

LIFE AFTER LOSS ...

...Grief Support Group is sponsored by NorthCare Hospice and led by Katie Schauer, LMSW, Bereavement Coordinator with NorthCare Hospice. This group will meet for six sessions beginning **Thursday, September 20 from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. at Antioch Community Church**, 4805 NE Antioch Road.

Anyone, regardless of age, who is mourning the death of a loved one or friend is welcome to attend. Come learn, listen, and share in a supportive environment.

Call the Shepherd's Center North Office at (816) 452-4536 or NorthCare Hospice at (816) 691-5119 to register.

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

SUPPORT: TO HOLD IN POSITION SO AS TO KEEP FROM FALLING, SINKING, OR SLIPPING



Support is something we all need. God gives us support through our Christian brothers and sisters. Let us all be sensitive to one another's needs and take time to support each other through prayers, phone calls, friendly chats after church, and even visits. Also, remember that we have Stephen Ministers who are willing to give their support. For more information about Stephen Ministry, please contact Pastor Liz. "When I said, 'My foot is slipping,' your love, O LORD, supported me." (Psalm 94:18)

St. James Book Club

The St. James Book Club meets **in the St. Timothy Room at 7:00 p.m. on the third Monday of each month**. We welcome people to join in every month or on an occasional basis. The club will discuss ***Seeing*** by **Jose Saramago** at their **August 20** meeting.

If you have any questions, contact Barb Buehrer at (816) 734-7192.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS



Sunday, September 2, 3:30 p.m. ReStart Homeless Dinner
Tuesday, August 7, 7:00 p.m. **Outside the Box (new time)**
Sunday, August 26, noon..... Hollis Family Art Fair
Wednesday, September 12, 6:30 p.m. . Confirmation Kick-Off Ice Cream Social
Sunday, October 14 CROP Walk
Sunday, October 28 **Confirmation Sunday**
Sunday, February 3, 2008 First Communion for 4th Graders



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WE WANT YOU FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL!

Calling all youth, teachers, and helpers -- it's time for another year of Sunday School! Our program kicks off on September 9. We'll be using a new curriculum, but as in previous years, it follows the church Lectionary. The teacher guides provide many creative ideas for leading each lesson.

If you'd like to be a classroom teacher, a classroom helper, a music helper, or a substitute teacher, please call David in the church office or Lori Harvey at (816) 734-5507.

Rally Sunday

Please join the Education Committee between services on September 9 for our Rally Sunday breakfast to start the Sunday School year. We'll introduce the teachers, explain the Sunday School program a bit, and help everyone find their classrooms, especially those new to St. James or Sunday School. If you would be willing to furnish a breakfast item that morning (egg casserole, fruit tray, rolls, juice), please contact David in the church office or Lori Harvey at the number above.

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TUNE UP THE PIPES!



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**SAINT JAMES IS A
RECONCILING IN
CHRIST CONGREGA-
TION**

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.

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Time to get back in the groove of singing. Warm up those vocal chords and come to choir. We have a great choir at Saint James, but in order for it to stay that way, **we need you!** Whether you are an adult or a child in 3rd through 8th grade, singing in the choir is one of the most service-oriented ways you can participate in the worship of the church.

You don't need to have a solo-quality voice - you just need to come and work with us. We work on parts in rehearsal and give you time to learn your part. Typically, the adults alternate between the early and late services, following the schedule of communion. On feast days, we sing at both services. It's a great group to be part of!

Adults:

Wednesdays, 7:00 to 8:30 pm beginning September 5.

Junior Choir:

Wednesdays, 5:45 to 6:30 pm beginning September 19.

This gives you time to go straight from choir to confirmation class.

See you there!



SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

Pastors' Vacation

August 21–Sept 4

Pastor Donna Simon will be on call while the pastors are on vacation. Her phone number is (816) 525-8713. Her cell is (816) 419-5575.

Senior Games

The next dates will be **Monday, August 13 and 27, at 1:00 p.m.** Anyone is welcome to come and join in on the fun! Please bring a snack to share!

SEPTEMBER BRINGS A WOMEN'S RETREAT AT HOLLIS

Mark your calendar for a day of knitting and spiritual reflection on **Saturday, September 29, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Hollis Renewal Center.** The \$25 fee includes workshops, yoga, lunch and snacks.

