

# April 2022 Newsletter



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Our Mission:

*To bring people to Christ, encouraging relationships  
with Him and others.*

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4.24	Live Belief!
5.1	Live Again!
5.8	Live Abundant!
5.15	Live Love!
5.22	Live a New Life!
5.29	Live United!
6.5	Living Large with God in Charge

## Special dates

- Holy Week, *April 10-17, 2022*
- Palm/Passion Sunday, *April 10, 2022*
- Maundy Thursday, *April 14, 2022*
- Good Friday, *April 15, 2022*
- Easter Sunday, *April 17, 2022*
- Administrative Professionals Day, *April 27, 2022*

**To: Saint James Lutheran Church of Greenfield, Indiana**

CC: Call Chair Tracy Guffey, Call Committee, and Mission Dean Rev.Doug Gast

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God's Joy and Peace be with you all,

*Rev. Richard Lee Blue Jr.*

Rev. Dr. Richard Blue, Jr.+

Ps. Can you please attach the call covenant, which you all discussed and voted on in the call packet. I am attaching a fresh copy with spaces for signatures. Thank you.

*Grace and Peace,*



Rev. Richard Lee Blue Jr., MDiv

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God writes the Gospel not in the Bible alone, but also on trees, and in the flowers and clouds and stars. ~Martin Luther

## Pastor Doug's Musings

April 2022

In a cemetery in Hanover, Germany, is a grave on which huge slab of granite and marble were placed, cemented together and fastened with heavy steel clasps. It belongs to a woman who did not believe

the resurrection of the dead. However, she directed in her will that her grave be made so secure that if there were a resurrection, it could not reach her.

On the marker were inscribed these words, **"This burial place must never be opened."** In time, however, a seed, covered over by the gravestones began to grow.

Slowly it pushed its way through the stones and out from beneath them. As the trunk enlarged, the great slabs of granite and marble were gradually shifted so that the steel clasps were wrenched from their sockets.

A tiny seed had become a tree that had pushed aside the stones. That tiny seed gave witness that life has indeed conquered death.

Nearly 2,000 years ago there was another grave that was marked. **"This burial place must never be opened."**

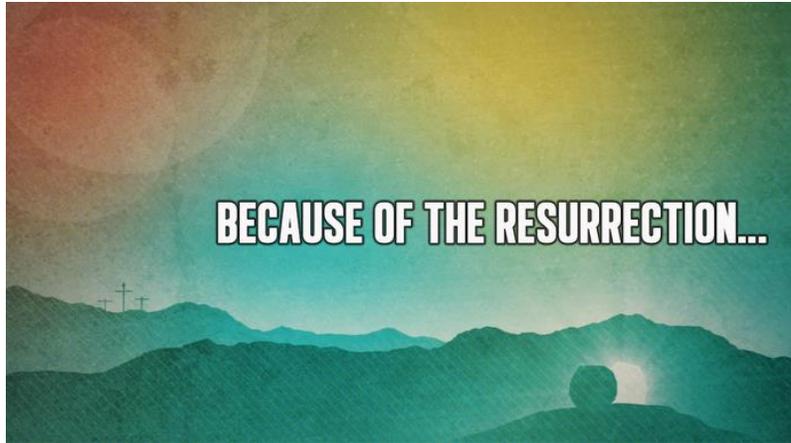
In it was a local rabbi named Jesus who had been crucified. He had quite a following. He claimed to be the Son of God. His life of love, healing, and forgiveness had threatened many. To ensure that he stayed in place a huge stone was rolled in front of the entrance and soldiers were stationed in front to make sure that the stone would not be moved.

But three days later, not only was the stone rolled away, but the occupant was gone as well. He was/is Alive. He is Risen. In that moment, history was changed forever. No one before and no one since has risen from the dead. The resurrection is a world defining, life changing, monumental moment of all the ages. The resurrection is not a made-up story of the imagination, rather it is a real time historical event of all time.

Because of the resurrection, Christian's face life and death in faith and confidence and assurance that the grave is not the final resting place for those who die under the sign of the cross.

Because of the resurrection, we worship and serve a living Lord, who promises to be with us always, even to the end of the earth.

Because of the resurrection, fear and despair are replaced by a joy and a peace in our hearts and lives that nothing can take away. In fact, it is a peace that passes all human understanding.



Because of the resurrection, we know that God can transform the Blackest Friday into a glorious Easter morning, and that in all things God does and is working good.

