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THE EPISTLE

"Be doers of the word, and not hearers only." James 1:22



The
Season
of
Pentecost

Join Us October 6!



ST. JAMES LUTHERAN CHURCH

111 Peter Road, Southbury, CT 06488

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THE ST. JAMES PRESCHOOL

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Evangelical Lutheran
Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

GROW
with us

St. James Church is handicapped accessible and family friendly.

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Pastor: The Reverend Scott D. Nessel

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Pastor's Office Hours: Mon. - Thurs. 9am- 11am

Ministers: The People of St. James

Sunday School & Bible Study 9am
 Worship with Holy Communion 10:15am
 Summer Worship with Holy Communion (June, July, August) 9:30am
 Coffee and Fellowship follows Sunday Worship; Please Sign-Up!!

CHURCH COUNCIL

<i>Parish Life Teams</i>	Linda Bedard	203.267.1066
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STAFF & MINISTRIES

Genie Bisch	<i>Parish Secy., Preschool Admin. Asst.</i>	203.264.6446
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The Due Date for the November, 2018 issue of The Epistle is October 15th.
 Please send submissions to Genie Bisch (stjames@snet.net)
 and Pastor Scott (scottnessel@yahoo.com). Thank You.

SERVING IN WORSHIP: October, 2018: THANK YOU!

	October 7 Pentecost 20	October 14 Pentecost 21
Assisting Minister	Jim Mix	Barb Manville
Communion Assistant	Judy Katzmark	Diane Iannini
Lector	Gary Kline	Lynn Morrison
Cantor	Karen Lampiasi	Lucia Dressel
Acolyte	Emilie Ulc	Ernie Danek
Usher	Bob Morrison	Ed Danieli
Coffee Hour		
Counters	Gale & Jim Mix	Neil J / Bob M
	October 21 Pentecost 22	October 28 Reformation Sunday
Assisting Minister	Liz Skinski	Elizabeth Goehring
Communion Assistant	Lynn Morrison	Katie McNeal
Lector	Marylee Siegle	Diane Iannini
Cantor	Marion Allen	Neil Johnson
Acolyte	Emma Bensley	Evelyn Kuo
Usher	Gary Kline	Jay Kuo
Coffee Hour		
Counters	Denise and Jay Kuo	Sylvia & John Kelbley

Our VISION Statement: We envision St. James Church as a growing, Christ- centered community entering new space: to reach out to all people on a journey of faith; to glorify God through inspired worship, intergenerational fellowship; and to addressing human needs in Jesus' name.

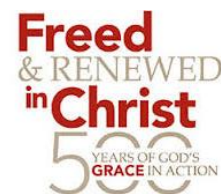


St. James Church

New England Synod

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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Fall FEST

St. James Lutheran Church
Saturday October 6th
From 10am-3pm

Join us for some Family Fun!!

Food ~ Games ~ Fun ~ Music ~ Crafts ~ Bake Sale

AND SO MUCH MORE!

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To all my beloved St. James Family,

After five amazing years at St. James, October 7th will be my last Sunday in Connecticut. I am moving back to Pittsburgh, near my family, to work full time at the camp I spent many summers. While it's mostly an office job, I'm excited for this new line of ministry and the opportunity to follow the Spirit's call in this direction.

As I walk into this time of transition, I'm reminded of the words attributed to Dr. Seuss: "Don't cry because it's over. Smile because it happened." I'm sad to say goodbye. I'm sad to see this chapter end. But there is so much to smile about! So much happened in the past five years to rejoice over. We went on retreats to Hammo and Calumet. We went to Detroit for the National Youth Gathering. We had four amazing weeks of Vacation Bible School. While we said goodbye to some people, we also welcomed new people to the family. We held onto long-standing traditions and tried new things. I have cherished every opportunity to watch our children grow from baptisms to getting their first Bibles to confirmation to being adult leaders at VBS. I have been incredibly blessed the past five years for being a part of it all. Thank you seems so small compared to the love and gratitude I have for the place that has become home and the people that have become family and my support system as I navigate my candidacy and my call in ministry. Thank you all for being such an invaluable piece of my journey and my discernment.

