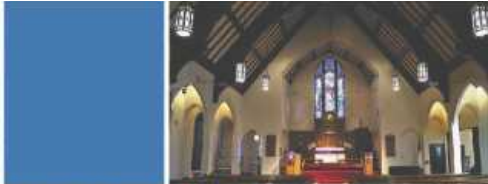


July 26, 2020

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost



**St James Lutheran
Ministries**



**KINGDOM
PARABLES**

Matthew 13

THE PARABLE OF THE HIDDEN TREASURE
"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up."
 MATTHEW 13:44

WORSHIP SERVICES

Traditional Style

Sunday 8:00 AM

Contemporary Celebration (Gym)

Sunday 9:30 AM

**Online Service &
Radio Broadcast**

9:00 AM
WTCH960 AM / WTCH96.1 FM

Senior Service

1st & 3rd Wednesday 11:00 AM

**DIVINE SERVICE #4, LSB 203
NO HOLY COMMUNION**

Liturgist: Rev. Steve Schauder
Preacher:Rev. Mark Drengler

TRADITIONAL SERVICE

SERVICE HYMNS

Opening.....#912

Sermon.....#543

Hymn of Praise#801(st.3&4)

Closing..... #924

Music By: Sue Moede

CELEBRATION SERVICE

Music Led By:.....Gene Uttech



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WE WELCOME all our visitors to St. James and pray your worship with us is uplifting and enriching. If there is anything we can do for you, please ask one of the ushers or the volunteer in the Connection Center and they will be happy to assist you.

FELLOWSHIP: Refreshments will not be available until further notice.

HOLY COMMUNION is celebrated during all Worship Services on the first and third weekends of the month, and at all Senior Services.

GLUTEN-FREE COMMUNION WAFERS are available at all services during communion weekends for those in need of them. Please see a Lay Minister before the service to let them know of your request.

PARENTS WITH CHILDREN: Children are always welcome to worship with us. Children's bulletins are available. There is a Mother's Room with a changing table located by the restrooms in the narthex.

SENIOR SERVICE: Designed for our senior members and at-risk individuals, but anyone may attend. Every first and third Wednesday during July at 11:00 AM with Holy Communion.

UPDATED WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

- Traditional: Sundays at 8:00 AM (Sanctuary)
- Celebration: Sundays at 9:30 AM (Gym)
- Outdoor: Mondays at 6:30 PM at Franklin Park
- Online: 9:00 AM on WTCH960 AM / WTCH96.1 FM radio, or online via St. James Facebook page or our YouTube channel.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

SUNDAY READINGS

Old Testament: Deuteronomy 7:6-9

Epistle Reading: Romans 8:28-39

Holy Gospel: Matthew 13:44-52

THIS WEEK'S SERMON THEME:

Kingdom Parables: "Treasured Possessions"
by Rev. Mark Drenkler

SERMON TEXT: MATTHEW 13:44-52

⁴⁴[Jesus said:] "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

⁴⁵"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, ⁴⁶who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it.

⁴⁷"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and gathered fish of every kind.

⁴⁸When it was full, men drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the good into containers but threw away the bad.

⁴⁹So it will be at the close of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

⁵¹"Have you understood all these things?" They said to him, "Yes." ⁵²And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house, who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

JULY SERMON SERIES

"Kingdom Parables": July 12th—26th

A good story captures our attention and draws us in. That's probably why Jesus told so many stories or parables. He was a master story teller, using common subjects and everyday experiences to share deep truths about: God, His Kingdom, and ourselves, *in memorable and understandable stories.*

In this series, "Kingdom Parables", we'll take a closer look at three of these stories from Matthew 13 and how they impact us today—in the story we're living.

