



Third Sunday of Pentecost June 26, 2022

“Jesus replied, “**No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God.**”
(Luke 9:62)

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Many Christian congregations are having to resort to six-month volunteer contracts to recruit Sunday School teachers because none are willing to commit to an entire year. The average length of employment at one company for the X Generation was approximately two years. Loyalty, perseverance over the long haul, patient acquisition of spiritual virtues have been replaced by 30 second infomercials on how to totally change your life in 30 days with no pain, no sacrifice.

It is into the middle of this modern attitude of immediate satisfaction and questionable loyalty that we read the words of our Lord as He sends forth the call of discipleship in today's Gospel: “If a person puts their hand to the plow and looks back, he is not fit for the kingdom of God.” We will look at some of the modern day excuses for not giving our all to Christ which really aren't so modern at all.



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

Scripture Readings

Galatians 5:1, 13-25

Luke 9:51-62

• **Happening Around St. James**

- **Sunday School & Adult Forum are on summer break**
- **Women's Bible Study** **Monday 11 A.M.**
- **Men's Bible Study** **Tuesdays at 9 A.M.**
- **VBS continues this week.** We'll be gathering again this Thursday starting at 6 pm to 8 pm. Our theme is “Monumental Celebrating God's Greatness.” This is going to be a monumental adventure through the colorful canyons and sunbaked trails of the southwest. Our kids will be exploring God's awesomeness to help develop a rock-solid faith for the road ahead. There is still space and there is still time to join in fun, fellowship, and adventure, please reach out to Tracy Guffey.
- **Mynde Goble has begun her work with us this week as our Administrative Assistant.** She is looking forward to serving on the St James team and getting a chance to meet each of you. We welcome her and pray for God's blessings upon her and her family and her work here.
- **A BIG St James Thank You! will take place on June 26th following worship.** We have been blessed by a wonderful team of worship leaders/preachers for the last 2+ years. They have helped our congregation not only survive but thrive during our pastoral vacancy and

pandemic. So we will take some time to celebrate and say thanks to Mary Jo Mikulski, Pastor Martins, Joe Rudy, Ben Black and Pastor Doug Gast for all they have done and shared with us.

- **School Supplies collection has begun.** This is one our important outreach projects as we collect school supplies for the Greenfield-Central Schools. These supplies will be distributed throughout the 9 building all during this school year. every donation is important and very much appreciated. Please pick up a list in the gathering area and start watching for sales! **Most school items go on sale in July. Any questions, contact Terry Miller.**
- **Betty Perotti** has moved to Springhurst Health Campus. She is in room 309 and her room phone number is 317 468-7039. She can have visitors anytime and would welcome calls. Please continue to pray for her healing.
- **Grief Share . . . Not Too Late.** You are invited to join our 13 week sharing group, --April 20 through July 13th. 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.
- **Save the date July 10th at 4:30 P.M.** Installation worship and celebration for Pastor Blue as he begins his ministry with us. 5:00 P.M. Celebration Service. 6 P.M. Fellowship Meal. There are several sign ups in the narthex --- 1) if you are planning to come, & 2) what to bring for the pitch in.

Greetings from the HMD Council for the blessings of Pentecost & the month of June 2022.

- Continue to pray for the bravery and courage of all who are standing up to the evil happening in the invasion of Ukraine.
- Pray for all of the families, friends, and first responders who have been impacted by the shootings in the states of Texas and New York. Pray that the Holy Spirit fills everyone impacted with strength and comfort at this time. For the shooters – help us to pray, Lord. For the churches striving to be your light in darkness beyond our comprehension, we pray.
- Pray for guidance, support and strength from the Holy Spirit for Pastor Jess Abbott, newly appointed as the NALC's Midwestern Area Assistant to the Bishop.
- Pray for the HMD Church campers and Pastors that will be attending Conformation Camp this month. Also pray for all the HMD church VBS programs that will be held this summer. Pray for all who attend all of these events to be filled with the Holy Spirit and also have fun!
- Pray for blessings for the new Heartland Mission District (HMD) congregation of St. John Lutheran, Hubbells - Sunman Indiana.
- Continue to pray that the Holy Spirit guides the call processes at First United Lutheran Church in Hammond Indiana and Antioch Lutheran Church in Hoagland Indiana.
- Join the HMD congregation of St. James in Greenfield Indiana in prayer for and an offer of praise for Pastor Richard Blue and his family as they move to Greenfield and begin their ministry at St. James July 1st.
- Pray for blessings of comfort and strength for Pastor Dean Doug Gast and his family as they celebrate the passing of his mother Jeanne Gast to heaven which is our eternal home and where she is dancing with his dad today.
- Continue to pray for guidance, support and strength from the Holy Spirit for seminarian Ben Black.

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Yours in Christ,

Pastor Doug