

ST. JAMES WEEKLY E-NEWS

"Putting Christ first in all that we do."

The week of Jan 4 to 10, 2023

Announcements


Reminder: This Sunday is Kid's Church during worship.

Please see the **calendar of events** listed in the newsletter. This calendar is updated weekly.

Please see page four, for the '**Calendar of Giving**.'

Our nursery attendants will be on vacation January 8 and 15.

If you purchased soup in a jar at the Holiday Fair, we would like to reuse the jars. When you are done with the soup, please return your clean **jars** to the church kitchen. Thanks so much.



Used Book and Pie Sale
February 11, 2023

We are looking for pie makers. There is a sign up sheet at the connection center.

Also, we are looking for book, puzzle, DVD, and CD donations.

Contact Chris Bahr for more information at 920-739-6759.

A Word from the Trustees

You may have noticed that the fellowship hall is feeling warmer these days. That is because Bill has been working to make repairs to the heating system. Now, in contrast, we are noticing that the sanctuary feels cooler. The problems with our aging heating system are many. This is a very complicated system and the further things are delved into, the more we discover how deep the issues run. To add to this complicated system, the parts are very difficult to come by. Thank you for your patience as we continue to work on repairing, and getting the proper heat to all areas of church.

Birthdays this Week

1/06 John Lind

Reminder: If you know anyone who is in need of a hot meal and some fellowship, **Emmanuel UMC** serves a hot meal for dine-in or carry-out. **Every Wednesday from 5:30 to 6:30p.m.** The meal is free, but they do welcome a free-will offering.

Daily Reminders of Baptism

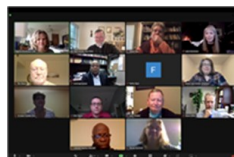


One way Satan attacks Christians is by reminding us of our sins, both of commission (wrongdoing) and omission (neglecting to do right). And one way we can fight back is by remembering our baptism. The reformer Martin Luther recommended pondering that sacrament daily, whenever we wash our face, because "in baptism sins are drowned."

Getting dressed can serve as another frequent reminder, Luther says, because baptism is the "daily garment ... the Christian is to wear all the time." He writes, "Christ instituted holy baptism ... to clothe you with his righteousness. It is tantamount to his saying, 'My righteousness shall be your righteousness; my innocence, your innocence. Your sins indeed are great, but by baptism I bestow on you my righteousness; I strip death from you and clothe you with my life.'"

Zoom with the District Superintendent

North East DS Park Hunter offers an open Zoom devotion and Q&A time for laity in the district on second Mondays at 6:30pm. Because of the cabinet meeting, the next one will be January 16, 2023.



The Zoom link is...
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5027449756>

*Answers to prayers come in various forms,
sometimes in sunlight,
sometimes through storms.
Some blossom early, and some blossom late,
but each one will flower —
have faith and wait!*

Joys, Prayers & Concerns...

- For all the prayers of your heart, shared with God on your personal journey each day and may we give thanks for all answered prayers.
- Joys for our collective donation of about 650 pounds of non-perishables so far, for St. Joe's and Emmanuel UMC's food pantries. 2 more weeks remain to this campaign.
- Prayers for Rose Ann Luce who has been hospitalized after a fall at home.
- Continued prayers for Margaret Morris and her family, that treatment for her health condition is a great success and that God gives them peace as they make decisions.
- Continued prayers for Bonnie Budreau's sister, Donna. She seems to be making some improvement and they are looking at rehab facilities.
- Continued prayers for Cathy Johnson as she continues to heal from total knee replacement surgery.
- Continued prayers for Shirley Galster as she heals.
- Continued prayers for Lois Bodam.
- **Ongoing intercessory prayer...**
- Prayers for Pastor Ben, because we should always include our pastor in prayer.
- Joys for those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this week.
- Continued prayers for our church family, and special prayers for our shut-ins.
- Continued prayers for the people of Ukraine.
- Continued prayers for the victims of the American epidemic of senseless gun violence.

*Lord, hear our prayers. Amen.
"Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer." Romans 12:12*

You can now submit your prayer requests at any time by using this link,
[prayer request](#).

This link goes directly to Pastor Ben.

This Sunday's Laity Team

Usher Bonnie Budreau
Reader Carol Carlson
Counters..... Chris Bahr & Carol Carlson
Sound Bill Kraemer
Music.....Praise Team



Thanks to Charlie Christenson, LuAnn Van Handel, and Wendy Lind for taking down the greens.

Thank you to Paul Countney for delivering 128 pounds of goods from our Calendar of Giving campaign to St. Joe's food pantry. About 175 pounds of items were given to our friends at Emmanuel for their neighborhood pantry. Two weeks remain.

Thank you to all the un-named, who share of their time and talents for the ministries of St. James.

Please email the **office** or call at 920-734-5371, if you know of someone who does something special at the church. Thank you.

Shoveling Assistance Needed



Winter is here and with it comes a great winter exercise opportunity! We are seeking people to do snow removal of our church sidewalk and the enter and exit aprons on Capitol Drive. Instructions on the operation of the church snow blower will be given. Please contact Bill Kraemer at, bil-lebob57@gmail.com, or anyone on trustees for more information. Thank you for your assistance.

