

the MESSENGER

February, 2012

ST. JAMES on the Lake EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Rev. Jerry D. Morriss, Pastor & Rector

Sunday Services: Holy Eucharist 9:00 a.m.
followed by Coffee Time and Adult Education

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LOOKING UP

REACHING OUT

GATHERING IN

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PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE....

While the month of February may begin slowly, following this year's annual meeting, it will pick up speed by the end of the month as we celebrate another Mardi Gras and enter into the Season of Lent. Ash Wednesday will be on the 22nd, and I hope that everyone will plan to attend one of the two services that will be held that day – one at noon and one at 6:00 p.m. This is a Day of Obligation on the church calendar.

I have not yet decided on this year's topic for our Lenten study. I am still looking at a number of possibilities. I am planning to show the movie *Courageous* on the 24th, and I would encourage everyone to come out for that as it may become the focus for our study time during Lent. I know that some of you have already seen the movie, and certainly many of you have heard about it. It is a powerful story and one that you won't want to miss.

On Saturday, the 25th we will plan to send a group to the annual Rural Church Gathering being held again this year at St. Dunstan's in Mineola. If you would like to join the group for this event, please let me know so that we can get everyone registered.

As I am writing this prior to the annual meeting, I can't comment on the new members recently added to the vestry, but I do want to again thank Paul Beaupre' and Mike Horton, who have faithfully served for the past three years. Serving on the vestry is an important ministry within the church, and we have been blessed in the past to have a number of people who have accepted that responsibility and worked to serve the parish in that capacity.

I want to remind you of a few things that have been mentioned this past month concerning our Sunday worship. I will be in the chancel prior to the morning service for a few minutes each week, and I encourage anyone with a prayer request to come forward at that time and allow me to pray with you. The passing of the peace should be done with reverence. It is not a time to move about, but rather to share God's peace with those around you. And finally, I would remind you once again to enter the narthex quietly each week as the noise there carries into the nave and can be disruptive to those who are preparing themselves for our time of worship.

The signup sheets for our Sunday ministries will be available in the parish hall during the month, and everyone is reminded once again that you are invited to sign up if you wish to serve during the year. If you fail to sign up, I will assume that you have chosen to opt out for the year, and you will not be listed on the weekly rotation. After the lists are completed, I plan to have a brief time of instruction with each group. This is done partly for those who are new and also as a review for those who have been serving in the past. I want to thank all of you who have helped out in any way this past year. Each task is important and meaningful to our time together as a worshipping family.

Finally, I would ask that you not forget those in our congregation and in our community who need our prayers. There a number of people who continue to be on our prayer list, and we want to prayerfully remember each of them each day in our prayers.

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WE ARE NO LONGER PRINTING NEWSLETTERS FOR EVERYONE. ONLY THOSE PEOPLE WHO DO NOT HAVE INTERNET ACCESS WILL RECEIVE A COPY. YOU CAN READ IT AND PRINT A COPY FROM THE WEBSITE <http://stjamesonthelake.org/> . THE CALENDAR AND SUNDAY SCHEDULE WILL ALSO BE POSTED ON THE BULLETIN BOARD IN THE HALL LEADING TO THE PARISH HALL.

Questions, comments, or problems with the web site, please e-mail: webmgr@stjamesonthelake.org

MEMORIALS....

1 st	Maude Johnson	14 th	Nancy Adams
6 th	Richard Van Horn	15 th	Joe Riley Wingate
8 th	Opal Green	15 th	Malcolm Morriss
9 th	Elmer Singletary	17 th	Jim Gallatin
9 th	Richard Patrick	18 th	Jack Sauer

WHO AM I?....

1. I was one of the Twelve Apostles. I was also one of two Apostles called “son of Alphaeus”.
2. I was a Levite by tribal affiliation and a tax collector by trade. Because of my occupation I was generally despised by my neighbors and fellow Jews.
3. When Jesus saw me he said “Follow me”. It was not a command but an irresistible invitation; compelling beyond language.
4. I wrote one of the four canonical gospels. My work is often called the “fulfillment gospel”. In it, Jesus Christ is described particularly as the fulfiller and fulfillment of God’s will disclosed in the Hebrew Scriptures. My special aim was to show that Jesus of Nazareth was the legitimate heir to the royal house of David and was the long awaited Messiah, the “anointed one of God”.
5. Tradition has it that I was martyred with a halberd while witnessing in Ethiopia.
6. I am commemorated in the Western Church on September 21st and in the Eastern Church on November 29th.

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DON'T FORGET THE SIGNUP SHEETS IN THE PARISH HALL FOR SUNDAY MORNING MINISTRIES. YOU MUST SIGN THE SHEETS IF YOU WANT TO ASSIST WITH ANY OF THE SUNDAY DUTIES. WE NEED THE PARTICIPATION OF EVERYONE SO IT WILL NOT BE BURDENSOME ON A FEW.

2012 DIRECTORY....

The new directory is available. Please pick up a copy in the Parish Hall.

ANNUAL MEETING....Sunday, January 29th

A wonderful brunch was held prior to the meeting. At the meeting the financial report and annual budget were discussed. Fr. Morriss gave a recap of activities, events, projects and statistics for the last year. Paul Lasiter, Jr. Warden, gave a report on the construction, renovation and status of the building and grounds. He also gave a brief update on the garden. Sunny Lasiter thanked the ladies of the altar guild. The parishioners voted to go back to six members on the vestry. Paul Beaupre' and Mike Horton retired from the Vestry, and Thad Weber and Susan Huffman were elected to serve three-year terms. In addition, Paul Beaupre' and Michaeleen Moffitt were elected as delegates to the 2012 Diocesan Convention. Tina Wage and Linda Gallatin were elected as alternates. Fr. Morriss announced he has appointed Tina Wage Senior Warden. Paul Lasiter will remain as Jr. Warden.

