



St James Book Club September 15— 7pm

In September, the St. James Book Club will celebrate ten great years of reading.

Kenda Caloroso will lead the group in a discussion of the book *WATER FOR ELEPHANTS* by Sara Gruen .

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What's going on at St James?

• September 7 Rally Sunday

Join the Sunday School Kickoff with a continental breakfast and a chance to meet the Teachers.

• September 7 Hand to Heart Sale

Take part in a sale of donated hand crafted items to benefit a worthy cause.

• October 4 Knit Together Retreat

A knitting retreat at Hollis Renewal center 9 am to 5 pm.

• October 12 Crop Walk

Join St James Crop Walk team 2pm at Loose Park.

The Employment Assistance Group

We meet the first and the third Tuesday 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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September



The Council Wild Childs



St. James can accomplish great things!

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We Welcome Pastor Russ Credyt



Hand to Heart Event

Save the Date: **Sunday, September 7, 2008**

Time: 9:30 AM to 11 AM

For the first St James Hand to Heart Sale





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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.

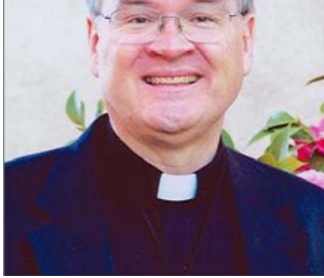
Rally Sunday! Sept. 7th

Sunday School time is here!



Please join us on Sunday September 7th to officially kick-off our Sunday School program.

We'll enjoy a continental breakfast, introduce all teachers and helpers, and answer any questions from the congregation about the Sunday School program. The students will have an abbreviated session in the classrooms that day. Contact Lori Harvey at 734-5507 with any questions. We can always use more helpers for Sunday School.



The Saint James Church council happily announces the selection of Pastor Russ Creydt as our Interim Minister. Pastor Russ is currently serving a congregation in California. He will be joining St. James October the 19th.

During the month of September we will be having Ashley Masoni preaching. I hope you all will join me in welcoming Pastor Russ in this time of transition and Ashley during September.

Thank you,
Kevin Stephens
St. James Church Council President.

Bio to be found on page 7



James Hand to Heart Sale



A sale of donated items from the hands, homes and gardens of church and community members will be held on Rally Day. The only rule is that items are homegrown or handmade. Come see the creations of St James members and friends and support a worthwhile cause at the same time.

The beneficiary of our first Hand to Heart Sale is the organization, "Beyond the Conviction". This volunteer-led group helps people who are leaving prison get support as they enter society again. A new program, "Before the Conviction", is growing from this organization to help young people steer clear of the trouble that results in prison time.



Items donated to St James that are non-perishable and don't find a new home on September 7th are the property of St James Lutheran Church. These donations will be given by St James to another Hand to Heart Sale or MLM Christmas Store or MLM Spring Fling. Please contact Susan Bray, plaidhearts@kc.rr.com, or 816-454-8919 with questions you might have about this event at St James Lutheran Church, 1104 NE Vivion Road, Kansas City MO 64118-5319.



Confirmation Class:

Confirmation Class starts on Wednesday **September 10th** at 6:30pm with an Ice Cream Party for confirmation students and families.

Confirmation Class is for 6th graders through 9th graders with the Confirmation Service to be held in the fall of students 10th grade year.

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

Confirmation Class will use the Faith Inkubators format - similar to the format used for the last couple of years.

At the meeting, we will hand out a class syllabus and have a brief discussion of the plans for this year!

Hope to see you there!

Our Tenth Graders will be confirmed on October 26th.

Youth Group Events

Sat Sep 06 6pm (High School)
Sonrise Burger Blastoff at Verners
(5528 N Oakdale, Parkville, MO).