Because of the resurrection, we face each day confident that nothing, nothing, nothing can separate us from the love of Christ Jesus our Lord.

And because of the resurrection, we come together and are united as brothers and sisters in Christ, living as a community of faith, serving our Risen Savior and proclaiming the Good News of God's all-embracing and never-ending love for us and the whole world.

Looking forward to celebrating Easter with you on April 17<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 AM

Pastor Doug

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# CHURCH COUNCIL

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## Church Council Update

Hopefully, everyone is aware that we voted to extend a Pastoral Call to Pastor Richard Blue on Sunday, 20Mar2022. Please pray for God's guiding hand and blessings as Pastor Blue considers our Call.

We need your help! We need volunteers. Every little bit helps and is greatly appreciated. Besides the feeling of satisfaction, volunteering is a great way to meet new people and make a difference. Take it from me, you will love the people and enjoy the work!

Reminder – Coffee with Council is scheduled for Sunday, 01May2022 following Service. This is your chance to meet the council and discuss issues near and dear.

Thank You! To the volunteers that helped move the office furniture on Saturday, 05Mar2022. Many hands made for small work!

Thank You! To the Call Committee – for your hard work and dedication. The end is in sight after 2 years. We at St James are blessed to have you.

Thank You! To Ronald and Roy for converting the middle row on the right side of the Sanctuary to Handicap accessible. It is a small thing that will mean the world to our current and future physically limited members and guests.

Thank You! To the Lenten mid-week Service volunteers. I am amazed at the preparation and hard work (and it is WORK!) that go into the dinners. You have my admiration and respect! I thank the Good Lord that we have you!

Mark your calendars! We will have our Congregational Annual Meeting this year on 12Jun2022 following service. We will also consider amending our Constitution as well.

## Your 2022 Committees!

<b>Audit Committee</b>	
Chair	Ronald Kissell
Member	Maddie Bode
Member	Jo Cook
Member	Christian Gries
Member	Joe Soberalski
Council Liaison	John Browder

<b>Care &amp; Prayer Ministry Committee</b>	
Co-Chair	June Gries
Co-Chair	Joyce Kissell
Member	Pastor Doug Gast
Member	Joe Soberalski
Council Liaison	Linda Hess

<b>Call Committee</b>	
Chair	Tracy Guffey
Member	Jeanette Berkshire
Member	Pastor Doug Gast
Member	Diana Clements-Scott
Member	June Gries
Member	Debbie Mowrey
Member	Ronald Kissell
Member	Phil Miller
Member	Kenya Ostemeier
Member	Dawn Hahm
Council Liaison	Joe Soberalski

<b>Christian Education Committee</b>	
Chair	Joyce Kissell
Member	Sheila Bryan
Member	Pastor Doug Gast
Member	Joe Soberalski
Council Liaison	Alison LaFlower

<b>Church Property Committee</b>	
Chair	Neal Guffey
Member	Jim Farrow
Member	Pastor Doug Gast
Member	Ronald Kissell
Member	Ron Westerfeld
Member	Joe Soberalski
Council Liaison	Neal Guffey

<b>Finance Committee</b>	
Chair	Ronald Kissell
Member	Cynthia Gregory
Member	Pastor Doug Gast
Member	Wanda Stephens-Wooten
Member	Ron Westerfeld
Member	Joe Soberalski
Council Liaison	Wanda Stephens-Wooten

<b>Mission, Benevolence, &amp; Outreach Committee</b>	
Chair	Terry Clark
Member	Diana Clements-Scott
Member	June Gries
Member	Phil Miller
Member	Joan Shaw
Member	Pastor Doug Gast
Member	Joe Soberalski
Council Liaison	Betty Perotti

<b>Mutual Ministry Committee</b>	
Chair	Joe Soberalski
Member	Dan Ivers
Member	Debbie Mowery
Member	Pastor Doug Gast
Council Liaison	Joe Soberalski

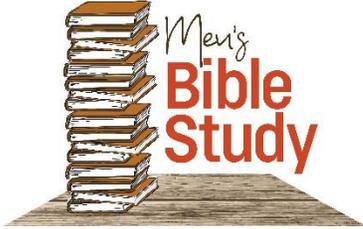
<b>Stewardship Committee</b>	
Chair	John Browder
Member	Ron Westerfeld
Member	Pastor Doug Gast
Member	Joe Soberalski
Council Liaison	John Browder

