

*Children of light, we live in trust and joy, for God has destined us not for wrath but for salvation.
Welcome! (Based on 1 Thessalonians 5:5, 9.)*

SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP THIS WEEK

Preacher/Liturgist: Rev. Peter Heckert

Elder: Mark Bowman

Organist: Randy Strakis

Greeters: Sat.-Patty Small;
Sun. 8:00-Jim & Kelly Gross; Sun. 10:30-
LaVaughan Evans, Jeff & Carlene Quirk

Ushers: Sat.-Dick & Cathy Collison;

Sun. 8:00-Mark Bunton, Gerry Beck, Jim Gross,
Todd Meyer; Sun. 10:30-Dave & Nancy Sattler,
Diana Koger, Keith Lah

Acolytes: Sun. 8:00-Liana Douglas, Ben Bunton,
Hope Plassard, Robert Owens; Sun. 10:30-Kuentin
Schultz, Logan DePew, Jackson Parker, Lorraine
Miller

Thank you, Lord, for being “our dwelling place in all generations” (Psalm 90:1).

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Katherine Bickett, Kathy Bishop, Chris Gillespie, Justin Hecht, Janet Hession, Donna Hoover, Jessica Hughes, Deb McDole, Scott Meyer, Mark Richeson, Lucy Smith, Kathy Strakis, Senora Venaman, Millie von Stein, and John Widau.

BAPTISMS: We welcome Baylee Elizabeth Caylor, Emmaline Lou McDole, Isabella Lynn McDole, and Reese Addyson McDole into God’s kingdom and our congregation through Holy Baptism. Baylee’s sponsors are Alexandra Schroll and Riley Stone. Emmaline, Isabella, and Reese’s sponsors are Amy Rochin and Rebecca McDole. We rejoice at Baylee, Emmaline, Isabella, and Reese’s new birth through water and the Word.

✿ ALTAR FLOWERS ✿

The flowers today are sponsored by Amanda Goodspeed in celebration of her daughter Amelia’s 9th birthday, and by Judie Watts in loving memory of her mother, Elizabeth Wilson. If you would like to sponsor flowers to commemorate a special day in your life, please sign up on the flower chart in the church office. We are currently seeking sponsors for 2018. The cost of sponsorship is \$30 per bouquet.

♥ 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 (doughnuts, coffee, juice) immediately after the 8:00 a.m. Sunday service in the cafeteria.

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

TRADITIONS led by Wayne Luke in the cafeteria (Room P212). This adult Bible class will run through Christmas, offering a variety of topics to enhance your faith life. You're encouraged to attend! The Christmas season is rapidly approaching! It's a season of many traditions; attending Advent services, setting up a Christmas tree, stringing outdoor lights, exchanging presents, etc. This year why not start a new family tradition in your family – daily family devotions. As Christians we are all part of God's family, and as worshipers at St. James we are part of the St. James congregational family. Advent is the season of preparing for the true meaning of Christmas! This year as part of Advent we are inviting all families, whether they are just one individual, empty nesters, or still have children at home, to participate in a program of daily family devotions. A devotion book of short daily devotions based on the Christmas story as told in Luke chapters 1 and 2 is available for all congregational members. In addition, we are providing each family with the materials (candles & base) to set up their own Advent wreath. Families with children will be provided with an Advent calendar. The devotion program is designed to run from Monday, November 27 through Epiphany Sunday, January 6. Please consider participating in this exciting and enriching program!

LUTHERANISM 101 led by Pastor Heckert in the fellowship hall (Room F202). This adult information (new member) class will introduce you to Christian doctrine as revealed by God through Scripture. Pastor will explain the essentials of our faith: what the Church believes and what it means to live "in Christ." If you would like to brush up on your fundamentals of the faith and meet some potential new members, we would love to have you join us!

A DEEPER LOOK moderated 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.)** ✘

Preschool 2s & 3s will meet in Room P204 (yellow classroom) and can be picked up by parents there. All other grades will start in the sanctuary for the opening of Sunday school, go to their individual rooms (listed below), and then will end up in the cafeteria for pickup:

- Pre-K - Kindergarten: P205 (orange classroom)
- 1st-2nd Grade: P101 (kindergarten classroom)
- 3rd-5th Grade: P104 (2nd grade classroom)
- 6th-8th Grade: P112 (library)
- High school: F104 (conference room)

If you have questions, contact Rebecca Rowan at rowanrm@gmail.com or (423) 322-7326.

