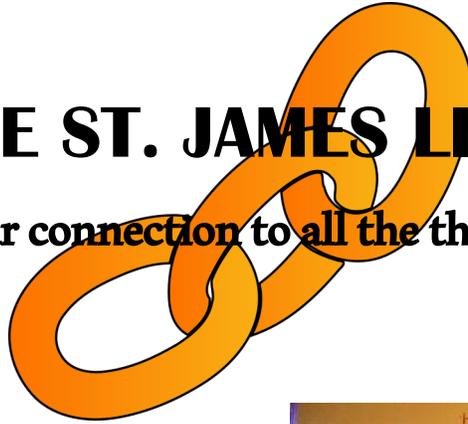


# October 2022 Newsletter

## THE ST. JAMES LINK

Your connection to all the things



--Please Bless, protect, guide & use my family...use me.

*Amen*



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## Pastors Musings

Dear Church Family and Friends, I want you to know that I continue to count it as one of the greatest blessings in my vocation to be able to call the community of Saint James and Greenfield my home. It is an honor for me to serve as your pastor, and I believe that God is at work among us and directing our unified progress in the right direction.

The month of October is one of a kind and stands out among the others throughout the year. When the leaves begin to turn different colors, the air becomes crisper, and the days become shorter, autumn has arrived. The month of October is one that many people eagerly anticipate because it is a time to rejoice in the harvest, spend quality time with family, and take advantage of the beautiful weather. For Christians, the month of October is a time to reflect on their faith, celebrate the life of Jesus Christ, and remember the sacrifice that Jesus made for the people of the world. As the church begins to get ready for the season of Advent, my spirit is filled with joy because this time of year marks the beginning of God's preparation of the world for the coming of Christ, and it also marks the beginning of our own preparations for the coming of Christ.

The beginning of this month will be marked by a special rite of the church known as First Holy Communion, which will take place on World Community Sunday. This will be the first time that these young people have publicly affirmed their faith in front of the church. As a result of this, because it is a momentous day, this is always a time for celebration!

Later on in the month, we will be hosting our annual Trunk or Treat event, in addition to the Fall Festival, which will take place right here at Saint James on October 22nd at 5:00 p.m.! This will be an opportunity for us to share the love of God with our community and to share how the Holy Spirit is leading us at Saint James to make a difference in this community! We are very excited about this upcoming event! We will need everyone to pitch in, so if you feel called to assist in any way, please get in touch with Terry Clark or MBO as soon as possible.

I look forward to seeing you Sunday and serving among you during this incredible month!

God's Grace and Peace,

Pastor Blue+

Need to reach Pastor Blue?

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Cell phone (call or text) 317-606-3669



Greetings from the HMD Council for the month of October 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 bravery and courage of all who are standing up to the evil happening in the invasion of Ukraine.
- Praise the Lord for the Heartland Mission District Convocation and Youth Gathering "Revive and Renew" held this month and for the all volunteers from Peace Lutheran in Connersville and all other NALC Heartland Mission District Churches who assisted in the construction of a new HMD disaster relief shed.
- Thank God for the gifts of life, liberty, and freedom and ask that he protect the lives of the unborn from abortion and shine the light of love and support upon the mothers who are struggling and believe abortion is the only way.
- For the farmers and all of us - thank God for the season of the harvest and pray for an abundant, safe, and beautiful harvest for all.
- Pray for blessings for the Heartland Mission District (HMD) congregation of St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Auburn Indiana including Pastor Jonathan Hunter.
- Continue to pray for guidance, support and strength from the Holy Spirit for seminarian Ben Black and new seminarian Rochelle Lemieux.

Thank you all for your prayers.