Week 3: "Parable of Hidden Treasure" Matthew 13:44-52

NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS

Old Testament: Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

Epistle Reading: Hebrews 12:1-2

Holy Gospel: Matthew 25:15-29

CELEBRATION SERVICE

WE PRAISE GOD

"My Lighthouse" as sung by Rend Collective
"Great Things" as sung by Phil Wickham

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

OPENING SONG

"This is Amazing Grace" as sung by Bethel Live

**SCRIPTURE ON SIN, CONFESSION,
AND REPENTANCE**

SILENT CONFRONTATION OF SIN

SCRIPTURE ON FORGIVENESS

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

WE PRAISE GOD

"The Answer" as sung by Jeremy Camp

TIME FOR PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

WE PRAISE GOD

"Cornerstone" as sung by Hillsong

SCRIPTURE OF THE DAY

Matthew 13:44-52

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MESSAGE

"Kingdom Parables: Treasured Possessions" by Rev. Mark Drengler

BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.
C Amen.

CLOSING SONG

"God With Us" as sung by Jesus Culture

WORSHIP SERVICES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

AUGUST SERMON SERIES

"Managing Life": August 2nd—30th

In the 21st century world, especially amidst the COVID 19 pandemic, life seems harder to manage than ever. Seems like everything and everyone are clamoring for our attention. We are pressed for time. We are stressed out. We are at odds with people, even our families. Where do we turn to cope with and learn to deal with the challenges of life?

This August, we will gather together around God's Word to hear and receive practical direction for managing life. Come hear how to cope with the daily grind and enjoy the blessings God entrusts in our lives.

August 2nd: Time Management

August 9th: Stress Management

August 16th: Family Management

August 23rd: Anger Management

August 30th: Spiritual Life Management

LUTHERANS FOR LIFE

"Our lives may be full of stress, but Jesus is with us as He has always been—walking with us, holding us in His hands, keeping us in His care. Nothing can take God's love away from us. Nothing, not even death—not even death on a cross!—can keep Jesus from the people He came to save." Dr. Kari Vo, Lutheran Hour Ministries – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life •
www.lutheransforlife.org

LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES

"Reflexive Mercy"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

How do you react to the brokenness all around you? God gives His people the reflex to reflect His mercy in the world. (Exodus 32)

Tune into Sunday morning's message at 7:30AM on WTCH/960 AM and also at 10:00AM on WRVM/102.7 FM on your radio.

SENIOR SERVICES

Senior Services in August will continue with two Wednesday morning services, August 5th & 19th, at 11 AM. At this time, we would like to encourage all at-risk individuals to attend these midweek services.

OGT

Orphan Grain Train will be loading a semi-truck on Thursday, July 30th. If you are interested in volunteering please meet at church at 9:00 AM.

WORSHIP IN THE PARK

Worship in the Park with St. James will be held on Mondays at 6:30 PM. Bring your chairs and/or blankets to join together for worship in the heart of Shawano! We will relocate to St. James Church if it is raining. Cash offerings will be donated to Safe Haven Domestic Abuse and Sexual Assault Center for the month of July.

CONFIRMATION SAVE THE DATE

We are happy to announce that the Rite of Confirmation will be celebrated the weekend of September 26th/27th. Letters with more information have been mailed out to parents. Please respond by August 2nd to the church office.

WRLHS THANK YOU

A BIG BIG THANK YOU to everyone who donated items for our rummage sale. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped to put it together, and a thank you to everyone who came out to buy some treasures. What a great success it was! We couldn't have done it without each of you being part of the team. Start saving for next year. Thanks again!

WRLHS FAIR FUNDRAISER

It is sign-up time again for selling tickets, parking cars, or being a flagman at the Shawano County Fair. Volunteers receive free entry and free parking for their shift(s). New volunteers are also needed to sign up for one or more shifts on any of the days listed during the fair schedule. A special thank you to all the people who have already signed up to work. Scheduling is proceeding slowly and there are still **170** positions of 4 to 5 hours each that need to be filled. To sign up for your preferred choice of days and times, please email Karen Baker at karbaker16@tds.net or call her at 715-853-9137 or 715-758-8874. A post card confirmation will be mailed to all volunteers in early August reminding them of their scheduled shifts and locations. Thanks in advance for your support of WRLHS.

The shift times are as follows:

Thursday through Sunday:

9:00am-1:30pm, 1:30-6:00pm and 6:00-10:00pm

Monday: 9:00am-1:00pm & 1:00-5:00pm

CHURCH & COMMUNITY GROUPS

OPENINGS FOR 4K CLASS

St. James 4K program has openings for the 2020-2021 school year in the afternoon class. The program is open to any child who will be age 4 as of September 1st, 2020. More info can be found at www.stjames-shawano.org. Click on the Early Childcare dropdown and click on our Preschool link.

