

## HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

### Palm Sunday: April 1

On April 1, we will celebrate Palm/Passion Sunday with readings on the day of Christ's triumphant entry into Jerusalem and his crucifixion which followed.

- Worship with Communion at 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. (we begin in Henricks Park with Palm Procession)
- SNL at 5:00 p.m.

### Maundy Thursday: April 5

- Service of Holy Communion at 7:00 p.m.

### Good Friday: April 6

- The Colors of Grace - Choir Cantata
- Worship at 7:00 p.m.

### Easter Resurrection Sunday: April 7

- Worship with Communion at 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.
- Potluck Easter Breakfast between services.
- Easter Egg Hunt for Kids at 10:15 a.m.



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## ST. JAMES NATURAL CHURCH DEVELOPMENT BEGINS

The St. James Natural Church Development team (NCD) has begun its important work as our congregation considers the challenge to grow and change in order to meet the needs of the membership and surrounding community. Several questions may come to mind and its time to engage you as we progress through this proven process designed to help congregations grow in several different ways. This process is based on a premise that growing and declining churches vary significantly in eight quality areas.

These areas are:

- \*Empowering leadership
- \*Gift-oriented ministry
- \*Passionate spirituality
- \*Functional structures

- \*Inspiring worship services
- \*Holistic small groups
- \*Need-oriented evangelism
- \*Loving Relationships

How does St. James stack up in these areas? Well, we don't really know, yet. And so in the next several weeks approximately 30 active members will be asked to participate in a survey to assess these factors. While initial participation might appear to be somewhat limited, after identifying our strengths and weaknesses, we will move into a phase where there will be additional opportunities for involvement. Gary Whittier, leads the team that includes Renee Knopf, Heather Scott, Michael Cook, Fred Barth, Rachel Schumaker-

McNabb, David Leip, Rick Nofsinger and Sue Tarkka. The team is privileged to pilot this process, and humbly asks for your prayers as we look out over uncharted waters.

Many of the concepts for church growth are rooted in agricultural analogies, which makes sense given the time and place our Lord and the first Christians walked the earth. John 15:5 comes to mind. ***"I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in me, and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing."***

The seeds are planted. May God be with us as we germinate, break new ground, and find new ways to grow and thrive together.

Sue Tarkka

#### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

##### Delegates Needed

We need one man and one woman to be delegates for the **Synod Assembly to be held June 1 to 3 in Overland Park**. If you are interested, please see Hank Guggenmos. St. James is pleased to announce that **Marvin & Candace McNabb** will also be going.

##### Holy Week

Looking for meaningful ways to observe Holy Week with your family? Read our suggestions on Page 2.

## FAMILY ACTIVITIES FOR HOLY WEEK

Just as the Advent wreath gives children a better understanding of the spiritual meaning of Christmas, setting your table with Easter symbols can illustrate the events of Holy Week. Collect simple household items that depict the events surrounding Christ's death and resurrection. At family worship around the table use Bible passages to further explain what happened during Holy Week.

### **Palm Sunday**

Place a palm leaf, fern frond or even a green paper leaf in the center of a table. The table itself, representing the one where Christ served his disciples the Last Supper, can be your dining table or another space reserved for these symbolic objects. Read from John 12:13. *"So they took branches of palm trees...."*

### **Monday**

Add a small bowl of water with a folded napkin or towel. Read John 13:5.

*"...and Jesus began to wash the disciples' feet and wipe them with the towel."* Talk about the humility and service that Jesus showed by these acts.

### **Tuesday**

Place on the table a picture or molded clay figure of praying hands. Read Luke 22:41. *"And he withdrew from them about a stone's throw and knelt down in prayer." Sing "Sweet Hour of Prayer."*

### **Wednesday**

Add a picture or ceramic figure of a rooster. Read Luke 23:61. *"...Peter, the cock will not crow this day until you three times deny that you know me."* Fear of personal reprisal, Peter's reason for denying Christ, is still a reality for Christians. Conclude by praying together or singing a verse from the hymn, "Stand up, Stand up for Jesus."

### **Thursday**

Make a crown of thorns by twisting rough twigs, a rose stem or weed stalks

together. Take turns feeling the crown before it is placed on the table. Emphasize that this symbol of power and royalty was used to mock Jesus. Read Mark 15:17. *"...and plaiting a crown of thorns, they put it on him."* Sing or repeat the words to "Oh, Sacred Head, Now Wounded."

