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CROP WALK 2007: HELP FOR A HUNGRY WORLD

"...when was it that we saw you hungry?" Matt. 25:37

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The 26th annual CROP WALK will be held on **Sunday, October 14 starting at 2:00 PM at Loose Park**. CROP WALK is sponsored by Church World Service, an ecumenical ministry of 36 Protestant, Anglican and Orthodox denominations, including the ELCA. CROP proceeds go to local (25%) and international (75%) efforts to fight hunger and poverty. Funds raised in Kansas City last year assisted refugees, provided emergency assistance to victims of natural disasters and supported development programs in more than 80 countries. In these foreign countries, CWS works in partnership with local organizations to support self-help development and address the root causes of poverty and hunger.

St. James' members have been participating since Kansas City's first walk in

1982, often ranking among the most supportive congregations. In 2006, St. James' team of 25 walkers earned \$4,206 for the CROP WALK, topping our 1987 record donation and making us one of top five congregations in Kansas City.

Let's help to meet the challenge again this year! Plan to participate by walking with us on October 14. You can choose from either a 3.5 or 5.5 mile route. If you are not able to walk, help by supporting our walkers with your donation. A CROP information table is located in the narthex each Sunday. If you would like to walk, registration forms will be available. If you are willing to support a walker with your donation, we can link you with a walker. For more information, call Cathy Stone at (816) 587-7993 or Toby Proctor at (816) 455-0480.

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

Service of Healing

There will be Services of Healing on **October 14**.

Bible Presentation

Bibles will be presented to 4th graders on **October 21**.

Wheelchair needed

Over the last couple of years, we have lost track of a wheelchair. If you have a wheelchair you would like to loan/donate to church, it's always nice to have one around. Please see a pastor if you'd like to make such a donation.



CHRIS CAKES PANCAKE BREAKFAST - STEWARDSHIP KICKOFF - OCTOBER 7

Please join us for our 2008 Stewardship Kickoff and a fun-filled Chris Cakes pancake breakfast. Pancakes will be flipping from 9:15 to 11:00 a.m.. We will have pancakes, sausage, coffee and juice. Some of you may have to catch your pancakes as they are flipped off of the grill. Hope to see you there!

GREAT ACTIVITY IN THE PAST YEAR!

Each year, Pastor John and Liz keep track of the new things that are done at St. James and new projects that have started. Here is our Year 12 at St. James:

- We celebrated Evelyn Mesley's 25th year at St. James with a reception, gift of money, and the installation of stained glass windows in the choir room.
- We purchased 1120 Davidson Court, the house next to the custodian's house.
- We rebuilt the pilaster after a truck

hit and damaged the brick, the flag pole, and guttering.

- A Boston Grand Piano was purchased and placed in the sanctuary.
- The food pantry was expanded in size and our outreach to feeding families from Winnwood Elementary School was expanded.
- We purchased new hymnals--the Evangelical Lutheran Worship book - and began using them in worship.
- Pastor John was elected Secretary/Treasurer of the Northland Ministerial Alliance.

- The Youth Room was moved to the old sewing room and the project group moved into the former pre-school room.
- We began work with the Natural Church Development Program, surveying 30 people from the congregation and working with the results presented to understand our weaknesses here and address them.

These activities happened with the efforts and vision of many people here at St. James. Thanks to all.



NOTES FROM THE PASTORS

Outside the Box

OTB has moved days, and we now meet on the 4th Monday of the month. **October 22** is our next meeting, and our starter discussion topic is "What makes an Inspiring Worship Service?"

Usher Meeting

There will be the annual Usher Meeting **on October 21**. All present and potential ushers are urged to attend the meeting between services.

Confirmation at St. James

On **11:00 a.m. on Sunday, October 28**, our Sophomores will affirm their Baptismal covenants before the congregation. This is a great day each year at St. James, and you are encouraged to worship with us that morning. Students, and their families are invited to attend the **Pre-Confirmation Breakfast on Saturday, October 27th, at 9:30 a.m.** in the Great Hall. This is your last chance to

ask questions and to learn about the service. Please call the office with an approximate number of folks you expect to come to breakfast by October 20. (Family, sponsors, etc., are all welcome!)

First Communion Classes and Celebration

First Communion students in the 4th grade (or older, if you missed out earlier) are invited to be instructed for First Communion.

Times and dates for the classes will be announced at a later date, however, these students will celebrate their First Communion **on Sunday, February 3**.