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CHRISTIAN COUNSELING SERVICES

If you, a friend, or a loved one – adult or child - is struggling with mental health or behavioral concerns, please know that the professional counselors at Lutheran Counseling and Family Services of Wisconsin are committed to helping alleviate the fear and uncertainty. As a faith-based Christian agency, we realize our services may be needed now more than ever. Through counseling, there is an opportunity to model Christian faith and share the promises of the Gospel while utilizing clinical expertise and skill. All offices shall remain open during the pandemic and onward, offering one-on-one counseling. Tele-health counseling is also available as an option. Please contact our office at 414-536-8333 or 800-291-4513.

4TH GRADE TEACHER AIDE

St. James Lutheran School has a part-time opening for a Teacher Aide for the 2020-2021 school year. This position would entail no more than 29.5 hours per week. A High School diploma is required. Interested candidates should fill out an application at the church office, along with their resume, no later than Friday, July 31, 2020.

RADIO MINISTRY

St. James has been broadcasting its' Sunday Worship service at 9:00 AM on WTCH for many years. Generous financial support makes the radio broadcast possible. The cost to sponsor a weekly broadcast is \$135. Any size gift, of course, is always welcome. There are many spots available. If you would like to make a donation, or sponsor a radio broadcast, please contact the church office. Thank you to all our sponsors!

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Subscribe to the St. James Lutheran Ministries digital news, which arrives in your inbox every Friday afternoon! A short email, but full of information on what is going on at Church, School and ECC. You can even view our bulletin before the weekend! To sign up, go to our website: www.stjames-shawano.org, and subscribe under the WELCOME tab. You are free to opt out at any time. Also follow St. James on our social platforms: Facebook, Twitter and Instagram!

JULY 26TH—AUGUST 2ND

SUN	MON	TUES	WED
26 8:00 Worship 9:00 Radio/Online Service 9:30 Celebration (Gym)	27 6:30 PM Outdoor Service @ Franklin Park	28 9:00 Quilters 9:00 Staff	29 *VBC Story Online
THURS	FRI	SAT	SUN
30 10:00 OGT Semi Loading	31 12:00 Bulletin Deadline for Aug 9th	1	2 8:00 Worship (HC) 9:00 Radio/Online Service 9:30 Celebration (Gym) (HC) 11:00 Voter's Meeting

PROPOSAL FOR YOUTH MINISTRY COORDINATOR

PROPOSAL FOR YOUTH MINISTRY COORDINATOR POSITION FOR ST. JAMES

Listening to the 2016/17 cottage meetings conducted with Pastor Griffin and the survey work completed last October, the Board of Directors appointed a team to consider adding a position to concentrate on Youth Ministry at St. James. The team began work in January, and in March their recommendation was adopted by the Board of Directors for the congregation to consider in the next Voter's Meeting.

On August 2nd the position of Youth Ministry Coordinator will be considered for approval by the congregation.

OUR MISSION:

Connecting People to the Love of Jesus in: Our Families, Our Community and Our World!

OUR VISION:

Loved by Jesus, we will Learn from Jesus, so that as we Live for Jesus we will Lead all to Jesus.

Purpose: The purpose of this position is to develop a comprehensive Youth Ministry that celebrates the Love of Jesus, inspires youth to Learn from Jesus, helps youth to Live for Jesus and equips youth to Lead others to Jesus.

General Description of Duties:

The Youth Ministry Coordinator is responsible for planning, supervision and implementation of ministry to youth in grades 6 through 12 and their families. The focus is making and building disciples at St. James and in the community.

Time Commitment:

This is a part-time position that will average 25 hours per week.

Essential Functions:

- **Planning** – develop initiatives for achieving the goals and objectives of this position.
- **Supervising** – oversee and direct the work of volunteers and oversee and direct the execution of initiatives, ministries and activities.
- **Implementing** – ensure plans, decisions and programs are put into effect and evaluated with attention to priorities such as positive relationships, communications, training of youth leaders and teams, and connections with the community.

