

Saint James United Church

April 22nd, 2018 4th . Sunday of Easter

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Welcome all visitors and their families who may be worshipping with us this morning. We pray that you will feel at home here at Saint James and that you will feel the presence of God's Holy Spirit, as we worship. After the service please introduce yourself to Rev. Debra, sign our guest book at the back of the sanctuary and join us for coffee, tea and fellowship in the board room.

WE GATHER

Prelude

Introit

He lives, He lives, Christ Jesus lives today!
He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way.
He lives, He lives, salvation to impart!
You ask me how I know he lives?
He lives within my heart.

Welcome

Question to Ponder Have you ever wandered off and gone astray?

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Apr. 22 Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Sunday School
Coffee, Tea and Fellowship in Board Room
- Apr. 23 BRING YOUR YARD SALE ITEMS TODAY.
- Apr. 24 Games 1:00 p.m.
Sparks and Pathfinders 6:30 p.m.
- Apr. 25 Quilting Group 1:00 p.m.
Choir 7:15 p.m.
- Apr. 27 YARD SALE 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- Apr. 29 Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Sunday School
Soup, Rolls and Fellowship in C.E. Centre

MISSION STATEMENT

The congregation of Saint James United Church strives to be a welcoming, caring, committed family of people from all ages and walks of life who come together in fellowship with each other and our Creator God.

We endeavour to respect each other's differences and abilities, to follow the way of Jesus, and to be open to the work of the Holy Spirit in us and through us, for the ultimate enrichment of our faith, our community and our world.

SCENT FREE ENVIRONMENT: *A few of our congregation members have been experiencing problems due to perfumes in the church. We have tried to maintain a Scent Free Environment within Saint James United Church. We would like to remind everyone to please consider this request and refrain from wearing perfumes.*

DONATIONS

A memorial donation has been made to the General Fund in loving memory of Pauline Stairs by Wayne and Shirley McCallum.

Scriptures for April 29, 2018 – Fifth Sunday in Easter

Acts 8:26-40; Psalm 22:25-31; 1 John 4:7-21; John 15:1-8

MUSICAL FUNDRAISER

FRIDAY, MAY 11TH AT 7:00 P.M.

SAINT JAMES UNITED CHURCH

Ray Kierstead and Group, Side Effects, Jack MacAfee, and Donnie Cluff will host a fundraiser concert on behalf of Harper Saunders, daughter of Robert Hall and Reba Saunders, granddaughter, of Joan Hall. Harper was diagnosed with Leukemia in May of 2017 and is now on maintenance treatment program. Harper celebrated her fourth birthday in February.

Call to Worship (Psalm 23)

We were lost and going astray.

The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside the still waters.

But now we return to our shepherd.

He restores my soul. He leads me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

We have heard the call of the guardian of our souls.

Yea though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil, for thou art with me.

This is the gate of our shepherd, the door to eternal life.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

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Opening Prayer

Loving, caring shepherd, you watch over us even when we wander off. You care for us when we come to you in pain, crying because of hurts that run deep. You comfort us, and you hold us close. We have gathered to worship you, and to remember that your love has no limits. Amen.

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Hymn MV#126 – Are You a Shepherd?

Time for All Ages

Prayer of Confession

God of many pastures, your Spirit calls us to reach out and proclaim the good news where bandits and thieves seek to lead your sheep astray. Forgive us, source of comfort and strength, when we seek to keep your care for ourselves – believing that we alone have a special place in your love. Call us once more, loving shepherd, to lay our burdens down and rest, that we might have the strength to open our eyes and see the needs of your flocks all around us. Amen.

(silent confession)

Words of Assurance

Even when our hearts condemn us, God is greater than our hearts. Our shepherd is the guardian of our souls and the gate to eternal life. The good shepherd leads us to safe pastures and restores our souls. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow us all the days of our lives, and we shall dwell secure in the pasture of God's love forever.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

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Passing of the Peace

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Ministry of Music *Brother James' Air*

Scripture Sharing Acts 4:5-12
 1 John 3:16-24
 John 10:11-18

Meditation

Music for Reflection

Hymn VU#273 – The King of Love

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

Presentation of the Offering Scott Palmer – Days of Elijah

Offertory *What can I do? What can I bring?*
 What can I say? What can I sing?
 I'll sing with joy. I'll say a prayer.
 I'll bring my love. I'll do my share.

