

St James Book Club October 20 -7pm

Cry, The Beloved Country "The most famous and important novel in South Africa's history, Alan Paton's impassioned novel about a black man's country under white man's law is a work of searing beauty."

For more info about Book Club, contact Barb Buehrer (816) 734- 7192

What's going on at St James?

- **October 4 Knit Together Retreat**
A knitting retreat at Hollis Renewal center 9 am to 5 pm.
- **October 5 Chris Cakes**
Catch your breakfast between services for the Stewardship Kickoff.
- **October 12 Crop Walk**
Join St James Crop Walk team 2pm at Loose Park.
- **October 12 Restart Dinner**
Watch the Narthex for Sign Ups and More information.

The Employment Assistance Group

We meet the first and the third Tuesdays 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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Address service requested



St. James welcomes all of God's children with open arms; we embrace people of all colors, race, disability or economic background. St. 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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2008

October

Stewardship Kickoff!!

How often do you have to catch your breakfast? **Chris Cakes is coming!** Please join us Sunday, October 5 between services for our Stewardship Kickoff breakfast. Great pancakes, sausage and fun to be had by all.

Important Dates to Remember:

October 5 - Stewardship Kickoff Breakfast (between services)

October 12, 19, 26 - Return Congregational Connections Sheet and 2009 Pledges

November 9 - Adult Education – review proposed budget

December 14 - Congregational Meeting – budget approval

Giving generously is related to our Stewardship of the gifts given to us by God, to allow our St. James programs to change lives as we "Enter To Serve."



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CROP WALK 2008: HEART OF AMERICA WALK FOR THE HUNGRY

Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the Lord and will be repaid in full.
Proverbs 19:17

The 2008 CROP WALK will be held on Sunday, October 12 starting at 2:00 PM at Loose Park. CROP WALK is sponsored by Church World Service, an ecumenical organization which fights hunger and provides relief and development assistance in more than 80 countries, including the United States. CROP funds help meet CWS goals of :

- Providing emergency food aid & long-term development assistance
- Promoting educational opportunities for women and girls
- Supporting infant health and nutrition services
- Securing durable solutions for refugees & displaced persons
- Developing sustainable, safe sources of drinking water
- Advocating for just trade rules and debt reduction for poor nations.

Be part of the solution to the hunger crisis. Plan to participate by walking with us on Oct. 12th. 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 will be located in the narthex each Sunday until the 12th. 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 (587-7993) or Toby Proctor (455-0480).



Crop Walk 2007

Greetings to the People of St. James

My wife Dana and I are getting excited about coming soon to Kansas City ! I am finishing up my work here at Good Shepherd in Concord, California and my last Sunday will be October 5. We will then travel up to Blaine Washington to visit with our son and his wife and our new little grandson, (named James!!!). On Sunday, October 12 we will start driving to Kansas City and plan on arriving on the 16th. I will be in the office on the 17th and ready to begin our interim ministry together on Sunday the 19th.

I am looking forward to getting to know you in this interim time and working together to start a new chapter of ministry at St. James. Here is what I would like to do as we begin together.

• Small Legacy Groups in October and November. In these 90 minute small groups we will listen to each other as we share our Joys, Challenges and Hopes as followers of Jesus. I am asking our church council to start setting these up in our members homes as soon as I arrive. I hope most of our people will have attended one of these groups before Christmas

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Confirmation Class:

Confirmation Class will be on Wednesdays from 6:30pm-8:00pm.

Our Tenth Graders will be confirmed on October 26th.