All New Evangelism Team

The All New Evangelism Team will meet in the St. Timothy Room at **7:00 p.m. on Monday, October 1**. If you are

interested in attending, please speak with PJ in the next couple of days!

Combined Meeting

The Arts in Ministry Committee, Property Committee and Narthex Improvement Subcommittee will meet together on **Tuesday, October 9, at 7:00 p.m.** to discuss the continuing work on our building's main floor. If you've been involved in the Narthex improvement work, please consider attending this communication building meeting.

Hollis Hike-a-thon

Have not been to Hollis Renewal Center for awhile? Come hike the trails on **Saturday, November 3, at 10:00 a.m.** for the first Hollis Hike-a-thon. Save the date for now – more details coming your way! For more information visit holliscenter.org.

The Power of One Event

You're invited to a major fund-raising event called "The Power of Each One Event" on **Saturday, November 3, at 5:00 p.m. at Starlight Theatre**. The evening includes a welcome reception, buffet dinner, program, and entertainment from The McFadden Brothers.

Ticket are \$75 per person or \$50 for seniors (over age 65). Watch for an upcoming invitation in the mail for information on making reservations or complete a reservation card at church.



WHO BENEFITS FROM STEPHEN MINISTRY?

Everybody benefits from Stephen Ministry. **Those receiving care** from Stephen Ministers benefit because they receive prayer and support throughout the crisis they face. **Stephen Ministers** benefit through the spiritual growth they experience from being involved in meaningful ministry. **Our pastors** benefit because caring ministry at St James is expanded, and fewer people slip through the cracks. Most of all, **you** benefit from the knowledge that special care is available to you should you need it. In addition, if you know a friend, neighbor, coworker, relative, or anyone else who is going through a difficult time, they can receive special care when they need it most. Stephen Ministry makes Saint James a much more caring place!

NEWS IN BRIEF

Nursery Attendant Needed!

Ideal position for a college student. A nursery attendant is needed for Sunday mornings and Sunday Night Live! Candidates must be at least 18 years old, responsible, patient, and enjoy working with young children. If you know someone who might be interested, please contact Pastor Liz, or Angie Hill at (816) 781-4020. This is a paid position.

Senior Games

The next dates will be **Monday, October 8 and 22** at 1:00 p.m. Anyone is welcome to come and join in on the fun! Please bring a snack to share!

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.

Save Those Soup Labels!

St. James collects Campbell soup labels and donates them to Spofford. Spofford provides preventative and therapeutic services by connecting child, family and community to achieve their potential. Please cut the UPC code and the picture of the little cook and place them in the container under the mailboxes just outside the Narthex.



Simply Giving

If you are new to St. James, or are already giving through the Simply Giving program and wish to change the dates, bank name or amount of your pledge, please remember to fill out a new form. 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 on the same day on the same day they are withdrawn from your bank account—at no cost to you or the recipient.

BackSnack/FamilyPack Food Program

Two years ago we asked for your financial support of our budding **BackSnack/FamilyPack** food program, which provided food for Winnwood Elementary students in need. We asked for what we believed would be needed to fill 20 backpacks for a year. At this time, we still have the money to fund this project!

We are now beginning our third year in this project and each year it has grown. Last

year we filled 30 backpacks with food provided by Harvesters, as well 30 additional backpacks for Winnwood families and 10 backpacks for Davidson families. Christ Temple North worked on this project with us and now they have their own food pantry and will be working with Davidson Elementary directly.

This year we have adopted three more schools and anticipate filling 32

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

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|----|--------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 | Megan Shaughnessey | Michael Cook |
| 2 | Kodie Dufoe | Scott Johnson |
| | Billie Johnson | Lorrie Rome |
| 3 | Sharon Grafelman | Amy Todd |
| | Lucille Williams | 17 Jason Scott |
| 4 | Mark Sherbo | 18 Herm Hagedorn |
| | Amanda Tierney | 20 Carolyn Guggenmos |
| 5 | Lloyd Kerns | 21 Pamela Kerns |
| 6 | Angie Anderson | Bri Polichnia |
| 7 | Sarah Cline | 22 Seth Davis |
| | Eunice Jungling | 24 Rita Thompson |
| | Jacob Lee | 25 Neva Locke |
| | Kasey Quinlain | Luke Temperelli |
| | Timothy Tierney | Nicole Vaughn |
| 8 | Will Seyboth | 26 Samantha Bender |
| 9 | Robin Gillespie | Kristi Cornette |
| | Janet Mason | Crighton Tierney |
| | Kim Simon | 27 Elizabeth Verner |
| 11 | Karin Shaughnessey | John Wilcox |
| 12 | Jeff Boomgarden | 28 Joshua Summers |
| | JoAnn Brewer | 29 Donna Wrede |
| | Tracey Johnson | 30 Brett Guggenmos |
| | Susan Seyboth | 31 Christopher Carpenter |
| 13 | Lori Harvey | Marianne Craft |
| 15 | Bob Temperelli | |
| 16 | Erica Brunker | |

