

Saint James' Episcopal Church

"Enter as strangers, leave as friends."

THE EPISTLE

One of my favorite hymns is "Lord, you give the Great Commission" (Hymn 528). The hymn celebrates the Church's mission to heal the sick and preach the word, to baptize and teach, "with the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry." With the Spirit's gifts empowering us we at Saint James' are engaged in the work of ministry. We minister to one another within our congregation and we minister to the people of La Grange, Fayette County, and beyond. We minister to one another in order to build up the Body of Christ through our worship, Christian education, and fellowship. We have ministries that support this work of building up the Body of Christ such as the Altar Guild; the choir; lectors, intercessors, acolytes and ushers; Sunday school teachers; Men's Club, ECW, DOK, and Supper Club. All these build up the Body of Christ, which is the Church.

Ministry also has an outward direction. One of the goals that we discerned in 2008 was to engage in more hands on outreach. Outreach is about welcoming and befriending the stranger without any expectation that they will join our congregation. As a congregation we continue to support AMEN (Area Ministry for Emergency Needs), The Second Chance Emporium, and Saint James' Episcopal Preschool financially and/or with volunteers. We also have the great work of our Men's Club, and members of Saint James' volunteer their time in other organizations in the area. Our Outreach Committee, chaired by Dianna Berg, has discussed how we can accomplish the goal of engaging in more hands on outreach and how we can strengthen our involvement and support of AMEN, Second Chance, and the Preschool. Members of the congregation have an opportunity to provide feedback to the Outreach Committee through an online survey. The Outreach Committee will then present the results of the survey and the committee's recommendations to the Vestry for its consideration.

Since the Spirit empowers us for the work of ministry, on the Day of Pentecost, Sunday, May 23rd, in which we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit to the disciples, everyone is invited to a ministry fair in the Parish Hall. There everyone will have an opportunity to learn more about the ministries that build us up and ministries through which we reach out. I think it is important that all who follow Christ participate in at least one ministry within the church that supports the building up of the Body of Christ. I also think it is important to engage in one ministry outside of the church since we are sent out to proclaim Christ's love and serve others.

Christ gave us the gift of the Holy Spirit for that work. On the Day of Pentecost we will celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit that Christ gave to us and, I hope, we will continue to commit ourselves to the work of ministry within Saint James' Episcopal Church and beyond.

Daryl T. Hay +

Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty. For everything in heaven and on earth is yours. Yours, O Lord, is the kingdom, and you are exalted as head over all.

1 Chronicles 19:11

Meetings

Daughters of the King will meet one hour before the ECW in the church at 11:00 on Thursday, May 6th. Have you ever wondered why intercessory prayer is important? Doesn't God already know our needs? Why should we have to remind Him? Join us as we explore these questions as we study the importance of intercessory prayer. Everyone is welcome to come!

Charlotte Hillbolt

Episcopal Church Women (ECW) will meet on Thursday, May 6th, at noon in the Parish Hall. Our guest speaker for May will be the Reverend Sharon Turner. Sharon is not only a person of the cloth but also an artist and author. Some of her artwork will be on display and she will share with us how all her talents compliment one another. Also, at Sharon's request, we have invited the members of the ECW from St. John's Parish in Columbus to join us. Vera Zitterich will be hosting this month's luncheon. This will be the last monthly meeting of the ECW until September. We have discussed some activities for the summer months, but nothing definite has been decided. I would also like to ask any members of the ECW who have information regarding Second Chance, pictures, special events, etc. to please contact me. I would also like to know how many days/hours they volunteer there. This can be very important when applying for a grant from the diocese. I need all the information I can gather. Look forward to seeing everyone at the meeting.

Fran Mason

Men's Club will meet on Monday, May 10th at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Jim Holmes. There will also be a workday at the Rectory on May 22nd. David Laigle will be in charge.

The Preschool Board will meet on Tuesday, May 11th at 5:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

The Vestry will meet on Thursday, May 13th at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

MS 150

A special Thank You to each and every person who helped make the 2010 MS 150 program so very successful again. We served somewhere around 185 riders this year. While it would be impossible to single out any individual, as all jobs are so very vital, we must especially recognize Marilyn Streetman of the Jabboury Foundation For Cancer Research, Inc. for her many hours spent scheduling riders into the many homes. She did a superb job of it on her first year handling that task. This is certainly the heart of what makes the program click. Add to that the TLC that riders receive from their hosts and hostesses and that creates a winning combination.

Jim Holmes

Vision Goals

<p>Pay off the Lumberyard debt Improve and expand church facilities Increase number of young families Increase Christian education opportunities Engage in more hands on ministry</p>
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Saint James' Episcopal Preschool

Here we are, the last month of school! Our graduation day for preschool is Wednesday May 26th at 10:00 am. We have one graduate to Kindergarten who is Stuart Hay. Please join us if you can...we would love to have you to witness this sweet day for our little ones, especially Stuart. We have some fun things lined up to close out our school year... our themes are: Mother's Day, Insects, and Dinosaurs. Our Bible stories are: Walk to Emmaeus, Pentecost/Disciples receive the Holy Spirit, and Jesus and All the Children. The pre-school class will travel to Bastrop for a field trip to the Dinosaur Park and have a picnic lunch...and both classes will enjoy the week we explore creepy crawlies! This will be my last article until school resumes in September...again, thank you for your continued support and have a fun, safe summer!

