

St. James Lutheran Church
111 Peter Road
Southbury, CT 06488

Non-Profit Organization
U.S. Postage
PAID
Permit No. 35
Southbury, CT 06488



Freed
& RENEWED
in Christ
500
YEARS OF GOD'S
GRACE IN ACTION

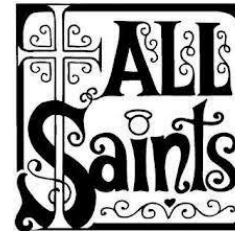
Dated Material
Please Deliver Promptly

Return Service Requested

November, 2018
THE EPISTLE

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

✘ ✘ ✘ ✘ ✘



All Saints Sunday
November 4



Youth Sunday
November 11



Christ the King
November 25

✘ ✘ ✘ ✘ ✘

ST. JAMES LUTHERAN CHURCH

111 Peter Road, Southbury, CT 06488

203.264.6446

www.stjamesct.org

email: stjames@snet.net

✘ ✘ ✘ ✘ ✘

THE ST. JAMES PRESCHOOL

Leslie Broch, Director

203.264.6448

✘ ✘ ✘ ✘ ✘



Evangelical Lutheran
Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

GROW
with us

St. James Church is handicapped accessible and family friendly.

What did Jesus SAY?

This is STEWARDSHIP month at St. James. We actually began our emphasis last week on the 28th of October, and will continue for the next 3 weeks up to November 18th, COMMITMENT Sunday.



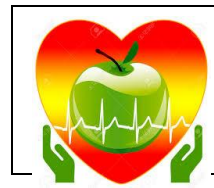
We are looking at some of the selected sayings of Jesus as recorded in the New Testament. They are a commentary about how we use our earthly resources -- and there are many to choose from!

The words and the messages are familiar. But do we really internalize what they are asking us?

- What are our priorities?
- What do we store up, and for who?
- Why do we worry?
- Do we freely give of that which we have received?

This year we are striving to increase support of the operating budget. With the GROW campaign concluding, we are asking our supporters to increase support of the operating budget in 2019. With a strong response, we could eliminate the operating deficit and handle the mortgage payments for the new sanctuary.

Let's pray about our priorities and choices for 2019. Together we can put St James on a strong footing for the new year!



Apple-A-Day: Update On This Year's Flu Vaccine

The flu usually circulates the US late fall to early spring. Most people who

contact the flu will recover without complications. The flu can cause serious illness, hospitalization and death especially in older adults, very young children, pregnant women and those with chronic medical conditions. Routine yearly flu vaccination is recommended for all people older than 6 months who do not have contraindications.

There are many different flu viruses and they are constantly changing. The composition of US flu vaccines is reviewed annually and updated to match circulating flu viruses. You should get a flu vaccine before begins spreading in the community. Vaccine availability starts in October and may go till May. The vaccine takes about two weeks for antibodies to develop to protect your body against the flu. Some children ages 6 months to 8 years will require 2 doses of flu vaccine four weeks apart. Some people older than 65 will receive a higher dose or a dose with an additive to boost vaccine effectiveness. The additive added to the vaccine creates a stronger immune response to the vaccine for ages 65 and older.

Vaccine effectiveness vary yearly based on the degree the vaccine matches circulating flu viruses. The risk of flu illness is reduced by 40-60 percent. The risk of hospitalization due to flu illness is greatly reduced by 50 percent when vaccinated. Each vaccine contains 3-4 flu viruses that are inactivated viruses which makes it impossible to catch the flu from vaccination. This year's vaccine contains protection against four flu viruses. The flu nasal spray is the only live virus used. The nasal spray is approved for the non-pregnant, 2-49 years of age. The nasal spray should be used with caution in individuals who have preexisting diseases.

If you happen to become sick with the flu the virus infects the nose, throat and lungs. Fever can cause muscle aches. Antiviral drugs are effective in all age and risk groups. A positive flu test would indicate the necessity for antiviral medication as long as symptoms haven't existed greater than 48 hours. Prompt treatment can lessen the severity of the symptoms. Symptomatic treatment for flu would include Tylenol or Motrin for fever and pain. Rest and fluids to prevent dehydration. Flu prevention includes avoidance of persons who are sick and coughing. The flu can be spread by droplet infection. Avoid gatherings of large groups. Stay at home if you are ill. Use proper hand washing to prevent the spread of virus to yourself and other family members. Get the flu vaccination. --Diane Iannini



The Shoe Boxes are here!!

