

*We gather in gratitude for freedom to worship God in this land,
intent on not taking this opportunity for granted. Welcome to worship, one and all.*

SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP THIS WEEK

Preacher: Rev. David French

Liturgist: Rev. Peter Heckert

Organist: Randy Strakis

Ushers: Sat. 6:00-Dick & Cathy Collison;
Sun. 8:00-Bob Klaiber, Les & Carol Ricks, Russ
Shoemaker; Sun. 10:30-Dave & Nancy Sattler,
Tom & Kristy McCain

Greeters: Sat. 6:00-Ed & Rosie Swanson;
Sun. 8:00-Jeanie Truelsen, Michael Herold;
Sun. 10:30-Jeff & Carlene Quirk

Acolytes: Sun. 8:00-Zachary Knotts, Keaton
Brooks, Vivian Berman, William Crum;
Sun. 10:30-Phillip VanLaere, Harrison Shaffer,
Kuentin Schultz, Jackson Parker

Dear Jesus, thank you for calling me here today and for showing me how to live in your love daily.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Chelsea Best, Kathy Bishop, Tom Burkhardt, Julie Byers, Janet Clark, Marciea Collins, Sally Eckelman, Lisa Ferguson, Bethany Funnell, Sue Harlow, Tammy Kult, Scott Meyer, Tracey Michael, Janna Minjarez, Scott Neff, Steve Neff, Kim Nelson, Bob Nixon, Kurt Ostrander, Rose Payne, Dan Schroeder

CONFIRMATIONS: Congratulations to Kelly Grieger who is to be confirmed at the 10:30 a.m. service this Sunday. Please be sure to add her contact information to your church directory: 4175 Eisenhower Road, Lafayette, IN 47905; (765) 449-0967.

✿ ALTAR FLOWERS ✿

The altar flowers today are sponsored by Mike & Nola Hecht in celebration of their daughter Megan's 20th birthday on July 10, and by Mary Ancil in memory of David Ancil. If you would like to sponsor flowers to commemorate a special day in your life, please sign up today -- the flower chart is on the closet door in the church office (near Nola's desk), or just call or e-mail the office for the date(s) you want. *We are currently seeking additional sponsors for July 14, 21, & 28.* The cost to sponsor one bouquet is \$30 and you can take the flowers home after services to enjoy!

♥ NURSERY ♥

Have a little one crying or needing a diaper changed? We want you to know that the nursery/cry room is always open for your use during worship services. There is a television in the room so that you won't miss out on anything happening in the sanctuary. The nursery/cry room is P204 (yellow classroom).

☺ FELLOWSHIP TIME ☺

Everyone is invited to enjoy the fellowship and some light refreshments in the cafeteria immediately following the 8:00 a.m. Sunday service.

✠ SUNDAY ADULT CLASSES (9:15-10:15 A.M.) ✠

WHO AM I? WHAT AM I DOING HERE? led by Pastor Heckert in the cafeteria (room P212). The universe, God's will, speaking the Christ story, true human fulfillment, God's Law, the point of it all-these are some of the ideas in Pastor Joel Biermann's explorative video Bible study. In six sessions, he takes us from the beginning to that place where, on the Last Day, we find our greatest realization as humans. What is it all about? Essentially, it's about us being God's creatures, redeemed by Christ and restored through faith, and our role to fulfill God's place for us within His creation.

A DEEPER LOOK led by Grace Gillespie in room P202 (green classroom). This group discusses the Bible lessons (pericopes) which are read in church each Sunday. You are invited every Sunday, but will not be lost if you miss a Sunday. This is a casual class with lots of interaction. We pray for each other and care for each other. Join us today and every Sunday.

✠ SUNDAY SCHOOL (9:15-10:15 A.M.) ✠

- 2 Yr. Olds - Preschool: Room P204 (Yellow Classroom)
- Kg - 2nd Grade: Room P205 (Orange Classroom)
- 3rd - 5th Grade: Room P206 (Red Classroom)
- 6th - 8th Grade: Room F104 (Church Office Conference Room)
- High School: Room S204 (7th Grade/Language Arts Classroom)

What are the 2 year olds - 5th graders learning about? Starting with Genesis, we will work through the Bible in three years through major Bible stories from the Old Testament, the Gospels, and Acts. Students will learn and grow in faith alongside their peers as they explore the Bible, draw connections to the Small Catechism, and learn the traditions of the Lutheran Church. If you have questions about the Sunday school program, contact Janna Minjarez at minjarezfamily@hotmail.com.

