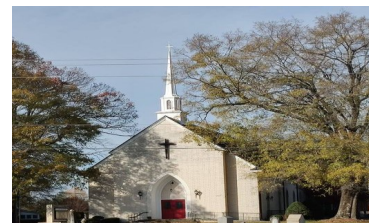


The Beacon

*"Make me to hear joy and gladness."
Psalm 51:8*



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Psalm 98 and the Kingdom of Christ

A prophecy of the kingdom of Christ, which extends into all the world, this psalm is a companion to Psalm 97. It calls us to be joyful and to praise God for His salvation, that is, to preach and give thanks for the redemption given to us through Christ. Here then is worship: Not offerings given in Jerusalem, but preaching and thanksgiving that He is King in righteousness over the entire world, that is, that He has redeemed us from sin and death by Himself alone, without our merits.

98 Oh sing to the LORD a new song,
for he has done marvelous things!
His right hand and his holy arm
have worked salvation for him.
² The LORD has made known his salvation;
he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.
³ He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness
to the house of Israel.
All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.
⁴ Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;
break forth into joyous song and sing praises!
⁵ Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre,
with the lyre and the sound of melody!
⁶ With trumpets and the sound of the horn
make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD!
⁷ Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;
the world and those who dwell in it!
⁸ Let the rivers clap their hands;
let the hills sing for joy together
⁹ before the LORD, for he comes
to judge the earth.
He will judge the world with righteousness,
and the peoples with equity.

PRAYER: Honor, praise, and thanksgiving to You, O Christ, our God and Savior, for all your wonderful works and the numberless blessings with which you enrich us. Fill us with Your Spirit and create in us new hearts, that we may rejoice over Your works and gifts all our days, and at our latter end receive us into that kingdom of light in which we shall follow You wherever You go. Amen.

("Reading the Psalms with Luther", p. 232-233. Concordia Publishing House, St. Louis: 2007)

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JOIN US FOR BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday Nights - 7:00 pm in the Library to study the upcoming Sunday scriptures.
Thursday Mornings (Mar. 5, 12, 19 & 26) - 10:30 am in the Choir Room with Pastor Ken



CATECHISM INSTRUCTION for 5th, 6th and 7th GRADERS

Confirmation Saturday
 Mar. 21 @ 9:30am-12:00pm
 May 16 @ 9:30am-12:00pm



WEEKLY SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES (9:30am)

Children (NEW)	Upstairs	Infant - 4 years
Children	Upstairs	Grades K-4 th
Youth (NEW)	Upstairs	Grades 5 th -12 th
Adults	Library	
Adults	Fellowship Building	

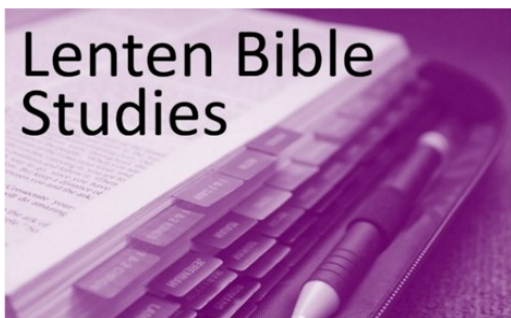


GRADES 5th through 12th

Sunday, Mar. 8 @ 5:00 pm - Jacob's Ice Cream
 Sunday, Mar. 22 @ 5:00 pm - Easter Party Preparation
 Sunday, Apr. 12 @ 3:00 pm - Bible Study & Games
 Sunday, Apr. 26 @ 3:00 pm - Bible Study & Games

WOMEN'S GROUP meets on Monday, March 2nd at 7:00 pm.
WOMEN'S CRAFT DAY is Thursday, March 5th at 2:00 pm.
RE-DEDICATION OF FELLOWSHIP BUILDING & SECOND SUNDAY LUNCH - March 8th following Worship Service (see Page 3).
EVANGELISM COMMITTEE meets on Wednesday, March 11th at 6:30 pm in the Library.
CHURCH COUNCIL meets on Thursday, March 12th at 6:30 pm in the Library.
WOMEN'S CRAFT DAY is Tuesday, March 17th at 10:00 am with lunch to follow.
MEN'S BREAKFAST is Sunday, March 22nd at 8:00 am.
BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS are in the Secretary's office following Worship Service on Sunday, March 22nd.

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Reading the Psalms with Martin Luther

Sundays @ 6:00pm
 Supper and Bible Study
 March 1, March 8
 March 15, March 22



Mar 29	Palm Sunday (10:30 am)
Apr 2	Maundy Thursday (7:00 pm)
Apr 3	Good Friday (7:00 pm)
Apr 5	Easter Sunrise (7:00 am)
	Breakfast (8:00 am)
	Easter Service (10:30 am)

ST. JAMES' WOMEN'S GROUP

Order blanks for **Easter Lilies** to donate *In Honor* or *In Memory* of will soon be in the bulletin. Donations can also be given that will go toward buying supplies for our Outdoor Food-box.

Crafting Queens will get together twice in March: Thursday, March 5th at 2:00 pm and Tuesday, March 17th at 10:00 am with lunch following.

We will have a **Second Sunday Lunch** on March 8th. The menu includes chicken pie, green beans and slaw. Please bring desserts to share. The Fellowship Building will be re-dedicated at this time. All donations will go to purchasing tablecloths for the meeting room.

We have spent some time lately cleaning out closets and the rooms on the second floor of the church. We ask that these rooms not be filled back up with yard sale items. As time gets closer to the Bazaar, space will be made available for those items.

Pictorial Directories have been ordered. They should be here within 2-3 weeks. We are sorry for the delay.

