

Gospel “E” Newsletter

January 25, 2012

Reflection from Pastor David

“Food will not bring us close to God” (I Corinthians 8:8). Bummer! I would quickly debate the beloved Apostle Paul (yes, he was speaking to a congregation in conflict over a bad combination of kosher food laws, Christian liberty, lack of regard for neighbor, and the human persistent penchant for self-righteousness), “But what about the food that is Jesus Christ?”

And Paul would say, “Yes, of course, but I was talking about everything else!”

“Even a Saint James Annual Meeting Potluck?”

“Okay, you got me there.”

Yes, the food that is Jesus Christ does bring us closer to God, and to a fuller appreciation of all God’s gifts given for the love of neighbor and the worship of God.

Come; let us celebrate our life together in Christ at the altar and at the round Wold Hall tables of giving thanks for each other, 2011, and the promise of the year ahead. And let us shine forth in our “fishing for people” with God’s call to St. James to keep setting a table for all of “hospitality without partiality.”

Pr. David Lechelt

Worship Participant Training Sessions

Wouldn’t you like to be the person who gives that warm St. James welcome to a first-time visitor.....or greets that long-time member who comes every Sunday and looks forward to a hand-shake at the front door? Greeters are needed for both services.

Have you ever thought you would like to be a lector and read the scripture lessons for the day? But you’re not sure you know exactly what needs to be done? You haven’t used the microphone before – or you’ve heard strange sounds coming through the sound system. Help is on the way!

Holy Communion is such a meaningful experience – for the server as well as the one being served. Consider volunteering to help serve the wine.

All who have ever volunteered as worship participants, and all who would like to volunteer in the future are invited to the following sessions:

“**Welcome to Greeter Training**” – Sat., Feb. 11, 9:00 a.m. in the library

“**Lector Training**” – Wed., Feb. 8 in the Worship Center; Youth at 6:00 p.m., Adults at 6:30 p.m.

“**Communion Assistant Training**” – Wed., Feb.15, 6:00 p.m. in the Worship Center.

Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of St. James will be Sun., Jan. 29 at 12:30 p.m. in Wold Hall.

A potluck will be held at noon.

Annual report and financials are available in the narthex.

Financial Statements

End of the year Financial Statements are available in the narthex. Please remember to pick it up next time you are at church– you’ll want it for your taxes!

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