

ST. JAMES LUTHERAN CHURCH

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New Musician Joins St. James

This summer we welcome a new musician--Leibelisse Almanza, Leibe (LAY-BEE), she will assist Pastora Adriana and Pastor Arthur lead the second service at 12:30 p.m., and substitute for Sergei Savitski when needed at the 10:00 a.m. service.

Leibe has already started to work with the choir for the second service and is teaching them the songs for each Sunday on Wednesday nights after the Prayer Circle. All are welcome to come join the choir at 7:45 p.m. on Wednesday nights for practice. Leibe and the choir have really helped the spirit and energy of the second service. Please be sure to meet and thank Leibe for her music ministry with us.



Summer Intern Helps at St. James

Our summer intern is Chris Hazlaris, who will be a senior at Fordham University. He comes to us as a Synod LEAD (Living Everyday As Disciples) intern. He joined us on June 16 and hit the ground running with Camp Hope Rodeo. By leading the high school youth and shepherding the young campers as a friend and role model, he has contributed hugely to the development of our youth ministry.

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He is now helping Pastor Arthur and Pastora Adriana in the church office with research into the communities around St. James for outreach purposes. He will also assist the Family Life Center with research and with serving clients that come to St. James for assistance. Please welcome Chris and make sure you get to meet him this summer.



2015 Reading Contest Is Underway



The 2nd Annual “Reading” and “Read to Me” Contest, which officially began on July 12, is in full swing. All children and teens are encouraged to participate. Infants, toddlers, and pre-kindergarten children can also participate by being read to by their siblings and/or parents. Each participant will track the number of minutes read each day, track the name of the book or magazine read, and have the parents sign off on the minutes read each day. In 2014 six children read over 200 books and clocked over 2500 minutes. Our goal for 2015 is to have at least 20 participants read 5000 minutes between July 12 and August 12. So come by the Library Room today and pick up a Sign Up Sheet and start Reading!! For more information, contact Rose Rivera.

Youth Group Gathering

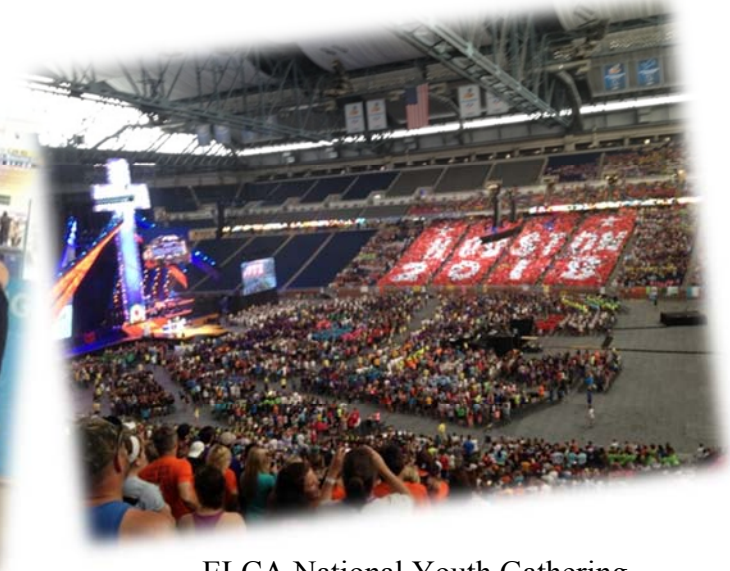
Every Friday from 7 PM – 10 PM, the Youth Group Gathering takes place here at St. James. Join us for some fun and to share the word of God.



ELCA National Youth Gathering



The ELCA National Youth Gathering was held in Detroit, Michigan, this year from July 15-20. Over 30,000 youth, young adults, and adult mentors gathered at Ford Field in Detroit for evening worship, learning events, and dynamic speakers focused on enlivening and strengthening the faith of young Lutherans. During the day, the youth fanned out across the City of Detroit to do hundreds of service projects to aid the city wherever help was needed. Pastor Arthur attended the gathering with four youth from St. James: Vanessa Ferretiz, Elyse King, Edgar Rauda, and Yaquelyn Gonzalez. Our summer intern, Chris Hazlaris, also attended. The St. James/Santiago Apostol group did joint fundraisers to raise money for the trip, and traveled with two other local congregations who are good mission partners for us—Faith Lutheran Church in Bellaire and Christ the King Lutheran Church in the Rice Village. Stay tuned for the youth to report on their experiences in the September *Herald* newsletter!