Even if you are not a knitter, come and enjoy fellowship with others in a beautiful, serene setting. A variety of workshops will be offered for those who want to learn to knit or improve skills. The day will include

devotions by Pastor Noni Strand (campus minister at Bethany College in Lindsborg), knitting workshops, an opportunity to explore the beauty of Hollis Renewal Center and an introduction to Yoga. Resources for charitable knitting, including MLM, will be provided as well as information about prayer shawl ministries.

Call or e-mail Kris Cross after July 15 for registration information at (913) 780-2916 or knitster10@gmail.com.

BACK TO SCHOOL PROJECT

Dear St. James,
Thank you so much for supporting the Back to School program this year. All of your help was greatly appreciated.

Most of the school supplies have been purchased, but now comes the fun part: putting them together. Due to many scheduling conflicts, the assembly will take place on August 13, which is a Monday, and also happens to be the night before the fair. We will be setting up the supplies from 2:00 to 4:00, and will start filling the backpacks at 7:00 p.m.

We would love if you would come out and help us fill 250 backpacks to give to students in the North Kansas City School District.

Thank you again for your help. Hope to see you on the 13th. If you have any questions please call Hannah Proctor at (816) 455-0480, or find me at church!!!

Thanks,
Hannah Proctor

P.S. The money collected has been used to buy school supplies needed



to fill 250 backpacks for kids in need in the Northland. Thrivent pledged \$500 in matching funds that has gone to buy scientific calculators for the kids in advanced math courses. Wal-Mart donated a \$25 gift card to the project.

A BIG THANK YOU TO THE EMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE GROUP

This letter was sent by a woman recently helped by Lloyd Kerns, a member of the Employment Assistance Group.

I want to say thank you for your help and assistance.....I start Monday 7-16-07, 11:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m., perfect hours for me....

I really appreciate your help. The job assistance program is a wonderful blessing to those wanting to help themselves, because you do everything you can to help. I



DIRECTORY CHANGES

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FAIR TRADE SNACKS FROM U.S. FARMERS

St. James members know by now that we are offering three new snacks from US farmers through Equal Exchange. But exactly how does this fit into our Fair Trade mission and what is the special connection for us as Interfaith Program customers?

"Our goal is to 'Bring Fair Trade Home'," says Erbin Crowell, Domestic Fair Trade Program Manager at Equal Exchange. Equal Exchange's roasted pecans, for example, are grown and shelled in southwest Georgia by the members of the Southern Alternatives Agricultural Co-op (SAAC), a co-operative of African-American farmers and workers. A group of devoted women kept the operation alive for years when it was difficult to find a committed buyer for their products. Once Equal Exchange, SAAC and the Federation of Southern Co-operatives (FOSC) decided to build a partnership together, a grant from Equal Ex-

change and additional support from Oxfam America helped to refurbish equipment. FOSC's SW Georgia office, the Southwest Georgia Project for Community Education and the Southern Rural Black Women's Initiative provided crucial organizational assistance to SAAC. Equal Exchange supplied business, financial and marketing support, and an additional fair trade premium.

Since the new snacks were launched in mid-February by Equal Exchange, over 300 congregations (including St. James) and other Interfaith customers have already ordered more than 2,000 pounds of fairly traded pecans, almonds and cranberries from U.S. farmers! Together, we are creating a more just, sustainable and democratic food system around the world and here in our own backyard.



BOOK CLUB SCHEDULE FOR 2008 IS SET

The 2008 St. James Book Club Schedule is as follows:

Jan. 21:

CURIOUS INCIDENT OF THE DOG IN THE NIGHT-TIME: Mark Haddon (Adult

April 21:

GLASS CASTLE: A MEMOIR: Jeanette Walls (Adult Service)

May 19:

YEAR OF MAGICAL

August 18:

CRASHING THROUGH: Robert Kurson

September 15:

WATER FOR ELEPHANTS: Sara Gruen

January, 2009:

THOUSAND SPLENDID SUNS: Khaled Hosseini (Adult Services)

Alternates

1. THE KNOWN

to those wanting to help themselves, because you do everything you can to help. I thank God for guiding me to the program & for your help. I know your time is valuable, but yet you take time to help others. You helped me find my confidence again. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for your help & assistance. I'll never forget your kindness & help.

May others out there in the world find the same blessings and guidance as I have thanks to you & the program. I hope we can touch base & keep in touch on my progress. God bless you & the program.

Again, Thank you!



NOTES FROM THE PASTORS

Bless the Animals

There will be a Bless the Animals planning meeting at **9:30 a.m. on Saturday, August 4**. Please bring your ideas!



nal, which will cover the

The Red Books are Coming!