<b>Tech Committee</b>	
Chair	Jessie Stearns
Member	Ronald Kissell
Member	Phil Miller
Member	Joe Soberalski
Member	Pastor Doug Gast
Council Liaison	Jessie Stearns

<b>Worship Committee</b>	
Chair	Marieta Fargo-Boone
Member	Karen Bell
Member	Maddie Bode
Member	Joe Soberalski
Member	Diana Clements-Scott
Member	Joe Faith
Member	Pastor Doug Gast
Council Liaison	Marieta Fargo-Boone

- Joe Soberalski, St. James Church Council President

# Bits and Pieces

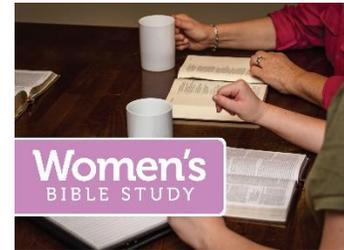


## Men's Bible Study

Men's Bible Study is meeting Tuesday's at 9 a.m.

## Women's Bible Study

Women's Bible Study is meeting Monday's at 11:00 a.m.



## Adult Sunday School

Adult Sunday School is now meeting.

Questions, please contact Joyce Kissell.

## Children's Sunday School

Children's Sunday School is meeting after the worship service.



## Daylighters

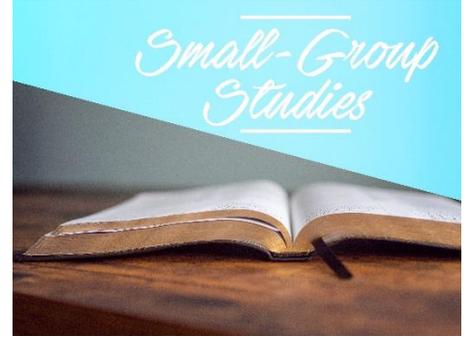
Daylighters are meeting the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 1pm.

Questions, please contact June Gries

## SOUTHERN COMFORT CHRIST CARE GROUP

Southern Comfort Christ Care group is now meeting the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

Contact Joyce Kissell at 317.512.9561 if interested in the group.



## ALTAR FLOWERS

***As of April 1<sup>st</sup>, the price of Altar flower is going up to \$30.00 a vase.***

Altar flowers are funded by special contributions or sponsorship through the flower fund. Special contributions for the fund can be placed in the offering plate or sent to the church office and sponsors can sign up on the flower chart outside office.



## NEED PRAISE BAND MEMBERS

Our praise team is small, but mighty! We do have room for more musicians, though. If you are interested in adding to the mix, we could use guitar, bass, drums, or if you're an experienced wind instrument player we'd love to have you! Brother Joe.



## NAME TAGS

If you are needing a new name tag, please contact the office and we have one ordered for you.



*St. James Lutheran Church*

## North American Lutheran Church (NALC) News

Checkout the latest NALC Newsletter [NALC News](#)



## MAILBOXES

We are starting to clean out and update the mailboxes. Stay tuned

## Do You Have a Family Member or Friend Serving in the Military?

### If you do – please tell us!



We are refreshing our Military Tribute bulletin board that is located to the right of the main doors to the sanctuary and we want to have everyone listed!

We will also stay in touch with your service members(s) and provide prayers and support.

We need the following for each service member:

Picture (if possible)

Name

Rank

Address

Your Name(s)

Relationship to you (nephew, niece, husband, wife, cousin, friend, etc.)

Send the information to [office@stjamesnalc.org](mailto:office@stjamesnalc.org) or drop it off at the office!

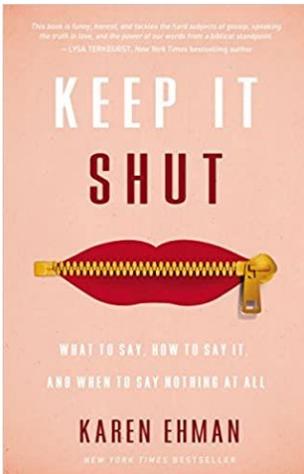
## CONFIRMATION CAMP

We will be joining St John's Lutheran Lake Township and hopefully Bethel Lutheran, Noblesville, at Lake Luther in Angola, Indiana, on June 5-12.

