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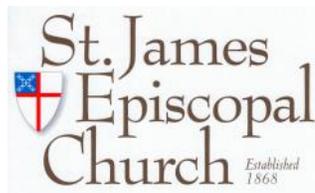
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FROM THE RECTOR ...

When I think of the Incarnation, I think of it as a supreme act of selflessness and as a miracle. The Incarnation is, of course, central to the story of our salvation. A Greek word for salvation is “Sozo,” which can be translated as healing. So, when thinking about the Incarnation, miracle and healing come to mind.

The 9th chapter of Matthew provides accounts of the healing ministry of Jesus. Five miracles are recorded, four of them physical healing and the fifth a restoring to life of a dead girl. These are representative of the many miracles Jesus performed during his earthly ministry.

What was the purpose of Jesus’ healing miracles? These miracles displayed the divine power of Jesus and spoke to the fact that He was the Son of God.

There was another motive, however, in Jesus’ healing ministry. He was moved by compassion for those in need. He loved them. Matthew records that as He went throughout the cities and villages, “When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.” On another occasion when Jesus saw the only son of a widow being carried out for burial, He had compassion on the woman and raised her son to life.

Jesus’ acts of healing, then, had a two-fold purpose. They were needed as a testament to His divinity, and in the process, Jesus wanted to respond to true human needs. We find an important example in this - while the spiritual needs

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Christmas At St. James:

Christmas Eve

Saturday, Dec. 24, 2016

Christmas Service for Families with Children with the St. James Music Team
 4 P.M.

Traditional Christmas Service with special music
 7 P.M.

Christmas Vigil with Lessons and Carols with the St. James Choir
 10 P.M.

Christmas Day

**Sunday, Dec. 25, 2016
 (Only One Service)**

Traditional Christmas Service
 10 A.M.

**New Year's Day
 Sunday, Jan. 1, 2017
 (Only One Service)**

Holy Communion Service
 10 A.M.

Christmas At Gethsemane:

Christmas Day

Sunday, Dec. 25, 2016

Christmas Service
 Noon

DECEMBER ADULT POTLUCK

The December adult potluck will be hosted by Deacons Roxy and Connie on Friday, Dec. 9, at 6:30 P.M. Their address is 1715 S. Black (Woodbrook Townhomes), Bozeman. For directions, call them at (406) 580-4748 (Roxy) or (406) 579-5408 (Connie).

Please bring a dish to share and a beverage of your choice.

New members of the Parish are encouraged to come – definitely a great way to meet other church family members.

These kinds of events are also a great way for “old” members to meet those who are new and to visit with those they do know.

Interested in hosting a potluck? **Hosts are needed for 2017! Please volunteer for dates in 2017 – many are open!**

Please call Deacon Roxanne at (406) 580-4748 or (406) 586-9093, Ext. 3, to volunteer. This is a great way to host a party the easy way – you provide the place; others bring the food – such a deal!

NOTE: Future hosts are Ruth Cooper in January, John and Jenny Lavey in February, Ping and Marcia Oliver in May...lots more details to follow. Please volunteer for open dates in 2017!

*Blessings,
Deacon Roxanne*



CHURCH TOWN HALL

There will be a Church Town Hall on Sunday, Dec. 11, at 12:30 P.M. (after the 11 A.M. service) in the Parish Hall.

The Finance Committee will be presenting the proposed 2017 budget to the parish for discussion.

Please plan to attend. The Vestry needs parish input before approval of the final budget.

DELEGATES SOUGHT FOR DIOCESAN CONVENTION

If you would like to represent St. James at the 2017 Diocesan Convention that will be held in Helena on Oct. 6-8, please let Fr. Clark know by Jan. 15, 2017, so that your name can be put on the ballot.

Convention delegates are elected at the St. James Annual Meeting which is held on the last Sunday in January (Jan. 29, 2017). Convention delegates are responsible for paying for the convention registration fee (typically \$80.00 - \$100.00 per delegate) and for paying for their travel expenses, hotel room and any meals that are not covered by the convention registration fee.

COMMUNITY CAFÉ

St. James will volunteer at the Community Café on Dec. 16. We invite members to come to the café at 5:30 P.M. and join us in singing Christmas carols for the patrons. Plan to stay about 45 minutes.

We will not be serving at the café in January 2017, as we have donated (one time only) our slot to others for the opportunity to serve.

