



St. James Lutheran Church

"In the City for Good"

From the Pastor's Desk...

"Crash helmets and life preservers."

-Teaching a Stone to Talk



At St. James, we are entering the Pentecost season. God's Spirit is on the loose. Strap in! Perhaps that's why Annie Dillard once wrote of Christian worship:

"Does anyone have the foggiest idea what sort of power we so blithely invoke?... We should all be wearing crash helmets. Ushers should issue life preservers and signal flares; they should lash us to our pews."

Sometimes we don't expect much from God. We figure God-the-Creator went home at 5pm, Jesus-the-Savior finished up 2000 years ago, and God-the-Spirit is largely impotent.

But our liturgical readings this season tell a different story. The Spirit has started a fire-storm and all are getting singed. Jesus, at the height of mid-ministry, is teaching and telling stories of an insurgent radical way of loving others. Instead of weapons for the disciples, Jesus is issuing hospitality, peacemaking, and skills in listening, welcoming, praying and rejoicing. While the world sees this as lackluster and feeble, Jesus claims it is "the way, the truth and the life." Strongman tactics are simply imposters.

This summer, we will celebrate 135 years of feeling the heat of this Spirit's fire. We call it ministry at St. James and we insist on doing it together. While the world thinks it's nonsense, we're lashing ourselves to the pews. Pass the crash helmets.

Pastor David

June 2025 Newsletter

Worship & Learning

In-person:

Sunday Eucharist at
9:30am

Sunday School at
11:00am

Online: Live video
available Sunday
mornings

www.bit.ly/2MzdcxX

St. James June Jazz Vespers

June 15, 2025 at
4:50pm

Haley Horsfall, voice
& percussion



Wine Tasting at St. James

Retired pastor and St. James member Barry Rogge will again host a special wine-tasting event on Sunday, **June 1** after morning worship. This fun event will have both wine and non-alcoholic beverages. Four different wines will be showcased, each with the story of how it's made. We thank Archery Summit Winery in Dundee for this June gathering.

Our 135th Anniversary Gift to Lutheran World Relief

Our St. James Council has set a fundraising goal of \$8,000 by our July 27 anniversary date. We not only celebrate St. James' Anniversary, but also the 80th Anniversary of Lutheran World Relief (LWR). The money will be distributed to those in need worldwide via Lutheran World Relief as our thanks to God. Please give now and earmark your gift to "St. James" with "LWR Gift" in the memo line. We are well on our way:



\$8,000	-	Goal by July 27
<u>\$5,556</u>	-	Gifts and Endowment already given
\$2,444	-	Still needed to reach our goal

Pastor Lisa Kipp visited our congregation on May 25 and informed our congregation that with this gift, St. James will have donated \$80,000 over the last 23 years to LWR. Thank you for your continuing generosity.

Faithful Giving

This spring, St. James received a bequest from the estate of David Hoffman and Anna Hazard-Hoffman. David died in 2008 and Anna passed peacefully last November at age 90. Both were active members at St. James. We are grateful for their financial offerings while members and for planning to support St. James after their deaths. Their gifts advance our ministry. Have you included St. James in your end-of-life plans? Please join others in prayerfully considering to do so. If you need help, please talk with St. James bookkeeper Sharon Kurtz or Pastor David. Thank you.

Holy Baptism at St. James

On June 1, we bring to the baptismal font Maya Lucille, the infant daughter of Karin Hatch and Erika Torrey. Maya was born on December 5. Maya's sponsors are Katie and Jarod Hicks. In the past month, St. James has had the privilege of hosting two infant baptisms, for Cary Bennett Pierce (left) and Nora St. Mary (right). We are thrilled to have these two new members.



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May Council Highlights

Treasurer's Report: Contributions and cash disbursements were right on budget for April, with a year to date balance of \$14,986.04. April income was \$48,359.58; year to date income is 32.80% of the annual budget.