Lana Swearingen, Preschool Director

Children & Youth Ministry

End of Year Party - the children and youth of the parish, along with their parents are invited to Luther Hill on Sunday, May 16th beginning at 3:00 p.m. There will be a cookout, ropes course, swimming and lots of other fun activities. Don't forget to bring your suit and towel! A sign up sheet is posted on the Parish Hall Bulletin Board. For more information contact Susannah Schorlemer.

Special Worship Services

Ascension Day Service - Thursday, May 13th beginning at noon.

Pentecost Sunday - May 23rd - The Holy Eucharist: Rite One at 8:00 a.m.
The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two at 10:30 a.m.

Preschool Graduation - Wednesday, May 26th at 10:00 a.m. Everyone is invited.

Healing Service - Wednesday, May 26th beginning at 5:30 p.m.

Our Core Values

Worship...creating a prayerful environment that touches every heart and enriches every soul.

Fellowship...providing social and spiritual interactivity, sharing the peace and love of Jesus Christ beyond the doors of our church.

Service...doing God's work in our community and the world.

Historical Presence...celebrating over 150 years of the Anglican tradition in our community and creating the spiritual foundation and means to ensure the future of our parish family.

Church Family...sharing a place where each individual's thread of life is welcomed to be woven into His Tapestry.

Happy Birthday

05/06 Molly Gray 05/13 Carol Crain 05/18 Dwight Nittsche
05/06 Elva Ulbrich 05/14 David Allen 05/20 Sterling Dobbs
05/12 Ann Brown 05/16 Eric Batchelder 05/29 Dick Frenzel

Happy Anniversary

05/11 Diana and Sam Kuninger
05/23 Phyllis and James Reavis
05/26 Diane and Terry James
05/28 Lil and Ray Landry
05/30 Ann and Bill Rogers
05/30 Joanna and Michael Walker

Outreach

A.M.E.N. Sunday - is May 2nd. Suggestions for the month: Pasta - spaghetti & sauce, ravioli, macaroni, macaroni & cheese. You may drop your items off at the Parish Hall anytime during the week.

A.M.E.N. Volunteer Schedule - volunteers from St. James' are asked to work on Monday, May 10th from 9a.m. - 11a.m., on Tuesday, May 11th from 6 pm - 7 pm, and Thursday, May 13th from 1 pm - 3 pm. Contact Suzanne and Al Artz if you have questions or would like to volunteer.

Second Chance Emporium - volunteers from St. James' are asked to work on May 18th - May 21st. Our clean up day will be Tuesday, June 1st due to the Memorial Day Holiday. Please contact Vera Zitterich or Carol Crain for more information.

Men's Cook - Saturday, May 8th, from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. benefiting the Fayette County Helpers. There will also be an ECW Bake Sale in conjunction with the cook. Don't forget **The Lion's Cook** is scheduled for Wednesday, May 19th at the church.

Outreach Committee has been actively exploring ministry needs in our La Grange community. As a result of our efforts, we have identified new opportunities for St. James to meet its goal of a more "hands on, face to face" ministry. To complete the survey go to <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/PZ6ZP96>. There is room for personal comments and we hope you will feel free to share your thoughts. All comments are anonymous. The results of this survey will drive future decisions for outreach opportunities at St. James as we endeavor to address our core values and meet our vision goals. Hard copies of the survey are also available for those that prefer to put pencil to paper. My prayer is that all will participate!
Dianna Berg

Mission Statement

Our Mission is to be a welcoming worship community where God's presence is felt and from which we are sent to proclaim Christ's love and serve others.

Upcoming Events

Supper Club - Our May supper club will be the Friday after Mother's day on May 14th beginning at 5:30 p.m. at the home of Dianna and Ken Berg and co-hosted by: Ann and Gerald Campbell and Lil and Ray Landry.

*Chicken and dumplings and a Sunday Roast, bacon and eggs and some buttered toast!
Homemade soup and corn bread...we hardly ever ate out.*

Cranked up ice cream really made us shout!

So bring the dish you remember so well, and a picture of mom with a story to tell!

We'll remember mama and the meals we shared, her difficult job and how she always cared!

All cooks are asked to wear a vintage apron! Look for invitation and sign up sheet to be posted! This will be a Parent's Night Out event.

Dianna Berg

Vestry

- Meeting opened with Fr. Hay leading the Vestry in prayer
 - March minutes were approved as presented
 - Fr. Hay reported on recent activities including: Visitor's Folders, Lenten Bible Study meetings, Supper Club, and Holy Week & Sunday attendance. There was also discussion regarding the jazz harpist concert, manual for employees of the Church covering employee policies, and music for Rite One Services.
 - Senior Warden, Pinky Wilson advised that she continues to meet and discuss issues as needed with Fr. Hay
 - Junior Warden, David Laigle reviewed issues detailed in his report for April 8th and gave the Vestry an update on recent roof work completed at the Church and also proposed new work.
 - Treasurer, Eric Batchelder stated that spending continues at about the same level. He also reviewed the Profit and Loss Statement and advised that pledge payments are about \$10,000 under budgeted but attributed this to pledges being paid by the quarter. Eric advised that church members have been requested to serve on the audit review committee.
 - In Old Business, Dick Frenzel made a motion to approve restructuring of the vestry with committees responsible for Ministry, Administration, and Property. The motion carried.
 - In New Business, there was discussion of Chapter III of the *Vestry Resource Guide*, which the Vestry had been asked to read prior to the meeting.
 - Fr. Hay closed the meeting with a prayer.
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**The Church Office will be closed on Monday, May 31st
in honor of Memorial Day.**

**Church Office Hours are Monday - Thursday, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
(Closed Fridays)**