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January—February Newsletter

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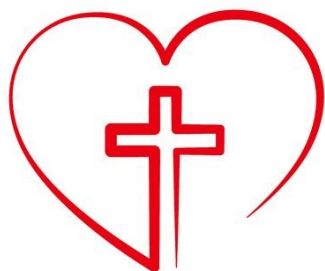
Monday—7:30 am to 3:00 pm

Tuesday—7:30 am to 3:00 pm

Wednesday—7:30 am to 3:00 pm

Thursday—7:30 am to 3:00 pm

Friday—7:30 am to 3:00 pm



Sunday Worship—8:00 am and 10:15 am



From Pastor Aden's Desk



LETTING THE LIGHT SHINE THROUGH

A little girl was with a touring group walking through a great cathedral. The guide stopped and gave an explanation of the various features enabling the little girl to pause transfixed by a beautiful stained glass window. She remained silent for a long moment, looking up at the various figures in the window, her face bathed in a symphony of color as the afternoon sun streamed through the brilliant glass in the sanctuary.

As the group was about to move on, she gathered her courage and asked a question of the tour guide. "Who are those people in the pretty window?" she asked. "Those, my child, are the saints," he replied.

That night, as the little girl was getting ready for bed, she told her mother proudly, "I know who the saints are." "Oh?" replied the mother. "And just who *are* the saints?" Without hesitation the little one replied, "They are the people who let the light shine through!"

Her definition may never find its way into a theological textbook, but this little girl gave voice to a truth that is both profound and Scriptural. God's saints *are* those through whom He chooses to shed His light upon this darkening world.

"You are a chosen people," God says, *"a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light."* (1 Peter 2:9)

Like shafts of light that pierce the gathering gloom, the wonderful deeds of God are to "shine through" the lives of His believers. Or in the Savior's words, His followers are to let their light shine before men that they may see their good deeds and praise their father in heaven (Matthew 5:16). Paul explains later: "It is God who works in you to will and to act according to his good purpose." (Philippians 2:13). God's good purpose is that the world would see Him through the good deeds of His believers.

What a great reminder for us as we continue into the Epiphany season—a season when Jesus is revealed as the Savior and Light of the world. We have just started a new year and have thought about our past, perhaps even made a resolution or two for the year to come. May we strive to let our attitudes, our words, and our deeds be a beautiful reflection of Christ's love, mercy, and tender kindness.

The Bible tells you and me that we are saints. Saints because of Christ. Saints because we have been washed clean in the blood of the Lamb. Let us continue to live as saints, those called to let the light shine through in everything we think, say, and do—all to God's glory.



Pastor Darin Aden

From the Church President



Happy New Year everyone.

Christmas is now over. The decorations are being put away for another year and now we have our cold January. Even though Christmas is over, let's not forget the coming of our Savior throughout the year.

Several weeks from now we'll start observing the Lenten season when we hear why Jesus came to earth. He came to die for our sins on the cross and rise again on the third day so that we can be with him in heaven when we leave this world.

A lot of things have happened this year. Pastor Aden, Karla Aden, Mr. Zimmerman and Mr. Stuebs all received calls this past year. We are thankful to our Gracious God that they have returned their calls and are continuing their ministries here at St. John-St. James.

In October the congregation voted to call a second Pastor in 2022. We have started a Ministry Reserve Fund as part of our 2 for 22 campaign.

Thanks to the generosity of many of our members, we now have the new Hymnal.

On Reformation Sunday, October 31st, we celebrated the 25th Anniversary of our pipe organ. Charles Bonow did a very wonderful job presenting his Reformation Service. Also, thank you to Gary and Debbie Bernhardt for serving as soloists. Our members really loved the service.

As we look forward to 2022 we have many exciting things and also many challenges.

The Omicron variant is spreading very fast in our country right now. We pray that God will protect us from this variant with mild symptoms if we catch it.

Our plan is to call a second Pastor either from the field or the Assignment committee in 2022.

This year Pastor Aden is celebrating 25 years in the ministry. We will be hearing more about this. There is an article in this newsletter about his 25th Anniversary in the ministry.

Our January Ministry Planning voter's meeting is January 23. There are several important items on the agenda. Also, we will have election of church council members. We thank the members who have consented to run for council. Also, thank you to our outgoing church council members for your service to our church and our Lord.

And finally I would like to thank everyone who volunteered to do things for our church, our school and our Lord. Without you, our church and school would have a very hard time operating.

Yours in Christ,
Daniel Duchow



Early Childhood Program Preview

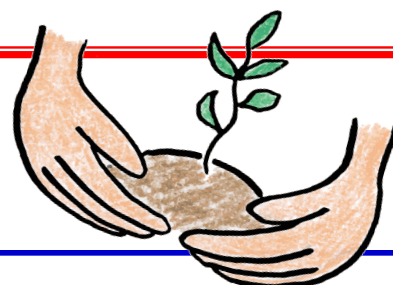


The SJSJ Early Childhood program will hold two previews for prospective students.