Pastor's Report: The Child Development Center enrollment is at 97 children, there will be 105 children in June. New members will be received on July 13. Five new Emanuel Hospital Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) students will start on May 27 and continue through the summer. Pastor Knapp and Sue Hammond will represent St. James at the Oregon Synod Assembly on May 30-31. Lutheran World Relief celebrates their 80th anniversary in May. Pastor Knapp would like to have a fundraiser to collect a gift of \$8,000. Pastor Knapp gave updates on the formation of the two task forces who will lead the St. James 135th anniversary of ministry; Looking Back with Gratitude and Look Forward to Ministry Ahead.

President's Reporting: update on the St. James Apartments.

Committee's Report: 200 Box Car health kits were packed on May 1 and sent out the next day to be distributed to various sites via Lutheran World Relief.

Oregon Lutheran Synod Assembly

On May 30 through June 1, the 98 Lutheran churches (ELCA) in Oregon gathered in Portland to elect (re-elect) a bishop, engage in Bible Study, worship, and engage in the business of The Church. Our thanks to Pastor David and Sue Hammond for being our representatives.

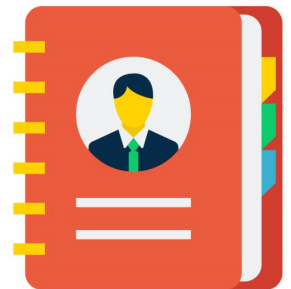


Helping the Unsheltered with Food Boxes

Join us on **Tuesdays, June 10 and 24 at 10am** in **Pioneer Chapel** to pack food boxes for our neighbors. If you are interested and available to take out food on Fridays, please let the front desk know.

Directory Update

The 2025 Directory will come out during our 135th Anniversary Celebration, and now is the time to collect any updates. If you have had a **change in address, phone number, email** in the last year, or would like to **add/change your photo**, please let the office know. You can email the changes in information and/or photo to office@stjamespdx.org, or call the office during business hours. We are looking forward to seeing your smiling faces in this year's edition of the directory.



Fair Trade Coffee & Chocolate Sale

Fair Trade Chocolate and Coffee will be available for purchase in the Pioneer Chapel on **Sunday, June 8** following the morning service. Due to the wine tasting event and Maya's baptism reception, we are having the sale on the **second Sunday** rather than the first. Be prepared, and know that both chocolate and coffee prices are expected to rise. Get your favorites on June 8 and beat those increases. - **Ann Tohlen WELCA Coffee/Chocolate Lady**

News from the Child Development Center

Warm Greetings from the Child Development Center! This past month, the parents of the children honored the incredible work that our teaching team of



26 professionals do here each day. Teacher Appreciation Week was celebrated by families catering several thank-you meals, personalized gifts, and heartfelt thanks. Did you know that many of our staff have been with St. James for some impressive lengths of service? Our cook, Patricia, started in 1981 and has been preparing delicious healthy foods for children each day. This year, we also honor teacher Shannon who celebrates 30 wonderful years at St. James. All of our staff have been integral in the success of the center, and we appreciate their dedication.

- Patrick Earnest, Childcare Director



Youth Confirmation

He's a fast one! Did you know that confirmation student Emmett Deitrick runs for the Ida B. Wells Track and Field Team? His team (pictured) finished 3rd in state. Congratulations!

Our five students have completed half of their instruction in the Bible, the Creeds, the Ten Commandments the Lord's Prayer, and the Sacraments. Their journey continues through the summer to reach their October 26 Reformation Day Confirmation date. Please continue to pray for Meg,

Blake, and Mira Allan, as well as Eric McCargar and Emmett Deitrick. This month:

- **June 8** - "Stirring the Pot" will focus on the Holy Spirit and the 3rd Article of the Apostles' Creed
- **During July** - Pastor David visits students in their homes
- **August 10** - "Things That Matter." We explore the life of Jesus via the 2nd article of the Apostles' Creed
- **September 14** - Field trip to the Grotto to discover our spiritual roots and the depth of prayer.

St. James 2025-26 Scholarship Application Now Open

For the past 25 years, the St. James Scholarship committee has awarded financial scholarships to members pursuing higher education. We are pleased to announce that the scholarship application form for the 2025-26 school year is now open. It can be found at the St. James website, stjamespdx.org, under the **Life at St. James** tab, and **Education** section. Please fill it out and send via mail or email to the office **by July 15, 2025**. If you would like a hard copy of the application, simply inform the office.