### **Friday**

Make a small cross of sticks. Read Luke 23:26-33. *"And when they came to the place which is called the Skull, there they crucified him."* Explain that Christ chose the way of suffering to show love for us. Sing or repeat together the words to the third stanza of "Oh, Sacred Head, Now Wounded" which begins, "What language shall I borrow to thank thee, dearest friend...."

### **Saturday**

Gather around the table filled with Holy Week symbols. After a period of silent meditation, join hands and sing the spiritual, "Were You There?"

### **Easter**

Place a lily or other blooming plant in the center of the other symbols. Read John 11:25. *"I am the resurrection and the life..."* Center discussion around the lily bulb that is buried in dirt but which grows into a beautiful plant in the spring. Compare Christ's burial and resurrection with the lily. Use this time to separate the Christian from secular observance of Easter. Conclude the Holy Week family worship by singing one of the joyful Easter hymns.

*Joy dawned again on Easter Day, the sun shone out with fair array, when to their longing eyes restored, The Apostles saw their risen Lord.*

*O Jesus, King of gentleness, Do thou thyself our hearts possess that we may give thee all our days the willing tribute of our praise.*

(5th century Latin carol)  
For Parents, Mar-Apr 1982



## NOTES FROM THE PASTORS

### **Grub Saturday's Coming!**

Make plans to help clean up and fix up the church and grounds on **Saturday, April 21 from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.** We have much to accomplish and jobs range from no skill to high skill. There will be a list posted in the Narthex shortly! We need you to help! (Rain Date: April 28)

### **We Want Bibles**

Do you have a bible that has a unique design or history to it? AIM Committee would respectfully ask you to let us use it in our planned Bible Exhibit this spring. It is interesting to observe how the same beloved stories and lessons may be pre-

sented in a variety of versions and settings. Please contact **Rachel McNabb, Carol Noland or the church office** if you have a Bible that we may exhibit.

### **St. James Wear**

Our Monogrammed shirts will be available again for Sale during the month of April. Shirts will go on Sale **April 1, 15, and 22** after services.



### **Committee Reports**

All yearly committee reports for the May Congregational Meeting are due to the church office **by Sunday, April 22**. Please have the reports typed and copy ready (or e-mail the reports to

David at the church office). NOTE: David's e-mail address is [sec@stjameskc.org](mailto:sec@stjameskc.org).

### **Clay County Clothes Closet Clothes Clear-Out!**

(Say that fast 6 times!) We will have our annual Clay County Clothes Closet clothes collection drive on **April 15, 22, and 29**. The CCCC serves Northland residents that need a little help. You can donate clothes that you wore, but no longer wear, or new clothes that you just would like to donate. They have many needs, such as shoes, jeans, shirts, and underwear for school age children, along with needs for adults.



## NEWS IN BRIEF

### **Spring Graduations**

We would like to list, in the June Servitor, those family members who will be graduating this Spring.

Please call or e-mail the information to the church office **by May 15**.

### **ReStore/Surplus Exchange**

**Habitat ReStore** accepts donations of used building materials and fixtures, and **The Surplus Exchange** accepts donations of used furniture and electronics.

You can call Habitat ReStore at (816) 231-6889. The Surplus Exchange can be reached at (816) 472-0444.

Recycling or reusing old items is good for people and the environment for many reasons. Please do what you can to find new uses for your old things.

### **Senior Games**

The next dates will be **Monday, April 9 and 23, at 1:00 p.m.** Anyone is welcome to come and join in on the fun! Please bring a snack to share!

### **Preschool Scholarships**

In partnership with our preschool, St. James has committed to awarding scholarships to help qualified, low-income families to send their child to our preschool.

Would you be willing to sponsor a child for April and May? The cost is \$30 per

student per month and there are 4 students who need assistance. That's only \$120 per month. Are you willing to help?

Please earmark your donation "Preschool". If you have any questions, please see one of our pastors.

### **Employment Assistance**

The Employment Assistance Support Group meets on the **1st & 3rd Tuesdays of each month from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.** at St. James. Anyone is welcome to attend! Please encourage your relatives, friends and neighbors.

