

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW This Sunday, 10/4, we celebrate the Affirmation of Baptism for:
Charlotte Martina Rohlf and Evelyn Kay Walling.

"We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world."

NEW On Sunday, we will also be sending forth the Gerhard/Rohlf family (moving to California) to be a blessing to others as they have been to us at Saint James.

NEW Saturday night worship will include a blessing of our animals. Please bring your furry friends to join us for a blessing!

NEW Wednesday, October 14, is our second Book/Movie Club. We are discussing "Remarkably Bright Creatures" by Shelly Van Pelt. Sign up here to join us:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904044AA4AF22A7F58-64920875-connections#/>

NEW Upcoming activities for Middle & High school students (registration is required!!!). Questions? Ask Rebecca or Kristin.

- **Sunday, October 11th, Noon-3:00 pm:** Howells Pumpkin Farm with other area congregations. 6th-12th graders invited; We need a head count for vehicles, and for Saint James to purchase tickets so please sign up here:
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSflwAlwTI-LWmWjWLuLWuh50O_joFp5UUEKpaPnPkgiGtIhwg/viewform
- **Friday, November 6, 6:00 pm Lakeside Lock-In at Saint James.** 6th-12th graders are invited. Please invite a friend. Since Lakeside is providing the staff, we need a head count-even if you can only stay until midnight. You can register here:
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSex0_E1age9lvajANtYpaHdftiaaupS8BD6TVVx6rjUSumVAQ/viewform

Fall Stewardship Campaign begins this week. Please watch your mailboxes for a letter from our treasurer and information about the 2027 budgeting plans for our Mission and Ministry of Saint James. *Stewardship is not just about giving money, but it is a way of life rooted in faith, and a reminder to all of us to remember our baptismal call to tell the world of God's Love in Jesus Christ. Let us continue growing in generosity, deepening our faith, and advancing God's mission—for the sake of the world HE so loves.*

Prayer of the Day

Beloved God, from you come all things that are good. Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to know those things that are right, and by your merciful guidance, help us to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

First Reading: Exodus 6:1-9 — Evelyn Walling

Then the Lord said to Moses, “Now you shall see what I will do to Pharaoh: indeed, by a mighty hand he will let them go; by a mighty hand he will drive them out of his land.”

² God also spoke to Moses and said to him, “I am the Lord. ³ I appeared to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob as God Almighty,^[a] but by my name ‘The Lord’^[b] I did not make myself known to them. ⁴ I also established my covenant with them, to give them the land of Canaan, the land in which they resided as aliens. ⁵ I have also heard the groaning of the Israelites whom the Egyptians have enslaved, and I have remembered my covenant. ⁶ Say therefore to the Israelites: I am the Lord, and I will free you from the burdens of the Egyptians and deliver you from slavery to them. I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and with great acts of judgment. ⁷ I will take you as my people, and I will be your God. You shall know that I am the Lord your God, who has freed you from the burdens of the Egyptians. ⁸ I will bring you into the land that I swore to give to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; I will give it to you for a possession. I am the Lord.” ⁹ Moses told this to the Israelites, but they would not listen to Moses, because of their broken spirit and their cruel slavery. The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalms 80:7-15

Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

You have brought a vine out of Egypt; you cast out the nations and planted it.

You cleared the ground for it; it took root and filled the land.

The mountains were covered by its shadow; the towering cedars by its boughs.

You stretched out its tendrils to the sea and its branches to the river.

Why have you broken down its wall, so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?

The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it; the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.

Turn now, O God of hosts, look down from heaven;

behold and tend this vine; preserve what your right hand has planted.

Second Reading: Exodus 12:29-32 — Charlotte Rohlf

[After enduring nine increasingly severe plagues, Pharaoh still refused to let God’s people go out of his land. So...] At midnight the Lord struck down all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, from the firstborn of Pharaoh who sat on his throne to the firstborn of the prisoner who was in the dungeon and all the firstborn of the livestock. ³⁰ Pharaoh arose in the night, he and all his officials and all the Egyptians, and there was a loud cry in Egypt, for there was not a house without someone dead. ³¹ Then he summoned Moses and Aaron in the night and said, “Rise up, go away from my people, both you and the Israelites! Go, serve the Lord, as you said. ³² Take your flocks and your herds, as you said, and be gone. And ask a blessing for me, too!”

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

Gospel: Luke 4:16-21

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

When [Jesus] came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set free those who are oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

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

Prayers of Intercession

Seeking the Spirit of God who makes all things new, we pray for the church and the world... God of every generation, we give thanks for all who have sought to renew and transform your holy church. Inspire us to follow their example.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of every creature, bless and protect the earth and all those who dwell within it. We give thanks for those who have helped us to see your Spirit in creation.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of every tribe and nation, restore peace to the world's conflict zones, and shelter those who live within them. We pray especially for the safety of displaced people and refugees. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of every comfort, you made us in your own image. Grant healing and relief to all who are sick or suffering. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of every truth, you draw us nearer to you through your holy word. We give thanks for teachers of the faith. Fill their hearts with your Spirit, that they inspire others with your truth. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of every soul, you are the one who calls us home. We give thanks for all the saints who have been restored to perfect unity with you. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is...**

Trusting in your boundless grace, O God, we lift up these spoken prayers and those in our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

What's Happening

September 30-October 2

- Wednesday 10:30am Chair Yoga
6:00pm Dinner for All
6:30-7:15pm GROW (God Rocks on Wednesdays) PS-5th Grade
6:30-7:15pm Connections (nursery provided)
Service project for Hope Ministries & AED training
6:30-8:00pm ABIDE silver cord opportunity
7:15-8:00pm Confirmation (6th-8th Grade)
7:15-8:00pm Adult Bible Study
- Thursday 9:00am Women's Coffee
- Friday Church Offices Closed

October 3-9

- Saturday 5:00pm Worship In-Person & Facebook Live
- Sunday 9:30am Worship In-Person & Facebook Live
10:30am Fellowship
- Monday 9:00am Bible Study in person
10:30am Chair Yoga
7:00pm Connected by Faith Women's Group
- Tuesday 7:00am Men's Breakfast Group at HyVee
9:00am Online Bible Study (Connect Here)
8:00pm AA meeting, all are welcome
- Wednesday 10:30am Chair Yoga
6:00pm Dinner for All
6:30-7:15pm GROW (God Rocks on Wednesdays) PS-5th Grade
6:30-7:15pm Connections – Let's Play Hearts card game
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Birthdays: Tricia Gustafson, Konrad Rohlf, Jill Lundberg

Anniversaries: Lindsey & Nick Funk, David & Shelley Merritt

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