



***St. James Lutheran Church
Belle Fourche, South Dakota
February 2012 Newsletter***

To the great members and friends of St. James Lutheran Church,

I have a chess set on my table that gets much use as people walk by or stop in. Chess is a fairly complicated game, and yet so many people want to play. I am decent at playing chess and can teach others how to play chess, but the game is not in there for me to win or lose or even for teaching. Yet the board and chess set are there so we can take time to talk. Chess takes time, and conversations take time, and the opportunity to play gives opportunity for laughter and serious talk as we play the game.

I don't play the game to win, although that might happen, but I play the game to get to know you and vice versa. I once played another pastor, and he bit me soundly, but he wouldn't play me again because I might figure out how to beat him. He saw the game as a way to one up each other, and that is not how I see it; the game is a game, not my life. Luke Norris is just starting to get to know me, and he is learning to play chess. He will learn to beat me, but more importantly, we will develop a relationship while playing the game. Kenny Coyle and I have been playing, and we are evenly matched, but it is the conversations that happen during the chess match that have me intrigued. My son, Isaac, is a formidable player, and he had the opportunity to play Abraham Gayetaye twice. The conversations that ensued were fascinating to listen to.

I have many different games in my office, different objects, and sometimes the room is a bit too cluttered. But the clutter is part of the stuff that enables me to actually sit and have a conversation about your relationship to God, to this church, and to this community. I love the opportunity to engage and have conversations while playing chess or fiddling with an art project over coffee in my office and sharing with you about the faith that makes you tick.

I look forward to your coming by and sitting down with me to teach me a new move in chess or to just have a conversation. Keep all the saints in prayer, those who are doing well and those who are struggling to make sense of their lives. I am praying for you and look forward to seeing you soon.

It's your move,

Pastor Jeff M. Otterman



Church Council Members

Pastor Jeff Otterman
President: Linda Rothermel
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Laura Young
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Genevieve Skogberg, Linda Stambaugh, Ann Turbiville,
and Kelly Walton



Meet Your Church Council

The following individuals are on the St. James Lutheran Church Council for 2012: Linda Rothermel, President; Paul Turbiville, Vice President; Cheri Speidel, Council Secretary; Tim Speidel, Treasurer; Tyler Bickerdyke, Trustee; Traci Nowowiejski, Trustee; Wade Pehl, Trustee; Larry Shoemaker, Trustee; David Sowell, Trustee; Laura Young, Trustee; Dean Haxton, Deacon; Kellie Pummel, Deacon; Genevieve Skogberg, Deacon; Linda Stambaugh, Deacon; Ann Turbiville, Deacon; and Kelly Walton, Deacon. Tracey Gallagher, Jeri Olson, & Sue Otterman are on the Board of Education, and Chip Conner, Dwight Gubrud, & Brian Stambaugh are on the Youth Committee.

Bread for the World Sunday

This Sunday, February 5, the congregation will be taking a collection for Bread for the World. Everyone is welcome to bring a loaf of bread or buns that will be placed on the altar during the church service. After church, you may pick out some bread and leave a donation for the Bread for the World Organization.

St. James Radio Broadcast

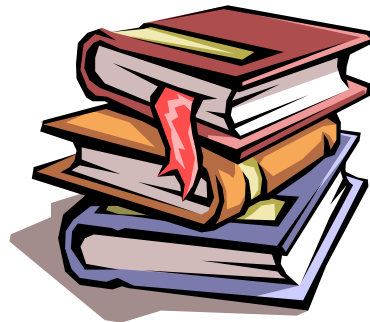
The Sunday worship service of St. James Lutheran is broadcast every Sunday on our local radio station. You may turn your radio to either KBFS-AM at 1450 or KYDT-FM at 103.1, and you will hear our worship service at 10:15 AM.

Sunday School Singing

Please remember that the Sunday school will be singing in church on Sunday, February 12. Parents, try to make sure your children are there so they can participate and show you the songs they have been learning!

