

St. James Lutheran Church & School

OUR MISSION: "TO SEE JESUS AND CAUSE HIM TO BE SEEN"

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Announcements for December 22, 2019

NEW AND NOTABLE

PASTORAL CARE NEEDS— If you have any Pastoral Care needs, please contact the church office via email (churchoffice@stjamesquincy.org) or via telephone (217-222-8447) so we are sure to meet your needs! Needs may consist of, but are not limited to, home and hospital visits.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES-

Christmas Eve - 5 p.m. & 7 p.m.

Christmas Day 10 a.m. Communion service

New Year's Eve - 6 p.m. Lutheran Church of St. John

CONFIRMATION RETREAT—a confirmation retreat will take place January 19th—20th at Camp CILCA. Students should receive information at class today. If additional forms are needed, please check in the church office. **Register by January 29th.**

EAT WINGS, RAISE FUNDS - On Monday, December 23rd, we can support the 5 Feeding America Food Pantries in Quincy (St. John's is one) by eating at Buffalo Wild Wings. Order your food between 4pm & 8pm, show your server the ticket and we will get 10% of all sales. You can simply show an image of the ticket found on the Lutheran Church of St. John Facebook page, pick up a "ticket" on information table (at St. John's). Do your last minute Christmas shopping & stop for a bite at BWW. Or come a bit early to watch the Packers play the Vikings on Monday Night Football at 8:15pm. Remember to order before 8:00 pm. Any questions, call or text Lana Huber at 217-653-6129.

PARRISH MINISTRIES—committee will meet Monday, January 13th at 6pm.

POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS—Anyone who donated a Poinsettias should feel free to take home following worship Christmas Day.

STEWARDSHIP SENTENCES— Phil. 4:4—**"Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice."** Life was no easier for the Philippians than it is for us. They had the same sorrows, sicknesses, and disappointments as we have. And yet St. Paul tells them to rejoice in the Lord. We have an abiding joy, a peace which passes all understanding because we know our Lord Jesus and His love for us. This gives us confidence in the face of every hardship; it gives us strength to lead lives in imitation of Jesus; own generous love.

2020 CHURCH ASSIGNMENTS—Committees, groups, etc... please get any and all schedules for the church master calendar to the church office or email it to churchoffice@stjamesqcy.org

VBS—when you get ready to take down or toss Christmas decorations, the 2019 VBS could use your artificial Christmas trees. If have one, they are going to be stored downstairs in the Sunday School area, first door on the right. Any questions, please see Cathy Gooding.

ONGOING ITEMS CONTINUED

C.I.D. MISSION CHALLENGE UPDATE-

Our goal for fiscal year: 2018-2019: \$7,100.00

Amount received: \$3,490

This is 45% of our goal. Supporting and Furthering the Good News of Jesus Christ in our District.

DEVOTION BOOKS— **PORTALS OF PRAYER** for Jan.—March 2020 are available in the narthex. Each daily devotion includes a Bible reading, meditation and prayer to apply to your daily life, published in multiple sizes and formats – pocket-size, large-print, digest-size and e-books – most convenient and usable for you.

HY-VEE UPCS AND TYSON A+ LABELS— please place in designated basket on Narthex table.

MARCH FOR LIFE— Chicago, January 11, 2020. The largest pro-life event in the Midwest. Join thousands of pro-lifers in speaking out for life. Call Lyn Schlipmann, 217-653-0075 or Jane Haas, 217-257-0533.

MISSION TOWER IN THE NARTHEX— for the month of December is going towards Lutheran Child & Family Services of IL.

THANK YOU— to Beth Heinz and TLC2 for providing meals for the Dec. 18th Advent service. Thank you to all who took time to attend Advent worship.

WELCOME—Please welcome Jonica Bretz, who will be joining the Church staff as Secretary on January 6th. Jonica and her husband reside in Quincy with their children. Please stop by to welcome her and introduce yourself. Also, please have patience during the transition period.



ST. JAMES SCHOOL is where...

- The Christian faith is nurtured and fed every day and is integrated throughout the day.
- Accelerated Reading is part of our Language Arts curriculum.
- Computer/technology instruction is part of our curriculum.
- Weekly school-wide chapel service with pastors leading each week.
- Student recognition for academic success, church attendance and Accelerated Reading success.