ELCA National Youth Gathering
2018 will be in Houston!

Capital Campaign Progresses



The Capital Campaign has now received pledges of about \$13,400 and is getting closer to our goal of \$15,000. The purpose of the campaign is to improve the appearance of the church for first-time visitors and guests with new paint, sheetrock, and other repairs and to replace major maintenance items, especially the HVAC air conditioning units which are deteriorating badly. If you have already made a pledge, please continue your giving to complete the pledges that you have so generously made. If you haven't given yet, please prayerfully consider making a capital campaign donation this summer.

Refrigerator Leak Repaired And Kitchen Cleaned

In June one of the church's refrigerators sprang a leak and flooded the kitchen. This leak was compounded by a leak between the walls behind the refrigerator caused by the air conditioner. We are grateful to Rogelio Roman and Victor Popoca for repairing the plumbing leak.

Another group of volunteers spent a Saturday in June cleaning out the cabinets in the kitchen. Everything was removed from the cabinets, dishes and shelves were washed, and then everything was put back into the cabinets. Thanks go to Diana Garcia, Luz Hernandez, Rita Tovar, Perla Popoca, Jasmine Ventura, Mia Ventura, and Mia Martinez for all the effort they put into this very large project.



Latino Mission Table

On Sunday, August 16, from 3:00-5:00 p.m., we will host a Latino Mission Table, led by Robert Rivera. We hope to have you here, along with 100 other participants from Latino and Anglo congregations, to talk with Bishop Mike Rinehart, the synod staff, and the largest Houston congregations about how our churches can partner together to support Latino ministries in Houston in bigger and better ways. We will learn some things about our own cultures and backgrounds, whether it is Latino or Anglo or something else. We will laugh, sing, and pray, and then we will make a joint plan for Latino Mission for the future of our church, the Houston area, and the entire Gulf Coast Synod area. Please make it a point to join us for this important meeting on August 16.

Family Life Center

Please join us as we organize a school supply drive for the next coming school year. We are targeting at least 10 families from our local community. If you would like to make a donation, please contact Robert Rivera.

MANNA will sponsor its 2nd Annual Auction and BBQ fund raiser on Saturday, October 10th. The event will be held at the Houston Liederkrantz Hall, 5100 Ella Blvd. Come and enjoy live music and good food. Please talk to Robert Rivera or Elizabeth Baber for details.



Worship Assistants

DATE	USHER	ASSISTING MINISTER	ALTAR CARE	TELLER
Aug. 2 10:00 a.m.	Rose Rivera	Steve Grimsley	Vicki Faulkner	Stephen Gould
Aug. 9 10:00 a.m.	Elizabeth Baber	Orie Clark III	Maria Grimsley	Stephen Gould
Aug. 16 10:00 a.m.	Kimberley Tessier	Vicki Faulkner	Maria Grimsley	Stephen Gould
Aug. 23 10:00 a.m.	Elizabeth Baber	Steve Grimsley	Maria Grimsley	Stephen Gould
Aug. 30 10:00 a.m.	Robert Rivera	Vicki Faulkner	Maria Grimsley	Stephen Gould

Happy Birthday To You!



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| July 3 | Linda Clark |
| July 7 | Connor Murphy |
| July 8 | Robert Rivera |
| July 16 | Ivon Garcia |
| July 20 | Kathy Patrick |
| July 25 | Vicki Faulkner |
| July 30 | Elizabeth Hernandez |
| August 2 | Gloria Raschke |
| August 5 | Brenda B. Cabrera |
| August 13 | Irwin Garcia |
| August 19 | Michael Golden |
| August 25 | Micalyn Muske |
| August 29 | Javier Rivera |



Sunday Worship (English) at 10 A.M.

Misa en Domingo (Español) a las 12:30 P.M.

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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