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WORSHIP Sundays

10 am Live & via Zoom

&

Wednesday

7pm

Share the welcome.

Invite a friend

Zoom link found at our website:

Www.Stjames folsom.org



THE VOICE OF St. James



Thoughts from Pastor

Below is a prayer that I have found to be a particularly powerful prayer in recent times. Maybe you will find parts that resonate with you.

A Prayer for the Tired Angry Ones by Laura Jean Truman God,

We're so tired. We want to do justice, but the work feels endless, and the results look so small in our exhausted hands. We want to love mercy, but our enemies are relentless, and it feels like foolishness to prioritize gentleness in this unbelievably cruel world. We want to walk humbly, but self-promotion is seductive, and we are afraid that if we don't look after ourselves.

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no one else will. We want to be kind, but our anger feels insatiable. Jesus, in this neverending wilderness, come to us and grant us grace. Grant us the courage to keep showing up to impossible battles, trusting that it is our commitment to faithfulness, and not our obsession with results, that will bring in Your shalom. Grant us the vulnerability to risk loving our difficult and complicated neighbor, rejecting the lie that some people are made more in the image of God than others. Grant us the humility of a decentered but Beloved self. As we continue to take the single step that is in front of us, Jesus, keep us from becoming what we are called to transform. Protect us from using the empire's violence in our words, in our theology, in our activism, and in our politics — for Your kingdom of peace. Keep our anger from becoming meanness. Keep our sorrow from collapsing into self-pity. Keep our hearts soft enough to keep breaking. Keep our outrage turned towards justice, not cruelty. Remind us that all of this, every bit of it, is for love. Keep us fiercely kind. Amen.

From A Rhythm of Prayer: A Collection of Meditations for Renewal, Ed. By Sarah Bessey, © 2021

FASTER



Our Easter Outreach program has begun. Look for the donation board in the narthex to complete the Faster Food Baskets Please deliver items to church by March 17th. Thank you!

We are asking for the following items:

Can of Pineapple **Brown Sugar**

Can of Sweet Potatoes Box of Instant Potatoes

Powdered Drink Mix **Brownie Mix**

Can of Green Beans **Bisquick**

Pork and Beans



Join us for **Lenten Soup & Study**

Wednesdays Soup at 6:00 pm Study at 7:15 pm

Through to March 27

We will explore the Lenten Theme of

Seed of Joy

Please sign up in Narthex if you plan to attend and if you can make soup. We need 2 soup makers each week. If you would like to make bread, that would be greatly appreciated too.



10th - Betty Pollock 23rd - Pastor Pam Werner



Interested in joining St.
James? An information
session will be held on
March 17. Your chance
to ask all those
questions about our
church and what it
means to be Lutheran.
Sign up in Narthex.



21st - Ron & Erika Warriner



Classes begin at 9am

March 3rd, 17th, & 24th

April 7th, 14th, & 21st

> May 5th & 10th

Sunday School will end on May 10th. Be on the look out for more information on Vacation Bible School this summer!





March 24th

9am Easter Egg Hunt and Refreshments 10am Worship

Maundy Thursday

March 28 7pm Worship

Good Friday

March 29th
12pm - 1:30 pm
Time of Prayers
7pm Worship



March 31st 10am Easter Service



We would like to welcome old and new council members.

The following people have been elected by the congregation to positions of leadership. We give thanks for their willingness to serve. In baptism we are welcomed into the body of Christ and sent to share in the mission of God; we rejoice now that these sisters and brothers will lead us in our common life and our mutual mission as a congregation.

Michael Hozik, Fred Tichy, Judy May, Regina Moschik, Jayne Carmen, Quinn Cowan



March Worship Volunteers





10th - Fred Tichy

17th - Ed Volpa

24th - Dolores Fiori

31st - Debbie

Caglianone



3rd - Volunteer Needed

10th - Volunteer Needed

17th - Volunteer Needed

24th - Volunteer Needed

31st - Volunteer Needed



Communion Assistants

3rd - Volunteers Needed

10th - Volunteers Needed

17th - Volunteers Needed

24th - Volunteers Needed

31st - Volunteers Needed



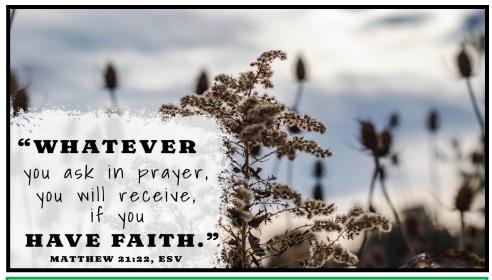
Mar. 3rd - Volunteer Needed

April 7th - Volunteer Needed

Volunteers are needed to help support our in-person worship. We could not do it without your help! If you are willing and able, you can sign up in the



| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|---|-------------------|-----------------|--|----------------|--|---|
| 3 10 am Worship w/ Pastor Glenn Englehardt 11 am Coffee Hour | 4 | 5 | 6 6pm Soup Supper 7:15 pm Study | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| 10 am Worship | 11 | 12 7pm Outreach | 13 1pm God's Stitchers 6pm Soup Supper 7:00 pm Study | 14 | 15 | 5pm Dine Out at Rodizio's Steakhouse |
| 9am Sunday School 10 am Worship | 18 7:30pm Council | 19 | 6pm Soup Supper 7:00 pm Study | 21 | 7pm Escape Room | 23 |
| 9am Easter Egg Hunt w/ Refreshments 10 am Worship | 25 | 26 | 27 1pm God's Stitchers 6pm Soup Supper 7:00 pm Study | 7pm Worship | 12pm-1:30pm Prayers 7pm Worship | 30 |
| 31 EASTER 10 am Worship | | | | | | AA Groups Tue - 7pm Wed - 7pm (Women only) Fri - 8 pm Sat - 6:30pm Sun - 7:30pm |





Dolores Fiori, Laura Librizzi,
Diane Eby, Joan & Marx Heller,
Winnie Ziegler, Hannah Bonchi,
Margaret Rea, Linda Kisby, Erika
Warriner, Rita Ricca, Lee Phillips,
Don & Betty Haines, Dorcas

Schellhas, Henry Butterhof, Bette Jackson, Maggie Rider, Marlene Triggian, Catherine Sabatini, Sharon Schwabs, Edythe Aselta, Toni Marinelli, Fran Penza, Bob & Ellie Frietag, Ed Shine, Christina Spahn, George Cappucio, Karin Cerrato, Heather Lang, Jessica Lewis, Madilynn Rose Powell, Dawn Hatch, Dan P., Louie Rider, Tom Dixon, Ed Volpa Arlene Calletta, Mike Fountas, Nick Pobletti, Donald Ferredico, Arlene Deptula, Jennifer Robinson, Ann Marie Colonna, Sophie Stites, Thomas Rose, Linda Slater, Mike Gigliotti, Timothy Stanbach, Annette Scipione, Baby Octavia Marie Kozole, Jim Dekalb, John Thame.

and For the NJ SYNOD, our Bishop and staff, and the ELCA, Bishop Eaton, and its ministries.

St. James is hosting an Escape Room Night!

Friday, March 22nd - starts at 7:00 pm



230 Rowan Blvd. Glassboro, NJ

If interested please R.S.V.P by March 17th

as we will need to know <u>exactly</u> how many people will be joining us! Cost is \$20.

If you need to carpool, please let us know.

You can sign up on the insert in the weekly bulletin or by letting Pastor Pam or Amanda know.



Looking ahead...

Pulling for Vets Fundraiser - April 20th

@ St James Church

Pride in the Park - June 22nd 11am - 3pm

@ Mays Landing Veterans Memorial Park



Rodizio's Brazillian

Steakhouse



13109 Town Center Boulevard Voorhees, 08043

http://www.rodiziogrill.com/voorhees

Our Dine Out Night will be March 16th

If you would like to carpool, please let us know.

We will meet at the church at 4:30 pm.

Dine at 5 pm

| Name: | | |
|-------------------------|-----|----|
| Number of Guests: | | |
| Phone Number/ Email: | | |
| | | |
| Do vou wish to carpool? | Yes | No |

Please RSVP by March 10th

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CHURCH COUNCIL

Michael Hozik - President Fred Tichy - Vice President Regina Moschik Sally Costa Jayne Carmen Judy May

Worship - Sundays 10 am
Live and Via Zoom
Link on www.stjamesfolsom.org

Our Mission

Welcoming all people to abide in Christ, to experience God's love, and to do God's work in the world around us.



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