

*Welcome to worship as we gather to “thank the LORD for his steadfast love,
for his wonderful works to humankind” (Psalm 107:8, NRSV).*

SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP THIS WEEK

Preacher: Rev. David French

Liturgist: Rev. Peter Heckert

Elders: Sat.-Dick Collison; Sun.-Mark Bowman

Organist: Randy Strakis

Greeters: Sat. 6:00-Ed & Rosie Swanson;
Sun. 8:00-Michael Herold, Ruth O’Connor;
Sun. 10:30-LaVaughan Evans

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

Acolytes: Sun. 8:00-Hope Plassard, Aeryn Ford,
Samantha Ford, Vivian Berman;
Sun. 10:30-Maya Schoon, Harrison Shaffer,
Phillip VanLaere, Madison Moffatt

*“The joy of the LORD is [my] strength” (Nehemiah 8:10). I am here to give thanks to you,
God, and to be rejuvenated to live out your love in the world.*

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Kathy Bishop, Julie Byers, Janet Clark, Bethany Funnell, Tammy Kult,
Charlotte Melady, Scott Meyer, Scott Neff, Kim Nelson, Bob Nixon, Kurt Ostrander, Rod Schoon,
Dan Schroeder, Mary Jo Werner

✿ ALTAR FLOWERS ✿

The altar flowers today are sponsored by Phyllis Kesler to the glory of God and in celebration of the 40th wedding anniversary of Larry & Denise Cox, and by Gabe & Lynn Beckham in honor of the 51st wedding anniversary of Lynn’s parents, Dan & Nancy Schroeder. 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 sponsors for September 29 and October 20.* 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. This week the food is provided by the Board of Evangelism to celebrate the starting of a new school year, thanking God for all of the blessings of the staff and students.

‡ 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 (4th Grade 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.

What are the 6th - 8th graders learning about? We are 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.

If you have questions about the Sunday school program, contact Superintendent Janna Minjarez at minjarezfamily@hotmail.com.

📖 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 Pastor Jim Barton and Doug Schroeder on **Fridays 6-7 a.m.** at the Downtowner Restaurant in Market Square. You can come for coffee or breakfast at 6:00 a.m. or just for the Bible study beginning at about 6:30. We are looking at the Epistle and Gospel lessons for the coming Sunday, along with a related Old Testament Scripture to become familiar with more of the Old Testament, too. You are welcome any time. See Pastor Barton for details.

⚙️ 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 kfue.org and wherever you get your podcasts! Find us on social: **@KFUEradio** on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#). This week on KFUE.org, study the Saga of Salvation in Exodus 12-14 on Sharper Iron with host Rev. Timothy Appel and guest pastors (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT); hear insight into Psalm 40, 1 John, and Daniel on Thy Strong Word with host Rev. AJ Espinosa and guest pastors (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT); and explore curious topics with Rev. Bryan Wolfmueller on Cross Defense (8/5 at 2:00 p.m. CT). Find these programs on demand at kfue.org or wherever you get your podcasts!

THE LUTHERAN HOUR: “Live Life, Traveling Well” by Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz on August 4. God’s Word guides us along life’s journey, where Christ is the Way and heaven our destination (1 Peter 1:17-25). *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 CAMPAIGN: We have found that our fellowship hall seats are becoming tattered and torn. The seats are used for meetings and Bible studies in addition to many special occasion events. Please consider making a special, one time, over-and-above contribution to the chair fund. \$25 buys one chair. Our goal is to purchase 20 chairs by the end of September. Designate checks “Chair Fund” or give online. **Thank you to our current adopt-a-chair “parents”:** Charles & Charlotte Adkins, John Brooks, Bill Buffington, Steve & Linda Decker, Barbara Francis, Ruth O’Connor, Mark & Stephanie Richeson, Les & Carol Ricks, & Judie Watts.

ATTENTION ALL 7TH AND 8TH GRADERS: With the beginning of another school year quickly approaching, we look forward to the continuation of our confirmation instruction and the celebration of confirmation for our 8th graders! **All 7th and 8th grade students** (St. James and public school students) should meet in the cafeteria for a brief orientation to our confirmation program for 2019-2020! The 6:00 p.m. meeting on **Wednesday, August 7** will last one hour and will include the following:

- Review the purpose and expectations of confirmation students.
- Pick up materials and schedules and pay fees.
- Fill out information form and acolyte scheduling form.

We need to have at least one parent of each 7th/8th grader come to the meeting so that we all start with the same goals. We are looking forward to a great year as together we grow in our Christian faith! Please mark your calendars now! We need everyone to be there!