Camp Vermillion

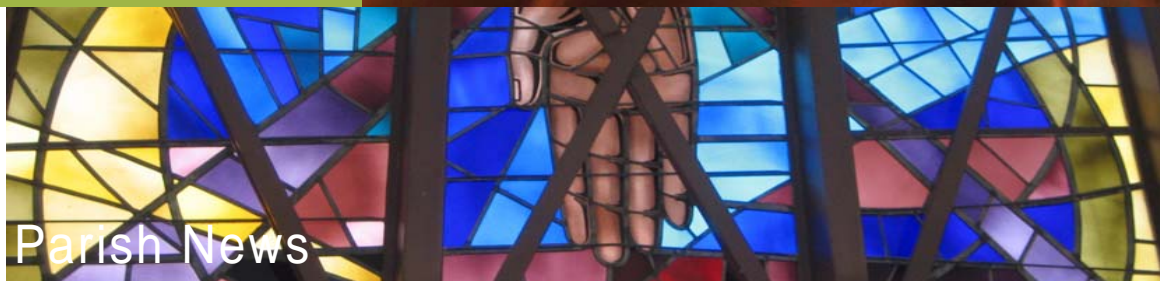


Family



Matters





Parish News

In His Own Words Pastor Russ Credyt

I see myself as a Christ centered man of faith for everyone.

This year, my wife Dana and I have celebrated 38 years of marriage. We have two married children. Our daughter Eva and her husband Brock live in Kansas City, Missouri. Our son Jesse, his wife Ericka and their son James, (our new grandchild) live in Blaine, Washington. I am the oldest of six children and my mom and dad have been married for 61 years. I was raised on a dairy farm in Wisconsin and I have a deep appreciation for the land and living things.

I grew up in the Lutheran

for 1 ½ years in a time of critical need. I worked with the new senior pastor for 2 ½ years to develop a diverse and vibrant pastoral ministry team. I also initiated the Stephen Ministry program.

Pastor Developer in Madison, Wisconsin, 8 years

-Built a new start congregation from 0 to 320 people and from worshipping in a school cafeteria to worshipping in a beautiful new facility on seven acres of land.

Senior Pastor in Huxley, Iowa, 5 years.

Initiated Faith Inkubators con

-Led a corporate size congregation in terms of staff with a budget of more than \$550,000, yet the attendance was program size. The pastor had retired after 34 years and remained in the community.

-Initiated Faith Inkubators confirmation & youth ministry program *St. Paul Lodi, California*, 1 year

-Supervised a full time staff of 4, one of whom was an ordained Presbyterian pastor. I helped hire her to serve as minister of volunteers.

-Instituted the ChristCare small group ministry program *Gloria Dei, Kansas City, Missouri*, 1 year

-Led leadership and members to

Birthdays in Sept.

- 2 Leslie Jones
- 4 Daniel Boone
Renee Knopf
- 5 Thomas Cavanaugh
- 7 PJ Backus
Emily Hilderbrand
Glenn Longworth
- 8 Irene Conwell
Chris Harvey
- 9 Christi Carter
Cheryl Coffman
Rhonda Fenton
- 10 Peggy DeHass
Zoe Moody
Timothy Verner
- 11 Riley Scott
Mary Verner
- 12 Eugene Carbaugh
Cooper Nofsinger
Kevin Stephens
- 13 Kenda Caloroso
- 14 Sara Boomgarden
Tara Boomgarden
Tyler McArthur
Maddie Nofsinger
- 15 Eva Husted
Hannah Proctor

Sonrise Burger Blastoff at Verners (5528 N Oakdale, Parkville, MO). High School Youth Group starts off with a Burger Blastoff at the Verners House. Bring a side dish Burgers provided by the Verners. Dress up as your favorite Hollywood Movie Star.

We will have lots of fun!

Sun Sep 21 615pm (High School) Sonrise Mini Golf meet at Church after SNL. Bring money for supper and money for Mini Golf

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



things.

I grew up in the Lutheran Church and received all my education at parochial schools. I wanted to be a pastor since the third grade. I graduated with a BA degree in social work from Wartburg College in Waverly, Iowa. For seminary, Dana and I studied in Ohio and I graduated from what is now Trinity Lutheran Seminary in Columbus. As pastor I have served in the following ministries:

Assistant Pastor in La Crosse, Wisconsin, 2 years
-Led education and youth ministry
-This was a corporate size congregation where the senior pastor later became bishop

Pastor of two congregations in Baraga & Skanee, Upper Michigan, 4 years
-Coordinated our synod's youth leadership school and also served on the synod youth ministry team.