NEW OFFICE HOURS

Father Clark has new office hours. Beginning on Dec. 1, Clark will be in his St. James office on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9 A.M. to 2 P.M.

COMMUNITY AND WORLD CONCERNS

The Community and World Concerns Committee greatly appreciated the generous portion of the Ward bequest allocated to our committee by the Vestry earlier this year. After prayerful deliberation and much Discussion, we have decided to donate the funds over a five-year period, dividing the money equally between the years. We have chosen both local and international organizations with excellent reputations.

The Vestry approved the donations we determined for 2016 as follows:

- International Rescue Committee – \$ 5,000.00, to support refugee family resettlement in Missoula, MT. IRC is a Charity Navigator A+ rated charity. Founded in 1933, the IRC focuses on supporting and resettling refugees of war and natural disaster. With 65 million refugees in the world today, the IRC is helping to relieve the suffering of the victims of this humanitarian disaster.
- Haven – \$3,000.00/year for three years to support the capital campaign to build a new domestic violence shelter to provide services to the survivors of domestic violence.
- Community Café – \$3,000.00 to help reinstate the Saturday meal that was recently cut due to lack of funding.

Please remember to shop the St. Nicholas Fair from 10 A.M. to 3 P.M. on Saturday, Dec. 3, in the Parish Hall to support many other fine organizations that help the needy.

If you have any questions or comments, please call Carol Sharrock at (406) 539-3205.

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priority, we must not ignore their physical needs.

Looking at the miracles recorded in Matthew 9, it is important to note that faith plays an important role. In the healing of the paralytic man, Matthew says that Jesus saw his faith. To the woman who was healed, Jesus said, “Your faith has made you well.” And to the two blind men whom He healed, He said, “According to your faith be it done to you.” And as for the ruler whose daughter Jesus restored to life, his faith is certainly implied in his request to Jesus: “My daughter has just died, but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live.”



Father Clark Sherman

Is God limited to our faith? No. There are several instances in the Gospels where faith is not mentioned. This is actually a blessing to us, because we often struggle with faith. When we struggle this way, we should follow the example of the father who said to Jesus, “I believe; help my unbelief.”

As we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus, let us remember the healing power that became manifest in the child. God’s response to our brokenness and woundedness was to become one of us. He is still present to us today in the Body of Christ. His healing ministry has not ended; It continues today. What a wonderful gift that is.

Through Advent, Christmas and Epiphany, I will be sharing articles and teachings about Healing Ministry in the Church today. In Lent, I will offer a class on Healing Ministry. I am hopeful that doing so will empower the ministry of healing in our parish.

May you find abundant life this Christmas season and in the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Faithfully, Fr. Clark

FROM THE ARCHDEACON...

The season of Advent is upon us. As I get older, these weeks before Christmas are becoming more and more significant, precious to me. This is a time to reflect on, prepare for what is coming ... that wonderful time of the year when we celebrate the one who comes as the Son of God to live among us, to be one of us – fully human and divine, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

How do you and I stay focused on the "reason for the season" in these weeks of Advent? How do we remember the "reason for the season" when we are constantly bombarded with the call to buy, buy, buy? Those in the advertising business are so very good at distracting us, for giving us a good reason for taking our eyes off the prize!



Here are a few ideas to help us quell the distractions:

- How about getting all your holiday planning and shopping done by the end of the first week in December and then volunteer with community organizations to serve the needs of others?
- How about doing some random act of kindness like buying the person's meal/coffee who is behind you in the drive-up lane at McDonald's, Arby's, Sola (you get the idea!)
- How about shoveling a neighbor's sidewalk and driveway in the early hours of the morning?
- How about giving someone the change they need in the grocery line if they come up short?
- How about a smile and a cheery word to the checker at Target.

Surely, you being the clever people you are, can come up with more, even better ideas. In fact, if you do, send them to me at julianofnorwich@msn.com, and I will publish them in future columns. These ideas can be put to use all the months of the year, yes?

This can be the season of multiple blessings for each of us ... Christ is coming! WOW! The time we have and what we do with it during Advent can be a time full of great blessings for each of us. Waiting, preparing for the arrival of the God of love, what can each of us do to touch the real reason for this season? Love god with our whole being and love one another – this is what we all can do.

A very blessed Advent season to each and everyone of you!

Deacon Roxanne

FAMILY PROMISE

As Christmas approaches, I think of "Christmas Past" and remember fun with family and friends. I am sure many of you have such memories – and I think of so many families whose memories of Christmas is not as warm as mine. I think of children who remember being cold and hungry. I think of mothers who cry and wonder why they are unable to provide happiness for their children. I think of fathers who feel like failures because they can't provide shelter for their children.



