



the Scroll

Worship Schedule

9:30 AM
Woven Service
Sept 4 and Sept 11

Beginning
September 18th

Contemporary Worship
9:00 a.m.

Sunday School
9:55 a.m.

Traditional Worship
11:00 a.m.

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God's Purpose for the New England Synod

Spend some time this month reading them, thinking about them, and asking your own questions about where God's love is leading you, and what God's love is calling you to do when you get there!

Last June, at our annual assembly, the New England Synod introduced a new mission statement and set of guiding principles:

God's purpose for the New England Synod -

- to go where love leads
- to serve where love calls
- pray always
- give of ourselves
- stand with others
- embrace change and diversity
- make room for joy

Throughout the months of September and October, we will spend some time thinking about what this statement and these principles mean for us. We will hear about them in worship, and explore them in our Sunday morning adult Bible Study group (9:55-pastor's office). Spend some time this month reading them, thinking about them, and asking your own questions about where God's love is leading you, and what God's love is calling you to do when you get there!

God's peace,

Pastor Andrew



September 11, 2011

On Sunday September 11, our worship will look a little different than it usually does. We will gather to remember the tenth anniversary of the tragedies that took place in New York, Washington D.C, and Pennsylvania. We will pray together, hear scripture, and listen for what God is saying to us today. I hope that you will make a point to come to this special service of remembrance. I will be away on the 11th, with our youth at the annual Hammonasset retreat. For that reason, we will not celebrate communion at this lay-led service. If you would like to receive communion during the week after the 11th, please call me in the office and we can arrange a time to meet. Thanks! –Pastor Andrew



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leave it in Debi Curry's
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Apprentice Sought: Scroll Editor

Add to your word processing, image handling, and presentation skills by volunteering to work with the Communications Team to produce St. James' monthly newsletter, the Scroll.

Gather up stories, events, photos, and tidbits to drop into the Scroll template, an MS Publisher file. When complete, create a full-color PDF of the newsletter for publishing online.

Send an e-mail to Scroll@stjames-ri.org or talk to Debi Curry to learn more about how the Scroll is produced each month and how you can help while learning valuable new skills.

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The **St. James Men's Group** will be meeting on September 14 and 28 at 7pm at the church. We will be studying the



book of Ephesians. Read chapter two for the 14th and chapter 3 for the 28th. Feel free to bring snacks and drinks to share. Questions? See Pastor Andrew.

Soup Kitchen

St. James Church is hosting the Park Place Community Soup Kitchen on Saturday September 17th. This is a great family outreach opportunity. Needed are four or five adults for kitchen duty and four or five children to serve meals. Everyone

helps with clean up. Forty to sixty meals are served to the homeless and working poor from the Pawtucket area. If you can cook (done at home and brought to the soup kitchen) or provide salad or dessert please contact Nancy Kutz.

WHAT IS A COLUMBARIUM & WHY SHOULD I CARE?

Very simply, a columbarium is a place for the respectful storage of cremated remains. Regardless of design elements, typically the structure consists of a cabinet with recessed compartments for placement of cinerary urns as well as a faceplate or cover to ensure that the compartment remains sealed.

The term columbarium comes from the Latin *columba* (dove) and originally referred to compartmentalized housing for doves and pigeons (see *dovecote*).

Historically, Christians have laid the dead to rest in churchyards where they can be remembered and their remains safe guarded. A columbarium is in keeping with this tradition by

honoring the memory of the deceased while providing a tranquil, familiar final resting place for parishioners and their loved ones. In a return to church tradition, it provides church members and their families with the opportunity to choose the church - which has been central to their lives - as their final resting place.

Many who choose a columbaria also do so for reasons of simple economics—a columbarium niche is usually much less expensive than a conventional grave plot and eliminates many of the pressures associated with choosing a burial site, casket, vault and monument.

What began several years ago as thoughtful support

for a columbarium project by Miner Brotherton and his family will now hopefully come to fruition. Earlier this year, a group of interested members began working towards a plan to install a columbarium site at St. James. This fall, the columbarium planning group hopes to present such a plan to your church council for review. Soon thereafter, you will receive additional project details.

In the meantime, you are encouraged to ask questions, provide input and/or to get directly involved with this project.

Contact Jill Bowen, Debi Curry, Ed & Blanche Richmond, or Pastor Andrew for details.



