

# St James Lutheran Church --- News From The Saints

## August Newsletter

### Serving in God's House in July

**Trustee:** August 7<sup>th</sup> – Justin DeVantier  
August 14<sup>th</sup> – Bruce Milleville  
August 21<sup>st</sup> -Brian DeVantier  
August 28<sup>th</sup> – Andrew North

**Acolytes:** Volunteer Needed

**Altar Care:** Margaret Wittmeyer & Laurie Schmidt

**Communion Assist:** August 7<sup>th</sup> – Margaret Wittmeyer  
August 21<sup>st</sup> – John Schultz

**Readers:** August 7<sup>th</sup> – Bob Gardiner  
August 14<sup>th</sup> – Katie Dysard  
August 21<sup>st</sup> -Andrea Haseley  
August 28<sup>th</sup> – Kelli Kaminska

**Organist:** August 7<sup>th</sup> – Jennifer Parris  
August 14<sup>th</sup> – Janet Galvano  
August 21<sup>st</sup> – Jennifer Parris  
August 28<sup>th</sup> – Lianda Waugaman

**Tuition Form** - If you will be enrolling your child/children in a parochial school, you must fill out an application prior to the school year. It must be submitted to the board of elders for their review and approval. You can find them on the table outside of the office.



#### **Memorials:**

In memory of Charlie Schmidt  
\$405 was given to Caring Friends  
\$850 was given to Cap. Improvement  
\$215 was given to the Memorial Fund

In memory of Aiden Kaminska  
\$25 was given to Caring Friends  
\$50 was given to Cap. Improvement



### The St. James Annual Picnic Sunday, August 14th at 9:15am

Service will be under the tent at 9:15 followed by Lunch from 11:00-1:00 with Ted's food truck (menu this year will include hotdogs, hamburgers, grilled chicken sandwich and much more). We are asking people to bring a dessert to share. Get your golf swings ready we will be doing an 18 hole putt putt golf with a special 19th hole as our final fund raiser for the SON network. We are asking everyone to please bring a canned good for our August food collection. There are sign-up sheets on the table in the North Wing Hallway for desserts and other items. Please take a look and sign up to bring one of the items. See you under the tent.

### *To My Church Family*

#### **RE: Ride for Roswell**

Well we make plans and as they say, God laughs. I planned on riding 70 miles for the Ride for Roswell, and He laughed and said, "do 75 miles!"

I planned on a goal of raising \$5,000 and He laughed again and said, "raise \$9,341". I love His sense of humor!

That being said, I just want to say thank you so much for your generosity, prayers, and support. Together we can make a difference in finding a cure for this terrible disease. NEVER GIVE UP!!

FYI-- My ride started at our home in wheatfield, to Wilson, through Somerset/Barker and BACK and ended with a cold beer and a sore butt!

Blessings,  
Ted Washburn



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### A Call to Prayer

I realized the other day that it has been a year since I was installed as the pastor of St. James. It has been a wonderful year that has flown by. I suppose the old saying is true, "time flies when you're having fun." Kelli and I want to thank you all for making us feel so welcome. We have felt right at home here from the very beginning. I have been told that a pastor's first call comes with a lot of bumps in the road, but the road here at St. James has been rather smooth, which has made me think, maybe I haven't been doing enough.

This year is going to test me. Soon I will be returning to school to expand my knowledge so that I may be a better pastor. I also have plans to offer some in-depth studies for our adult Sunday School program. Along with this, I hope to start a men's ministry this year as well as a Trail Life USA scouting program. On top of these efforts, I hope to promote a more engaging Confirmation program. This year we are expected to begin with eleven confirmands. Praise be to God! I am also in the early stages of considering putting together a VBS team that will enhance our current program and grow our outreach well beyond anything we have ever done before.

To pull these things off, and more, it is going to take a lot of effort, not only by myself, but also by the St. James Church family. It is also going to take a lot of prayer. So that is what I am asking for.

First, pray continually for this congregation, that we may be a light unto the world. Pray that we use the many gifts, that God has blessed us with, to His glory. Secondly, prayerfully consider becoming involved with one or more of the efforts I have outlined above. Examine the spiritual gifts God has bestowed on you, and where those gifts can best be used. And lastly, I ask you to pray for me. Please pray that the Lord will guide me in these efforts. Please pray that He will give me the ability to use my time wisely in such a way that neither my education nor ministry suffer.

May God continue to bless our congregation.

Yours in Christ,

*Pastor Randy*

*"For I long to see you, that I may impart to you some spiritual gift to strengthen you—that is, that we may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith, both yours and mine." (Romans 1:11-12)*