

# St. James Lutheran Church

Montague, Michigan 49437

Organized: 1872

Sola Gratia      ✝      Grace Alone  
Sola Fide        ✝      Faith Alone  
Sola Scriptura ✝      Scripture Alone



## *Faithful Servants of God's People at St. James Lutheran ~ LCMS*

Henry Torney	1872 to 1890
William Randolph	1891 to 1893
Frederick Hahn	1894 to 1905
J. George Neuchterlein	1905 to 1912
Frederick Schriefer	1912 to 1927
Albert G. Krug	1928 to 1964
Robert Seizinger	1966 to 1967
Lorne Ruhl	1967 to 1977
Walter Teske	1977 to 1989
John Brooks	1990 to present
Vicar Paul Gaschler	

# *A Brief History of St. James Lutheran Church ~ LCMS*

The first Lutheran service was held in a private residence in Ludington and was led by Rev. Torney on September 15, 1872. Those attending decided that this should be continued and asked Rev. Torney to prepare documents to begin the new congregation.

February 1873 ~ Document agreed upon and signed by 20 individuals.

August 1874 ~ Original church built on NW corner of Stebbins and Lasley.

1879 ~ Original parsonage built on NE corner of Dicey and Lasley.

1880 ~ Members of Peace Lutheran released and established new church in Claybanks Township of Oceana County.

1885 ~ Christian Day School built on SW corner of Dicey and Lasley.

1899 ~ Tower and Bell added to church.

1928 ~ Sunday School was started. Former C.F. Cordes home on SE corner of Stebbins and Lasley purchased to use for the Sunday School.

1929/1930 ~ Original church building demolished and new church erected and dedicated in spring of 1930.

1930's ~ German language phased out and English only used.

1950 ~ Old wooden parsonage replaced by brick home.

1954 ~ Vacation Bible School started.

1962 ~ Peace Lutheran, Claybanks closes and merges back with St. James Lutheran.

1969/1970 ~ Narthex and Education wing added to church building.

1971 ~ Women granted voting rights in church meetings.

1972 ~ Centennial celebration.

1983 ~ Good Shepherd Preschool started.

1996 ~ Narthex enlarged and new offices, preschool, restrooms and elevator added to North side of church.

2010 ~ Youth House erected by members.