### **Simply Giving**

If you are new to St. James, or are already giving through the Simply Giving program, and wish to make any changes in the dates, bank name or amount of your pledge, please remember to fill out a new form each time. Then give it, along with a voided blank check, to David in the church office.

Simply Giving helps you conveniently and consistently contribute to St. James, a Lutheran institution or pay tuition at a Lutheran school. Your gifts are made through a preauthorized withdrawal from your bank account on the same day it is withdrawn from your account—at no cost to you or the recipient.

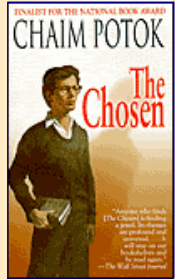


### **St. James Book Club**

The Book Club List for 2007 is available in the narthex.

The selection for the next meeting, on **Monday, April 16, at 7:00 p.m.** will be ***The Chosen*** by **Chaim Potok**.

Everyone is welcome to join the book club anytime. If you have any questions, please contact Barb Buehrer at (816) 734-7192.



### **DIRECTORY CHANGES**

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## PARISH BULLETIN BOARD

### **Our Thoughts and Prayers**

Our sympathy is extended to the following:

- Phyllis Shaft and this congregation in the death of **Jerry Shaft**, husband and former pastor
- Eric Davison in the death of his friend, **Curt**
- Michael Cook in the death of his sister, **Rosalie Burris**

May God offer them comfort at this time.

### **God's Blessings**

God be with **Ashlyn Nichole Vaughn**, daughter of Nichole & Travis Vaughn, as she grows in our church of faith. She was baptized March 25.

### **Congratulations...**

...to **Phillip Surprenant** for receiving the God and Family Religious Award for Boy Scouts. Phillip received this award at a ceremony on April 1.

## ANNUAL GARDEN PARTY JUST AROUND THE CORNER

This year's Saint James Garden Party will be **June 17**. After the flower show, we'll be treated to brats, hot dogs, and potluck dinner at the Pastor's home (you bring the potluck part).

If you want your home on display, call Glenn Bray (816) 454-8919. Look for the Garden Party schedule in the narthex prior to the event.



## AUTISM AWARENESS WALK

Saturday, April 14 marks the fourth annual walk for Autism Awareness in Kansas City. I'm interested in forming a team to participate in the walk. This year it will be 2 miles at United Village in Lee's Summit.

According to Autism Society of America recent studies show that 1 in 150 children are diagnosed as having an Autism Spectrum Disorder. My son, Stephen who is 16, has autism. My life has changed because of him, the challenges and the blessings. Most people don't understand the different types of Autism Spectrum Disorders and the struggles with communications that children and adults face daily. Yet, it's

the leading developmental disability today around the world.

The two goals of the autism walk are to provide public awareness for autism spectrum disorders and to help fund programs throughout the Kansas City community such as: *the Sherwood Center, Johnson County Autism Society*, workshops for teachers and community support groups. Recent cuts in various programs have affected families with special needs children. The money raised helps fill this need.

If individuals or families are interested in becoming part of the team or pledging, there is a sign-up

sheet in the back of the church. Pledges may be raised up until the day of the walk. I will provide the pledge sheets. The morning of the walk we can meet together and car pool over. **Last year we raised \$1,420!**

Come and join us, even if you don't have time to raise pledges, and learn more about autism and recent advances affecting those with this disability. Hopefully some day they will find the truth where autism comes from. Thank you for your support!

If you have any questions about the walk, please contact Vicki Catt at (816) 468-7098 or e-mail [vcatt@kc.rr.com](mailto:vcatt@kc.rr.com).

⇒ **Support for Autism Awareness Walk**  
⇒ **Brief update on Summer plans**

## Family Matters

Hard to imagine, but the school year is already winding down. Plans are pretty much finished for the summer.

Five adults and Five high school Junior Leaders will lead 18 Middle School students to Sky Ranch on Saturday, June 9th. We will return Saturday, June 16th in the evening. Sky Ranch is always a great trip, plenty of walking about and exciting programs to help develop our life of faith.

The New Orleans trip for Senior High students remains a little unfirm. As I write

this, we have had 3 admission packets returned. This trip requires the packets—so more are needed before our deadline, or the trip will have to be re-evaluated. Things may have changed by the time this article is in your hands, so please call the church office if you are wondering about this trip.