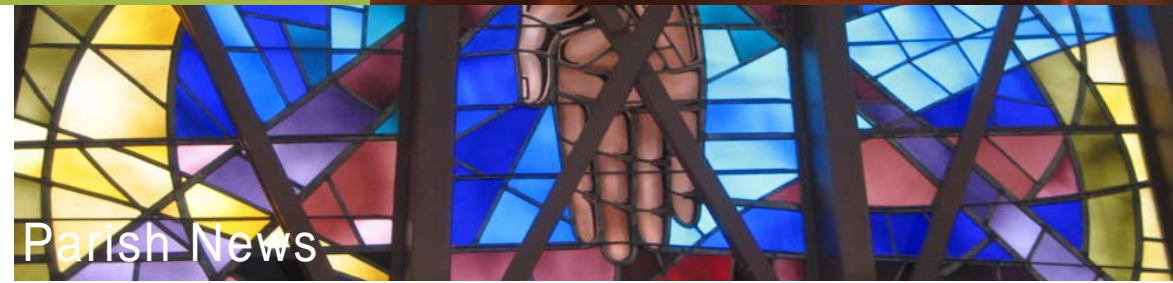


Youth Group Events

Save the weekend of Friday Nov 14-Sat Nov 15 for an all youth retreat at Hollis.



Burger Blast



ARTHUR CARLSON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The Arthur Carlson Scholarship is open to one seminary student per year at the Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago who is dealing with a physical disability. Special consideration will be given to seminarians with loss of vision. This scholarship is from an endowed fund given to St. James Lutheran Church in Kansas City, MO by the many people whose life Art touched. The value of the scholarship is based on the amount available in this endowed fund, but typically will be between \$500 and \$1000 per year. Applications will be accepted all year but given out before fall term starts.

Art Carlson was born on July 24, 1917 in Minneapolis, MN. In 1962, Art and his wife Eleanor moved to Kansas City, Missouri where he became the Chaplain of Trinity Lutheran Hospital. During his time at Trinity he served at several churches as an interim pastor including St. James Lutheran where he was a member.

In 1975, Art received a Fulbright-Hayes Scholarship for an exchange lectureship in pastoral counseling at the University of Helsinki, Finland. He was preparing to leave for Helsinki when his life took a new direction. He noticed a problem occasionally when reading and went to have his eyes checked. After the examination, the doctor "got real quiet" and told him that he had a tumor in his eye and would more than likely lose the eye. They recommended that they remove the eye so the cancer didn't spread. When Arthur left

the office and went into his car he said to himself. "It isn't somebody else. It's you this time." The removal of his eye caused little pain and he commented "One of the pluses of the experience: My cornea was in good condition and they placed it in the eye of a school teacher. She and I became great buddies before we left the hospital."

Later when he was checked again, some deterioration was found in the right eye (unrelated to the other eye). They tried many treatments, including early use of laser and freezing to attach the retina to the eye, but the lining of his eye was so thin, it wouldn't stay attached. He went to Boston for a possible transplant, but the operation was too risky and more than likely wouldn't have saved his sight. Three weeks later, he was not seeing at all. Before he had gone to Boston, he asked the Fulbright officials to extend his grant to the autumn, "But I haven't heard of any Fulbright's going to blind persons," he said.

Art wouldn't let his blindness slow him down. He would travel to the LSTC on his own. This meant getting off an airplane in Chicago, finding a cab, and trusting the driver to get him to the right location, without being taken advantage of. When asked about this, he would say, "You just got to have faith."

Art never let his blindness get in his way of doing things. Except as he would jokingly add: Drive a car. "That would be catastrophic for those around me!" He enjoyed talking to children about being blind and welcomed any opportunity to be escorted around buildings by the little ones. He also loved to talk about his beloved University of Minnesota football team and the Minnesota State Fair. When he talked about paying for college by being a paper carrier, listeners were always amazed. The stories that he would tell were always interesting, always knowledgeable and always heartfelt.

If you had the great opportunity to know Art, you should consider yourself one of the lucky ones. This scholarship is in his honor.

If you know of a person attending LSTC or who will be attending LSTC in the upcoming school year that this scholarship would be appropriate for, please contact Carlsonscholarship@stjameskc.org and tell us why.

If you would like to donate to this fund please contact: Carlsonscholarship@stjameskc.org

For the full article on Art Carlson see the Church Website, www.stjameskc.org and follow the links through Committee and Groups to find Arthur Carlson Memorial Scholarship.