St. James is a special place, made special by the people of the community. I have grown to love each of you and hold you close to my heart. Saying goodbye is not easy. But "how lucky I am to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard," (Winne the Pooh). And let's not forget, it's not really goodbye; it's "see you later." October 7 will be my last Sunday as a staff person; it will be my last time worshiping in Southbury for a while. But I am proud to still call myself a member of St. James, and I look forward to when I can visit again. Many thanks for the past five years and many blessings for the years to come.

*With much love,
Katie McNeal*

A MESSAGE



FROM PASTOR

Dear friends and members of St. James Church,
Grace and peace to you in the Name of
the Lord, Amen. Please Join Us on
October 6 for our first ever
Fall Fest at St. James Church!



This is such an exciting step in our relationship with each other and the community we serve. Planning is going very well and we are so grateful to our leadership for making this happen.

Thanks to all, please come and join the fun!

And then, on the next day, October 7, we say goodbye to our Youth and Families Director Katie McNeal. What a blessing Katie has been for our family in faith. From Sunday School to Bible Study, from youth activities to VBS, NYG and so much more, Katie has brought love and leadership to our ministry. Katie came to us 5 years ago as a second year student in a three year program at Yale, so I for one feel truly blessed to have her be a part of our community for as long as we did. And she is still a member! Please join us on October 7 for worship at 10:15 where Katie will preach, and we'll have a reception following worship.

Then on October 14 we have the 6th Annual SWIM Harvest Walk to end hunger, in Southbury again this year, always a great event, please join us.

On October 21 we'll get you ready for Halloween with a Children's Time based on UNICEF and those little orange boxes. October 28 is (the 501st, for those counting) Reformation Sunday where we will have Confirmation as well. *What a month!* And November is no slouch either, we'll have All Saints Sunday, Youth Sunday, a Baptism, and we are hosting both the Thanksgiving InterFaith Worship and the Annual Southbury Thanksgiving Dinner! And there will be more! Please join us!

Thank you for our *Life Together*. It is such an honor and a blessing to be part of such an active and vibrant faith community.

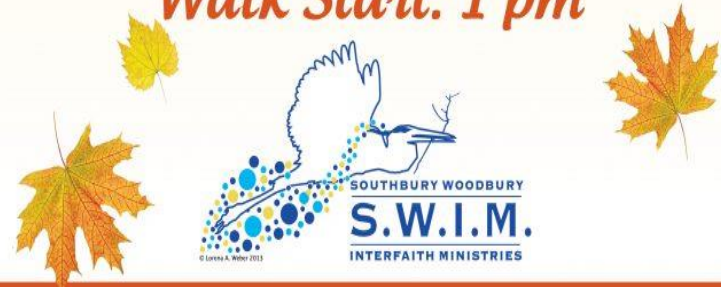
I love you. Thank you; Peace, Love, Pastor Scott

5K HARVEST WALK To End Hunger

SUN. OCT 14

TOWN HALL — SOUTHBURY —

*Online Reg www.swim-ct.org
On-Site Registration: 12 noon
Walk Start: 1 pm*



\$20 PER PERSON / \$50 MAX PER FAMILY UNDER 12 YRS FREE

 [FACEBOOK.COM/SWIMCT](https://www.facebook.com/swimct)



SAINT JAMES IS THE UNICEF CHURCH

Surprising Fact: 50 million children in today's world are refugees and migrants. They have been forcibly displaced by conflicts, trauma, war, poverty, earthquakes, typhoons and hurricanes.

We see their faces on TV
 We look at their photos in newspapers and magazines
 We weep at the videos shown on our screens

A big way to reach out and help is through **Trick or Treat for UNICEF:**

FOOD, MEDICINE, WATER, SHELTER, EDUCATION

Our generous congregation, preschool, churches, businesses and local communities collected the extraordinary amount of over \$10,000 last year through UNICEF boxes. Our pennies continue to be matched!

Let's rally again...We can make a difference to today's refugee kids!
 "LOVE THY NEIGHBOR! LOVE THY NEIGHBOR'S CHILDREN!"

Of note: James Ministry placed over 50 boxes in local businesses in our communities. These boxes come back loaded! Help us out. See Marylee Siegle (sieglesnest@comcast.net) if you can place a box in a favorite place. These boxes have specially printed signs of information to spread the message.



Mark Your Calendars!! **Tuesday, October 16:** **Dine at DiPalma's Pizza**

DiPalma's in Union Square here in Southbury, will donate a portion of your bill (eat-in or take-out) to our PreSchool Scholarship Fund.



