

ST. JAMES LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Aura Suárez Relocating To Florida

As you already know, my husband, Pedro Manuel Suárez, accepted a call to be the pastor of St. Stephen Lutheran Church in Pompano Beach, Florida.

For that reason I'm moving to Florida at the end of April 2015 to join him there. I also have my youngest sister and a niece with their families over there. My last Sunday serving in worship at St James is April 12.

It seems like yesterday when I arrived at St. James to serve as the Minister for Outreach, although it was three and a half years ago. I'm thankful to God for the opportunity to serve in this beautiful community of faith. I am extremely grateful for the gift of having known all of you and walking together during this time. You have supported me and encouraged me to continue to grow in the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ. You have been an example of love, faithfulness, solidarity, and hope.



Although I'm leaving and my heart has mixed feelings, I trust that God, who started this mission Santiago Apóstol, will continue to develop it. I would encourage you to continue to support the leadership of St. James / Santiago Apóstol with your presence, your prayers, and your financial support to continue making a difference in our community. "I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith." (Ephesians 3:16-17) My prayers will be with you always.

With brotherly love, your sister in Christ,

Aura Suárez

Farewell and Godspeed To Aura Suárez

It is with great sadness that we must say good-bye, farewell, and Godspeed to Aura Suárez, the leader of our Latino ministry, and a co-leader of our all our ministries at St. James/Santiago Apóstol. Aura will be dearly missed. Her husband, Pedro Suarez, has accepted a call to a church in Pompano Beach, Florida. This means that our Vicar and Seminarista, Aura Suárez, will join him in

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Florida. Her last Sunday with us will be April 12, and her last day will be April 15. The good news is that Aura will continue to be a worker in the gospel in Florida with Pedro, and that she will be with us in spirit and in our prayers. We are sad that Aura will be leaving us here at St. James/Santiago Apóstol, but we are also excited for her new opportunities in Florida, and for Pastor Pedro's new calling. We wish them both the very best and much love.



Worship Schedule For Holy Week And Easter



***Maundy Thursday (April 2) – 7:00 p.m.**



***Good Friday (April 3) – 12:00 noon**

This will be a joint service of the MANNA churches. It will be held **at St. John United Church of Christ**, located at 4606 Mangum Road. (This is north of 43rd Street, on the east side of the railroad tracks.) If weather permits, the service will be held in the cemetery garden which is behind the building. Following the service, a light lunch will be served in the fellowship hall of St. John.

***Easter (April 5)**

10:00 a.m. - English-language service

12:00 noon - Spanish-language service



Welcome To Adriana Johnson-Rivas



Aura and Arthur will introduce our new interim pastor and mission developer to the Wednesday evening Prayer Circle on April 8. Her name is Adriana Johnson-Rivas, and she has been serving at another church in Houston. She will join us and serve both churches on a part-time basis. Adriana's first Sunday with us will be April 19, and we look forward to her leadership of the Latino ministry at St. James/Santiago Apóstol beginning Sunday, April 19. Welcome Adriana!

“Egg”stravaganza A Hit!

The 8th Annual Easter “Egg” extravaganza took place on March 28 and 29. Eleven children participated in the classes on Saturday, but attendance was swelled by a number of teenagers who assisted with the classes.

Themes for this year were:

- 1) People Welcome Jesus to Jerusalem;
- 2) The Last Supper;
- 3) Jesus dies on the Cross;
- 4) Jesus Talks to Mary in the Garden.



Activities included the decoration of crosses, cookie decoration, and the learning of a song and a Bible verse.

Parents attended a joint bilingual service with their children on Palm Sunday, where the children recited the Bible verse they had learned and sang a song. A reception followed after church, ending with an Easter egg hunt in which all the children participated.

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Aura Suárez

Thanks Go To The Cooks!