Operation Christmas Child is underway and thanks to Diana Larson we have ready-made shoe boxes here at St. James Church! Pick one up, and please return filled shoe boxes by November 21.

Thank You!!



This Year's Southbury / Woodbury Inter-Faith Thanksgiving Worship IS HERE AT ST. JAMES CHURCH!!

Tuesday, November 20, 2017

6pm Community Choir Rehearsal
7pm Worship

Father Leo McIlrath, Chaplain of The Lutheran Home of Southbury, is our Preacher.





*The Southbury Interfaith Thanksgiving
Day Meal Committee
P. O. Box 772
Southbury, CT 06488*

Dear Southbury Friends.

The Southbury Interfaith Thanksgiving Day Meal Committee will be holding its annual holiday event on Thanksgiving Day at:

St. James Lutheran Church
111 Peter Road

This invitation is extended to those who are unable to:

- Provide a meal due to financial limitations
- Prepare a meal due to physical restrictions
- Or be with family and friends

In order to assist us in properly planning this event, reservations are required. If you do not have the means to travel to be with us, please let us know when you register and will provide transportation within Southbury. Meals can also be delivered to those who are homebound, ill, or otherwise unable to attend.

Space is limited so make your reservation early by calling either:

ADELE at 203 267-5650 or CAROLE at 203 264-3291

By FRIDAY, November 17th

PLEASE BE AWARE THAT THE DOORS OPEN AT NOON

A free will offering for Southbury nonprofit charities and/or nonperishable items for the Southbury Food Bank will be graciously accepted. We hope that you will join us on this festive occasion!



**Epistle
Announcements –
November**



Back to school at the Preschool

The preschool is back in full swing with active and vibrant classes. There are still a few spots available if you know anyone with an interested 3 year-old. They are also looking for anyone with a background in education who would be interested in being on their substitute teacher list. Please talk to Lauren or Julie or email our new director, Leslie Broch at lesliebroch@gmail.com if interested or if you know someone who might be.



Fall Clothes Clean-Out?

Saint James is planning to hold a coat drive beginning in November through December 2nd. Set aside gently used coats, hats, gloves and blankets when you are doing fall cleanout to be donated to outreach programs in Danbury.



**Epistle
Announcements –
November**

Gracias! – Many thanks!

With great thanks to the mission outreach of this year's Vacation Bible School, as well as the support of the congregation, 24 backpacks with over 200pounds of school supplies were sent to Santa Isabel, Peutro Rico, where residents still struggle to get back on their feet after hurricane Maria in 2017.

Today we thank the members of the Lutheran Church for the great contribution they made to the children and their families, who in turn belong to the community of Esc. Pedro Meléndez. The children identified received the school materials and their families were very grateful for the contribution.

God bless you and on behalf of all the children, thanks

*Cordially,
Yeida E. Cruz Flores MSW
Social Worker*



Sunday, November 4, 2018, is All Saints Sunday, where in worship we praise God For All the Saints, and lift up those eternal saints we have prayed for over the last year:

*Marie Carletti
Christina Santiago
David Terhune
Elsa Crane
Gerald Phillips
Olive Wallace
Abby Hoats
Jack Grainger
Angie Barkley
Joan Grainger
Jody Wuensch*

*Thaddeus Katzmark
Stan
William Smith
Ron Calderone
Murton Everett
Terence Melvin
Eleanor Indorf
Louis Juracek
Ray Murphy
Laura Bacon*





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

What About Immigration?

One of the many things I have learned in my time as bishop can be summarized by the Anais Non quote. "We don't see things as they are, we see things as we are."

Depending on ones perspective, the headline to this blog post can be read in different ways. If you have a bias toward an anti-immigration view, you can read that question one way, if you have a more pro-immigrant perspective, you can read it another way. So, at the outset let me state my bias. I am very much a pro-immigrant bishop. But, my reasoning differs from the typical arguments that dominate more left leaning politics.

First of all, I begin with a biblical understanding based on both the Hebrew Testament and the Christian Bible (aka the Old and New Testament) You can read a summary of those lessons by clicking here. The Bible is very clear that one of our callings is to be people of welcome and hospitality to strangers, travelers, migrants etc. This lays the foundation for my views on this topic.