For more info on the NALC check out their news letter at

<https://thenalc.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/NALC-September-2022-Outlined-web.pdf>



NORTH AMERICAN  
LUTHERAN  
CHURCH



Heartland Mission District

# October

## 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<b>1</b>
<b>2</b> World Wide Communion Sunday 9:30am In-Person & Live Stream Worship Service 10:30am Adult Sunday School	<b>3</b> 11:00am Women's Bible Study 1:30pm Tri-Kapa Meeting	<b>4</b> 9:00am Men's Bible Study	<b>5</b> 10:00am Staff Meeting 1:00pm Daylighters Small Group	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 8:30am Heartland Mission District Convocation 11:00am Card Making Party
<b>9</b> 9:30am In-Person & Live Stream Worship Service 10:30am Adult Sunday School	<b>10</b> 11:00am Women's Bible Study  Pastor Blue out of office	<b>11</b> 9:00am Men's Bible Study 6:30pm PTSD Meeting  Pastor Blue out of office	<b>12</b> Pastor Blue out of office 10:00am Staff Meeting 11:30am Worship Committee Meeting 1:00pm Prayer and Care 5:30pm Finance Committee Meeting	<b>13</b> 7:00pm Southern Comfort Christ Care	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> 9:30am In-Person & Live Stream Worship Service 10:30am Adult Sunday School 5:00pm Aspire Women's Conference (Pendleton Christian Church)	<b>17</b> 11:00am Women's Bible Study	<b>18</b> 9:00am Men's Bible Study 6:00pm Church Council	<b>19</b> 10:00am Staff Meeting 1:00pm Daylighters Small Group	<b>20</b> Via de Cristo (men)	<b>21</b> Via de Cristo (men)	<b>22</b> Via de Cristo (men) 5:00-7:00 pm Fall Festival Trunk or Treat
<b>23</b> <b>St. James Day</b> Via de Cristo (men) 9:30am In-Person & Live Stream Worship Service 10:30am Adult Sunday School	<b>24</b> 11:00am Women's Bible Study	<b>25</b> 9:00am Men's Bible Study 5:00pm MBO Meeting	<b>26</b> 10:00am Staff Meeting 4:00pm MBO Meeting	<b>27</b> 7:00pm Southern Comfort Christ Care	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b> 9:30am In-Person & Live Stream Worship Service 9:30am-2pm St James Blood Drive 10:30am Adult Sunday School	<b>31</b> <b>HAPPY HALLOWEEN</b> 11:00am Women's Bible Study					



# Bits and Pieces

## Thanks for being a BLESSING

What an honor to be part of a congregation that loves so well! Thank you to all who donated time and food to keep the Blessing Box at the Greenfield Police Station stocked during the month of September!



Daylighters is beginning a new Bible Study in October on the Book of Ruth called Living in God's Will. Daylighters meets the 1st and 3rd Weds of each month from 1-3pm. All are welcome— join us!

## GREENFIELD WOMEN'S CONNECTION

Ladies, plan to join us Tuesday Oct 11 11:45am-1:30pm at Nine Star Connect (2243 E. Main Street) for the monthly luncheon. This month's luncheon features Janis Price and the ABC's of Successful living. Cost is \$12 which covers lunch and program.

RSVP by Oct 7 to Patty at 317-627-5715.



## What is H2O?

H2O is a 'gap' ministry for Love Inc. that serves folks who may be out of a job, disabled, caring for extra people or run out of support for the month. No matter the case, these people are in need of hope, love and the reassurance that someone is there to help them during the 'rough patches' of life.

We pray with them, cry with them and comfort them. We assure them that God is with them every step of the way, carrying their burdens, loving them and that He will never leave them.

We are always collecting items for this ministry. Personal care items, paper products, diapers, cleaning supplies are just a few of the items we try to keep in stock. There is a collection bin by the front doors. THANK YOU



## Children's Time

Thank you to all who volunteer to lead the Children's Time each week during service. If you feel like this is something you would like to assist with once a month, please contact Mynde in the office. Help is needed.



## Members Budget Meeting

Dec 11 following worship service



## ALTAR FLOWERS



*The price of Altar flowers are \$30.00 a vase.*

Altar flowers are funded by special funds or sponsorship through the flower fund. Special contributions for the fund can be placed in the offering plate or sent to the church office. Sponsors can sign up on the flower chart outside of the office. If roses are requested the cost is \$50.