Associate Pastor in Appleton, Wisconsin, 4 years
-Served this corporate size congregation of 1,700 as solo pastor

Senior Pastor in Mexico, Iowa, 5 years.
-Initiated Faith Inkubators confirmation & youth ministry program and the ChristCare small group ministry program.

Intentional Interim Pastor, 9 years

Good Shepherd, Reno, Nevada, 1 year
-Supervised a staff of 4, (2 full time and 2 part time) following the retirement of the pastor who had served for 12 years.
-This was a healthy program size congregation
-Restarted their Stephen Ministry program.
St. Luke's La Mesa, California 2 years
-Let them through a time of turmoil after their last pastor of six years and the preceding pastor of 37 years were accused of sexual misconduct. 125 members had left.
-Initiated Faith Inkubators confirmation and youth ministry program
Calvary by the Sea, Honolulu, Hawaii, 2 years

souri, 1 year
-Led leadership and members to understand and work through the causes of conflict between former pastor and members resulting in the loss of members and decline from a corporate to a program size congregation.
-Supervised a staff of one full time parish assistant and three part time staff.
Good Shepherd, Sacramento, California, 1 year
-Initiated an interim ministry in a conflicted and divided corporate size congregation with 360 worshippers.
Good Shepherd, Concord, California 5 months to present, July 2008
-Empowering lay leadership in a pastorally orientated congregation with 165 average worship attendance to become again a program sized congregation. .
-Setting up a "Safe Church" policy
-Prioritizing SMART goals for mission in the next 3 years in preparation for the calling of the next pastor.

- 15 Eva Husted
Hannah Proctor
- 16 Robert Bagby
- 18 Eric Davison
Austin Ellwein
- 19 Victor Royal
- 21 Natalie Platel
Billie Wirick
- 22 Lori Baskin
Joseph Surprenant
- 23 Virginia Benner
Deena Holt
Darren Wrede
- 24 MacKenzie Hanks
Cameron Hill
Kristopher Hill
Jeff Luerding
Whitney Wilson
- 25 Marie Summers
- 27 Liz Dever
- 28 Cori Stephens
Berniece Torgerson
- 29 Andrew Alshouse
Clara Felton
- 30 Vernon Skripsy

Assistants

Not attend, or call the church office. Thank you!

	September 14 11:00	September 21 8:30	September 21 11:00	September 28 8:30	September 28 11:00
Gene Cross Lee		Luke Temperelli 1 needed	1 needed	Samantha Brunker	Mufaro Siyakwazi Katie Bradshaw
Leslie Locke		S. Grafelman Karen Jennings			Ken & Donna Wrede
Debra McNabb		Bobbi Stracker Diane Laughlin	1 needed	1 needed	2 needed
Michelle Robb					
Bobbi Stracker		1 needed			Bobbi Stracker
Donna		Bob Bergin 1 needed	Connie Royal 1 needed	Toby Proctor Bob Brunker	2 needed

CHURCH STAFF HOME PHONES

Donna
Santa Lucia 816-429-7003
Jack Miller 816-454-5366
Marilyn R. Mesley 816-833-2890

With Us

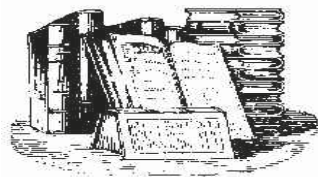
TEN GREAT YEARS OF READING

In September, the St. James Book Club will celebrate ten great years of reading. Kenda Caloroso will lead the group in a discussion of the book WATER FOR ELEPHANTS by Sara Gruen.

During this ten year span, we have read some winners, and of course, we have read some losers. In choosing our books, we try to pick books that we, the readers, would not necessarily choose on our own. Many of our members have admitted they were not excited about a particular book; however, once they started reading it, they enjoyed the read.

Throughout the ten years,

we have read several different children's books such as the first book in the Harry Potter series. We invite young people to attend our discussion. When we read



THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE RING, a number of men attended our discussion.