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Lou D'Errico reports that we have shipped 24 cell phones, which translates to a fair amount of phone time for our military personnel and their families. The program has been extended through the fall, so you can still bring in those old cell phones. The Cell Phone for Soldiers Group will accept old cell phone, pagers, blackberries or any hand held electronic device. These items will be disassembled; valuable metals etc. will be harvested and recycled. **For each device donated they will issue a 60-minute phone card to a military person who is serving overseas.** There will be a box in the community room to receive your old phone. **We're well on our way toward a goal of 40-50 phones at St. James.** For more information go to www.cellphonesforsoldiers.com



9. Some Lutherans still believe that an ELCA bride and an LC-MS groom make for a mixed marriage.



News Flash!

The Contemporary group is looking for a guitarist to accompany worship at the 9:00 service starting immediately. Anyone who is interested should contact Betty Brito.

SINGING WITH THE LUTHERANS - *by Garrison Keillor*

I have made fun of Lutherans for years - who wouldn't, if you ever lived in Minnesota? But I have also sung with Lutherans, and that is one of the main joys of life, along with hot baths and fresh sweet corn.

We make fun of Lutherans for their blandness, their excessive calm, their fear of giving offense, their lack of speed and also for their secret fondness for macaroni and cheese. But nobody sings like they do..

If you ask an audience in New York City, a relatively Lutheran-less place, to sing along on the chorus of 'Michael Row the Boat Ashore', they will look daggers at you as if you had asked them to strip to their underwear. But if you do this among Lutherans they'll smile and row that boat ashore and up on the beach! And down the road!

Lutherans are bred from childhood to sing in four-part harmony.

It's a talent that comes from sitting on the lap of someone singing alto or tenor or bass and hearing the harmonic intervals by putting your little head against that person's rib cage. It's natural for Lutherans to sing in harmony. We're too modest to be soloists, too worldly to sing in unison. When you're singing in the key of C and you slide into the 7th and D7th chords, all two hundred of you, it's an emotionally fulfilling moment.

I once sang the bass line of Children of the Heavenly Father in a room with about three thousand Lutherans in it; and when we finished, we all had tears in our eyes, partly from the promise that God will not forsake us, partly from the proximity of all those lovely voices. By our joining in harmony, we somehow promise that we will not forsake each other.

I do believe this: These Lutherans are the sort of people you could call up when you're in deep distress. If you're dying, they'll comfort you. If you're lonely, they'll talk to you. And if you're hungry, they'll give you tuna salad!

The following list was compiled by a 20th century Lutheran who,

observing other Lutherans, wrote down exactly what he saw or heard:

1. Lutherans believe in prayer, but would practically die if asked to pray out loud.
2. Lutherans like to sing, except when confronted with a new hymn or a hymn with more than four stanzas.
3. Lutherans believe their pastors will visit them in the hospital, even if they don't notify them that they are there.

4. Lutherans usually follow the official liturgy and will feel it is their way of suffering for their sins.

5. Lutherans believe in miracles and even expect miracles, especially during their stewardship visitation programs or when passing the plate.

6. Lutherans feel that applauding for their children's choirs would make the kids too proud and conceited.

7. Lutherans think that the Bible forbids them from crossing the aisle while passing the peace.

8. Lutherans drink coffee as if it were the Third Sacrament..

10. Lutherans feel guilty for not staying to clean up after their own wedding reception in the Fellowship Hall.

11. Lutherans are willing to pay up to one dollar for a meal at church.

12. Lutherans think that Garrison Keillor stories are totally factual.

13. Lutherans still serve Jell-O in the proper liturgical color of the season and think that peas in a tuna noodle casserole add a little too much color.

14. Lutherans believe that it is OK to poke fun at themselves and never take themselves too seriously. And finally, you know you're a Lutheran when:

*It's 100 degrees, with 90% humidity, and you still have coffee after the service;

*You hear something really funny during the sermon and smile as loudly as you can;

*Donuts are a line item in the church budget, just like coffee;

*The communion cabinet is open to all, but the coffee cabinet is locked up tight;

*When you watch a 'Star Wars' movie and they say, 'May the Force be with you', you respond, 'and also with you';

*And, lastly, it takes 15 minutes to say, 'Good-bye'.

May you wake each day with His blessings,

Sleep each night in His keeping,

And always walk in His tender care.

18TH ANNUAL "GREATEST YARD SALE EVER" AT ST. JAMES

St. James Yard Sale - Saturday, September 10th.

