

### **OUR TRADITIONAL “SIMPLE SOUP SUPPERS” . . .**

Will be held on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall here at St. James. They will be followed by a half-hour devotional service, which begins at 7:00 pm. The suppers begin on Wednesday, February 24. A sign-up list for folks to host each supper has been posted at the information desk. Please join in this time of Lenten fellowship.

### **A TRIP TO SEVEN SPRINGS . . .**

Is being organized for Sunday, February 28. SIGN - UP sheets with very specific details are in the back of the sanctuary. Skiing, tubing and snowboarding are all available. If you want to go to 7-Springs but are not interested in snow activities, please review the information on the sign up sheet. Interest for other activities will be gauged. This outing is NOT limited to St. James members. Please pass the word to family and friends. If you would like an electronic copy of the sign up sheet, please call K. George or M. Davies.

### **“SOUPER BOWL OF CARING” . . .**

On Sunday, February 7, a record was set, as the largest audience in history tuned in to football’s Super Bowl to watch the New Orleans Saints and the Indianapolis Colts compete for the NFL championship. However, the real “champions” of the day are the faithful folks in churches around the nation who shared their blessings with those in need by contributing to the annual “Souper Bowl of Caring.” Over the last 20 years, more than \$60 million has been given to feeding programs through this effort! The soup kettles were once again set out at St. James, and although the bad weather made for rather “slim” attendance on that Sunday, our members gave \$220.00!

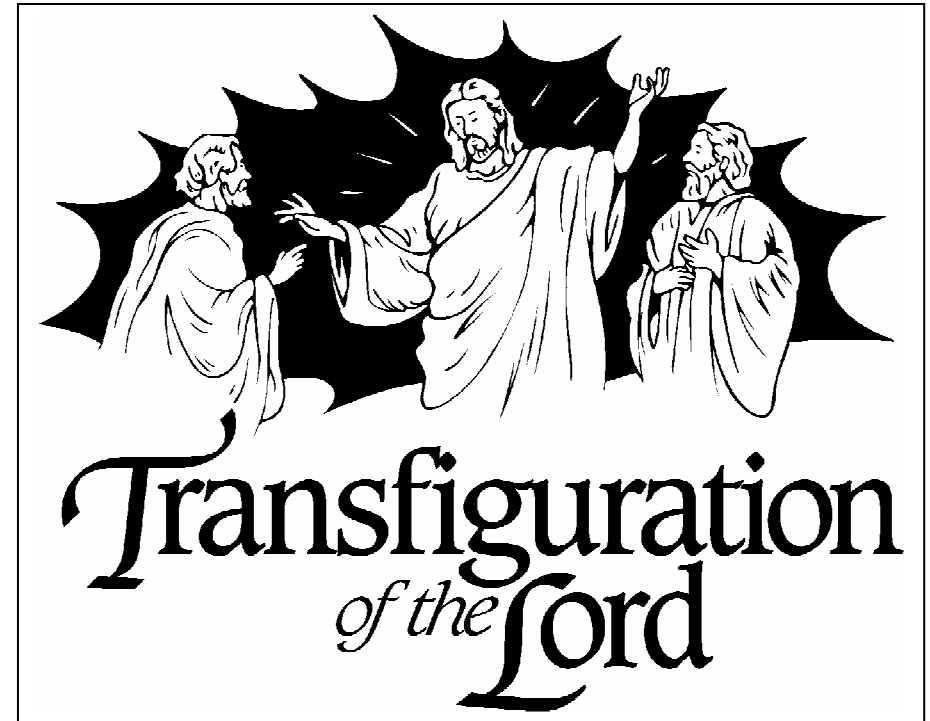
We will keep the kettles out for several more Sundays, to receive the gifts of those who missed worship on “Souper Bowl Sunday.” We will also be glad to receive any donations that are sent by mail! All contributions will be turned over to the Ligonier Valley Food Pantry. Last year’s collection totaled \$461.00. Let’s see if we can top \$500.00 this year! Thanks for your generous support!

