

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
**WEEK OF JULY 25, 2021**

**IN OUR PRAYERS:** Ashlyn; Jim Cleveland; Emily Slone; Ralph Hammel; Ralph & Brenda LeFever; Barb Myers; Carolyn Wilkins; Darlene Welsh

**Q & A TODAY:** Pastor will respond to questions regarding Sunday service times and weekly communion during the Bible study hour as time allows.

**YOUTH GROUP:** Crazy Pinz TODAY from 2 – 4 pm.

**INSTALLATION OF VICAR:** our new vicar, David Woelmer, will be installed at both services next Sunday, August 1. We will have donuts and fellowship to welcome him and his family between services. Join us!

**CHURCH PICNIC:** two weeks from today, Sunday, August 8, at 12:00pm. Meat and drinks provided! Sign up to bring a dish to pass. Hope you can join us!

**VBS:** Tuesday, August 10, beginning at 5:30pm. Sign up by the doors!

**CPH BIBLE SALE:** Concordia Publishing House (LCMS) is offering great sale prices on the Lutheran Study Bible, the Book of Concord, and a few other books too! Talk to Pr. Mullet if you're interested in placing an order.

**UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION:** please fill out one of the half-sheets on the tables. Or, you can call/email the church office or Pr. Mullet.

**LIFE TEAM INTEREST:** is anyone interested in joining a Life Team or starting our own? See Pr. Mullet or Sem. Woodhouse for more info.

**CALENDAR**

Sun. July 25 (St. James the Elder)	8:00 & 10:00am Holy Communion 9:00am Bible Study (Communion Q & A) 2:00-4:00pm Youth Group @ Crazy Pinz
July 26-28	Pastors' Conference (Racine, WI)
Wed. July 28	7:00pm Holy Communion
Thu. July 29	7:00pm Bible Study
Sun. Aug. 1 (Trinity 9)	8:00 & 10:00am Holy Communion Vicar Woelmer Installation (both svcs.) 9:00am Fellowship / Welcome Vicar Woelmer
Sun. Aug. 8	12:00pm Church Picnic

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July 25 is the festival of St. James the Elder, apostle. With a few exceptions, we don't usually observe the feasts and festivals of the saints unless they fall on a Sunday, as is the case for St. James today. In either case, however, there is a benefit to remembering and recognizing the saints with their festival days, even if we don't usually have a formal celebration. The Book of Concord outlines three good reasons to celebrate the saints who have gone before us:

1. To thank God for giving faithful servants to His Church.
2. To strengthen our own faith by remembering the mercy and grace that God extended to His saints of old.
3. To follow the example set by these saints as we seek to imitate their faith and their holy living according to our own vocations.

Who, then, is St. James the Elder? James was one of the Twelve, the son of Zebedee and Salome and brother of John the Apostle. The gospels tell us St. James was one of the first disciples to join Jesus.

St. James appears to have been one of Jesus' "inner circle" of disciples, together with his brother John and, of course, St. Peter. Several events in the earthly ministry of Jesus specifically mention the presence of Peter, James, and John: the raising of Jairus' daughter (Luke 8); the Transfiguration (Mark 9); and Jesus' agony and prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane (Matthew 26). As we hear today in the gospel reading (Matthew 20), it is the mother of James and John who request that they be seated at Jesus' right hand and His left.

St. James the Elder was the first of the apostles to be martyred, as we hear in the first reading today (Acts 12). He is the only one of the Twelve whose martyrdom is recorded in the New Testament. From James and all the martyrs may we draw strength and encouragement—as they lived and died for their faith, may we live and die for ours!

More information about commemorations as well as a calendar of commemorations is found in the front of the hymnal on pp. *xii-xiii*. A list of feasts and festivals (like St. James) is on pp. *xxii-xxiii*.