



Lent 1 Temptation of Jesus March 6, 2022

“When the devil had finished all this tempting, he left him until an opportune time.” (Luke 4:13)

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Just when we seem to be making spiritual headway in our lives, the likelihood for a dazzling temptation coming to us increases. Jesus repelled the Tempter’s luring promises and St. Luke records “when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed until an opportune time” (Luke 4:13). It is those “opportune times” when the Tempter knows that we are vulnerable to sin. When our spiritual welfare seems on course, when all seems well, St. Peter suggests we should “be aware” of the temptation to fall.

Jesus gave us the best advice: “Pray,” our Lord said, “Pray that you may not enter into temptation” (Luke 22:40).



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

Scripture Readings

Romans 10:8b-13

Luke 4:1-13

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.**

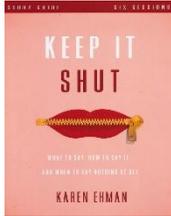
Women’s Bible Study Monday 11 A.M.

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.

- **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
- **Easter Flowers . . .** we were informed that our florist who has provided Easter flowers in the past is no longer doing them this year. We have found a new florist and orders will be due **Wednesday, March 16th**. Lilies are \$16.00 and tulips and daffodils are \$14.00.
- **Our first Lenten Midweek will be on Thursday March 10th.** On that evening we will have the opportunity to meet and greet Pastor Richard and his family. And he will be leading our worship time that evening as well. Here is the schedule for that evening:
 - **5:00 PM** Open time to greet Pastor Richard and his family and ask any questions you may have.
 - **6:00 PM** Dinner. Italian. There is a sign up in the narthex, so we have a good idea of how many to prepare for.
 - **7:00 PM** Devotional Worship
 - **The rest of our midweek fellowship and worship will be on Wednesdays.**

- **March 15th is our Church Council Meeting** at which time we will be voting on presenting Pastor Richard for extending a call as our next Pastor. Now is the time to double down in prayer as we seek the Holy Spirit's guidance both for us and Pastor Richard.
- **March 20, 2022, Special Congregational Meeting.** At this meeting, we will gather as a church body for the purpose of extending a call to Pastor Richard.
- **Lenten Midweek Offerings** are being designated to a mission that St James has supported for a number of years, which is "The Village of Hope" in Haiti. As you know Haiti has gone through and continues to go through because of natural disasters as well as gang violence and fuel and food shortages. The Village of Hope serves students in both education and health center operations. Our donations will go for up front support as they reopen their Village in order to recreate a vibrant campus. In addition to salaries, money will be used to purchase school supplies, textbooks, medical supplies, and lunch for 600 students daily. We give thanks that St James can be a partner in ministry with them.
- **Stewardship and Lent** have a lot in common. Not only do we give up certain things in Lent, but we look for ways to deepen our involvement and discipleship in Christ's church. That has a lot to do with stewardship. So, John Browder will be sharing some thoughts around these things in a short temple talk this Sunday.



- **Keep It Shut Postponed until March 31 due to so many other activities.** . . . Keep It Shut is a six-session, video-based 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. **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 your interest on the connection card.

Here are prayers from our Heartland Mission District to include in your prayers of the church or any other prayer ministries of your Church for the month of March 2022

- Continue to pray for the crisis now of war in the Ukraine. Pray for strength for those that are suffering as a result of the actions by 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 and for the US troops headed to the region.
 - Pray for all churches and their members to grow deeper in discipleship and more grateful for Christ's sacrifice on their behalf, during this Lenten season.
 - Pray for blessings for the Heartland Mission District (HMD) congregation of Peace Lutheran Church in Connersville Indiana and Pastor Norman Dew.
 - Continue to pray for guidance, support, and strength from the Holy Spirit for seminarian Ben Black.
- Thank you all for your prayers.

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