FINANCIAL PLAN FOR IMPLEMENTING YOUTH MINISTRY COORDINATOR

The Proposal also requested the following funding plan to be considered. It involves requesting the St. James Trust Fund approval to implement this plan over a period of time.

Estimated Total Cost for Position (Salary, Benefits)
\$30,000 – 32,000 per year

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>TRUST FUND</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>
20/21	\$ 22,500-24,000 (75%)	\$ 7,500-8,000 (25%)
21/22	17,050-18,700 (55%)	13,950-15,300 (45%)
22/23	11,200-11,900 (35%)	20,800-22,100 (65%)
23/24	8,250-8,750 (25%)	24,750-26,250 (75%)
24/25	0	34,000-36,000 (100%)

VOTER'S MEETING

As a body of Christ, we will gather for our Voter's meeting on Sunday, August 2nd @ 11 AM, located in the sanctuary. Agenda will include the following topics:

- 2020-2021 budget approval
- Election of Officers and Leaders
- Extend a call to the following two teachers:
Briana Schingeck and Janette Thompson
- Addition of part-time Youth Ministry Coordinator
- Direction of proceeds from rental property sales
- Financial Report

2020—2021 BUDGET PROPOSAL

	<u>INCOME</u>	<u>EXPENSE</u>	<u>GAIN/LOSS</u>
Church	\$ 907,975	\$ 600,442	\$ 307,533
School	1,146,009	1,452,260	- 306,251
Daycare	548,976	578,280	- 29,304
Totals	2,602,960	2,630,982	- 28,022

SPONSORSHIPS & CONTRIBUTIONS

MARRIAGE

Cade Carroll and Emily Pyatkowski were united in holy marriage on Saturday, July 25th, 2020.

SPONSORSHIPS

The **Radio Broadcast** has been sponsored by Denton Ebert, in loving memory of his wife, Linda, on what would've been their wedding anniversary on July 27th.

SPECIAL GIFTS

A monetary donation has been made by Brenda Wendler for water at the Worship in the Park service.

TEXT TO GIVE

Do you need an easy, convenient way to contribute to St. James? Give+ Text is a powerful way to give in a matter of seconds. Send a text to **715-502-2037**. It's simple and secure. All donations will go into the Church General Fund unless you specify an option below. After you enter your dollar amount, enter a space then type one of the following options:

- TUITION (School Tuition Fund)
- SOUND (Sound System Fund)
- MISSIONS (Missions)
- SAMARITAN (The Good Samaritan Fund)

Please call the office with any questions or concerns.

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Want an easy way to help earn money for St. James School and add to your hot lunch, tuition, or youth account? Scrip is a smart and fast way to do both! Scrip is available year round in the Church office. Order forms are available outside the offices OR download and print it from the St. James website under the SCHOOL tab.

LAST RENTAL FOR SALE!

227 E. Center Street is our last rental property for sale. If you are interested in viewing the house, please contact Coldwell Banker at 715-853-6677, or call the church office at 715-524-4815.

ATTENDANCE & ESTIMATED VIEWS 07/15—07/20

Sunday Online	Facebook	192
	YouTube	55
Senior Service	11:00 AM	60
Sunday Traditional	8:00 AM	97
Sunday Celebration	9:30 AM	44
Monday Park Service	6:30 PM	118

CONTRIBUTIONS 07/19/20 MTD

	07/19/20	MTD
Home Envelopes	14,726	43,946
Cash/Plate	64	303
Thrivent Choice	0	0
School Tuition	0	0
Alumni	0	400
ECC	7,414	22,121
Preschool	0	75
JULY COLLECTIONS	22,204	66,845
Missions	679	1,896
Adopt-a-Student	0	0
Sound System	0	0
Good Samaritan Fund	0	0
Safe Haven (Plate @ Park)	70	147

ELECTRONIC GIVING

Contributions can be debited automatically from your checking or savings account or processed using your credit or debit card. To set up your electronic donation on our website, go to www.stjames-shawano.org, and click on the GIVINGS link on the far right side.

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