*Join Us for Reformation Sunday
 Worship at 10:15am on October 28, and
 the Confirmation of Ben Dressel*

A statement from ELCA presiding bishop addressing our call to care for creation

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) members pray and care for God's marvelous creation every day. We also join the global Christian community each Sept. 1 to Oct. 4 to mark the Season of Creation. This season starts with a World Day of Prayer for Care of Creation, an invitation to focus our worship, our stewardship and action on honoring God by honoring and caring for God's handiwork.

As members of the ELCA, we share a love and a responsibility for all that God has made. In our social statement "Caring for Creation: Vision, Hope and Justice," we affirm that "made in the image of God, we are called to care for the earth as God cares for the earth. God's command to have dominion and subdue the earth is not a license to dominate and exploit. Human dominion, a special responsibility, should reflect God's way of ruling as a shepherd king who takes the form of a servant, wearing a crown of thorns." We confess the ways in which we have been negligent in our responsibility to God and to all of creation and commit ourselves to exercising our stewardship by upholding the integrity of creation and safeguarding those most vulnerable to environmental degradation.

On this year's World Day of Prayer, I am mindful that our warming climate is creating unprecedented crises for millions. These include increased food insecurity, forced migration, natural disasters, civil conflict and water scarcity. From across all communities most affected by climate change, women and girls are disproportionately affected. According to ACT Alliance, these communities suffer huge losses that extend beyond monetary losses to noneconomic impacts such as loss of lives, land, territory, language and culture. Our response to these losses has focused on the neglect and carelessness, both in private industry and in government regulation, that have contributed to these changes. An honest accounting also recognizes that we all participate, both as consumers and investors, in economies that make intensive and insistent demands for energy. We are part of the solution.

In September, the ELCA will mark the Season of Creation by taking a leadership role during the Global Climate Action Summit in San Francisco. Together with The Lutheran World Federation and other partners, we will host a Talanoa Dialogue to accompany those most affected by climate

change. The U.N. Framework Convention on Climate Change states: "*Talanoa* is a traditional word used in Fiji and across the Pacific to reflect a process of inclusive, participatory and transparent dialogue. The purpose of *Talanoa* is to share stories, build empathy and to make wise decisions for the collective good ... sharing of ideas, skills and experience through storytelling."

The focus of these dialogues will be "Loss and Damage" and "Just Transition" related to climate change. The former will explore the suffering that climate change is causing right now and seek new ways to learn from and accompany those most affected. The latter recognizes that we must also accompany those whose livelihoods are dependent on extractive industries, making sure they are not left behind during the transition to renewable energy sources. These dialogues will equip us in the planetary movement toward climate solutions with initiatives that reflect God's concern for the sufficiency and sustainability of all people.

Our ELCA ministries are making an impact as we as a church take hold of our common responsibility to creation and to God. We know that transitioning to lifestyles that eliminate the causes of global warming is critical and must be done now. In response to the 2016 Churchwide Assembly resolution "Toward a Responsible Energy Future," ELCA members answer the call to care for all of God's creation in our churches and homes through stewardship, education and advocacy. These efforts include establishing environmental stewardship committees, building awareness around energy efficiency, evaluating investments in fossil fuels, and learning more about sustainable farming and development.

All who care for the earth and work for the restoration of its vitality can be confident in the power of the Holy Spirit to guide us as we serve in concert with God's creative and renewing power and the indwelling Spirit of Christ to give us hope, courage and direction.

Almighty God, in giving us dominion over things on earth, you made us coworkers in your creation. Give us wisdom and reverence to use the resources of nature so that no one may suffer from our abuse of them, and that generations yet to come may continue to praise you for your bounty; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen (prayer for stewardship of natural resources, ELW p. 80).

In Christ, The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton Presiding Bishop
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America



Bishop Hazelwood's recent Blog www.bishoponabike.com:

East Jerusalem Hospitals in Need of our Help

Dear Congregations, Pastors, Deacons and all of the New England Synod,

In recent days, I have read of the news that impacts our companion church of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Jordan and the Holy Land. Our brothers and sisters in the Lutheran congregations of Palestine are in danger of losing medical treatment through the East Bank Hospital System in Jerusalem.