📖 **WEEKDAY BIBLE STUDIES** 📖

CONFESSIONS BIBLE STUDY led by Pastor Barton on Mondays 7-8 p.m. in the fellowship hall. We have begun a new study of a part of the Lutheran Confessions: The Power and Primacy of the Pope. We'll consider the role of the Pope in the Roman Catholic Church and our own view of church structure and power, based on Scripture. New people are always welcome to join this study. Contact Pastor Barton for details at: jpbarton47@gmail.com.

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

THURSDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY led by Pastor Heckert on Thursdays 7:00-8:30 p.m. in the conference room. Join Pastor for riveting discussion of biblical texts, real-life implications, and the occasional humorous anecdote! We'll see you there!

MEN'S BIBLE BREAKFAST led by Pastor Barton 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 ⚙️

WORSHIP FOR SHUT-INS: Worship for Shut-Ins is a 30 minute Lutheran television worship service. It includes the readings for the day, prayers, and a Lutheran pastor delivering a message that is one-on-one to the viewer. Sundays at 10:00 a.m. on WHMB-TV40.

LUTHERAN PUBLIC RADIO: Music of the Church anytime at www.LutheranPublicRadio.org.

ISSUES, ETC.: Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken and produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL. You can listen to what you want, when you want at www.issuesetc.org.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR: In Lerner and Loewe's musical, *My Fair Lady*, Eliza is being wooed with words by a weak and wimpy suitor. She comments, "Don't talk of Stars, burning above if you're in love, show me. Tell me not dreams, filled with desire if you're on fire, show me." In Jesus's description of Judgment Day, the Savior goes on record: true love needs to show itself in action (Matthew 25:31-46). In next week's broadcast on November 26, Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus speaks on the topic, "Show Me." *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.

LUTHERAN RADIO STATION - KFUE: Listen to Worldwide KFUE.org, your radio station for practical Lutheran talk, daily Bible and Confession studies, current issues from a Lutheran worldview, and daily worship opportunities. All programs are archived at KFUE.org for 24/7 on-demand listening. You can also find our programming wherever you get your podcasts! Have a question or comment? Find us at @KFUEradio on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. Call (800) 730-2727 or e-mail letstalk@kfue.org to join the conversation on "Let's Talk!"

◆ GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS ◆

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*. **November 19** – Neighbors' lives occupy among the highest places of all God graciously lends us (Matthew 25:14-15). We may invest ourselves in them rather than burying them (Matthew 25:22-25) before they have borne the fruit and beauty for which He purposes them (1 Thessalonians 5:9-10). With this attitude we share in His own joy! *Merciful Christ, excite our spirits so to trust Your goodness that we find Your kingdom coming even amid suffering and weakness. Amen.*

NAMETAG REMINDER: Are you wearing your nametag today?

CHRISTMAS FOR EVERYONE: *Christmas for Everyone* is a community ministry of compassion created by the Tippecanoe Chapter of the American Red Cross. The goal of this ministry is to provide Christmas gifts for all of the children in need in the Lafayette community. This year St. James has the privilege of assisting the Red Cross with their goal of making Christmas a celebration for everyone by sponsoring 75 special boys and girls in the Lafayette community. The sponsorship information on these kids is available on a bulletin board in the cafeteria. There is a \$40 spending limit for the items on the wish list of each child. **All gifts need to be unwrapped and delivered to the church office in their green bags by NOON on Friday, December 1.** We will be delivering the bags to the local distribution site that same day. St. James has a fine tradition of generosity in this area and we look forward to another year of the same.

THE COACH PLASSARD GAME SHOW EXPERIENCE IS HERE: A special thanks to those generous parents and grandparents who donated to the 2017 St. James Auction to allow 28 of our brightest young people to participate. Even if your child is not participating, the events are open to anyone who would like to be a part of the “studio audience.” The game shows will take place in the cafeteria on both Saturday, November 18 and Sunday, November 19 beginning at 3:00 p.m. Each show will be followed by a dinner, compliments of Coach Plassard. Big fun, awesome prizes, good food, and a few special guests are all on the agenda, so come out and support the kids if your schedule allows!

