



St. James Messenger

Gather ♦ Study ♦ Serve



This Week

Sunday, March 1

8:00 Adult Sunday School

9:15 Church Service

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10:30 Sunday School

10:45 Confirmation class

Wednesday, March 4

9:30 Text Study

6:00 Lenten Meal

7:00 Wednesday Lenten Service

After church-Choir practice

Thursday, March 5

6:30 Text Study

6:30 Bell Choir practice

Next Week

Daylight Savings Time Begins

Sunday, March 8

8:00 Adult Sunday School

9:15 Church Service

10:30 Sunday School

10:45 Confirmation class

Food Collection-NT Food

pantry

Tuesday, March

8:00 am-10:00 am - Food

Collection-NT Food pantry

Wednesday, March 11

9:30 Text Study

6:00 Lenten Meal

7:00 Wednesday Lenten Service

After church-Choir practice

Thursday, March 12

6:30 Text Study

6:30 Bell Choir

Online Giving- ChurchTrac



Attendance: 2/22/26 – 102

Wednesday-2/25/26 - 51

Online 2/22/26 – 53

Wednesday-2/25/26-44

ST. JAMES NEWS

Sunday, March 1, 2026

Don't forget that Daylight Savings begins on Sunday, March 8th.

We have begun Lenten suppers at 6 pm on Wednesday and our Lenten service at 7 pm. There is a Lenten Supper sign-up sheet on the table outside the grey room. Thank you to all who have volunteered. Feeding the body and soul.

Choir & Bell Choir –Choir or Bell Choir will resume practicing this week. The Choir will be practicing after church on Wednesday. The Bell Choir will practice on Thursday night at 6:30 pm.

Baby Care Kits- We would like to extend a heartfelt “Thank you” to each of you for the items that were brought in during the month of February for the Personal Care Kits. Your generosity truly made a meaningful difference, but we are not done just yet. During the month of March, we will be collecting items for the Baby Care Kits. Donation boxes will be located outside the Gray Room for drop off.

The following items are needed:

Cloth Diapers – Flat fold, Soap – Gentle Soap 8 to 9oz. any brand in original wrapping (NO mini or hotel size bars) **Sleepers/Gowns** - Long or short sleeved (Without feet) **Hand Towel** - Dark color recommended.

Remember, if you are unable to shop, but would like to help, your monetary donations can be given to Jane Milleville or Lori Haseley and they will do the shopping for you.

Yours in Christ, Jane & Lori

1 John 3:18:

Dear Heavenly Father,

In Your Son Jesus's name, I pray that I not love only with words or speech, but with actions, and in truth. Hallelujah! Thank You, Lord! Amen

Easter Egg Hunt- The St. James Annual Easter Egg Hunt will take place on Saturday, March 21st at 10:00 am. Please note that this is 2 weeks before Easter, so help spread the word. Jolene Nearhood has volunteered to chair the event. Again this year we are asking families to bring a non-perishable/canned good as an entry item for each participant to be donated to the food pantry. Please consider donating candy, toys, baskets, etc. Any items can be left on the tables in front of the Gray Room. We will need help stuffing eggs and setting up tables, etc. Friday evening March 20th in the Fellowship Hall Meeting Room. Please check the calendar for the specific times. Thank you in advance to all who contribute! We also would appreciate the help of any of our young adults, confirmation age and older. Looking forward to seeing everyone there!

Dear Church Family, Our family would like to extend our deepest gratitude for the overwhelming love and support you showed during the passing of my brother, Dale DeVantier. Thank you for the beautiful service, and simply being there when we needed it most. Your kindness has brought us great comfort during this difficult time. Dave & Pat DeVantier and family.

Ephesians 2:8 For it is by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not from yourself it is the gift of God.