The new hymnals, that is. The cost is \$25 per hym-

nal, shipping, dedication book plate and place-marking ribbons.

Members who wish to have a specific green hymnal (one dedicated to a loved one) may find their hymnal in the pews and take it home. Any other members who wish to have a green hymnal to keep may take one home starting August 19. We will begin using the new red hymnals on Sunday, September 9.

Art Fair at Hollis

Join Hollis for its Third Annual Family Art Fair **Sunday, August 26, from noon to 5:00 p.m.** The fair will include artists from local churches and the community, food, a kid's art shelter, and performing artist shelter.

There is no cost to attend, though some of the activities have a small charge. Food is available via concession.

If you are (or you know of) an artist who would like

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to participate, please call Hollis Renewal Center for more details at (913) 441-0451 or holliscen-ter@kc.rr.com.

Service)

Feb. 18:

BRICK LANE: Monica Ali
(Adult Service)

March 17:

MARCH: Geraldine
Brooks (Adult Service)

THINKING: Joan Didion

June 16:

KINDNESS OF STRANGERS:
Katrina Kittle

July 21:

SUITE FRANCAISE:
Irene Nemirovsky

PHANTOMS: Sara Gruen
(Adult Service)

October 20:

CRY THE BELOVED
COUNTRY: Alan Paton

November 17:

THIRTEEN MOONS:
Charles Frazier

1. THE KNOWN
WORLD: Edward P. Jones

2. THE BRIDGE OF
SAN LUIS REY: Thornton
Wilder

3. THIRTEEN MOONS:
Charles Frazier

HOW TO BYPASS THE IRS AND GIVE A GIFT BY TERRY NOLAND

The Pension Protection Act of 2006 represents a unique opportunity to support your favorite charity or ministry (such as St. James). The Act includes a variety of charitable giving incentives. If you are 70 ½ or over, you make a charitable gift of up to \$100,000 directly from an Individual Retirement Account (IRA) or Rollover IRA. There still remains one year (2007) to take advantage of gifting strategy.

Previously, if you took a distribution and donated it to a charity, it probably was an after-tax gift. Under the 2006 Act, the distribution will be excluded from the donor's taxable income. Also, with the IRA Charitable Rollover, the charitable distribution may be used to satisfy a portion or all of their required minimum distribution requirements.

Depending on each person's financial situation, such a strategy may accomplish the following:


- In the case of a gift to St. James, you could not only satisfy this year's pledge but you could also pre-pay next year's pledge.
- It gets 100% of the pre-tax rollover to the charity for its ministry.
- It moves assets out of your estate and may save on estate taxes.
- By excluding the amount of the donation from your Adjusted Gross Income (AGI), you get the same effect as a 100% deduction and may not get pushed into a higher tax bracket, as you might had it been included.

The key is the distribution must be an outright gift distributed directly from the

IRA trustee or administrator directly to the charity or ministry. This means that life income gifts such as charitable gift annuities or charitable remainder trusts are not eligible to be funded by an IRA distribution. Distributions from retirement accounts other than IRAs are also not eligible under the Act.

Each person's financial situation is different – you should consult your financial advisor or tax advisor to make sure this strategy is right for you. Another source you might consult with is:

Joyce "JP" Palmer
Director/ELCA Regional Gift Planner
Lutheran Planned Giving
Phone: (816) 861-6584
E-mail: jcpalmer49@aol.com

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Group	2 9—TLC	3	4 9:30am - Bless the Animals Planning 5:30pm - Church Council Picnic At Hank's
8 Group Church Team	9 9—TLC	10	11
15 Group	16 9—TLC 7—Stephen Ministry Meeting	17	18
22 Group	23 9—TLC	24	25 6—Shalom House
29 Group	30 9—TLC	31 	OUTSIDE THE BOX is on the move! First Tuesday at 7 pm in August. LAST Tuesday in the months to follow!



NEWS IN BRIEF

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.



PARISH BULLETIN BOARD

Just a reminder

The ReStart Homeless Dinner is to be served at ReStart on **Sunday, September 2**. If you have signed up to bring food, please have it to the church by

Our Thoughts and Prayers

Our sympathy is extended to the following:

- Doris Cetto and her family as she mourns the death of her daughter, **Katie Cetto-Ruwe**.