Our group has a good working relationship with the Mid-Continent Library Sys-

tem. They order the books for us, and each month the books are available for pick-up at the meeting.

In picking the books, the committee tries to choose books which are 500 pages or less. The selection committee realizes there is life outside of reading. We also try to include both fiction and non fiction.

The book club would like to invite old members and new members to our September meeting to help us celebrate ten years of great reading. At the present time, we have two male members; we would like to add more to our membership. For additional information please contact Barb Buehrer or Carol Noland.

St James Rental House

St. James' rental house is once again ready and available for rent. This home is a

uling a time to view it. All applications will need to be



Join The Singing

ADULT CHOIR: September 3, 2008 is the start of the Adult Choir season. Choir is a time of good fellowship as well as a way to serve in the worship of the church. We meet Wednesday nights from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. We welcome all musicians to join us in this ministry.

Choir Sunday Schedule can be found on the website.

JUNIOR CHOIR: Junior Choir

Worship I

Please try to find a replacement if you cannot attend.

	September 7 8:30	September 7 11:00	September 14 8:30	September 14 11:00
<i>Acolytes</i>	Magan Unterreiner Micah Proctor	Sara & Tara Boomgarden	Erica Brunker	Katherine C Jessica Lee
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Hank & Carolyn Guggenmos	Lenna Taylor Lou Whittier		Gail Estes Neva Locke
<i>Assisting Ministers</i>	Bobbi Stracker	Sue Tarkka 1 needed	Carol Noland	Candace M Rachel Schumacher McNabb
<i>Common Cup</i>	Lori Cross	Kevin Acton		Bobbi Strac
<i>Ushers</i>	Barb Buehrer Lenna Taylor	Gail & Gary Snyder	Toby Proctor Bob Brunker	Ken & Donna Wrede

Please fill in the needed spots---Thank you!

CHURCH

Church Secretary Janet
 Custodian Ja
 Organist/Choir Director Evelyn

Worship

once again ready and available for rent. This home is a small two bedroom, one bath with a basement garage. The address of the property is (1120 NE Davidson Kansas City, MO) and is available for immediate occupation. The Property Committee is looking to rent this home for \$500/month. Potential renters may view the home by contacting the Church office and sched-

uling a time to view it. All applications will need to be submitted through the church office. The renter will be responsible for all utilities and trash service. The lawn care service will be provided. If you or somebody you know is interested, please have them contact the church office.



JUNIOR CHOIR: Junior Choir will begin sometime around the first of October. It is usually coordinated with Confirmation, so a firm date will be decided when more information is known.

Junior Choir is a choir of 3rd through 8th grades. We sing approximately every four to six weeks. We meet from 5:45 to 6:30 p.m. on Wednesdays so that kids can come to choir and still make it to Confirmation.

Back To School Fair



Hello St. James,

I would like to thank each and every one of you for helping make another successful Back to School Project not just for helping to fill the packs, but for your good eyes for sales and buying so many supplies for the project! On Tuesday St. James volunteers filled 420 backpacks with school supplies and 200 hygiene packs to give out at the fair. At current count we believe 448 children came through the fair to receive a backpack. Thank you to everybody who took time out of their busy schedules to fill backpacks and set up the fair as well as for donating money and buying supplies. Thanks again. I can't wait for next year's fair!

Hannah

Come join us!

KNIT TOGETHER RETREAT

HOLLIS RENEWAL
CENTER

OCTOBER 4, 2008

9:00 a.m. –
5:00 p.m.

We are hoping you will join us again this year or pass the information on to other women who might be interested. The day will be similar to last year including devotions and the following knitting workshops:

All day instruction for “absolute

What's Happening?

Attention Scrapebookers



Come and join us Fridays, September 12, 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 mater 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 Brunker (816) 746-1834 or Lori Cross (816) 746-1978. We hope to see you there!

NEEDED ??

