



## The Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 15, 2022

<sup>34</sup> "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. <sup>35</sup> By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." (John 13:34-35)

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The call to love one another as Christ loves is noble, but challenging. John 13: 31-35 gives us examples of how to work toward Christ-like love. Maybe we need a push in the right direction, or maybe we need to have Christ stand between us and those things that come between us.

The call to love one another must not be taken lightly. Neither should we give up when it's hard for us. Sometimes we'll succeed at this challenge, and sometimes we will fail. The challenge is that we at least try.



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

Scripture Readings

Acts 11:1-18

Revelation 21:1-7

John 13:31-35

### • Happening Around St. James

- **Sunday School & Adult Forum resume today following worship**
- **Women's Bible Study** Monday 11 A.M.
- **Men's Bible Study** Tuesdays at 9 A.M.
- **"Keep It Shut" Bible Study** Thursdays at 6 P.M.

• **Save the date! June 12, 2022 following Service will be the St. James Annual Meeting. Besides the annual report, we will review and vote on a change to the St. James Constitution.**

- **May Newsletter.** is available online or in paper form. You will want to read it all.
- **Healing Service Coming . . . . June 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM.** I have been leading a Healing Service for the past 5 years. I have found it to be a source of comfort, strength, and peace. The Holy Spirit has been present and very close at each service. Our MBO committee discussed and decided that this would be a great outreach to our St James family and the greater community. The service will include scripture and meditation, anointing with holy oil and prayer, and concluding with Holy Communion. Whether you are struggling with physical, emotional, relational issues or perhaps you have a loved one you want to lift up to the throne of the Lord, I think you will be blessed. Come join us.

- **Congratulations are in order for two of our young people here at St James.** Grace Mason and Trevor Hale are both graduating from Greenfield Central. This is a milestone moment for them and their families. Well done. And blessing in their future endeavors.
- **Pastor Blue's Moving Fund . . . .** As of last count, we have received over \$7,400. Thank you to all who shared the 2<sup>nd</sup> mile gift.
- **Disaster Relief Building Project has been put on HOLD . . . .** Pastor Norman Dew just sent us an email letting us know that due to problems with city permits and the death of the construction manager's wife just prior to Easter . . . . they are delaying the work day that we were supposed to have this Saturday. I suspected something was wrong when we hadn't heard from anyone there with details of what was needed or what we should bring.
- **Grief Share . . . Not Too Late.** You are invited to join our 13 week sharing group, -- 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 PM every Wednesday. Questions? Contact Cindy Gregory.
- **VBS Is Coming . . . .** Dates are set . . . we'll be gathering on five Thursdays starting June 16. From 6 to 8 pm. We are looking at some exciting materials. Tracy Guffey has stepped up to be our coordinator. If you are interested in volunteering to help with this important education/fun/fellowship/adventure, please reach out to Tracy.
- **Greetings from the HMD Council for the blessings** for the Easter season and the month of May 2022. Please: pray
  - ✓ Continue to pray for humanitarian efforts underway in Ukraine, for the people of Ukraine and for everyone who is assisting the people of Ukraine.
  - ✓ Pray for blessings for the new Heartland Mission District (HMD) congregation of Bethany Lutheran Church in LaPorte Indiana and Pastor Dennis Meyer.
  - ✓ Continue to pray that the Holy Spirit guides the call processes at First United Lutheran Church in Hammond Indiana, Adams Lutheran in Batesville and Antioch Lutheran Church in Hoagland Indiana.
  - ✓ Pray for all who have life threatening, degenerative or mental illnesses. Pray that individuals and their loved ones facing these illnesses remember that there is more to life than the affliction they are facing. Pray that God gives them strength and comfort and healing.
  - ✓ 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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Yours in Christ,

Pastor Doug