

# ST. JAMES LUTHERAN CHURCH

## **SWORD & SHELL**

FEBRUARY, 2012



### **FROM OUR PASTOR**

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#### **Bishop Burk to visit St. James on Sunday, February 5th**

**The Revd Dr Michael Burk** is our bishop. He is the bishop of the Southeastern Iowa Synod, of which St. James Lutheran Church is a member congregation.

Several months ago, we received an e-mail from the synod office, stating that the bishop would like to worship with us on a future Sunday. I replied that we would welcome the opportunity. A later e-mail gave a couple of dates that were open on the bishop's calendar and said that, when he made such visits, typically, he preaches and presides at Holy Communion and is available to meet during the Sunday Church School hour to speak about his work, the life of the synod and the ELCA, and answer questions that members of the congregation might raise.

**We shall welcome him at worship at 8:30 and 11:00 A.M. on the first Sunday in February; and, he will speak to all who come to meet with him during the Adult Sunday Church School class.** The class will meet in Ivuga Hall that day, in order to accommodate everyone who would like to hear from our bishop.

Bishop Burk does not plan to be with us for worship on Saturday, February 4.

**Please, help me extend the hospitality of St. James Lutheran Church to our bishop by attending worship and the Adult Sunday Church School class on Sunday, February 5<sup>th</sup>.**

#### **Ash Wednesday is February 22<sup>nd</sup>**

The forty days of Lent begin on Ash Wednesday. At 7:00 P.M. that evening, we shall gather for worship. The liturgy will begin with the Confession of Sins and the Imposition of Ashes. The Ashes are from the burning of the palms we carried in the triumphal procession last Passion/Palm Sunday. Those who placed them above crosses or religious pictures since that time are encouraged to bring them back to church so that they can be burned to make ashes. A box for our palm branches will be on a table in the Narthex.

#### **Lenten Wednesdays—the Vocations to which God has called us**

On five consecutive Wednesdays—**February 29 and March 7, 14, 21, and 28**, we shall meet for a **simple supper at 5:30** provided by various groups in the congregation. Following supper—from 6:15 to 6:50—our **Lenten Learning** will encourage us to think about the talents with which God has equipped us; the opportunities God has presented; and the several vocations to which he has called us. Our Lenten Wednesdays come to a crescendo with Sung Lenten Vespers at 7:00 as we meditate in silence, join our voices in praise of God, and listen to God's Word in Sacred Scripture.

You may remember that our 2010 Lenten Learning concerned Christian vocations, too; and was appreciated greatly. This year, we shall use a different format, meant to provoke each of us to recognize the talents, opportunities, and vocations God has given us. Please, come to share the suppers, learn together, and pray.

--- Pastor Gregory Davis

## YOUTH AUCTION

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**"SUPPORT THE SAINTS"**  
**Youth Auction**  
Sunday, February 19, 2012

Hosted by St. James Youth Group



**The Youth Group would like you to come and bid on items at the silent auction! Proceeds support all Youth Group activities, including the National Youth Gathering trip! This year, 18 youth and 5 adults are going to the ELCA National Youth Gathering in New Orleans. At noon, New Orleans style cuisine will be served. We hope you can come and support our youth!**

### What can you do to help now?

If you have auction items you would like to donate, please see Greg Boeschen, Grant Shoeman or Ellen Rothweiler. There is a form we need to be filled out for every donation we receive. **We will be accepting donations until Sunday, February 12.**

*\*Please bring your kids! We will have fun activities for them! :)*

## LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS

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We shall continue our tradition of gathering on Wednesdays during Lent. Ash Wednesday service will be on Wednesday, February 22 at 7:00 p.m. Then the following five Wednesdays we will gather for soup suppers at 5:30 p.m., followed by presentations by various members of St. James and then Vespers at 7:00 p.m. The dates are as follows:

- Wednesday, February 29: Year 1 and 2 Confirmation Students will host the soup supper
- Wednesday, March 7: High School youth will host soup supper
- Wednesday, March 14: Soup Supper hosts needed
- Wednesday, March 21: Soup Supper hosts needed
- Wednesday, March 28: Soup Supper hosts needed



Contact Church, 276-0134, to sign up for hosting one these suppers!

## SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL

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Thank you to our SCS teachers for their commitment to Christian Education and for leading a group of students each Sunday.

Special thank you to our confirmation students for leading SCS classes for the younger students on Sunday, January 8, and Sunday, January 22, so that the SCS staff could attend the budget hearing and the annual meeting. Thanks, also, to the mentors for helping them prepare to teach. I was so pleased with the students – their commitment, their preparation for leading class, their creativity and more!! Thanks, again.