Mark those calendars for **FALL FEST coming Saturday October 22, 2022** at 6pm.

St. James will host a free fun Fall Festival for the community!! Trunk or Treating, Bounce Houses, Food Trucks, fun fun fun! More details to come.....

**Donations for candy are being accepted now!! Sign up to host a trunk!!**





American Red Cross

Blood Program  
*Leader*



**YOU'RE PART OF SOMETHING BIG.**  
Sign up in the gathering area to donate blood on October 30th 9:30-2pm!!!

**GAMES**

**FAMILY FUN!**

**Bounce HOUSES**

SAINT JAMES LUTHERAN CHURCH  
1741 S. STATE STREET GREENFIELD, IN

**TRUNK OR TREAT  
& FALL FESTIVAL**

OCTOBER 22, 2022 - 5PM TO 7PM



## Greenfield Community Choir Concert

Sunday October 23, 2022

6pm

At

The Christian Church

Ask June or Christian Gries for more info

## Thank you Pastor and Mrs. Gast



On September 18th we had the honor of hosting an ice cream social in honor of Pastor Doug Gast, celebrating the time he and Terri shared here at St. James. Thank you to all who made this possible!

## Prayer Room



Please walk over to the new Prayer Room next time you are at St James. Courtesy of some physical, emotional and financial help from the Men's Bible Study Group, we've transformed the previous office space to a Prayer Room.

While meant to be an area of prayer, it is also available for small (4 people) group meetings, small committees and just a small group of friends to get together and visit.

Please be respectful of those needing prayer and let them have priority use.



## Greeting Card Making Party!!

**Saturday October 8, 11am-2pm** (come and go as you wish)

- Vintage style cards for Christmas and/or Birthday
- Please bring your own drinks and a snack to share
- \$10 per person to cover the cost of materials
- Sign up in the gathering area.

Questions? Call Marieta 765-521-4724



Time to be thinking about your *Via de Cristo Weekend*.

*No one has ever come back disappointed.*

### *What is Via de Cristo?*

Via de Cristo is a Spanish term meaning "Way of Christ." It is a three-day leadership experience with a New Testament look at Christianity as a lifestyle. Via de Cristo is a highly structured weekend designed to strengthen and renew the faith of Christian people, through them, their families, churches and the environment in which they live and work. It is a united effort of laity and clergy to aid congregations **in developing Christian leaders** to more effectively serve Christ in the church.

Think of it as Vacation Bible School for Adults!

Go to <https://inkyvdc.org/> for more information

**SIGN UP TODAY!!!**

Women's Weekends	Men's Weekends
<p><u>Womens: 83</u>            November 10-13, 2022            Jennifer Hinton            Camp Lakeview,            Seymour IN.  <u>Map</u> <u>Covid Guidelines</u></p>	<p><u>Mens: 82</u>            October 20-23, 2022            Rector: Doug Mueller            Camp Lakeview,            Seymour IN.  <u>Map</u> <u>Covid Guidelines</u></p>

## October Birthdays

Christian Gries	Oct 3
Mickie Stinson	Oct 5
Jennifer Maltby	Oct 9
Tyler Speer	Oct 9
Bill Beck	Oct 11
Chuck Weber	Oct 14
Alan Berkshire	Oct 23
Mynde Goble	Oct 23
Kendra Smith	Oct 24
Maggie Bode	Oct 27
Roy Carlson	Oct 28



*Happy Anniversary!*

## October Anniversaries

Joe and Nancy Faith	Oct 8	
Jim and Deb Jackson	Oct 18	42 years
Alan and Jeannette Berkshire	Oct 27	61 years



# Aspire

Author & Bible Teacher  
**DEBBIE ALSDORF**



Comedy by  
**KRISTIN WEBER**



Music by  
**MIA KOEHNE**



*1 night – 3 hours – Just for Women  
An evening full of laughter,  
learning, stories & music*

**FRIDAY OCT. 14  
NEW TESTAMENT  
CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
752 W. MAIN ST.  
HAGERSTOWN, IN 47346  
**7:00PM SHOW**

6:30PM GA DOORS OPEN  
6:00PM VIP DOORS OPEN

**SUNDAY OCT. 16  
PENDLETON  
CHRISTIAN CHURCH**  
1170 S. PENDLETON AVE.  
PENDLETON, IN 46064

**5:00PM SHOW**  
4:30PM GA DOORS OPEN  
4:00PM VIP DOORS OPEN

**ADVANCE TICKETS**

\$25 Gen. Admission | \$35 VIP

\$20 Groups of 10 or more.

