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Worship begins at 11:00 a.m.

WELCOME

Welcome to Saint James, a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, and the Southeast Michigan Synod. Thank you for being part of this gathered assembly as we worship God and receive the sacrament. If this is your first time worshipping with Saint James, we extend a special greeting to you and invite you to introduce yourself to your neighbor in the pew. If you have questions about Saint James or are looking for a spiritual home, please reach out to Pastor Grant (pastor@stjamesgp.org).

TODAY'S SCRIPTURES

Today's gospel opens with further reflection on Jesus' baptism. He is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world and the one anointed by the Spirit. In the liturgy we come and see Christ revealed among us in word and meal. We go forth to invite others to come and worship the Holy One and to receive the gifts of grace and peace made known among us.

WORSHIP & HOLY EUCHARIST

All of the materials needed for this liturgy can be found in this bulletin and in the cranberry red *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* (ELW) book found in the pew rack. The celebration of the sacrament, **Holy Eucharist** (also called the Lord's Supper and Holy Communion), is central to our worship. As host of the meal, Jesus extends a wide welcome for all to participate. Distribution information is found on page 10. If you would prefer to commune in the pew, please alert an usher prior to the start of worship.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

Joel Raney

Saint James Handbells

STAND

The sign of the cross is made in remembrance of our Baptism.

GATHERING

CONFESS & ABSOLUTION

In the name of the Father, and the Son + and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

God knows us completely and yet pours out grace and mercy upon us; let us then confess our sins.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Mighty God,
you call us to life in community,
but we have served our own interests
at the expense of our neighbors.

We have sown deceit where honesty was needed.

We say the right words,
but our hearts are far from you.

Turn us to seek your face.

Knit us together and give us the mind of Christ,
that we may do justice, love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God. **Amen.**

The former things have passed away,
and God declares that a new thing is happening within us:
Like a spring of water that never fails,
God covers you in the righteousness of Christ,
and forgives your sin in + Jesus' name.
May the Spirit give you strength to live for others,
and bless you with the gift of peace. **Amen.**

HYMN

Rise, Shine, You People!

ELW 665

red songbook in pew rack

APOSTOLIC GREETING

HYMN OF PRAISE

1 All glo - ry be to God on high, and peace to earth be
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, the on - ly Son of God, cre - a - tion's
3 To you a - lone, O God, we cry, the Ho - ly One we
giv - en! Let an - gels sing, let all re - ply; good -
au - thor, O Lamb of God, your death a - lone takes
name you; for you a - lone are God most high, one
will breaks forth from heav - en! Lord God Al - might - y,
sin a - way for - ev - er. Stretch out your arms to
liv - ing God we claim you: we wor - ship you, Lord
heav - en's king, we wor - ship you, our thanks we sing, we
ev - 'ry land, and, as you reign at God's right hand, re -
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it ev - er blest, in
praise you for your glo - ry.
ceive our prayer; have mer - cy.
God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. A - men.

As we sing, we give voice to our praise of God.

Jesus is identified by John and his disciples as the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Through his life, death and resurrection believers have the assurance of God's presence and everlasting life.

Silence is held for 5 to 10 seconds, allowing worshipers to collect their thoughts and focus on the presence of God.

SIT

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy God, our strength and our redeemer, by your Holy Spirit uphold us forever, that through your grace we may worship you and faithfully serve you, follow you, and joyfully find you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

WORD

THE FIRST LESSON

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PSALM

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SECOND LESSON

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

STAND & SING
as the
procession
moves to the
center of the
sanctuary.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Verse: *In the Word was life, and the life was the light of all people.* (John 1:4)

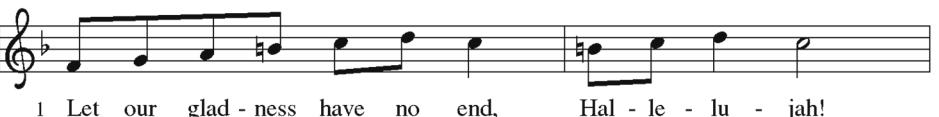
REPEAT ALLELUIA

The Holy Gospel
is read in the
midst of the
people as a sign
of our Lord's
presence is in
our midst in
worship.

