February 2026

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Issue 2

175 Years & Beyond

WORSHIP
Sundays
10 am
Live & via Zoom

&

Wednesday
7pm

Share the welcome.

Invite a friend.

Use below to connect to Zoom Link

The Voice of St. James

Thoughts from our Pastor

We sang the following song at the Martin Luther King Jr. Interfaith Service. I believe the words are a needed reminder.

LEAD WITH LOVE
Music & Lyrics by Melanie DeMore @2016 MeMaMusic

Chorus
You gotta put one foot
in front of the other
And lead with love
Put one foot
in front of the other
And lead with love

Don't give up hope
You're not alone
Don't you give up
Keep movin' on
Lift up your eyes

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Don't you despair
Look up ahead
The path is there

I know you're scared
And I'm scared too
But here I am
Right next to you

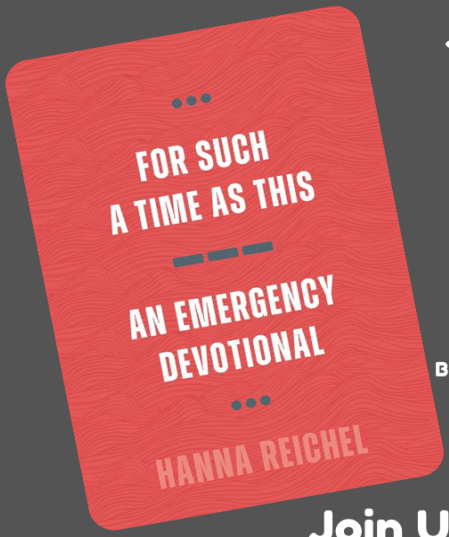
Chorus
You gotta put one foot
in front of the other
And lead with love
Put one foot in front of the other
And lead with love

Let us keep leading with love. The author of 1Corinthians 13 tells us how to do that: with patience and kindness, without envy, boastfulness, arrogance or rudeness. Love does not insist on its own way and is not irritable. It keeps no record of wrong, nor rejoice in wrongdoings. Love rejoices in truth.

Put one foot in front of the other and lead with love.

Link to song:
https://youtu.be/7dbXPw11AE4?si=CpSQA5cvpdLDlCr9

Schedule



January 29th - Introduction
There is Nothing New Under the Sun

February 5th - Part 1
Prepare Yourself or Gathering

February 12th - Part 2
Hear the Word or Listening and Responding

February 19th - Part 3
Become What You Have Received or Communion

February 26th - Part 4
Go Into the World or Sending

Join Us for Thursday Evening Book Study

Your 2025 Annual Giving Statement will been sent out the first-second week in February!

Please be on the lookout for your annual giving statement in the mail. If you do not receive it or have any questions or concerns, please let Amanda know as soon as possible.

Thank you for your generous contributions towards St. James and all our projects, outreach donations, and fundraisers!

19th - Mark & Libby Morgan

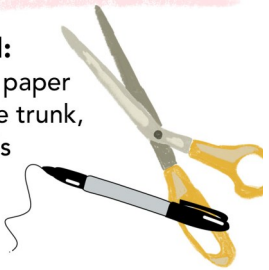
4th - Ian Moran
9th - Ken Panas
19th - Katie Librizzi
22nd - Connor Johnson
25th - Scott Morgan
28th - Jayne Carmen
28th - Mark Morgan

LOVE IS Action!

Love isn't just a feeling — it's something we do! This simple activity reminds us that acts of love, big or small, can grow and bless others.

What you need:

- Construction paper (brown for the trunk, pinks and reds for hearts)
- Scissors
- Glue or tape
- Markers or crayons



What you do:

1. Cut a large tree trunk and branches out of brown paper and glue it onto a sheet of paper or poster board.
2. Use colorful paper to cut several hearts — these will be your "leaves."
3. On each heart, write loving actions like "share my toys," "pray for others," or "help clean up."
4. Glue the hearts onto the branches to create a full, love-filled tree.
5. Hang it somewhere visible as a reminder to put love into action every day!

