

Welcome to our celebration of Christ as the all-powerful King of our lives and the world.

SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP THIS WEEK

Preacher: Rev. Peter Heckert

Liturgist: Rev. David French

Elder: Jeff Wetzel

Organist: Linda Kyroutac

Greeters: Sat.-Ed & Rosie Swanson;
Sun. 8:00-Ken & Pam Walschlager;
Sun. 10:30-Ruth O'Connor, Dan O'Connor

Ushers: Sat.-Dick & Cathy Collison; Sun. 8:00-
Scot & Ann Benham, Brett & Kathy Cowans;
Sun. 10:30-Clark & Edith Grady, Ken VanderHoff,
Katelyn VanderHoff

Acolytes: Sun. 8:00-Vivian Berman, Lilly Kult,
Caleb Hamelman, Haley Hamelman; Sun. 10:30-
Alayna Walker, Isabel Keiper, Maya Schoon,
Madison Moffatt

King of kings, Lord of lords! Our trust is in you above all else.

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 Deacon Carter Prickel and Griffin Tanner Prickel, sons of Amanda Prickel, into God's kingdom and our congregation through Holy Baptism. Deacon and Griffin's sponsor is Andrew Stark. We rejoice at Deacon and Griffin's new birth through water and the Word.

DEATHS: Our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Lucille Scott who was called home on Tuesday, November 21. Please keep them in your prayers as they mourn their loss.

✿ ALTAR FLOWERS ✿

The flowers today are sponsored by Les & Carol Ricks in celebration of their 57th wedding anniversary on November 26, and by Ken & Barb Kirkpatrick in celebration of their 55th wedding anniversary on November 30. 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 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: Sometimes our faith gets weaker, sometimes it grows stronger. Let's take this Advent to heart and "live by faith and not by sight." (Mark 13:24-37 In next week's broadcast on December 3, Rev. Dr. Dale A. Meyer speaks on the topic, "Advent Adventure." *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 26** – Even death lies subject to God (1 Corinthians 15:25-26). Jesus has established His dominion over it, bending it into an instrument of His life-giving will. This victory enables us to guard the gift of life especially within the least of these – where mortal minds conclude life cannot flourish but faith beholds the firstfruits of the new creation (Matthew 25:37-40). *Lord of glory, let us bear Your cross alongside the undeserving and inherit the kingdom You have prepared. Amen.*

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!

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 in the 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 Friday, December 1.** St. James has a fine tradition of generosity in this area and we look forward to another year of the same.

ONE MORE TIME: Check out the Quilters for the final time in 2017 on **Monday, November 27** in the fellowship hall from 8:30 a.m. until noon. You can cut, sew, or tie. Hope to see you!

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!

THE SEASON OF ADVENT: As we look at the calendar, we know Advent must be close because Christmas is beginning to be on our minds. And, indeed we are just a week from the beginning of the church year/the first Sunday of Advent which is quickly followed by our mid-week Advent services. This year we will again begin our mid-week services with Lessons & Carols followed by a short series entitled, "Behold the Light!" There we will consider the Word of God revealed through St. Paul from Romans 13:11-14 and Romans 15:4-7. Join us as we consider how, even though the darkness has a sinful beauty that lures and charms us, we as sinners redeemed by the righteousness of Christ realize it's time to live in the light but find in ourselves only darkness. It is the Word of God alone that provides the source of our hope in the midst of that darkness. Christ is that source of hope who has overcome the darkness and by grace unites us who are many lights to shine as one in Him who is the light of the world.

Wednesday, December 6

4:45-5:45 p.m. - Dinner sponsored by the St. James Auction Committee. Menu: TBD

6:00 p.m. - Advent Service of Lessons & Carols

Wednesday, December 13

4:45-5:45 p.m. - Dinner sponsored by the St. James Music Ministry. Menu: TBD

6:00 p.m. - Advent Service *Put on the Light*

Wednesday, December 20

4:45-5:45 p.m. - Dinner sponsored by the St. James 8th grade class who is fundraising for the class trip to Washington D. C. in the spring. Menu: TBD

6:00 p.m. - Advent Service *Many Lights Are Brighter*

CHRISTMAS CAROLING AT ST. JAMES: On **Sunday afternoon, December 10**, we would like to visit some of our older members and bring to them the joyful sounds of Christmas. Christmas caroling is good for both the young and old. The number of caroling groups will depend on the number of singers. The tentative agenda is as follows:

2:00 p.m. - Meet in the cafeteria for information/assignment(s) Dress for the season.