HOLY GOSPEL

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RETURN ACCLAMATION *Let Our Gladness Have No End*



1 Let our glad - ness have no end, Hal - le - lu - jah!

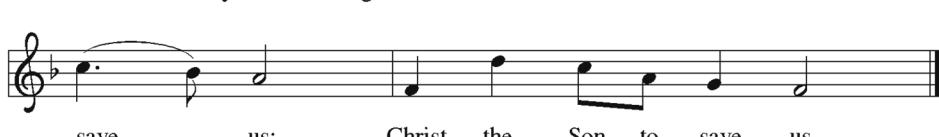


for to earth did Christ de - scend. Hal - le - lu - iah!



Refrain

On this day God gave us Christ, the Son, to



save us; Christ, the Son, to save us.

4 Into flesh is made the Word, Hallelujah!
our true refuge and our Lord. Hallelujah! *Refrain*

SIT

HOMILY

HYMN OF THE DAY *The Only Son from Heaven* ELW 309

STAND

APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

*We are baptized
in God's Triune
name: Father,
Son & Holy Spirit.
The Apostles
Creed reminds us
of the activity of
each part of the
Trinity.*

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried:
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.

INTERCESSIONS

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

*The Peace is
shared among
worshipers — in
its sharing we ask
for God's peace
to dwell with one
another.*

PEACE

TABLE SETTING***What Feast of Love*****ELW 487:1,3**

*Remain
STANDING and
SING as the gifts
are brought
forward.*



1 What feast of love is of - fered here, what ban - quet come from heav - en?



What food of ev - er - last - ing life, what gra - cious gift is giv - en?



This, this is Christ the king, the bread come down from heav - en.



Oh, taste and see and sing! How sweet the man - na giv - en!

**3 What wine of love is offered here,
what crimson drink from heaven?
What stream of everlasting life,
what precious blood is given?
This, this is Christ the king,
the sweetest wine of heaven.
Oh, taste and see and sing!
The Son of God is given!**

OFFERTORY PRAYER

O God we bring offerings of bread and wine, and the offerings of our lives, to dedicate ourselves and all we have to you. Since everything is useful to make your kingdom come, encourage us by a vision of your generous salvation to live for the welfare of your glorious creation. Through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

Amen.

MEAL

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

SANCTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Great Thanksgiving is understood as an act of praise and thanksgiving. Following Jewish customs, the emerging Christian liturgies blessed God (that is, thanked God) for God's kindness and love.

The Sanctus (sanctus, Latin, means holy) is a series of angelic acclamations which accompanied Isaiah's vision of God (Isaiah 6:3 also Psalm 118:26).

EUCARISTIC PRAYER

Blessed are you, O Holy God, you are the life and light of all.

By your word you created all things,
through the prophets you called your people
to be a light for the nations.

In the Eucharistic Prayer, the church gives thanks for God's mighty works in the past, in creation and redemption through Jesus Christ, and thereby proclaims its faith in the blessings that come in the future both in this life and in eternal life yet to come.

Blessed are you, for Jesus your Son.
He is your light shining in our darkness
and revealing to us your mercy and might.

The Words of Institution are spoken

Remembering, therefore, his baptism in the Jordan,
his preaching and healing,
his dying and rising,
and his promise to come again,
we give thanks and praise to you, O God, as we await that day
when all the universe will rejoice in your holy and life giving light.

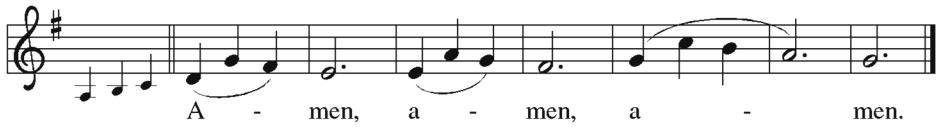
Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.