Offertory prayer

Loving shepherd, as you have fed us in green pastures and quenched our thirst beside still waters, may the gifts we bring this day be food and drink, and shelter and warmth, to a world in need; may our offering reach into places of despair, and show the world that there is a shepherd who brings comfort and hope. Amen.

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Minute for Mission

Announcements

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer (VU#959)

Closing Hymn VU#657 – He Leadeth Me

Blessing and Sending Forth

Go forth and share the love of our shepherd wherever you go.

We go to share the love of God.

Go forth and share the blessings of our shepherd with everyone you meet.

We go to share the blessings of Christ.

Go forth and share the promise of our shepherd with those who feel unworthy of God's love.

We go to share the hope of the Holy Spirit.

Go forth and share the grace we have found in the love of our shepherd.

Choral Benediction Because He Lives

God sent His Son, they called Him Jesus,
He came to love, heal, and forgive;
He lived and died to buy my pardon,
An empty grave is there to prove my Saviour lives.
Because He lives I can face tomorrow,
Because He lives all fear is gone;
Because I know He holds the future.
And life is worth the living just because He lives.

Postlude

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RAISE THE ROOF FUNDRAISER

Our church is in need of major roof repairs to the cost of about \$ 50,000.00. Pictures have been placed on the bulletin board outside the board room for you to see. We have about \$ 5,000 donated already. We will have a thermometer on the bulletin board to keep you informed how we are doing. If you have any questions, please contact the chair of the Board of Stewards, John McLellan. All donations would be greatly appreciated. This project will be taking place in the early spring.

DRIVE THROUGH ROAST BEEF SUPPER

THURSDAY, MAY 3RD.

4:00 - 5:30 p.m.

Proceeds to the Roof Project.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

*April 27, 2018 Yard Sale 9:00 a.m. – 4:00m p.m.
April 28, 2018 U. C. W. Rally
at Forest Hill United Church
May 3, 2018 Drive Through Roast Beef Supper
May 5, 2018 Debec Quilters Show & Tea
May11, 2018 Musical Fundraiser Concert for Harper
July 12,13,14 Dooryard Arts Festival*

DEBEC TUESDAY QUILTERS 10TH ANNIVERSARY

Come Celebrate with us" Quilt Show. Saturday, May 5, 2018 from 11 am until 3 pm. Admission by donation only. Refreshments will be served. In the past ten years the Debec Tuesday Quilters have given away 480 comfort quilts. Please come out and see our handiwork and have a cup of tea with us.

PENTECOST-May 20th Transfers and Confirmation

Anyone who wishes to become a member of Saint James, through transfer of membership from another church or by confirmation, please contact Rev. Deb, as soon as possible, so that we can include you at our Pentecost service.

ALZHEIMER SOCIETY SUPPORT GROUP----

This support group meets at Saint James the 3rd Monday of each month. The next meeting will be from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. on May 21, 2018 . All those who are care givers may like to mark this on your calendars. Please call the church office to confirm meetings over the summer, as sometimes there are changes.

COFFEE HOUR *Special thanks to our Unity Group (UCW) for hosting coffee hour for the Month of April. If you would like to donate goodies feel free to drop off in the board room on Sunday. We are looking for group to be the host for the month of May.*

UPPER ROOMS FOR March and April Cost \$ 3.00

Both Small and Large Print are here.

YARD SALE *This is the week to bring your donations to Saint James before noon on Thursday, April 26, 2018.*

**WORKERS NEEDED THIS WEEK TO SET UP
AND ON FRIDAY TO WORK AT THE SALE.**

**SPECIAL THANKS TO THE SUNDAY SCHOOL AND ALL WHO
DONATED CEREAL TO THE FOOD BANK.
WE COLLECTED 52 BOXES.**