This will be the eighteenth yard sale at St. James and hopefully it will be the biggest and best yet. So **GO GREEN** and donate items you don't need any longer.

- Small appliances
- Housewares
- Electronics
- Games, sporting goods
- Books
- Collectibles



Sign up to volunteer on Friday, September 9th or

Saturday, September 10th. A sign up sheet is available in the community room, or you can talk with Liz Tanner, George Bowen, or Norm Rousseau for more information. Or, rent a space for \$25 and set up shop for yourself. Tables are \$10 and chairs \$2. Set up at is 7AM

My First MLF Run



Mike was the truck driver. We had stopped at Social Park in Woonsocket to distribute food to homeless people and then on to a Housing Project. After we parked the truck, people were coming out of the houses to see what we had to offer. We met some very thankful people including children.

One woman stands out in my mind. She was an older tall, frail woman walking on a cane as she came from across the street to see what we had available on food. She had a big semi-toothless smile and her eyes had a special sparkle. She spoke broken English. After she had gotten some food she carefully walked across the street back to her front steps and watched what was going on. After awhile she came back to see what we had on clothing and discovered a pair of old sneakers. Her face lit up when she found a pair in her size. Mike helped her back across the street with her new

treasure. She sat there and watched holding her sneakers. After a while Mike decided to go across the street to help her put on her new found sneakers. Once she had the sneakers on her feet she practically danced across the street with her cane and she was so thankful. With a great big smile and "God bless you," giving hugs to all of us as she happily swayed back to her side of the street.

Meeting this woman and watching Mike's loving interaction was a wonderful experience for me personally. I am glad that I was able to help in a small way. I found it so rewarding to see the smile of thanks on this woman's face. I know that God was there and wanted me to experience this moment.

Brigitte Palmer

MY LEGACY MATTERS

Create your legacy today and live it!

Your legacy is more than money—it's values, traditions and life lessons. Start today to create the legacy you want to live—and leave!



Thrivent Financial for Lutherans™

Join us for this free workshop

My Legacy Matters is a free educational workshop that takes a stewardship approach to helping you look beyond your financial legacy. During the workshop, you will learn how to take steps to:

- * Identify your values.
- * Clarify your intentions about your legacy.
- * Create a legacy plan.

The 50-minute workshop will be presented by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans representative Bryan Schmeling.

When: Wednesday, September 28th , from 12:00 p.m.

Where: St. James Lutheran Church

Mission Collections

September Mission Collection

The September Mission Collection has been allocated to Amos House in Providence. Amos House is a nonprofit social services agency that provides hospitality and direct services to the homeless and poor of Rhode Island. We work in collaboration with other agencies and groups to address issues of hunger, homelessness and poverty. Go to <http://www.amoshouse.com/> for more information.

Thanks for supporting Beyond Our Walls in August

The August Mission Collection was allocated to Beyond Our Walls. BOW was created as an interfaith group to do good for the local community and beyond. BOW members include people from various faith traditions as well as individuals with no religious affiliation. They all have one common goal - community betterment. For more information go to <http://www.bowri.org/>

Thanks for supporting Tap-In in July

We collected over \$125 for Tap-In during the month of July. TAP-IN is a volunteer, nonprofit organization that helps residents of Barrington, East Providence, Warren and Bristol meet their basic needs for food, household items, children's clothing, infant equipment, toys and books as well as transportation to medical appointments. It is located in the lower level of the Barrington Public Library and draws upon the skills and commitment of more than 100 volunteers primarily from Barrington.

Thanks for supporting Heifer International in June

A flock of chickens, a gaggle of geese and a lama, that is what you can purchase with a little over \$200 at Heifer International. Our June Mission Collection along with the Kids Club Offering allowed us the make a real difference this year. We're waiting for the delivery date for the animals.

Mobile Loaves & Fishes: Doing What Matters

Fall is upon us. Days are getting shorter and nights are getting cooler. What we consider a beautiful change in the season and a respite from summer heat is viewed very differently from the perspective of someone living on the street. They are thinking about finding a warm shelter, warm clothing and a warm meal.

St. James members have prepared and served over two thousand meals to the homeless and working poor of Rhode Island in the past nine months. We have clocked over 500 volunteer hours, and have over 50 members and friends who help out month after month with shopping, food prep and the truck run. Thanks to everyone who continues to work to make this mission possible.

