

St. James Lutheran Church & School

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

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Announcements for December 29, 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.

CONFIRMATION RETREAT—a confirmation retreat will take place January 19th—20th at Camp CILCA. If additional forms are needed, please check in the church office. **Registrations due TODAY!**

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED/FLOORS—The floors in the fellowship hall, cafeteria, hallways etc... will be buffed and waxed **tomorrow, Monday, 12/30**. Please keep that in mind if you plan on stopping by the church of school.

HELP NEEDED—we are looking for volunteers to help with snow removal prior to the time school starts on school days. If you are able to help please call Steve Peer at 217-440-0935.

KATIE'S LADIES—Will meet Monday, January 6th at 7pm.

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

PASTOR REMPFER OUT OF THE OFFICE— Pastor and Jeanie will leave for Minnesota today after services. They will return on Friday or Saturday.

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

STEWARDSHIP SENTENCES— Gal. 4:4 **"But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law."** Jesus was born under the law so that He might fulfill the law in our place. His perfect righteousness is credited to us. And it is this free forgiveness of sins and this crediting of righteousness that sets us free to follow our Lord in godly living. Since we are freed from the law's condemnation, we are freed from any mercenary attitudes. Now that the Lord has shown His love to us in saving us, we freely show our thanks to Him in generosity, humility, and kindness.

THANK YOU—this year our brothers and sisters in Christ gave us some Christmas cheer (a food box) and we thank you with all our heart. God bless you. Wayne & June Bridgeman

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

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 January is going towards Lutherans for Life.

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.

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.

*Happy
New year*

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 29	
8a & 10:30a	Worship Service
9:15a	Bible Class & Sunday School
Monday, December 30	
Church Office Closed due to Floors being buffed/waxed.	
Tuesday, December 31	
6pm	New Year's Eve Service (St. Johns)
Wednesday, January 1	
Happy New Year	
All Day	Church Offices Closed
Sunday, January 5	
8a & 10:30a	Worship Service
9:15a	Bible Class & Sunday School

Response to God's Love	Sun. Dec. 22, 2019
Church attendance	171
Sunday School	48
Giving	
*General	\$4,040.00
Tuition Assistance	
Mission Challenge	\$85.00
Building Fund	\$10.00
Total	\$4,135.00
Sunday School Offering	\$25.00
*Amount required for operating budget/general	\$6,153.73

PRAYERS

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING

Oh God, we thank You for the time that you have allowed us to spend with our loved ones over Christmas. During this first Sunday after Christmas, God we remember those who have not enjoyed the Christmas period for a variety of reasons and we ask that You comfort each individual in the Name of Jesus.

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

- Wayne Hempleman, Nancy Tulley, Glenn Bridgeman, & JoAnn Ellis

- Richard Cason recovering from eye surgery.
 - Steve Hummel, awaiting on results from eye surgery.

Shut-Ins— Rose Tandy & Dean Stucker

Battling cancer- Jane Maxwell, 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)

Serving in the military— Taylor Rost who is in Afghanistan a year for civic duty (nephew of Lori & Randy Schwedes), Douglas Swanson (son of Tim & Penny Swanson) who is stationed at Ft. Bragg, NC; Joe & Tess DeMent (son and daughter-in-law of Steve & Cathy DeMent) who are stationed at Ft. Bragg, NC

SERMON OUTLINE

Sermon – An Agenda *Matthew 2:13-23*

- I. Christmas didn't happen by a _____
- II. Herod's plan
 - A. To d _____ Christ
 - B. To save h _____
 - C. Is really S _____ plan
 - D. Is not n _____
- III. Joseph's plan
 - A. To p _____
 - B. To o _____
- IV. God's plan
 - A. Was p _____
 - B. Is in His t _____
 - C. To d _____
 - D. To l _____