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THE EPISTLE



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Summer Worship w	h Holy Communion vith Holy Communion ith Holy Communion (June,							
Coffee and Fellowship follows Sunday Worship; Please Sign-Up!! CHURCH COUNCIL								
Parish Life Teams								
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The Due Date for the July/August, 2019 issue of The Epistle is June 15th. Please send submissions to Genie Bisch (stjames@snet.net) and Pastor Scott (scottnessel@yahoo.com). Thank You.

SERVING IN WORSHIP: JUNE, 2019: THANK YOU!					
	June 2	June 9	June 16		
	Easter 7	Pentecost	Holy Trinity		
Asst. Minister	Liz Skinski	Neil Johnson	Jim Mix		
Communion Asst.	Diane lannini	J. Katzmark	B.Manville		
Lector	Lynn Morrison	Bill Siegle	Kate Johnson		
Cantor	Karen Lampiasi	Marion Allen	Neil Johnson		
Acolyte	Ernie Danek	Emilie Ulc	Evelyn Kuo		
Usher	Bob Morrison	Ed Danieli	Jay Kuo		
Coffee Hour			Picnic!!		
Counters	Gale & Jim Mix	S & J Kelbley	J & D Kuo		
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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** God's work. Our hands.





Dear friends and members of St. James Church, peace to you.

I hope my friend is ok. I hope the cancer is gone. I hope the kids are ok. I hope the Phillies stay in first place.

Let's say, for example, the Phillies fall out of first place. I can assure you, I'll be disappointed, but what does that do to my hope?

During this month of June, in addition to bringing the Season of Easter to a conclusion, and the Day of Pentecost (also Youth Sunday!), we will celebrate The Holy Trinity on June 16 (also the day of our Picnic!), where we will hear from the book of Romans that "hope does not disappoint us."

In this reading, St. Paul takes us on an odyssey from suffering to endurance, to character to hope; each one accumulating and producing the other until we get to hope, and hope does not disappoint us, "because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us."

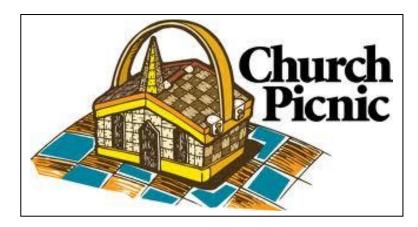
So what does that say for my beloved Phillies if they come in last place? Well, maybe it is about the process that involves suffering, endurance, character, and hope, and less about the result. My hope for you and for us is not wasted regardless of the result. The Holy Spirit does not allow for hope to disappoint, and grants us so many blessings and gifts of the spirit along the way.

Between Youth Sunday, our Picnic, the congregational Meeting, our worship life where we will also dedicate our beautiful new altar, there is a great deal to build endurance, character, and hope in our life together. *Join Us! I HOPE you have a great summer; I Love you, Peace, Pastor Scott*

YOUTH SUN DAY

June 9, 10:15 Worship

Join us for Worship as we celebrate the Day of Pentecost and the gifts of our young people!



St. James Church Annual Summer Picnic & Worship at the Ballantine Park Pavilion is

June 16, 10:15am!

Join Us for worship followed by a grand picnic and games. Ballantine Park is off of Old Field Road in Southbury.







St. James Church will hold its Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting on June 23, 2019 after (9:30am) worship

June congregational meetings at St. James Church focus on ministry updates from all of our Parish Life, Parish Support, and PreSchool Ministries.

> We will also have... Elections to Council and other Boards. Please plan to attend.





Join Us for Summer Sundays at St. James Church: June 23 through September 1

and...



5pm Every Saturday! All are Welcome!



Join Us Sunday, June 23rd At our 9:30am Worship

As We Officially Dedicate and Ask God's Blessing for our New Altar You're Invited! St. James Lutheran Church Vacation Bible School

"Sense God's Love"



Who: Kids aged 4 through entering 8th grade in Fall 2019 Youth entering 7th and 8th grade are invited to our leadership track!
When: July 29-Aug 2, 9am - 12pm each day

Join us for a picnic celebration Friday afternoon Where: St James Lutheran Church:

111 Peter Rd, Southbury, CT 06488 Cost: FREE!!

Sense God's Love through stories in the Bible showing how using the five senses, hear, smell, taste, feel and see, brings us closer in our connection with God! Each day will have science, games, crafts, music, and more!

