

SAINT JAMES JOTTINGS



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



ST. JAMES SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING

August 28 @ 10:00 am

The purpose of this meeting is to elect new members to the Board of Ministry.

PARKING LOT UPDATE

The Board of Ministry has selected a contractor, Munson, Inc., Glendale, Wisconsin, to repair existing holes and resurface parking lot. We hope the project will be completed in August. This will not affect parking at Saturday or Sunday services or Vacation Bible School. Funds for this project will come from the Building Fund, and the Frank Schroeder Estate Fund.

CHLOE CIRCLE BLOOD DRIVE

August 27, 2011

7:00—11:00 am

The annual Chloe Circle blood drive will be on Saturday, August 27th from 7:00-11:00 am. For an appointment, sign up at the Welcome Center or call 845-7558. The blood reserves are very low this summer and blood is NEEDED, make an appointment to donate blood today.

Cookies for the blood drive. Please sign up on the bulletin board if you would like to donate homemade cookies. If you wish to help with the blood drive, please contact Diane Fronck at rfronek@charter.net.

LOOKING AHEAD

August 1-4

5:00—8:00 pm

Vacation Bible School

August 3

6:00 pm

Community Meal

August 27

7:00—11:00 am

Chloe Circle Blood Drive

August 28

10:00 am

Semi-Annual Meeting

CROP WALK

October 2, 2011

St. James will be hosting the Verona Area CROP walk this year. The walk will take place on October 2, 2011. Registration will begin at 12:45pm. After the walk there will be a reception in the fellowship hall. More information to come.



THE MEASURE OF OUR COMMITMENT

2011 Ministry Plan (budget) \$ 446,680

Received thru June \$197,468

Budget to-date \$213,500

Note: These figures allow you to monitor our giving. They do not reflect audited amounts.

Attendance for June.....914

FROM THE PASTOR . . .

As many of you know, I recently returned from a trip to Italy with 26 people from St. James. We started out in Florence, went to Siena, the beautiful Cinque Terre, Lucca, Volterra, Assisi and Rome, as well as a few other stops along the way. We had a wonderful time. (See my blog at www.stjamesverona.org) The food, the stunning architecture, the beautiful churches, the ancient history - did I mention the food? There were so many great moments and great experiences that I will carry with me, but one stands out. On Sunday, July 3rd, we went to the 9 am service, which was conducted in English, at the Basilica of St. Francis. As we took our seats, one of the Franciscan Friars asked if anyone would like to volunteer to read one of the lessons. I couldn't resist and raised my hand to read the second lesson.

When it came my time to read, I am conscious of the many people who have been here before me - each

one proclaiming the same message - that God is a God of love. I stand and read right next to the altar, which is located directly above the place where St. Francis is buried. It is a wonderful moment. As I take my seat, I hear the Franciscan Monk proclaim in his sermon that "no matter where we journey through this world, there is no place we can go that God's love will not meet us and greet us." As I am sitting there thousands of miles from home, it is a good message to hear once again. Sometimes, we travel a long way to hear a message we have heard before, but somehow in these new surroundings, it is clearer and more direct. God is a God of love and God is always with us. I didn't need to travel to Italy to hear that message - but while traveling, it was a good message to hear once again. Wherever your journeys take you this summer, may you hear once again the message "there is no place we can go that God's love will not meet us and greet us."

- Pastor Kurt

Prayer of Saint Francis of Assisi

*Lord, make me an instrument of
your peace.*

*Where there is hatred, let me sow
love;*

where there is injury, pardon;

where there is doubt, faith;

where there is despair, hope;

where there is darkness, light;

and where there is sadness, joy.

*O Divine Master, grant that I may
not so much seek*

to be consoled as to console;

to be understood as to understand;

to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive;

*it is in pardoning that we are
pardoned;*

*and it is in dying that we are born
to eternal life. Amen*



ST. JAMES EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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SUMMER WORSHIP

Saturday - 5:00 pm • Sunday - 9:00 am

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday — 8 am to 4 pm

Wednesday, Friday — 8 am to 12 noon

STAFF

Kurt Billings, Pastor
Peter Narum, Pastor
Michelle Lichty
Cindy Waldbillig
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Pianist
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Director, St. James Preschool
St. James Preschool

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THANK YOU

Thank you to my St. James family for your support and prayers during my recent illness. Your cards, phone calls, visits, emails and expressions of concern were greatly appreciated. The prayer shawl was an especially comforting gift.