Join the South Dakota Synod's "Big Read"

The congregations across South Dakota are invited to participate in "The Big Read" by reading and discussing together the book, Fearless: Imagine your Life Without Fear by Max Lucado. Pastor Lucado confronts the issue of fear and uncertainty with the straightforward good news of Jesus Christ. The book is a quick read and is perfect for use during the season of Lent. In fact, the services at St. James Lutheran during Lent will be based on this book. If you would like to order a copy of the book for yourself, you can buy the hardcover for \$15.98 or the paperback for \$2.99 at Amazon. If you need help in ordering this, please speak to Pastor Jeff or ask in the office, and we should be able to help you. But you must order quickly if you would like to have the book in time for our Lenten services.





Jerry Johnson Memorial Blood Drive

St. James Lutheran is one of the sponsors of the 3rd Annual Jerry Johnson Memorial Blood Drive on February 14 from 11 AM to 6 PM at the Moose Lodge. United Blood Services of South Dakota is responsible for providing blood to hospitals in South Dakota, Wyoming, and Nebraska. Currently 184 pints are needed every day, and an adequate supply of blood is a responsibility that we all share! You can schedule an appointment by calling Judy Johnson at 641-2432 or Val Shoemaker at 723-4051. Remember to bring a complete list of all your medications in the past month, and don't forget you need an I.D. to donate blood.

Chili with the Bishop

Join Bishop David Zellmer and members of the South Dakota Synod Staff for homemade chili, engaging conversation, and Bible study around our new synod vision "That All May Be Fed." Bishop Zellmer will be coming to our area on Sunday, February 12, at 5 PM where he will be at Calvary Lutheran Church in Rapid City at 5311 Sheridan Lake Road. There will be plenty of food for everyone. For more information, contact the Synod Office at 605-247-4011 or synod@sdsynod.org.

Check out our church website at www.silcbellefourche.org to find out about upcoming church events.

February LYO Schedule

Here is the February schedule for LYO:

- ✦ February 8 Diana Dschaak is hosting LYO
- ✦ February 15 Brendan & Tracey Gallagher are hosting LYO

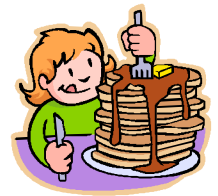
During Lent, the youth will still meet at the church to help with the soup suppers. The plan is to have a meeting after the church service, which begins at 6:30 PM.

Daffodil Days

Daffodil Days is one of the American Cancer Society's oldest and most beloved fundraising programs. As the first flower of spring, the daffodil represents hope and renewal. To the American Cancer Society, the daffodil symbolizes the hope we all share for a future where cancer no longer threatens those we love. For more than 35 years, the Daffodil Days program has empowered people to make a difference in the fight against cancer. If you would like to order some daffodils for someone who has been touched by cancer, there is a sign-up form on the bulletin board next to the kitchen with a variety of arrangements to choose from. Orders will be taken until February 20, and delivery will be in March. For more information, contact Genevieve Skogberg at 723-3015.

Fat Tuesday

To kick off the season of Lent, the Lutheran Men in Mission Group will be hosting the Fat Tuesday Pancake Feed on Tuesday, February 21, from 8 AM to 4 PM. Please come and enjoy some of the rather UNUSUAL pancakes for which this group has become famous!



Ash Wednesday Services

On February 22 there will be two Ash Wednesday services. The first service will be at 12 PM, and the second service will be at 7 PM.

Prayer Breakfast

After the success of last year's Prayer Breakfast on a Saturday morning, the Esther Circle will be hosting this year's Prayer Breakfast on Saturday, February 25, at 10 AM. Everyone is welcome!



