

SAINT JAMES JOTTINGS



1886 - 2011: Celebrating 125 Years of God's Grace



LOOKING AHEAD

October 30

10:45 am—Affirmation of Baptism

November 2

6 pm—Community Meal

November 6

All Saint's Day

6 pm—Loss & Remembrance
Service & Dinner

November 13

Noon—Veterans Lunch
5 pm—St. James Book Group

November 17

6:30 pm—MS Youth Group

November 19

11 am—1 pm—WELCA
Bake Sale & Luncheon

November 19 & 20

Prayer Shawl Blessing

November 21

7 pm—VANN Ecumenical
Thanksgiving Worship @ PAC

November 27

9:40 am—Advent Fest
6:30 pm—HS Youth Group

ST. JAMES WELCA ANNUAL BAKE SALE & LUNCHEON

The St. James WELCA Annual Bake Sale and Luncheon is on Saturday, November 19th from 11:00 am - 1:00 pm. Homemade baked goods will be on sale in the narthex and will include lefse, pies, peppernuts, fudge, breads and more. The luncheon, held in the fellowship hall, includes roasted turkey sandwiches, hot side dishes, along with a wide selection of fresh salads and homemade pies. The cost is \$7, with proceeds used to help fund various needs in the church as well as several local charities. Please come and support our church women's group and enjoy delicious homemade food and goodies!

Note to All Bakers/Helpers: If you would like to provide food for the bake sale and luncheon, please sign up on the board in the narthex. You may bring your homemade baked goods to sell at the bake sale (please price them using the suggested price list available on the sign up board) and/or contribute a salad or pie for the luncheon. For planning purposes, it is important to use the sign-up board. Sign up today!

JOTTINGS TO MOVE TO ONLINE PUBLICATION

Beginning with the December issue, Jottings will be primarily distributed as an online publication. Earlier this year, the Communications Team proposed this change to the Board of Ministry and gained their approval. The cost and labor of producing Jottings on paper has increased significantly over the years. In addition, the bulk mail process itself has become increasingly challenging.

Jottings has been posted on the St. James website for the past two years where it has been accessible for both viewing and printing. We ask all members to submit their email addresses to St. James (mlichty@stjamesverona.org), call the church office at 845-6922, or fill out a form at the Welcome Center in the narthex so an updated list can be generated.

For members who want to receive a paper copy of Jottings, we will accommodate you by producing a limited paper run which will be available at St. James in the narthex. If you prefer a copy be mailed to you, please contact the church office at 845-6922.

Please contact Michelle Lichty, Parish Administrator or any member of the Communications Team: Rick Fetherston, Todd Olsen, Phil Premo, Steve Scadden, or Drew Eckmayer if you have any questions or suggestions. Thank you for your support.

FROM THE PASTOR

It was a great joy to celebrate the 125th Anniversary of St. James in early October: a Polka Band, Oktoberfest dinner, St. James Choir and Bell Choir, Pastors Jeff Jacobs and Kirsten Fryer preaching. It was a glorious weekend! And many thanks to all who helped plan and offered time to make this all possible.

In some ways I felt out of place. St. James has been here 125 years. I have been here five - I have witnessed so little of its history. There are some of you who have called St. James your church home for most if not all of your lives. There are others of you, like me and my family, who have been here a much shorter time. Either way, I hope we all feel equally welcome and a vital part of this community in Christ we call St. James.

It was good to celebrate and give thanks for 125 years of receiving, growing, and giving. There are so many who gave so much in time, energy, and offerings through the years since 1886 to further the mission and ministry of St. James.

I have been wondering what the next 125 years might look like. I have been wondering how we look forward into the future: the next several weeks, months, and years, and asking myself, and now asking you: How can we remain a faithful community? What are the new challenges before us? How can we be open to the Holy Spirit's guiding and empowering, so that we are freed to take risks, freed to love, freed to be a light, freed to share the Good News of Jesus? (For the Holy Spirit is always about freeing us!)