2:20-4:00 p.m. - Caroling at member's homes/nursing homes/hospitals

4:00-4:30 p.m. - Meet back at the cafeteria for Christmas goodies

Notes: (1) Please RSVP with the number of singers. To Jerry Ripke (490-5254, jerryripke@gmail.com) or to Amanda Goodspeed (490-9558, agoodspeed@stjameslaf.org). (2) Bring some Christmas treats for when the groups return. (3) Bad weather date is Sunday, December 17-same agenda. Merry Christmas! If you know of someone that really would appreciate a group of carolers, let one of us know. Thank you

HIGH SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PARTY: The next High School Youth Group gathering is scheduled for **Sunday, December 10** from 6:00 until 8:00 p.m. Usually we plan for the first Sunday of the month, but there were too many schedule conflicts that weekend. The location will be different as well. Please meet at 714 Kossuth Street in Lafayette, which is Ruth O'Connor's house. We will first enjoy dinner, so please arrive ready to eat. Following our meal, we will have devotions with an Advent theme. Then we plan to have a Christmas game, with prizes. We will finish our evening with a "White Elephant" gift exchange. Please either wrap up something from around your house or purchase something for no more than two dollars. Please plan to be there as this event is sure to put you in the Christmas spirit! For directions to Ruth O'Connor's house, please see the bulletin board in the cafeteria.

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.

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.

"LIFE QUOTES" FROM LUTHERANS FOR LIFE (www.lutheransforlife.org): "All that we call human history—money, poverty, ambition, war, prostitution, classes, empires, slavery—is the long terrible story of man trying to find something other than God which will make him happy." *C.S. Lewis in Mere Christianity*

NAMETAG REMINDER: This is the last Sunday of the church year. Make a resolution that beginning next Sunday you will wear your nametag.

OPPORTUNITIES 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@tctc.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*

STEWARDSHIP GENEROSITY THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: Matthew 25:44 - “Then they also will answer, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?’” With this parable Jesus once again emphasizes that our good works come from who we are, not the other way around. Sheep do sheep works, and goats do goat works. So first things first: if we want to live more faithfully, let us come to Jesus, receive His gifts, and ask him to increase our faith!

§ FINANCIAL NEWS FROM MINDY SCHLOTMAN §

As we are entering the Thanksgiving season, I wanted to give you some things to ponder. I was reading *The Blessing of Tithing* by Neuendorf and Chewning to get some interesting information for this post. I read the following devotional. You may find as good as I did. “I realize how much my parents sacrificed to give me everything I needed. I can see now all the things they did and all the things they did without in order that I might have good things. I’ve learned that about my Heavenly Father as well. Look at how much he gives to us! And look at how little He asks of us. He gives us things that cannot be measured. And what does He ask? He asks that we use a portion of what we receive to support the ministry of His Church on earth. Jesus said, ‘Freely you have received, freely give’ (Matthew 10:8). Jesus also said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive’ (Acts 20:35).” As you enter this season please consider this amazing ministry and the blessings that we provide, not only to you, the community, but also your future generations. Offerings have been a little lower than our budget projections. If you have the opportunity to provide a special gift at this time of celebration, it would help us keep on track with the budget year. Malachi 3:10 - “Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in My house. Test Me in this,” says the LORD almighty, “and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of Heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it.”

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
	Nov. 6-12 = \$9,054.97	Nov. 13-19 = \$10,416.57

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

🔔 **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!

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 drider@stjameslaf.org for further information.

ST. JAMES LUTHERAN SCHOOL CALENDAR 2017-2018:

- 12/1.....Christmas Program, Gr. K-3, 6pm
- 12/6.....Lessons & Carols, Gr. 4-8, 6pm
- 12/6-8PTL Christmas Shoppe
- 12/8-9SJS Girls Basketball Tournament

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



BIRTHDAYS

Nov. 28 Jonah McClannen
Nov. 29 Shelley Hawk, Sophia Pazera
Nov. 30 Karin Crum, Jessica Grady
Dec. 1 Kristy McCain, Jack Mitchell, Sienna Moon
Dec. 2 Stephen Kingsley, Sue Schultz



ANNIVERSARIES

Nov. 26 Les & Carol Ricks (57 years)
Nov. 27 Mike & Mary O'Donnell (13 years)
Nov. 30 Larry & Tammy Buess (26 years)
Ken & Barb Kirkpatrick (55 years)
Dec. 1 Bill & Connie Talbott (38 years)
Dec. 2 Mike & Barb Tarter (50 years)