Jesus said, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst." John 6:35

By your Spirit bless us and this meal,
that refreshed with this heavenly food,
your body and blood,
we may be light for the world,
revealing the brilliance of your Son.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

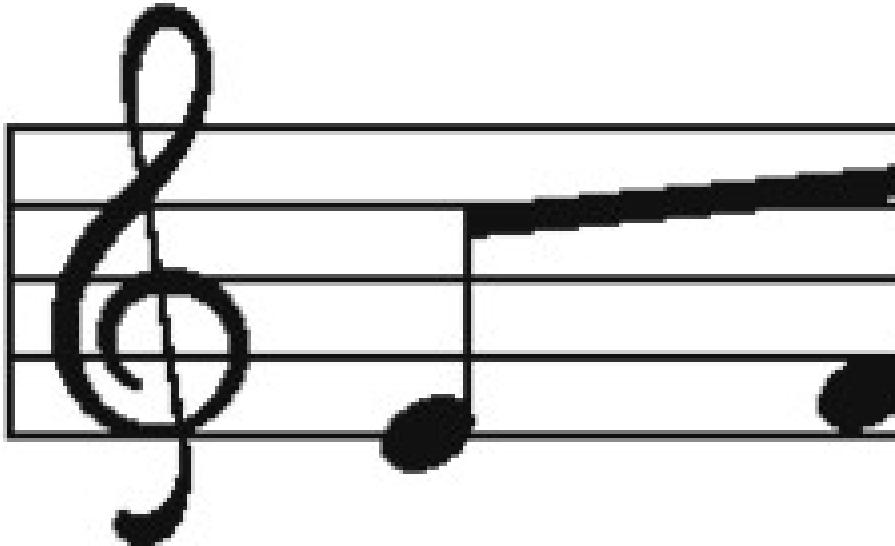


THE LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!
Come to the table; taste and see.
We rejoice in the Beloved Son of God!

LAMB OF GOD



DISTRIBUTION & DISTRIBUTION MUSIC

SIT

HYMN *Jesus, Come for We Invite You*

ELW 312

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

STAND

SAINT JAMES COMMUNION PRACTICE

Welcome	Saint James practices an open table for Holy Communion, which means that <u>all people are invited to participate in the sacrament</u> . Jesus is the host of the meal and extends a wide welcome. Children are welcome to participate, but may also come forward with folded arms to receive a blessing.
Benefit	What is the benefit of sharing in the meal? The words “given for you” and “shed for you” show us that the forgiveness of sin, life, and salvation are given to us in the sacrament. (Luther’s Small Catechism)
Distribution	Come forward via the central aisle. Receive the host (bread/Jesus’ body) in the hand, then dip it into the cup with wine (Jesus’ blood). Or consume it and take an individual cup of wine (purple) or juice (golden). A gluten free host is offered by saying “gluten free” to the pastor. Return to your place via the outside aisles for private prayer.

SENDING

STANDING

SENDING CANTICLE

Nunc Dimittis



God promised the temple prophet, Simeon that he would not taste death until he had seen the Messiah. He sings this song of thanksgiving for all that God has done, and asks God to now bless him and give him peace.

Now, Lord, you let your ser-vant go in peace: your word has been ful-filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre-pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: a light to re-veal you to the na - tions and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.



Now, Lord, you let your ser - vant go in peace.

SENDING PRAYER

O Lord, our Baptism is your sign which made us bold to come and feast at your table. With the power that comes with its forgiveness and fellowship, give us joy in our calling, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

HYMN

O Day Full of Grace

ELW 627:1-3

DISMISSAL

Go forth in the light of Christ. Share the Good News.

Thanks be to God!

We are sent into the world to share the light of Christ.

POSTLUDE *The Only Son from Heaven (BuxWV 192)* Dietrich Buxtehude

EPIPHANY 2 LESSONS

JANUARY 18, 2026

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 49:1-7

Here the servant, identified as Israel, speaks for herself and describes her honored mission. Called before her birth like Jeremiah and John the Baptist, the servant is not only to restore Israel. The servant's ultimate assignment is to bring news of God's victory to the ends of the earth. God in faithfulness has chosen Israel for this task.

¹ Listen to me, O coastlands;
 pay attention, you peoples from far away!
The LORD called me before I was born;
 while I was in my mother's womb he
 named me.
² He made my mouth like a sharp sword;
 in the shadow of his hand he hid me;
he made me a polished arrow;
 in his quiver he hid me away.
³ And he said to me, "You are my servant,
 Israel, in whom I will be glorified."
⁴ But I said, "I have labored in vain;
 I have spent my strength for nothing and
 vanity;
yet surely my cause is with the LORD
 and my reward with my God."

⁵ And now the LORD says,
 who formed me in the womb to be his
 servant,
to bring Jacob back to him,

and that Israel might be gathered to him,
for I am honored in the sight of the LORD,
 and my God has become my strength—
⁶ he says,
"It is too light a thing that you should be my
 servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob
 and to restore the survivors of Israel;
I will give you as a light to the nations,
 that my salvation may reach to the end of
 the earth."

