

St James Book Club July 21—7pm

This month, the book club is reading *Suite Francaise* by Irene Nemirovsky . Everyone is welcome to join the book club anytime. If you have any questions, please contact Barb Buehrer at (816) 734-7192.

What's going on at St James This Summer?

• **June 28—July 5 the Intergenerational Group goes to New Orleans**

There we continue our work on rebuilding after the disaster of Hurricane Katrina. Our motto this year is: "Katrina was an act of *Nature*. We're here to be an act of *God*."

• **July 19-26 the High School students head north to canoe**

We'll spend a week paddling through the Boundary Waters Canoe Area, making camp, Cooking outdoors, and studying our relationship to God through the ways God provides for us.

• **July 9, 16, 23, 30 Summer Fun Nights**

Meet for food and fun in the Great Hall 6—7:30pm

• **August 10 Restart Dinner**

Watch the Narthex for Sign ups and more information.

The Employment Assistance Group

We meet the first and the third Mondays at 6 pm in St. Timothy's. If you need to find a job or a *better* job, we can help.

The Project Group meets every Wednesday at 10 am

Making Quilts for those in need—especially to be given through the Christmas Store of MLM.

TLC meets every Thursday morning at 9 am

Coffee and rolls first—and then the thousand and one fix-it jobs the church needs doing. If you can't hang around to work, we've never turned anyone away who just came for the donuts!

EVERY SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.—Traditional Lutheran Worship
this summer featuring *Now the Feast and Celebration!*
5:00 pm—*Sunday Night Live!* Join the St. James' Gang Band in preaching, praise and sacrament.

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Join Together

There will be a farewell brunch in honor of Pastor Liz and Pastor John on July 6th, their last Sunday of service to St. James. It will be a Pot Luck between the 8:30 and 11:00 services. You are invited to bring food to share—fruit, breads, juice, or a casserole



dish—and join together to say good-bye and thank you to Liz and John. If you have questions or would like to help, call Cathy Stone at 587-7993.

Pastors Elizabeth & John offer their resignations.



After nearly 13 years of service at St. James, Pastor John and Liz have offered their resignations. Their last Sunday at St. James will be July 6th.

While it may seem just like yesterday to some, many of the youth at St. James only know them as their pastors. When they arrived, their youngest child, Joseph, was 10. Remember him as a burst of energy and good will?

Pastors John and Liz express thanks for this time with you and are proud of the many programs begun while they have served St. James. The TLC group on Thursdays was formed, a third service, Sunday Night Live! was added, the food programs with schools were initiated. All of the work done has been a partnership with members.

The pastors offer a blessing to the St. James community as they leave and wish you God's blessings in the days ahead.

Meet St. James New Office Administrator

We welcome Janet SantaLucia as St. James' new Office Administrator. She started at St. James on Monday, June 9th. She moved to the Northland from Johnson Co. 11 years ago, and enjoys the area. She has a son who lives in Liberty with his family. Her husband, Dan, works at the Kansas City Star, where she also worked previously. She has four grandkids. She enjoys working on genealogy, writing, painting, gardening, and reading. Please stop by the office and introduce yourself to Janet.



Save the Date!

Sunday,
September 7,
2008

For the First Time
St James
Hand to Heart
Sale

Calling all artists, gardeners, bakers, woodcrafters, handcrafters.....

An idea is growing out of the Church in the World Committee, inspired by an article in "The Lutheran" (February 2008 "Women to Women" by Julie B. Sevig). Because of the stories shared in this article, we have been inspired to organize a sale of donated items from the hands, homes and gardens of church and community members to benefit chosen charitable organizations. The only rule is that items are homegrown or hand-made. Since our first event will be in early September, consider making something over the summer months! St James Hand to Heart can benefit from your ideas and help in many ways. Our next meeting will be Monday evening, June 30, 6:30 PM at St James. Please contact Susan Bray, plaidhearts@kc.rr.org or 816-454-8919 if you are interested in getting involved with St James Hand to Heart.



Back to School Project!!!

Well it's that time of year again. The time when we begin collecting supplies for the 11th annual Back to School Project. This

July— collect needed supplies.
August 3rd— Stuff the backpacks!

year MLM is distributing more backpacks than ever before. 520 children will receive a backpack and each family will receive a hygiene bag. This year St. James is responsible for filling 250 backpacks. Be-

cause of your great shopping skills, we already have a good number of backpacks filling the Back to School room, but we still need a lot more supplies to fill the 250 backpacks. Any little bit—school supplies or money— can help change the life of a child. We will be collecting during the month of July and backpacks will be stuffed on August 3rd. If you have any questions at all, please call Hannah Proctor at 455-0480.