Our fall menu includes meatball sandwiches, hard-boiled eggs, fresh fruit, chips, granola bars, milk, juice, cookies and compassionate conversation.

The MLF Truck will be in the parking lot the entire day of the St. James Yard Sale. We will be selling popcorn and peanuts at a very reasonable price. Stop by to see what it is all about.

If you haven't joined the prep-team or gone on a Loaves & Fishes run, here is a great opportunity. If you've already been on a run plan to help out again. See Pastor, Mike Nadeau, Dale Rideout or Jill Bowen to sign up or to see how you can help

Always needed: Zip lock sandwich bags, hot dogs, paper towels, peanut butter, jelly, juice boxes, bottled water, napkins, toiletries, white tube socks, men's and women's t-shirts. Thanks to everyone for your support and help with the MLF Ministry.

Save the Date: An Evening Out - Thursday, October 20th from 7-9pm the five churches that partner to make the Mobile Loaves & Fishes Program a reality are planning an evening of entertainment, appetizers and sharing at the Barrington Yacht Club. Tickets and details will be available soon. All funds raised will support our local MLF efforts. Please put this evening aside, it should be a lot of fun.



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SEPTEMBER RUNS

Saturday, September 10th - Newport

- Prep will be Friday at 3:30pm (due to the St. James Giant Yard Sale)
- The truck will leave at 4pm-7pm

Sunday, September 11th - Providence

- Prep begins following Worship
- Run Noon-3:00

Wednesday, September 21st - Providence

- Prep is 3:30-4:30
- Run 5:00-7:30

OCTOBER RUNS

Saturday, October 8th - Newport

- Prep will be **Friday** at 3:30pm (due to the St. James Giant Yard Sale)
- The truck will leave on Saturday at 4pm (after the Giant Yard Sale)

Sunday, October 9th - Providence

- Prep begins following Worship
- Run Noon-3:00

Wednesday, October 19th - Providence

- Prep is 3:30-4:30
- Run 5:00-7:30

Needed - Refrigerator/ Freezer for the Mobile Loaves & Fishes Pantry. If you have a refrigerator you no longer use, one is needed for the MLF Pantry. Please see Pastor if you can help. Many thanks.

Youth Corner



JIF

Confirmation class - Journey in Faith - will start with confirm and parent meeting on 9/11

Kids Club

Rally Sunday (1st day of Kids Club) is September 18th @ 9:55 in Church basement

- Registration forms can be found in the community room.
- Completed forms can be returned to Gail Feeney's mailbox in the Church Office or on the 18th.

YOUTH NEWS

- Acolyte training will be held during the kids club hour for 4th-6th graders
- **Safe church instruction** - September 18th immediately following Kids Club. All volunteer and chaperones who intend to work with youth will be required to attend. Special arrangements can be made for an alternative training if you cannot attend on the 18th, but completion is required in order to work with the youth.
- Volunteers will also be required to fill out a CORI form at that time.

**Jr. Youth Group for
4th-6th graders
First Meeting
Sept 24th 6:30-8:30**

Wills, Trusts, and Personal Planning

Please mark your calendar for September 20th, 7 p.m. at St. James Lutheran Church

If you have contemplated making a Will, revising a Will, learning about the laws pertaining Wills, Trusts, Personal Planning you may want to attend this special presentation by

Deborah DiNardo, Esq.

of the law office of
Partridge, Snow & Hahn
Providence, R.I.

Ms. DiNardo has extensive experience in trust and estate administration who advises individuals and families how to protect and preserve assets for intended beneficiaries. She will speak to us about how to plan your estate (however big or small), the importance of Life Care Planning and Health Directives. There is an opportunity to ask questions after her presentation. We encourage all Seniors and members in our Church who may have the responsibility to take care of parents, grandparents or other family members to attend. It will be a very important presentation to all of us. Light refreshments will be served.



Family Dinner Week is 9/26-10/1

65% of Barrington 4th and 5th graders and 45% of Barrington High School students eat 5-7 family dinners per week (2010)

Compared to young teens who have frequent family dinners, those who have infrequent family dinners are:
 4x likelier to use tobacco
 6x likelier to use marijuana
 3x likelier to use alcohol

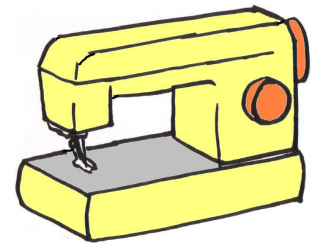
- **Create a tasty scavenger hunt:** Hide the ingredients to a fun and fast meal. Follow the clues then make dinner together!
- **What was your favorite book as a child?** Find it at the library and read it outloud, as a family, after dinner.
- **Use conversation starters such as:** "If you could invent something new what would it be and why?"