The Senior High plans to go to the "Dead Sea Scrolls exhibit" before it



leaves Union Station. We plan to go Sunday afternoon, April 29th. Please call Pastor John to reserve your space, as advance tickets are mandatory.

*Middle Schoolers* please be watching the Family Matters area of the Servitor each month. We'll be planning a couple of fun events to take you away from your SonytendoSPP game boxes for a couple of hours!

## FOUR TO QUAKE

At this writing, 4 middle school students are signed up for the Youth Quake in Omaha on Friday, April 20 through Sunday, April 22.



APRIL 2007

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>PASSION/PAM SUNDAY 1</b> 8:30—Communion 9:45—Adult Education—Bible Study with Pastor John and Report from Jamaica Partners Sunday School 11—Communion 5—Sunday Night Live 6:20—SERMs (High School) - Dinner Out 6:20—Youth Planning Team	<b>2</b> 7—Church in the World Meeting	<b>3</b> 6—Employment Assistance	<b>4</b> 10—Project Group 3:15—Staff 5:45—Junior Choir 6:30—NO Confirmation 7:00—Adult Choir	<b>MAUNDY THURSDAY 5</b> 9—TLC  7—Service with Holy Communion	<b>GOOD FRIDAY 6</b>  7—The Colors of Grace—Choir Cantata Service	<b>7</b> 9—Easter Decorating
<b>EASTER SUNDAY 8</b> 8:30—Communion 9:45—Potluck Easter Breakfast 10:15—Easter Egg Hunt for Kids 11—Communion 5—Sunday Night Live	<b>9</b> 1—Senior Games 7—Church Council	<b>10</b> 7—Property Committee	<b>11</b> 10—Project Group 3:15—Staff 5:45—Junior Choir 6:30—Confirmation Class 7:00—Adult Choir	<b>12</b> 9—TLC	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>EASTER 2 CCCC 15</b> 8:30—Communion 9:45—Adult Education—Senior Health Issues Evangelism Meeting Membership Meeting Sunday School 11—Worship 3—Outside the Box 5—Sunday Night Live 6:20—SERMs	<b>16</b> <b>SERVITOR DEADLINE</b> 4—Susan Barrett Harlan Hockett Wedding 7—Saint James Book Club	<b>17</b> 6—Employment Assistance 7—Neola Circle Parish Education Meeting Preschool Meeting	<b>18</b> 10—Project Group 3:15—Staff 5:45—Junior Choir 6:30—Confirmation Class 7:00—Adult Choir	<b>19</b> 9—TLC 7—Stephen Ministry	<b>20</b> After School—Middle School to Omaha Quake through Sunday	<b>21</b> 9 am to 2 pm <b>GRUB SATURDAY</b> 
<b>CREATION CCCC 22</b> <b>CELEBRATION</b> 8:30—Communion 9:45—Sunday School Adult Education—“Ask the Doctor” 11—Communion 12—New Member Class 5—Sunday Night Live 6:20—SERMs	<b>23</b> 1—Senior Games	<b>24</b> 7:30—Worship & Music Meeting	<b>25</b> 10—Project Group 3:15—Staff 5:45—Junior Choir 6:30—Confirmation Class 7:00—Adult Choir	<b>26</b> 9—TLC	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 6—Shalom House
<b>EASTER 4 CCCC 29</b> 8:30—Communion 9:45—Sunday School Endowment Meeting Adult Education—Bill Stancil 11—Worship 1—Sr. High to Dead Sea Scrolls 5—Sunday Night Live 6:20—SERMs	<b>30</b>	CCCC MEANS CLAY COUNTY CLOTHES CLOSET COLLECTION	<b>SPREAD THE WORD            FOR HE HAS RISEN            ALLELUIA !</b>			

# Worship Assistants

Please try to find a replacement if you cannot attend, or call the church office. Thank you!