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9 A.M. - 2 P.M., MONDAY - WEDNESDAY

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Communion Sunday 8:00 a.m. Praise Practice 8:45 a.m. Worship 9:45 a.m. Fellowship 10:15 a.m. GOCC Worship	2 4-11 p.m. Video Game club	3 6:30 p.m. Praise Team Practice	4 No Bible Study	5 Office Closed	6 4-8 p.m. Calvary's Cross Church	7 1-7 p.m. Calvary's Cross Church
8 Sunday School 8:00 a.m. Praise Practice 8:45 a.m. Worship 9:45 a.m. Fellowship 10:15 a.m. GOCC Worship 2:00 p.m. Calvary's Cross (until 7pm)	9 Delivery of a COTS meal. 4-11 p.m. Video Game club	10 6:30 p.m. Praise Team Practice	11 8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast Black Bear 2:00 p.m. Bible Study	12 Office Closed	13 Office Closed 4-8 p.m. Calvary's Cross Church	14 1-7 p.m. Calvary's Cross Church
15 8:00 a.m. Praise Practice 8:45 a.m. Worship 9:45 a.m. Fellowship 10:15 a.m. GOCC Worship 2:00 p.m. Calvary's Cross (until 7pm)	16 4-11 p.m. Video Game club	17 6:30 p.m. Praise Team Practice	18 2:00 p.m. Bible Study	19 Office Closed	20 Office Closed 4-8 p.m. Calvary's Cross Church	21 1-7 p.m. Calvary's Cross Church
22 8:00 a.m. Praise Practice 8:45 a.m. Worship 9:45 a.m. Fellowship 10:15 a.m. GOCC Worship 2:00 p.m. Calvary's Cross (until 7pm)	23 4-11 p.m. Video Game club 5:30 pm Ladies Nite Out	24 6:30 p.m. Praise Team Practice	25 2:00 p.m. Bible Study	26 Office Closed	27 Office Closed 4-8 p.m. Calvary's Cross Church	28 1-7 p.m. Calvary's Cross Church
29 8:00 a.m. Praise Practice 8:45 a.m. Worship 9:45 a.m. Fellowship 10:15 a.m. GOCC Worship 2:00 p.m. Calvary's Cross (until 7pm)	30 4-11 p.m. Video Game club 6:00 pm Accountable Leadership Board	31 6:30 p.m. Praise Team Practice	1 2:00 p.m. Bible Study	2 Office Closed	3 Office Closed 4-8 p.m. Calvary's Cross Church	4 1-7 p.m. Calvary's Cross Church

"Calendar of Giving"



Most every year we participate in CROP Walk, but this year, for lack of volunteers, Crop walk will not be available. Your Accountable Leadership Board has decided instead to do a "Calendar of Giving." We began November 21st, and will continue through mid-January. On the calendar below is a suggested non-perishable food item for each day of the week. During advent we will bring in our collections and place them beneath the tree. Once the tree is down, we will find another way to prominently display our weekly collection of food donations.

This collected food will then be donated to area food pantries, including the much used and growing needs for food in the Emmanuel UMC neighborhood pantry. If shopping for food is not your thing, we will gladly collect money to donate to Church World Service, which is where CROP Walk collections were distributed. Mark your financial donation as "Giving Calendar"

We hope everyone will participate in whatever way you are able. Some suggested bargain places to shop are... Dollar General, Dollar Tree, & Aldi's, as well as your favorite store's weekly sale ads. Happy hunting!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Food Drive Begins tomorrow	November 21 Graham Crackers	November 22 Cereal	November 23 Instant Potatoes	November 24 Peanut butter	November 25 Canned soup	November 26 Romen noodles
November 27 <i>Place your items under the sanctuary tree</i> Canned Tuna	November 28 Cereal	November 29 Pasta	November 30 Canned Chicken	December 1 Canned veggies	December 2 Tuna helper	December 3 Applesauce
December 4 <i>Place your items under the sanctuary tree</i> Soda Crackers	December 5 Canned Soup	December 6 Romen	December 7 Instant Potatoes	December 8 Rice	December 9 Peanut butter	December 10 Jam or Jelly
December 11 <i>Place your items under the sanctuary tree</i> Pasta Sauce	December 12 Romen noodles	December 13 Canned soup	December 14 Macaroni and Cheese	December 15 Applesauce	December 16 Canned veggies	December 17 Canned Tuna
December 18 <i>Place your items under the sanctuary tree</i>	December 19 Canned Tuna	December 20 Tuna helper	December 21 Canned veggies	December 22 Canned Fruit	December 23 Cereal	December 24 Canned Baked beans <i>Place your items</i>
Thank you everyone! Your offerings have been delivered again. This campaign will continue for 2 more weeks, but we will continue to give to St. Joe's throughout the year.						
December 25 Jam or Jelly	December 26 Peanut butter	December 27 Pasta Sauce	December 28 Cereal	December 29 Canned Chicken	December 30 Canned fruit	December 31 Macaroni and Cheese
January 1 <i>Place your items near the altar</i> Canned Tuna	January 2 Graham Crackers	January 3 Cereal	January 4 Canned soup	January 5 Peanut butter	January 6 Instant Potatoes	January 7 Romen noodles
January 8 <i>Place your items near the altar</i> Rice	January 9 Canned Chicken	January 10 Canned Soup	January 11 Macaroni and Cheese	January 12 Applesauce	January 13 Peanut butter	January 14 Pasta Sauce

Love In Action