To register please complete the form and either mail to St James VBS; 111 Peter Rd, Southbury, CT 06488; email to <u>stjamesyafm@gmail.com</u> Or register online at <u>www.stjamesct.org</u>

> Contact Tammy Faulkner with any questions: <u>stjamesyafm@gmail.com</u>, 203.264.6446 church or (203)512-4471 cell

Registration for Vacation Bible School at St. James Lutheran Church, Southbury

Child's Name:	
Grade entering fall 2019:	
Address:	
City, State, Zip:	
Phone:	
E-mail:	
This child does does not att	end a church or
Sunday School.	
List name of home church:	
Days Child Plans to Attend (circle): M T Known allergies or other concerns:	– WRF
Parent/Guardian's Name:	
Daytime Contact Phone:	
Emergency Contact and Phone	
Number:	
Parent/Guardian Signature:	

OUTREACH

Walk or Run for a Great Cause - Zion's Children of Haiti Virtual 5k

Zion's Children of Haiti is a nonprofit initiated in Connecticut and one of Saint James' mission partners. Their mission is partnering with Haitians to support education for school aged children in the Hurricane ravaged town of Gonaives, and



is hosting its 10th annual 5K in Salt Lake City, UT on June 22nd. This year there will be a new opportunity for those not local to Utah to participate via a virtual runner or walker option. Registration fee is \$30/person, \$15/child or group rates available and 100% of fees will go to support school tuition as well as a summer program and feeding program for children in need. Online registration is now available at www.zionschildrenofhaiti.org. Sign up and run or walk from wherever you are! Questions, contact Lauren Lyons 203-982-8415, lyonsden1133@yahoo.com.



Got any unused prescription glasses? This year's VBS theme will be "Sense God's Love" and as the children are learning about our senses we will

work on mission projects to help those less fortunate than us. Together with the Lion's Club we will be collecting used prescription glasses. As you are doing spring cleaning look out for glasses that are no longer used that could be donated! Thanks



HOMEFRONT

HOMEFRONT DAY

The most heartfelt of thanks for all your hard work and for making this year's Homefront Day project possible. Homefront is not a reality without each one of you – from those who provided food and drinks, to those who supported our fundraising and provided donations, to the painters and the scrapers, the

gardeners and the bricklayers, the carpenters, handymen, plumbers and electricians – you should all be proud of a project very well done. Hope you all had an enjoyable experience and we'll see you next year.

SOUTHBURY FARMERS MARKET

Don't forget that the Southbury Farmers Market will begin for the year at the end of June 19. It will run all summer on Thursday from 3-6pm on the Town Hall Green. Part of caring for God's creation is being a good steward – we can help this by eating locally produced foods to cut down



on use of fuel for transportation. Plus it tastes GREAT!!!



Southbury Food Bank Collection

Saint James is doing a great job keeping up support of the rice shelf at the Southbury Food Bank – keep up the great work!!!! The food bank serves about 100 families in the community – each family is allowed to visit twice

monthly and can take a rice item at each visit.... That's a LOT of rice. We are looking for one family each month to bring the donation to the food bank after church on the second Sunday of the month. Please sign up in the gathering area.



Naugatuck Valley Project

16 Church Street, Waterbury, CT 06702 203-574-2104 nvpofficemanager@gmail.com

SPEAK-OUT & INTERFAITH PRAYER CIRCLE

Monday, June 3rd, 5 pm Blessed Sacrament/St. Mary's School 386 Robinwood Road Waterbury

> It is time for us to hold Prospect Medical Holdings, Inc. accountable for its health & hospital services at Waterbury Hospital



New England Synod

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"What's Your Story?"

