

# The Messenger April 2024

## St. James on the Lake Episcopal Church

Looking up – Reaching Out – Gathering In

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## FROM THE PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

Alleluia the Lord is risen!

With apologies to Christmas, Easter is the greatest season of the church year. Although we celebrate the resurrection every day, in Eastertide it seems as though that message is made anew. Christ is risen from the dead, and in doing so has defeated death once and for all. There is no longer any claim that sin, death, or hell can have on us, because Jesus is alive.

Alleluia the Lord is risen!

Fr. Webb+

## WEDNESDAY STUDY GROUP

Join us on Wednesdays at 11:00 as we explore the beginnings of the church in the book of Acts.

## HUNGRY BUNCH

This month we'll get together for food and fun on Friday, April 5, at Cedar Creek Country Club. Meet us there at 6:00 pm.

## DIOCESAN MISSIONS DAY 2024

Join us on Saturday, May 4 from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at St. Nicholas, 4800 Wichita Trail, Flower Mound.

Everyone in the Diocese of Dallas is invited to attend this one day gathering of renewal and equipping, featuring Jim Davis and Michael Graham, authors of "The Great Dechurching".

### About "The Great Dechurching":

We are currently experiencing the largest and fastest religious shift in US history.

It is greater than the First and Second Great Awakening and every revival in our country combined...but in the opposite direction. Yet precious little rigorous study has been done on the broad phenomenon of dechurching in America. Jim Davis and Michael Graham have commissioned the largest and most comprehensive study of dechurching in America by renowned sociologists Dr. Ryan Burge and Dr. Paul Djupe.

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The Great Dechurching takes the insights gleaned from this study to drill down on how exactly people are dechurching with respect to beliefs, behavior, and belonging.

This book gives the church in America its first ever deep dive into the dechurched phenomenon. You'll learn about the dechurched through a detailed sketch of demographics, size, core concerns, church off-ramps, historical roots, and the gravity of what is at stake. Then you'll explore what can be done to slow the bleed, engage the pertinent issues winsomely and wisely, and hopefully re-church some of the dechurched.

## **T.E.A.C.H.**

We will be continuing our study on the Minor Prophets. We'll be looking at who they were, why we call them "minor" and how God is still speaking to us through them.

Want to revisit a topic or catch up a week you missed? Check out the St. James podcast:

Apple Podcasts: <https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/st-james-on-the-lake-episcopal-church/id1693408541>

Spotify: <https://spotifyanchor-web.app.link/e/AHCgeda3MAb>

## **MISS A SERVICE?**

Did you miss a service? Want to remember something from a sermon? Just want to remember the past?

All Sunday services are livestreamed on our Facebook page:  
[facebook.com/StJamesOnTheLakeEpiscopalChurch](https://www.facebook.com/StJamesOnTheLakeEpiscopalChurch)

The services are also available on YouTube:  
[youtube.com/@StJamesOnTheLake](https://www.youtube.com/@StJamesOnTheLake)

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## EVENTS FOR THE MONTH

- 5<sup>th</sup> Hungry Bunch – Cedar Creek Country Club – 6:00 pm
- 9<sup>th</sup> Prayer Group – 4:00 pm
- 10<sup>th</sup> Bible Study – 11:00 am, Healing Eucharist – noon
- 16<sup>th</sup> Prayer Group – 4:00 pm
- 17<sup>th</sup> Bible Study – 11:00 am, Healing Eucharist – noon, Vestry – 4:30 pm,  
Evening Prayer & Parish Dinner – 6:00 pm
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Prayer Group – 3:00 pm
- 24<sup>th</sup> Bible Study – 11:00 am, Healing Eucharist – noon
- 30<sup>th</sup> Prayer Group – 3:00 pm
- 28<sup>th</sup> Bible Study – 11:00 am, Healing Eucharist – noon

## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

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|-----------------------|----------------------------------|
| 2 – Elex Evans        | 13 – Susan Dahlman               |
| 4 – Vanessa Furgerson | 17 – Susan Huffman               |
| 4 – Nancy Barton      | 18 – Mike & Wendy Horton         |
| 4 – Kelley Boughton   | 19 – Sunny Lasiter               |
| 6 – Deanna Drab       | 20 – Nora Hampton                |
| 6 – Derek & Dale Drab | 30 – Raymond & Macie Shackelford |

## SUNDAY MORNING MINISTRIES FOR APRIL 2024

DATE	DOK	ACOLYTE	CHALICE	GREETERS	ALTAR GUILD
4/07	Willene Trotter	Robert Steffan	Paul Lasiter- Kelley Boughton	Terry Waldrep & Denise Waldrep	Deanna Drab & Linda Shehee
4/14	Marian Flowers	Kelley Boughton	Kelley Boughton- Paul Lasiter	James Mashburn & Tina Wage	Susan Dahlman & Bonnie Dill
4/21	DeLois Bomberger	Mike Horton	Mike Horton- Kelley Boughton	Lorna Rudd & Vicki Vieux	Deanna Drab & Linda Shehee
4/28	Kelley Boughton	Robert Steffan	Paul Lasiter-Mike Horton	Kelley Boughton & Barbara Harper	DeLois Bomberger & Tina Wage

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DATE	VESTRY	ORGAN	COFFEE	LESSON	NURSERY
4/07	Peggy Tyler	Vicki Vieux	Bonnie Dill & Tina Wage	Bob Jenkins	Marian Flowers & Peggy Tyler
4/14	Bonnie Dill	Vicki Vieux	Barbara Austin & Annette Jenkins	Claire Stout	Nora Hampton & Linda Shehee
4/21	Marian Flowers	Vicki Vieux	Rita Files & Nancy Barton	Tina Wage	Ann Cavan & Terry Keller
4/28	Terry Keller	Vicki Vieux	Lorna Rudd & Peggy Tyler	John Antonissee	Marian Flowers & Peggy Tyler

Please remember that if you cannot serve on your scheduled date, **you need to make sure you have a replacement.**