Adult Ed Schedule

July 6—Farewell Potluck
July 13— Jobs
July 20—Mid Year Budget
July 27—Retirement Panel

What's Happening?

**The First St. James
Hand To Heart Sale!**

Adult Education Schedule

Thank You

Back to School Project

Thank you.

We see your good deeds and appreciate all that you do.

Thank you to Sarah Cline for providing table clothes for the St. James Café. It helps pull the room together.

—St. James

Thank you for all your prayers and the visits from Pastor Liz and Bob Bergin while Tom was in the hospital during his recent surgery.

— Ann and Tom Mitchell

Thank you to Carole Barth for planting the beautiful Geraniums. We all enjoy the added color.

—St. James

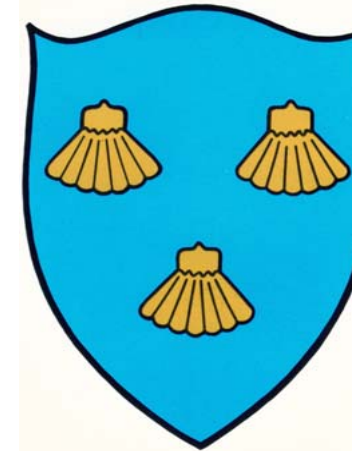
Thank you to Mary White. Years ago a young mother and her family snuck into the pew behind you and when her small child beamed a toy at the back of your head you welcomed them anyway. With kind words and a friendly smile each Sunday you taught that mother her child only acted her age, that perfection was not necessary from the child or herself. This is life and that's what happens. You reminded her to smile, relax, and ENJOY. Well Mary the pew isn't the same without you and I wish I had told you how much I appreciated you while you were here but just know I'm trying to follow your example: Smile, Relax, ENJOY.

—Love Windy

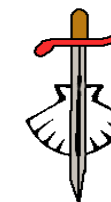


Parish News

Symbol of St. James



July 25 is St. James Day



Saint James is said to have traveled a great deal in order to preach the gospel to many people. The scallop shell is a symbol for the traveler because he used this shell to scoop water to drink on his travels. Other emblems of Saint James are: the sword and the shell; the staff and the wallet; the staff and the hat; the staff and the sword crossed. The colors usually show the shield blue (sometimes red); the scallops gold.

June Birthdays

Happy late Birthday to Glenda Collins and Mandy Temperilli. Their names were omitted in June's Servitor. I apologize and hope your days were lots of fun anyway.

Outside the Box

It was decided that this group is an important voice at St. James and that it should continue. The next scheduled meeting is July 27th from 2:30 PM to 4:00 PM. Plan to gather in St Timothy's Café for a chance to discuss a particular question or many general questions. We'll see you there.

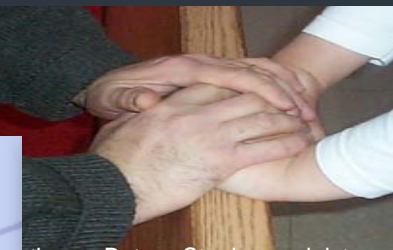
Birthdays in July

- 1 Susan Alshouse
Sarah Black
Robert Larson
Cody Simon
- 3 Joey Cartwright
Nikole Quinlain
- 5 Duane Boeke, Jr
Hannah Luerding
Kendall Matheney
Betty Schult
- 7 Catherine Martin
Steve McArthur
Tom Mitchell
Micah Polichnia
- 8 Becky Matheney
Tania Reinoso
Victor Meier-Ressler
- 9 Michael Cornette
- 10 George Huckins
Scott Grafelman
Cindy Luerding
Ruth Poitevin
- 11 Chris Hill
Shearon Goeller
- 12 Andrea Cowper
Evelyn Mesley
Aleck Siyakwazi
- 13 Chance Witham
- 14 Heather Scott
- 15 Rachel Mundhenke
- 16 Dale Drake
- 17 Laura Boomgarden
Dawn Hilderbrand
- 18 Nyssa Brockhoff
Wesley Meyer
- 22 Ray Pinnick
Thomas Schweitzer
- 23 Kelsey Fenton
Taylor Hamilton
- 26 Rebecca Greathouse
Jeremy Huckins
- 27 Marsha Duval
- 28 Barb Buehrer
Maxine Cayce
Barbara Mount
- 29 Kevin Acton
- 31 Ricahrd Nofsinger
Karen Verducso

A Word from the Stephen Ministers of St. James

Confidential!