Lenten Worship Services

Our Lenten services this year will be conducted by different area pastors on a rotating basis. Pastor Jeff will be conducting our Ash Wednesday services as well as the service on February 29. The March 7 service will be conducted by Pastor Dana Lockhart from Grand River Lutheran Church in Buffalo. On March 14, the service will be conducted by Pastor Jon Mapa from Atonement Lutheran Church in Rapid City. The service on March 21 will be conducted by Pastor Carol Mapa of Piedmont Valley Lutheran Church. Pastor Jeff will be back at our church for the final service on March 28. As mentioned earlier in the newsletter, the sermons will be based on the book Fearless: Imagine your Life Without Fear by Max Lucado.

Soup Suppers

We are continuing our tradition of soup suppers during the Lent season on Wednesdays with soup at 5:30 PM and the Lent service following at about 6:30 PM. Each week a different group will be responsible for bringing the soup, and the youth will be serving. The schedule for those making soup is:

- ✦ February 29—Officers
- ✦ March 7—Deacons
- ✦ March 14—Trustees
- ✦ March 21—Youth & Education
- ✦ March 28—Volunteers

If you have never attended one of the soup suppers, please come and join us for some soup and fellowship before the Lent service begins.

Youth/Family Hockey Night

Once again we will be going as a church group to watch the Rush hockey team play the Quad City Mallards in Rapid City on Friday, February 24, at 7:05 PM. Tickets in the Upper Bowl Seating are \$17.50 each. Last year we had about 35 people attend this event, and the year before we had about 90 people. If we carpool, it makes it easier for more people to go. Pastor Jeff will be purchasing the tickets for us, so you will need to reimburse him for the tickets. Please sign up at the back of the church if you wish to buy tickets and indicate how many tickets you need to buy. Then pay Pastor Jeff back as soon as possible because tickets will be purchased soon.

Annual Reports

If you did not make it to the Annual Meeting in January but would like to read the reports, you may stop in at the office and pick up a copy.

First Quarterly Mission Offering

Collection for our 1st Quarterly Mission Offering will be on the weekend of February 25 & 26. On Sunday, February 26, we will have a speaker coming from Outlaw Ranch to speak to the congregation about available camps and retreats. This speaker will also be speaking to the Sunday school children during their Sunday school worship time and will be giving a Children's Sermon during the church service. Please try to make sure you and your children will be in church that day to learn about all of the exciting things Outlaw Ranch has to offer! Lutherans Outdoors also has a "wish list" of items that are needed at either Atlantic Mountain Ranch or Outlaw Ranch. A few of the items needed are: work gloves (all sizes), batteries (all sizes), dish cloths and towels, new or gently used vehicles, binoculars for birding, board games, lawn games, toddler toys, and gentle riding horses, to name a few. A more complete list can be found in the church bulletins or the church office. We will be taking a collection of these items over the next few weeks until the Outlaw Ranch representative comes to speak at our church. We would like to give her a box of these donated items on February 26.



Outlaw Ranch Retreats



Outlaw Ranch will be holding 3 retreats in the next few months. Here is information about each of them:

- Middle School Retreat Grades 6-9 will be March 2-3, Friday at 7 PM until Saturday at 7 PM. Among all the demands and expectations at school, at home, on the sports field—everywhere—how do we CATCH up with what God is doing in our lives? Come to the retreat to find out! Cost is \$48 per youth and includes lodging, 3 meals, and programming. One adult per 8 youth is needed to stay in the cabin with youth and is complimentary. Registration deadline is February 22.
- Elementary Adventure Grades 3-6 will be Sunday, April 29, from 1:30 PM to 6:00 PM. Bring yourself and a friend to an afternoon of fun at camp gathered around the theme "God Gets It." Games, worship, singing, crafts, hiking, hayrides, campfire, s'mores, and supper will provide you a fun introduction to camp. Cost is \$15 per youth, and registration deadline is April 19.
- Women's Retreat: Living God's Calling in our World will be April 13-15, from Friday at 7 PM to Sunday at 11 AM. God calls us to love our neighbors. What exactly are we called to do? The retreat will be led by Dr. Laurie Jungling, Assistant professor of Religion and Ethics at Augustana College. Cost is \$88 in the lodge and \$75 in a cabin and includes 2 nights' lodging, 4 meals, and the program. Registration deadline is April 3.