Please invite anyone who might be interested. On **January 24th and 26th at 6 PM**, families with children who will turn 3, 4, or 5 by September 1, 2022 are invited to meet the teachers, tour the building, and learn more about our early education program. If you would like a brochure to hand to a neighbor or family member or friend--stop in the school office. Contact Karla Aden at kaden@stjohnstjames.com for more information.



Grow in Grace



Grow in Grace, the Seminary's continuing education division, began offering retreats in 2012. Retreats are held for those marking 3 years since Seminary graduation, for those celebrating 10 years in the ministry, for those celebrating 25 years in the ministry, and for those who are marking 35 years in the ministry. The retreat is meant to be a time of ministry refreshment, not only celebrating the milestone, but also giving encouragement through worship and Bible study, and providing opportunity to reconnect with peers.

Pastor Aden is celebrating 25 years in the ministry this year. He and his Seminary class has the opportunity to attend the retreat this year. Pastor and Karla would like to attend this retreat. Pastor Aden will get a chance to see a lot of his classmates that he hasn't seen in a long time.

The Celebration of Ministry retreat will be held from April 25 through April 27 in San Antonio, Texas. The cost of this retreat for Pastor and Karla will be around \$1700.00 depending on the cost of airfare.

The council has decided that this would be a very nice 25th Anniversary gift for Pastor Aden from the congregation. We are asking our members if they would like to contribute toward this gift for Pastor and Karla. This would be a very good way of saying thank you to Pastor and Karla for everything that they do for our congregation and our Lord.

If you would like to contribute, please mark your envelope "Pastor Retreat" and put it in the offering plate.

Dan Duchow



Worship Committee News



- 1) Av booth signup has been generated on line in signup genius and sent out to people who have AV booth experience. Some spots have already been filled.
- 2) Usher Meeting – the committee reviewed the usher duties and made a few edits that were needed. We have scheduled an usher meeting for January 16th at 9:00 in the sanctuary.
- 3) We will bring back the Wednesday Lenten meals this year. A Lenten meal signup sheet will be placed in the West office for groups to sign up.
- 4) Music stage update –Phil will be getting more information with detailed plans and potential cost.
- 5) AV booth will also have a small renovation to level the floor from the first pew to the railing and add a more permanent desk/workspace.
- 6) Next meeting – February 7th at 5:30pm.



Contribution Statements



Contribution Statements will be available starting Sunday, January 23. We will be emailing your contribution Statements this year. If you want a printed copy please contact the church office at 920-754-4568.

If you do not have an email your paper copies will be in back of the church to pick up.

Lenten Information



Our Lenten adventure starts with the Ash Wednesday Worship Services—3:15 pm & 6:30 pm on Wednesday March 2, 2022.

Each Wednesday after Ash Wednesday will be a weekly Lenten Wednesday Worship Service at 3:15 pm & 6:30 pm. Lenten Sundays will be the same time as our usual Sunday Services at 8:00 am and 10:15 am.

Lenten meals will start on Ash Wednesday from 4:00 pm—6:00 pm. Sign-up sheet is in the West Church office if you would like to help out or sponsor a meal?

St. John-St. James Holy Week schedule starts with the Palm Sunday Service on Sunday, April 10 at 8:00 am and 10:15 am.

Maundy Thursday Service—Thursday April 14th at 6:30 pm.

Good Friday Service—Friday, April 15 at 3:15 pm.

Easter Sunrise Song Service—Sunday, April 17 at 6:00 am.

Easter Sunday Service—Sunday, April 17 at 8:00am and 10:15 am.

Come and join us on our Lenten Journey!



Endowment Report



FINANCIAL REPORT DECEMBER 31, 2021

SAGE POINT (#8201 AND #3137)**Original Invest****Fund Balance**#8201 **Fund A** (Special Projects - P&I Can Be Disbursed)

N/A Fund Balance \$ 2,768 \$ 2,768(2.4%)&

#8201 **Fund C** (Educ. Assist. - Interest only Disbursed)

\$ 103,060= (Gain) \$ 9,512 \$ 112,572(97.6%)*

#8201 **Fund D** (Non Budget - Interest Only Disbursed)

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Total #8201 \$ 115,340

#3137 **Fund E** (Interest to Gen. Fund)

\$295,565 Gain (Loss) \$ 23,452 #3137 \$ 311,823

TOTAL INVESTED BALANCE SAGE INVEST \$ 427,163**MORGAN STANLEY****Original Invest****Fund Balance**#1105 **Fund A** (Stimulus - Special Projects - P&I Can Be Disbursed)

