



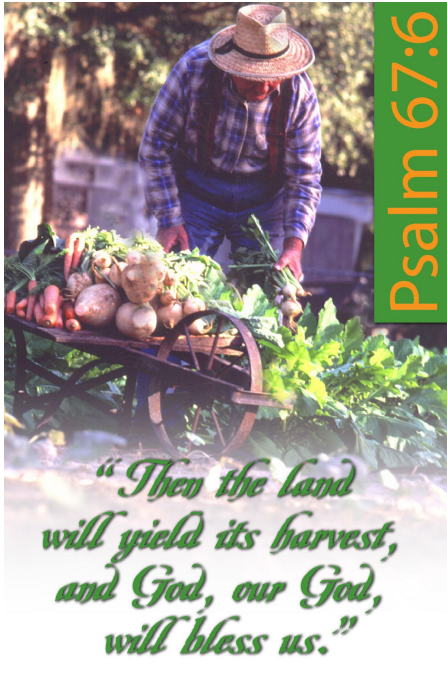
St. James Episcopal Church

Restoring people to God & each other in Christ

THE EPISTLE

La Grange, Texas

September, 2007



From the Rector

We have heard it before: We are all ministers. We all have a ministry. Many of us have more than one ministry. Whether at home, at work, at church, or in the community we are all ministers. On Sunday, September 9, 2007 we will have Rally Day which will be an opportunity for everyone to learn more about the ministries of Saint James' Episcopal Church.

We might look at ministry from three perspectives. We have ministries that support our worship, ministries that build up our church community, and ministries that reach out into the wider community of La Grange and Fayette County. Some of our ministries do all three of these things. All are done for the glory of God and build up God's people in order to restore all people to God and each other in Christ.

It takes a great many people to organize and support our worship, which we offer to God Sunday after Sunday. We have ushers and acolytes, the choir and the Altar Guild, lectors and intercessors. These ministries make our worship possible and we need more people to serve in these ministries so we can continue to offer a liturgy that glorifies God and draws people to him and each other.

We have several ministries that build up our church community. The Daughters of the King is a ministry of prayer, study, and evangelism for women, which meets on a regular basis and follows a rule of life. The Episcopal Church Women (ECW) and the Men's Club both offer opportunities for fellowship within the church and service to the community. Our regular Supper Club continues to be a wonderful opportunity to spend time together and introduce other people to our congregation.

Saint James' reaches out into the community in several ways. Saint James' supports Area Ministry for Emergency Needs (AMEN) financially and with volunteers. Volunteers from our church and other local churches stock shelves with food for people in need and assist clients with emergency needs such as utility and rental assistance. Saint James' also participates in the Second Chance Emporium which is very busy resale shop that serves the area. Volunteers sort donated items and organize the shop. There are also other ministries in La Grange like that of the Saint Mark's Hospital Auxiliary, the La Grange ISD One to One reading program, and Brazos Valley Hospice. All of them are an avenue to service. All are ministries.

There are many ways to serve as ministers in the church and the community. I hope everyone will come to Rally Day and consider the opportunities that we have to minister in Christ's name.

—Daryl Hay

Looking Ahead

- Aug 31- Fayette County Fair
- Sept 3
- Sept 1 Fayette County Fair Parade
- Sept 3 Church & Preschool Closed for Labor Day
- Sept 4 First Day of Parents' Day Out
- Sept 8 Men's Club BBQ
- Sept 9 Rally Day
- Sept 10 ECW Meeting
Men's Club Meeting
- Sept 14 Supper Club @ Bailey Acres
- Sept 16 Christian Education Resumes
- Oct 8 Church & Preschool Closed for Columbus Day

UPDATES



The Rt. Rev. Dena Harrison, Bishop Suffragan of the Diocese of Texas with Jimmy and Carol Helms.

Bishop's Visit and Confirmation

What a joy and an honor it was to welcome "home" Bishop Dena Harrison on August 19. Bishop Harrison made her first visit back to La Grange since becoming Bishop Suffragan. She served as rector of St. James from 1992-1995.

Congratulations to Debbie Adkins, Dan Gordon, Dancy Lukeman, Lauren Laigle, Carol Helms and Jimmy Helms who were confirmed or received during the Bishop's visit.

St. James Welcomes Seminarian from the Seminary of the Southwest

Over the next two years, we at St. James' will be blessed by the presence of Doug Lassiter a student from the Episcopal Theological Seminary of the Southwest (ETSS) in Austin.

Doug is a postulant from the Diocese of Texas, which means that he is on the journey of becoming a priest of the church. As part of his education, ETSS requires two years of field work in a parish setting. Placement in a parish helps students continue to identify and develop their gifts for ministry and learn more about preaching, teaching and leading a congregation. It is also an opportunity for the participating congregation to learn more about itself.

St. James' has participated in the field placement program before. The Rev. Stephanie Linscott and the Rev. Margaret "Tudy" Waters worked at St. James' as part of their seminary education in past years. Doug and his family will join us for worship at the 10:30 a.m. service on September 9, 2007.

Birthdays

Sept. 16 Susie Glasscock
Sept. 18 Benno Vyvjala
Sept. 19 Jeannette Burger
Sept. 22 Sue Holt
Sept. 23 Penny Sengler
Sept. 26 Weldon Koenig
Sept. 30 Asher Bradley



Anniversaries

Sept. 4 Peter & Penny Sengler
Mike & Sharon Turner
Sept. 10 Eric & Suzanne Batchelder
Sept. 28 Gary & Betty Cook

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

Opportunities for Ministry

The following ministry areas are currently seeking additional help. Acolytes, Altar Guild, AMEN, Christian Education, Daughters of the King, ECW, Men's Club, Outreach, Second Chance, Supper Club, Ushers and the Newsletter Team. More information about each area of ministry will be available at 9:30 a.m. on Rally Day, September 9 in the Parish Hall.