CHRISTMAS BREAK—the school will on Christmas break from Monday, December 23rd and return on Monday, January 6th.

ST. JAMES WINTER CARNIVAL—

will be Saturday, January 18th from 4-6pm at the school. Please come for a fun evening of playing games and eating with each other.

SAVE THE DATE - Join us for the 16th annual Spring Fling Dinner and Auction Saturday, March 7th at 5:00 pm at the Senior Center!! This year's theme is Old Hollywood. Dressing up is not required, but definitely encouraged. Mark your calendars now so as not to miss this tremendous event.

On behalf of the St. James faculty and staff we'd like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and thank you for your continued support.

EAGLE VISION

EVERYONE deserves our respect
 ACT with kindness
 GOD'S LOVE is our greatest strength
 LOVE one another
 EVERY DAY live for Jesus
 SHOW OTHERS we are Christian

Today, December 22	
8a & 10:30a	Worship Service
9:15a	Bible Class & Sunday School
Monday, December 23	
6pm	School Board Meeting
Tuesday, December 24	
1pm	Shut-in Service @ St. James
5pm & 7pm	Christmas Eve Services
All Day	Church Offices Closed
Wednesday, December 25	
Merry Christmas	
10am	Christmas Service - Communion
All Day	Church Offices Closed
Thursday, December 26	
All Day	Church Offices Closed
Sunday, December 22	
8a & 10:30a	Worship Service
9:15a	Bible Class & Sunday School

Response to God's Love	Sun. Dec. 15, 2019
Church attendance	154
Sunday School	79
Giving	
*General	\$3,093
Tuition Assistance	\$250.00
Mission Challenge	\$140.00
Building Fund	\$110.00
Total	\$3,593.00
Sunday School Offering	\$16.00
*Amount required for operating budget/general	\$6,153.73

PRAYERS

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING

- for God's gift of a Savior.

Anniversaries, 50 years or more:

- Steve & Linda Peer, Dec. 27th, 52 years

Birthdays, 80 years and older:

- Carol Reddick, 86, December 24th
- Richard Cason, 82, December 27th
- Betty Ertel, 86, December 30th

PRAYERS FOR STRENGTH, HOPE, AND BLESSING In Blessing Hospital last week:

- Connie Sohn, Glenn Bridgeman, JoAnn Ellis, & Ron Schaffer

- Nora Miles hospitalized in Omaha; mother to Pam Klusmeyer,
- Don Klusmeyer going through medical tests; father Keith Klusmeyer.
- Mary Feldkamp who will have surgery on Thursday, prayers for a successful outcome.
- Taylor Rost who is in Afghanistan a year for civic duty; nephew of Lori & Randy Schwedes.
- for Rex Lightfoot who will be undergoing procedures for possible heart surgery.
- for Jane Maxwell for prayers of comfort and healing, diagnosed with cancer.

Shut-Ins— Betty Vogt & Kay Martin

Battling cancer- Dawn Beckgerd (daughter of Sandy Claus); Ruth Werries (Curt's mother); Becky Jones, battling breast cancer (daughter of Sharon Reinberg); Owen Brown, 3-year-old diagnosed with Leukemia (friend of the Czaplewski family); Brad Back (cousin of Leah Erke); Joanne Conrad (aunt of Nikki Strackeljahn); Bill Burton; Levi Stratman (grandson of Curt & Marcia Stratman) diagnosed with Leukemia; James Vollroth recently diagnosed with cancer; Lori Cornwell (mother of Matthew Cornwell, our former organist); Kyle Soltis (friend of the Bells) battling a brain tumor

Ongoing needs- Rita Knuffman (friend of Sandy Claus); Penny Fauser (friend of Bill & Betty Nauber)

SERMON OUTLINE

Sermon – What do you need?

Text Isaiah 7:10 – 14

Introduction – How do you respond?

I. Ahaz needed an a _____

A. A _____

B. G _____

II. Why don't we ask for help?

A. We u _____

B. We o _____

III. We need One Who is p _____

IV. We need One Who is p _____

V. God has given us a s _____