



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



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SUMMERTIME IS COMING!

Special points of interest:

- Above and Beyond Award goes to...
- Bible Readings are on page 3.
- If you would like to receive the newsletter electronically go to our website and enter your name and email address
- 85th Anniversary is coming up in 2015.
- VBS is August 4-8. Registration forms included in the newsletter.

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These are the very words we've been waiting to hear, "Summertime is coming." We've all been through a long, cold, and snowy winter. It still seems on certain days that the battle between winter and summer is being won by the cooler temperatures. As summer is coming and as we continue our celebration of Easter, we are in the midst of transitioning from speaking about Christ, His life and death and how He impacted the early church, to focusing on the life of the church during the Pentecost season. Pentecost is June 8 this year. This is one of the big festival days of the church. Many call it the birthday of the church. It is the day in which the church celebrates

the gift of the Holy Spirit being given to the church. Please continue to be in worship this summer, even as you are traveling, camping, vacationing, etc.

The Day of Pentecost was the day in which the Holy Spirit was given to the church, the day in which the church was really given its life. I pray that the Holy Spirit will continue to give life to our churches as we journey through this Easter season and head into our Pentecost season.

Also with summer coming, there will be a few different things to look forward to here at St. James and St. Paul's. First off, starting with Trinity Sunday on June

15 we will be using services from Creative Worship for the summer season. I encourage you all to be a part of our summer worship experience. Secondly, there have been several people that are interested in a new member class. This class will take place during the summer. I would like to know what days and times work best for those that are interested. Remember, this isn't just for new members; it's also for current members who want to take a refresher course of what it means to be Lutheran. Sign-up sheets will be posted in May at both churches. Third, on Wednesday, June 25, St. Paul's is again hosting

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St. Paul's News and Notes

Hi Everyone!

It's hard to believe that 1/3 of the year is gone already! If you're like Jim and I, you've been raking and trying to get your yard looking nice. We're also still working on getting our firewood split and piled. Next, the garden!

St. Paul's Ladies Group will meet on the 13th. We've accomplished so much since our group reorganized and started meeting monthly. Sue Bennett has done such a good job at the helm and we sure appreciate her leadership. Thanks to all our officers and the ladies who faithfully attend the meetings!

Sunday morning Bible study is going into the book of Daniel. We have learned so much in this study and it just gets better and better!

May brings so many special occasions: Mother's Day, Memorial Day, graduations, etc. You may be thinking about where to take your

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PreSchool News

April was a wonderful month. We received a Palm Sunday Donkey to remind us how Jesus rode into Jerusalem and everyone shouted praises to Him. Preparing for Easter was so much fun. We talked about how Jesus died on the cross for all our sins and how He lived again and is still with us. We planted grass seeds in dirt and watched it grow and then we put a cross

in it to remind us of Jesus on the cross. Our color is purple and we are enjoying fun time outside. It was a long winter and we are thankful that Spring is finally here.

Our Butterbraid Fundraiser was again a success and we thank everyone for their support.

God's Blessings,
Daemen, Isabella, Josiah, Maddix,
Mikaylee, Sofi, and of course,
Sandy



The Second Annual St. James Pork Chop Dinner will be held on Saturday May 17, 2014 from 4 pm to 7 pm at the church. We kicked off this dinner last year to help support the St. James youth in their trip to San Antonio, Texas, for the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod's *National Youth Gathering*. It was so well received that people have been asking if we could do it again. The committee said, "Why not!" This year all the proceeds will be going to ben-

Pork Chop Dinner

efit outreach missions sponsored by St. James. In the past we have donated monies to the Necedah Food Pantry, Camp LuWiSoMo in Wild Rose, Lutheran Laymen's League, the Orphan Grain Train, Tornado Victims around the country, and people in need in the Necedah area just to mention a few. This year we will be splitting the profits between local and national outreach missions.

The menu includes a delicious barbequed bone-in center cut Pork Chop, Baked Potato, Corn, Applesauce, a homemade dinner roll, with beverage, and there will be an Ice Cream Bar for Dessert to boot. You may purchase tickets in advance for \$8 either at St. James Lutheran Church or the Necedah True Value. You can also purchase tickets at the door for \$9. Carry out's will be available. Whatever you do, don't miss this once a year scrumptious dinner.

Quilter's Corner

Quilter's are going strong! We have put together 33 quilts so far and are still working hard. We have four regulars (Jean, Missy, Vivian and Sandy) and are joined also by Eileen, Linda, Randy, Loretta, Jeremy and David. We also get lots of help from Jim, who fixes our sewing machine and pitches in with cutting blocks. We welcome helping hands. You don't have to be an expert seamstress, just have a willing heart to help us in any way; sewing blocks

together (here or at your home), laying out tops, fillers and bottoms, typing blocks, pinning edges or just saying a prayer for us that we can continue to help others as we each have been helped at some time in our lives. We have a fun time bonding and sharing stories as we work. Pastor stops in to check on us to see if we need anything or just give an opinion on our work. (We haven't been able to talk him into picking

up a needle yet.) It's a wonderful time. We would love for you join us, and feel free to bring a friend. We meet on Wednesdays at 1 pm, but we can meet other times also. This is not a "just for ladies" group, we encourage men to join us also.