MLM Items for August

- 5 Macaroni & Cheese; Jell-O
- 12 Pork & Beans; Spaghetti
- 19 Peanut Butter & Jelly; Baby Food
- 26 Canned Fruit & Vegetables

Adult education for August

- 5 Homeless Sunday “The Power of One” — Sue Vicory
- 12 ELCA Sexuality Study—Pastor John
- 19 ELCA Sexuality Study—Pastor John
- 26 Parish Health Ambassador Program
- 9/2 Fellowship and Coffee



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

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|--------------------|-----------------------|
| 2 Amie Coe | 18 Mallory Cartwright |
| Evan Todd | Nancy Kearns |
| 3 Nicholas Johnson | 19 Tiffany Owens |
| 4 Melissa Felton | 20 Ann Mitchell |
| 6 Patrick Tierney | 21 Rebecca McNabb |
| Peter Tierney | Amanda Pierce |

AUGUST--2007

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
<p>THE PASTORS WILL BE ON VACATION FROM AUGUST 21 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 4. PASTOR DONNA SIMON WILL BE ON CALL. HER HOME PHONE NUMBER IS: 816-525-8713. HER CELL PHONE NUMBER IS 816-419-5575.</p>			
<p>5</p> <p>PENTECOST 10</p> <p>8:30—Communion</p> <p>9:45—Education— The Power of One with Sue Vicory</p> <p>11—Communion</p> <p>5—Sunday Night Live!</p>	<p>6</p> <p>11—College Student Brunch</p> <p>7—Church in the World Meeting</p>	<p>7</p> <p>6— Employment Assistance</p> <p>7—Outside the Box</p>	<p>10—Project G</p> <p>1—Staff</p>
<p>12</p> <p>PENTECOST 11</p> <p>8:30—Worship</p> <p>9:45—Education—ELCA Sexuality Study</p> <p>9:45—Stewardship Meeting</p> <p>11—Communion</p> <p>5—Sunday Night Live!</p>	<p>13</p> <p>1—Senior Games</p> <p>2 to 4—Back Pack Filling</p> <p>7—Back Pack Filling</p>	<p>14</p> <p>7—Property Committee Meeting</p>	<p>10—Project G</p> <p>1—Staff</p> <p>SERVITOR DEADLINE</p>
<p>19</p> <p>PENTECOST 12</p> <p>8:30—Communion</p> <p>9:45—Education—ELCA Sexuality Study</p> <p>11—Worship with Baptism</p> <p>5—Sunday Night Live!</p>	<p>20</p> <p>7—Book Club</p> <p>7—Constitution Revision Committee</p>	<p>21</p> <p>6— Employment Assistance</p> <p>7 - Neola Circle</p> <p>7—Education Meeting</p>	<p>10—Project G</p> <p>1—Staff</p>
<p>26</p> <p>PENTECOST 13</p> <p>8:30—Worship</p> <p>9:45—Education— Parish Health Ambassador Program</p> <p>11—Worship</p> <p>5—Sunday Night Live</p>	<p>27</p> <p>1—Senior Games</p>	<p>28</p> <p>7:30—Worship & Music Meeting</p>	<p>10—Project G</p> <p>1—Staff</p>

3:30 p.m. on September 2.

We Rejoice With...

- **Christopher & Leann Jurgens Walker** on their marriage here at Saint James on July 7.
- **Gary & Patricia Ratley Wright** on their marriage here at Saint James on July 7.

- Don Carsten and his family in the death of his wife, **Vivian Ellen Graves Carsten**.
- Donna Campbell, Shannon & Jeremy Huckins and their family in the death of their mother and grandmother, Carol Campbell. May God offer them comfort at this time.



DID YOU KNOW?

Pastor Liz makes regular communion calls to members of St. James who are shut-in. She also visits parents of members, when parents have moved to Kansas City and desire communion in their home. Please see her if you or a family member has a need for a pastoral visit.

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| Peter Henney | 22 | Amanda Pierce |
| Gary Whittier | 22 | Marcia Ritenour |
| Richard Wilson | 23 | Madelyn Cline |
| 7 Betty Hill | | Becky Verner |
| Claire Temperelli | 24 | Anna Wallace |
| 8 Steve Moberg | 25 | Robert Bergin |
| 10 Bob Gallant | | Natalie Cowper |
| 11 Karen Stover | | Ed Fenton |
| 12 Shannon Huckins | 27 | Ann Woody |
| Nickolas Luerding | 28 | Ryan Leip |
| Kent McConnell | | Thomas McConnell |
| 14 Natalie Blom | 29 | Marilyn Schweitzer |
| 15 Adele Sandstede | 30 | Cindy Sisler |
| 16 Richard Lister | 31 | Christopher Cline |
| 17 Thomas Bishop | | Corey McNabb |
| Cameron Crooks | | Carly Rosson |
| Karla Lee | | Danette Wilson |
| John Platel | | |

