



It has been a wonderful summer so far even if it is just getting started. The gardens have exploded with all the rain and summer warmth. I will have to say that the mosquitoes seem to be delighted with the weather. Notwithstanding, I am thrilled that summer is here and the long winter is behind us. It has been a glorious summer.

As we start the back half of the year I am reminded to embrace the day. It has already been an interesting summer with a little bit of everything ranging from life's challenges to times of profound spiritual enlightenment. As one journey ends a new and exciting one begins. The summer, especially July, is a great time of reflection for me, for a variety of reasons and honoring times of major life changes. It is a time of gratitude as well.

I am hoping that for you this summer has been a will be a time of reflecting and relaxing. For some of you it will be a time of vacations, get-a-ways and trips to the beach. Traveling mercies to you all, wherever this summer's adventures take you. Remember to stop in to a local church and say hello and share with them about your home church and how God has touched your life. One of my fond memories as kids was my mother always had us stop by churches where ever and whenever we were visiting places to go in just say a little prayer and look around. She would say that it was important so when the day came to meet God face to face he would recognize us and remember we had stopped by to say hello. That funny little story still has me stopping by churches whenever I am on the road.

For some this has been a difficult and challenging summer. Perhaps even to the point of trying our faith. Please know that you are not on this journey alone. God is always with us and makes God's presence known by surrounding us the friends and family (as I like to say, some I'm related to). I truly believe that God is with me the most when times are hardest and I feel it the least. My history is proof. I believe it to be true for you as well.

Others of us are just laying low enjoying those lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer. Remember that list of everything we were going to do this summer....relax a little. The list is always bigger than the time and energy to do it. Do what you can, but remember to enjoy.

As we spend the summer relaxing and having fun we have so much to look forward to with a new season of worship, music and spiritual growth.

May your summer be a restful, revitalizing time, Spirit-filled and surrounded by the grace and love of God. And remember that regardless of where the summer takes you, you are held in God's unconditional love, boundless mercy, and unending grace and there is a place for you here in at St James. Have a great summer. See you Sunday!

Take care and be well, Peace

Ken

Altar Care

July: Marilyn Beattie

August: Marilyn Beattie

Communion Servers

July: Prepare: Jerry Lindke

Serve: Ralph Ski & Jerry Lindke

August: Prespare: Don Robertson

Serve: Bev Kulman & Jerry Lindke



July 5th - Open

July 12th – Bev & Gordie Kulman

July 19th - Open

July 26th - Open

August 2nd - Open

August 9th – Don & Betty Roberson

August 16th – Open

August 23rd - Open

August 30th - Open



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Please consider signing up as Usher & Greeters and/or Scripture Readers.

Scripture Readings for July

Sunday, July 5

*2 Sam 5:1-5, 9-10
*Ps 48 or Ezek 2:1-5
*Ps 123
*2 Cor 12:2-10
*Mark 6:1-13

Sent with Power

Sunday, July 12

*2 Sam 6:1-5, 12b-19
*Ps 24 or Amos 7:7-15
*Ps 85:8-13
* Eph 1:3-14
*Mark 6:14-29

God-Inspired Joy

Sunday, July 19

*2 Sam 7:1-14a
*Ps 89:20-37 or Jer 23:1-6
*Ps 23
*Eph 2:11-22
*Mark 6:30-34,53-56

Wherever You Are

Sunday, July 26

*2 Sam 11:1-15
*Ps 14 or 2 Kings 4:42-44
*Ps 145:10-18
*2 Eph 3:14-21
*John 6:1-21

God's Abundant Presence

Scripture Readings for August

Sunday, Aug. 2

*2 Sam 11:26-12:13a
*Ps 51:1-12 or Ex 16:2-4,9-15
*Ps 78:23-29
*Eph 4:1-16
*John 6:24-35

Bread of Life

Sunday, Aug. 9

*2 Sam 18:5-9,15,31-33
*Ps 130 or 1 Kings 19:4-8
*Ps 34:1-8
* Eph 4:25-5:2
*John 6:35,41-51

Shaping Community

Sunday, Aug. 16

*1 Kings 2:10-12;3:3-14
*Ps 111 or Prov 9:1-6
*Ps 34:9-14
*Eph 5:15-20
*John 6:51-58

Wisdom Quest

Sunday, Aug. 23

*1 Kings 8(1,6,10-11),22-30,41-43
*Ps 84 or Josh 24:1-2a,14-18
*Ps 34:15-22
*2 Eph 6:10-20
*John 6:56-69

At Home with God

Sunday, Aug. 30

*Song of Sol 2:8-13
*Ps 45:1-2,6-9 or Deut 4:1-2,6-9
*Ps 15
*James 1:17-27
*Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23

Be Love



Prayers for

Ellen Grimnes, Joe Tocco and family, David, Joe and Carmela, Doris Sues, Karen Marie, Mary, Barbara, Anne Enders, Leo Solomon, Tom and Sandy A & family, Carlene Kaniski, Erin, Sue, Kenny Murphy, Scott, Erin and Charlie, Jeremy, Brian, Carol, Rachel, Matt, Ken, Mimi, Dan, Kathy, Jeff, George, Maraleen

For those

- in recovery and those struggling with addiction
- imprisoned and those responsible for their care
- homeless, hungry and abused
- having difficulty in their relationships
- facing financial hardships and issues with employment
- home caregivers
- those in the armed forces, for protection and peace
- traveling mercies for those on geographic and spiritual journeys
- our own personal transformation

REV. DR. KEN GADD, PASTOR can be reached at (810) 326-0592 or kgadd@ourstjameschurch.org for all your pastoral needs.

Adventures in Faith Announcement

Please do not forget Adventures In Faith is still collecting cans and bottles for our adopted children. Please leave them in the garage, by the back door or contact Don or Betty Robertson and they will pick them up.

Gardener needed

We are looking for a volunteer be in charge of the flowers beds and get help through the season. Please help us keep St. James looking beautiful. If you are interested, please let any council member know.

Kids In Distress

Donations needed this month are: Twin sheets, bath towels and summer cloths. There is a bin in the basement for donations. If you get them here....we will get them there.



2015 Graduates

Taylor Christin Lindke

Taylor's parents are Jerry and Kim Lindke. She is graduating from Marine City High School and planning to attend Macomb Community College in the fall. Her goals are to get a bachelor's degree and possibly a masters. Ultimately have a job she loves and a family someday. Taylor loves to learn new things and says that her classes is what she will miss most about high school.

Joel Szymanski

Joel's parents are Denise Szymanski and Jason Szymanski. He is graduating from Richmond High School and planning to attend Macomb Community College. His goal is to get a Business Degree. Ultimately being what he can be to his full potential and striving at what his job or profession is. Joel will miss the friends, the classes and the daily routine of high school.