ATTENTION WOMEN: it is time to start thinking about continuing our constant digging into the Word of God. We have two midweek class options for you:

- ⇒ The **Monday night group** will begin meeting on **September 9** from 7:00-9:00 in the church conference room. The study will run for ten weeks. Bring your own beverage. We will be studying the Gospel of Luke – Parts 1 and 2, getting the life and love of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Luke gives us many features omitted in Matthew and Mark, and the Christmas songs. Being a physician, we get the longest account of the virgin birth. There are 20 miracles and 23 parables. Here we find the human account of the walk to Emmaus. Luke gives us a definite human sympathy which reveals the truly human nature of Jesus, and shows us first hand a great deal about the suffering of humanity. Luke uses more medical terms than Hippocrates, the father of medicine. I hope to see many of our ladies and guests coming into our group for learning and fellowship. Look for the signup sheet near the scrip counter in the west lobby (until August 31). The cost of study materials is \$11.00. Please contact Barbara Kirkpatrick at (765) 474-3715 with any questions.
- ⇒ The **Tuesday morning group** will be studying The Gospel of John, Part 1 beginning on **September 10** from 9:30-11:30 in the church conference room. The goal of LifeLight is that through a regular program of in-depth personal and group study of Scripture, more and more Christian adults may grow in their personal faith in Jesus Christ, enjoy fellowship with the members of His body, and reach out in love to others in witness and service. This study includes home study, class discussion, “lecture” on the Scripture portion under study and reading the Enrichment Magazine. We invite all ladies of our congregation to join us for the study of John, Part 1 which offers otherwise unrecorded details of Jesus’s teaching, miracles, and life, written some time after the first three gospels. (Part 2 will be held this winter.) John’s gospel is the one often called “the spiritual gospel.” John’s purpose in writing is “that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name” John 20:31. Please respond with your desire to attend to Jan Harris at jcbeharis@aol.com or (765) 448-9022. She will need to have your registration by September 1 to order your study guide, the cost will be \$11.00. Have questions? Please contact Jan.

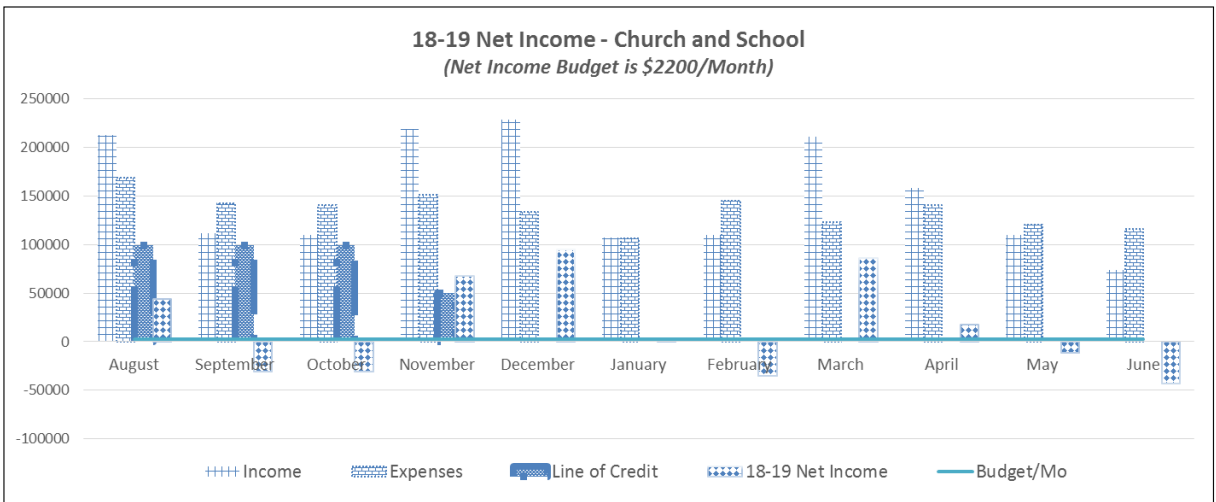
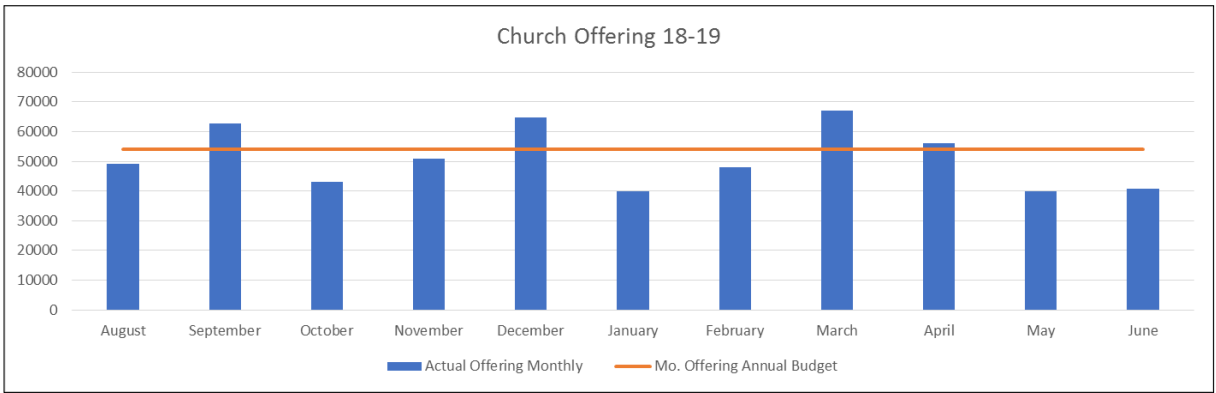
REAL--PRESENT--GOD! The GREAT EIGHT and their fearsome threesome chaperones invite the congregation to a carry-in luncheon and presentation about the 2019 LCMS National Youth Gathering from which they recently returned. Come hear and see about their adventures, their stories, their new knowledge, and their growing faith! Minneapolis was a great trip, and our youth who attended want to thank everyone for their support, so please join them on **Sunday, August 18** right after the 10:30 a.m. service. For the carry-in meal, the meat and table service and drink will be provided - just bring a favorite dish to share.