VOTERS’ ASSEMBLY: The next regular meeting of the St. James Voters’ Assembly, the governing body for our congregation, is this **Sunday, November 19** at 12:15 p.m. in the cafeteria. A light lunch will be served prior to the meeting. The minutes from the last assembly and the agenda for the 19th are available at the welcome center counter (east lobby).

WE NEED YOU: The ST. JAMES SEWING CIRCLE would like to invite ALL ladies to our BABY sewing group. It will be as usual, the third Monday of the month, **November 20**, from 8:30 a.m. until noon. We need all kinds of workers! If you like sewing, cutting, labeling, etc., please join us. This is a wonderful mission to supply our hospitals with infant outfits for families in need. This will be our last meeting of the year since we take December off. Hope to see you in the fellowship hall on Monday. If you have any questions, please call Dorothy Welther at 765-567-2156.

NO PLANS FOR THANKSGIVING? Pastor & Lindsey Eggold invite you to join them for food, drinks, and games at Grace Lutheran Church on Thanksgiving Day at noon at the fellowship hall entrance. Please RSVP to Lindsey at leggold@stjameslaf.org or Pastor at daneggold@hotmail.com and bring a dish to share if you are able.

THE GREENING OF THE CHURCH FOR ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS: The Altar Guild will be decorating the church and hanging the Chrismons on the Christmas tree on **Saturday, December 2** at 9:00 a.m. Everyone in the congregation is invited to help with this event.

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO: Mike and Barb Tarter’s 50th Anniversary Open House on **Sunday, December 3** from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Light refreshments and desserts will be served. Please help us celebrate this wonderful milestone with Mike and Barb!

SATE THE DATE: This is a brief announcement to let you know that St. James is organizing a Christmas caroling party on the afternoon of **Sunday, December 10**. More details are coming in next week's bulletin and in the December newsletter.

BARNES & NOBLE BOOK FAIR: Please join us on **December 15** for a Barnes and Noble Book Fair benefiting the St. James school library. We will have events and activities from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Before the book fair, make a list of your Barnes & Noble shopping needs - whether it is Christmas, birthday, or other special occasion gifts. Shop the book fair at any Barnes & Noble using the book fair voucher or online on **December 15** using our unique book fair ID number 12274262 and our school will receive a percentage of the proceeds! If you have any questions, please contact Amanda Goodspeed at agoodspeed@stjameslaf.org.

WE HAVE A NEED - CAN YOU HELP? Do you have any gently used washrags and/or hand towels that you no longer want and are willing to donate? If so, we would love to take them off your hands. Any you wish to donate would be gratefully received in the church office. Thank you!

SEEKING ARMED FORCES INFORMATION: The Board Of Evangelism wants to create a bulletin board display in the cafeteria with pictures of the sons and daughters of our congregation that are currently serving in the U.S. armed forces. The Board is asking the families of the St. James service members to give the pictures and other information (branch of service, rank and postal address) to Nolita Freel or leave it at the church office. In addition to posting the pictures, the Board of Evangelism will also mail church bulletins, *Portals of Prayer*, birthday cards (if we have their birthdate) and other encouragements from their church family at St. James. The Board looks forward to recognizing and encouraging the sons and daughters of St. James as they serve our country in the armed forces.

OPPORTUNITES TO SERVE: The congregation is in need of volunteers to fill some positions as follows:

- Financial Committee Chair
- Assistant Financial Secretary
- Board of Stewardship, Chair and members
- Audit Committee
- Membership & Retention Committee
- Special Gifts Secretary

Please contact Dann Keiser, Congregational President at (765) 366-7010 or keiser@tetc.com, or one of the pastors if you want to volunteer or have questions about these opportunities to serve the church and our Lord. In service to Christ together, *Dann*

“LIFE QUOTES” FROM LUTHERANS FOR LIFE (www.lutheransforlife.org): “A child who has been adopted by loving parents knows from the outset that he is loved because he knows they chose him. He was not simply accepted because he was conceived and born into their midst but was sought out to become their child. God is like that with us! ‘Although it may appear outwardly that we make our way toward God, the joyful and wonderful truth is that it is God who comes to us’ (Matthew the Poor).” *Abbot Tryphon, Vashon Island, Washington*

STEWARDSHIP GENEROSITY THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: Matthew 25:30 - “And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness.” Why did the worthless servant act the way he did? Because of what he believed about the Master. He didn’t trust or love the Master – and so his actions did not demonstrate love and trust, but rather hate and mistrust. It’s the same with us, but in reverse: since we know our Lord God to be faithful and kind, we desire to serve Him and render faithful service with what He has given us.