What are the 6th - 8th graders learning about? The Sunday school class for middle school students has shifted its focus to studying the Divine Service and the reasons behind why Lutherans worship the way they do. This is a great opportunity for our youth to prepare for confirmation, first communion, and being a faithful member of Christ's church.

📖 WEEKDAY BIBLE STUDIES 📖

COFFEE CLUB led by Pastor French on **Thursdays 7:00-7:45 a.m.** in the church conference room.

MEN'S BIBLE BREAKFAST led by Doug Schroeder on **Fridays 6:00-7:00 a.m.** at the Downtowner Restaurant. You can come for coffee or breakfast at 6:00 a.m. or just for the Bible study on the Scripture lessons for the coming Sunday which begins about 6:25 a.m.

✿ TV & RADIO MINISTRIES ✿

ISSUES, ETC.: Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. You can listen live or on-demand at www.issuesetc.org and on the LPR mobile app.

LUTHERAN RADIO STATION - KFUE: Listen to KFUE.org, the broadcast arm of the LCMS, as we share Christ for you anytime, anywhere via worship services, Bible and theology studies, practical talk programs, and sacred music. You can find programs on demand at kfuo.org and wherever you get your podcasts! Find us on social: @KFUEradio on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/kfuo.org), [Twitter](https://twitter.com/kfuo.org), and [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/kfuo.org). This week on KFUE.org, hear The Coffee Hour with Andy and Sarah live from the LCMS National Youth Gathering in Minneapolis (7/11 & 7/12 at 9:00 a.m. CT, throughout the day 7/13), study the Saga of Salvation in Genesis 50 - Exodus 3 on Sharper Iron with host Rev. Timothy Appel and guest pastors (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), and dig into Numbers 22-26 on Thy Strong Word with host Rev. AJ Espinosa and guest pastors (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT). Find these programs on demand at kfuo.org or wherever you get your podcasts!

THE LUTHERAN HOUR: “A Time to Talk” by Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler on July 7. Topic: Talking to God - the Lord’s Prayer (Matthew 6:5-15). *The Lutheran Hour* is heard every week in our listening area at 7:00 a.m. on station 720 AM, at 7:30 a.m. on 97.3 FM, at 9:04 a.m. on 107.7 FM, or at 10:00 a.m. on 97.3 FM. You can also catch TLH on SiriusXM satellite radio on Sundays at 10:00 a.m. on its Family Talk channel 131. Have questions? Contact our LHM ambassador - Jerry Ripke at (765) 490-5254 or jerryripke@gmail.com.

WORSHIP ANEW: This 30 minute Lutheran television worship service includes the readings for the day, prayers, and a Lutheran pastor delivering a message that is one-on-one to the viewer. *Worship Anew* is aired each Sunday at 10:00 a.m. on WHMB-TV40. Visit www.WorshipAnew.org for more information about this exciting program!

◆ GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS ◆

ADOPT-A-CHAIR: We have found our fellowship hall seating is becoming tattered and torn. As you know, we often use the seats for special occasions, and many visitors use the seating at those events. After a little research, it was found that we can purchase new chairs for about \$25 each. In order to come up with the funding, we thought you may want to “Adopt-a-Chair.” If you are interested in adopting, please see Nola or Mindy in the church office to complete the process. **Thank you to our current adopt-a-chair “parents”: Barbara Francis and Charles & Charlotte Adkins.**

LIFE THOUGHTS IN THE CHURCH YEAR: *Life Thoughts* are designed to help pastors and congregations see the church year through the lens of the sanctity of human life; they are based on the appointed readings from *Lutheran Service Book*. **July 7** – Our enemy has no answer for compassion. The Lord Jesus Christ has lifted and carried all our burdens. His saving love overcomes every power of sin and death. In life issues, we get to bear the crosses of brothers and sisters, neighbors and strangers (Galatians 6:2). And in the process we have the chance to show the sanctity we speak and share the blessings of life.