February Worship Volunteers

1st - Judy May
8th - Jim Valenti
15th - Fred Tichy
22nd - Dolores Fiori

1st - Betty Pollock & Rose Jones
8th - Betty Pollock & Rose Jones
15th - Betty Pollock & Rose Jones
22nd - NO COMMUNION

1st - Volunteers Needed
8th - Volunteers Needed
15th - Volunteers Needed
22nd - NO COMMUNION

FEBRUARY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
AA Groups Tue - 7pm Wed - 7pm (Women only) Fri - 8 pm Sat - 6:30pm Sun - 7:30pm						
1 9am Sunday School 10am Worship	*2*	*3* 7pm Choir Rehearsal	*4* 7pm Evening Devotions ***REPORTS DUE TODAY***	*5* 7pm Book Study - Part 1	*6*	*7*
8 9am Sunday School 10am Worship	*9*	*10* 7pm Choir Rehearsal	*11* 1pm God's Stitchers 7pm Evening Devotions	*12* 7pm Book Study - Part 2	*13*	*14*
15 9am Sunday School 10am Worship 11am *Annual Meeting and Potluck*	*16* 7pm Council	*17* 6pm Outreach 7pm Choir Rehearsal	*18* Ash Wednesday 12pm Devotions & Ashes 7pm Worship & Ashes	*19* 7pm Book Study - Part 3	*20*	*21*
22 9am Sunday School 10am Worship with Michael Hozik	*23*	*24*	*25* 1pm God's Stitchers 6pm Soup and Study	*26* 7pm Book Study - Part 4	*27*	*28*

ANNUAL MEETING

February 15th
following worship
11:00am with Pot Luck

We encourage everyone to join us as we review the past year's ministry and discuss plans for the coming year.

Please ensure all reports are submitted to the office
no later than
February 4th

We are also looking for nominees for council. You must be an active member in good standing. Please give prayerful consideration to the possibility of serving on our council.

We meet once a month.

During this season of Lent, we invite you to take on a small weekly practice of sacrifice and generosity. Consider giving up a favorite snack or beverage. Just one small treat, and donating the cost to a worthy cause. This gentle Lenten practice helps us refocus our hearts, and together our small offerings can grow into meaningful support for those who need it most.

Donations will be collected at the during narthex.

Ash Wednesday Service

12:00 PM *Devotions and Imposition of Ashes*

7:00 PM *Worship and Imposition of Ashes*

St. James Lutheran Church

February 18, 2026

Lenten Soup and Study

Wednesdays February 25th through April 1st

6:00 pm
Soup Dinner

7:00 pm
Lenten Study

Dolores Fiori, Laura Librizzi, Claire Gilmore, Diane Eby, Winnie Ziegler, Hannah Bonchi, Margaret Rea, Jennifer Johnson, Rita Ricca, Gillian Lee Phillips, Betty Haines, Dorcas Schellhas, Bette Jackson, Mario Triboletti, Maggie Rider, Marlene Triggian, Ed Shine, Dan P., Bob & Ellie Frietag, Christina Spahn, Tom Dixon, George Cappucio, Arlene Calletta, Mike Fountas, Nick Pobletti, Bill Link, Sophie Stites, Arlene Deptula, Thomas Rose, Linda Slater, Chip Stewart, Baby Octavia Marie, Lisa D'Ambrosia, Chenza Cerrato, Edythe Aselta, Charlie Patton, Ed Marinelli, RoseAnn Lucca, Mia Arrison, Carol Ann Conner, Will Longtin, Patricia Dudley, Peggy Bucceri, Rita Sarro, Robert DelRoss, John Thame, Bonnie Kelsey, Trisha Burgess, Gaelen Houck, Rosie Ranier, Jen Drucis, Phil Fiori, Paul Morris, Corenne Hickey, Emily Rose Bailey, Pat Cochran, Walter Meinke, Tara, Taylor,

and For the NJ SYNOD, Bishop Compton and staff, and ELCA Bishop Curry, and its ministries.