God's blessings to you all.

— Stan Dingle

WANT TO LEARN TO KNIT?



Our Prayer Shawl Ministry needs more knitters! The Sow's Ear has beginner knitting lessons on Thursdays, August 4, 11 and 18, from 6-8:00 pm. You will learn to knit by making a scarf! To register, call 848-2755 or go to www.knitandsip.com. Learn to knit and join us every first and third Wednesday morning of the month! The August Prayer Shawl Workshops are on August 3 and 17 from 9:00-11:00 am at The Sow's Ear.

FOOD PANTRY



The Verona Area Food Pantry needs paper grocery bags, in addition to food. Please place your paper bags in the lower level of the grocery cart in the narthex. *Thank You!*



The following St. James members gave blood during the month of June: Phyllis Benson, Michelle Viney, Merle Zimmerman, Gail Simmons and Nancy Rettenmund. Thank you for giving the gift of life!

UPDATE—Youth Fundraising Goal Achieved for 2012, Funds still being raised for 2013

St. James received a \$25,000 gift for 2011 to be used for the Youth Leader position held by Kelly Rodger. A second gift of \$20,000 has now be offered. This gift, will be given in two pieces (\$10,000 in 2012 and \$10,000 in 2013), and was promised with the understanding that the congregation will raise additional funds that match or exceed the total gift.

In May, St. James initiated a special fundraising appeal and we have had a good response. Our goals was to raise \$10,000 in 2011 to be set aside our Youth Leader position in 2012 and to have an additional \$10,000 pledged for 2012 to be used in 2013 for the same position.

As of June 30, we have raised \$10,000 for 2012.

We have received \$2,130 and have an additional \$5325 pledged for 2013. We will continue raising funds for this position until we reach or exceed our goal.

We ask you to prayerfully consider making an additional gift, over and above your current commitment to giving to St. James, in support of our Sunday School and youth programs. We have only \$2,545 to go. Any and all contributions are most welcome. *Thank you for your support!*

YES, I pledge to support the Children of the St. James Congregation

I/We pledge: \$ ____ /year for 2 years Other \$ ____

____ My Check is Enclosed (*payable to St. James Lutheran Church*)

Name(s): _____

SCHOOL KITS FOR LWR

Mary Circle is gathering school items for the Lutheran World Relief school kits. Below is a list of items needed for the kits. Please think of us when you do your back to school shopping during those wonderful sales!



- 24-count Crayons
- Pencil Sharpeners
- Blunt scissors
- Spiral Notebooks
- Construction Paper (assorted colors)

We will have a collection box in the Narthex for your school kit donations. Thank you!

ST. JAMES HISTORY 1945-62: THE POST-WWII YEARS

From January 1941- December 1949 Pastor B.F. Matter served St. James, and not much is recorded in the centennial book about his ministry other than during his tenure, St. James adopted the American Lutheran Church constitution (latter called the “Old ALC” after the 1960 merger). In July of 1949 St. James voted to separate from the Mt. Horeb congregation. In early 1950 St. James was served by students from Wartburg Seminary, one of whom received a call: Henry Flessner, who began in July of that year. His salary was \$2,800, including parsonage and mileage to church meetings.



The congregation grew from 250 “souls” to about 400 during his ministry, with another Sunday service added. In 1953 a new parsonage was built (now the St. James Preschool), designed by Pastor Flessner. The cost: \$10,000. The former parsonage was sold for \$1,800 and moved to 437 S. Main.

After Pastor Flessner’s departure in 1956, Otto Wann was called. In 1957 the land behind the church building was purchased for \$1,400. Another renovation project commenced in 1958, which included replacing pews, updating wiring and lighting, and the pulpit was lowered! New capacity was around 300. During the renovation, services were held in the high school gym.

