



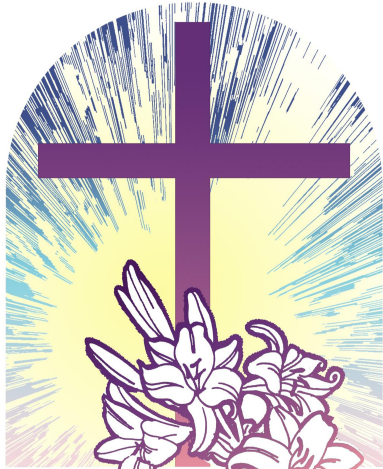
# St. James Episcopal Church

*Restoring people to God & each other in Christ*

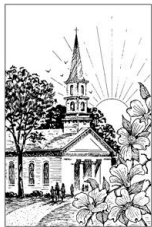
## ***THE EPISTLE***

La Grange, Texas

April, 2007



**"HE HAS RISEN!"**  
Luke 24:6



### Looking Ahead

Apr 1	Palm Sunday
Apr 3	DOK Meeting
Apr 5	Maundy Thursday
Apr 6	Good Friday
Apr 8	Easter Day
Apr 5	Preschool Closed for
— 9	Easter
Apr 9	Parish Office Closed
Apr 9	ECW Meeting
Apr 9	Men's Club Meeting
Apr 12	Vestry Meeting
Apr 14	Men's Club BBQ
Apr 14	Supper Club
Apr 21	MS 150
May 5	Safeguarding God's
	Children
May 8	St. James' week @
—14	Second Chance

### ***From the Rector***

Soon, we will celebrate the great feast of the Church, the Sunday of the Resurrection, or Easter Sunday. The celebration will continue with six more Sundays of the Easter season. Before then, on Palm Sunday we will gather with palms, and re-enact Jesus' triumphant entry in to Jerusalem and hear the Passion story. On Maundy Thursday, we will commemorate Christ's institution of the Eucharist. On Good Friday, we honor the anniversary of the Crucifixion by fasting, praying and venerating the Cross. These moving services add more meaning and significance to celebration of the resurrection on Easter Sunday.

At the beginning of Lent we were invited to observe a holy Lent, "by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy Word." Now as we enter the Easter season, I invite you to the observance of a holy Easter. For some reason it seems it is more difficult to celebrate a holy Easter. What are we to do?

During the Easter season, we will hear resurrection stories from the New Testament. We will hear how Mary Magdalene and the other women who followed Jesus from Galilee discovered the empty tomb; we will again hear of Thomas' encounter with the risen Christ and his response, "My Lord, and my God;" we will hear how Saul, a persecutor of the early church, after experiencing the Risen Lord was transformed into the apostle Paul .

What are our own stories of resurrection and transformation? In celebrating a holy Easter, we can examine our lives for our own resurrection stories. What resurrections have we experienced? When have we been like the prodigal son, dead and alive again, lost, and then found? What empty tombs have we discovered? What moments in our lives could we only say, "My Lord and my God." This Easter we can each ask ourselves, "What difference has the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead made in my life?"

Many of us have heard the story of how this congregation ceased to exist in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century and how this church stood empty for almost 20 years. Then it was raised from the dead. It experienced new life. As a congregation we can ask ourselves, "What difference has the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead made in the life Saint James' Episcopal Church, La Grange? We could answer, "We would not be here today if God were not one who raises the dead." As a congregation that has through the years experienced the power of the Resurrection we can consider what God is now calling this congregation to do and become.

The Easter season is upon us, the season of celebration and transformation. What stories do have to tell of what God has done?

—Daryl Hay

### **Check the Calendar!**

Ministry leaders are *highly* encouraged to check the church calendar before scheduling events. All ministry leaders should have received a calendar that included local activities and events. If you did not receive a calendar, please call the church office and we will get one to you. If you are planning a St. James' sponsored event whether it occurs at the church or not, please consult the church calendar. Many thanks from Daryl and Heidi.