Birthdays in October

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

Worship Assistants

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

	October 5 8:30	October 5 11:00	October 12 8:30	October 12 11:00	October 19 8:30	October 19 11:00	October 26 8:30	October 26 11:00
<i>Acolytes</i>	Luke Temperelli Micah Proctor	Michelle Mason Mufaro Siyakwazi	Samantha Brunker	Katherine Cross 1 NEEDED	Natalie Platel Erica Brunker	Hannah Cline	Ellie Bradshaw Katie Bradshaw	Libby Verner Hannah Cline
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Sherbo Family	Boeke Family		Simon Family	Cathy Stone Christy Schliesman		Edna Barrett Kathie Burrichter	Adele Sandstede Connie Royal
<i>Assisting Ministers</i>	Bob Bergin April Mundhenke	Tom Erickson 1 needed	Elizabeth Brockhoff	Bobbi Stracker Lori Cross	Sue Tarkka Gene Carbaugh	Gordon Mesley	Bobbi Stracker Kenda Caloroso	Tom Erickson Mary Verner
<i>Common Cup</i>	Eva Husted	Glenn Bray		Kevin Acton	Bobbi Stracker		Eva Husted	Bobbi Stracker
<i>Ushers</i>	Rick Hill Betty Hill	Connie Royal Mary Meyer	Barb Buehrer Lena Taylor	Lloyd Kerns Michael Cook	Bob Brunker Toby Proctor	Gary Snyder Gail Snyder	Joyce Acton Ed Acton	Becky Verner Chris Hill

Thank you to everyone for signing up and helping with Acolytes, Altar Guild, Assisting Ministers, Common Cup and Ushers!

CHURCH STAFF	HOME PHONES
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Custodian Jack Miller	816-454-5366
Organist/Choir Director Evelyn R. Mesley	816-833-2890

Worship With Us

That Stewardship Time of Year

May the Peace of the Lord be with you all!!!

It is that time again at St. James, yes it is Stewardship time!!!! THAT means one thing, CHRIS CAKES is coming October 5th (grab your forks but stay out of my way)!!!! Ok, I bet you thought I was going to say it was time to talk about pledges, time and talent sheets and not to mention the whole budget process for 2009.

Well...yes and no. With my first temple talks as president I talked about and asked for stewardship within St James. I asked everyone to think of how they could best serve our congregation after our Pastors' resignation. I must say I was not surprised by the overwhelming support shown within the church. To that I say congratulations St James!

Now is the time though that we must begin to look forward to 2009 and all the gifts that it will bring us. To do this however, we must ask ourselves how can we serve our church with our gifts of time, talent and treasure? To do this we must think about the stewardship process at St. James. On October 5th we all will receive our stewardship packets. These will contain the newly updated time and talent sheets, a summary of the committees & affiliated organizations within St. James, and a pledge card for 2009.

With regard to time and talent, everyone's participation in car-

ing for St. James is vital. We have the TLC crew who fix (granted it might be something the president might have broke at one time or another) and maintaining things about the church. The folks who serve as assisting ministers, alter guild, ushers, choir and acolytes, all do such marvelous work during our worship services. I certainly want to thank all our various committees within the church for their work and I invite everyone to attend a committee meeting of interest to find out what they do that makes St. James a better place, information about each committee and meeting times is included with your stewardship packet. If you are not a member of one the outstanding committees or organizations within St. James, I encourage you to try one out, you will not regret the experience.

Okay, now comes the tough part...the mention of financial pledge. Or is it the tough part? And should it be the tough part? We all know that people are in varying life circumstances; some are caring for elderly relatives or have health concerns or medical bills of their own, others are between jobs. We do not ask that you place undue hardship upon yourself. Neither should your pledge be easy.

Rather it should reflect a serious commitment to the place you have chosen as your spiritual home, the place where your children will be educated in religious matters, the place where you will continue your own search for religious meaning. This year, I would invite parishioners to look to the needs of St. James programs with regard to their pledges. I would like to make a point that over the last couple of years, only 35% of our members make a pledge to God. As a member of St. James, it is a commitment that needs to be made. We are shooting to receive 45% pledge participation this year. This does not mean that you have to tithe, we are looking for a commitment. How the congregation pledges directly affects the budget which we will have in the 2009 budget as we build the budget from your pledges... imagine trying to construct your household budget using only 35% of your household income, that is what St. James has been asked to do for many years.

