

Condolences to Jim Von Riesen and family on the passing of his wife, Kathleen (Kay) on Sunday February 4, 2024. A private family celebration of her life will take place at a later date.

We accept the following donation to the General Fund:

* In memory of Kay Von Riesen from Brenda and Clyde Flight

We accept the following donation to the Memorial Fund:

* In memory of Harvey Weir from Frank King

The Lent/Easter Visitor is here. It is with sadness that we inform you The Visitor will no longer be available in print format unless specifically requested. It was a difficult decision, but due to increasing production costs and the lack of people to deliver them, it was inevitable. The newsletter has been sent out digitally as per usual. We are sorry for any inconvenience this may cause. This edition is all online so please visit the church website at <http://www.stjamesuc.org> to download your edition. If you would like a paper copy please contact the office. Thank you to all who contributed.

Make Your Lent Green: This year we are using a green lens as we explore the readings for each Sunday in Lent. Why not make your whole Lent green? One way to do this is to follow the suggestions be A Rocha, a Christian environmental organisation started in the UK. Here is a link you can use to their UK website: <https://arocha.org.uk/go-green-for-lent/>

Looking for Friends: Are you a younger person and missing your Nan? Are you a bit older and would appreciate a surrogate uncle or sibling? Then look no further. We are looking to connect some of our more senior members with people who will give them a call, stop by for a visit, be a friend. If this interests you, contact Stephanie at info@stjamesuc.org.

Looking for photos: Calling all photographers. We are looking for photographs that we can include as the front cover of future bulletins. Feel free to submit your photos of nature, still-life arrangements, seasonal celebrations and the like. Avoid photographs of people. We would need their permission to publish their likeness.

Worship Leadership Training: Have you ever wondered about why we worship as we do or been curious about how a worship service is put together? Have you considered helping lead a worship service or helped in one in the past and want to hone your skills? Then come take part in a four week worship leadership course when you will learn about worship, what makes up a service, how to write a prayer and even how to prepare a sermon. The sessions will be from 1 to 4:30 pm on the Saturdays of Lent (Feb. 24, March 2, 9 and 16). If interested, please contact Rev. James at james@stjamesuc.org

Volunteer Opportunity: Are you someone who tries to make sure everyone is included? Do you believe strongly in St. James as a congregation where people of all identities, backgrounds, sexualities and experiences belong? Then you should consider joining our Diversity Committee. Please contact Paul Walsh at jpaulwalsh1209@yahoo.com

Teachers on Wheels will be holding a tutor-training workshop on Saturday, February 10th. If you can read, you can tutor! Call Tom Dawe for details at (709) 738-3975.

www.teachersonwheels.ca. St. James Outreach and Action Committee is discerning a future initiative of offering ESL/EFL classes (English as a second or foreign language conversation classes). This is an awesome opportunity to train for that

Purdy's Chocolates: St. James invites you to celebrate easter with delicious Purdy's Chocolates! At the same time you'll be helping our congregation achieve its financial goals. The order deadline is: Wednesday, March 6, 2024. You can pick up your order at the church on Saturday, March 30, 2024. If you would like to order some chocolates, use this link: <https://fundraising.purdys.com/1570516-117000> and it will take you to a page where you enter your email. Once you have done that, click the "Join a campaign" button and it will take you to our St. James page. In the top right corner you will see three horizontal lines (that is the symbol for menu on a website). Click on it and scroll down to "shop online". Clicking on that will take you to a page where you can choose between "the marketplace" (so you can see pictures and read descriptions) or the online form. Let us know if you need help with any of this and we will order on your behalf.