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# TRINKETS & TREASURES

**\*SALE\***

St. James Episcopal Church  
156 N. Monroe at E. Travis  
(Across from HEB grocery)

**La Grange Texas**  
**Saturday March 31**  
**7 a.m. – 3 p.m.**

## Birthdays

- Apr. 3 Lina High
- Apr. 11 Martin Hay
- Apr. 17 Dana Stiffler
- Apr. 23 Fran Mason
- Apr. 25 Terri Hay
- Apr. 27 Georg Ulbrich

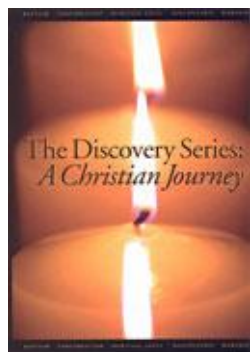


## Anniversaries

- Apr. 14 Benno & Myrtis Vyvjala

*If we have missed a birthday or anniversary, please contact the Parish Office.*

## You're Invited to "Discover" The Episcopal Church



Discovery Classes, also known as Confirmation class will begin on, Sunday April 15. The Discovery Series: *A Christian Journey*, is designed to help every Christian discover their own path to a life in Christ. This series is intended to help everyone begin or renew a lifelong relationship with God.

The Adult Class will meet at 9:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall and the Youth class will meet after the 10:30 a.m. service in the Parish Hall.

- April 15 What we Believe
- 22 The Baptismal Covenant
- 29 Spiritual Maturity and Prayer
- May 6 Bible Study and Action
- 13 What is a Minister?
- 20 Getting In SHAPE for Ministry

These classes will prepare participants for Confirmation, Reception or Re-affirmation when Bishop Dena Harrison visits us on August 19, but everyone is invited and encouraged to participate. If you have any questions or want more information, please contact Father Hay at 979.968.3910.

## April Supper Club

The St. James monthly Supper Club provides a monthly opportunity for members to share good food and interesting conversation with fellow parishioners and guests. Guests should RSVP with the number attending and the dish they will provide. Make plans to join us this month!

**Date:** Saturday, April 14

**Time:** 5:00 p.m.

**Hosts:** Carol & Jimmy Helms  
Nancy & Weldon Koenig

**Theme:** Fish Fry

**Location:** "New Dubina"  
4750 FM 1383

**RSVP:** Carol Helms 979.263.5569  
Children invited

## MS 150 Update

The acceptance of our MS 150 program is phenomenal. We will be hosting somewhere just over 250 riders this year. We have added both the Girl Scouts of America and Habitat for Humanity to our host family team. The Men's Club will be offering an additional service this year---availability of smoked chickens, sausage and pork loins for use in the meal preparations. It's less than a month away so plan on being busy!

--Jim Holmes



Holy Week

**Decorating the Church for Easter**

Members of the Altar Guild and their friends will prepare the church for Easter from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. on Saturday, April 7. Anyone who wishes to help may join us.

*Come one, come ALL...*  
to the 3rd Annual  
**"Easter  
Egg-stravaganza!"**

**Enjoy hunting for Easter Eggs  
in the St. James Courtyard!**

**Easter Sunday, April 8, 2007  
after the 10:30 am Service**

**Be sure to bring your basket!**

**If you are interested in donating candy-filled  
eggs, please bring them to the Parish Hall by  
Palm Sunday, April 1<sup>st</sup>.**

**Please call Deborah at 800.886.6119 with  
questions...thank you!**

**Daughters of the King to Meet**

The next meeting of Daughters of the King (DOK) will take place at noon on Tuesday, April 3.

DOK is an order of the Episcopal Church established more than 100 years ago. The complete program is prayer and Bible study. We are studying, "What's So Amazing About Grace?" by Phillip Yancey.

Please call Charlotte Hillbolt at 249-5732 or Vera Zitterich at 968-5769 for more information.

Daughters of the King meet in the Parish Hall on the first Tuesday of each month at noon. Bring a sack lunch--drinks will be provided. Everyone is invited. Hope to see you then!

