



# ST. JAMES LUTHERAN CHURCH

*SAVED BY FAITH; SERVING WITH LOVE*

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## LENTEN SERVICES AT HAUBERG

This year we will be gathering for Lenten worship for five Wednesday throughout Lent (2/29 - 3/28) with our friends in Christ from St. John Lutheran and 1<sup>st</sup> Lutheran in Rock Island. We will meet at the Rock Island Hauberg Civic Center, which is a beautiful building surrounded by lush acreage located at 1300 – 24<sup>th</sup> Street. (Note: There is plenty of parking and the building is handicapped accessible.) Each Wednesday, our worship together will begin at 7:00 p.m. and will be filled with scripture, meditation, prayer, and song. Following worship we will enjoy a time of fellowship.

## HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES

Holy Communion is a loving gift to us from God. We celebrate God's gift of Holy Communion each Sunday during worship as a sign of God's saving love and nurture.

This year's Holy Communion classes, are for three Sundays—beginning March 11, are intended for all ages, for those who have never received Holy Communion **AND** for those who have been receiving this sacrament for many years. Sunday School students and their families are encouraged to attend together. Please call Pastor Lepp at 786-0503 to sign up for classes.

## FROM THE PASTOR

### Together in Ministry

When Jesus sent his disciples out to do ministry in the world, he never sent them out alone. He knew that God's mission is accomplished best when people work and serve and proclaim together. During the Season of Lent, we at St. James are privileged to be a partner in ministry with others, and in doing so are able to be more effective in carrying out God's mission in our community and world.

- **Rock Island ELCA Congregations.** This year we will be worshipping on *Wednesday evenings at 7:00* at the Hauberg Civic Center with our Rock Island sister congregations of St. John Lutheran and First Lutheran.
- **Quad City Churches United.** Rev. Ron Quay, the CEO, will be our guest on *Sunday, March 4*. Rev. Quay will be preaching during our worship and will stay during our Education Hour to tell about the ministry of QC Churches United of which St. James has been a long-time active member.
- **Hunger Appeal.** The people of St. James are being encouraged by members of our Hunger Awareness Team to participate in the *500/500 for Lent*. Our hope is to gather 500 cans of food for the local food pantry that is housed at St. Pius Catholic Church, and to also raise \$500 for the ELCA World Hunger Appeal which does food distribution and agricultural development globally.
- **Congregational Resourcing Event.** This annual event is sponsored by our Northern Illinois Synod on *Saturday, March 10*. The Keynote speaker is Pr. Jeff Marian of Prince of Peace Lutheran in Burnsville, MN. Participants may choose from over 50 workshops on a wide variety of ministry topics will be presented.
- **Ignite High School Event.** An overnight event for High School students will be held on the evening of *Friday, March 30*. Over a dozen area congregations from Illinois and Iowa working together sponsor this exciting event for high school youth.

Be sure to check out articles in this newsletter for more details on all of these ministries. I look forward to having you partner together with us as we work together with others for the sake of God's ministry in our world.

In Christ,

*Pastor Janet Lepp*

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## TANZANIA TRIP

The Northern Illinois Synod has planned a 14 day companion synod trip to Tanzania, July 26-August 8, 2012. Brochures outlining the itinerary are available on the Information Table. Cost for the trip is \$4119.



## COUNCIL MEMBERS INSTALLED

Congregational Council members were installed during worship on February 19th. Newly elected members Craig Tigerman, Carol Hubbard and Susan Suits join Bob Eastlund, Judy Fox, Lisa Schafman-Nelson, Donna Renneke, Terrill Johnson, April Peterson, Sam Schlouch, Ruth Anne Hartman, Virginia Johnson, Doug Nelson and Pastor Lepp to make up our 2012 Congregational Council. Thank you all for serving.

## WOMEN OF ST. JAMES

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**March 1** - Ruth Circle 2pm

**March 2** - CWU World Day of Prayer, 1st Lutheran, RI at 9am

**March 8** - Martha/Naomi Circle 9:30am

**Reminder:** Start collecting items for our basement sale!

## PARISH NURSE

### "Living Water: God refreshes our bodies and our souls"

"Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." (Jn. 4:13) Our Lenten journey is often a time for renewal, change, new growth, and reflection.

#### Living Water for our Bodies

Water is important to all living things - physically it is the most abundant substance on the earth and in our bodies.

#### How much water do I need to drink?

For most of us, we need approximately eight glasses of water each day. In our land we are blessed to have an abundant clean water supply.

#### Living Water for Our Souls

Our loving God has provided living water for our souls. Without this living water we are spiritually dead. In the Bible, the reference to living water is usually understood to mean the gift of the Holy Spirit.

#### How much Living Water do I need to drink?

We need to 'drink' in the Holy Spirit until we are filled with the Lord! We may 'drink' in God's Spirit without ceasing! God's supply will not run dry!

Reflect on the role of Living Water for bodies and souls during this month.