Wear Red -- Pentecost Sunday is June 8

The altar will be adorned in red on Pentecost Sunday as we hear of the Spirit of God setting our ministry on fire with love. Join us **June 8** as over seven languages will be shared as the cacophony of voices echo the story from Acts, chapter 2. The good news of God's inclusive Spirit leaves no one out. Find a red piece of clothing in your closet and join us!



Pack Food Bags with Eco-Justice Committee for PCC Panther Pantry

Join the Eco Social Justice Committee on **Sunday, June 8** to pack food bags for the Portland Community College Panther Pantry during Open Space. Students and staff from PCC will join us. The funding for this project was made available by the Endowment Committee. An additional way to help would be donating a \$25 gift card, used to support students with urgent need. This may include food items, diapers, over the counter medicines, and gasoline. Contact Mandy Ellertson with questions (melletso@pcc.edu).



St. James and the Portland Pride Festival

On the afternoon of **Sunday, July 20**, we will join with other Lutheran Churches in Portland to support LGBTQ+ children of God by staffing a booth in Waterfront Park. The "Sacred Space" booth will be a place of acceptance and welcoming as we provide water, a listening ear, a temporary tattoo, and Holy Communion. See Pastor David or Karin Hatch if you would like to serve with us.



The 135th Anniversary Celebration of St. James

Our Council has formed two task forces to mark this event. The **Anniversary Day Task Force** has eight member (chaired by Charlotte Cook) and is organizing the Sunday, July 27 Anniversary service, on-site meal, sanctuary lighting improvements, a new worship banner, an updated membership directory, and our \$8,000 fundraiser for Lutheran World Relief. The **Vision Task Force** involves six members (chaired by Cathie Coffman) who will review our current ministry and mission statement, and provide direction for our ministry going forward. Additionally, this task force is forming a visitation team to assist Pastor David in home visits. They will be commissioned on our Anniversary Sunday.

Here's a quick look at upcoming anniversary events:

- Sunday, **July 13** - New Member Welcome and Reception
- Sunday, **July 20** - Oregon Synod Bishop Laurie Larson Caesar will preach
- Sunday, **July 27** - Anniversary Day Worship and Meal

Guest Preacher: Pastor Robert Neubert



New Member Sunday

On **Sunday, July 13**, we will again welcome new members into our St. James family. In March, we received twelve members, and now we look forward to introducing and holding a reception for those who have chosen to make St. James their spiritual home. Please speak with Pastor David if you also would like to join our mutual ministry.



E-GIVING AT ST. JAMES

Open the camera on your smartphone and direct it to the image to the left. It will take you to the e-giving page: stjamespdx.org/e-giving. You can also access the page from any internet enabled device (desktop/laptop computer, tablet, phone, etc.). **You can also give using the Vanco Mobile app.** If you have issues accessing your account contact Karin at karinh@stjamespdx.org.

June 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 <u>Seventh Sunday of Easter</u> 9:30am Eucharist / Baptism 10:45am Wine Tasting Event	2 7:30am Preschool CDC 11:30am Feeding the Hungry	3 7:30am Preschool CDC 11:30am Feeding the Hungry	4 7:30am Preschool CDC 8:30am Centering Prayer 11:30am Feeding the Hungry	5 7:30am Preschool CDC 8am ESL Class 11:30am Feeding the Hungry 7:15pm Choir Rehearsal	6 7:30am Preschool CDC 11:30am Feeding the Hungry	7 9:30am Contemplative Prayer (Zoom) 11am Endowment Committee 12pm Vision Task Force
8 <u>Pentecost Sunday</u> 9:30am Eucharist 10:30am Coffee Hour 11am PCC Food Bag Assembly 11am Confirmation Class	9 7:30am Preschool CDC 11:30am Feeding the Hungry	10 7:30am Preschool CDC 10am Food Boxing 11:30am Feeding the Hungry	11 7:30am Preschool CDC 8:30am Centering Prayer 11:30am Feeding the Hungry	12 7:30am Preschool CDC 8am ESL Class 11:30am Feeding the Hungry 7:15pm Choir Rehearsal	13 7:30am Preschool CDC 11:30am Feeding the Hungry	14
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22 <u>Second Sunday after Pentecost</u> 9:30am Eucharist 10:30am Coffee Hour	23 7:30am Preschool CDC 11:30am Feeding the Hungry	24 7:30am Preschool CDC 10am Food Boxing 11:30am Feeding the Hungry 7:10pm Book Club 7:10pm Council	25 7:30am Preschool CDC 8:30am Centering Prayer 11:30am Feeding the Hungry	26 7:30am Preschool CDC 8am ESL Class 11:30am Feeding the Hungry	27 7:30am Preschool CDC 11:30am Feeding the Hungry	28
29 <u>Third Sunday after Pentecost</u> 9:30am Eucharist 10:30am Coffee Hour Evening Ordination	30 7:30am Preschool CDC 11:30am Feeding the Hungry					