CONGRATULATIONS TO LIBBY PLASSARD! On Sunday, June 23 (at the 10:30 a.m. service), Libby was presented an award from Lutherans for Life for an essay contest they sponsored which she entered. Here is Libby's winning submission:

"My generation will be the one to end abortion." This is a quote that has surfaced recently, especially after the March for Life. It is supposed to serve as encouragement for young people fighting to end abortion, but when I truthfully look at this statement I see how far we are from achieving that goal. As we look backward in time, we can see where the generations before us have failed. We have not protected the rights of the unborn. We have not defended those who cannot defend themselves. We have not used science, logic and most importantly God's Word to prove our points. But as we look forward, it is hard to see where we will be in the coming years and often times it is disheartening. Will my generation *really* be the one to end abortion? I hope and pray that we do, but in order for that to happen we must change our ways and learn from our mistakes.

Although I have grown up in a faithfully Lutheran household, gone through confirmation courses, attended church regularly, and graduated from a Lutheran grade school, I no longer consider myself sheltered when it comes to disagreements between the church and our secular world. Before I started my first year at public high school I did not fully understand the disparity of different beliefs. Now, I have watched as many of my closest friends support the murdering of innocent unborn babies. I have seen teachers forget science and logic when arguing why abortion is "ok". I have even had teachers not allow me to write or speak about abortion because it is "too controversial". So how is my generation supposed to beat abortion when we are constantly being told by our authorities, the media, and all the so called "influential" people in our lives that abortion does not need to be beaten?

One of the reasons for the extreme abortion position we see today is that as a church we have often steered clear of political and controversial conversations. In order to make a legal difference we must become involved in our government. This means voting, protesting, and in some cases, even running for office.

Many people don't know simple biblical truths about abortion. It is so important that we read scripture because then we know what God expects. Psalm 139:13 says, "For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb". God values and knows each and every one of us, born and unborn. We need to be in God's Word so that we can know exactly what God says. The more we study and learn, the more certain we are in our convictions.

In terms of informing young people, we must let them know that they have options. We must ensure that pregnant women are fully aware of adoption services and the other choices they have besides abortion. One way that we can inform young people is through classes in schools. In my community, a Christian pregnancy resource center has started teaching in local high school health classes. They inform students about abstinence, adoption, and different options a female has if she becomes pregnant. Classes like these give students the knowledge they need to make good informed decisions, and currently many students across the country are not receiving this information. We need to show my generation that abortion is not the only option they have. Right now, many women feel like abortion is their only choice and that is not the case.

The most important thing we can do to end abortion is pray and trust in God. Our omniscient and omnipotent God will deliver us. "Lord to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life (John 6:68)." God calls us to take a stand, to defend his Word, and to defend our neighbors. "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? (Romans 10:13-14)." Many people do not know the truth about abortion. It is our job to preach the Gospel to all the ends of the earth and to tell our neighbors why abortion is wrong. With God's Word as our source of strength and our foundation, my generation will be the generation to end abortion.



Real. Present. God. 2019 National Youth Gathering

The following St. James youth will be attending the National Youth Gathering in Minneapolis, MN July 11-15:

Zoe Wetzel
Kaleigh Tarter
Baleigh Tarter
Jilli Parker
Libby Plassard
Abby McCain
Logan DePew
Logan Szufliita

Our chaperones will be Dann, Lynn, and Daniel Keiser.

We ask that you pray for us as we travel and experience this time of growing in our faith.

Please consider supporting our peanut butter and sock drive for the Second Harvest National Food Bank. We will be collecting containers of peanut butter and adult white crew socks over the next two Sundays, then we will take the items to the gathering as part of the NYG service project.

A box is near the Scrip counter (in the west lobby) for your donations, or you can donate money or Walmart scrip cards to purchase items.

Thank you for your support of our St. James youth!

HE LISTENS: Please consider being a part of our St. James prayer chain. If you are interested in being a prayer partner or if you have a prayer concern, please e-mail prayersofstjames@gmail.com.