§ FINANCIAL NEWS FROM MINDY SCHLOTMAN §

Greetings to all. This has been a splendid fall! I don’t know about you, but I have enjoyed the weather. I was able to get applesauce canned, which wrapped up my food preservation for the winter months. I am ready for a little break from the garden! As you can see, we have been busy in this office once again. Our bills are current. I am completing many reports for year end and beginning to think about the upcoming budget meetings. The cash flow is staying rather consistent. We have found that October is definitely going to be our tough month. Over the last two years, our Octobers have been a strain, but the good Lord always comes through, and we are able to continue this wonderful ministry here in downtown Lafayette. I ask that you continue to provide your talents when you can fit it into your schedule; consider prayers to keep us moving in the right direction and always doing what is best for the congregation; and if you have any feedback or advice, bring it on down. I would love to learn ways we can improve together. Take care. Next time we talk, it will be December!

WEEKLY OFFERINGS: Oct. 9-15 = \$14,025.10 Oct. 16-22 = \$5,343.95
 Oct. 23-29 = \$13,025.35 Oct. 30 - Nov. 5 = \$13,489.61

Line of Credit: 10/11/17 - \$20,000 and paid back on 10/31/17 - \$20,016.96. The balance is currently \$0.

LAST SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR

November 26, 2017

Ezekiel 34:11–16, 20–24; 1 Corinthians 15:20–28; Matthew 25:31–46

By the Cross of Christ, We Enter the Kingdom of Our God and Father



When the crucified and risen Lord Jesus comes to judge the living and the dead, “he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats” (Matthew 25:32). “To those on his right,” who have been crucified and raised with Him through repentance and faith in His Gospel, He will grant the blessed kingdom of His Father (Matthew 25:34). Having been justified by His grace, they live unto righteousness in Him (Matthew 25:35–40). But “those on his left,” who trust in themselves and despise their neighbor, will depart “into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels” (Matthew 25:41). Until that day, the Lord searches for His sheep “as a shepherd seeks out his flock” (Ezekiel 34:11–12). Through His preaching of repentance, He disciplines the proud sheep and goats, “the fat and the strong,” but through the preaching of forgiveness He rescues the lost, binds up the injured, strengthens the weak and feeds “the lean sheep” (Ezekiel 34:16, 20). In this way, He destroys the power of death in the children of Adam by His cross, so that “in Christ shall all be made alive” by His resurrection (1 Corinthians 15:20–26).

🔔 **SCHOOL NEWS FROM JAKE ROGERS** 🔔

*With God as our foundation, we educate & equip for service, for Christ,
the mind, heart, and spirit of today's 21st Century learner.*

SCHOOL THEME 2017-2018 - MICAH 6:8 - ACT JUSTLY. LOVE MERCY. WALK HUMBLY.

For 166 years of ministry at St. James Lutheran School, our focus has and will always remain on us teaching about a changeless Christ (our Rock) to a changing world. It is a constant theme for our school and all Lutheran schools around the world. No matter what happens in our own lives or our world, we rejoice that our hope is secure in Jesus Christ through His death on the Cross and resurrection. God calls us to live out our school theme daily: to do what is right, to show love and mercy toward one other, and to recognize that everything is a gift from God!

FROM OUR FAMILY TO YOURS, HAVE A HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

ST. JAMES LUTHERAN SCHOOL & OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD: Last year, St. James partnered with Operation Christmas Child to provide shoeboxes full of toys, gifts, and supplies for boys and girls around the world who were in areas of war and poverty. Last year, we provided over 78 shoeboxes that were sent over to Columbia and Botswana. We had such a wonderful response from the students and families. I'm very happy to report that our school was able to provide 77 shoeboxes. We thank all of our students and families for making this year's shoebox campaign a success. These shoeboxes will join many other shoeboxes from other organizations to go to those children who are in need this Christmas season, all over the world. Thank you so much and Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow!

ST. JAMES LUTHERAN SCHOOL & FOOD PANTRY: Students are currently collecting items for our Food Pantry during the month of November for members of our community. If you would like to bring in any items to the school (cafeteria), you're more than welcome to do so.