Year 2: Braden Cooper  
Hannah Crooks  
Joe Derry  
Zach Dygert  
Adam Friesth  
Eric Friesth  
Emma Kielty  
Colton Mills  
Devin Mutch  
Landon Nitchie  
Alex Noble  
Sara Pigman  
Anna Toot  
Tori Wells

Year 1: Elizabeth Boeschen  
Morgan Bump  
Kyle Burgess  
Hunter Dial  
Benjamin Heley Lehman  
Mattie Lehman  
Savanna Lindell  
Evan Salmon  
Ethan Wells

Looking ahead:

**Sunday March 18**

**Spring Break for some of the area schools, but we DO have SCS class!**

## SHROVE TUESDAY

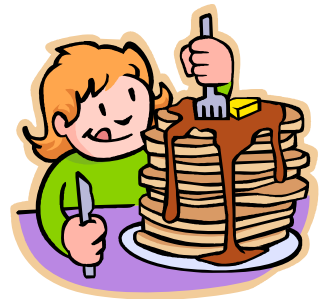
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Mark your calendars: **Tuesday, February 21, 2012**

The Hospitality Team is preparing for our annual pancake supper and talent show to help us get ready for Lent. (Get rid of the fat in the house AND celebrate!)

We will begin serving pancakes at 5:30 P.M. and the talent show will follow.

Opportunities available to help with the pancake supper and ALL members are encouraged to share a talent – either solo or ask a friend to join you! (Sign-up sheet on poster in the narthex.)



## DMARC FOOD PANTRY

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### **SOUPER Bowl of Caring!**



During the weekend of February 4-5, members are encouraged to vote for their favorite Super Bowl team with cans of soup.

This campaign will replace the regular 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend pantry drive, so please note the change in date! Low-sodium vegetable soup is the critical need but any soup will be welcomed. Place your soup in the Narthex-located box sporting your favorite team's name.



**Definite winner will be the food pantry!**

## THANK YOU!

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*Thank you to all who remembered me with cards, gifts, and appreciation this past December.*

*You are very kind.*

*Fondly,*

*Mary Ellen Leshner*

## TIME FOR A NEW PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

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Our last pictorial directory project was in 2006, so the Hospitality Team is excited to offer this opportunity to our congregation. We have chosen LifeTouch to produce our directory and our consultant is Randy Schnell. We have reserved the following dates for photography sessions, please mark them on your calendar and watch for more information:

Wednesday, April 18, 2012

Thursday, April 19, 2012

Friday, April 20, 2012

Saturday, April 21, 2012



If you are interested in helping with this project please contact Denise at [DeniseFriesth@mchsi.com](mailto:DeniseFriesth@mchsi.com) or by calling the church at 276-0134.

## FEBRUARY WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

5:00 P.M. Saturday	February 4	February 11	February 18	February 25
Deacon	Kent Kroeger	Oweni Moring	Verna White	Oweni Moring
Greeters	Ken & Verna White	Don & Dee Miller	Richard & Jean Mott	Steve & Vicki Renner
Ushers	Erik & Rebecca Allison	Steve & Barb Bean	Rita Davis/Susan Henry	Jim & Dawn Harnack
Altar Guild	Bev Phipps	Oweni Moring	Barb Bean	Rita Davis
8:30 A.M.	February 5	February 12	February 19	February 26
Asst. Minister	Diane Munch	Pastor Davis	Frank Munch	Pastor Davis
Deacon	Deanne Plew	Cheryl Wells	Jerry Wylie	Denise Friesth
Lector	Diane Munch	Eric Toot	Jennifer Dugan Burns	Paige Fiedler
Acolyte(s)	Morgan Bump & Kyle Burgess	Hunter Dial & Mattie Lehman	Braden Cooper & Joe Derry	Colton Mills & Devin Mutch
Greeters	Dygart Family	B. & Jennifer Burns	Al & Mary Dzubak	Charlie & Paige Fiedler
Ushers	Dave Dygart	Charlie & Paige Fiedler	Doug & Sandy Johanson	Luther & Emily Lehman
Altar Guild	Richard & Nancy Geist	Ally Shoeman	Debby Wylie	Mary Dzubak
11:00 A.M.	February 5	February 12	February 19	February 26
Asst. Minister	Pastor Davis	Lon Friesth	Pastor Davis	Aaron Heley Lehman
Deacon	Luther Hanson	Jerry Wylie	Kent Kroeger	John Harvey
Lector	Greg Boesch	Jill Boesch	Josh Boesch	John Harvey
Acolyte(s)	Elizabeth Boesch & Savanna Lindell	Benjamin Heley Lehman & Ethan Wells	Hannah Crooks & Zach Dygart	Landon Nitchie & Sara Pigman
Greeters	Charlie & Paige Fiedler	Luther & Ila Hanson	Josh Boesch	Brian & Krista Kielty
Ushers	John Harvey	Jeff Kane	Greg Boesch	Brian & Krista Kielty
Altar Guild	Jan Wall	Mary Dzubak	Diane Kroeger	Luther & Ila Hanson
Other				
Social Time Hosts	Schultz & Silberhorn	Sund & Toot	Youth	Dial & Wylie
Pew Patrol	Linda Queck	Dee Miller	Oweni Moring	Kathleen Olesen
Sunday Teller	Lisa Wells	Lisa Wells	Lisa Wells	Lisa Wells
Monday Teller	Hanson & Poock	Axness & Henry	Gannon & Shoeman	Boesch & Sund