What a great opportunity to grow in faith under our own NALC pastors, while creating friendships with other mission district youth. Beautiful setting. Experiential learning. And a ton of fun. The cost is \$395 per youth. Financial assistance is available if needed.



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**A new Bible Study, *Keep It Shut*, is now meeting Thursday evenings at 6pm.**

**If you have any questions, please contact Tracy Guffey**

# LENTEN SCHEDULE 2022



<b>April 3</b>	<b>Lent 5</b>	<b>Mary (It's in the Air)</b>
<b>April 6</b>	<b>Midweek 5</b>	<b>Malchus Out of Control</b>
<b>April 10</b>	<b>Palm Sunday</b>	<b>Donkey</b>
<b>April 14</b>	<b>Maundy Thursday</b>	<b>Jesus</b>
<b>April 15</b>	<b>Good Friday</b>	<b>Two Criminals</b>
<b>April 17</b>	<b>Easter</b>	<b>The Empty Tomb Resurrection</b>



# Holy Week

**April 14, 2022**  
**Maundy Thursday**  
**Service 7 PM**

**“Do this in  
Remembrance of me.”**



**Maundy Thursday**

Join us as we commemorate that Last Supper Jesus shared with His disciples in that Upper Room. The service ends as we strip the altar and the chancel, as we prepare for Jesus’ arrest, trial, and suffering.

**April 15, 2022**  
**Good Friday**  
**Tenebrae Service 7 PM**  
**Stations of the Cross**



We will stop and meditate at the places or stations where something memorable happened as made his way to the cross, endured and died on the cross, and was lovingly taken down and buried by a few friends that witnessed the events of the day. The lights and candles are dimmed until we have the church in total darkness, representing the death of Jesus. Church will be open all day for private prayer

each of  
Jesus



# **Easter Sunday April 17<sup>th</sup>**

**8:00 AM -9:15 AM  
Easter Breakfast**

**9:30 AM  
Festive Easter Service**

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*Thank You!*

### **Mid-week Lenten services**

were very special for me, and I hope for all of you as well, this year. attendance was strong for all the Wednesday evening suppers and devotions. This was possible because so many of you cared enough to share your time and talents.

You cooked/cleaned/set-up for the suppers. You led the devotions, read, and took part in so many ways. For all of this I feel enriched and say "Thank you" for giving of yourselves selflessly and generously. God bless you all!

# DAY SERVICE

*We are inviting you to join us down in  
Connersville.*

## St. James Service Day

All St. James members are encouraged to participate in a building project at Peace Lutheran Church in Connersville, IN. Peace Lutheran is the site of the new Disaster Response warehouse. On Saturday, April 23, Peace Lutheran is holding a **“Warehouse Raising”** and all Heartland Mission District churches are encouraged to attend. This will be a fun day of working together with our brothers and sisters in Christ from around the mission district. Lunch will be included. A caravan will leave St. James at 8:30 a.m. and will return at 5:00 p.m. Please call or email the church office or sign up on the sheet in the narthex if you will be joining us so that we can advise Peace Lutheran. All skill levels – even no skill levels – are needed

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**Movie Afternoon Coming . . . . On Sunday April 10<sup>th</sup>** after worship we will be sharing a powerful movie entitled “Sabina: Tortured for Christ, the Nazi Years.” This is a true story that takes place in Nazi Germany, of how God’s love transformed ambitious, atheistic hedonists into one of the greatest Christian couple of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Great character is sometimes forged amid great turmoil. Sabina risks her life to show Christ’s love to a trio of Nazi soldiers. Why? why would a Jewish Christian risk here life to help her enemies –members of the army that killed her entire family? Come and join us as we experience the amazing true story that has redefined the concepts of love and forgiveness for millions around the world.



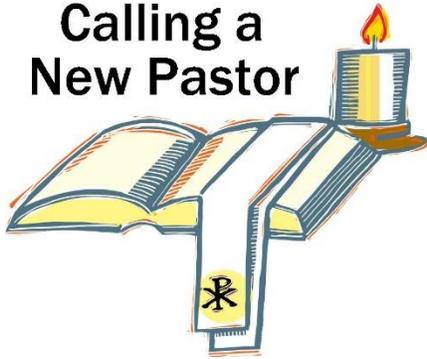
Give the gift of life! Join us for St James next Blood Drive on May1st, from 9:30 am to 2:00pm. Mark your calendars now and sign up on the sheet out in the narthex to give blood and make a life-giving difference for someone in need.