—Charlotte Hillbolt

**From the Preschool**



The feel of spring is in the air and the school is ready for warm weather and sunshine! Upon the return from spring break our classes will be ready for butterflies, farming, plants and much more. We have some interesting plans for these themes and we look forward to sharing them with the children. Of course our main focus will be Holy Week and what happens during that time. We will share with the children how special they are and what Jesus did for them. Spring is a time for renewal and hope, we wish that to everyone, including our church family. Blessings to everyone this Easter season.

In God's love,  
Lana Swearingen

**Men's Club Activities**

In the first cooperative meeting between the Christians and the Lions in over two thousand years the St. James Episcopal Men's Club will assist the La Grange Noon Lions Club in their annual fundraiser on April 25. The cooking skills of the Men's Club will be employed to cook between 1000 and 1500 chicken dinners for the Lion's Club based upon the final ticket sales by the Lion's members.

The MS150 is shaping up to be the most successful ever. This event will occur on April 21<sup>st</sup> and Jim Holmes has the Men's Club organized to provide homes, transportation, baggage handling and meals. Thanks in advance for your participation.

**Holy Week Services**

**Palm Sunday, April 1**

8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

**Maundy Thursday**

6:00 p.m.

**Good Friday**

12:00 p.m.

**Easter Day, April 8**

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist: Rite One  
10:30 a.m. Festival Eucharist

### Worship Schedule

#### Sundays:

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite One  
 8:45 a.m. Breakfast/Fellowship  
 9:30 a.m. Church School  
     Bible Study  
     Choir Rehearsal  
 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite Two  
 11:30 a.m. Coffee/Fellowship

**Child care** is provided on Sundays from 9:15 to 12:00 for children ages two to five years. The nursery is located in the Preschool Building.



### Parish Staff

The Rt. Rev. Don A. Wimberly, Bishop  
 The Rev. Daryl T. Hay, Rector  
 Heather Herschell, Head of St. James Episcopal Preschool  
 Heidi Ullrich, Parish Administrator & *Epistle* Editor  
 Evelyn Grant, Financial Administrator  
 Elva Ulbrich, Music Director  
 Jim & Julie Holmes, Organists  
 Penny Sengler, Church School Teacher

### Vestry and Officers

Helen Hays, Senior Warden  
 Greg Northrup, Junior Warden  
 Dianna Berg  
 Paul Crain  
 Gene Holt  
 Matt Herschell  
 Lil Landry  
 Bill Rogers  
 Penny Sengler  
 Sue Holt, Treasurer

### Ministry Chairs

Acolytes & LEMs: Suzanne Batchelder  
 Altar Guild: Suzanne Batchelder  
 AMEN: Alfred & Suzanne Artz  
 Building & Grounds: Greg Northrup  
 Christian Education: Penny Sengler  
 Communications:  
 Daughters of the King: Charlotte Hillbolt  
 ECW: Ann Rogers  
 Endowment: Joe Bailey  
 Finance: John Bradley  
 Invite a Friend: Gene Holt & Justa Helm  
 Kitchen: Helen Hays & Dianna Berg  
 Long Range Planning: Bob Hays  
 Men's Club: Ken Berg & Gerald Campbell  
 Outreach: Dianna Berg  
 Pastoral Care: Vera Zitterich  
 Second Chance: Frances Stepchinski  
 Stewardship: TBD  
 Supper Club: Ann Campbell  
 Ushers: Suzanne Batchelder

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### St. James' Mission

Our mission is to restore people to God and each other in Christ.

### Our Core Values

Christ-centered worship in the Episcopal Church tradition  
 Our caring relationships and fellowship  
 Our historical presence in the community  
 Our involvement in community outreach  
 Our growth in spirituality, service and size

**DEADLINE**

**Deadline for articles for the May Epistle is 4/15.**

If possible, please submit your article via email to st-james@cmaaccess.com. Please report errors and omissions.

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