Dinner makes a difference!

Parenting is prevention



The Barrington Adult Youth Team
 Against Alcohol and Drug Abuse



SEW WHAT?!!

Renie Erickson has a computerized sewing machine that she would like to donate to an organization that can make good use of it. Please talk to Renie for more information.

WANTED: WEB SITE APPRENTICE

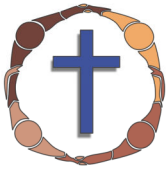
The Communications Team offers an excellent opportunity for an interested volunteer.

The team seeks an apprentice to learn more about the St. James web site design and development while helping to keep the public face of St. James up-to-date and fresh.

If you enjoy working on computers and/or have an affinity for all things internet, this might be for you! Drop a note to websteward@stjames-ri.org or talk to Debi Curry for more information.



<u>Thu Sep 1</u>	12:30pm – 2:00pm	<u>Lunch Bunch</u> - Conference Room
<u>Sun Sep 4</u>	9:30am – 10:30am	<u>Summer Worship</u>
<u>Tue Sep 6</u>	7:30pm – 9:30pm	<u>Disciples in Training</u> - St James Office
<u>Sat Sep 10</u>	All day 8:00am – 2:00pm	<u>Mobile Loaves & Fishes</u> <u>18th Annual Greatest Yard Sale Ever</u> - St James
<u>Sun Sep 11</u>	All day 9:30am – 10:30am	<u>Mobile Loaves & Fishes</u> <u>9/11 Memorial Worship Service</u>
<u>Tue Sep 13</u>	7:00pm	<u>Team Tuesday</u>
<u>Wed Sep 14</u>	7:00pm – 8:00pm	<u>Men's Group</u> - Pastor's Office
<u>Thu Sep 15</u>	12:30pm – 2:00pm	<u>Lunch Bunch</u> - Conference Room
<u>Sat Sep 17</u>	3:30pm – 5:30pm	<u>Park Place Soup Kitchen</u>
<u>Sun Sep 18</u>	All day 9:00am – 10:00am 10:00am – 11:00am 11:00am – 12:00pm	<u>Rally Sunday</u> <u>Contemporary Worship Service</u> <u>Christian Education</u> <u>Traditional Worship</u> - Traditional Worship
<u>Tue Sep 20</u>	7:00pm – 9:00pm 7:30pm – 9:30pm	<u>Wills, Trusts, and Personal Planning</u> - St. James <u>Disciples in Training</u> - St James Office
<u>Wed Sep 21</u>	All day	<u>Mobile Loaves & Fishes</u>
<u>Sat Sep 24</u>	6:30pm – 8:30pm	<u>Jr. Youth Group</u>
<u>Sun Sep 25</u>	9:00am – 10:00am 10:00am – 11:00am 11:00am – 12:00pm	<u>Contemporary Worship Service</u> <u>Christian Education</u> <u>Traditional Worship</u> - Traditional Worship
<u>Tue Sep 27</u>	7:00pm	<u>Council</u>
<u>Wed Sep 28</u>	12:00pm – 1:00pm 7:00pm – 8:00pm	<u>My Legacy Matters</u> <u>Men's Group</u> - Pastor's Office
<u>Thu Sep 29</u>	12:30pm – 2:00pm	<u>Lunch Bunch</u> - Conference Room



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Living in God's amazing grace

Holiday Bazaar

Mark your calendar because on November 6th and 20th following each service the Outreach Ministry Team will be holding a Holiday Bazaar. Beautiful and unique handmade items from around the world created for Lutheran World Relief will be available for purchase. These items include jewelry, decorative items, tote bags, scarves, ornaments and much more. Proceeds support Lutheran Relief Programs and 10% of sales will remain with St. James for our own Outreach Ministries. So start making your Christmas Gift List and come ready to choose beautiful hand-made items for your family and friends. Last year we raised over \$700.00 for Lutheran World Relief and \$300.00 for Outreach Ministries at St. James.

All committees and groups are invited to participate in the Bazaar. This is a great opportunity to do some fundraising for your committee. See Jill Bowen if you are interested in participating.



Lutheran World Relief
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