Jesus didn't stay in one place very long. He was always on the road, meeting new people, crossing old boundaries, encountering both welcome and resistance along the way. Jesus went *out* - to others, with a healing touch, a promise of forgiveness, a word of hope. The Greek word for *church* is "ekklesia," meaning the sent-out people.

The church is both gathered and sent. What happens at 427 South Main is vital and essential to who we are. This is where we are filled, fed, renewed... but it is not where we live. From this

place we go out in different directions. We are *St. James on the road*.

So how do we live into the glorious future that God has in store for us? We pray. We grow. We worship. We receive. And then we rely on God's strength and wisdom: we are God's people, and God continues to send us to baptize and make disciples, to share good news freely and openly, to be God's hands and heart in the world, using whatever gifts God has given.

In every time and place there are people who seek healing, forgiveness, and hope. Let us be like Jesus: let us remember we are the church on the road, sent as God's people of St. James to those places God is calling us to serve. We are members of St. James. However long we exist, we exist not for ourselves, but for the mission Jesus calls us to - bringing his light and love to others.

~Pastor Peter Narum



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WORSHIP

Saturday - 5:00 pm • Sunday - 8:30 & 10:45 am

OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday — 8 am to 4 pm
Wednesday — 8 am to 12 noon

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BOOK GROUP

November 13th @ 5:00

November's Book Group will be discussing the book *The Help*, by Kathryn Stockett. Three ordinary women are about to take one extraordinary step. Seemingly as different from one another as can be, these women will nonetheless come together for a clandestine project that will put them all at risk. And why? Because they are suffocating with the lines that define their town and their times. And sometimes lines are made to be crossed. In pitch-perfect voices, Kathryn Stockett creates three extraordinary women whose determination to start a movement of their own forever changes a town, and the way women – mothers, daughters, caregivers, friends view one another. A deeply moving novel filled with poignancy, humor, and hope, *The Help* is a timeless and universal story about the lines we abide by and the ones we don't. This book is available at the Welcome Center for \$9.



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS ENDS

2 am on Sunday, November 6th

Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour before going to bed. Enjoy the extra hour of sleep!

LIVE AND GIVE THANKFULLY

Tuesday, November 22 at 7:00 pm

Last year St. James joined with Salem UCC, Sugar River UMC and St. Andrews Catholic Church in hosting a Thanksgiving service for the entire community of Verona. This service was a HUGE success last year! This year the Live and Give Thankfully Service will be held at the Verona Area High School PAC on Tuesday, November 22 at 7:00 pm. Please bring food items for the food pantry. An offering will be collected to support the Verona Family Assistance Program of the Verona Schools. All are welcome to enjoy the inspiring music and community interaction!

VERONA CROP WALK



Thank you to all of the participants and donors of Verona's Crop Walk. More than \$2300 was raised among Verona churches and St. James had more than 20 walkers this year!

SNOW SHOVELERS NEEDED!



It's that time of the year when we will need some able-bodied helpers to sign up for snow shoveling. Volunteers will need to shovel (snow blow) the side walks leading to the church, the entrances and emergency exits Friday thru Monday each week. The sign-up is on the bulletin board in the narthex. If you have any questions, please call 845-6922.



THE MEASURE OF OUR COMMITMENT

2011 Ministry Plan (budget)	\$ 446,680
Received thru September	\$283,602
Budget to-date	\$308,200
<i>Note: These figures allow you to monitor our giving. They do not reflect audited amounts.</i>	
Attendance for September.....	1042

SERVING OTHERS . . .

VERONA AREA FOOD PANTRY

Dear Community Members,

As the economy continues to lag, more families in our community are experiencing the need for assistance. These families struggle to feed their children and provide warm clothing and shelter. In order to help meet these needs, the Verona Area Food Pantry is expanding. In January 2011 the Verona Area Needs Network (VANN) incorporated as a 501(c)3 non-profit organization to encompass the Verona Area Food Pantry and to begin to expand to provide other resources to those in need within the Verona Area School District community. The Pantry will continue to operate as before under the new name of the Verona Area Needs Network Food Pantry.