## Grief Share . . . Coming soon

You are invited to join our 13-week sharing, -- **April 20 through July 13<sup>th</sup>**. This is a wonderful program of support for those who have lost a loved one and are struggling through the grief process. Time will be 6:30-8:30 PM every Wednesday. Questions? Contact Cindy Gregory.

## Calling a New Pastor



***Pastor Blue sent this covenant for our call. I thought it was very good. I invite you to read it though and we work together. Pastor Doug***

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CC: Call Chair Tracy Guffey, Call Committee, and Mission Dean Rev. Doug Gast

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Rev. Dr. Richard Blue, Jr.

### **Covenant of Call**

If you call me to be your pastor, these areas of support and development would be understood as part of our covenant together as Congregation and Pastor. If you get the council's recommendation to call - please ask for these items to be included in the letter of call - and voted on by the congregation.

**Prayer:** The people of St. James will commit to upholding Pastor Blue and his family in prayer. (Exodus 17:12)

- Congregational Prayer Group: Pastor Blue will train and nurture prayer intercessors who will gather regularly to devote our ministry to the LORD in partnership. This prayer group is vital to support Pastor Blue and St. James' mission.

**Partnership:** The leadership of St. James will walk alongside Pastor Blue to listen for God's call for the mission of the congregation.

- As per the Constitution to acknowledge Christ as the head of the Church and to unite in seeking his will for the church.
- To follow the method stated in Matthew 18 by communicating directly with the pastor when issues of dispute occur, and to not facilitate, but to discourage gossip and triangulation.
- To access and implement together changes in ministry structures and funding necessary to further God's mission at St. James.
- This includes a focus on family ministries

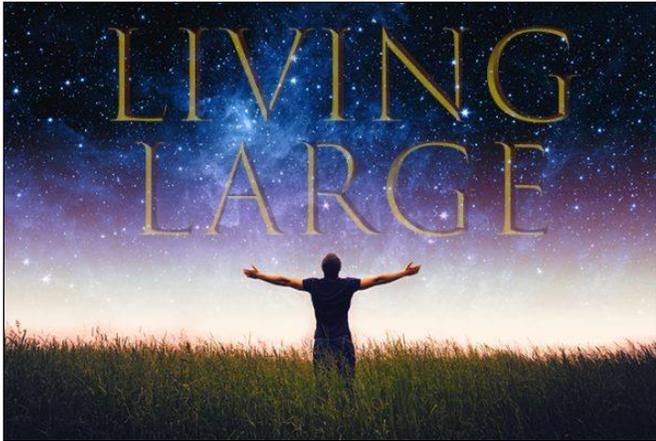
**Staff Support:** To accept his leadership and walk alongside Pastor Blue to carry out God's mission for St. James.

- To consult one another when disagreements occur
- Establish a clear framework for the staff, including oversight.

**Continuing Education:** Time and resources for continuing education and learning

**Teaching in the Larger Church:** Flexibility to teach student in bible, college, university, and seminary including but not limited to United Theological Seminary.

**Family:** Maintain a healthy and nurturing environment for the pastor's family, adhere to family-friendly parameters including such respecting time off and vacation, and maintaining the church parsonage, including necessary repairs and improvements as resources permit.



**April 24<sup>th</sup> – June 5<sup>th</sup>**  
EASTER SEASON AT ST JAMES

**LIVIN' LARGE!!!**

“I am the resurrection and the life”  
Abundant life

“The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life and have it to the full.: (John 10:10)

Living large is one of those phrases I hear every once in a while. I saw it as part of a front-page article in the Indianapolis Star a while back. Reality was now catching up with a man who had spent the last seven years living large. Now he was going to have to face paying back some of the money he had spent while living large.

When I looked up living large on the internet, I was surprised to see the first half dozen offerings were for large people . . . . . There were clothing options for women in all the “plus” sizes and for men in the “double and triple X” sizes. They even have furniture for the large, framed guy/gal. Interesting I thought. There are challenges that large people face from the clothes they can wear, to the physical limitations they face, to the food they eat to . . . . . well, you get the picture.

That was not the first thing that came to mind when I thought of “living large.” I scrolled down further and there was another interesting tidbit I didn't know. According to the slang dictionary, it is the answer you are to give when someone asks you “how you livin'?” “I'm livin' large. How you doin'?”