## THANK YOU!

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To all of you our Church family,

We would like to thank you for your dedication to praying for our son, Andrew Hanson during his service in the Air Force, especially during his deployments, which were very trying times for us and for his wife and children. After 22 years of service, he has retired and is now learning to be a civilian and finding a civilian job. We are thankful that he has secured a temporary job with the Post Office in Minot, ND.

Knowing and hearing that you were praying for his safe return is like having a prayer shawl of comfort wrapped around us. It is important to all "families" to give and receive that comfort. Sharing fears, sorrows and Joys is one of the great opportunities to extend love.

Thank you for your support.

Luther and Ila Hanson

## WE NEED YOU!

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The Annual Meeting is over, the budget has been approved, Congregation Council officers elected, and the Ministry Teams will begin their work for 2012. **We invite you to join one of our Ministry Teams by serving joyfully and faithfully in the life and mission of our congregation!**

Listed below are the 2012 Ministry Teams and the Council Liaisons & Staff Person assigned to each team. Please contact them to discuss how you can get involved or plan to attend their next meeting!

Christian Education—Lisa Wells (council), Denise Friesth (staff)

Next Meeting: TBD

Finance & Stewardship—John Pietila (treasurer), David May (council), Linda Queck (staff)

Next Meeting: TBD

Global & Social Ministry—Nicole Heley Lehman (council), Linda Queck & Ellen Rothweiler (staff)

Next Meeting: February 9, 6:00 - 7:30 P.M. (2nd Thursday of each month)

Hospitality—Rebecca Allison (council), Denise Friesth (staff)

Next Meeting: TBD

Property—Chris Burgess (council), Linda Queck (staff)

Next Meeting: TBD

Worship & Music—Cheryl Livingston (council), Pastor Davis (staff)

Next Meeting: February 2, 7:00 - 8:00 P.M. (1st Thursday of each month)

Youth—Patrick Jensen (council), Ellen Rothweiler (staff)

Next Meeting: February 1, 6:00 - 7:00 P.M.

## LUTHERAN SUMMER CAMP

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From [www.elca.org](http://www.elca.org)

**Outdoor ministries** encourage spiritual growth for the whole person by providing encounter with scripture, experience and care of the environment, staff witness, and opportunities for worship, re-creation, and relationship development through intentional Christian community. There are approximately 145 ELCA outdoor ministry programs in the United States and Puerto Rico.

**Camp experiences** help build skills necessary to prepare youth to assume roles as successful adults. Parents, campers, and camp staff report growth in areas such as self-confidence, independence, making friends, exploring and learning new activities, and spirituality. Camp provides growth experiences for youth that can benefit them through adulthood.

**Outdoor ministries** offer a wide variety of programs that provide growth experiences for people of all ages, many of whom become leaders in the church and their communities. In partnership with congregations, outdoor ministries strive to strengthen, support and lift up the body of Christ through building relationships with others and with God while enjoying creation.

It is registration time for summer camp.

Confirmation Students will attend Confirmation Camp with Pastor Davis at Lutheran Lakeside Camp on East Okoboji Lake June 10-15. This is a wonderful element of our Confirmation Program. Registration Forms available at [www.LutheranLakeside.com](http://www.LutheranLakeside.com). Early Bird Discounts are available: Register by **February 15** for a \$30 discount; register by **April 15** for a \$15 discount. A \$15 sibling discount is also available.

Learn more about Lutheran Outdoor Ministry at the following site for the E.L.C.A.:  
<http://www.elca.org/Growing-In-Faith/Ministry/Outdoor-Ministry/Camps-and-Centers>

Lastly, our annual **Easter Sunday Brunch (April 8, 2012)** will be hosted by the campers from St. James. A freewill offering is received and, together with the campership money from the General Fund, the money is used to offer a campership to each camper from St. James.