

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW Peanut Butter & Jelly collection will continue until the Green Days Ecumenical Worship Service. Help us win this “friendly competition” for a great cause.

Saint James is again working with the Johnston Summer Food Service Program, a federally funded USDA program sponsored by JCSD. The program provides “free summer meals for kids 18 and under”. The truck will be at Saint James every Monday–Friday at 12:00-12:30 p.m. from June 3 to August 7 (except June 29-July 3).

Mark your calendars for the Johnston Green Days Ecumenical Worship Service at Terra Park on **Sunday, June 14, 2026!** Fellowship & Music provided by Asphalt & Stained Glass will be at 9:00 a.m. followed by Worship at 9:30 a.m. This event is hosted by: *Saint James Lutheran, St. Paul Presbyterian, Johnston River of Life, First Baptist Church of Greater Des Moines*

We are in the process of updating our church directory. Emails have been sent to all households...we hope you will participate and send updates to Linda, steward@stjamesjohnston.org any changes along with an updated candid photo.

VBS details are now here!

- Join us **June 29-July 2 from 8:45-11:30** for *Operation Restoration: Mending God’s World*, hosted by St. James Lutheran, St. Paul Presbyterian, and First Baptist Churches. VBS will be held at St. Paul, 6426 Merle Hay Road this year. All preschool-5th grade students are welcome, so invite your friends, neighbors, grandkids and more!
- **Register for VBS here:** <https://forms.gle/VuDjktcFYjuCjsKm6>
- **Sign up to volunteer here** (or contact Rebecca):
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScGpRR0AML7jrocx-iXFG-ZUZregLYoWh7t8Y0wXJL3lvrPfQ/viewform>

Prayer of the Day

O God, on this day you open the hearts of your faithful people by sending into us your Holy Spirit. Direct us by the light of that Spirit, that we may have a right judgment in all things and rejoice at all times in your peace, through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

First Reading: Acts 2:1-21

Pentecost was a Jewish harvest festival that marked the fiftieth day after Passover. Luke portrays the Holy Spirit being poured out upon the disciples before the gathered and astonished people assembled in Jerusalem for the festival. Filled with the Spirit, the disciples were able to witness to the power of Christ's resurrection. The lesson begins...

¹ When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. ² And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³ Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵ Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶ And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷ Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸ And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹ Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹ Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." ¹² All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³ But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

¹⁴ But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Fellow Jews and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵ Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. ¹⁶ No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷ 'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams.

¹⁸ Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy.

¹⁹ And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

²⁰ The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

²¹ Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' "

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

Paul is helping the Corinthians understand the relationship between our God-given unity and Spirit-created diversity. The Spirit creates the unity of faith and gives all Christians diverse gifts for the common benefit of all. We need one another's diverse spiritual gifts because the same Spirit has given them to each person for the common good. The lesson begins...

^{3b} No one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit.

⁴ Now there are varieties of gifts but the same Spirit, ⁵ and there are varieties of services but the same Lord, ⁶ and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷ To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸ To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹ to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰ to another the working of powerful deeds, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹ All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

¹² For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³ For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel: John 20:19-23

The Holy Gospel according to Saint John. **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.” The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Prayers of Intercession

Trusting in the power of Christ’s resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation... O God, you send the Holy Spirit to gather your church into one. Inspire all ministers of the gospel to speak prophetic and hope-filled words to all whom they encounter. Bless the work of interreligious dialogue. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You send the Holy Spirit to renew the face of the earth. Protect all living things, bring forth clean water and abundant food, and grant us wonder as we contemplate all you have made. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You send the Holy Spirit to break down the barriers of communication among nations. Bestow peace in war-torn areas, guide all in government and society to work for justice, and guard those serving in the armed forces, especially this weekend as we remember those who died in service to their country. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You send the Holy Spirit to accompany those who feel abandoned. Provide food for those who hunger and drink for those who thirst, soothe those who are anxious or bereaved, comfort those who are sick or suffering, and answer all who call upon your name. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You send the Holy Spirit through the gift of baptism. Bless both those preparing for or affirming their baptism. May they be encouraged by this community of faith as they live out their baptismal promises. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You send the Holy Spirit to console us in our grief. We give you thanks for our ancestors in the faith whose witness to your mighty works continues to inspire our lives. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior. **Amen.**

What's Happening

May 20-22

- Wednesday 10:30am Chair Yoga
6:00pm Community meal; Pagliai's pizza (freewill donations)
6:30pm Confirmation for the Rest of Us.
- Thursday 9:00am Women's Coffee Group at Saint James
- Friday Church Offices Closed

May 23-29

- Saturday 5:00pm Worship In-Person & Facebook Live
- Sunday 9:30am Worship In-Person & Facebook Live
- Sunday 10:30am Fellowship
- Monday Church Offices Closed
- Tuesday 7:00am Men's Breakfast Group at HyVee
8:00pm AA meeting, all are welcome
- Wednesday 10:30am Chair Yoga
6:00pm Community meal; Pagliai's pizza (freewill donations)
6:30pm Confirmation for the Rest of Us
- Thursday 9:00am Women's Coffee Group at Saint James

Celebrations May 23-29:

Birthdays: Stephen Bean, Keith Wells, Meredith Kathman, Alisha Rhodes, James Rhodes, Andee Vocelka, William Baagoe, Kathleen Olesen, Steven Renner
Gail Ware

Anniversaries: Wayne & Mary Jane Mehre

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