Have you been wondering who the mysterious "NEEDED" is? The one who appears to be an Assisting Minister or Common Cup almost every Sunday, but who is replaced by a member of the

CROP HUNGER WALK - OCTOBER 12, 2008 JOIN THE ST. JAMES CROP WALK TEAM

Church World Service has announced that this fall's Heart of America CROP WALK for the Hungry will be Sunday, October 12th starting at 2PM at Loose Park. Last year more than 2000 Kansas City walkers raised over \$90,000 to provide food security for families in Nicaragua and Honduras, safety for families displaced by political violence in Kenya and emergency response and long-term recovery for families affected by flooding and tornados in the U.S. This year's goal is to raise \$150,000 for the third time in CROP Walk history. Twenty five percent of those funds will be given to local organizations, including Harvesters and MLM, while the reminder goes to fund national and international efforts to fight hunger.

St. James was instrumental in making last year's walk a success. Our donation of \$3954 put St. James as #2 on the "Top Five Churches" list. Hannah Proctor, our 2007 top

<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
3 m Adult Choir	4	5	6 6:00 pm Sunrise Burger blastoff @ Verners (High School)
10 a Project Group Staff Meeting m Confirmation m Adult Choir	11 9:00 am TLC	12 6:30-11 pm Scrapbookers	13
17 a Project Group Staff Meeting m Confirmation m Adult Choir	18 9:00 am TLC 7:00 pm Stephen Ministry	19	20
24 a Project Group Staff m Confirmation CMVT m Adult Choir	25 9:00 am TLC	26	27 6:00 pm Shalom House

All day instruction for “absolute beginners”; 2) Tips & Tricks for knitting; 3) Knitting socks; 4) Lace knitting and 5) Shadow knitting.

You will also have time to explore the natural beauty of Hollis and end your day with yoga.

Registration fee is \$30 which includes lunch.

For registration, please e-mail knit_2gether@yahoo.com or call 913-707-0613.

SPACE IS LIMITED! PLEASE REGISTER EARLY!

Registration deadline: September 15.

Assisting Minister or Common Cup almost every Sunday, but who is replaced by a member of the congregation at the last minute? Well, the secret is out - YOU are "NEEDED," and your opportunity to serve the Lord and St. James in these important roles has arrived! There will be an Assisting Minister training class on Sunday, September 21 between services in the Sanctuary. All those "NEEDED" are invited! If you have any questions, please contact April Mundhenke, Bob Bergin or Bobbi Stracker.



MLM Items for September

- Sept. 7**— Spaghetti or Macaroni
Bath Soap
- Sept. 14**— Tomato Paste or Spaghetti Meat
Sauce
Toilet Paper
- Sept. 21**— Breakfast foods (hot or cold)
Ramen/ Deodrant
- Sept. 28**— Mac & Cheese/ Jello/ Tuna
Laundry Soap

\$3954 put St. James as #2 on the “Top Five Churches” list. Hannah Proctor, our 2007 top walker, was on the “Top Ten Cream of the CROP Walkers” list. Walk organizers expressed their appreciation for this great support for the fight against hunger!

The St. James Team needs more walkers to join us as we walk the 5K or 10K course south on Ward Parkway and east through Brookside. Anyone from toddlers in strollers to senior citizens can be part of the team! We’ll be walking without two of our former top earning walkers, Bub Stracker and Pastor Liz, so the rest of us will have to work harder. Plan to participate in this year’s CROP WALK either by walking or supporting walkers with your pledge. **Pledge forms for walkers will be available at a table in the narthex beginning September 14th.** Please consider devoting Sunday afternoon, October 12 to walking in unity with those who walk daily for all their family’s needs.



SEPTEMBER 2008

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>
	1 LABOR DAY	2 6:00 pm Employment Assistance 7:00 pm Neola Circle	7-8:30 pm A
7 Rally Sunday Hand to Heart 8:30 am—Communion 9:45 am—Adult Education 11:00 am—Worship with Communion 5:00 pm—Sunday Night Live!	8 1:00 pm Senior Games Scottish Games 6:30 pm Church in the World 7:00 pm Council	9 7:00 pm Arts in Ministry 7:00 pm Property	10:00 am Pro 1:00 pm Staf 6:30-8 pm C Class 7-8:30 pm A
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