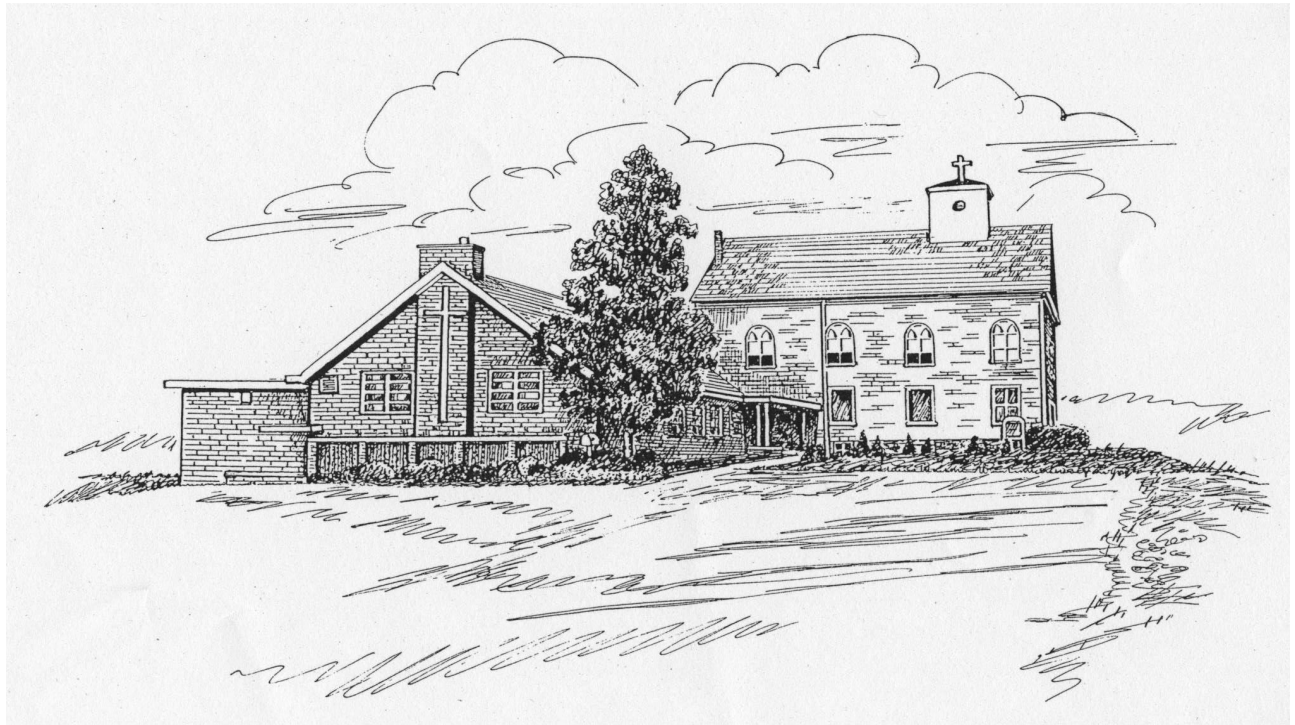


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St. James Lutheran Church Newsletter

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From the Council President

Friends of St. James:

I've been reminded that Jesus was a carpenter, using His hands to work during His life on earth. As you consider the concept of **Christ the worker**, who did you think about during your observance of Labor Day this year?

Taking a snippet from online site WikiPedia, Labor Day is to honor *contributions that workers have made to the strength, prosperity, laws, and well-being of the country*. And while I appreciated the day off from work, I did not forget to take time to think about worker that take time every day to improve our country. Within St. James, I remain humbled by the volunteer work behind the scenes to not just support the operation of the church, but to connect-with and support our local community. Thank You, Thank You!

Aside from Labor Day, at St. James we kicked off September with a Season of Healing. As we look to refocus ourselves, our congregation, and our mission moving forward we cannot forget that when we live our lives according to His principles, he will provide for our needs. Prayer is a way for us Christians to maintain a proper relationship with God, and every day in September members of the congregation were asked to **make time for prayer**.

So be careful to do as the LORD your God has commanded you; you are not to turn aside to the right or to the left. You must walk in all the ways that the LORD your God has commanded you, so that you may live and prosper and prolong your days in the land you will possess.
Deuteronomy 5:32-33

Beyond the month of prayer, I invite you to attend a special **Season of Healing** service in October (Sat 10/13 and Sunday 10/14). Pastor Scott Schantzenbach, along with Bishop Consultation Committee member Anthony Capone, will lead worship as we recommit ourselves to walk with God through our Christian journey.

