

Confirmation begins again in the Fall, Details are still being clarified about Fall Sunday School but Confirmation classes will definitely proceed and a Rite of Confirmation is tentatively scheduled for Pentecost Sunday 2019.

Worship & Music

Sing Fires of Justice Sept 29 & 30th Music Workshop and Sunday Evening Concert with Inshallah

St. James' Choir and our congregation's singers are invited to participate in a music and social justice workshop with Inshallah on Sept 29 & 30 culminating in a multicultural musical celebration to benefit The Working Centre, a key social agency in our region.

Worship with Deacon Scott Knarr Sunday November 11, 2018. Scott Knarr is a consecrated Diaconal Minister of Music working through Mt. Zion and our Two Rivers Ministry Area. Scott will preach and co-preside over the morning worship liturgy created collaboratively to help St. James grow into it's future in music and mission. Following Fellowship Café, Scott will stay for Learning Café with congregants, co-hosted with St. James' Musician Search Committee.

Re-Development Team

At the request of the Re-Development Team, Pr. Karen has arranged for at least one "Learning Café" per month until Christmas (to be re-evaluated in the New Year).

Learning Cafe's

Bring your coffee and snack after Fellowship Café for some learning and conversation.

Sept. 16 Pr. Karen on St. James' Streetscape & Garden

Sept. 30 Janet Howett on St. James & Delton Glebe
Counselling Centre

Oct. 14 Pr. Peter & St. James Youth/Young Adults on CLAY trip to Thunder Bay. Pr. Karen on VBS.

Nov. 11 Deacon Scott Knarr on St. James' Music & Mission

Nov. 25 Heather Platt on CLWR & St. James

Dec. 9 Potential Guest from Supportive Housing of Waterloo (SHOW)

Witness & Service

Women's Group

Sept. 12 Potluck

Oct. 10 Quilting & Knotting & Devotions

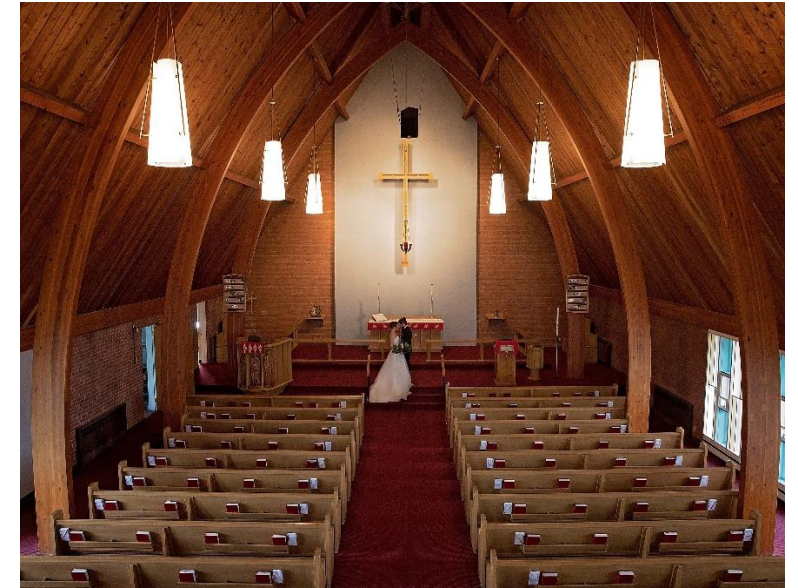
Nov 14 Quilting & Knotting & Devotions

Dec. 12 Women's Christmas Dinner

Social Committee - tbd

Service Committee - tbd

Property - tbd



Happenings to Take Note Of

**St. James Lutheran Church
1407 King Street St. Jacobs, ON**

St. James Evangelical Lutheran Church is a feature site of the wedding scene in St. Jacobs, Ontario. Watch for more photos like the one above from the "Marry Me in St. Jacobs" photo shoot with our partners at St. Jacobs Catering, <http://www.stjacobscatering.ca/venues#>.

St. James has a number of spaces available for rent and community use by organizations like:

The ChordSpinners www.chordspinners.com

St. Jacobs Sparks 1ststjacobs.blogspot.com.

the Round Dancers swosda.ca/events/swosda-round-dance-party/

Fall Happening in our Wider Lutheran Church

15-Sept. 2018 Doors Open - Martin Luther University College Drop In.

Begins at 9:00 AM

Drop into Martin Luther University College to view the recently completed \$9-million renovation and expansion! Guided tours of classrooms, gathering spaces and Keffer Memorial Chapel. Illustrated talk by Terry Montgomery, of Montgomery Sisam Architects, who led the renewal of the mid-century landmark. The open house will be part of the annual Doors Open Waterloo Region program.

22-Sept. 2018 Women's Auxiliary at the Seminary.

