



Tell me it is not so, June already! Although I am looking forward to this summer I am taken aback by how quickly it arrives.

There seems to be a very interesting shift in energy that comes with summer. It feels as though it is nature's way of reminding us to slow down, take it easy and enjoy life. Perhaps we should pay attention to that.

Here comes my summer sermon to myself. This year I even actually plan to listen to myself. So if you want to hear it, here it is. Otherwise go get an ice tea and sit on the deck for a minute and come back to read the last couple paragraphs.... It is summer, a time to slow down, go to the beach, sit lazily under a tree and read, or simply enjoy time with family and friends. I think the key is to not try to rush through the relaxation. Just be present and enjoy. You know that long list of things you need to get done this summer. I say start the summer accepting the fact that the list is bigger than there is summer and get done what you can but not at the expense of having some time for yourself.

They say, whoever they are, that to help assure successful follow through we should tell people what we are planning to do. That way they can remind us of our commitments. That being said, I am going to say this out loud. I think I am going to take a vacation this year and go up to Alaska and see my daughter, son in law and grandkids. I am checking Meggan's (my daughter) schedule and am putting a plan in motion. I might also even take a couple, couple day trips this summer.

Summer is an interesting time of renewal, discovery, and of transformation. The summer is full of exciting opportunities such as graduations, employment, weddings and vacations. I also know that for some of us this is a challenging time with much going on including issues with health, finances and relationships. Whatever the summer holds for us, know that we lift each other up and keep each other in our hearts and in our prayers.

As we wind down one church year, I know that some of you are already busy planning and getting ready for the fall season here at St James as well. So many of you are so busy in selfless ministry. Please remember to take time to breathe and enjoy. This includes Music, Sunday School, outings, fun activities, meals, events, coffee hours, keeping the inside and outside of the property well cared for, bulletins and newsletters published, and on and on and on. Makes me want to rest just thinking about how hard you all work. A BIG thank you to all of you.

I am glad we can all take a well-deserved break and allow things to be just a little more casual. As we venture off for a time of reflection, vacations and summer fun, remember that wherever you are, God is there also. So when you have an opportunity, stop in other churches along the road and say "hello". Wherever you are, God is always happy to see you. And when you are back in town, we look forward to seeing you at St. James.

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 first month of summer. I look forward to sharing the summer with you.

Take care and be well, Peace, Ken

Altar Care for June

Bev Kulman



June 7th - Open

June 14th - Open

June 21st - Open

June 28th - Open

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

Communion Servers for June

Prepare: Bev Kulman

Serve: Bev Kulman & Devon Klomp



June 7th - Open

June 14th - Teri Wagner

June 21st - Teri Wagner

June 28th - Open

Scripture Readings for June

Sunday, June 7

- *1 Sam 8:4-11, 16-20
- *Ps 138 or Gen 3:8-15
- *Ps 130
- *2 Cor 4:13-5:1
- *Mark 3:20-35

The Will of God

Sunday, June 21

- *1 Sam 17:32-49 or 1 Sam 17:57-18:5, 18:10-16
- *Ps 133
- *Ps 9:9-20 or Job 38:1-11
- *Ps 107:1-3, 23-32
- *2 Cor 6:1-13
- *Mark 4:35-41

In the Boat Together

Sunday, June 14

- *1 Sam 15:34-16:13
- *Ps 20 or Ezek 17:22-24
- *Ps 92:1-4, 12-15
- *2 Cor 5:6-10, (11-13), 14-17
- *Mark 4:26-34

Flourishing

Sunday, June 28

- *2 Sam 1:1, 17-27
- *Ps 130 or
- Wis of Sol 1:13-15, 2:23-24
- *Ps 30
- *2 Cor 8:7-15
- *Mark 5:21-43

Healing Powers



Prayers for

Ellen Grimnes, Joe Tocco and family, David, Joe and Carmela, Doris Suess, 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

If there are updates to the prayer list including names to be added or removed, please contact me via phone or email. Thank you

Also, just as a reminder we have a box in the vestibule for submitting prayer request. I check it every week to add names to my weekly prayer list. It is the little wood church that we all keep tripping over in the doorway to the vestibule☺.

Be kind to yourself, Peace

Pastor Ken

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



Graduation Time

Please join us Sunday, June 7th as we honor our Graduates. Join us for worship and a celebration coffee hour following.

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.

Vacation Bible School

St. Paul's Lutheran Church at 5322 Palms Road, Casco Twp. will be having their Vacation Bible School during the week June 22-26. 9:00am until Noon at the church.

They will be using material from Concordia Publishing:

Camp Discovery – "Jesus at Work through Us"

Students ages 3 years old through 5th grade are welcome. To register, please call St. Paul's Church at 810-765-4808 or you may pick up a registration in the Vestibule at St. James. There is a \$10 donation per child to help cover the expenses for the week.