Giving generously is related to our stewardship of the gifts given to us. Help us continue the real goal of the programs within St. James is to change lives as we "Enter To Serve".

Kevin Stephens

St. James Church Council
President

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- Prioritizing our Hopes. In January and lent we will take all of our hopes and put them into categories of ministry and then have our congregation pray and decide what priority they each take in our life together.

- Establishing SMART goals for ministry. During the Easter season we will set the goals for accomplishing what our people have chosen.

- Write up a profile of our community, congregation and ministry. We will start using the tools our synod gives us as we begin to look for the next pastoral leadership of St. James.

This is an exciting and creative time together in ministry. We do all this together in the name of God who created us, Jesus who loves us and the Spirit who empowers us for mission. Again, Dana and I are eagerly looking forward to meeting you and beginning our interim time together.

Peace & Power
Interim Pastor Russ Credyt

Time and Talent in the Worship Service

THANK YOU to the members that give of their time and talents to serve as acolytes, ushers, assisting ministers and on the altar guild. Your assistance in the worship service is appreciated by all!!

While the altar guild is assigned throughout the calendar year, the acolytes, ushers and assisting ministers are called to sign up on a monthly basis. Please remember to check the sign-up sheet on the table in the narthex to sign-up as your schedule allows-this saves many phone calls.

We are always excited to welcome volunteers in these areas. If you haven't been asked to serve in this capacity and would like to do so, please call Janet in the church office, 452-1018, so that you can be included. There will be trainings offered so that you can become a servant leader too!

Address Changes

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Oberlin, OH 44074-1081



Thanksgiving at Hollis

The 12th annual St James Thanksgiving Day fellowship is being held at the Hollis Renewal Center on November 27. This special date at Hollis is a great escape of nostalgia for a Norman Rockwell type of experience. Any member or member want-a-be of St James and their family and friends is welcome. There are now nearly 100 seats available due to the expansion of the lodge, but plan now to reserve your spot. The food is prepared by all who join the group and the work is kept to a minimum since both the work and food is shared by all, which makes the day more enjoyable for everyone. The cost is dependant on the number of people who attend divided into the day rate for rental of the lodge which is \$75.00.

The pot-luck meal will begin at 1:00 P.M. and, as usual, the turkey will be provided by the Bray's. Every other side dish and dessert is up for grabs which always results in a wonderful assortment. Duplications will seldom occur since we have a sign-up list in the narthex.

Before or following the meal, the nearly 100 acres of Hollis are available to you for exploration and solitude. Or, you can bring a game to play or just enjoy the bonfire. We have the facilities reserved all day long; the lodge will be open by noon.



Sorry, there is no TV or cell phone reception in the valley. Call Glenn or Susan Bray at 454-8919 for answers to any questions you may have. Look for a map to Hollis and the sign-up sheet on a table in the Narthex of the church two weeks before the event.

What's Happen-

Bunko Party

The P. Buckley Moss Society (Independence Chapter) is holding a fundraiser just for the St. James Food Pantry BackSnack Program. They are having a "Bunko Party" the afternoon of Saturday, October 11 in the Community Center in Claycomo. Their Fall Fundraiser usually raises about \$1,000 so we would like to strongly support them in this effort. I'm told Bunko is a kinda of dice game and I'm also told that men do not participate in the activity. However, I would like to support them in this most generous fundraising effort. To that end, I, Norb Stracker, would like to sell you a ticket. Once you get there, raffle tickets can be purchased (\$1 each, 6 for \$5) for various raffles they will have. Please check your calendar and see if you can attend. Denise and I will be there to talk about the BackSnack program and our food pantry. We will have a table there to display backpacks and examples of the types of 'kid friendly' foods that we use. Please feel free to invite your closest friends. Thanks in advance for your consideration of this proposal. -Norb

Bunko Fundraiser
October 11, 2008
1pm-4pm
Claycomo Community Building
28 South Drake Street
Claycomo, MO

Help!!! Please help reconstruct our Adult Education Committee. We need ideas and enthusiasm, as well as new members. Please call the office, Glenn Bray or Diane Laughlin for more information. Adult classes will be suspended until we can form the new committee.