The mission statement for the Verona Area Needs Network is: The Verona Area Needs Network is a non-profit organization dedicated to helping our neighbors in the Verona Area School District by providing resources to meet basic needs while promoting dignity and inspiring hope.

There are several ways you can support the Verona Area Needs Network.

- * Print the attached announcement in your newsletters and/or bulletins to inform your members of this change and of the need now for donations. If you wish to add information about collection points at your location, please feel free to do so.
- * Have a board member from the new Verona Area Needs Network speak to your congregation or organization.
- * Sponsor a drive for monetary or food donations.
- * Volunteer at the Pantry. Approximately once a month I send information via e-mail regarding current Pantry food needs as well as other Pantry and VANN information which you may share with your members. If you have other names you would like to add to this e-mail list, please let me know. If you prefer not to receive this information, please let me know and I will remove you from the list.

Many of you have faithfully supported the Verona Area Food Pantry in the past for which we are very grateful. We look forward to your continued support of the Pantry and the Verona Area Needs Network.

Kristi Johnson, VANN Food Pantry co-coordinator
Anne Veit, VANN board member



ST. JAMES VETERANS LUNCH

St. James will salute members who served their nation in military service with a special lunch on Sunday, November 13th. The lunch begins at noon in the church basement following the 10:45 service. All members who are veterans are welcome to attend and may bring their spouse or guest(s). There is no cost. Our speaker will be Pastor Vern Awes, who served many years as a military chaplain. Veterans, please sign up for the lunch using the sign-up sheet on the church bulletin board in the narthex or call the church office at 845-6922. Anyone interested in volunteering to help with food preparation and cleanup can sign up at the bulletin board.

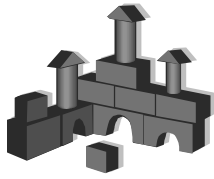
THANKSGIVING GROCERY BAGS

One of the ongoing traditions at St. James has been to provide Thanksgiving dinner for 200 households. The Verona Area Food Pantry has come to rely on the generosity of our members and friends for this special appeal. Pick up your grocery bag with a list of items needed at the Welcome Center. The filled grocery bags will be collected the weekend of November 12 & 13.

PANTRY NEEDS FOR OCTOBER

Oatmeal
Macaroni and Cheese
Whole Kernel Corn
Soup
Tuna





TOYS FOR TOTS

Members of St James will be again this year helping collect presents in conjunction with the Verona Area FFA for Toys for Tots. The present requests are collected from social workers in the Verona Area School district and distributed to Verona area families who would otherwise get few or no presents. Last year 280 families and over 800 children received presents due to this effort! We will start the drive at St James on November 13 and end on December 11. Please bring your unwrapped toys for kids aged infant to 18 to the narthex and place in the collection container. On December 15, St James members and youth will wrap the presents, then take them to the high school for sorting into families. Please consider giving a child a smile on Christmas.



The following St. James members gave blood during the month of September: Gail Simmons, Michael Goetz, Mark Wainwright, Sue Wainwright, Sue Lynett, Susan Watters, David Harrison, Janice Carberry and Richard Schwenn Thank you for giving the gift of life!