Ref.: Seasons for Wholeness: Monthly Themes and Programming for Parish Nurse Health Ministry Vo. I by Ruth D. Daumer, MSN, RN ~submitted by Liz Johnson, Parish Nurse

## TREASURER'S REPORT

We are well into the 2012 year already, and so far the financial picture is bright! An aggressive budget was adopted at the annual meeting which supports our ministries, programs and staff. Included in that budget is the expectation of \$500 extra income each week. During January and the first part of February offerings for the Operating Budget and for CIMP (debt reduction) are on pace to accomplish that. Strong support like this is marvelous, a clear statement that we can accomplish what we want to do this year. Only ten-and-a-half months to go, with an excellent start behind us! ~submitted by Doug Nelson, Treasurer



### Guest Preacher and Speaker

*Rev. Ronald Quay*

*Director of*

*Churches United of the Quad City Area*

**Sunday, March 4 at 9am**

Please join us as Pastor Quay informs us of happenings of Churches United of the QCA.

**CHURCHES UNITED**  
OF THE QUAD CITY AREA



## MISSION TRIP



Minot, ND after flooding in June 2011.

Anyone wanting to travel to Minot, North Dakota to help with the restoration of this community that was devastated by flooding in June of last year, please plan on attending an informational meeting on March 11 at 10:15 following worship. Tom and Judy Fox will lead our St. James team from June 3 through June 9. Anyone over the age of 14 is welcome. Please see brochures on the Information Table for more information.

## 500/500 IN LENT

The twin thermometers have arrived! The challenge is on to collect 500 cans of food for the St. Pius Food Pantry and \$500 for the ELCA World Hunger Appeal during Lent to make the progress on the thermometers reach the top. Please don't forget to pick up a few extra cans of goods while doing your grocery shopping and place a few extra dollars in your offering envelope to help us reach our goal. Watch the progress each week on the thermometers located on the shopping cart outside the office door. Thank you for supporting St. James efforts to feed the hungry!

## RESCUE MISSION MEALS

Thank you to our St. James Hunger Team who recently served many thankful diners at the Rock Island Rescue Mission's Community Meal Site. They are envisioning this becoming a quarterly or monthly event and are seeking volunteers to help serve future meals. If interested, please contact Nina Carlson at 786-3653. All ages are welcome!



Hunger Team serves meals at Rescue Mission

## ADULT FORUM

Adult Forum provides a variety of educational opportunities for adult members of St. James. It meets at 10:15 a.m. each Sunday in front of the Sanctuary.

- Mar. 4** Rev. Ronald Quay, Executive Director of Churches United of the Quad Cities will discuss some of the recent activities of our organization.
- Mar. 11** Tom and Judy Fox will present information about the June mission trip to Minot, North Dakota.
- Mar. 18** "Developing Interfaith Understanding." Led by students involved in the Augustana Interfaith Understanding organization.
- Mar. 25** "Team-Based Ministry: Creating a Brighter Future" Talk by Bob Frank  
Get coffee and snacks and join us to hear these interesting presentations. *submitted by Bob Frank*

## DELEGATE ASSEMBLY

Churches United 51st Delegate Assembly will be held March 22 at First Covenant Church, Moline. Registration begins at 6:30pm. Five lay members are allowed to vote from each congregation. If you are interested in being a delegate from St. James, please contact Pastor Lepp.

## VIA DE CRISTO

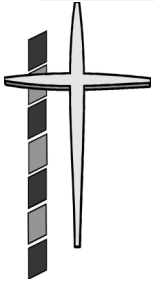
This spring the men's Via de Cristo weekend will be held Mar. 15-18 and the women's weekend Mar. 22-25 at Camp Mennow Haven near Tiskilwa, Illinois. Additional information about the Via de Cristo weekends can be found on the information tables in the Narthex and Fellowship Hall. Many members of St. James have attended the inspiring Via de Cristo weekends. *~submitted by Bob & Rhoda Frank*

## RESOURCING EVENT

The Northern Illinois Synod Congregational Resourcing Event will be held Saturday, March 10 at Kishwaukee College in Malta. Registration brochures are available on the Information Table.

## FRIENDSHIP MANOR WORSHIP

**Thursday, March 1 at 4pm**  
Pastor Lepp will be leading worship with Holy Communion for residents and guests in the chapel area of Friendship Manor. All are welcome to attend.



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**ST. JAMES SUNDAY WORSHIP AT 9AM**  
*WORSHIP, HOLY SACRAMENT, MUSIC, CHILDREN'S MESSAGE, BIBLE STUDIES,  
FELLOWSHIP*



*Attention All High School Students!*

**IGNITE! Overnight Event**

**March 30th 8:00 pm-6:00am**

Join high school youth from all over the Quad Cities  
party! Invite your friends!

for an all-night

*For more information, go to: [www.tinyurl.com/ignitequadcities](http://www.tinyurl.com/ignitequadcities) or call 786-0503*

