



# St. James and St. Paul's River's Edge

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## Jesus is the Lion and the Lamb

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- Bible Readings are on page 3.
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- Check out page 4 for Rules for your Garden.

It's been said that March comes in like a lion and leaves like a lamb. Now I do know how March entered, and it was definitely like a roaring lion. How March is going to end, I have my thoughts, but I am not going to wager a guess, since I don't want to be wrong. As we think about March entering like a lion and leaving like a lamb, my thoughts turn to the month of April. This year in April we are going to be gathering many times in the Lord's House to remember the Lord's Passion.

As we have already been gathering in the house of the Lord during this Lenten season, we have clearly heard that Jesus is our true King. We have looked at many other kings, including



such a king as the lion, who is the King of the Jungle. In Revelation 5:5 John records: *And one of the elders said to me, "Weep no more; behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah,*

*the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals." Our King Jesus is a lion who has conquered.*

He's not just a lion, he's also a lamb. He's a precious lamb. He's the perfect lamb who went to the cross and was sacrificed. He's the one perfect, final sacrifice. He's the lamb who died a gruesome death, the death that we gather on Good Friday to remember. He's the lamb who didn't just stay dead. He's the lamb who is the victorious Lamb of God. For as John the Baptist said, "Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world." Jesus Christ, our true King is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin

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### St. Paul's News and Notes

First of all, St. James you did a terrific job on your Corned Beef and Cabbage dinner. Jim and I enjoyed every bite! The "wearing o' the green" sure adds some ambiance! Well done!

Denna and I want to thank everyone who has supported us with the Soup & Sandwich luncheons. It's hard to believe that our 3rd season is now history! Lord willing we'll pick things up next October.

The St. Paul's Ladies Group will have its third meeting on Monday, the 7th. We've been making up for lost time with a lot of discussion on missions, goals, new policies, etc. Currently we've been working on a church inventory.

I hope you've been bringing in your supplies each Sunday (or Tuesday/Wednesday) for the Basket of Promise project. It's wonderful to be able to help in such an ordinary way by donating bar soap, towels,

toothbrushes, etc.

Sunday morning Bible study has slowed its pace as we've entered into the books of the Major Prophets. We are all amazed at the correlation between the moral decay of then-and-now. There is a timeless message to repent and turn to God that's always relevant.

Holy Week is quickly approaching. As a former Pastor of mine used to say, "We are Easter people!" Please try and

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## PreSchool News

Where is this year going? It seems we just begin counting the days of one month and all of a sudden it's another month. March was a wonderful month. A month full of GREEN and leprechauns and shamrocks and learning about the upcoming Easter. Our Bible stories were: "Jesus Crucified", "The First Easter", "Jesus Appears to Two Disciples", and "Jesus Goes Back to Heaven". We are learning what an important animal

the donkey is and all the pain and humiliation Jesus had to go through to save us from our sins. We mixed yellow and blue and discovered it made green. We've gone through the alphabet and are going back over letters, numbers, colors and shapes. Everyone is doing great at recognizing their names and most can even print them. It's amazing how these little children learn so fast. They are now reciting the Pledge of Alle-

giance and our table prayer without my help. This is a very rewarding job!

Wishing you a wonderful Spring,

Sandy, Daemen, Isabella, Josiah, Maddix, Mikaylee, Nolan and Sofi



## 85th Anniversary Celebration

As you are all aware by now, or will be by the time you read this newsletter, we will be celebrating our 85th Anniversary next year, 2015. Many things are currently in discussion mode to be planned.

The 85th Anniversary Committee is looking for a num-

ber of different things from you all. First we need pictures/documents/stories for our 85th Anniversary Booklet and CD/DVD.

Secondly, we are going to be developing a theme for the celebration year. We are going to all of you to help us in that. Please sub-

mit a theme along with a theme verse that we can use throughout our celebration year. Please submit these ideas to Pastor

**Save the Date:**  
VBS August 4-8,  
2014



## Firing Up the Youth Corner

Here is a great project to help your children understand the risen Christ during the Easter Season.

At the Easter Services and during the Easter Season a large Paschal candle is lit to symbolize the light of the risen Christ. During Lent you can make your own family Paschal candle. Using a large white can-



dle, take five cloves or red pins and insert them

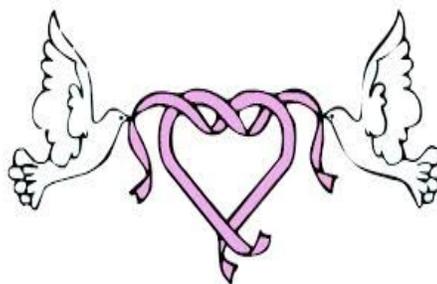
at the points of the cross. Then with paint or marker write each numeral of the year in one quadrant of the cross. Then put an Alpha and Omega above and below. Wait until Easter to light the candle, then do it every day during the Easter Season. As it is lit a member of the family says, "Light of Christ." All should respond, "Thanks be to God."