Second, as a person who fully acknowledges that economic life is a central and undeniable reality to how we live and move and work, I am very aware of the value of immigrants in our society. This is a perspective that is acknowledged by economists on the right, the left and the center. Immigration is a positive for the economic well being of a society. It's not just the argument of who will pick the strawberries, change the sheets in the hotel room; it's also who is going to be your heart surgeon, the next social media start-up founder or software developer. Immigrants come to this country and they actually stimulate economic growth for all of us.

Third, and this one is particularly selfish of me. Immigrants make our food options far more interesting. I love being in New England where I can literally travel the world with our cuisine options.

Fourth, I'm here in the US because my grandfather immigrated in the 1920's. I'm serving in a Lutheran denomination because previous generations immigrated to this country. There are Lutherans around the world because immigration allowed for ease of transport and movement

throughout the world. Immigration is who we are as Lutherans.

So yes, I'm pro-immigration. Now, I do acknowledge that a system that addresses a fair and balanced form of how immigration should happen needs to be developed. In the past, Democrats and Republicans had proposals that were discussed but never acted on. Were they perfect? Of course not. If you want perfection folks, you are going to be waiting a long time. The problem today is that while we have lots of headlines, tweets and grand standing for political gain, there is no serious desire to solve this issue. The reality is that people in power today want this to be an issue that is used for political points. The harshness and brutality of this abuse of our civic life is horrific. The ones who are suffering the most are women and children.

So, let's get to the question of what we can do about immigration:

VOTE - If you don't vote you can't complain. Voting is not only a right it is a responsibility. Engage, and find out what candidates say they are going to do if elected.

Consider becoming a Welcoming Congregation. This means you can simply gather a couple people in your church and engage in projects that support immigrants in different ways. Some churches have sponsored refugees and immigrants, others have accompanied people to legal hearings, others have engaged in public advocacy. Want to learn more? Send me an email and I'll connect you.

Learn more about what the ELCA Lutherans are doing across the country, as well as right here in New England. Visit the [ELCA AMMPARO](http://ELCAAMMPARO) website. We just had two educational events in Providence and Hartford on this work, and I commend it to you.

Have a conversation with someone from our New England Synod Refugee and Immigration Task Force. Doreen Rinas is a great resource. She can be reach at doreen.rinas@gmail.com.

Consider going me on a Companion Church visit to the Lutheran Church in Honduras. We are going in late February 19-26, 2019. This will be a chance for you to meet Lutherans in Honduras, work on some lite construction at a church, help teach a Vacation Bible School. It's a perfectly safe way to visit this country. Join me.

Immigration is a part of our lives. Let's embrace it and find a way to make it work.



ELCAvotes!

We are called to conversation and prayer around our role as U.S. residents and as people of faith in ensuring our election systems promote dignity and respect for all.

We are called to act by speaking out as advocates and engaging in local efforts to guarantee the right to vote to all citizens.

To sign up for up-to-date information on ELCAvotes, visit: <http://bit.ly/ELCAvotes>

ELCAvotes is an initiative to:

Expand the role of the church in encouraging faithful and non-partisan voter participation by providing faith based resources around voting;

Provide a framework for all Lutherans to understand and speak out about the intersection of voting/elections, racial/gender and economic justice;

Provide young adults the tools to understand and speak about what it means to be a young person of faith who is civically engaged; and

Engage with and equip ethnic communities to talk about voting rights and race and their connection with elections today.

“[It is] resolved, that members, congregations, and synods of this church be encouraged to “promote public life worthy of the name” by speaking out as an advocate and engaging in local efforts such as voter registration and supporting legislation to guarantee the right to vote to all citizens ...”

Social Policy Resolution “Voting Rights to All Citizens” adopted Aug. 2013

Learn more about ministries of the ELCA that are leading this effort:

ELCA Advocacy

Website: ELCA.org/advocacy

Email: washingtonoffice@elca.org

Social Media:   /ELCAAdvocacy

ELCA Racial Justice Ministries

Website: www.ELCA.org/Our-Work/Publicly-Engaged-Church/Racial-Justice-Ministries

ELCA Young Adult Ministry

Website: www.ELCA.org/Our-Work/Congregations-and-Synods/Young-Adult-Ministry

Social Media:   /ELCAYoungAdults





"EVERY PENNY COUNTS!" - Trick or Treat for UNICEF!

