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The Voice of St. James

God's Work;
Our Hands.

Sundays, Worship with us at
10 am
Live & via Zoom.
Link to web page below.

Wednesday Devotions
7pm
Share the welcome.
Invite a friend.

Thoughts from our Pastor

I love fall - the changing colors of the season, the cooler air, the crackling sound of walking on dried leaves, the smell of those same leaves.

It reminds me of my childhood: raking leaves together and jumping in the pile, or raking them into an architectural outline and playing "house", twirling like a whirling dervish and making ourselves dizzy to see who could keep from falling into the leaves, and even the smell of burning leaves (something we did back then).

There was a joy and a freedom from that time that I miss as I get older.

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It also makes me think of what Jesus says about coming to him as a child - with abandonment and joy that is unencumbered by the things we learn to fear as adults - fear of being judged, fear of losing what you have, fear of not being able to succeed, fear of insert your thought here.

With Jesus, we are free to come as we are, and know that we are loved. We can jump in whole heartedly and know that we are home. We can feel the blessings of forgiveness when we stumble.

Let us come with all of who we are and a childlike heart and know that Christ will receive. Let us hold onto our childlike joy in him.

Sunday School Resumes September 13 at 9:00 AM

We're excited to welcome our children and families back for a new season of learning and fellowship!

Please join us as we grow together in faith and friendship.

All are welcome,
we can't wait to see you there!

3rd - Hank Rodio

6th - Dolores Fiori

11th - Colleen Kase

16th - Patrick Azzara

22nd - Jim Caglianone

22nd - Joe Chille

27th - Rose Jones

23rd - Bryan Stites & Matt DiDonato

30th - Pastor Pamela Werner & Linda Kisby

A sweet reminder that God is always growing something new, no matter the season. As summer winds down and a new school year begins, remember He is at work in your life, helping you grow in faith, kindness and courage. With His help, you can grow in wisdom, build friendships and shine His love wherever you go.

What you need:

- 2 cups milk
- 1 (4-serving) box chocolate instant pudding mix
- 1 (8 oz.) tub whipped topping, thawed
- 1 (16 oz.) package Oreo cookies, crushed
- 8 (9 oz.) clear plastic cups
- Gummy worms or frogs (optional)

What you do:

1. In a large bowl, whisk together milk and pudding mix for 2 minutes. Let stand for 5 minutes until thickened.
2. Gently fold in the whipped topping.
3. Add a layer of crushed cookies to the bottom of each cup.
4. Spoon pudding mixture on top, filling the cups about ¾ full.
5. Sprinkle more crushed cookies on top to look like "dirt."
6. Add gummy worms or frogs for fun.
7. Chill until ready to serve, or enjoy right away.

See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? — Isaiah 43:19 (NIV)

September Worship Volunteers

Volunteer Spotlight

Rose Jones

Each week, Rose quietly and faithfully gives her time to prepare our altar and assist with communion.

Her care, consistency, and love for this ministry helps create a worship space that feels welcoming, and ready for all who gather.

We are deeply grateful for her dedication and the grace she brings to our Sunday mornings.

Thank you, Rose, for serving our congregation with such steady and joyful commitment.

Communion Assistants

6th - Volunteers Needed
13th - Volunteers Needed
20th - Volunteers Needed
27th - Volunteers Needed

Lay Readers

6th - Mario Triboletti
13th - Sally Costa
20th - Michael Hozik
27th - Judy May

Want to volunteer?

Interested in serving?
We'd love to have you join us!

- **Speak with Pastor or Amanda**
- **Call the church office**
- **Send us an email**

SEPTEMBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 7pm Evening Devotions	3	4 Pastor's Day Off	5
6 10am Worship	7 	8	9 1pm God's Stitchers 7pm Evening Devotions	10	11 Pastor's Day Off	12 11am - 2pm St. James Community Picnic
13 9am Sunday Shool 10am Worship	14	15 7pm Choir Rehearsal	16 7pm Evening Devotions	17	18 Pastor's Day Off	19
20 9am Sunday Shool 10am Worship w/ Bryan Stites	21	22 7pm Choir Rehearsal	23 1pm God's Stitchers 7pm Evening Devotions	24	25 Pastor's Day Off	26 5:30 pm Dine Out Night
27 9am Sunday Shool 10am Worship and St. James Choir	28 7 PM COUNCIL	29	30 7pm Evening Devotions		***AA Groups*** Tue - 7pm Wed - 7pm (Women only) Fri - 8 pm Sat - 6:30pm Sun - 7:30pm	

ST. JAMES
Community Picnic

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12
11 AM - 2 PM

Bring Your Own Chair

GAMES - BOUNCE HOUSE

BRING YOUR FAMILY & FRIENDS

St. James choir returns on Tuesday, September 15, at 7:00 PM

and we're excited to lift our voices together again. Please check our church calendar for upcoming rehearsal dates as they are posted.

We would love to welcome new voices into the choir this season. If you've ever considered joining, or if you'd simply like to stop by and see what St. James choir is all about, come visit one of our rehearsals. All are warmly welcome!

We celebrate all the grandparents who fill our families and our church community with love, wisdom, and joy. Your guidance, your stories, and the steady support you give mean more than words can say. We appreciate you deeply and thank God for each of you. May you feel honored, cherished, and blessed this Grandparents Day.

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.

Looking ahead...

Blessing of the Pets - October 13, 11:00 am

Folsom School Trunk or Treat - *October Date TBD -* Wizard of Oz/Wicked Theme

Outreach Thanksgiving Basket Donations

All Saint's Worship Service - November 1

Church/Tree Decorating - December 6
Following worship at 11:00 am - *refreshments will be provided*

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):
November 29th

Please Pray for:

Dolores Fiori, Laura Librizzi, Claire Gilmore, Diane Eby, Hannah Bonchi, Rita Ricca, Mario Triboletti, Betty Haines, Gillian Lee Phillips, Maggie Rider, Dorcas Schellhas, Bette Jackson, Marlene Triggian, Ed Shine, Tom Dixon, Bob & Ellie Frietag, Christina Spahn, George Cappucio, Dan P., Arlene Calletta, Mike Fountas, Nick Pob-letti, Bill Link, Sophie Stites, Arlene Deptula, Thomas Rose, Linda Slater, Chip Stewart, Octavia Marie, Lisa 'Ambrosia, Chenza Cerrato, Charlie Patton, Ed Marinelli, RoseAnn Lucca, Mia Arrison, Carol Ann Conner, Will Longtin, Patricia Dudley, Peggy Bucceri, Rita Sarro, Robert DelRoss, John Thame, Gaelen Houck, Rosie Ranier, Paul Morris, Corenne Hickey, Walter Meinke, Tennile Limbaugh, Carol Kaplan, Alex McKee, Sharon Rossiter, Justin Stewart, Sean Bennett, Yuri Zaitsev, Joseph Brigandi Jr., Keith Anderson, Kim Canama

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

DINE OUT

OLYMPIA GREEK RESTAURANT

739 S DELSEA DRVINELAND, NJ 08360
https://www.olympiagreek.com

September 26

We will dine at 5:30pm

Carpool from Church at 4:45 pm

Name:_____

Number of Guests:_____

Phone Number/Email:_____

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Please RSVP no later than September 20!

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CHURCH COUNCIL

Jayne Carmen - President
Colleen Kase - Secretary
Bryan Stites
Judy May - Vice Pres.
Patti Zellers
Mario Triboletti

Worship - Sundays 10 am
Live and Via Zoom
Linkonwww.stjamesfolsom.org

Our Mission

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

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