Since our last newsletter we've wrapped up a **Rally Weekend** at St. James. On Saturday, 9/8 I had the honor of joining volunteers from our church, Boy Scout troop 56, and the Chick-Fil-A cow to run a successful Backpacks and BBQ fundraiser event. The crew "rallied" together, with our first walk-in arriving at 10:30 in the morning, to prep over 180 meals by 4:00PM! In addition, on Sunday, we welcomed kids from 3 to 17 to kickoff the start of the new Sunday School year. I'm enthusiastic to see that we will be inspiring children on the Love of Jesus each Sunday morning and rebuilding a senior youth group with activities throughout the year. I encourage you to ask around; and invite youth to join our programs.

A successful Church Breakfast on October Sat, 10/6 continues our opportunities to gather in fellowship. I look forward to connect with many of you over a coffee or a delicious omelet, stop by and lets connect – the first Saturday of each month!

Peace,

Dan Gulick

St. James Church Council President

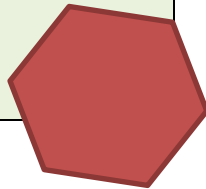
Coming Events

St. James' Invites You To Our Annual Holiday Vendor Fair

Saturday, December 8
9:00AM – 3:00PM

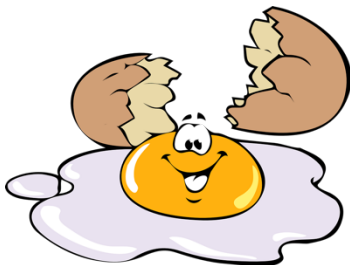
Now Recruiting Vendors
Space Limited!

To Reserve a Table contact:
Barbara Gulick
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Straw Church Country Breakfast Back by Popular Demand!

First Saturday of the Month
Starts, October 6, 2018. 7AM - 11AM



Social Ministry Notes

Feast with Friends at Chick-Fil-A was a success with almost 50 orders placed. Funds raised will be donated to Hurricane Florence disaster relief.

In addition to 83 pound of food picked up, additional school supplies were picked up in September from the Backpacks & BBQ event.

The collection of hats, scarfs, and gloves will begin October 1 thru October 31. Add to the donation tree in the lobby by Frey Hall.

Pastoral Support

The upcoming schedule of Saturday & Sunday Pastors is listed outside Frey Hall and the church website:

<http://www.strawchurch.com/>

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Date!

For more pastoral needs for members of our congregation, you can contact:

St. James' Vice-Pastor
Pastor Karol Van Wulfen

Requests for
Visitations, Funerals, Baptisms,
Consuling, etc.

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Communion

Worship Leaders Schedule - October & November

	<u>Communion Setup/Cleanup</u>	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Liturgist</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Counters</u>
OCTOBER					
Sat 10/6	Sue Miller				
Sun. 10/7	Marly Raspe	Dan Gulick	Dan Gulick	H. Walters / R. Knoble	S. Stocker / B. Babcock
Sat. 10/13	Sue Miller				
Sun. 10/14	Marly Raspe	Polly Newbold	Polly Newbold	H. Walters / R. Knoble	D. Gulick / R. Avard
Sat. 10/20	Sue Miller				
Sun. 10/21	Marly Raspe	Bob Babcock	Bob Babcock	H. Walters / R. Knoble	S. Agans / C. Morris
Sat. 10/27	Sue Miller				
Sun. 10/28	Marly Raspe	Jaime McLain	Jaime McLaine	H. Walters / R. Knoble	C. Steible / L. Steible
NOVEMBER					
Sat. 11/3	Sue Miller				
Sun. 11/4	Marly Raspe	Polly Newbold	Polly Newbold	H. Walters / R. Knoble	S. Stocker / B. Babcock
Sat. 11/10	Sue Miller				
Sun. 11/11	Marly Raspe	Ralph Avard	Ralph Avard	H. Walters / R. Knoble	D. Gulick / R. Avard
Sat. 11/17	Sue Miller				
Sun. 11/18	Marly Raspe	Dan Gulick	Dan Gulick	H. Walters / R. Knoble	S. Agans / C. Morris
Sat. 11/24	Sue Miller				
Sun. 11/25	Marly Raspe	Jaime McLain	Jaime McLain	H. Walters / R. Knoble	C. Steible / L. Steible

Saturday role data not collected in advance of publication

***IN THE EVENT THAT YOU ARE UNABLE TO SERVE ON YOUR ASSIGNED DATE,
PLEASE REMEMBER TO FIND A REPLACEMENT AND NOTIFY THE OFFICE OF THE CHANGE***