MLM Items for September

Oct 5— Mac & Cheese / Crackers
Bath Soap

Oct 12— Tomato Paste Sauce
Toilet Paper

Oct 19— Green Beans / Ramen Noodles
Deodorant

Oct 25— Spaghetti or Macaroni Noodles
Tuna / Jello

Attention Scrapbookers



Come and join us Fridays, October 10, November 14, and December 5 2008, from 6:30 to 11:00 pm in the St James Café. Bring your pictures, scrapbooking supplies,

favorite drink and if you want a snack to share. Come join us for an evening of fun and fellowship, it doesn't matter if you are just beginning to scrapbook or are an experienced scrapbooker, we would love to have you join us. If you have any questions, please call Cindy Bruncker (816) 746-1834 or Lori Cross (816) 746-1978. We hope to see you there!

St James Hand to Heart Event a Success!

September 7, 2008 was the first St James Hand to Heart Event. Handmade and home-grown items from the homes of St James members and friends were donated to be sold with



proceeds benefiting the organization, "Beyond the Conviction". Coinciding with the Rally Day continental breakfast and celebration of the start of the Sunday School year, members turned out in good spirit.

The handiwork of St James members filled 8

tables on the stage of the Great Hall. The creations were beautiful and there was quite a variety of choices. At St Timothy's Café, bake sale items filled 3 tables. Donations were very generous!

It was fun visiting with members and learning of their creative talents. One suggestion that has come up for a future event is to make sure that all of the items are labeled not only with a price, but also the name of the person that created them, so that members will be able to connect the item with the story from its creator. So talents were revealed and St James members had fun discovering them.

The benefit was very successful as well. At the end of the day, \$1365.50 was deposited as the receipts for the first Hand to Heart Event. When we were planning this event, Church in the World committee had no clue how it would be received or how successful it would be. It has been great to see St James congregation get behind this idea and make it happen. Our recipients, "Beyond the Conviction" organization will benefit greatly from all of your efforts!

-Susan M. Bray

OCTOBER 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
5 8:30 am—Communion 9:45 am—Sunday School Stewardship Kickoff Breakfast Chris Cakes 11:00 am—Communion 5:00 pm—Sunday Night Live!	6 1:00 pm Senior Games 6:30 pm Church in the World	7 6:00 pm Employment Assistance 7:00 pm Neola Circle	8 10:00 am Project Group 6:00 Junior Choir 6:30-8 pm Confirmation Class 7-8:30 pm Adult Choir	9 9:00 am TLC	10 6:30-11 pm Scrapbookers	11 1-4 pm Bunko Fundraiser @ Claycomo Community Center
12 8:30 am—Worship 9:45 am—Sunday School 11:00 am—Communion 2:00 pm—Crop Walk @ Loose Park 3:00 pm Restart 5:00 pm—Sunday Night Live!	13 7:00 pm Council Meeting	14 7:00 pm Property Meeting	15 10:00 am Project Group 6:00 Junior Choir 6:30-8 pm Confirmation Class 7-8:30 pm Adult Choir	16 9:00 am TLC 7:00 pm Stephen Ministry	17	18
19 8:30 am—Communion 9:45 am—Sunday School 11:00 am—Worship 5:00 pm—Sunday Night Live!	20 1:00 pm Senior Games 7:00 pm Bbook club	21 6:00 pm Employment Assistance 7:00 pm Education Meeting	22 10:00 am Project Group 6:00 pm Junior Choir 6:30-8 pm Confirmation Class 7:00 pm CMVT 7-8:30 pm Adult Choir	23 9:00 am TLC 7:00 pm Scottish Games	24	25 9:00 am Tenth Grade Confirmation Breakfast 6:00 pm Shalom House
26 REFORMATION SUNDAY 8:30 am—Communion 9:45 am—Sunday School 11:00 pm—Communion Tenth Grade Confirmation 5:00 pm—Sunday Night Live!	27 1:00 pm—Senior Games	28 7:30 pm Worship & Music	29 10:00 am Project Group 6:00 Junior Choir 6:30-8 pm Confirmation Class 7-8:30 pm Adult Choir	30	31	