**Birthdays/Anniversaries****St. Paul's Birthdays:**

4th— Mary Lou Trutt  
 6th—Gail Herms  
 7th—David Miller  
 12th—George Tomesek  
 15th—Joy Pals  
 17th—Ken Winters  
 25th—Ben Martinson

**St. James Birthdays**

2nd—Daryl Fabian  
 5th—Isabella Emanuel  
 6th—Susan Kosinski  
 11th—Scott Bartels  
       Stevie Emanuel  
       Cheryl Harvey  
 12th—Paul Nugent  
 13th—Edna Jensen  
       Pete Taraban  
 14th—Max Winters  
 17th—Ray Brandt  
 20th—Linda Schmidt  
 23rd—Carla Fabian  
       Sherry Stephens  
 26th—MaryAnn Peterson  
 27th—Tiffani Parce

**St. James Anniversaries**

6th— Richard & Kris Brooks  
 13th—John & Doris Hayden  
 16th—Jim & Mandy Negaard  
 17th—John & Michelle Waltemath  
 29th—Drew & Diane Houy

**Above and Beyond Award**

Have you noticed the snow this past winter? Have you noticed how good the parking lots looked? There has been one person that has instrumental in making sure the parking lots are clean for services and other events at the church. We all know how much snow

we have had this winter. He's also been instrumental in many other things over the years here at St. James. With all that being said, and the amount of work this person has put in this year and in the years gone by, the Above and Beyond

Award for the month of March goes to Kelly Jump. When you see Kelly, make sure you thank him for all his hard work here at St. James.

Thanks, Kelly!

*“The Above and Beyond Award for March goes to Kelly Jump.*

**Bible Readings for April****Week 13**

March 31 – Numbers 22:1-25:18  
 April 1 – Numbers 26:1-27:23  
 April 2 – Numbers 28:1-30:16  
 April 3 – Numbers 31:1-54  
 April 4 – Numbers 32:1-34:29  
 April 5 – Numbers 35:1-36:13  
 April 6 – Come to the Lord's House and Worship Him]

**Week 14**

April 7 – Deuteronomy 1:1-46  
 April 8 – Deuteronomy 2:1-37  
 April 9 – Deuteronomy 3:1-29  
 April 10 – Deuteronomy 4:1-49  
 April 11 – Deuteronomy 5:1-33

April 12 – Deuteronomy 6:1-25  
 April 13 – Come to the Lord's House and Worship Him

**Week 15**

April 14 – Deuteronomy 7:1-26  
 April 15 – Deuteronomy 8:1-20  
 April 16 – Deuteronomy 9:1-10:22  
 April 17 – Deuteronomy 11:1-12:32 (Maundy Thursday)  
 April 18 – Deuteronomy 13:1-18 (Good Friday)  
 April 19 – Deuteronomy 14:1-15:23 (Holy Saturday)  
 April 20 – Come to the Lord's

House and Worship Him (HE is RISEN)

**Week 16**

April 21 – Deuteronomy 16:1-17:20  
 April 22 – Deuteronomy 18:1-19:21  
 April 23 – Deuteronomy 20:1-21:23  
 April 24 – Deuteronomy 22:1-23:25  
 April 25 – Deuteronomy 24:1-22  
 April 26 – Deuteronomy 25:1-26:19  
 April 27 – Come to the Lord's House and Worship Him

**Week 17**

April 28 – Deuteronomy 27:1-26  
 April 29 – Deuteronomy 28:1-68  
 April 30 – Deuteronomy 29:1-29



# Reaching Up, Reaching Out, Reaching In With the Lord



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## Rules for your Garden:

### Plant three rows of Squash

Squash Gossip

Squash Criticism

Squash Indifference

### Plant three rows of peas

Purity, Patience, Perseverance

### Plant Six Rows of Lettuce

Let us be unselfish and loyal

Let us be faithful to duty

Let us search the Scriptures

Let us not be weary in well-doing

Let us be obedient in all things

Let us love on another

### No Garden is Complete without turnips

Turn up for church, prayer meetings, bible study

Turn up with a smile even when things are difficult

Turn up with determination to do your best for God's Cause.

(Submitted by Vivian Kueker)

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attend those very meaningful services if you are able.

Before I close, if you don't mind I'd like to include part of a devotional message that I'll be sharing with our ladies group at the next meeting. It's entitled, "Your Weakness is His Strength." It's adapted from a devotional by Joyce Meyers.

The Bible contains many examples of weak people through whom God chose to accomplish great things for His glory, including His disciples. They were ordinary men who possessed weaknesses just like you and me.

The Gospels clearly imply Peter was a rugged and volatile fisherman who displayed impatience, anger and rage. In one crucial moment, he was

so fearful that he would be discovered to be a disciple of Jesus that he succumbed to a cowardly act—he denied that he even knew Jesus. Andrew may have seemed too softhearted to be a leader; Thomas revealed skepticism mixed with loyalty and faith.

Then there was Matthew. The religious leaders of the day were outraged that Jesus would even consider socializing with this lowly tax collector. He was despised by his fellow Jews for collecting more than enough toll or transport taxes and growing wealthy on his "profit." Imagine their horror when Jesus dined with Matthew and invited him to become one of his followers and close associates.

Probably the only man the religious leaders would have considered worthy of any admiration at all was Judas. To the

world's eye, Judas had business strength and personality qualities that spelled success. His greatest natural strengths became his greatest weaknesses and brought destruction into his life.

It's interesting that those the world would have recommended, Jesus rejected. God sees your weaknesses as His opportunity, because when you lean on Him in weakness, He shows His strength through you. Trust Him to do great and mighty things through your weakness!

Easter Blessings!  
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of the world. He's the living lamb of God. The lamb's life that we celebrate on Easter Sunday.

As we close out this month of March no matter how it leaves, either as a lion or lamb, we do have the Lion and the Lamb who is the one that truly matters. As we journey our way through the month of April, I expect to see you in the Lord's house as we come together to remember the passion, death, and resurrection of our Lord. See you all in Church this month!!