CHRISTMAS GIFT BAGS

This year instead of shoe boxes for the children of the Verona Food Pantry we will have gift bags available for you to fill. These bags will be ready for you to pick up at the end of October in the narthex. Each age group will have a different color gift bag. Attached to each gift bag will be a list of the things to put in the bag. The small gifts can be individually wrapped, all put together and wrapped or just put in the bag without wrapping. Be sure the bag is secure so gifts will not fall out. Please return the Christmas Gift Bags to St. James by November 27. Thank you, WELCA Missions

ST. JAMES' FALL STEWARDSHIP DRIVE

Celebrating 125 years of God's Grace

Receiving God's Love, Growing Together in Christ, Giving in Loving Service



How has St. James managed to be around for 125 years? Because God is alive in this place! And, because the Holy Spirit is working in and through the lives of God's people who give generously of their resources. We are reminded in 1 Peter 4: 10, "As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God." And, that is what we are called to do today: be good stewards of the gifts God has given us.

Soon you will be receiving a commitment card, asking you to support St. James. Please prayerfully consider your contribution to St. James in the year ahead. St. James is able to provide quality worship opportunities, faithful Christian education for children and adults, as well as community, fellowship and service to others because of the generosity and commitment of members and friends of St. James. The commitment card allows us to make a budget and plan for the year ahead, and your response is vital. If you did not fill out a commitment card last year, please prayerfully consider filling it out this year, if you did, please prayerfully consider growing in your giving this year in response for the many ways God's grace has touched you. Please bring your filled out card to worship on November 19th and 20th, or simply mail it to the church office.

As always, we are deeply thankful for the many people who give so generously of their resources to the ministry of St. James. We don't say it enough, but **THANK YOU** for the many ways that you support St. James. Together, we celebrate 125 years (and counting!) of God's abundant grace and love! On behalf of St. James, thank you for your generous gifts.

OKTOBERFEST 2011 125 YEARS OF GOD'S GRACE 1886-2011

St. James final 125th Anniversary Celebration was held on October 8-9. Children gathered together and painted pumpkins in the afternoon. Our 5:00 pm service was led by The Bob Klinger Band, who incorporated their wonderful polka music into our worship. Former intern, Pastor Kirsten Fryer delivered the sermon.

At 6:00 pm, we served an Oktoberfest dinner of pork schnitzel, spaetzle, sauerkraut, red cabbage, bread and dessert to more than 150 people! The fellowship hall was packed with members and guests.

Sunday morning worship was attended by former Pastors A.L. Braunschweig and Pastor Jeff Jacobs who preached the morning sermon. Near the end of worship, nearly 300 members gathered in the sanctuary for a traditional St. James portrait, taken by member Todd Olsen.

Between services, cake, coffee and doughnuts were served by staff members and wonderful volunteers.

Both worship services on Sunday included our talented vocal and handbell choirs led by our Music Director, Paulette Spoon.

There are so many to thank for this incredibly successful and unifying event which brought so many of our congregation together: The 125th Anniversary Committee: Candy Feldt, Kim Feller, Jamie Schultz, and Bobbie Wang. Diane Maurer and family, Renny Anderson, Clasen's Bakery, Miller & Sons, Susan & Ben Watters, The St. James Golf League volunteers, Ethan White, Confirmation student volunteers, Jay & Lisa Wendorff, Dick & Jan Lenes, Mary Burkhamer and the St. James Pastors & staff. Thanks to everyone for their dedication to St. James and our Community.



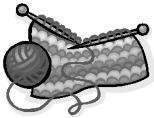
FROM OUR PARISH NURSE . . .

LOSS AND REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

Sunday, November 6, 2011 6-8 pm

St. James Befriender Ministry invites anyone who is grieving the loss of a loved one, or any other kind of loss in your life, to an evening of spiritual nourishment. The evening begins at 6 p.m. with dinner served at 6:30. Peg Weber, R.N., Parish Nurse Coordinator and Grief Support Staff at St. Mary's Hospital, will provide a short inspirational message during a candle-lit service in the church sanctuary. All ages are invited and you need not be a member to attend.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY



Wednesday workshop dates are November 2 and 16 from 9-11 a.m. at the Sow's Ear, 125 S. Main Street, Verona. All are welcome for knitting or crocheting along with friendly camaraderie and a warm beverage. If you would like to participate in this outreach ministry but don't knit or crochet, you could consider donating yarn. Three skeins of Lion's Brand Homespun yarn are used per shawl and can be purchased at Michael's, Wisconsin Craft Mart or Joanne Fabric. Monetary donations are also welcome for fabric labels and crosses. They can be dropped off at the church office.