Men's Club Update

The Men's Club will have a float in the Fayette County Fair Parade on September 1. All men of the church and their children and grandchildren are welcome to ride on the antique wagon and give out candy. Men should meet at 7:30 a.m. at the Church. Wear your Holy Smokers shirt or bright colors.

ECW News

TO ALL WOMEN OF ST. JAMES: All women who attend St. James Episcopal Church are de facto members of the Episcopal Church Women (ECW) and are cordially invited to attend our meetings and participate in all activities.

ECW will meet at 6 p.m. on Monday, September 10, in the Parish Hall. Hostesses Penny Sengler and Cindy Woodrome will provide lettuce, salad dressings, dessert and beverages. Everyone else should bring something yummy to put in a salad: chopped vegetables of any kind, cheese, dried fruit, croutons, etc. The business meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m.

We look forward to seeing you there!

**2007
American Cancer Society
La Grange Relay For Life
Walk for the CURE!
September 22 — 23, 2007**

**Come support the St. James Super Heroes !
Your presence will be greatly appreciated.**

Activities and Festivities

- 6:30 Opening Ceremony and Survivor Recognition**
- 7:15 The Survivor Lap**
- 7:30 RELAY BEGINS**
- 8:15 Introduction and Parade of Teams**
- 8:45 Begin lighting luminaria
Bring a lighter and help light the luminaria**
- 9:00 LUMINARIA Ceremony
This is a TRIBUTE to those who have lost the battle with cancer and, also, to those who have survived.**

**Our Camp site will be on the north end of the
La Grange High School track (where we were last year).**

**From dusk until dawn the St. James Super Heroes will
walk in support of those working for the CURE !**

St. James Super Heroes

The St. James Super Heroes, will sell watermelon, bottles of ice cold water and raffle tickets on the square, Saturday, September 1, 2007 before, during and after the Fayette County Fair Parade. We need all hands on deck. Please, contact Carolyn Bailey if you will be able to help set up, sell or clean up.

Please, turn in all forms and donations as soon as you are able. Remember, everyone is responsible for raising at least \$100 per person. Thank you for all your enthusiasm and participation. Don't forget your red St. James t-shirts; we will be wear them the night of the relay. Remember, St. James Episcopal Church knows a Super Hero, who is our heart, energy and unconquerable force.

Supper Club News

The St. James monthly Supper Club provides a monthly opportunity for members to share good food and interesting conversation with fellow parishioners and guests.

September Supper Club

Date: Friday, September 14

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Hosts: Paul & Carol Crain
Joe & Carolyn Bailey

Theme: Burgers and Beans

Bring your fishing poles, worms and tackle!
Children are invited. Bring a friend.

Location: Bailey Acres, 2309 E. Parker Road

RSVP: Sign up sheet is posted in the Parish Hall. We'll be looking for: lettuce, tomatoes, onions, cheese slices, buns, pickles, chips, appetizers and desserts. Maps will be available in the Church Office.



CHURCH COMMUNICATIONS

Did you know that St. James has five ways in which we regularly communicate with our members?

We communicate daily

- St. James sends a daily email which includes a daily devotional and daily reminders.


We communicate weekly

- St. James sends out a weekly eNewsletter with announcements, calendar information, the week's Worship Ministry Schedule, the readings for the coming Sunday, a prayer list, birthdays, anniversaries and community news.
- St. James also posts weekly announcements on our church website www.histapestry.com.
- Each week, we put announcements in the Sunday Service bulletin. Most Sundays, you will find a listing of coming events on the yellow insert in your bulletin. On the special occasions that we have larger bulletins, the announcements may be found at the back of the bulletin.

We communicate monthly

- Each month, we send out this monthly newsletter, *The Epistle*.

If you do not receive the newsletter, eNewsletter and/or the daily email, please contact the Parish Office by email at st-james@cmaccess.com or call 968.3910 with your name, email address or mailing address and we will gladly add you to the list!

<p style="text-align: center;">Worship Schedule</p> <p><u>Sundays:</u> 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</p> <p>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.</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">Parish Staff</p> <p>The Rt. Rev. Don A. Wimberly, Bishop The Rev. Daryl T. Hay, Rector Heidi Ullrich, Parish Administrator & <i>Epistle</i> Editor Evelyn Grant, Financial Administrator Elva Ulbrich, Music Director Jim & Julie Holmes, Organists Penny Sengler, Church School Teacher</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Vestry and Officers</p> <p>Helen Hays, Senior Warden Greg Northrup, Junior Warden Eric Batchelder, Treasurer Dianna Berg Paul Crain Gene Holt Lil Landry Bill Rogers Penny Sengler</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Ministry Chairs</p> <p>Acolytes & LEMs: TBD Altar Guild: Suzanne Batchelder AMEN: Alfred & Suzanne Artz Building & Grounds: Greg Northrup Christian Education: Penny Sengler Daughters of the King: Charlotte Hillbolt ECW: Ann Rogers Endowment: Joe Bailey Invite a Friend: Gene Holt & Justa Helm Kitchen: Helen Hays & Dianna Berg 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: TBD</p>
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Deadline for articles for the October Epistle is 9/17.
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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

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