LIBERTY HOSPITAL HOSPICE

YOUR help is needed! This is an opportunity to help people in our community who are facing a life-threatening illness. Liberty Hospital Hospice is in need of caring individuals to be part of our hospice team, as volunteers. Volunteers are needed in a variety of roles, such as sitting with patients and families, and running errands. The time commitment is flexible, based on your availability.

For more information or to RSVP, please call Volunteer Coordinator Carmella Kovach or Hospice Coordinator Sandra Thibodeaux at (816) 407-2200.

Volunteers Orientation/Training is scheduled for:

Session #1 - Saturday, September 15 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Session #2 - Saturday, September

22 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

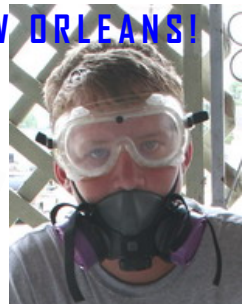
Session #3 - Saturday, September 29 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Attendance at all three sessions is required. Lunch and snacks are provided. The classes will be held at Liberty Hospital Education Center, Room #5.

Volunteers are angels with hands, instead of wings.

What a Summer! Here Comes Fall! Family Matters has News for All!

INTERGENERATIONAL GROUP RETURNS FROM NEW ORLEANS!



⇒ The Pictures
tell the stories!

SKY RANCH WAS GREAT!



Assistants

Please attend, or call the church office. Thank you!

	August 19 - 8:30	August 19 - 11:00	August 26 - 8:30	August 26 - 11:00
Cross zi	Sam Brunker Erica Brunker	Libby Verner	Micah Proctor	Becky Verner Alexander Carpenter
	Ed Acton Joyce Acton			Pam Kerns Adele Sandstede
cksen	Fred Barth Carole Barth	Steve Moberg	Sue Tarkka	Mary Verner Maria Bradshaw
D	Bobbi Stracker			
Royal dd	Barb Buehrer Ray Pinnick	Becky Verner Mary Verner	Marj Rupard Don Carsten	Lloyd Kerns Toby Proctor

CHURCH STAFF HOME PHONES

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Pastors Cell Phone Number 816-914-5148

Church Secretary David Killen 816-453-6265

Custodian Jack Miller 816-454-5366

st/Choir Director Evelyn R. Mesley 816-833-2890

Worship With Us



READ THE PARAGRAPH BELOW!

Free in Christ to Serve the Neighbor

This is the title of the 3rd draft of our Church's conversations on Human Sexuality. We will be looking at that statement in two Adult Ed Classes, **August 12 & 19**. The goal of these statements, in a Church as diverse as the ELCA, has been to draw people into conversation. We'll discuss with that goal in mind.

A copy of the statement on paper is always available in the Church office. There is also a copy in electronic form at www.elca.org/faithfuljourney/. We will take these two weeks to listen to what the study says - and doesn't say - and then to respond so that our voice is heard. I hope you'll be in attendance at these Adult Education sessions.

Check the calendar for important dates yet to come! **Confirmation** Starts September 12th! The **10th Grade class** is September 15th.

Outside the Box is *on the move* to Tuesdays!

The **LAST BRUNCH** for college age folks is August 6th at 11am.

The **YOUTH ROOM** MOVED! Whoa!

PJ will be teaching in High School Sunday School.



Summer Fun Strikes again!



Worship

Please try to find a replacement if you cannot

	August 5 - 8:30	August 5 - 11:00	August 12 - 8:30	August 11:00
Acolytes	Luke Temperelli Cassie Crooks	Ryan Mason Alexander Carpenter	Cordell Collins	Katie Cr Mufaro Siyakwa
Altar Guild	Carol Noland Terry Noland	Gail Snyder Connie Royal		The Hill Family
Assisting Ministers	Bobbi Stracker Bud Stracker	Gene Carbaugh Tom Ericksen	John Hilderbrand	Rachel McNabb Tom Eri
Common Cup	Eva Husted	Susan Seyboth		NEEDE
Ushers	Ed Acton Joyce Acton	Donna Wrede Ken Wrede	Ann Woody Richard Woody	Connie F Amy To

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