These thoughts are part of what makes me so proud to part of the ministry St. James provides to Family Promise. We house the families in the Rectory five times a year. Volunteers provide meals, comfort and hope.

If you would like to be part of this ministry, please talk to me or Deacon Roxy, and we will be glad to answer any questions. Our next hosting starts Jan. 1 – what a wonderful way to start out 2017! If you would like to sign up now to volunteer Jan 1, 3, 6 or 7, please contact me at (406) 587-2095 or at nwinget27@gmail.com.

Thank you, and Merry Christmas!

Nancy Winget

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

St. James is all about hospitality. We want everyone to feel welcome to St. James, so please make sure your guests sign the guest book in the foyer – invite them to the monthly potlucks (see Page 2 for more information) and encourage them to order a name tag. The church office will add their contact information to the *Weekly News* and monthly *Pilgrim*. Call Sarah, our Office Manager, at (406) 586-9093.

Coffee Hours: Our coffee hours are special gatherings! They are after the 8:00 A.M. and 9:30 A.M. Sunday services. (There will **not** be a 4th Sunday coffee hour after the 11:00 A.M. service in December.) There is always great conversation and wonderful goodies; be sure and plan your morning so you can participate.

If you are interested in joining the Membership Committee, contact any of us. Membership Committee Members: Carla Christ, Cassie Cameron, Ed Griswold, Linda Hoseth, Deacon Roxanne Klingensmith, Margo McGinness, Caryle Merrill, Bridget Roskam, Lori Rotherham, Eileen Thompson-Sale, Nancy Winget, and Co-chairs Markie Nathan khn@aggienetwork.com (406) 551-0267 and Daryl Todd daryltodd@onemain.com (406) 579-7618.

WELCOME

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

We are the Body of Christ. Christian Formation is the heart of our shared life in Christ. No matter our age, we are growing in faith; programming is offered for all ages. You may find out more about it here.

Your presence and participation brings life to our community and draws us closer to God. You are not only welcome but necessary. To find out more about serving or participating in the many offerings for faith formation in our community contact: Emily Thrasher, Christian Formation Associate, emilythrasher.stjames@gmail.com (406) 586-9093, Ext. 5. Office Hours: Wednesday and Thursday 10 A.M. to 2 P.M.

Sunday Morning/Afternoon:

9:15 A.M. – 12:15 P.M. Nursery • Todd Center • Ages newborn to 6

9:30 – 10:45 A.M. Godly Play • Todd Center • Ages 3 through 2nd Grade

9:30 – 10:45 A.M. Godly Play • Upstairs at St. James • 3rd Grade through 5th Grade

11:00 A.M. – 12:30 P.M. (Dec. 11 & 18) High School Youth Group • Todd Center • 9th Grade +

12:30 – 1:00 P.M. (Dec. 11 & 18) Confirmation Class • Todd Center • minimum age 16 in 2017

Wednesday Night:

6:30 – 7:45 P.M. Adult Christian Formation • Parish Hall

Ongoing Events:

Breakfast Club – Once a month, for all youth aged 6th grade through 12th grade,. We will meet at 9 A.M. on Dec. 4 for food and fellowship in the Parish Hall. This is the ideal way to stay in touch with other kids out of your own grade range and spend some time together before worshipping at the 9:30 A.M. service. We have some ideas in programming and how it all fits into your busy lives – come hungry and contribute your voice!

Nursery – Our attendants care and play with your little ones every Sunday. Maddie and Heaven look forward to seeing your up to age 4 children in the Nursery during the 9:30 A.M. service. Our capacity is currently set at eight children, a 1:4 ratio, so that we can give your children the attention and care they deserve in our relatively small space. All children must be retrieved by 12:15 P.M. **No Nursery available on Christmas Eve evening.**

Godly Play – Children are led by adult members of St. James as they impart our Christian beliefs and Episcopalian traditions to your children through this Montessori-based curriculum. You can be assured that interactive and hands-on learning will help instill the love of Christ and the Bible in your child. Everyone gets to partake in the “Feast” and enjoy some creative time as well. Sign up with a member volunteer holding a clipboard when you arrive at St. James, and we will escort them together to their meeting rooms. Interested in becoming a part of Godly Play? A bit of training and history of Godly Play, a standard background check and online Safeguarding God’s Children by the diocese will allow you to do so. Please direct any question to Emily Thrasher or Jamie Sherman. See what Godly Play is all about here: <http://tinyurl.com/zkfudoj> . Come see how you can share your wisdom and talents with the children of St. James! **No Godly Play on Christmas Day.**