	April 1—8:30	April 1—11:00	April 5—7:00 Maundy Thursday	April 6—7:00 Good Friday	April 8—8:30	April 8—11:00	April 15—8:30	April 15—11:00
<b>Acolytes</b>	Katherine Cross Megan Unterreiner	Libby Verner Sara Boomgarden	<b>(2) Needed</b>		Micah Proctor Samantha Brunker	<b>(2) Needed</b>	Samantha Brunker Erica Brunker	Becky Verner
<b>Assisting Ministers</b>	Bob Bergin Gene Carbaugh	Mary Verner Maria Bradshaw	Bud Stracker Tom Ericksen		Bud Stracker Rachel McNabb	Jacob Lee Tom Ericksen	Pam Skripsky Vern Skripsky	Steve Moberg
<b>Common Cup</b>	Diane Laughlin	<b>Needed</b>	Diane Laughlin		Bobbi Stracker Marvin McNabb	Susan Bray Glenn Bray	Eva Husted	
<b>Ushers</b>	Bob Temperelli Luke Temperelli	Bud Stracker Norb Stracker	Barb Buehrer Bob Temperelli	Clare Temperelli <b>(1) Needed</b>	Ray Pinnick Lenna Taylor	Erin Catalano Taylor Podnola	Barb Buehrer Joyce Acton	Mary Verner Maria Verner
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Edna Barrett Kathie Burrichter	Donna Wrede Ken Wrede	The Temeperelli Family		Pam Skripsky Vern Skripsky	Clara Felton Melissa Felton	Karla Lee Karen Jennings	

	April 22—8:30	April 22—11:00	April 29—8:30	April 29—11:00
<b>Acolytes</b>	Luke Temperelli <b>(1) Needed</b>	Sara Boomgarden Tara Boomgarden	Phillip Surprenant <b>(1) Needed</b>	Libby Hill
<b>Assisting Ministers</b>	Dean Werner <b>(1) Needed</b>	Bobbi Stracker Gene Carbaugh	Carole Barth Fred Barth	John Hilderbrand
<b>Common Cup</b>	<b>Needed</b>	Kevin Acton	Bobbi Stracker	
<b>Ushers</b>	Bob Brunker Ed Acton	Lloyd Kerns Neva Locke	Marij Rupard Don Carsten	Bud Stracker Norb Stracker
<b>Altar Guild</b>	The Temperelli Family	The Boeke Family	Carol Noland Terry Noland	

## CHURCH STAFF      HOME PHONES

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**Organist/      Evelyn R. Mesley      816-833-2890**

**Choir Director**

**Preschool Director      Sherry Clark      816-808-1971**

## HOLLIS RENEWAL CENTER HOSTS EVENTS

The Youth and Family Day of Service at Hollis Renewal Center is **Sunday, April 15, from 12:00 to 5:00 p.m.** Food for all the volunteers will be served around 4:15 p.m. Please RSVP by April 12 to (913) 441-0451 so they can plan appropriate

work projects and have enough food. Projects include siding the new building, trail work, wood splitting, sealing picnic tables, and painting. Projects for all ages and skill levels.

### **Day Camps**

Hollis is offering two weeks of Day

Camp (June 11 to 15 and June 18 to 22) for area churches this year. The Day Camp is for elementary students (completed K - 5 by June). The Day Camps will be led by the camp staff of Nebraska Lutheran Outdoor Ministries and volunteers. Our

church staff has details about this week and registration forms. Cost is \$65 per person before June 1, \$75 after that. Call the Hollis office at (913) 441-0451 with any questions or visit us on-line at [www.holliscenter.org](http://www.holliscenter.org).



## THANK YOU FROM THE PROJECT GROUP

Dear Friends,

We, from the Project Group, give you, the donors of the wonderful sewing machines, a very heartfelt

THANK YOU. We are so grateful. The old machines seemed to

break down at the worst times and repairing was getting to be an expensive problem.

"Ask and ye shall receive." Never in our wildest dreams did we expect this overwhelming response. St. James is just the best in taking care of its own.

We will make the church and community proud by continuing to provide quilts, lap robes, baby blankets, stocking caps, etc. for the needy in our city.

God bless you for your support. It is always welcome. Thanks again.

Sincerely,

Joyce Acton  
Esther Bricker  
Maxine Cayce  
Shearon Goeller  
Neva Locke  
Gladys Scheelk  
Berniece Torgerson  
Lou Whittier

## FEINSTEIN CHALLENGE HELPING MLM FIGHT HUNGER IN KC

Last year MLM raised \$53,483 to stock and operate three food pantries at our Community Care Centers.

*WE NEED YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT TO KEEP OUR FOOD PANTRIES RUNNING SMOOTHLY!*

To qualify for the challenge, your donation must be for at least \$25.00 and dated before April 30, 2007.