### **LENTEN FISH FRY . . .**

Our sister congregation, Faith Lutheran Church, New Florence, will again be sponsoring their annual series of Lenten Fish Fry meals on Fridays evenings during Lent. The dinners begin on Friday, February 19, and continue through Friday, March 26. Hours are 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm, and the cost is \$8.50 for adults and \$5.00 for children under 12 years. Combo meals will be available for an additional 50 cents. Copies of the menu are available at the information desk. Faith Lutheran Church is located at 6810 Route 22 East, New Florence – between Route 259 and Route 56. Their phone number is 724-676-2240.

## **St. James Evangelical Lutheran Church**

Ligonier, Pennsylvania



### **Parish Notes**

**Sunday, February 14, 2010**

The members of the family of St. James celebrate a Lutheran witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We worship and serve in response to God’s love.

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### SERVING TODAY

Organist	S. Wolfe
Head Usher	W. J. Miller
Ushers	8:00 am
	10:45 am
Lector	8:00 am
	10:45 am
Altar Guild	K. Torrance C. Lynn & L. Luptak

### WELCOME GUESTS!

A warm welcome to our guests! Your presence is appreciated as we give thanks to God for the gift of our Lord Jesus Christ. Please sign the guest register and come back again soon.

### THE FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL . . .

Are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Kirk's birthday, by C. Lynn.

### DAILY LENTEN PRAYERS . . .

Are again being written by the youth in the Sunday School and Confirmation classes, and will be sent out by e-mail each day. If you would like to receive them at your home or workplace computer, please send an e-mail note to the Poerschke's, and we will add you to the list.

### THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY . . .

Still offers several opportunities to sign up to support our worship at St. James. At this point ushers are needed at both the 8:00 am and 10:45 am services, and lectors for various services. Please sign up at the information desk.

### A NURSERY IS AVAILABLE . . .

For any little ones. Exit the sanctuary to the right, behind the divider.

## LOOKING AHEAD

Wednesday, February 17 ( <i>Holy Communion</i> )	7:30 pm	Ash Wednesday Service
Sunday, February 21 ( <i>Celebration Sunday</i> )	8:00 am	Worship
	9:15 am	Sunday School
	10:45 am	Worship
Wednesday, February 24	12:00 noon	Lenten Service @ Covenant
	6:00 pm	Simple Supper
	7:00 pm	Worship
	7:30 pm	Choir Practice

### THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION . . .

Is being held today, per the constitution. The meeting follows the 10:45 am worship service. Minutes from the past year's meetings will be presented, as well as reports from the treasurer and all committees. Also, two representatives will be elected to the committee that oversees the Endowment. Please participate in this important meeting!

### THE SEASON OF LENT . . .

Lent, the 40 day time of preparation for our celebration of the death and resurrection of our Lord, begins with the solemn observance of Ash Wednesday. Please plan to be present for our Ash Wednesday liturgy this Wednesday, February 17, at 7:30 pm. If anyone is willing to serve as lector for the service that evening, please see Pastor Paul.

### SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER . . .

Will be held Tuesday, February 16 at St. Michael's of the Valley Episcopal Church, Rector. Pancakes, sausage, three delicious syrups and beverages will be served from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm. Suggested donation is \$8.00 – adults, \$4.00 – children under 10 years. Proceeds to benefit summer mission trip to Agua Viva Children's Home in Guatemala.

### NOONDAY COMMUNITY LENTEN SERVICES . . .

Are again being planned by the Ligonier Valley Association of Churches. They begin on February 17, Ash Wednesday, and continue for six Wednesdays. The first three will be held at Covenant Presbyterian Church, and the remaining three will be held at Calvary United Methodist Church. Each service will be followed by the traditional Lenten luncheon. The theme for this year's series is "From Fear to Faith: The Story of the Prodigal Son."