High School Youth Group – **For December: We will meet on Dec. 11 & 18 this month.** Meet with other high school students for study, discussion, games, crafts and fun! A meal will be provided; volunteers to provide a meal please contact Emily. Father Greg will lead Confirmation Class studies using the book *My Faith, My Life: A Teen’s Guide to the Episcopal Church* by Jenifer Gamber for the last half hour of our meetings. Call Fr. Greg or Emily at 586-9093, Ext. 5, with any questions or to let us know you’d like to become part of this group!

Middle School Youth Group – MSYG, a youth group for 6th through 8th graders, is on hiatus to search for a more suitable time to meet. Parents who wish to give their feedback on this worthy endeavor are welcome to send ideas to Emily or Fr. Clark. Let’s give this ministry a chance to catch fire for the life of the youth at St. James!

MORE CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Ongoing Events, continued:

Coventry Club – This Coventry Club is on hiatus for now. Parents, what can we say except that it's a fun time for all but we need your kids to participate. Any feedback on to what we can do to entice you bring your kids would be great. Stay tuned for when we will start up again.

Adult Christian Formation - *Believing is Seeing: A Guide for Responding to John's Gospel* is the book written and led by Father Bruce McNab at Wednesday Night Family Night. Gain a deeper understanding of John's gospel and the life of Jesus with your fellow parishioners through this insightful study group.

Coming in January – Epiphany Play for all ages! This St. James tradition is fun for everyone and will be starting very shortly into the New Year. All you have to do is show up, pick a costume, listen for your entrance cues and maybe help corral your little sheep. The date is Jan. 8 for the Epiphany Pageant.

TREASURER'S JOURNAL FOR DECEMBER

Overall, October expenses exceeded operating income by \$6.7K.

Here are explanations of the significant October variances.

Revenues:

Plate Offerings were \$1.9K below the budget estimate.

Pledge Donations were \$1.9K below the budget estimate.

Expenses:

Christian Formation was \$0.8K over the forecast due to expenses associated with attending the National Youth Worker's Convention in Cincinnati, OH.

Payroll was \$2.3K over the forecast with the Office Manager now being a full-time position.

Designated/Restricted Funds:

The total of all funds increased by \$6.3K to \$199.5K.

Rector Discretionary Funds decreased by \$0.4K to \$0.6K.

The latest financial reports are always located on the St. James website. After you login, you can visit <http://stjamesbozeman.org/members/vestry/financials> to download the reports.

Please send any questions to sjbkkpr@gmail.com or leave a message for Julie Suiter at (406) 586-9093, Ext 7. You can also reach Wendy Wilson at (406) 579-4382 or me at (406) 551-3921.

Keith Nathan, Co-treasurer



REFLECTION 4

Greetings, My name is Heidi Jones-Magee. I have recently begun the journey to becoming a deacon through, The Episcopal Diocese of Montana, School of Deacons. As part of my growth during this journey, I have been asked to share reflections of personal and topical experiences. The reflections help me to become aware and to recognize God's presence in all things. The following is a reflection on the recent results of the general election. Thank you in advance for taking the time to read my reflection.

There have been myriad of opinions and emotions during this election cycle. The results of the primary election has left many dismayed and disappointed in the democratic process. Many others are overjoyed by the results and now believe strongly in the democratic process.

What motivates the feelings of disappointment and dismay? Fear? Anger? Do you know you what comes next when these two emotions are not put in check? Hate.

Many years ago, I lived in a small college town. The town was a predominantly white, lower middle class and upper middle class society. If you know who is writing this piece, then you know why this is significant.

I attended the college in that small college town. I was fortunate in that I did not experience much racism during the years I was a resident. Only once was I directly targeted. That was the most scared I had been for my life, ever. I was walking on campus on a Sunday afternoon when people in a white SUV driving by screamed, "Nigger! I'm gonna get you!" I didn't panic at those words but when they drove back by, I felt I was in serious trouble. Fortunately, I was close to the campus library and was able to go inside and call a friend to pick me up.

I was in shock and very afraid. I shared my experience with the president of the university, who promptly dismissed my story as unbelievable, and the campus police were even less helpful. There was no mention of the incident at all afterwards by the university. To say the least, I was discouraged.