Shepherd's Center Needs Volunteers

Shepherd's Center of the Northland is a community oriented, not-for-profit organization founded in 1990, affiliated with Shepherd's Centers of America. Shepherd's Center is dedicated to promoting the physical, mental and social well-being of older adults and assisting them in maintaining their dignity, continued productivity and independence.

They are looking for volunteers to assist with their transportation services taking their clients to their doctor and pharmacy. If this is something that you would like to do, please contact Christine Baum (Volunteer Coordinator) at Shepherd's Center of the Northland, (816) 452-4536.

Snackpacks provided by Harvesters, plus 30 FamilyPacks for Winnwood, 10 FamilyPacks for Linden West Elementary and 20 Family Packs for families at Antioch and New Mark Middle Schools. We are looking for other groups/churches that might be interested in partnering with us and working toward adopting one of these schools.

When resources become low we will ask again for

funding, but in the meantime, your help is needed in filling backpacks (which will be **every Thursday at 4:00 p.m. beginning October 4**) and delivering the backpacks to the schools **on Friday mornings**. If you have an hour on Thursday afternoons or Friday mornings, or if you know of a group who would like to get involved with a project like this one, let us know.

Family Matters

BURGER BLAST OFF THIS SATURDAY—SEPT 29

Saturday, September 29th, 5pm at St. James Lutheran Church the official start of the school year for **High School Students** of St. James. (9th—12th graders). We have the burger blast off on the north side of the church! It's food! It's fun! It's free! Three things that appeal to any High School student. Come along, bring a friend, no pressure, no hype, no salesman will call! See you there!



- ⇒ **Burger Blast Off**
- ⇒ Haunted Houses
- ⇒ Captive Free Retreat
- ⇒ New Orleans Discussion & Lunch

HAUNTED HOUSES FOR HIGH SCHOOL

Sunday, October 21st, at 6:15pm (right after Sunday Night Live) we will gather at St. James and carpool to the Haunted House of our choice. Ex-

pect to spend about \$20 for the haunted house. If we decide to have a meal out, expect to spend more.



CAPTIVE FREE RETREAT OCTOBER 5-7

Friday Night from 6pm until 8pm we will hang out at St. James, playing games and listening to the music of Captive Free. There is no charge for this evening. There will be

stuff to drink and there will be Pizza to eat. No small animals will be harmed during the concert. Saturday at 4:30 we will meet at Hollis Renewal center (maps available on

their website or from Pastor John. Hollis Renewal Center is in Bonner Springs, KS. almost directly south of the Racetrack.) Bring a sleeping bag, overnight stuff, change of clothes.

SEPTEMBER 30

Remember that after the 11 o'clock worship service we'll meet in the youth room or the great hall (depends on how many of us there are) to talk about further trips to New Orleans to work there. This involved ADULTS as well as High School students as this is an intergenerational ministry of St. James!