CLASSES OFFERED AT THE SOW'S EAR

The Sow's Ear teaches "Beginning Knitting 1" on Saturdays, November 12, 19 and 26, 10 a.m. - 12. This course is an introduction to the basics of knitting. Register by phone 848-2755 or at The Sow's Ear. For other available classes go to: www.knitandsip.com.

BLESSING OF THE PRAYER SHAWLS

November 19 & 20

The blessing services will be held on the weekend of November 19-20. If possible please bring your completed prayer shawls to the church office by Friday, November 18th. This service is held bi-annually in the fall and in the spring for the pastors and parishioners to bless the shawls before they are passed on to bless others.

Judy Fetherston, R.N.
Parish Nurse
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NOVEMBER IS "NATIONAL FAMILY CAREGIVERS MONTH"

A caregiver has someone dependent upon them for his/her basic needs, safety and/or quality of life. Caregivers need to maintain their own health because caregiving and its stress can take a toll on your physical and emotional health.

There will be various information sheets, books and other resources about these topics available at the blood pressure cubicle for your use throughout the month

***There will be an informal "Caring for the Caregiver" informational drop-in gathering at St. James on Monday, November 7th from 5:30 - 7 p.m. in the library. You are welcome to stop by whenever you are able to. Anyone of any age is welcome to attend, no pre-registration is required and there is no charge. Light snacks will be served. For more information call Judy at 845-6922, ext. 234.

Caregiver Forum

The 4th Annual Caregiver Forum, "The Caregiving Puzzle- Putting it All Together", is being held on Wednesday, November 9, 2011, at Covenant Presbyterian Church, 326 South Segoe Road, Madison from 9:30- 2:00 pm.

The \$10 charge per person covers the activities of the day, continental breakfast and lunch.

For an agenda and registration form please contact, Judy at 845-6922, ext.234.

Saint JAMES PRESCHOOL



Our preschoolers have enjoyed the many warm days this October. They have been studying apples, pumpkins, fall flowers and many bugs in the science center. Kids have been experimenting with spray bottles and water in the discovery table. Our Home Living area has been transformed into a Pizza Shop. All of us have had a great time pretending to make, bake, serve and eat pizzas. We will be taking a trip to Figaro's Pizza in Verona to make real pizzas and watch them bake.



We are still looking for some Grand Friends to come in and share a story, song or other activity with us. If you are interested please call the preschool.

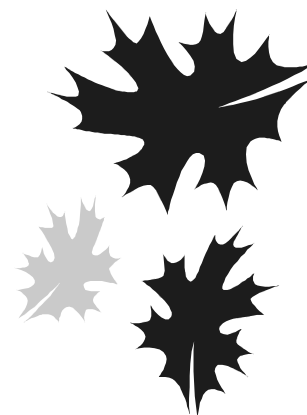
ELEA BOARD MEETING, AUSTIN, TX

I recently returned from the ELEA (Evangelical Lutheran Education Association) National Board meeting and ELEA Schools Accreditation Training at Gethsemane Lutheran Church and Children's Ministry in Austin Texas.

The accreditation training was a new experience for me. Though I have been involved with accreditation and licensing with both state and national organizations, these organizations are secular in nature and do not concern themselves with the spiritual dimension of education. Not only will this training allow me the opportunity to serve as team chair or team member to assist schools in the accreditation process. But, also allows me to reflect on our preschool and continue to improve the quality of our program. The ELEA Accreditation of early childhood centers and elementary schools is a self-study process which is based on national curriculum, leadership and teaching standards, culminating in an on-site visit by a team of educational professionals.