Group sales call 480-812-1100

VIP ticket includes early entry for preferred seating and Q-n-A session with all the speakers and artists.

Purchase tickets at **480-812-1100** or  
online at: **ASPIREWOMENSEVENTS.com**



**Contact Marieta Boone if interested in going Oct 16 to Pendleton Location, or sign up in the Gathering Area.**

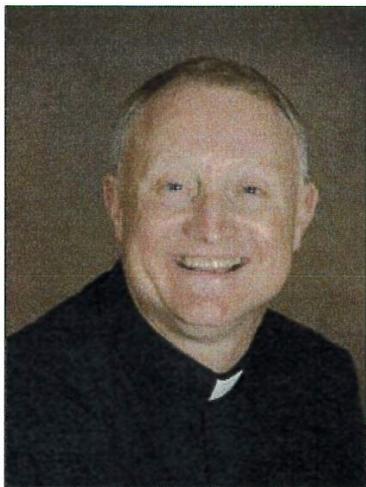
Heartland Mission District  
2022 Convocation & Youth Gathering

revive and  
renew

*Will you not revive us again, that your people may rejoice in you?*  
Psalm 85:6

Saturday, October 8, 2022 9:30a–3:30p

Peace Lutheran Church  
701 W. 3rd St., Connersville, IN 47331



Guest Speaker  
Rev. Brad Hales  
NALC

Youth Gathering  
The Emotional Impact  
of Disaster



Blessing & Dedication  
NALC - HMD  
Disaster Response Shed  
Peace Lutheran Church



Cost  
\$15 per Adult or  
\$45 per Church  
Youth: free



**Sign up to attend in Gathering Area!!**



## Check out the REWARDS Table . .

Give a gift that gives back! Purchase gift cards from the Rewards Table in the Gathering Area and St. James receives a percentage back at no extra cost to you. You can give the cards themselves as gifts or use them to purchase that special item for those you love. We keep a variety in stock, but if we don't have what you need, we can likely order it from our extensive list of suppliers. Questions? See Cindy Gregory.

*Thank  
You*

Perhaps you've noticed the beautiful new bench by the front doors??? A very special thanks to the family who generously donated it. What a beautiful peaceful spot to wait, pray or just rest.



On September 25 St. James welcomed new members **Bill and Sherry Coomes** and **Tim Morgan**. We are so honored to have you as a part of the St. James Family!!!





September 19, 2022

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We have all heard the old cliché that prayer changes things, and we need people to pray.

Our stewardship campaign this year is called “Stewards of God’s Influence.”

Throughout the process we will celebrate both God’s generosity and our own. On October 23, 2022, we will have our Celebration Sunday.

But stewardship without prayer is like a church without Jesus. That’s why I’m writing to you today — to ask you to pray. Pray that we will all contemplate and celebrate God’s generosity to us. Pray that our church will be filled with a spirit of generosity. And please pray for our members and for yourself as all of us determine what God is calling us to give for the coming year.

Why are we doing this? Because we truly want our congregation to follow what God is calling us to do when we fill out our annual Estimate of Giving cards the weekend of October 23. We will lead up to this celebration Sunday with personal testimonials during each Sunday in October.

We ask you to pray for guidance for the congregation towards fulfilling what God is calling each of us to do so we can fulfill God’s plans for our church and its ministries for the coming year.

I will be praying for you and hope you join me praying that God’s plans for our church may be fully realized!

Yours in Christ,

*John Browder*

Stewardship Chair

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