Our centennial booklet offers a picture of the 1954 Luther League Basketball champions, picture Pastor Flessner and seven players, one of whom is Jim Batker, who remains an active member to this day.

With the ALC merger in 1960, new red hymnals replaced the older black ones from the 1940s. Pastor Wonn retired on October 31, 1962, followed by Pastor Al Braunschweig, who’s tenure will be the focus of our next summary.

Some interesting notes from meetings during this era: 8.8.51 - “Rev. Flessner stressed the need for waste baskets for the washrooms which the recording secretary (Allan Estervig) agreed to take care of.” (St. James has provided waste baskets ever since!) 1.13.52: A cry room was added to the back of the church. (One hopes this wasn’t for poor sermons.) In July of 1954 the women offered the one and only St. James Oyster Stew Dinner. In August of 1956 the fence around the property was removed. 5.9.61: Verona High School initiated a policy to refrain from school events on Wednesday nights.

Final Notes: If you are a long-time member of St. James and have memories and stories to tell, please contact Pastor Narum. We would love to hear from you. If you would like a copy of the St. James Centennial book, let us know or pick one up at the church.

SUNDAY SCHOOL & CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION

Sunday School and Confirmation registration begins this month. A brochure containing information about the programs as well as registration and volunteer information has been mailed to all the families of St. James. Keep an eye out for that! Registration forms are also available on our website at www.stjamesverona.org



Important Sunday School & Confirmation Dates to Note

September 11—5:30 pm
Confirmation Dinner

September 15—6:30-8:00 pm
Youth Group

September 16—5:30-7:30 pm
Family Night Cook Out and
Sunday School and Confirmation
Kick-Off

September 18
8:30 am—3 year old Bible
Presentation
First Day of Sunday School (Pre-K)

9:40 am—First Day of Sunday
School (Pre-K – 6th Grade) and
Confirmation

September 23-24
9th Grade Confirmation Retreat at
Bethel Horizons

PARISH NOTES

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e remember in our prayers – **Members of St. James:** Rhonda Chalone, Henry Gabrielski, Sami Hendrickson & family, Robert Muller, Lisa Pulver, Hayley Rahn, and Dale Thompson. **Friends**

of St. James: Andrea, Anita, Anni, Kathy Angerman, Ruby Brewer, Kathy Broadwine, Sam Childs, Marcia Greve, Mike Krol, Nina & family, Rosemary, John Schunk, David Thiele and

Kal Watzig. **Relatives of Members:** Helen Alplanalp (mother of Chuck Abplanalp), Nancy Arneson (sister of Chuck Abplanalp), Warren & Mary Bailey (parents of Timm Bailey), Kevin, Emily & Luke Calhoon (cousin & family of Carolyn Doerfer, Marilyn Doerfer, Evie Cain & June Hanson), Jeanne Darrow (sister of Julie Thompson), Brad Erickson (son of Jeff & Karen Erickson), Donna Evans (mother of Cindy Waldbillig), Jack Frederick (uncle of Rob Frederick), 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), Margaret Rasmussen (mother of Lauri Halminiak), Melissa Schlegel (daughter of Mary Sprague), June Smith (mother of Mark Smith), Grace Snyder (wife of John Snyder), Dan Stolgren (father-in-law of Michelle Viney), Don Waalen (father of Karen Breitnauer), Chris Watters (brother of Ben Watters), Maggie Weber (granddaughter of Marvin & Cookie Thompson) and Kirk Wehrenberg (grandnephew of Harriet Instefjord).

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, Aaron Kloss, Randy Nyhus, Ryan Nyhus, Adam Pechan, David Pulver, Jacob Schmitt, and Ryan Steele.

Sacrament of Holy Baptism: Reese Ryan Simmons, daughter of Ryan and Anika (Hanson) Simmons, on June 26, 2011; and Cole Andrew Richert, son of Travis and Sarah (Schuster) Richert, on, July 2, 2011.

Christian Sympathy is extended to the family of Dick Pederson as they mourn the death of his mother, Helen Pederson. We pray also for the family of Marlene Dingle as they mourn the death of her sister, Kathy Young.

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