Our next board meeting, focusing on strategic planning, will be in balmy Minneapolis MN this February for the ELEA National Administrators and Pastors Conference which is being held in conjunction with the Conference Within a Conference at the ALDE (Association of Lutheran Development Executives) Conference.

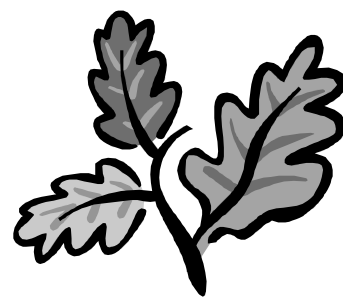
I feel blessed to be able to serve Lutheran early childhood centers and schools alongside so many caring and dedicated individuals from around the nation. More information about the ELCA's mission, the ELEA and its advocacy for Lutheran schools and conference information can be found at www.eleanational.org.



COMMUNITY MEAL

St. James hosts a free Community Meal, open to all in our community, on the 1st Wednesday of each month. Our Mission is "In the breaking of bread, we receive and give, growing together."

The Community Meal Team plans, prepares and serves the meal each month. We are always looking for more people for our Team. If you would like to learn more about this fun activity and group, please join us at the home of Kathy Bartels/ Kevin King on Sunday October 23 at 5:30 pm. Meet the Team and enjoy snacks and beverages. Contact Kathy at kbverona@charter.net for questions or directions. Thank you.



PARISH NOTES

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e remember in our prayers – **Members of St. James:** Marian Balch, Rhonda Chalone, Henry Gabrielski, Sami Hendrickson & family, Michael Kilmer, Lisa Pulver, Hayley Rahn, and Dale Thompson. **Friends of St. James:** Anni, Kathy Angerman, Cynthia Burnside, Sam Childs, Faye, Marcia Greve, Jenny, Debbie Neff, Nina & family, Rosemary, John & Nancy Schunk, and David Thiele. **Relatives of Members:** Helen Alplanalp (mother of Chuck Abplanalp), Nancy Arneson (sister of Chuck Abplanalp), Kevin, Emily & Luke Calhoon (cousin & family of Carolyn Doerfer, Marilyn Doerfer, Evie Cain & June Hanson), Jeanne Darrow (sister of Julie Thompson), Andrea DuPuis (niece of Ellen Hornbacher), Brad Erickson (son of Jeff & Karen Erickson), Don Koch (brother of Cookie Thompson), Ann McAlpin (sister of Marian Balch), Shane Miller (grandson of Roberta Miller), Sandie Olenik (sister-in-law of Paulette Spoon), Craig Parman (brother-in-law of Sandy Saether), Arvid Pederson (Dick Pederson's father), Margaret Rasmussen (mother of Lauri Halminiak), June Smith (mother of Mark Smith), Grace Snyder (wife of John Snyder), Don Waalen (father of Karen Breitnauer), Chris Watters (brother of Ben Watters), Maggie Weber (granddaughter of Marvin & Cookie Thompson), Kirk Wehrenberg (grandnephew of Harriet Instefjord) and Tom Wellnitz (brother-in-law of Sarena Krogman). **Those in Residence:** **Ingleside** - Marie Johnson; **Inglewood** - Marian Dike; **Willow Pointe** - Olga Blumke, and Elmer & Minnie Palmer; **Four Winds** - Dorothy Hageman and Pearl Lemberger; **St. Mary's Care Center** - Helen Schoenick; **Skaalen, Stoughton** - Marvin Langteig.

Serving in the Military: David Ceniti, Allison Day, Dylan Feldt, Courtney Felly, Neil Funseth, Justin Holmes, Joe Jones, Randy Nyhus, Ryan Nyhus, Adam Pechan, David Pulver, Shandra Pulver, Jacob Schmitt, Ryan Steele and Dalton V.

United in Christian Marriage: Jake & Liz (Hamel) Aschebrook on October 1, 2011.

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