues his therapy and recovery at North Memorial. Keep us in your prayers.

Miles & Sharon Stromback

Prayer Concerns/Thanks

Hospitalizations

- Helen Hollingsworth
- Ozzie Hellen
- Eleanor Florey
- Fern Schneider
- Tom Ritter
- Bob Avery
- Miles Stromback
- Dee Burrington
- Mattie Erdahl

Marriages

- Colleen Kelly Rahm & Todd Linaman
- Courtney Meeter & Brent Pearce

Births

- Andy & Amanda Burns welcomed their daughter, Lydia Kaye
- Allison Ferguson & Matt Peterson welcomed their daughter, Emma Rayne

Baptisms

- Juliana Lucille Anderson
- Beatrice Mae Nelson
- Lloyd James Nelson
- Blake Isaiah Axelson
- Ashton Joyner Burke
- Lydia Kaye Burns

Sympathy

- Shirley Townsend on the death of her husband James.
- Melodie Hanson on the death of her dad.

Funerals

- James Townsend
- Irene Lee

Memorials

Funeral Lunch Fund in memory of Arie Van-Bockel from Earle Lindquist.

Loaves & Fishes in memory of Richard Olson and Cliff Deans from Ken Lutz.

NEAR in memory of Frances Jacobson from Jackie Harlow. In memory of Pat Rudin, Jim Townsend from Jim & Emily Hauan.

Ruth Lund Scholarship Fund in memory of Neilan Lund from Paul & Joan Thorson.

Gifts

Day Camp in honor of Juliana's baptism from Joel & Shayna Anderson

Capital Fund in honor of Juliana's baptism from Joel & Shayna Anderson

Mission & Ministry in honor of Juliana's baptism from Joel & Shayna Anderson

Thank You's

Dear friends at St. James,

Thank you for your gift of \$3,000 to support Denise Fossen and Marilyn Crossfield while preparing for ministry at Luther Seminary. Many of our students would not be here without the partnership of supporters like you. Your support helps ease the financial burden of attending seminary, while allowing them to respond to the call of the Holy Spirit. Your prayers and your ongoing financial gifts make ministry possible. Thank you for your important investment in the future leadership of the church.

Sincerely, Katherine Steffen, Assoc. Director of Development, Luther Seminary

Dear St. James friends,

Thank you for the wonderful support you have given us over this past year. The prayer shawls, the prayers and kind words, as well as pastor visits, were very touching and helpful as our family healed from the house fire, the car accident and my father's passing. God's love is truly present and alive at St. James. Your thoughtfulness will be remembered forever.

God Bless, Melodie Hanson

Dear Members of St. James and the Ruth Lund Scholarship Committee:

Thank you so much for the generous financial gift you have given me as I attend Luther Seminary. Your encouragement, prayers, and financial support have sustained me on this educational, spiritual and vocational calling and journey. Your help and support has made this path easier and I thank you for that. I could not have traveled this journey on my own. Thank you for walking alongside me.

In God's Love, Denise Fossen

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your gift of \$500 toward your 2011 pledge of \$1,000. We so celebrate your generosity! Together we are passing on faith to the next generations.

*In Christ's love,
Joel Legred, Executive Director, Luther Park*

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