That's what Stephen Ministry is. Everything a person tells his or her Stephen Minister is kept in strict confidence. People are often afraid that if they tell someone what is troubling them, word will get around and others will look down on



them. But a Stephen minister keeps everything a care receiver shares confidential, and through the sharing God works miracles of healing and peace.

Worship Assistants

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

	July 6 8:30	July 6 11:00	July 13 8:30	July 13 11:00	July 20 8:30	July 20 11:00	July 27 8:30	July 27 11:00
<i>Acolytes</i>	Samantha Brunker 1 needed	Micah Proctor	Katherine Cross 1 needed	Erica Brunker Natalie Plated	1 needed	Samantha Brunker	Mufaro Siyakwazi 1 needed	
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Edna Barrett Kathie Burrichter	Boeke Family	Gary Snyder Connie Royal	Temperelli	Clara Felton Melissa Felton			
<i>Assisting Ministers</i>	Bobbi Stracker Carole Barth	Ann Woody	Bill Betker 1 needed	Barb Buehrer Lenna Taylor	2 needed	Ed Acton Joyce Acton	Bill Betker 1 needed	Connie Royal 1 needed
<i>Common Cup</i>	Fred Barth	1 needed	Eva Husted		Boobi Stracker			
<i>Ushers</i>	Rick Hill Bob Brunker	Betty Hill Richard Woody	2 needed	Donna Wrede Ken Wrede				

CHURCH STAFF HOME PHONES

Pastors Liz and John Backus 816-531-6078
 Church Secretary Janet Santa Lucia 816-429-7003
 Custodian Jack Miller 816-454-5366
 Organist/Choir Director Evelyn R. Mesley 816-833-2890

Worship With Us

St. James Undesignated Benevolence

Did You Know?

...So far in 2008, your St. James undesignated benevolence \$ (a portion of 20% of all incoming offerings) has gone into the community and the world to support these organizations:....

AIDS Walk Kansas City, where Vicki Catt walked with Abiding Peace Lutheran Church on April 26th to benefit members of our community fighting AIDS

Beyond the Conviction, an organization in Kansas City totally run by volunteers that is helping people leave prison and get support as they enter society again...this same group is now working a program called Before the Conviction, trying to prevent young people from getting into trouble that results in prison time

Bread for the World, a collective Christian voice urging our nation's decision makers to end hunger at home and abroad

Clay County Clothes Closet, where we sent money and clothing collected from St. James members, which will in turn help children and families in need of these items throughout Clay County

Family Conservancy Mutual Help, an organization with which Jan Nuernberger is affiliated, that helps make clothing for uniforms for school children in need, among other family support projects throughout greater Kansas City
Oaks Indian Mission, a child care and community services ministry in the heart of Cherokee Nation

Parvin Estates, a northland housing complex where Bob Bergin and Marvin McNabb serve on the board of directors...our donation will benefit a before and after school tutoring program by purchasing books for children that live in the complex, many of whom are new immigrants from Africa and other parts of the world just now learning English as a second language...

Check out the Church in the World Bulletin Board for the Thank you letters we have received from these organizations! Keep in mind if you are affiliated with a not-for-profit organization that could benefit from St. James Benevolence, you may contact church in the World Committee through the church office or any committee member.

Summer Food Program

Now it is time for our summer challenge. The food program does not end with the school year, it changes. Some of the families will be picking up their food here at St. James while others need the food delivered to their homes. We are planning on two delivery routes on Saturday mornings that should take less than an hour to run. It is easier to have a driver and a navigator (at least the first time you

run the route), so we will need at least four volunteers each week from May 31st through the end of September. If you want to act on St. James' theme: "**Enter to Serve**", this could be just the experience for you. It is simple, short-term, and a way to help some Northland neighbors. If you have more questions, talk to Norb or Denise

A Word from your Council President

I want to thank everyone for their thoughts and concerns during the forums with the Pastors, they did not go unheard. Over the past weeks I have heard many questions relating to the process that we are about to undertake. When a congregation as close as ours says goodbye to its pastors it enters into a time of significant change, one in which both the congregation, the council and the Interim Pastor must work in conjunction.

Currently the council is working to obtain an Interim Pastor who will oversee the maintenance of existing ministries and programs as well as work with our lay ministries in their missions. As well as develop plans for the upcoming call of a permanent Pastor.

More information will be shared in the Servitor as well as in discussion groups as our congregation moves through this process.

Again, as I said during my temple talks, I ask each of us to begin the stewardship process this year to find the best way in which we can serve St. James.

Peace,
 Kevin Stephens
 St. James Church Council President

