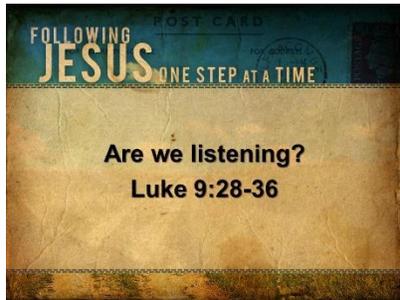




Transfiguration Of Jesus February 27, 2022

"As he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning. Two men, Moses and Elijah, appeared in glorious splendor, talking with Jesus."
(Luke 9:29-30)

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,



I am an avid reader of Catholic theologian Henri Nouwen. In his book, "Reaching Out," he made this wonderful observation on the Transfiguration of Jesus. "On two occasions, Jesus invited his closest friends, Peter, John and James, to share in his most intimate prayer. The first time he took them to the top of Mount Tabor, and there they saw his face shining like the sun and his clothes white as light. The second time he took them to the garden of Gethsemane, and there they saw his face in anguish and

his sweat falling to the ground like great drops of blood...

The prayer of our heart brings us both to Tabor and Gethsemane. When we have seen God in his glory we will also see him in his misery, and when we have felt the ugliness of his humiliation we also will experience the beauty of his transfiguration.

Join us this Sunday, Invite a Friend to Worship Service --9:30 A.M.

Scripture Readings

Hebrews 3:1-6

Luke 9:28-36

Happening Around St. James

Sunday School is meeting this week. Welcome all our young disciples

Adult Forum back in session, now studying the book of Philippians. Join us.

Women's Bible Study Monday 11 A.M.

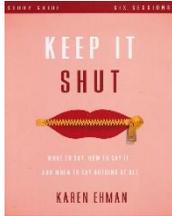
Men's Bible Study Tuesdays at 9 A.M.

Additional Bible Study Opportunity . . . included with this weekly update is a bible study for you to use in the comfort of your home.

- **Ash Wednesday Service March 2nd, 7 P.M.** Join us as we begin our Lenten journey to the cross. This year's theme is "The Bible's Cast of Characters." For those who would like we will be sharing in the Imposition of Ashes.
- **Lenten Devotional . . .** We are making available a very good Lenten devotional booklet for our St James family. There is a short devotional meditation for each day in Lent. There

is one per family. We hope and pray this will be a blessing as you take time each day for a few moments of reflection and prayer.

- **March Newsletter Items** need to be in the office by tomorrow February 24. This helps us get our newsletter out in a timely way. Thank you.



- **Keep It Shut** is a six-session, video-bases small group Bible study that explores how to control the tongue. Each session features a different character from the Bible, using them either as an example of someone to emulate or whose verbal actions we should avoid replicating. **Our Study Starts Thursday evenings at 6 pm, beginning March 3rd. Sign up if you would like to share in this engaging group study/discussion.** If you have questions, contact Tracy Guffey.
- **VBS Is Coming** Dates are set . . . we'll be gathering on 5 Wednesdays starting June 15, 22, 29, July 13 & 20. From 6 to 8 pm. We are looking at some exciting materials. Right now we are looking for a coordinator. You don't have to have kids to lead. If you are interested in leading this important education/fun/fellowship/adventure, please contact Joyce Kissell by March 6th. We are hoping to generate a lot of excitement.
- **Youth Progressive Dinner is set for April 30th.** Right now we need 4 host homes to host a course . . . appetizer, salad, main course and dessert. If you are willing to host one of the courses, indicate you interest on the connection card.
- **Continue to hold our Church in Prayer** as we await someone who can be a pastoral candidate. May the Holy Spirit move strong in our midst & in the heart of the person who will take the reins of pastoral leadership of St James.

Here are prayers from our Heartland Mission District for the month of February

- ✓ Pray for the crisis in the Ukraine. Pray for de-escalation, peace and strength for those that are suffering as a result of this conflict with Russia. Pray for the Christians in both countries - ask God to guide them as their faith is being tested in new ways. Pray for the safety of Americans that are in Ukraine.
- ✓ Pray for the Heartland Mission District Council of the NALC. Pray that the Council's planning for the 2022 Convocation, the construction and stocking of the new Disaster Relief Warehouse at Peace Lutheran in Connersville as well as other activities are strongly supported by the congregations in the district.
- ✓ Pray for blessings for the Heartland Mission District (HMD) congregation of Bethel Lutheran Church - Noblesville, IN - Pastors: Al Schoonover & David Hil.
- ✓ Continue to pray for guidance, support and strength from the Holy Spirit for seminarian Ben Black.

Thank you all for your prayers. I can be contacted at pastorstjamesnalc@gmail.com, or by phone 317 727-0612, or calling the St James office.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Doug