God's Blessings,
Quilter's Group

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

12th-Terry Bellmer
22nd-Adam Klein
24th-Vernie Prust

St. James Birthdays

1st- Andrea Winters
2nd-Kristy Bluell
Sabrina Elliott
7th-Scott Hughart
8th-Lacey Winters
Anne Houy
9th-Richard Braund
Everett Winters
10th-Sue Jett
12th-Kelly Jump
13th-Elizabeth Pearson
Kenny Waterson
Gertrude Kirtz

14th-Kathy Nugent
15th-Matt Jump
Scott Jump
16th-Justin Jump
18th-Annette Fischer
Sandy Mortensen
21st-Joan Rabold
22nd-Elaine Cottingham
23rd-Jeff Jump
25th-Mary Lou Arnold
Dan Rabold
26th-Debbie Mews
30th-Carol Braund
Lily Oens

**St. James Anniversaries**

3rd-John & Penny Oens

St. Paul's Anniversaries

6th-Charles & Lora Klein
11th-Dave & Linda Miller
21st-Glen & Kim Skibba

Above and Beyond Award

During the month of April, there are many people that could receive the Award for the month. This is because Lent and Holy Week are such a busy time.

We have the choir and Sharon who make our worship time a more uplifting time of praise to our King. We have all of those servants who helped serve our

Lenten Meals. Good job everyone, they were definitely delicious.

One can't forget all those that helped with the Seder Meal and Easter Breakfast. There actually quite a few here during this month that have stepped up beyond the call of duty.

However, there is one person

that is behind the scenes that not many of you have met yet. The Office Secretary, Heather David, with all the bulletins, folding, and keeping the pastor sane during this time of year receives this month's Above and Beyond Award. Stop by and say thanks to Heather. It was all Administrative Professionals Day on April 23.

"The Above and Beyond Award for April goes to Heather David."

Bible Readings for May**Week 17**

April 28 – Deuteronomy 27:1-26
April 29 – Deuteronomy 28:1-68
April 30 – Deuteronomy 29:1-29
May 1 – Deuteronomy 30:1-20
May 2 – Deuteronomy 31:1-29
May 3 – Deuteronomy 31:30-32:52
May 4 – Come to the Lord's House and Worship Him (Confirmation Sunday)

Week 18

May 5- Deuteronomy 33:1-29
May 6 – Deuteronomy 34:1-2
May 7 – Joshua 1:1-18
May 8 – Joshua 2:1-3:17
May 9 – Joshua 4:1-5:12
May 10 – Joshua 5:13-7:26

May 11 – Come to the Lord's House and Worship Him! (Happy Mother's Day)

Week 19

May 12 – Joshua 8:1-9:27
May 13 – Joshua 10:1-43
May 14 – Joshua 11:1-12:24
May 15 – Joshua 13:1-15:63
May 16 – Joshua 16:1-17:17
May 17 – Joshua 18:1-19:51
May 18 – Come to the Lord's House and Worship Him

Week 20

May 19 – Joshua 20:1-21:45
May 20 – Joshua 22:1-34

May 21 – Joshua 23:1-16

May 22 – Joshua 24:1-33
May 23 – Judges 1:1-36
May 24 – Judges 2:1-23
May 25 – Come to the Lord's House and Worship Him

Week 21

May 26 – Judges 3:1-31
May 27 – Judges 4:1-5:31
May 28 – Judges 6:1-8:35
May 29 – Judges 9:1-10:18
May 30 – Judges 11:1-12:15
May 31 – Judges 13:1-16:31
June 1 – Come to the Lord's House and Worship Him





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85th Anniversary Year
2015

We are in need of pictures, stories, documents from throughout the years at St. James and St. Paul's. Please include dates, names, and your name along with the items brought in.

Thank you, 85th Anniversary Committee

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summer vacation. When you travel do you use a GPS? Jim and I use one when we go down to visit my daughter in Joplin. We count on its directions to stay in the correct lanes when going through Kansas City. When you've got 5 lanes of traffic and its rush hour...it's a lifesaver! Prayer is like a GPS system. It gives us God's GPS: guidance, provision and strength. Praying is probably the most important part of preparing to do something, yet many people ignore or forget this vital part of the process. Jesus said, "Apart from Me you can

do nothing." (John 15:5) I believe Him! Start your day by turning on your GPS through prayer. You'll find God's guidance, protection and strength, which will help you trust Him and experience His presence all throughout the day!

Moms, have a great Mother's Day! Dads and kids, give her a little pampering to show your appreciation, ok?

Until next month, take care and God Bless,

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the Brewers Bus trip. Sign-up sheets and prices will be posted in the near future. Fourth, please remember that Vacation Bible School is coming quickly, August 4-8 from 9 am-noon. Finally, the Beta group is again hosting the Village-wide garage sale; the dates are Friday and Saturday, June 27 and 28. If a group would like to organize a garage sale again for St. James, please let me know. We can always do more as a church, if anyone has any ideas, please let Pastor Mike, one of the Elders or other church officers know.