Serving in God's House in

March

Trustees:

3/1-Brian Milleville

3/8-Justin DeVantier

3/15-Bruce Milleville

3/22-Brian DeVantier

3/29-**Palm Sunday**-Chris Milleville

Readers:

3/1- Margaret Wittmeyer

3/8- Mary Burgio

3/15-Stephanie Camidge

3/22-Kristen Rafter

3/29-**Palm Sunday**- Pam DeVantier

Organists:

3/1- Jenn Parris

3/8-Janet Galvano

3/15- Janet Galvano

3/22- Janet Galvano

3/29-**Palm Sunday**- Jenn Parris

Wednesdays

March 11, 18 - Janet

March 4, 25 - Jenn

Greeters: Ted & Connie Washburn

Wednesday Lenten Dinners

Wed., March 4th - Bruce & Debbie Milleville

Wed., March 11th - ?

Wed., March 18th - Church Council

Wed., March 25th - Irena & Bill Zobrist

Birthdays

3/1 - Richard Swift

3/2 - Laurie J. Schmidt(Dennis)

3/3 - Darleen Finn

3/5 - Staci Scherrer

3/6 - Lawrence Shaw

3/7 - Keith Haseley

3/7 - Glenn Schmidli

Congregational Meeting will be held on **Sunday, March, 8th** immediately after Church Service. Depending on the weather, the meeting will be held in either the Sanctuary or the Fellowship Hall.

Current agenda: Update on 150th Church Anniversary Event & Annual report. If you have a topic for the agenda please bring it to the attention of Sue Milleville, Maureen Milleville or John Schultz before Sunday, March 1st.

Have you ever wanted to know how to do the intricate decoration of Easter Eggs? Irena Zobrist will be holding a Pisanki (Polish Easter Egg) Decorating Class in the meeting room on Saturday, March 14th from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. We will learn two different techniques of egg writing. One will be an old traditional method using bees wax and onion skin. The other will be using dyes of various colors, bees wax and special tools to empty the egg and keep for years to come. All you need to bring is a dozen RAW eggs. I will provide all the necessary supplies. Please save your onion skins for the next few weeks. In order to have the correct amount of pisaki (writing instruments) I'll need to have you sign up no later than **March 8th**! Please bring your onion skins to me that day as well. If you have questions, please call me Irena Zobrist 716-696-0986. Looking forward to a fun Saturday!!

Join us for our **10th annual Wild Game and Fish fry**. Tickets are on sale NOW for a \$50 donation. The dinner will take place on **March 28** at 4:30pm with dinner served at 5pm in the fellowship hall. Tickets will sell out so don't hesitate to get yours while they are available. For tickets contact Brad Milleville (716) 940-0727 or Matt Milleville (716) 812-7774

Community Events

Wednesday, March 4, Drive-Thru Convenience Meal: Hope United Methodist Church, 2914 Upper Mountain Rd, Sanborn, **SHEPHERD'S PIE & SHORTBREAD COOKIE, \$4.00 each**. Pick up meals Wed, 4:00 to 5:30p. Please call Hope United Methodist Church **716-731-9737** to reserve your meals. **RESERVATION DEADLINE: By 12:00 noon, Today, Sunday, March 1.**

MEAT RAFFLE - Fundraiser for St. Peter's Lutheran School- Saturday, March 14th - Doors open at 6 pm, with first spin at 7 pm. It will be held at the Sanborn Fire Hall, 5811 Buffalo St. Presale tickets are \$15 ea. or \$100 for a table of 8. To purchase tickets call or text Courtney Retzlaff at 716-531-0244. More information on the flyer on the bulletin board.

CALLING ALL YOUTH GRADES 6-12!!! Join the Great Lenten Breakout - Break Free. Give Back. Connect. March 21, 2026 from 4-6 pm at St. Paul's Lutheran Church 53 W. Falls Rd. West Falls, NY. Register using the QR code on the flyer on the bulletin board.

Serving in God's House Today:

Trustee: Brian Milleville

Reader: Margaret Wittmeyer

Organist: Jenn Parris

Greeters: Ted & Connie Washburn

Altar Care: Laurie Schmidt & Margaret Wittmeyer

Serving in God's House Next Sunday:

Trustee: Justin DeVantier

Reader: Mary Burgio

Organist: Janet Galvano

Greeters: Ted & Connie Washburn