I scrolled a little further, I found out Living Large was the debut album by the rap group, Heavy D & the Boyz. Three singles were released, "Mr. Big Stuff", "The Overweight Lover's in The House" and "Don't You Know". I must note to add those to my music collection.

Then I found what I set out for initially. Living large is the ability to pay for and enjoying a very expensive style of living. Vacations in the hot spots, a huge apartment in the city, cars, servant, . . . . that's the world's idea of living large.

There is another way of understanding living large. And it is going to be the theme of our Easter season. Following the resurrection, the disciples discovered more and more what true living large was all about. Living large according to God is something far different than the world understands.

What the disciples discovered and what we will discover is that when we are living large God's way, life takes on new meaning. We are entrusted with a message and a mission that can turn the world upside down. God wants us to have a full life, an exciting life, an abundant life, a blessed life . . . . a life that makes a true difference for us, those around us and ultimately the world.

Living large as a disciple of Jesus doesn't mean we are going to take on the lifestyle of the rich and famous. In fact, many times it is just the opposite. Expensive vacations, servants, spending money like there is no tomorrow, isn't God's idea of living large. But giving your life away for the sake of the gospel message, taking on the role of a servant, sharing the love, joy, and hope that we have in Christ Jesus is in the cards.

With the presence of the risen Christ in their lives the disciples were filled with a new boldness, changed lives, they had the power to bring the very same healing and compassion that had been shared by Jesus himself . . . . they experienced community and fellowship in ways that brought meaning and joy to life . . . . they welcomed new believers in increasing numbers every day . . . . they knew what it meant to live a purpose driven life . . . . they were filled with the love and power of the Holy Spirit in ways they never dreamed possible. In other words, they were living large.

Be sure to make worship a priority this Easter Season as we learn what it means to live belief, live abundantly, live love, live relationships, live witness, and live mission. It is living large as God intended and God promises us all. See you at church.

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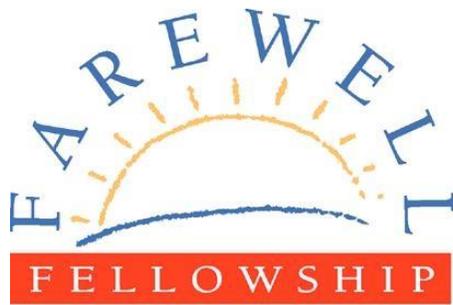
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**6.5**

**Living Large with God in Charge**



Cindy Gregory is hosting an Open House at St James for her sons. They both have applied to go from their current National Guard status to Active Duty in the Army. She is extending an invitation for anyone in the congregation that would like to stop by and give them God's blessings on Apr 16 from 2-5 pm at St James. Please let her know if you plan to attend.

**Calling all Youth 6<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> grades.** Join us April 30<sup>th</sup> for a wonderful progressive dinner. We will meet at church at 1:00 P.M and will be done in time for you to still enjoy Saturday evening with family around 5:30 PM. There will be a course of Appetizers, then salad, followed by the main course, and of course finishing with dessert. Sign up in the narthex. Let's have fun, fellowship, and some delicious food together.



Y O U T H

Progressive Dinner



Every **2 seconds**  
someone in the U.S.  
needs blood.  
**Give now.**

## **Blood Drive**

### **St. James Lutheran Church**

Gathering Area  
1741 S. State St.  
Greenfield

**Sunday, May 1, 2022**  
**9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**



Click [here](#) to register online

LUTHERAN OUTDOOR MINISTRIES INDIANA-KENTUCKY

# SUMMER 2022



**EVERYONE IS WELCOME AT CAMP**



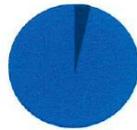
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<http://lomik.org/>**

# WHAT IS PTSD?

Posttraumatic stress disorder, or PTSD, is a mental health concern that some people develop after they see or experience a traumatic event.



**7 to 8%**

of the U.S. population will have PTSD at some point in their lives.



What it's like to have PTSD may be different for everyone. There are four types of PTSD symptoms.