Thank you for all the generosity shown at Saint James and elsewhere. Remember every penny at church is doubled!! Bring those little orange boxes back ASAP, after Halloween, as collecting and counting is lengthy. The goal is to have the money totaled by November 15!

In addition, be sure to thank VOICES Jean Dunn for her large, half-page article featuring UNICEF and also heralding St. James for the new sanctuary and the Fall Festival in the October 10th issue!

Here's a good phrase spotted for UNICEF this year: "You always stand taller when you kneel to help a child." Many people, and kids, are growing taller by the minute!

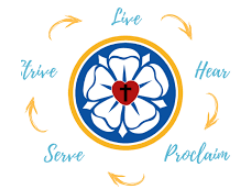
THANK YOU and abundant blessings.



In October we gave thanks for Katie McNeal after celebrating 5 years of ministry among our youth and families here at St. James, as part of her move to full-time Church Work at a Lutheran Camp in Pennsylvania, close to her family. Katie is still

officially a member here at St. James Church, and part of the Candidacy Process for Ordination in the New England Synod. So we are bound to see her from time to time, and take joy in her new journey!

We celebrate our blessed journey as well as Family in Faith. On the 501st Anniversary of the Reformation, we lifted up the faith life and development of Ben Dressel with his Confirmation. **Congratulations!**



And our celebration continues! **Join us Sunday November 11 for Youth Sunday, where our young people will focus in worship on the idea that "The Lord Provides." Join us!!**

Then Join us on November 18 as our family grows in worship with the Sacrament of Holy Baptism for Scott David Hubina. Blessings to the whole family!!



And...Oh YES!! We are planning for VBS 2019, July 29 – August 2, 2019!

It's a blessing to be in Youth and Family Ministries with you! If you ever have any questions or comments, call Pastor at 203.592.0945.



Memories

photos by Richard Bowen



Memories

photos by Richard Bowen



November



St. James Church

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<i>Holy Communion is offered at all worship services</i>	Upper Room Thrift Shop at Church of the Epiphany: Tues & Sat 10 am – 2 pm	 Happy Thanksgiving	9:30-noon: SFB Mon & Fri and on 2 nd and 4 th Sat. 8:30-10:30 am	1 10:30am All Saints Worship at the Lutheran Home	2 9:30-noon: SFB	3 10-2: Upper Room
4 All Saints Sunday 9am SS/Bible Study 10:15am Worship 11:15am Fellowship 11:30am Choir	5 8:00 AA	6 <i>Field-Goods Delivs.!</i> 12pmNVC Bible Study <i>Vote for Justice!</i>	7 9:30-noon: SFB 10:30 & 11: Worship at the Watermark 7pm Worship Conversations 8:00 AA	8 12noon: Woodbury Clergy	9 9:30-noon: SFB	10 <i>Fall Clean-Up Day at St. James</i> 10-2: Upper Room 10am: Parkinson's Support Group
11 Pentecost 25 9am SS/Bible Study 10:15am Worship <i>Youth Sunday</i> 11:15am Fellowship 11:30am Choir	12 7pm: Parish Support 7pm Thanksgiving Dinner Cte. 8:00 AA	13 <i>Field-Goods Delivs.!</i> 12pmNVC Bible Study 1pm Ladies Fell. Church Council 7pm	14 9:30-noon: SFB 8:00 AA	15 10:30 SBY Clergy <i>December Epistle Contribs. are due</i>	16 9:30-noon: SFB	17 <i>Clean Up Day Weather Date</i> 10-2: Upper Room
18 Pentecost 26 9am SS/Bible Study 10:15am Worship <i>Holy Baptism</i> 11:15am Fellowship 11:30am Choir <i>Stewardship Lunch</i>	19 8:00 AA	20 <i>Field-Goods Delivs.!</i> 12pmNVC Bible Study 6pm: InterFaith Thanksgiving Choir 7pm: InterFaith Thanksgiving Worship	21 9:30-noon: SFB 8:00 AA	22 <i>Thanksgiving Meal @ St James</i> 	23 9:30-noon: SFB	24 10-2: Upper Room
25 Christ the King 9am SS/Bible Study 10:15am Worship 11:15am Fellowship 11:30am Choir	26 8:00 AA	27 <i>Field-Goods Delivs.!</i> 12pmNVC Bible Study 7:30pm James Mins	28 9:30-noon: SFB 7:15pm PreSchool Board 8:00 AA	29	30 9:30-noon: SFB	

2018