OCTOBER 2007

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 7—Church in the World Meeting 7—Evangelism Team Meeting 7—Finance Committee	2 6—Employment Assistance Meeting	3 10—Project Group 3:15—Staff 5:45—Junior Choir 6:30—Confirmation Class 7:00—Adult Choir	4 9—TLC 7—Stewardship Meeting	5 6 to 8 pm Captive Free	6 Captive Free Continues at Hollis at 4:30 pm
Pentecost 19 Stewardship Kickoff 8:30—Communion 9:30—Chris Cakes Pancake Breakfast 11—Communion 5—Sunday Night Live!	8 1—Senior Games 7—Church Council Meeting	9 7—Joint Meeting of the Arts in Ministry Property Committee Narthex Improvement Subcommittee	10 10—Project Group 3:15—Staff 5:45—Junior Choir 6:30—Confirmation Class 7:00—Adult Choir	11 9—TLC	12	13 9 to 12 Jamaica Partners
Pentecost 20 CROP WALK SUNDAY SERVICES OF HEALING 8:30—Worship 9:45—Adult Education 9:45—Sunday School 11—Communion 2—CROP WALK 5—Sunday Night Live!	15 SERVITOR DEADLINE 7—Saint James Book Club	16 6—Employment Assistance Meeting 7—Neola Circle 7—Parish Education Meeting	17 10—Project Group 3:15—Staff 5:45—Junior Choir 6:30—Confirmation Class 7:00—Adult Choir	18 9—TLC 7—Stephen Ministry	19	20
Pentecost 21 Bibles to 4th Graders 8:30—Communion 9:45—Adult Education 9:45—Sunday School 9:45—Usher Meeting 11—Worship 5—Sunday Night Live! 6:15—Haunted Houses—High School Only	22 1—Senior Games 7—Outside the Box	23 7:30—Worship & Music Meeting	24 10—Project Group 5:45—Junior Choir <u>NO CONFIRMATION CLASS</u> 7:00—Adult Choir	25 9—TLC	26	27 9:30— Pre-Confirmation Breakfast 6—Shalom House
Reformation Sunday 8:30—Communion 9:45—Adult Education 9:45—Sunday School 9:45—Joint Meeting of the Gifts & Memorial and Endowment 11—Sophomores Affirm Their Baptismal Covenants 11—Communion 5—Sunday Night Live!	29 7—Stewardship Meeting	30	31 10—Project Group 3:15—Staff 5:45—Junior Choir 6:30—Confirmation Class 7:00—Adult Choir	1 9—TLC	2	3

Worship Assistants

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

	October 7 8:30	October 7 11:00	October 14 8:30	October 14 11:00	October 21 8:30	October 21 11:00	October 28 8:30	October 28 11:00
Acolytes	Megan Unterreiner Phillip Surprenant	Elizabeth Bradshaw Katherine Bradshaw	Luke Temperelli	Phillip Surprenant NEEDED	Megan Unterreiner Libby Hill	Becky Verner	Samantha Brunker Erica Brunker	Libby Verner Sara Harvey
Altar Guild	The Sherbo Family	The Boeke Family		The Simon Family	Cathy Stone Christy Schliesman		Edna Barrett Kathie Burrichter	Gail Snyder Connie Royal
Assisting Ministers	Gene Carbaugh NEEDED	Tom Ericksen NEEDED	John Hilderbrand	Rachel McNabb Bobbi Stracker	Bud Stracker NEEDED	Mary Verner	NEEDED NEEDED	Tom Ericksen
Common Cup	NEEDED	Kevin Acton		Pam Bergin	Eva Husted		Bobbi Stracker	NEEDED
Ushers	Marvin Nuernberger Ray Pinnick	Bud Stracker Caryn Boomgarden	Toby Proctor Richard Woody	Connie Royal NEEDED	Ed Acton Joyce Acton	Ken Wrede Donna Wrede	Bud Stracker Don Carsten	Tom Schweitzer Mary Verner

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Worship With Us

ACTIONS FROM THE ELCA'S TENTH BIENNIAL ASSEMBLY

About 2,000 people, including 1,069 voting members, participated in the churchwide assembly of the ELCA, held August 6 to 11 in Chicago. The theme was "Living in God's Amazing Grace: Thanks Be to God!"

Presiding Bishop Mark Hanson Re-Elected

The Rev. Mark S. Hanson, 60, was elected to serve a second six-year term as presiding bishop. He begins his second term November 1. Hanson was first elected presiding bishop at the 2001 Churchwide Assembly and in 2003 he was elected president of the Lutheran World Federation and will serve in that role until 2010.

David Swartling Elected Secretary

David D. Swartling, 60, a Seattle attorney, was elected to a 6-year term as ELCA secretary. Swartling will succeed the Rev. Lowell G. Almen, who has been secretary since the ELCA was formed in 1987. Almen announced last year he would not seek a fifth term. He was presented the Servus Dei (Servant of God) Medal

PARISH BULLETIN BOARD

We Reioice With...

Josephine Lynn McConnell on her baptism, September 30, at SNL. She is the daughter of Kent & Mindy McConnell and sister to Thomas.



Congratulations

To Rob Bergin & Rachel Hover on their wedding on September 8.

