

Together,” the Gathering will offer youth an opportunity to strengthen their faith and discover their call to serve the world – at home and abroad.

July-August Events

July 12-27: Pastor Boudon and his family will be on vacation. Father Bernard Griffin will preside over Sunday service on July 26.

August 23: Blessing of the backpacks.



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St. James worships every Sunday at 10:30am, with a bilingual service mostly in English but with some Spanish. The entire liturgy is presented in both languages in the weekly bulletin, so that one may follow along in the language one prefers. Pastor Boudon preaches the sermon in English, followed by a brief summary in Spanish.

Sunday school. St. James offers a full Sunday school program for adults and children immediately after worship every Sunday morning. There is Bible study for adults and Christian education for children.

Monthly Healing. St. James offers a healing liturgy as a part of our normal worship service on the third Sunday of the month, replacing the Prayers of Intercession.

From the Pastor

In his letter to the Romans, Paul wrote the following: “Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all (12:14-18).” These words seem increasingly appropriate given what transpired in Charleston, SC, on June 17, when a 21-year-old white man shot and killed nine African-Americans who had gathered in the basement of Emmanuel AME Church to study the Bible. As you heard me say in church that following Sunday, one of the pastors who was killed – The Rev. Clementa Pinckney -- was a classmate of mine in seminary and was an awesome human being. Clem, as he was known to those who knew him personally, lived the words of St. Paul both in his role as pastor and in his position as a state senator, where he consistently fought for those who had no power and those who were in need.

In the aftermath of this horrible event, South Carolina Governor Nikki Haley urged the General Assembly to pass a measure that would remove the Confederate flag from the grounds of the Capitol. But while this represents a step in the right direction, it does not address the deep-seated hatred and racism that continues to afflict American society. Consequently, those of us who claim to follow Christ must heed the words of St. Paul and take whatever steps we can to eliminate the plague that is racism. We must live in harmony with one another and live peaceably with all.

Lutheran Services Florida

Summer is here, and if you're like most people, you have a seasonal checklist to go with it.

- ü Service the air conditioner
- ü Schedule family reunions and vacations
- ü Plant your favorite summertime flowers and vegetables

Devise a plan for your charitable giving

No check on that last one? Maybe that item is a new idea for you, but it is one you should consider. For many, summer is a time to take a break from the regular routine. This can be a good thing for you personally, but the unintended consequences are ministries like your church, Lutheran Services Florida and others experience a decline in contributions but no decline in the demand for services. These next few months will present many opportunities for reaching out to the community with the love of Jesus Christ. Please keep your giving strong so when families and children come to your church, LSF and others for support this summer we have the resources available to help. www.lsfnet.org

ELCA News

ELCA Youth Gathering brings thousands to Detroit

CHICAGO (ELCA) – In affirmation of their baptismal promise to “serve others and follow the example of Jesus,” almost 30,000 youth, adult leaders and others from the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) will participate in the ELCA Youth Gathering July 15-19 in Detroit. Meeting under the theme “Rise Up