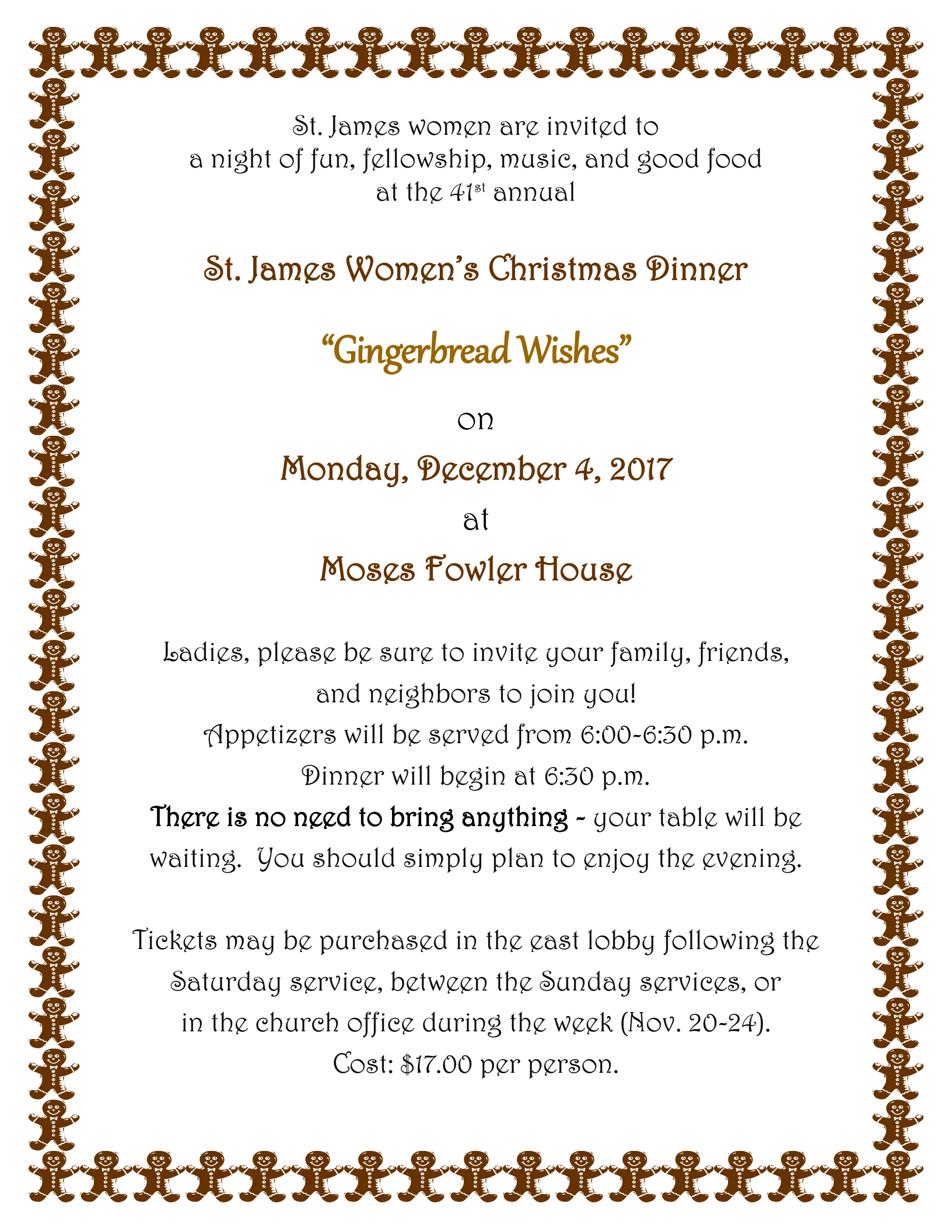
BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS

Amanda Brandenburg, Karra Fergar, Heather Forsythe, Jody Gibson, Brian Guyer, Sandy Kull, Sophia Pazera, Joy Plassard, Christina Scott, Katelyn VanderHoff, Caroline Wilcox

*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. 11/26	08:00 AM - 09:00 AM 09:15 AM - 10:15 AM 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM	Worship Adult Education/Sunday School Worship (C)
Mon. 11/27	08:30 AM - Noon 07:00 PM - 08:00 PM	Quilters Confessions Bible Study
Tue. 11/28	03:00 PM - 04:00 PM 05:00 PM - 08:00 PM 07:00 PM - 08:00 PM	Christmas Parade Practice/Float Assembly Culver's Night Board of Elders
Wed. 11/29	10:30 AM - 01:00 PM 06:00 PM - 08:00 PM	Fellowship Communion 7th & 8th Grace (Public School) Confirmation Classes
Thu. 11/30	07:00 AM - 07:45 AM 05:30 PM - 06:30 PM 06:30 PM - 07:30 PM 07:00 PM - 08:30 PM	Coffee Club Bell Choir Rehearsal Adult Choir Rehearsal Thursday Evening Bible Study
Fri. 12/1	06:00 AM - 07:00 AM	Men's Bible Breakfast
Sat. 12/2	06:00 PM - 07:00 PM	Worship (C)



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)