The White House has made the decision to withhold \$25 million from the network that includes the Augusta Victoria Hospital. These are funds that have already received congressional approval.

Regardless of ones political affiliation, I believe that as people of faith we must put the welfare of people, especially the most vulnerable, above politics. Therefore, I am asking you to join with me, Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, and Lutherans all across this church to write to the White House and your congressional leaders. Ask them to reinstate the funding for East Jerusalem hospitals.

What should I write?

As a person of faith who is concerned with the welfare of all people, I urge you to call for full restoration of humanitarian assistance to Palestinians, including the release of funds designated for the East Jerusalem hospitals.

Where should I send it?

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/contact/> - Note: Unless you want to receive emails daily from the White house, uncheck the box at the bottom of the contact form.

<https://www.senate.gov/senators/states.htm>

For whom shall I pray?

Pray for the patients, nurses, doctors, orderlies, custodians of the Augusta Victoria Hospital in East Jerusalem, as well as the work of the Lutheran World Federation.

Where can I learn more?

<https://jerusalem.lutheranworld.org/updates>

Thank you for your urgent attention to this humanitarian crisis, which can be averted.

Bishop James Hazelwood +

STEWARDSHIP – October 2018

WHAT DID JESUS SAY?



We all know that Jesus had a lot to say about money. He also spoke extensively about faith and prayer. But more often he spoke of money and possessions. (The Bible offers 500 verses on prayer, less than 500 verses on faith, but more than 2,000 verses on money and possessions.)

Why is that?

He realized that we are quick to pray and rely on our faith when we meet challenges in our daily lives. Or when we give thanks for our good fortune, our children or the meal in front of us.

However when we deal with the cash that is so essential to putting food on the table, keeping a roof over our heads, or educating our children, the connection with prayer and faith weakens. We need to be reminded again and again!

Over the next several weeks, we'll look at some of Jesus' specific teachings. It might make us a bit uncomfortable as they challenge how we set our priorities. But Jesus has a point to make.

In November, we'll have an opportunity to commit our support to St James for 2019. Let's start praying now for guidance as we consider the important priorities in our lives.



We're certainly off to a busy start this school year! Our 2018-2019 school year started with a wonderful "Welcome Back Breakfast" for our Christian Education groups, enjoying the usage of the nice big fellowship space this year! We also blessed the backpacks and installed our teachers. The next week, we presented our kids with Bibles. We like to make sure that every child under our care has an age appropriate Bible. If you weren't here when we gave out Bibles and your child has not received one from us, let us know! The next week we recognized

Hunger Action Month in our classes by learning about food insecurity and what we can do to help.



In October, we'll have a few more lessons outside of our new curricula before we dive into our new

lessons! In October, we'll also celebrate some new beginnings for our youth – First Communions and beginning their journey as adults in the church through Confirmation. And be sure to mark your calendars for October 14th and join us for the 6th annual Harvest Walk!



We have a lot of exciting special events throughout the year as well as regular teaching opportunities. If you'd like to be more involved with the growth and development of our youth, let us know! Though we say goodbye to Katie, we have a lot of great things planned for the year and a transition plan to keep everything running smoothly after she leaves. And know

that all are welcome to our Christian Education hour at 9am each Sunday! We have classes for kids aged 3 and up! All confirmed youth are invited to join the Adult Bible Study as adults in the congregation. And be sure to check out our board at the Fall Fest to see some pictures of everything we do!



Apple-A-Day: HPV Research Changes Research for Cervical Cancer

According to the CDC every day 12,000 people ages 15-24 are infected with Human Papilloma Virus (HPV). More than 100 varieties of

HPV exist. The majority of people infected by HPV over time shed or rid themselves of the virus without any symptoms. The viruses commonly cause warts on the skin. Other types cause cervical and oral cancers. Ninety- nine percent of cervical cancers are caused by HPV.

The new research studied 19,000 women recommended screening for HPV at the same time women are screened for cervical cancer with a Pap smear. The HPV test screens for certain strains of HPV virus while the Pap smear examines the cervical cells to see if they show any changes indicating possible cancer beginning.