⁷ Thus says the LORD,
 the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,
 to one deeply despised,
 abhorred by the nations,
 the slave of rulers,
"Kings shall see and stand up;
 princes, and they shall prostrate
 themselves, because of the LORD,
 who is faithful,
the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

following the lesson

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 40:1-11



Psalm 40:8

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I waited patiently up- ¹ on the LORD,
who stooped to me and ¹ heard my cry.

²The LORD lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the ¹ miry clay,
and set my feet upon a high cliff, making my ¹ footing sure.

³The LORD put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise ¹ to our God;
many shall see, and stand in awe, and put their trust ¹ in the LORD.

⁴Happy are they who trust ¹ in the LORD!

They do not turn to enemies or to those who ¹ follow lies. *Refrain*

⁵Great are the wonders you have done, O LORD my God! In your plans for us,
none can be com- ¹ pared with you!

**Oh, that I could make them known and tell them! But they are more than ¹ I can
count.**

⁶Sacrifice and offering you do ¹ not desire;

you have opened my ears: burnt-offering and sin-offering you have ¹ not required.

Refrain

⁷And so I said, "Here I ¹ am; I come.

In the scroll of the book it is writ- ¹ ten of me:

⁸I love to do your will, ¹ O my God;

your law is ¹ deep within me."

⁹I proclaimed righteousness in the ¹ great assembly;

I have not restrained my lips, O ¹ LORD, you know.

¹⁰I have not hidden your righteousness in my heart; I have spoken of your faithfulness and ¹
your deliverance;

I have not concealed your steadfast love and truth from the ¹ great assembly.

¹¹You are the LORD; do not withhold your com- ¹ passion from me;
may your steadfast love and your truth continually ¹ keep me safe. Refrain

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SECOND LESSON **1 Corinthians 1:1-9**

Though God's church in Corinth is a fractious congregation beset with many conflicts, Paul opens this letter by spotlighting the multiple ways God has enriched and sustained its life as part of the divine call into the fellowship of our Lord Jesus Christ.

¹ Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,

² To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

³ Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴ I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵ for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind ⁶ just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you

⁷ so that you are not lacking in any gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁸ He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹ God is faithful, by whom you were called into the partnership of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

following the lesson

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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HOLY GOSPEL **John 1:29-42**

John the Baptist's witness to Jesus initiates a chain of testimony as his disciples begin to share with others what they have found.

before the Gospel

The Holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁹ [John the Baptist] saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!" ³⁰ This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' ³¹ I myself did not know him, but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." ³² And John

testified, “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him.³³ I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’³⁴ And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Chosen One.”

³⁵ The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples,³⁶ and as he watched Jesus walk by he exclaimed, “Look, here is the Lamb of God!”³⁷ The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus.³⁸ When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, “What are you looking for?” They said to him, “Rabbi” (which translated means Teacher), “where are you staying?”³⁹ He said to them, “Come and see.” They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon.⁴⁰ One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother.⁴¹ He first found his brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated Anointed).⁴² He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, “You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas” (which is translated Peter).

following the Gospel

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

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Worship Leaders for January 18

Assisting Minister: Richard Ferrara
Communion Assistant: Gini Bunchek
Lector: Arnold Brammeier
Altar Guild: Marcia & Mark Wilson
Livestream: Sue Martin
Ushers: Dalton Black & Arnold Brammeier

Worship Leaders for January 25

Assisting Minister: Joel Humphries
Communion Assistant: Julie Humphries
Lector: Jim Lingscheit
Altar Guild: Emily Richardson
Livestream: Lisa Shrader
Ushers: Marcia & Mark Wilson

Full January Schedule on the Kiosk

Offering Plates

Saint James places offering plates at each entrance to the sanctuary. For more information about offerings, including electronic giving, see the bulletin. Thank you for your faithfulness in stewardship. Every contribution helps to support Saint James' mission and the proclamation of the gospel in the world. Find us on Zelle using: giving@stjamesgp.org

Remember in Prayer – Bob Rimbo - Nancy Gurs - Laura Blake - Russ Halleen - All deployed military and their families.

Contact Emily Moellering or Pastor to add a name to the Prayer List or to ask the Prayer Team to pray for a specific need.



