

Announcements

NEW Photo sharing for Ivuga:

Wendy Essary, one of the visitors this summer from Davenport who hosted Pastor Simon Fue will be making a return trip to TZ for the 50-year Jubilee celebration. She is planning on making a photo scrapbook from Pastor's visit this summer and would like to include memories from his visit to St. James. If you have any photos you would be willing to share, please email them to Wendy at wlessary@hotmail.com. Thank you!

Property Team/Council Update:

The Property Team has made the Council aware of structural and maintenance issue that needs to be addressed as soon as possible. These window sills are rotting out and do not seal properly, allowing moisture, heat, and cold into the building. The Property Team is in the process of obtaining bids, including financing options, and the Council has authorized \$25,000 from the Reserve Fund so we can begin replacing some of the windows this Fall. The Reserve Fund presently has \$74,000. We'll provide our members with more information as the repairs proceed. If you have any questions, please contact Linda Queck, Dave Dygert, or any Council Member.

Middle/High School Activities:

- **Wednesday, 9/3:** The START of School Year Programing. Dinner @ 6:45pm, Ice Cream Social from 7-7:30, Middle & High School Programming from 7:30-8:00.
- **Sunday, 9/7:** Mission Trip recap at Fellowship Time
- **Wednesday, 9/10** ABIDE @ 7pm in the youth room
- **Saturday, 9/13:** Remember to register for the Lock-In preferably by 9/6 (for food count). We have people coming from ALL over the state! Our congregation needs to show up and be good hosts! <https://forms.gle/4CyVF9aWJBovZYtr6>

Mark Your Calendars!

- **September 28, God's Work, Our Hands** – This day is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America — one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor. We will have projects available during Fellowship.
- **October 4, Blessing of the Animals** – Bring your pets to worship for a blessing!
- **November 1, Retiring of the Bible** – Do you have old bibles you would like to get rid of, bring them to Worship!

Prayer of the Day

Direct us, O Lord God, in all our doings with your continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name; and finally, by your mercy, bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Psalm 1 (read responsively)

¹ Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked,
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

² **Their delight is in the law of the Lord,
and they meditate on God's teaching day and night.**

³ They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; everything they do shall prosper.

⁴ **It is not so with the wicked;
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**

⁵ Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes,
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

⁶ **For the Lord knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed.**

Gospel: Luke 14:25-33

The holy gospel according to Saint Luke. **Glory to You, O Lord.**

²⁵ Now large crowds were traveling with [Jesus], and he turned and said to them, ²⁶ "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. ²⁷ Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸ For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? ²⁹ Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, ³⁰ saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' ³¹ Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³² If he cannot, then while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. ³³ So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions."

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to You, O Christ**

Sermon Text: Genesis 2:15-25

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden, but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die."

Then the Lord God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner." So out of the ground the Lord God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air and brought them to the man to see what he would call them, and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all cattle and to the birds of the air and to every animal of the field, but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. So the Lord God caused a deep

sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said,
“This at last is bone of my bones
and flesh of my flesh;
this one shall be called Woman,
for out of Man this one was taken.”

Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh. And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.
The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Prayers of Intercession

Gracious God, we come to you in prayer for the church, the world, and all in need... We pray for the church to follow in your ways, that it may be a witness to your love for all people. Help us choose all that is life-giving and confront the forces of death.
God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for creation, that it may be cherished and nurtured. Sustain farmlands, animals, and waters; restore places affected by calamities; and shield coastlands from rising seas.
God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for those in authority. Grant them wisdom to govern justly and compassion to care for the marginalized. Equip them for actions that further the common good.
God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for those who are sick, hungry, unhoused, or lonely. May they find healing through your love and the care of those around them. Lead us to be your hands and feet in the world. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for this congregation, that we may be united in love and faith. Refresh our hearts in Christ, and deepen our support of one another. We pray that our sharing of faith may transform lives. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

We thank you for those who have died and now dwell with the saints. Surround them with your divine mercy, that they find peace and rest in your loving embrace.
God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

We entrust these prayers to you, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend. **Amen.**

What's Happening

September 3-5

- Wednesday 10:30 am Chair Yoga
- Wednesday Night Education
 - 6:00pm GROW (Preschool – 5th Graders) with meal served at 6:00.
 - 6:45pm Meal served for 6th-12th Graders
 - 7:00pm Ice cream social for parents, students, friends, and neighbors!
 - 7:30pm Confirmation Parent Meeting (**6th-8th** grades)
 - 7:30pm ABIDE (**9th-12th** grade students) in the high school youth room
- Thursday 9:00am Women's Coffee Group

September 6-12

- Saturday 5:00pm Worship In-Person & Facebook Live
- Sunday 9:30am Worship In-Person & Facebook Live
- Sunday 10:30am Fellowship (Mission Trip Youth will share the work they completed over the summer)
- Monday 9:00am In-Person Bible Study
- Monday 10:30am Chair Yoga
- Tuesday 7:00am Men's Breakfast Group at HyVee
- Tuesday 9:00am Online Bible Study ([Connect Here](#))
- Wednesday 10:30am Chair Yoga
- Wednesday Night Education
 - 6:00pm GROW (Preschool – 5th Graders)
 - 6:10pm Adult Bible Study with Isaac Rodenberg
 - 6:45pm Meal served for 6th-12th Graders
 - 7:00pm Confirmation **6th-8th** grades
 - 7:00pm Confirmation meeting with Pastor for **9th grade parents/guardians**
 - 7:00pm ABIDE (**9th-12th** grade students)
- Thursday 9:00am Women's Coffee Group

Celebrations September 6-12:

Birthdays: Isabel Yates, Sydney Mehre, Bev Phipps

Anniversaries: Jim & Tasha Mulligan

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