For more information on any of these retreats, check out online at www.losd.org/retreats/index/html.

*Names in Italics
are Anniversaries*

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Chad Oelke Audrey Turbiville	2 Isaac Otterman Taylor Tobar	3 Dean Haxton Linda Rothermel	4 Joe Rothermel Phyllis Watts
5	6	7 Harvey Paulson	8	9 Lydia Stumpf	10 Leet Fowler Monte Raber <i>Tyler & Audrey Bickerdyke</i>	11 Lorraine Hendrickson
12 Donna Buer Jim Shevling	13	14 <i>Chuck & Sharon Capp</i> <i>Bob & Carol Rahja</i>	15	16	17 Jacob Eberhard	18 Dale Moncur
19 Heath Olson	20 Grey Carlson Lydia Kindsfater (100 Years Old) Kim McDonald	21 Daniel Kang	22 Natalia Biehl Ryan In't Veld Carol Rahja Cleve Schmidt	23 George Evans Taylor Gubbrud Melanie Nelson	24 Rosa Diers Wilma Straub Rick Walton	25
26 Arlene Fink Jason McLennan Jeffrey Shear	27	28 Noreen Aadland Todd Mertens Bob Rahja	29 <i>John & Del Sexton</i>			

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<p>Pre-Order the book <u>Fearless: Imagine Your Life Without Fear</u> by Max Lucado on</p>		<p>1 No Confirmation; Bell Choir 6:15 PM; LYO 6:30 PM; Choir 7:15 PM</p> 	<p>2 WELCA Meeting 2 PM</p>	<p>3 Lutheran Men in Mission 7 AM at Belle Inn</p>	<p>4 Worship 5 PM</p>
<p>5 9th Grade Mentoring 9 AM; Sunday School 9 AM; Worship 10:15 AM</p>	<p>6 PJ Day Off; Quilting 9-3</p>	<p>7 Quilting 9-3; Building & Grounds and Trustees 7 PM</p>	<p>8 Esther Circle 9 AM; Confirmation 4 PM; Bell Choir 6:15 PM; LYO 6:30 PM; Choir 7:15 PM</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10 Lutheran Men in Mission 7 AM at Belle Inn</p>	<p>11 Worship 5 PM</p> 
<p>12 Sunday School 9 AM; St. James Sunday School Singers; Worship 10:15 AM; Pastor's Retreat at Outlaw Ranch</p>	<p>13 PJ Day Off; Pastor's Retreat at Outlaw Ranch</p>	<p>14 Jerry Johnson Memorial Blood Drive 11 AM to 6 PM; Council 7 PM</p> 	<p>15 Confirmation 4 PM; Bell Choir 6:15 PM; LYO 6:30 PM; Choir 7:15 PM</p>	<p>16 Friendship Ministry 6 PM; Pastoral Support 6:30 PM; Deborah Circle 7 PM</p>	<p>17 Lutheran Men in Mission 7 AM at Belle Inn</p>	<p>18 Worship 5 PM</p>
<p>19 9th Grade Mentoring 9 AM; Sunday School 9 AM; Worship 10:15 AM; Bible Study 7 PM</p>	<p>20 PJ Day Off</p>	<p>21 Fat Tuesday 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM</p>	<p>22 Confirmation 4 PM; Ash Wednesday Services 12 PM & 7 PM</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24 Lutheran Men in Mission 7 AM at Belle Inn; Rush Hockey Game 7:05 PM</p>	<p>25 Prayer Breakfast 10 AM; Worship 5 PM</p>
<p>26 Sunday School 9 AM; Worship 10:15 AM; BP Clinic; Dinner Belle 5-7 PM; Bible Study 7 PM</p>	<p>27 PJ Day Off</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29 Confirmation 4 PM; Soup Supper 5:30 PM— Officers Bring Soup; Lent Service 6:30 PM; Choir after church</p>			