St. James Ministries and Groups

Jazz Vespers at St. James: Sunday, June 15 at 4:50pm with Haley Horsfall, voice and percussion

This month, we welcome back Haley Horsfall to perform at Jazz Vespers with her father, Mike Horsfall. Haley Horsfall has been singing and playing percussion professionally for 18 years. She studied voice with Valerie Day and percussion with Israel Annoh. Haley has collaborated, toured and worked in a variety of genres ranging from pop, neo soul, Afrobeat, hip hop, and jazz. She also maintains a regular gig schedule with the Horsfall Duo, a jazz collaboration with her father, jazz pianist Mike Horsfall. Come hear Haley and the Mike Horsfall Trio on **Sunday, June 15**. Pre-Vespers music starts at **4:50pm**.



St. James Visual Arts Group

There is no artist reception this month. The Mirabella Artists collection will remain available for viewing through June. Stay tuned for next month's collection of Fiber Arts.



Bach Cantata

On Sunday, May 25, 80 people gathered to worship at our Choral Vespers Service featuring Bach's Cantata 6 "Bleib bei uns, denn es will Abend werden". Four stunning soloists, a talented eight-piece orchestra, guest singers, and the St. James Choir performed this challenging and beautiful Cantata, bringing light to the darkness, and peace to our spirits. Thank you to everyone involved in preparing this service, especially all our behind-the-scenes volunteers and the St. James staff.

Open Space Classes

Join us for our upcoming June Adult Classes on Sundays at **11am!**

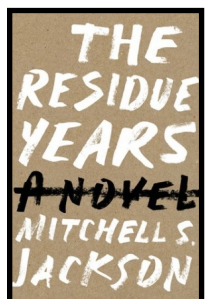
June 1 **Wine Tasting** with Pastor Barry Rogge

June 8 **Portland Community College Food Bag Assembly**— Join the Eco Social Justice Committee to pack food bags for the PCC Panther Pantry with students and staff from PCC.

Open Space will resume again in **September**.

St. James Book Club

This month, Book Club will be reading The Residue Years by Mitchell Jackson. Matthew Lynch of STET writes, "A heartwarming — and on numerous occasions heart-dropping — tale of a mother...and her eldest son." Book Club will meet on **Tuesday, June 24 at 7:10pm** at the church to discuss it. Contact Linda Rickert for any questions.





How Does Climate Change Affect the Health Care System?

Climate change affects every aspect of the health care system as Dr. Renee Salas and colleagues have described in *Health Affairs* magazine. Global warming hampers access to health services, as well as their quality, and can lead to major financial losses for health care delivery systems.

Costs. As climate change and air pollution worsen, it also pushes up health care costs. One study of 10 climate events from 2012 in the U.S. revealed that the health-related costs, including hospital admissions, emergency department visits, other medical costs, and lost wages totaled \$10 billion dollars in 2018.