I was in my third year of school at that time. I earned my degree just like everyone else. I wonder where I would be now if I had let that incident stop me from reaching my goal? I wonder where we would all be right now if Martin Luther King Jr. and all those who supported him had let others who desired to stop them to succeed. Where would we be if Susan B. Anthony and all those who supported her didn't fight for women's rights? Where would we be if Harriet Tubman didn't create and lead the underground railroad?

I'm sure the reader at this point could name a few more. The fact is, each of these people I have mentioned fought for our rights under an oppressive society while others were complacent with they way things were. I believe each of these historical figures were motivated by love.

The scriptures remind me not to be a slave of fear, anger and hate, to not take my eyes off the prize. "You shall worship the Lord your God and Him only shall you serve." Matthew 4: 10 ESV

This doesn't mean that I am not ever afraid or angry. Those feelings are part of the storms of life. I take comfort in the reading in Psalm 91. He protects me.

REFLECTION 4, CONTINUED



Psalm 91 "He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.

2 I will say[a] to the Lord, "My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust."

3 For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence.

4 He will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness is a shield and buckler.

5 You will not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day,

6 Nor the pestilence that stalks in darkness, nor the destruction that wastes at noonday.

7 A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand, but it will not come near you.

8 You will only look with your eyes and see the recompense of the wicked.

9 Because you have made the Lord your dwelling place—the Most High, who is my refuge[b]—

10 No evil shall be allowed to befall you, no plague come near your tent.

11 For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways.

12 On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.

13 You will tread on the lion and the adder; the young lion and the serpent you will trample underfoot.

14 "Because he holds fast to me in love, I will deliver him; I will protect him, because he knows my name.

15 When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; I will rescue him and honor him.

16 With long life I will satisfy him and show him my salvation."

ST. JAMES PRAYER LIST—DECEMBER 2016

If you would like to add or remove a name from the Prayer List, please contact the St. James church office at (406) 586-9093, Ext. 1, or sj5westolive@gmail.com

Prayers For the Church: For the Anglican Communion worldwide; for Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury; for Michael Curry, our Presiding Bishop.

Prayers For the Diocese: For Franklin, our Bishop; For Carol, our Assisting Bishop; for Heidi Kinner, St Peter's Cathedral.

Prayers For Healing: Sean Grabbe, Christina Harrell, Emily and Jon, Kelly Larson, Alan Dapore, B.J. Wright, Lester Wooden, Jane Stifter, Ken Nelson, Daryl Nelson, Jay Treadwell, Patrick Eckman, Henry Auvil, Elik, Aaron and Lynn Holsinger, Abigail, A. J. Hancock, Jack Olson, Jenny Tucker, Mary Ken Chandler, Angus Macdonald, Thomas, Everett June, Kathleen Collins, Rachel, Susan, Laura James, Debra, Tara, Rachel, Carol Smalley, Theresa, Evelyn Halpin, Tom Olson, Karen, John Dowell, Janette Moore, Karen Smalley, Darrel Nelson.

Prayers For the Homebound: Joan Bray, Patty Carkeek, Arlene Fiscus, Penny McClelland, Angus MacDonald, The Rev. Denise Rogers, Bev Wallace.

Continuing Prayers Requested For: Cynthia, Pamela Duescher, Sarah, Janet R., Christina, Seth F., Leslie P., Margo, Annie M., Roxanne, George Bailey.

Prayers For the People: We pray for all families living in violent homes, that our community can help survivors of domestic violence find support, respect and peace.

Prayers For Those Involved in the Defense of Freedom: Christian Lavinder; Andrew Gifford, U.S. Navy; James Fuemmeler, U.S. Navy; Skylar Gifford, U.S. Navy; and for those awaiting their safe return.

Prayers of Remembrance For December: Vernon Pearson, Minnie Preston, Ruth Gerrad, Lucille Fitchner, Thelma Banks, John Prescott, Cresap Story McCracken, Mary Anne McCracken, Catherine Hurst, Betsey Mitchell, Roy Cook, Carl Lehrkind Jr., Edwin Banks, Robert W. Martin Jr., Marjorie West, Olive "Terry" Johnston, Minxie Minton, Jesse Briggs, Arthur F. Duntsch, Sister Alice Lorraine Reid, Melva Morse, David Catlin, Ann Linnea Sandberg.