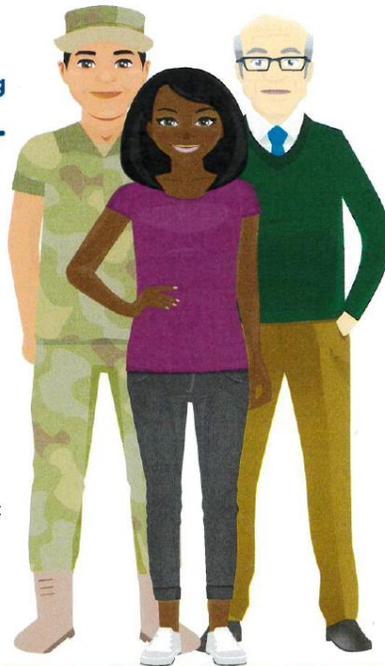
## Reliving or re-experiencing the event

- Nightmares
- Flashbacks
- Triggers



## Hyperarousal or being on guard

- Being jittery or overly alert
- Difficulty sleeping or concentrating
- Feeling angry or irritable



## Avoidance

- Avoiding crowds
- Avoiding certain smells, sights, or sounds
- Avoiding talking or thinking about the event



## Negative changes in beliefs and feelings

- Losing interest in things you used to enjoy
- Feeling guilty or ashamed
- Unable to trust others

## Do you have PTSD Symptoms?

- Hear Veterans share their experiences with PTSD and PTSD treatment at [AboutFace](#)
- Learn about and compare effective treatment options using the [PTSD Treatment Decision Aid](#)
- Explore the National Center for PTSD website for information, videos, and tools to help manage PTSD: [www.ptsd.va.gov](http://www.ptsd.va.gov)

National Center for  
**PTSD**  
POSTTRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER

VA



U.S. Department  
of Veterans Affairs

## Let's Talk About it

We are not connected with the National Center for PTSD or Veterans Affairs

St James Lutheran Church  
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2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month  
Starting January of 2022  
6:30 pm to 8 pm  
A light meal provided at 6:30

For Vets, First Responders, Healthcare and Domestic Abuse Trauma



# Volunteers Wanted

**We need DISHWASHERS!  
day and evening shifts available**

**You can commit to volunteer once a week,  
once a month or whatever fits your schedule!**

**Please call or email Chris if you would like more information on this opportunity to serve!**

**317-462-9900 or**

**[kbmskinc@myninestar.net](mailto:kbmskinc@myninestar.net)**

## NALC Heartland Mission District Prayer Request - April 2022

Greetings from the HMD Council for the remainder of the Lenten season and joy of Easter in the month of April 2022.

- Please include the following this month in your prayers of the church during worship, through your Churches other prayer ministries and in your own personal prayers:
- Continue to pray for the war in the Ukraine. Pray for humanitarian efforts underway and for all of the countries who have opened their doors and hearts. Also pray for the soldiers and civilians defending Ukraine and that peace may somehow be found.
- Pray for all Christians everywhere as we all journey through the awful events of the Friday we now call "good" and for the joy and new life that Jesus' resurrection brings.
- Pray for blessings for the Heartland Mission District (HMD) congregation of Reformation Church in Middlebury Indiana and Deacon Brad Miller.
- Pray for new pastoral leadership for First United Lutheran Church in Hammond Indiana and Antioch Lutheran Church in Hoagland Indiana.
- Pray for blessings and a Christian welcome to two new NALC HMD churches: Bethany Lutheran Church in LaPorte Indiana and St. John Lutheran Hubbells in Sunman Indiana.
- Continue to pray for guidance, support and strength from the Holy Spirit for seminarian Ben Black.

Thank you all for your prayers.

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### Discovery Class for New Members

Participants will discover a deeper understanding and appreciation for Lutheran theology and heritage and have a little fun as you get to know our church and its mission and varieties of ministries.

If you are interested in this class or would like more information, please note that on your connection card, call the office or call Pastor Doug directly at 317-727-0612.



## Worship Leaders & Congregational Care Schedule



April 3<sup>rd</sup> – Pastor Martins Irbe  
Mid-week April 6<sup>th</sup> – Pastor Doug Gast  
April 10<sup>th</sup> – Pastor Doug Gast  
Maundy Thursday April 14<sup>th</sup> – Mary Jo Mikulski  
Good Friday April 15<sup>th</sup> – Pastor Doug Gast  
Easter Sunday April 17<sup>th</sup> – Pastor Doug Gast  
April 24<sup>th</sup> – Ben Black

Pastor Doug will be with us 3 days a week albeit one will be remote and is available the rest of the week except for one week each month.

*Pastor Doug time off for April is week of April 18<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>.*

Pastor Doug can be reached at (317) 727-0612 (mobile), [pastorstjamesnalc@gmail.com](mailto:pastorstjamesnalc@gmail.com) or by calling or emailing the church office.