Equity. Climate change does not affect people equally; in fact, it deepens preexisting inequities by taking the greatest toll on those already at heightened risk. The people in gravest danger are:

- low-income people
- people of color, especially Indigenous communities
- workers in certain hazardous occupations
- people living in environmentally fragile areas
- people with preexisting health conditions
- older adults and children
- people with disabilities and the homeless



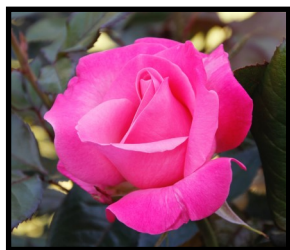
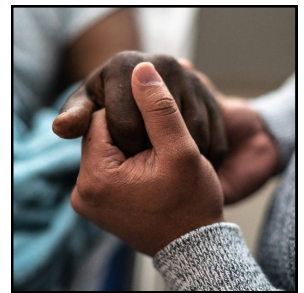
Access. Extreme climate events lead to health system disruption. Hospitals may need to be evacuated, facilities may be damaged or closed, power outages may disrupt care.

Quality. When some hospitals are forced to close, others can become stretched beyond their capacity.

- Paula Veseth, for the Eco-Justice Committee

Our Partnership with Emanuel Medical Center

On May 27, we welcomed five Pastoral Care students as our ministry to the houseless once again became a clinical site for their training. On Tuesdays this summer, they will assist us with our 11:30am food distribution to our unsheltered neighbors, and then spend the afternoon listening and counseling. We are pleased to be part of their Clinical Pastoral Education. We welcome Eric, Bonnie, Shanee, Schuyler, and Teri.



June Contemplative Prayer

Contemplative Prayer meets on **Saturdays, June 7 and 21 at 9:30am** on Zoom. Consider joining our group for time of intentional silence and meditation. New members are always welcome. Contact Susan McBerry at mcberry@lclark.edu for the Zoom link.

“What we need most in order to make progress is to be silent before this great God...for the language He best hears is silent love.”

- St. John of the Cross



In Our Prayers

We ask God’s healing for Gail Koester, Donna Metz, Keith Amundson, Gerry Grover (hospice care), Gavin Morisada, Peter Kim, Amy Manning, Chris Hammond, Rita Toepfer, and Ruth, mother of Gretchen Rodgers. Death came May 27 to Barbara Steege. Her memorial service will be held here in July.

June Birthdays and Anniversaries

6/1	Chuck & Jane Pahlmeyer	6/18	Barry & Carole Rogge
6/2	Dena Turner	6/19	Esther & Stephen Portnoy
6/3	Arlette Nelson	6/26	Jeff Rhoades & Nick Herrick-Rhoades
6/5	Allison Dillon	6/26	Hannah McCargar
6/8	Chrisse Roccaro	6/27	Bill & Lori Metz
6/10	Nick Herrick-Rhoades	6/28	Valarie Brown
6/12	Jules Auger	6/29	Bill & Cameron Herbert
6/16	David Knapp & Lori Brocker	6/29	Ann Tohlen
6/16	Teddi Eggo	6/30	Bob & Gerry Grover

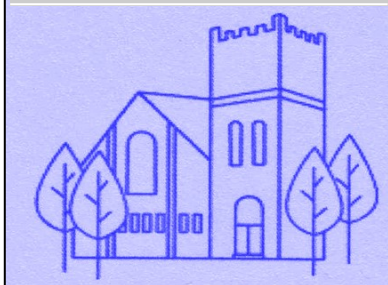
Sunday Refreshment Hosts and Altar Flower Sponsors

COFFEE HOUR: Will you sponsor a Sunday coffee hour? Coffee hours help to build community and connections in our congregation. We always appreciate contributions. It’s an easy and a fun way to get to know members.

FLOWERS: If you would like to contribute flowers to Sunday Worship, please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the hallway. Another option for those short on time would be to provide flowers or cash to Judith Smith, who is happy to arrange a bouquet on your behalf!

	COFFEE	FLOWERS
June 1:	Wine Tasting	Torrey/Hatch Family
June 8:	The Ellertsons	Don + Doris Nielsen
June 15:	Charlotte Cook	OPEN
June 22:	OPEN	Jeff & Nick Rhoades
June 29:	OPEN	OPEN

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