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.

CHURCH ATTENDANCE FOR JULY 27-28: 288

OFFERINGS FOR JULY 8-14: \$13,015.75

\$ FINANCIAL NEWS FROM MINDY SCHLOTMAN \$



NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 11, 2019

Genesis 15:1–6; Hebrews 11:1–16; Luke 12:22–34 (35–40)

The Lord Is Surely Coming to Give You His Kingdom



The Lord Himself was Abraham’s shield and great reward. For “the word of the Lord came to him” and sustained the patriarch’s faith in the face of death (Gen. 15:4). By divine grace, Abraham “believed the Lord, and he counted it to him as righteousness” (Gen. 15:6), on account of the holy Seed, Christ Jesus. To that one old man, the Lord granted “descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore” (Heb. 11:12). The Lord is likewise faithful to you. It is His glad desire “to give you the kingdom” (Luke 12:32). Therefore, “do not be anxious about your life,” but instead “seek his kingdom” (Luke 12:22, 31). Set your heart on that treasure. “Stay dressed for action and keep your lamps burning ... for the Son of Man is coming” (Luke 12:35, 40).



- 4 ~ Sara Delaney, Diana Koger, Mike Moya
- 5 ~ N/A
- 6 ~ Steve Hall, Zach Knotts, Aidan Northington
- 7 ~ Ellie Spencer
- 8 ~ N/A
- 9 ~ Mark Bowman, Todd Tarter
- 10 ~ Henry Beissler, Mary Myers

- 4 ~ Larry & Denise Cox (40 years)
- 5 ~ N/A
- 6 ~ Steve & Emalese Adams (42 years)
Mark & Barb Bowman (42 years)
- 7 ~ Paul & Kristi Moses (15 years)
- 8 ~ N/A
- 9 ~ N/A
- 10 ~ Lonnie & Ruth Lerch (61 years)

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!



Keaton Brooks, Cathy Collison, Linda Decker,
Laura Hamilton, Sydney Moffatt,
Ashley Northington, Brooke Richardson



CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Sun. 8/4	08:00 AM - 09:00 AM	Worship (C)
	09:15 AM - 10:15 AM	Adult Education/Sunday School
	10:30 AM - 11:30 AM	Worship
Mon. 8/5	06:00 PM - 08:00 PM	Board of Human Resources
Tue. 8/6	07:00 PM - 08:00 PM	Board of Church Properties
Wed. 8/7	06:00 PM - 07:00 PM	Jr. Confirmation Orientation Meeting
Thu. 8/8	07:00 AM - 07:45 AM	Coffee Club
Fri. 8/9	06:00 AM - 07:00 AM	Men's Bible Breakfast
Sat. 8/10	06:00 PM - 07:00 PM	Worship





All are invited to participate in the annual Superhero 5KRun/3KWalk benefiting the **Matrix LifeCare Center**! Matrix LifeCare continues to show the Lord's love to moms, dads, and babies in our greater Lafayette community--helping those in crisis situations make life-affirming choices for their children through counseling, education classes, testing, ultrasound services, and the securing of items needed to care for their babies.

Please make this the year that you join your **St. James Lutheran** family for this special servant event! Families—register with your children! Singles—join, and bring your friends! Youth—come as a superhero group! Seniors—bring your walking buddies!

Visit: www.lafayetteherorun.com to register and join team
 “St. James Lutheran, Lafayette”

Saturday, August 24, 2019

**Jenks Rest at Columbian Park
 1915 Scott Street Lafayette, IN 47904**

Event Schedule

8:00 am
 Registration opens, check in to receive
 your bib and t-shirt

9:00 am
 Kids' 1K Fun Run
 (for heroes age 10 and under)

9:30 am
 5K Run and 3K Walk Start

Pancake breakfast to follow the Walk & Run,
 costume contest, games, prizes, activities

Registration Fees

(Participants must register by August 9th
 to be guaranteed a shirt.)

5K Timed Run: \$25 up to August 1st
 \$30 August 1 - August 24
 \$35 day of event

3K Walk: Free! Includes free shirt if you raise \$150
 or more

1K Kids' Fun Run: \$10 and includes shirt

SuperDogs Costume Contest Entry: Free!

Can't join us on August 24th? Please prayerfully consider helping with this life-saving mission by supporting the St. James Lutheran team in our effort to raise \$5,000 for Matrix LifeCare! Donations may be made online at: <https://secure.qgiv.com/event/team/844640/>.

All glory and thanks be unto God—the Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer of ALL life!