Coffee Hour Please join us each Sunday after service for Coffee Hour in the Welcome Area (beyond the municipal parking lot doors near the nursery.) Grab a cup of coffee or juice and a goodie and enjoy some Christian fellowship.

Got News? Please send items. for inclusion in the Saturday email newsletter to Alicia Taub at Ataub6886@comcast.net no later than Thursday at noon of that week. All items for the Sunday bulletin must be sent to Emily Richardson at office@stjamesgp.org no later than Tuesday.

FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Sunday, January 18

Epiphany 2
Handbells Ring
11am: Holy Eucharist
Fellowship immediately following worship

Monday, January 19

Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Office Closed on Mondays

Tuesday, January 20

8am: Men's Club Chorus (Undercroft)
9am-12pm: Office Hours

Wednesday, January 21

Pastor Grant's Office Day
9am-1pm: Office Hours
4pm: Handbells (Sanctuary)
4:30pm: Choir (Music Room)

Thursday, January 22

9am-12pm: Office Hours
10am: Prayer Shawls (Second Floor)

Friday, January 23

Office Closed on Fridays
Pastor's Day Off

Sunday, January 25

Epiphany 3
11am: Holy Eucharist
Fellowship immediately following worship

Monday, January 26

Office Closed on Mondays
4pm: Joyful Noise Children's Choir (at St. Paul)

Tuesday, January 27

8am: Men's Club Chorus (Undercroft)
9am-12pm: Office Hours
1pm: Book Club (at Emily Moellering's home)

Wednesday, January 28

Pastor Grant's Office Day
9am-1pm: Office Hours
4pm: Handbells (Sanctuary)
4:30pm: Choir (Music Room)

Thursday, January 29

9am-12pm: Office Hours

Friday, January 30

Office Closed on Fridays
Pastor's Day Off

The Weekly Newsletter of Saint James Lutheran Church
For the Week of January 18, 2026



SAINT JAMES would like to remind all to please ensure that your phones and other electronic devices are silenced, switched to vibrate or turned off before worship begins. Thank you for your cooperation!



MLK WORSHIP SERVICE The Southeast Michigan Synod's Annual MLK Celebration will be held **Sunday, January 18** at **Gracious Saviour Lutheran Church** in Detroit (19484 James Couzens Fwy, Detroit, MI 4835). The Rev. Dr. Kevin Dudley from the Trinity Lutheran Seminary at Capital University will be the guest preacher. Fellowship with light refreshments begins at **2 PM** and worship begins at **3 PM**.

PRAYER SHAWLS meets this month at on **Thursday, January 22** at **10 AM** in the second floor conference room. All knitters and crocheters are always welcome!



BOOK CLUB meets next on **Tuesday, January 27** at **1 PM** at Emily Moellering's home (see your directory or contact the office for the address). We will be discussing *Mark Twain* by Ron Chernow. Book club meets monthly at a member's home, all are welcome to join for any month's book discussion.

SCRIPTURES You may have noticed that the scripture text in the bulletin does not exactly match what is being read on Sunday mornings from the lectionary. This is due to Augsburg Fortress changing to an updated version of the texts in June. An updated lectionary that matches the updated texts is not available for purchase, so we continue to use our old lectionary. Thank you for your patience & understanding!



SMALL CHANGE MINISTRY We are continuing our Small Change Ministry for another quarter, with all proceeds going to **Mend on the Move**. Note: the Small Change Ministry can take contributions of any kind, not just change. So far, we have raised \$66 for this ministry -- thank you to all who have contributed!

FOOD PANTRY Saint James supports the **Iroquois Food Pantry**. Nonperishable food items are needed to support the clients who come to the food pantry. Please take time to pick-up some nonperishable food items to share when grocery shopping this week. Most needed items: powdered milk, canned soup, stews and ready-to-eat meals. Place items on the shelves in the Welcome Area.



ALTAR FLOWERS Sign up now for altar flowers. The sign-up sheet is found on the kiosk in the Welcome Area. If you'd like to remember or honor someone for the altar flowers, please send an email to the office or fill out the yellow flower form by **Tuesday** of that week.

COFFEE HOUR Volunteers are needed to supply goodies – either homemade or purchased – for our weekly coffee hour. The sign-up sheet is found on the kiosk in the Welcome Area. Your help is much appreciated!