DAILY DEVOTIONAL BOOKLET: The spring quarter edition of *Portals of Prayer* is available on the bookshelf in the narthex (the back hallway leading into the sanctuary) for you and those you might know. Take a few home and give them to relatives, friends, coworkers, and teammates. These devotions are short and very easy reading. It is a great way to start or end each day.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: Luke 10:20 – “**But rejoice that your names are written in heaven.**” No one can snatch us out of the nail-marked hands of Jesus. He has redeemed us and claimed us as His own. As those whose names are written in heaven, we seek to live heavenly lives here on earth. This is the foundation of all our good works, including the good work of faithfully supporting the work of the Church. It’s our joy in having been redeemed by the Lord through the activity of the Church that motivates us to support the Church.

\$ FINANCIAL NEWS FROM MINDY SCHLOTMAN \$

WEEKLY OFFERINGS: 05/06/19 - 05/12/19: \$8,650

05/20/19 - 05/26/19: \$13,205

05/27/19 - 06/02/19: \$13,327

06/03/19 - 06/09/19: \$9,336

06/10/19 - 06/16/19: \$7,795



FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 14, 2019

Leviticus (18:1–5) 19:9–18

Colossians 1:1–14

Luke 10:25–37

Jesus Is Our Good Samaritan

The Law commands that “you shall love the Lord your God” with all your heart, soul, mind and strength (Luke 10:27), and that you shall “love your neighbor as yourself” (Lev. 19:18). Love fulfills the Law because love does no harm to the neighbor. Christ Jesus is the Good Samaritan, who with divine compassion saves you from all evil. He takes your sin and death upon Himself and bears these in His body to the cross. He binds up your wounds with the healing balm of His Gospel, and He brings you into His Church, where He takes care of you at His own expense (Luke 10:34–35). By such mercy, He proves “to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers” (Luke 10:36). Therefore, “you go, and do likewise” (Luke 10:37). By “your faith in Christ Jesus” and “because of the hope laid up for you in heaven” (Col. 1:4–5), you have the same love for others as the Lord Jesus has for you.



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- 7 ~ Carlene Quirk
- 8 ~ N/A
- 9 ~ Naomi Brandenburg
- 10 ~ Victor Brandenburg, Megan Hecht,
Evan Knotts, Sydney Moffatt
- 11 ~ Kali Burch-Brown, Marciea Collins
- 12 ~ N/A
- 13 ~ Erik Grady

- 7 ~ Phil & Jessica Ferger (12 years)
Clark & Edith Grady (57 years)
- 8 ~ N/A
- 9 ~ Joseph & Karri Murphy (8 years)
- 10 ~ Hal & Lori Bodkin (38 years)
Aaron & Brianne Hubner (8 years)
Troy & Tara Parker (26 years)
Jeff & Carlene Quirk (20 years)
- 11 ~ N/A
- 12 ~ Joshua & Brandy Cox (5 years)
- 13 ~ N/A



Vivi Berman, Naomi Brandenburg,
Simon Brandenburg, Victor Brandenburg,
Emma Brewer, Lisa Gross, Adam Hubner,
Samantha Music, Brecken Reichelt-Landrum,
Maggie Rogers, Rebecca Ziegler

*Please take a moment to sign the
Record of Fellowship pad today.*

*The birthday, anniversary, and baptismal
birthday lists are generated from those records.*

Bless you as you celebrate!

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

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| Sun. 7/7 | 08:00 AM - 09:00 AM
09:15 AM - 10:15 AM
10:30 AM - 11:30 AM | Worship (C)
Adult Education/Sunday School
Worship w/ Adult Confirmation |
| Mon. 7/8 | | <i>No Scheduled Events</i> |
| Tue. 7/9 | 09:00 AM - 10:30 AM | Financial Committee Meeting |
| Wed. 7/10 | | <i>No Scheduled Events</i> |
| Thu. 7/11 | 07:00 AM - 07:45 AM | Coffee Club |
| Fri. 7/12 | 06:00 AM - 07:00 AM | Men's Bible Breakfast |
| Sat. 7/13 | 06:00 PM - 07:00 PM | Worship |