SCIENCE FAIR JUDGES: St. James is currently seeking volunteers to help in the judging process during our Science Fair in the middle part of January. Anyone with knowledge in the sciences and a willingness to share a day of their time with the students of St. James is asked to contact our science teacher, Mrs. Donna Rider at dridr@stjameslaf.org for further information.

ST. JAMES LUTHERAN SCHOOL CALENDAR 2017-2018:

- 11/22..... Thanksgiving Service, 7pm
- 11/23-24 Thanksgiving Break—No School
- 12/1..... Christmas Program, Gr. K-3, 6pm
- 12/6..... Lessons & Carols, Gr. 4-8, 6pm
- 12/6-8 PTL Christmas Shoppe
- 12/8-9 SJS Girls Basketball Tournament

Serving the Master Teacher,
Jake Rogers, Principal
jrogers@stjameslaf.org
Twitter: @sjsjrogers)

BIRTHDAYS

Nov. 19 Emily Burgeson, Liana Douglas,
Charlie Wetzel

Nov. 20 Brandon Bennett, Maddie Kessler,
Lauren Knowles, Karrie Tarter

Nov. 21 Jon Hubner

Nov. 22 Conner Eckert, Amelia Goodspeed

Nov. 23 Mary Prill

Nov. 25 Lilly Kult

ANNIVERSARIES

Nov. 19 Troy & Brandi Shaw (23 years)

Nov. 20 Ken & Lisa VanderHoff (24 years)

Nov. 25 Larry & Melanie Brown (58 years)

BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS

Corey Collins, Edith Grady, Cara Hamilton,
Glen Luedtke, Ray Owens

*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!*

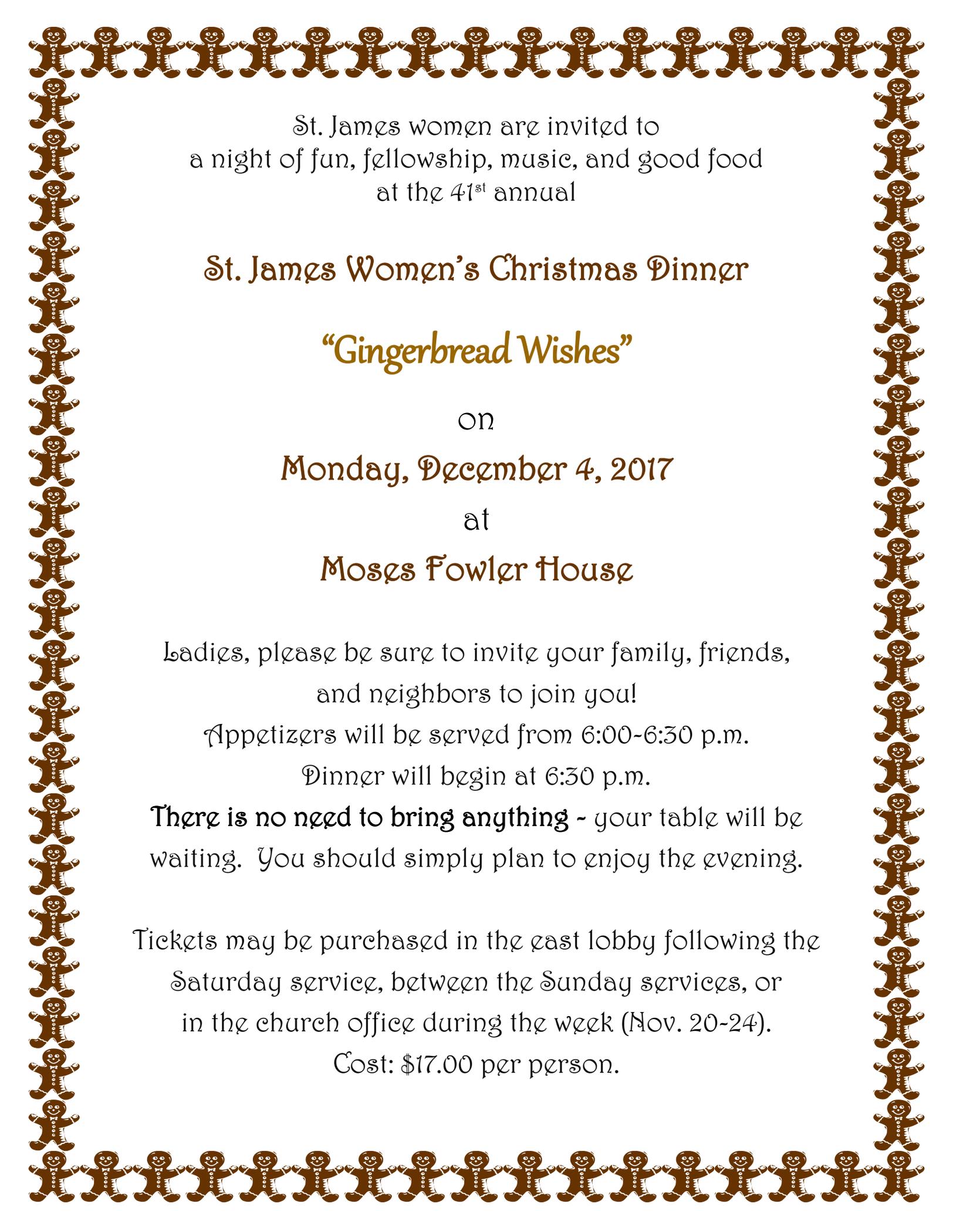


CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Sun. 11/19	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
	12:15 PM	Voters' Assembly
Mon. 11/20	08:30 AM - Noon	Sewing Circle
	07:00 PM - 08:00 PM	Confessions Bible Study
Tue. 11/21	03:00 PM - 04:00 PM	Christmas Parade Practice/Float Assembly
	05:30 PM - 06:30 PM	Bell Choir Rehearsal
	05:30 PM - 07:30 PM	Board of Christian Education
	06:15 PM - 07:30 PM	Board of Evangelism
	06:30 PM - 07:30 PM	Adult Choir Rehearsal
	07:30 PM - 09:00 PM	Parish Planning Council
Wed. 11/22	06:00 PM - 07:00 PM	Thanksgiving Eve Service (C)
Thu. 11/23	<i>Thanksgiving Day</i>	<i>No Scheduled Events / Office Closed</i>
Fri. 11/24	06:00 AM - 07:00 AM	Men's Bible Breakfast
Sat. 11/25	06:00 PM - 07:00 PM	Worship



Thanksgiving
Worship



St. James women are invited to
a night of fun, fellowship, music, and good food
at the 41st annual

St. James Women's Christmas Dinner

"Gingerbread Wishes"

on

Monday, December 4, 2017

at

Moses Fowler House

Ladies, please be sure to invite your family, friends,
and neighbors to join you!

Appetizers will be served from 6:00-6:30 p.m.

Dinner will begin at 6:30 p.m.

There is no need to bring anything - your table will be
waiting. You should simply plan to enjoy the evening.

Tickets may be purchased in the east lobby following the
Saturday service, between the Sunday services, or
in the church office during the week (Nov. 20-24).

Cost: \$17.00 per person.

St. James Lutheran School Boys' and Girls' Basketball Tournament T-Shirt Sponsorship Form

Please consider supporting the 8th grade class by becoming a t-shirt sponsor for the boys' and girls' winter basketball tournaments. St. James has been hosting these tournaments for more than 45 years. Throughout the two weekends these events are held, over 500 people come to watch the games, compete, dance, and even worship together.

All profits from the sales of these commemorative T-shirts go to defray the costs of the 8th graders' trip this May to Washington D.C., Williamsburg, and Gettysburg. When you sponsor the T-shirts, you are not only promoting the education of our 8th grade students, you are also promoting your business to the people of our community and all the surrounding communities represented in the tournament.

Please consider becoming a T-shirt sponsor. Sponsorship forms should be turned into the school office c/o Lindsey Eggold by Nov. 23rd. If you have a business logo you would like to have included on the back of the shirt, please include a copy of the logo with your sponsorship form. Contact Lindsey Eggold if you have any questions at leggold@stjameslaf.org.

Thank you,
The St. James Class of 2018

Sponsor Name: _____

T-shirt size: AS AM AL XL 2XL 3XL

Sponsorship Amount :

\$50 \$75 \$100 \$200 Other: _____

(Checks may be written to: St. James Class of 2018 and sent to St. James Lutheran School, 615 N. 8th Street, Lafayette, IN 47901)