Congratulations to everyone on their election. Please remember to pray for your Vestry.



Left to right: Taylor Golden, Paul Lasiter, Tina Wage, Harold Weems, Jerry Jost, Thad Weber, Michaeleen Moffitt, Susan Huffman

LOOKING FORWARD....

MARCH

11th Daylight Saving Time Begins – Set clocks **forward** one hour

APRIL

1st Palm Sunday
6th Good Friday
8th Easter Sunday

Matthew

KNOWING AND DOING GOD'S WILL....

George Mueller was a pastor in England during the nineteenth century who knew what it meant to live a life that was focused on knowing and doing the will of God. God led him in a walk to faith that has become an incredible testimony to all who hear his story.

Whenever he lacked for something, he prayed for the resources. During his ministry in Bristol, England, George built four orphan houses that cared for 2,000 children at the time. When he died at the age of 93, over 10,000 children had been provided for through his orphanages, and he had distributed over eight million dollars that had been given to him in answer to prayer.

How did he know and do the will of God? "I never remember a period that I ever sincerely and patiently sought to know the will of God by the teaching of the Holy Ghost, through the instrumentality of the Word of God, but I have been always directed rightly." Here is how George summed up the way he entered into a "heart" relationship with God and learned to discern God's voice.

- "I seek at the beginning to get my heart into such a state that it has no will of its own in regard to a given matter.
- Having done this, I do not leave the result to feeling or simple impression. If so, I make myself liable to great delusions.
- I seek the will of the Spirit of God through, or in connection with, the Word of God. The Spirit and the Word must be combined.
- Next, I take into account providential circumstances. These often plainly indicate God's will in connection with His Word and Spirit.
- I ask God in prayer to reveal His will to me.

Thus, (1) through prayer to God, (2) the study of the Word, and (3) reflection I come to a deliberate judgment according to the best of my ability and knowledge, and if my mind is thus at peace, and continues so after two or three more petitions, I proceed accordingly."

Consider these five steps when discerning God's voice in your life.

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY

FEBRUARY 14, 2012

The Sunday readings are taken from the New Revised Standard Version Bible.

The following web site shows how to pronounce a word phonetically. Click on the underlined word and you can hear it pronounced. <http://netministries.org/Bbasics/bwords.htm#j>

FEBRUARY

Calendar of events, lectionary, birthdays and anniversaries

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 Willene Trotter Alec Irion	3	4
5 Is 40:21-31 Psalm 147:1-12, 21C 1 Cor 9:16-23 Mark 1:29-39 Kelly Walker	6	7 Men's Reunion Group 7:00 a.m. Prayer Group 4:00 Jim Bithas	8 Vestry 6:00	9	10 Game Night 6:00 Marika Weber	11
12 2 Kings 5:1-14 Psalm 30 1 Cor 9:24-27 Mark 1:40-45 Jeff Irion	13 Jo Miniatt	14 Valentine's Day Men's Reunion Group 7:00 a.m. Prayer Group 4:00 Bible Study 6:30 Glen & Claire Stout	15 Fr. Morriss' Ordination	16 Gary & Linda Gallatin	17	18
19 Is 43:18-25 Psalm 41 2Cor 1:18-22 Mark 2:1-12 Bob & Terry Keller	20 President's Day	21 Men's Reunion Group 7:00 a.m. Prayer Group 4:00 Mardi Gras 6:00	22 Ash Wednesday Services Noon and 6:00	23	24 Movie Night 6:00 <i>Courageous</i>	25 Rural Church Gathering 9:00 St. Dunstan's Mineola
26 Gen 9:8-17 Psalm 25:1-9 1 Peter 3:18-22 Mark 1:9-15 DOK 4:00 Praise & Worship 6:00 Suzie Collins	27	28 Men's Reunion Group 7:00 a.m. Prayer Group 4:00	29 LEAP YEAR Lenten Study 6:00			

Mar 4 Gen 17:1-7, 15-16 Psalm 22:22-30 Ro 4:13-25 Mark 8:31-38 Mar 11 Ex 20:1-17 Psalm 19 1 Cor 1:18-25 John 2:13-22 Mar 18 Num 21:4-9 Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22 Eph 2:1-10 John 3:14-21 Mar 25 Jer 31:31-34 Psalm 51:1-13 Heb 5:5-10 John 12:20-33

DATE	GREETERS	ALTAR GUILD	ACOLYTE	CRUCIFER	LESSON
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FEBRUARY

2/5/12	Beaupre's	Carroll & Linda G.	Phil	Michaeleen	Claire
2/12/12	Bonnie & Susan	Carroll & Linda G.	Paul L.	Harold	Ray
2/19/12	Jenkinses	Bonnie & Tina	Ray	Paul L.	Sunny
2/26/12	Gallatins	Bonnie & Tina	Glen	Jerry	Bob

CHALICE

COFFEE

NURSERY

2/5/12	Sharon & Willene	Annette, Robin, Marika
2/12/12	Willene & Gail	Gail, Deanna, Susan
2/19/12	Paul & Sharon	Carroll M., Linda G., Kitty
2/26/12	Paul & Gail	Bonnie, Benja, Marvin, Stephanie

CHANGES TO THE SUNDAY MORNING MINISTRIES FROM THE SIGNUP SHEETS WILL BEGIN WITH THE MARCH SCHEDULE.

PLEASE CHECK THE BULLETIN BOARD PRIOR TO MARCH 4TH.

See Linda Gallatin for questions or to make changes.

Forms to update your information are on the bulletin board so that you can receive communications regarding church business or urgent messages about members. You may also use the form to add someone to the weekly prayer list if a prayer request card is not available, or to add names to the memorial list.

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