

The Messenger May 2024

St. James on the Lake Episcopal Church

Looking up – Reaching Out – Gathering In

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FROM THE PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

With so much going on in the world, it can seem as if there is not much to be joyful about. Yet we know that joy is one of the fruits of the Spirit. Since the beginning of the church, Christians have been known for our joy in the face of adversity. However, joy does not come easily for many people. There are those who radiate the joy of the Lord. There are also those who have to make a conscious decision to be joyful.

Whether it comes easily for you, or if you struggle to find it, the joy of the Lord is a statement of defiance in the face of a sinful, fallen world. My prayer for you is that you know the joy of the Lord.

Fr. Webb+

WEDNESDAY STUDY GROUP

Join us on Wednesdays at 11:00 as we dive in to the book of Revelation. It promises to be an exciting and informative study.

HUNGRY BUNCH

This month we'll get together for food and fun on Friday, May 3, at the home of Paul and Sunny Lasiter. 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

- 3rd Hungry Bunch – Paul & Sunny Lasiter’s Home – 6:00 pm
 7th Prayer Group – 3:00 pm
 8th Bible Study – 11:00 am, Healing Eucharist – noon
 14th Prayer Group – 3:00 pm
 15th Bible Study – 11:00 am, Evening Prayer & Parish Dinner – 6:00 pm
 21st Prayer Group – 3:00 pm
 22nd Bible Study – 11:00 am, Healing Eucharist – noon
 23rd Vestry – 4:30 pm
 28th Prayer Group – 3:00 pm
 29th Bible Study – 11:00 am, Healing Eucharist – noon

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

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| 9 – Eden Antonissee | 23 – Allan Lewis |
| 15 – Doyal & Rita Files | 24 – Jim & Bonnie Dill |
| 17 – Bruce & Dot Irwin | 31 – Dale Drab |
| 19 – Elex & Judy Evans | 31 – Mark Wage |
| 20 – Terry Waldrep | |

SUNDAY MORNING MINISTRIES FOR MAY 2024

DATE	DOK	ACOLYTE	CHALICE	GREETERS	ALTAR GUILD
5/5	Marian Flowers	Kelley Boughton	Kelley Boughton & Paul Lasiter	Bob & Annette Jenkins	DeLois Bomberger & Tina Wage
5/12	Annette Jenkins	Mike Horton	Mike Horton & Tina Wage	Terry Waldrep & Denise Waldrep	Kelley Boughton & Barbara Harper
5/19	Sunny Lasiter	Robert Steffan	Nora Hampton & Paul Lasiter	Deanna Drab & Marian Flowers	Susan Dahlman & Sunny Lasiter
5/26	Willene Trotter	Kelley Boughton	Kelley Boughton & Tina Wage	James Mashburn & Tina Wage	Deanna Drab & Sunny Lasiter

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DATE	VESTRY	ORGAN	COFFEE	LESSON	NURSERY
5/5	Paul Lasiter	Vicki Vieux	Barbara Austin & Annette Jenkins	John Antonissee	Nora Hampton & Linda Shehee
5/12	James Mashburn	Linda Shehee	Susan Dahlman & Deanna Drab	Barbara Austin	Bonnie Dill & Sunny Lasiter
5/19	Peggy Tyler	Linda Shehee	Rita Files & Nancy Barton	Annette Jenkins	Ann Cavan & Terry Keller
5/26	Bonnie Dill	Linda Shehee	Lorna Rudd & Peggy Tyler	Bob Jenkins	Marian Flowers & Peggy Tyler

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