9:30 AM - 4 PM

The Women's Auxiliary Annual Meeting will take place on Saturday, September 22, 2018 at the new Martin Luther University College. Please contact Pauline by September 12th if you wish to attend. The Women's Auxiliary Waterloo Lutheran Seminary requests your continued support for our projects that support the educational mission of our Seminary. The Auxiliary provides bursaries for the twelve-week Clinical Pastoral Education Program, (CPE) that is a requirement for those preparing for ordination, as well as other projects that support the educational mission of our Seminary. *Please make your cheque payable to St. James Lutheran Church.* The total amount received will be forwarded to the Women's Auxiliary. Your contribution will be receipted with your year-end church charitable donations. You may use the envelopes provided above the mailboxes or designate your offering on your envelope as Women's Auxiliary WLS.

22-Sept. 2018 Compassionate Care Conference by the Two Rivers Ministry Area at Mt. Zion, Waterloo.

RSVP lunch \$15.

10 AM - 3 PM. Register at fodresponse@gmail.com

This Conference will bring together speakers and congregants who would like to see improvements in the Continuum of Compassionate Care ministries offered to local congregants (and the community) by our Lutheran churches. Presentations and discussions will address the topics of: Parish Nursing, Health Councils, Stephen Ministries, Home Communion, Friendly Visitors, Parish Pastor Visits, Glebe Counselling

Services and Hospice Care. Congregations from across South-Western Ontario are requested to participate to explore and enable partnership opportunities like cost-sharing a Parish Nurse, group training for Stephen Ministers. This day is particularly attentive to the National Church Faith Order and Doctrine (FOD) paper on *Public Ministry in the ELCIC* that calls for us to be collaborative, nimble, partnered, interconnected for Church and the World with a more robust affirmation of the Laity as an Order of Ministry.

26-Sept. 2018 FOD Introduction - Adult Ed Two Rivers MA at St. James.

7:00 PM. Register at fodresponse@gmail.com

Featuring Parish Educator Jackie Nunns, this Adult Ed Session will be an introduction to the Faith Order and Doctrine Paper called *Public Ministry in the ELCIC*. The Paper is the final in a series that has helped us as ELCIC Lutherans to transition from being an inward-focused pastor-centered Church to one of collaborative ministers (ordained, consecrated and laity) working together in God's mission which is in and beyond congregations and churches. Documents of the past include and [Public Ministry in the ELCIC – A Preliminary Draft](#) (2018), [Orders of Ministry Study Guide](#) (2016), [faithorderdoctrine/documents/FOD-May2014.pdf](#) (2014).

2-Oct. 2018 FOD Response to National Church – Adult Ed Two Rivers MA at St. James.

7:00 PM Register at fodresponse@gmail.com

Enlivened by Rev. Dr. Peter Kuhnert, this Adult Ed Session will enable the gathered to prepare their thoughts to send back to the ELCIC National Church Council through the Faith Order and Doctrine Committee. Using the kind of Adult Education approach used during the Medical Assistance in Dying Adult Ed Sessions at St. James in St. Jacobs. The gathered will have a chance to ponder, discuss and formulate feedback our Church leadership should hear.

18-Oct. 2018 Glebe Centre Breakfast.

8:00 AM. "The Wisdom of Grief" by David Maginley. Here is an excerpt from David who has presented at more than 500 events in the last 25 years, "As a spiritual counsellor, I support hundreds of patients and families at a major cancer center.

I've also survived cancer four times, and had a near-death experience. This has left me profoundly grateful for my life, with a deep sense of purpose in supporting others in their spiritual journey. I know what it's like to have cancer from both sides of the hospital bed and have a sense of this life from both sides of the veil." www.davidmaginley.com/speaking-and-media-engagements/ accessed July 11, 2018. Last year St. James we hosted our Refugee Committee clergy to the breakfast.

St. James Fall Happenings

Congregational Council

Table Talks Sept. 23, 2018. Right after Worship.

Potluck or light lunch tbd.

Pr. Karen will lead the congregation in a Table Talk gathering. This event is a continuation of the "Hopes and Dreams" Conversations that began in February 2018. This time of reflecting and planning together was scheduled for the Spring but was snowed out. Budget Sunday has already been scheduled for November 18.

Learning Team

Adult Education, Meditative Walk, Beatitudes Retreat and Advent Bazaar. This Fall members of the Learning Team will be hosting a number of initiatives including Adult Ed Sessions on September 26 and Oct 2, a Meditative Walk in October, a full day retreat on the Beatitudes in November, and of course, the Advent Bazaar on December 1.

Children, Youth & Young Adults, Confirmation

August 13-August 20 is a big week in Children and Youth Ministry for St. James. We co-host St. Jacobs VBS in the Village, and the St. James CLAY Group will be in Thunder Bay for CLAY Threads, the National Canadian Lutheran Anglican Youth event. On Saturday October 13 the Youth & Young Adults will host the rescheduled Fun(d)raiser to help pay for their trip (it was snowed out in Spring). The re-scheduled evening will be a "St. James Potluck" with donations to pay for CLAY expenses. On Sunday morning in worship, the Youth & Young Adults will preach & preside followed by a CLAY & VBS Learning Café Q&A.