Our Sympathy

Our Sympathy is extended to Don & Marie Summers as they mourn the death of her mother, Julia Klang.
Adele Sandstede in the death of her mother, Geri.
Pastor Merle Brockhoff & family in the death of Merle's father, Ervin.
The family of Jane Harlan in her death.
May God offer them comfort at this time.

at the assembly, given to churchwide officers who are completing their terms.

Assembly Encourages Restraint in Discipline of Congregations and Leaders

The Churchwide Assembly made no changes to ELCA standards for professional leaders, declining proposals that suggested specific policy changes. But the assembly asked its synods and bishops to "refrain from or demonstrate restraint in disciplining" people and congregations that call otherwise-qualified candidates in mutual, chaste and faithful committed same-gender relationships, and it called for restraint in disciplining rostered leaders in committed same-gender relationships. The proposal was adopted as a substitute for a recommendation of the Memorials Committee.

Following the decision, Hanson said, "These are words of counsel. They are not words that change the standards of the church. They reflect the mind of this assembly as it seeks to give counsel to the leaders of this church."

The Task Force for ELCA Studies on Sexuality is currently developing a social statement on human sexuality for consideration by the 2009 Assembly. Voting members referred to the task force memorials regarding same-sex blessings, ELCA clergy standards and other matters. The assembly added an amendment to its referral on clergy standards, directing the task force to "specifically address and make recommendations to the 2009 Churchwide Assembly on changes to any policies that preclude practicing homosexual persons from the rosters of this church."

"Book of Faith" Initiative

The assembly endorsed "Book of Faith: Lutherans Read the Bible," a 5-year initiative to promote study of the Bible. One recommendation stressed the importance of Scripture for believers "throughout the ages". Another gave specific suggestions for ways to "invite and encourage all members, expressions, institutions and partners of this church to commit themselves regularly and increasingly to hearing, reading, studying, sharing and being formed by God's Word."



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MLM Items for October

- 7 Macaroni & Cheese; Jell-O
- 14 Pork & Beans; Spaghetti
- 21 Peanut Butter & Jelly; Baby Food
- 28 Canned Fruit & Vegetables

Adult education for October

- 7 Chris Cakes Pancake Breakfast
- 14 Discussion of Constitution & By-Law Changes
- 21 Bible Study – Saints & saints
- 28 Reformation History with Ed Pedersen

KC MEN'S CHORUS COMING NOV. 4

The Arts in Ministry Committee is pleased to present an appearance of **The KC Metropolitan Men's Chorus** on November 4, at 7:30 p.m. St. James' Gene Carbaugh is a member of this fine group, which has a membership of approximately 90 men. It is directed by Noel Fulkerson who, along with the group, was featured in a recent KC Star Sunday Magazine.

The KC Metropolitan Men's Chorus appears throughout the metropolitan area and donates all offerings to a recipient named by the hosts of the concert. AIM has chosen Harmony Habitat for Humanity to receive the benefit of the concert here.

Remember November 4 as the date of a great concert for a great cause. A reception will be held immediately after the concert.



ARE YOU STARTING YOUR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING?

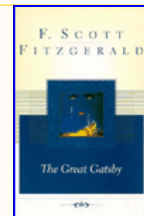
Don't forget to put the MLM Christmas Store on your shopping list! Gift collection will begin in St. James' narthex **on November 11** and they will be delivered to the MLM Christmas Store at Immanuel Lutheran in Westport **on December 2**.

There will be need for new gift items for all ages - especially teens and adults. Each item should be worth about \$10 to \$15. We'll also be collecting blankets and knitted items to give each of the families served. Watch for more details in next month's Servitor.

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 ***The Great Gatsby*** by **F. Scott Fitzgerald** at their **October 15** meeting. Also, the book list for 2008 is now available in the narthex.

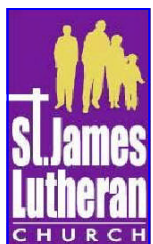
If you have any questions, contact Barb Buehrer at (816) 734-7192.



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

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- Sunday, October 14 CROP Walk
- Sunday, October 21 Usher Meeting at 9:45 a.m.
Bible Presentation to 4th Graders
- Sunday, October 28 Confirmation
- Sunday, November 4..... KC Metropolitan Men's Chorus
- Sunday, February 3, 2008..... First Communion for 4th Graders



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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.