ALTAR FLOWER SIGNUP

Please note the available Sunday you would like to donate altar flowers.

Please see the list of available dates on the next page.

DATE: Sunday, _____

The Altar flowers should be dedicated as follows:

In Memory/Honor/Celebration/Thanksgiving of:

_____

_____

By_____

PLEASE CIRCLE BELOW IF YOU ARE DONATING ONE VASE AT $20 OR TWO VASES FOR $40.

The cost of the flowers is $20/vase, or $40 for both.

You will be billed at the time of your scheduled donation.

Please remit your check payable to: *St. James Lutheran Church, 1341 Mays Landing Road, Folsom, NJ 08037.*

Would you like to continue your donation for 2027?

___YES ___NO

If you checked yes, we will automatically add you to our schedule for 2027.

Altar Flowers

Our Altar Flower Memorial Program offers a meaningful way to honor loved ones while helping provide the flowers that brighten our altar each week.

If you'd like to donate altar flowers, please review the available dates below and place the completed form in the offering plate.

On Sundays when both vases are open, you may choose to sponsor one or both.

The following dates are still available:

Both Vases ($40):

- **April 12th**
- **April 26th**
- **June 14th**
- **August 16th**
- **August 23rd**
- **October 11th**
- **November 29th**
- **December 27th**

One Vase ($20):

- **April 19th**
- **May 3rd**

Easter Lily Orders

Please complete this form and place in the offering plate along with the money no later than **Sunday, March 1st.**

Please remember, flowers are limited, **order soon** so we can ensure delivery.

Attached is **$**_____ for **(#)**_____ Easter Lilies

at $12.00 each.

Pl*ease make check payable to St. James Church.*

In Memory of: _____

_____

In Thanksgiving for:_____

_____

To The Glory of God:_____

_____

In Celebration of:_____

_____

Your Name: _____

We see hearts everywhere and love sharing cards and greetings with friends and family.

Use the code to discover a special message from God — perfect for any day, any month.

CODE:

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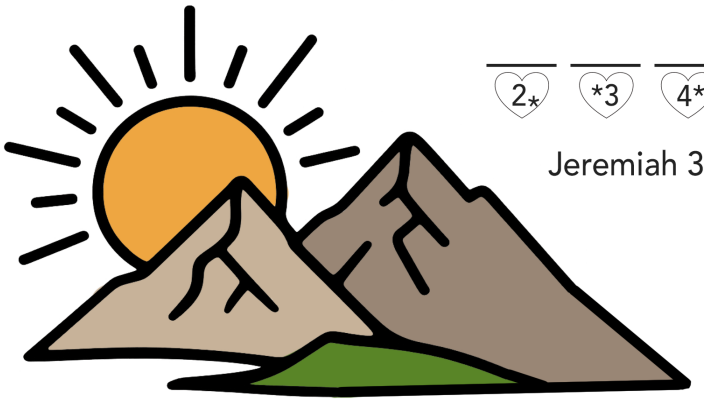

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Jeremiah 31:3

Answer: "I have loved you with an everlasting love."

Sebastian's Schnitzel House

https://www.enjoysebastians.com

43 Fort Dix St,
Wrightstown, NJ 08562

February 27th

Dine out Time is TBD

Carpool from Church TBD

Name:_____

Number of Guests:_____

Phone Number/
Email:_____

_____

Do you wish to carpool? ____Yes ____ No

**Please RSVP <u>no later than</u>
February 22nd!**

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CHURCH COUNCIL

Michael Hozik - President
Regina Moschik - Secretary
Patrick Azzara
Jayne Carmen - Vice Pres.
Judy May
Patti Zellers

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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