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EVANGELISM COMMITTEE

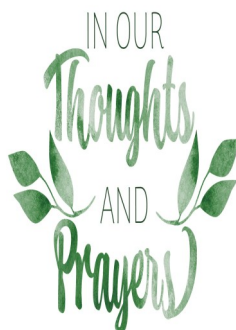
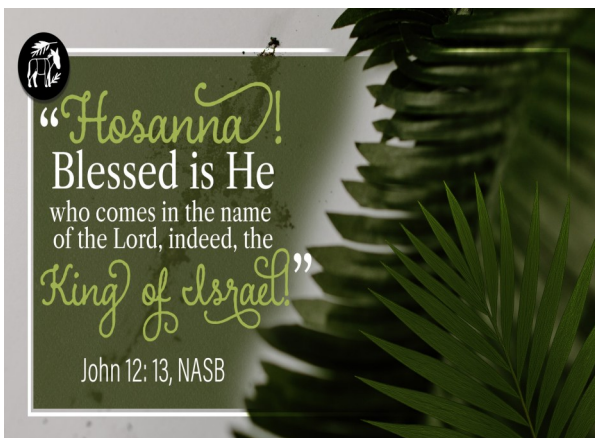
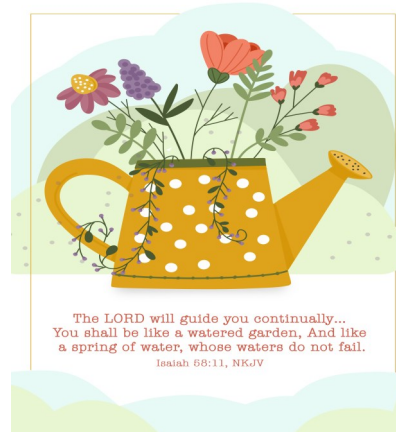
We want to thank everyone who came out to our Shrove Tuesday pancake supper. It was enjoyed by everyone. On Sunday, March 22nd we will be handing out stamped postcards to the congregation for you to mail out before Easter. You can mail them to our shut-ins, people that have not been to church, or to someone you have been wanting to invite to church. Please take one.. or several.. and mail them.

I want to thank my Church family for your calls, cards, food, trips to Church, trips to the grocery store, cleaning the Church and checking in with Joseph, but especially for your prayers. They were answered! I feel like God has given me another chance in life.

Thank you!
Gary

SPECIAL DATES IN MARCH

- March 6 World Day of Prayer
- March 8 Daylight Savings Time Begins
- March 17 St. Patrick's Day
- March 20 1st Day of Spring
- March 29 Palm Sunday



Please remember Nancy Spriggs and family in your prayers. Larry passed away peacefully in his sleep on Sunday, Feb. 15.

Nancy's address is:
Seagrass Village
3875 Yorktown Blvd,
Apt 1104
Port Orange, FL 32129



1. Amy Bolick, Rick Heavner, Bobbie Sain
3. David L Link, Jessie Sipe, Margaret Travis
4. Ricky Estep
6. Molly Booher, Isaac Crouch
8. Jessica Beal, Bain Sipe
11. Kristy Painter
16. Benjamin Stewart
17. Jane Sain
19. Sharon Arnold
21. Janice Elmore, Donna Sigmon
23. Jeff Link
25. Torre Boldon
26. Bob Hullet
28. Susan Cook, Jill Raines
29. Ashton Hatley



3. Fran Watters
4. Cindy Sigmon, Kathy Turner
6. Dillon Crouch, Leslie Reed
10. Vicky Lineberger, Keeley Stikeleather
13. Phyllis Huffman
14. Heather Black, Brenda Gendron,
Ps Malcom Lerch, Kristin Sipe
15. Marie Caldwell, Jamie Sigmon
16. Margaret Wilson
20. Bonnie Usher
23. Nickie Sain, Beverly Sipe
24. Connie Bell
25. Ansley Boldon
26. Nancy Smyre
30. Cindy Lineberger



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9. Mr. & Mrs. Jeremy Clark
12. Mr. & Mrs. Ronnie Brittain
22. Mr. & Mrs. Nickie Sain

16. Mr. & Mrs. Melvin Montgomery
19. Mr. & Mrs. Joe Verbos
21. Mr. & Mrs. Tim Sipe
22. Mr. & Mrs. Darby Crouch
23. Mr. & Mrs. David Cook
30. Mr. & Mrs. Tracy Polson

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THE LAITY TEAM

The Laity Team plans to meet monthly to assess the current status of Church members. Prayers, cards, encouragement, and support to each other is our calling from our Lord. Kristy Painter or Keeley Stikeleather, co-chairs, may be contacted. The committee consists of Robin Burgess, Betty Hawn, Sue Lindley, and Claire Sipe. God’s continued blessings and peace to everyone.

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To St. James family:
 Thank you for prayers and concerns during Ron’s surgery plus rehabilitation and my illness. Ron & Claire Sipe



Thanks to those who cleared off the church parking lot and sidewalks from the ice and snow storms during January and February. St. James Congregation

St. James Evangelical Lutheran Church:
 The Fred T. Foard Family would like to extend our heartfelt thanks for your generous support in paying off our student’s lunch debt. Thank you for being such a blessing for our community!
 Samy Shreilah

St. James Evangelical Lutheran Church:
 On behalf of Sherrills Ford Elementary School, I would like to express our heartfelt gratitude for your generous donation of \$590.61. Your contribution will directly support students in need by helping to cover the cost of their lunches.
 Because of your kindness, our school is able to continue directing additional funds toward essential classroom resources and instructional materials.
 Amy Gates, Principal

SUNDAYS AT ST. JAMES IN FEBRUARY
CHILDREN'S SERMONS AND LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