\$45,562 JBALX - \$27,701 & AMBFX - \$26,857 \$ 54,552

Gain (Loss) \$ 8,990

\$20,000 # (Second Pastor HBLIX) Gain (Loss) \$ 316 \$ 20,316

#1105 **Fund B** (Improvements - Interest only Disbursed)

\$ 58,537 Gain (Loss) \$ 12,300+ \$ 70,837

Total Fund #1105 \$ 145,705

#2210 **Fund E** (Interest to Gen. Fund)

\$305,424 Gain (Loss) \$ 21,782# \$ 327,206

TOTAL INVESTED BALANCE MORGAN STANLEY \$ 472,911

SHIPBUILDERS CREDIT UNION \$ 149@

TOTAL INVESTMENTS \$ 900,223

			(Jan-June)	(July-June)	(July - June)	(July-June)
DISBURSEMENTS	2017	2017-18	2018 - 19	2019 - 20	2020 - 21	2021-22
Fund A	0	\$ 5,000 BF0	0	0	0	
Fund B	0	\$ 4,900 BF	\$1,400	\$2,700+	\$6,630+	0
Fund C	\$ 1,500	0	\$5,130 @	0	\$4,000@	0
Fund D	0	\$ 1,900 BF0	0	0	0	
Fund E	\$20,000	\$ 45,000	\$20,000	\$25,000	\$65,000	\$20,000#

Total given to General Fund (Fund E) \$306,434 & \$20,000 2nd Pastor Fund

Sept 30, 2021 Invest Summary Sage #8201- Equities %, Cash 2%, Mutual 98%

#3137 - Equities 8%, Cash 1% , Mutual 91%

Morgan Stanley #1105- Equities 66%, Fixed Income 33% and Cash 1%

#2210- Equities 76%, Fixed Income 21%, and Cash 3%

+ \$2,700 disbursed for chancel lights, electricity to new outdoor sign, \$6,630 for keys & piano

=Feb 2020 received \$41,921 from Treichel estate designated for Educ Assist therefor

percentages have changed from previous reports.

& Fund D was combined into Fund A because of small balances.

@ \$4,000 given in 2019-2020 and disbursed in 2020 - 2021. \$8,345 received and \$200 from 2020 for tuition assistance. \$5,600 to MLC and \$3,100 to MLHS

\$20,000 Transferred to HBLIX Fund for second pastor fund



February 2022



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
			3:30 pm Public School Confirmation Class			
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
8:00 am MESSENGERS Worship Service 8:00 am Gr. 3-8 Sing 9:15 am Sunday School, CREW & Bible Study 10:15 am MESSENGERS			3:30 pm Public School Confirmation Class	No School	No School	
13		14	15	16	17	18
8:00 am Communion Worship Service 9:15 am Sunday School & Bible Study 9:15 am No CREW 10:15 am Communion Worship	Valentine's Day 6:30 pm Church Council Meeting		3:30 pm Public School Confirmation Class	4:00 pm– 10:00 pm Funset Boulevard Night	No School	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
8:00 am Worship Service 9:15 am Sunday School, CREW & Bible Study 10:15 am Worship Service B-Team Basketball Tournament	President's Day		3:30 pm Public School Confirmation Class			
27	28	Wednesday, March 2, 2022 				
8:00 am Communion Worship Service 9:15 am Sunday School & Bible Study 9:15 am No CREW 10:15 am Communion Worship Service						

Serving You In January

Sunday, January 2, 2021

8:00 am Ushers—Dale Barnard, Joe Hoyer, Chuck Kiehn, Bob Baribeau ■ **10:15 am Ushers**—Roger Hoida, Dave Hoida, Deven Krepline ■ **Church Cleaners**—Arlie/Pat Olp, Mary Fenlon ■ **Flower Committee**—December—Joan Sheahan & Val Jean Link, January—Jenny Janke & Judy Mangin.

Sunday, January 9

8:00 am Ushers—Dan/Jacob Bubolz, Gene Wagner, Eugene/Nathan Rosera, Jeff Doemel ■ **10:15 am Ushers**—Glen Behnke, Roger Bubolz, Dan Bratz, Jim Bubolz, Alex Bubolz, James Kenneke ■ **Church Cleaners**—Arlie/Pat Olp, Mary Fenlon ■ **Flower Committee**—Jenny Janke & Judy Mangin ■ **Communion Set-Up/Take-Down**—Suzanne Bubolz, Amanda Schrubbe & Michaela Bubolz.

Sunday, January 16

8:00 am Ushers—Dan/Jacob Bubolz, Gene Wagner, Eugene/Nathan Rosera, Jeff Doemel ■ **10:15 am Ushers**—Glen Behnke, Roger Bubolz, Dan Bratz, Jim Bubolz, Alex Bubolz, James Kenneke ■ **Church Cleaners**—Gary/Deb Bernhardt, Joe/Judy Hoyer ■ **Flower Committee**—Jenny Janke & Judy Mangin.

