

Saint James United Church

April 8th, 2018 2nd Sunday in 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 What does peace mean for you?

DATES TO REMEMBER

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| Apr. 8 | Morning Worship
Covenanting with Elders
Sunday School
Coffee, Tea and Fellowship in Board Room | 10:30 a.m. |
| Apr. 10 | Games
Sparks and Pathfinders | 1:00 p.m.
6:30 p.m. |
| Apr 11 | Quilting Group
Choir | 1:00 p.m.
7:15 p.m. |
| April 13 | Eighth Acts Variety Show | 7:00 p.m. |
| Apr. 15 | Morning Worship
Sunday School * Children to bring Cereal for Food Bank
Coffee, Tea and Fellowship in Board Room
Guide Meeting in Board room | 10:30 a.m.
2:00 p.m. |

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 donation has been made to the General Fund in loving memory of David Drake by Saint James United Church Quilting Group, Jolene Caverhill.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

- April 8 Believers Share their possessions
- April 15 We are God's Children – Cereal Sunday
Children are collecting boxes of cereal for the Food Bank. A learning tool in sharing what we have.
- Apr.22 & 29 The Power of Love. The children are studying different versions of 23rd Psalm
- May 6 Called to live as God's children.
- May 13 Renewing the Community called to be faithful
- 20 God gives life to all creation.

This is the last full unit of this year's program. We will continue until June 10th with our closing worship here at Saint James and our annual Family Picnic at Jellystone to follow.

Call to Worship

This is the day to walk in the light.

This is the day to share signs of peace.

This is the day to believe where we have not seen.

This is the day to embrace what we cannot touch.

Come! Let us worship the Lord of life.

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Opening Prayer

God of manifold blessing, come to us this day. Come and bless us. Come and lead us into the light. For we come to you to find peace. We come to rediscover joy. We come to believe where we have not seen. We come to touch the glory of everlasting life, through the power of your Son. We come to truly live. Amen.

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Hymn VU# 412 – This Is the Day

Time for All Ages

Covenanting with Elders of Session

Let us hear the message of scripture.

There are different ways of serving, but the same God is served. There are different abilities to perform service, but the same God gives ability to each of us. The Spirit's presence is shown in some way in each person for the good of all. Christ is like a single body which has many parts. If one part of the body suffers, all the other parts suffer with it; if one part is praised, all the other parts share its happiness. All of us are Christ's body, and each one is a part of it.

Friends, we celebrate with joy and gratitude that you have been called by God, and chosen by the people of Saint James congregation for leadership in the church. This ministry is a blessing, an honour, and a responsibility. It recognizes your special gifts and calls you to work among us, with us, and on our behalf. We thank you and challenge you to offer your best to God, and to all God's people.

As you come to assume the duties of your office as elders,
Let us make a covenant before God and with one another.

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

To the elders

As a disciple of Jesus Christ, will you continue to live out your faith with praise and thanksgiving? Will you carry out your responsibilities in this congregation with integrity and joy?

I will, God being my helper.

To the congregation

Will you, the members of Saint James United Church, honour the leadership of these people? Will you assist them through daily prayer, generous support, and personal example, so that, together, we may be a faithful church of Jesus Christ?

We will, God being our helper.

Let us pray.

Loving God, you have called these people to serve you. Send your holy spirit upon them and upon us all that we may keep the promises we have made today. Help them to fulfill their responsibilities. May their leadership help us all to reflect your love and grace always. Amen.

In the name of God: Creator, Christ, and Spirit, we recognize and affirm you in your ministry as elders of Session.

Passing of the Peace

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Ministry of Music *“My Father’s House”*

Scripture Sharing Acts 4:32-35
Psalm 133, VU p.856 (remain seated)
1 John 1:1-2:2
John 20:19-31

Meditation

Music for Reflection

Hymn MV#137 – Welcome, Jesus, You Are Welcome

Presentation of the Offering “How Deep the Father’s Love for Us”

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

God of abundant grace, we live in a world where people’s worth is often tied to their wealth. You have shown us how good and pleasing it is when families live together as one. May the offerings we bring before you now be signs of our commitment to help those in need and to live together as the family of God. Amen.

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Minute for Mission

Announcements

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

Closing Hymn VU#586 – We Shall Go Out with Hope of Resurrection

Blessing and Sending Forth

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

Scriptures for April 15, 2018 – Third Sunday in Easter
Acts 3:12-19; Ps 4; 1 John 3:1-7; Luke 24:36b-48

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.

YARD SALE

Spring = House Cleaning

House Cleaning = Gathering items that you don't want or need.

Unwanted items = Donate to Saint James for the Spring Yard Sale to be held on Friday,

April 27, 2018 from 9-4.

SALAD PLATE FUNDRAISER

SPONSORED BY TRINITY UNITED CHURCH, DEBEC

Wednesday, April 18th

Will be delivered by 11:00 a.m.

See poster on Bulletin Board to place your orders.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CEREAL SUNDAY *The children are bringing in cereal for the Food Bank on Sunday, April 15th. Please join us!*

8th ACTS VARIETY SHOW *This year's date for our 8th Acts is Friday, April 13, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. here in the C. E. Centre. We will also be having a Silent Auction at this time.....so get your Acts fine tuned, and your items gathered for the Auction. Let Joan know if you have either of these. Thanks!!*

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 April 16, 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 Session committee for hosting coffee hour for the Month of March. If you would like to donate goodies feel free to drop off in the board room on Sunday. The Unity Group will be our Hostess for Coffee Hour the month of April.*

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

April 13, 2018 Eighth Acts 7:00 p.m. with Silent Auction
April 21, 2018 Fashion Show and Tea 2:00 p.m.
April 27, 2018 Yard Sale 9:00 a.m. – 4:00m p.m.
April 28, 2018 U. C. W. Rally-Forest Hill United Church
May 3, 2018 Drive Through Roast Beef Supper
July 12,13,14 Dooryard Arts Festival