Please make checks payable to **MLM** and mail to:

**3031 Holmes  
Kansas City, MO 64109**

Call MLM (816-931-0027) to donate with your VISA, MasterCard, or Discover Card.

Consider a food donation if you are not able to make a cash donation—MLM receives a "credit" of \$1.00 per item of non-perishable food received during the "challenge" time.

*Thank you for helping MLM serve more than 55,000 people in need each year!*

### **MLM Items for April**

- 1 Macaroni & Cheese; Jell-O
- 8 Bath Soap & Toilet Paper; Spaghetti
- 15 Peanut Butter & Jelly; Baby Food
- 22 Canned Fruit & Vegetables
- 29 Pork & Beans; Toiletries

### **Adult education for April**

- 1 Bible Study with Pastor John and report on Jamaica Partner's trip
- 8 Easter Breakfast
- 15 Senior Health Issues with Dr. Peter Holt
- 22 "Ask the Doctor" with Dr. Jeff (Chip) Luerding
- 29 Bill Stancil



## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- |                     |                   |                       |                       |                  |
|---------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|------------------|
| 1 Nathan Polichnia  | 5 Deb Gallant     | 14 Timothy Haggerty   | 20 Michael Crooks     | Kathy Surprenant |
| 2 Samantha Caloroso | 7 Marvin McNabb   | 15 Elizabeth Hill     | 21 Lauren Luerding    | 26 Lyle Stone    |
| Cassandra Crooks    | 9 Nicholas Bishop | Danae Von Glahn       | 22 Tom Bishop         | 27 Shane Hicks   |
| Dani Longworth      | 11 Joseph Dixon   | 16 Larry Meyer        | Brendan Johnson       | 28 Tim Feiertag  |
| 3 Maria Bradshaw    | Craig Layman      | 17 Carl Brockhoff     | 23 Jade Hanks         | Hanne Smallwood  |
| 4 Keith Kuhn        | 12 Jessica Blom   | 18 David Leip         | 25 Elizabeth Bradshaw | 29 Arlene Hover  |
| Bud Stracker        | Rachel McNabb     | Christopher Smallwood | Katherine Bradshaw    |                  |
| Kate Wallace        | Charlie Rome      |                       | Loren Holtz           |                  |

## CRISIS: AN EMOTIONALLY CHARGED TIME OF INSTABILITY DURING WHICH A CRUCIAL CHANGE OCCURS

The Chinese word for crisis is a combination of two characters: one for "danger," the other for "opportunity." This drives home the fact that every crisis, though it involves impending danger, also offers opportunities for personal or spiritual growth.

Stephen Ministers are trained to walk with you through the dangers of your crisis and help you find the opportunities God has in store for you.

If you would like more information on our Stephen Ministry, please contact Pastor Liz.



## NOW AVAILABLE: FAIRLY TRADED SNACKS FROM U.S. FARMERS!

Introducing three new Equal Exchange products, from small farmers with love:

- Roasted Salted Pecans
- Organic Tamari Roasted Almonds
- Organic Dried Sweetened Cranberries

Grown with care by small farmers here in the US, these snacks are available in resealable, 5 oz packages. Since 1986, Equal Exchange has been building Fair Trade by partnering with small farmer co-ops in Latin America, Africa and Asia. Now we are extending our model to family farmers, farm workers, and farmer co-operatives here in North America. Also we will start to carry Equal Exchange baking cocoa from South America. These snacks are available now in the Great Hall.

## INQUIRING MINDS?



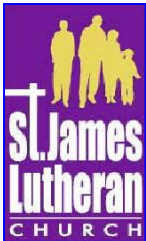
Wonder what it's like to be a member at St. James? Worship guests have an opportunity to learn in our **New Member Class** scheduled for **Sunday, April 22, from noon until 2:00 p.m.** Everything you want to know about St. James and Lutherans will be jam-packed into those two brief hours! Come and see!

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS



- Sunday, April 22 ..... New Members Class

Join us for one or more of our  
**Sunday Services:**  
**8:30 a.m.**  
**11:00 a.m.**  
**5:00 p.m.**



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**ST. JAMES IS A  
RECONCILING IN  
CHRIST  
CONGREGATION**

Saint James welcomes all of God's children with open arms; we embrace people of all colors, race, disability or economic background. Saint James welcomes persons of all sexual orientations and gender identities to share in the worship of God and the work of God's dominion.