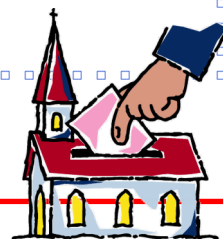
Sunday, January 23

8:00 am Ushers—Dan Duchow, Jeff Herzog ■ **10:15 am Ushers**—Paul Kiekhaefer, John Brodtke, Jeremy Foytik, Delton & Nathan Kasten ■ **Church Cleaners**—Gary/Deb Bernhardt, Joe/Judy Hoyer ■ **Flower Committee**—Jenny Janke & Judy Mangin.

Sunday, January 30

8:00 am Ushers—Dan Duchow, Jeff Herzog ■ **10:15 am Ushers**—Paul Kiekhaefer, John Brodtke, Jeremy Foytik, Delton & Nathan Kasten ■ **Church Cleaners**—Nancy Hillmann, Sarah Miller, Roger/Judy Hoida ■ **Flower Committee**—Jenny Janke & Judy Mangin ■ **Communion Set-Up/Take-Down**—Suzanne Bubolz, Amanda Schrubbe & Michaela Bubolz.

Voters' Meeting



The Ministry Planning voter's meeting will be held on January 23rd at 9:00 between services. Items on the agenda include, 1) Cemetery Association meeting. 2) Election of church council members. 3) Second Pastor, When do we start calling? 4) Call for Principal Administrative Time. 5) Copy machines. 6) 1961 addition heating system. 7) Ministry Plans.

Nominees for church council are: President, Daniel Duchow*; Treasurer, Jeff Doemel*; Secretary, Randy Waack*; Buildings and Grounds, James Kiesow*; Elders, Brian Bubolz*; Spiritual Growth, Jeff Schneider*; Administrative Secretary, Gary Bernhardt; Worship, Randy Denor; Evangelism, Corey Marohn; Stewardship, Rodney Bubolz; Charities Treasurer, Arlie Olp and Chuck Kiehn; CEC Chairman, Brad Busse and Shawn Behnke.

* denotes council member is running for another one year term.

Serving You in February

Sunday, February 6

8:00 am Ushers— Jim Matznick, Tom Sebo, Norman Pantzlaff, Gary Bernhardt ■ **10:15 am Ushers**— Andy/Zac Bubolz, Ray Bubolz, Adam Bubolz, Bill Hillmann, Matt Hillmann, Nick Schrubbe ■ **Church Cleaners**—Nancy Hillmann, Sarah Miller, Roger/Judy Hoida ■ **Flower Committee**— Mary Busse & Karen Prochnow.

Sunday, February 13

8:00 am Ushers— Jim Matznick, Tom Sebo, Norman Pantzlaff, Gary Bernhardt ■ **10:15 am Ushers**— Andy/Zac Bubolz, Ray Bubolz, Adam Bubolz, Bill Hillmann, Matt Hillmann, Nick Schrubbe ■ **Church Cleaners**—Yvonne Wenzlaff, Gail Denor ■ **Flower Committee**— Mary Busse & Karen Prochnow ■ **Sunday Communion Set-Up/Take-Down**—Knier Family.

Sunday, February 20

8:00 am Ushers— Mel Mangin, Tim Mangin, Jamie Mangin, Gary Waack ■ **10:15 am Ushers**— Terry/Karen Prochnow, Bob/Mary Busse, Fred Busse, Erwin Waack, Jon Waack, Randy/Sandy Waack, Dereck Waack and Todd Hickmann ■ **Church Cleaners**—Yvonne Wenzlaff, Gail Denor ■ **Flower Committee**— Mary Busse & Karen Prochnow.

Sunday, February 27

8:00 am Ushers— Mel Mangin, Tim Mangin, Jamie Mangin, Gary Waack ■ **10:15 am Ushers**— Terry/Karen Prochnow, Bob/Mary Busse, Fred Busse, Erwin Waack, Jon Waack, Randy/Sandy Waack, Dereck Waack and Todd Hickmann ■ **Church Cleaners**—Dr. Buchner, Corey/Sarah Marohn ■ **Flower Committee**— Mary Busse & Karen Prochnow ■ **Sunday Communion Set-Up/Take-Down**—Knier Family.

Ministry Reserve Fund

St. John—St. James has started a fund for our Second Pastor.

This fund to help defray costs involved in adding another Pastor.

If you wish to give to the Ministry Reserve Fund please place your offering in an envelope and clearly mark it as **Ministry Reserve Fund or 2nd Pastor Fund** and place it in the offering plate.

A letter and commitment form has been sent to all members, please put your commitment form in the offering plate or in the “Church” in the West Church office.