Many women will have a positive HPV test but few will get cancer as a result. Doing the two tests together increases the overall accuracy of the cervical cancer screening while decreasing the un-necessary exams and procedures. Older women who have a persistent positive HPV are at higher risk for getting cervical cancer. If a woman has a positive HPV the best way to prevent cancer is to avoid smoking or second hand smoke.

The recommended guidelines for cervical cancer screening for women ages 21-65 is every three years and ages 30-65 every five years as long as HPV testing is done with it and no new partners. After age 65, based on your previously HPV history you may decrease screening intervals.

There is no cure for HPV. The best prevention is to vaccinate young boys and girls ages 11-26 with the HPV vaccination, Gardasil.

--Diane Iannini, Parish Nurse

What will happen to hospital and medical care in the Naugatuck Valley after October 1, 2019?

Almost 2 years ago ago, Waterbury Hospital was sold to a for-profit company, **Prospect Medical Holdings Inc. (PMH)**.

As of October 1, 2019, Prospect Medical Hospital (Waterbury Hospital) will not have to accept Medicare, accept Medicaid, have an emergency room, or make charity care available, among other things.

Countdown Clicker:
336
days as of October 31

FIND OUT WHAT WE CAN DO:

*Please see Pastor Scott—
You could sign the petition!*

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Congratulations to Scott Hubina, Kat Lascurain, Kylie, and their entire family at the birth of Scott David Hubina on August 31!

Scott's Baptism is scheduled for November 18.

October



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 October 6			9:30-noon: SFB Mon & Fri and on 2nd and 4th Sat. 8:30-10:30 am		Upper Room Thrift Shop at Church of the Epiphany: Tues, Wed & Sat 10–2 pm	
Holy Communion is offered at all worship services	1 7pm German Class 7pm THX Din Mtg 8:00 AA	2 <i>Field-Goods Delivs.</i> 10-2pm Upper Rm 12NVC BibleStudy	3 9:30-noon: SFB 10:30&11 Worship @ Watermark 7pm Fall Fest Plan 8:00 AA	4 10:30 LHS Worship 3-6 pm S'bury Farmers' Market	5 9:30-noon: SFB	6  10-3pm
7 Pentecost 20 9am Sunday School 10:15am Worship <i>Katie preaching</i> 11:15am Fellowship 11:30am Choir	8 7pm German Class 7pm Parish Support 8:00 AA	9 <i>Field-Goods Delivs.</i> 10-2pm Upper Rm. 1pm Ladies Fell. 12NVC BibleStudy Church Council 7pm	10 10-2pm Upper Rm. 7pm W& Music 8:00 AA	11 12 Woddbury Clergy 3-6 pm S'bury Farmers' Market	12 9:30-noon: SFB	13 8:30-10:30 SFB 10-2pm Upper Rm.
14 Pentecost 21 9am SS/Bible Study 10:15am Worship 11:15am Fellowship 11:30am Choir Council Inst & Picnic	15 7pm German Class 7pm THX Din Mtg 8:00 AA <i>Nov. Epistle Contribs. are due</i>	16 <i>Field-Goods Delivs.</i> 10-2pm Upper Rm 12NVC BibleStudy <i>PS Fundraiser @ DiPalma's</i>	17 10-2pm Upper Rm. 9:30-noon: SFB 8:00 AA	18 10:30 SBY Clergy	19 9:30-noon: SFB	20 10-2pm Upper Rm.
21 Pentecost 22 9am SS/Bible Study 10:15am Worship 11:15am Fellowship 11:30am Choir	22 7pm German Class 8:00 AA	23 <i>Field-Goods Delivs.</i> 10-2pm Upper Rm 12NVC BibleStudy 7pm James Mins	24 10-2pm Upper Rm 9:30-noon: SFB 7:15p PreSch Brd 8:00 AA	25	26 9:30-noon: SFB	27 8:30-10:30 SFB 10-2pm Upper Rm.
28 Reformation Sun 9am SS/Bible Study 10:15am Worship 11:15am Fellowship 11:30am Choir	29 7pm THX Din Mtg 8:00 AA	30 <i>Field-Goods Delivs.</i> 10-2pm Upper Rm 12NVC BibleStudy	31 Happy Halloween! Trick or Treat for UNICEF 8:00 AA	Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF The Original KIDS HELPING KIDS® 	October is SOCKTOBER! 	<div style="background-color: black; color: white; padding: 20px; text-align: center; font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold;">2018</div>