Delicious soup suppers were served each Wednesday evening during Lent, prior to the worship service. We are grateful to all the ladies who prepared or donated food for these meals. They are: Maria Grimsley, Blanquita Lem, Patty Mejia, Maria Elena Vazquez, Vicki Faulkner, Rosa Salceda, and Diana Garcia.

Please Use Offering Envelopes

It will be helpful to the tellers who count each Sunday's offering if contributions are placed in an envelope with your name written on it. Empty envelopes can be found in the church pews. Checks not put in envelopes must be listed separately on each week's record of offerings received. Cash offerings can be credited to the person who contributed them only if they are placed in an envelope with the giver's name written on it. At the end of each year our bookkeeper prepares statements of each person's contributions for the year if the giver could be identified. This record is then available for tax purposes.

*Where your
treasure is,
there will
your heart
be also.
Matt. 6:21*

My Offering

Name _____
Address _____
Amount _____

\$15,000 Capital Campaign

Please join our efforts to raise \$15,000
to repair St. James Church.

Work to be done:

- ⇒ Paint and repair NARTHEX
- ⇒ Renovate Fellowship Hall
- ⇒ Replace heating and cooling system in Pastor's office
- ⇒ Replace exterior lighting system
- ⇒ General painting
- ⇒ General servicing of all air conditioning

Your contribution will make a difference.

Thank you!

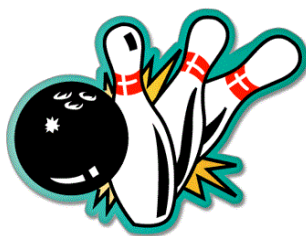


MANNA Bowling Fundraiser Rescheduled

MANNA's Bowling and Silent Auction Fundraiser, originally planned for March 21, has been re-scheduled to Saturday, May 30. It will be held from 8:00 p.m. until midnight at the Del-Mar Lanes, located at 3020 Mangum. Funds raised will go to support MANNA's assistance programs.

If you would like to contribute to this fundraiser, various options are available, ranging from attendance (\$15) and playing on a bowling team (\$40) to various levels of sponsorship (\$250, \$400, and \$800). You may also donate items for the silent auction or simply make a gift to support MANNA's mission. Tickets may be purchased online at <http://sparesometimeformanna.eventbrite.com/>.

For more information contact Robert Rivera at St. James or Executive Director Patricia Dornak at 713-504-5486.



Worship Assistants

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April 2015

DATE	USHER	ASSISTING MINISTER	ALTAR CARE	TELLER
Apr. 2 7:00 p.m.	Elizabeth Baber	Vicki Faulkner	Elizabeth Baber	(Count on Sun.)
Apr. 5 10:00 a.m.	Rose Rivera	Steve Grimsley	Elizabeth Baber	Steven Gould
Apr. 12 10:00 a.m.	Kimberly Tessier	Steve Grimsley	Elizabeth Baber	Vicki Faulkner
Apr. 19 10:00 a.m.	Terry White	Vicki Faulkner	Elizabeth Baber	Steven Gould
Apr. 26 10:00 a.m.	Robert Rivera	Steve Grimsley	Elizabeth Baber	Vicki Faulkner

Happy Birthday To You!

¡Feliz Cumpleaños!



April / Abril 4	Olin Weber
April / Abril 7	Joyce Kurtz
April / Abril 7	Daniel Weber
April / Abril 9	Kristopher M. Ventura
April / Abril 10	Francisca B. Hernandez
April / Abril 20	Kimberly Tessier
April / Abril 22	Dylan Murphy
April / Abril 24	Luz'Angelica M. Galicia
April / Abril 28	Kevin Raschke



Sunday Worship (English) at 10 A.M.

Misa en Domingo (Español) a las 12 del mediodía

Christian Education | Catecismo: Sunday | Domingo @ 11 A.M.

Prayer Circle/Bible Study | Circulo de Oración/Estudios Bíblicos:

Wednesday | Miercoles @ 7 P.M.

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