

Please join us as we celebrate 150 years of God's grace at St. James Evangelical Lutheran Church. It is no small achievement for any organization to remain alive and well for such a long period! Yet God's love for sinners will not be thwarted, so His Church here and throughout the world remains! We are not only celebrating what God has done for the past 150 years, but we are boasting about the future; that is, boasting about God's plans to bring hope and peace in Christ to the city of Chicago.

The people of St. James have been a part of the fabric of the great city of Chicago since its beginning. The birth of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod occurred just a few blocks from our current site. The community of St. James supplied significant help to many after the Great Chicago Fire. There are countless families throughout the Midwest and even the nation who have ties to this extraordinary body of Christ.

If you have ever been a part of St. James, perhaps through baptism, worship, the school, or other service, we would be honored to have your attendance at any of our celebratory events. We would especially welcome you to our 150th Anniversary Block Party on September 8th at noon and our Official 150th Anniversary Worship Service on October 5th, at 4:00 pm followed by our Oktoberfest party at 6:00 pm. If you are clergy and want to participate in the anniversary service, please email Pastor Joel Hess at [pastorhess@stjames-lutheran.org](mailto:pastorhess@stjames-lutheran.org). Other visitors and guests, please let us know you are attending by emailing [church@stjames-lutheran.org](mailto:church@stjames-lutheran.org) or calling 773-549-1615. We look forward to seeing you!