During the month he is off Pastor Martins Irbe and Joyce Kissell has agreed to be the point of contact for any Pastoral Care needs that are needed.

Pastor Martins can be reached by calling or emailing the church office or by calling him at (317) 379-7526 and Joyce Kissell at (317) 512-9561.

## Baptism and First Communion Classes

The Baptism class will prepare parents or individuals for the Holy Sacrament of Baptism.

The First Communion class is for any 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> grade students or adults who have been baptized and wish to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion.

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## ***Happy Birthday....***

**April 3 – Andrew Turner**

**April 5 – Christian Bell**

**April 10- Luke Stearns**

**April 11 – John Turner**

**April 12 – Joe Soberalski**

**April 17 – Dale Morton**

**April 23- Eli Stearns**

*Please consider sending a card or an email with best wishes to these members. For current addresses check with the Church office.*

## ***Happy Anniversary....***

**April 1 – Phil and Terry Miller**

**April 7- Jim and Carolyn Helgason**

**April 7- Kelly and Kristin Mason**

**April 23- Dale and Julia Morton**

**April 24- David and Katie Smith**

**April 30- Jim and Janet Farrow**



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b> Pastor Martins Irbe <b>9:30 AM</b> In-Person & Live Stream Worship Service <b>10:30 AM</b> Adult Sunday School <b>10:30 AM</b> Children's Sunday School	<b>4</b> <b>11:00 AM</b> Women's Bible Study <b>1:30 PM</b> Tri-Kapa Meeting <b>5:00 PM</b> Tech Committee Meeting	<b>5</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Men's Bible Study <b>6:30 PM</b> Christian Education Committee via Zoom	<b>6</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Staff Meeting <b>1:00 PM</b> Daylighters Small Group <b>6:00 PM</b> Lenten Meal <b>7:00 PM</b> Choir Practice <b>7:00 PM</b> Lent Midweek Service	<b>7</b> <b>6:00 PM</b> Keep It Shut Bible Study	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> Pastor Doug Gast <b>9:30 AM</b> In-Person & Live Stream Worship Service <b>10:30 AM</b> Adult Sunday School <b>10:30 AM</b> Children's Sunday School <b>1:30 PM</b> Linda Petty-4 H	<b>11</b> <b>11:00 AM</b> Women's Bible Study	<b>12</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Men's Bible Study <b>6:30 PM</b> PTSD Meeting	<b>13</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Staff Meeting <b>11:30 AM</b> Worship Committee Meeting <b>5:00 PM</b> Finance Committee Meeting <b>7:00 PM</b> Choir Practice	<b>14</b> <b>6:00 PM</b> Keep It Shut Bible Study <b>7:00 PM</b> Maundy Thursday Service <b>7:00 PM</b> Southern Comfort Christ Care	<b>15</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Good Friday Service	<b>16</b> <b>2:00 PM</b> Cindy Gregory Farewell Party for Jason and Chad
<b>17</b> Pastor Doug Gast <b>9:30 AM</b> In-Person & Live Stream Worship Service <b>10:30 AM</b> Adult Sunday School <b>10:30 AM</b> Children's Sunday School	<b>18</b> <b>11:00 AM</b> Women's Bible Study	<b>19</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Men's Bible Study <b>6:00 PM</b> Church Council	<b>20</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Staff Meeting <b>1:00 PM</b> Daylighters Small Group <b>6:30 PM</b> Griefshare <b>7:00 PM</b> Choir Practice	<b>21</b> <b>6:00 PM</b> Keep It Shut Bible Study	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> <b>12:00 PM</b> Janet Farrow Bridal shower
<b>24</b> Ben Black <b>9:30 AM</b> In-Person & Live Stream Worship Service <b>10:30 AM</b> Adult Sunday School <b>10:30 AM</b> Children's Sunday School	<b>25</b> <b>11:00 AM</b> Women's Bible Study	<b>26</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Men's Bible Study <b>6:30 PM</b> Gods Embrace Game Night	<b>27</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Staff Meeting <b>4:00 PM</b> Mission Benevolence Outreach Committee <b>6:30 PM</b> Griefshare <b>7:00 PM</b> Choir Practice	<b>28</b> <b>6:00 PM</b> Keep It Shut Bible Study <b>7:00 PM</b> Southern Comfort Christ Care	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>

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