2019 New England Synod Assembly

Keynote Presenter: Margot Leitman, Storyteller, Author of Long Story Short



Bishop's Storytelling Report James Hazelwood



Guest Preacher, Rev. Leila Ortiz, Associate to the Bishop Metropolitan Washington DC Synod



New England Synod Assembly DCU Center in Worcester, MA Friday & Saturday, June 7 & 8

We move to Worcester as we continue to stir it up. Save the Date. Registration opens the end of February.

www.nelutherans.org/assembly

Thanks to Tammy Faulkner and Judy Katzmark for representing St. James Church

Bishop Hazelwood's recent Blog: *www.bishoponabike.com* All the Jobs I've Had (and the ones I didn't get) Have Helped me to this Day

All the Jobs I've had through the years, as well as the ones I didn't get, have contributed to my work. I currently serve as bishop of the New England Synod. Serving as a bishop is a job and a calling that involves conflict management, human resources personnel work, leading meetings, determining direction of an organization, understanding a foundational level of financial budgets, staff supervision, from time to time an opportunity to pray with people and an occasional scheduled or spontaneous engagement in public speaking. I have often said I do three things. They are a) provide clarity, b) say thank you and c) cause trouble. The key is knowing when to apply the right tool.

What prepared me for this work? Academic Education, books, **c**onferences, webinars? Maybe, but in reality, the following jobs made me for this work.

Assistant for Maintenance – In the summer of 1973, my Junior High School principal offered me a job. Five days a week, 8:30m a.m. till 3:30 p.m. I rode my bike each and when I showed up he assigned me a job. The tasks ranged from cleaning windows, painting desks, washing out classrooms, sanding down handrails. In other words, I did chores that needed to be done but were below the work of the full-time custodian/maintenance guy. What I learned from this job was the value of work. What I most recall from this summer some 45 years later is that I rode my bike every day to work, and at the age of 13, I discovered freedom and independence. I also learned how to navigate rush hour traffic. Ice Scream Scooper for 31 Flavors aka Baskin Robbins - For about one year I worked after school at this store. The owners of the franchise were two couples who were related to each other. Two things stand out from this experience. The first involves an attempt by a customer to trick me out of the change I was giving him. This was a common petty crime in which someone would buy a small item, give you a ten dollar bill, talk a great deal to distract you, and then insist that he gave you a 20 and want the change. I figured the character out quickly and told him he could leave the store. The other story involves the owners. When I got hired, the owners issued two uniform shirts, and they deducted \$3.75 from your first four paychecks. If you kept the shirts in good condition, you would be refunded the total of 4 x \$3.75 = \$15. When I left that job, the owners insisted that the amount was \$10. I had kept all my pay stubs in a drawer at home,

so I went and was able to find my first, second, and fourth pay stub. Each was showing the \$3.75, but I couldn't find the third stub. When I brought the three pay stubs to demonstrate that they owed me the total of \$15 for the good condition returned shirts, the owner said, "Nope, sorry, it was ten dollars, and that missing stub would show it." I learned a lot about human nature, the power of pettiness, and greed. Mostly I learned how not to treat employees. I also discovered that my favorite flavor is Mocha Almond Fudge.

Insurance Document Courier – While in college, my friend Roger worked for an Insurance company. His job was to manage its fleet of company-owned cars. These were big long Oldsmobile, Lincoln, and Cadillacs. He needed someone to help, but mostly it turned out that what the company needed was a delivery driver. This was at a time before email and fax machines. My job was to drive all over Los Angeles to pick and deliver documents for this insurance agency. Think Uber driver of paper, not people. What did I learn from this job? One thing, one crucial thing. Namely, the most important people for any company are the secretarial support staff. They do all the real work, and if you treat them well, everything goes much smoother.

A & R Rep for CBS Records – This is a job I did not get. My interview was so bizarre as to involve myself and the other candidate sitting in an office on Wilshire Blvd with a bunch of obnoxious young executives listening to a horrible song. They claimed this song would be the next big hit. They also discussed all of the "side benefits" of working in the entertainment industry. I left that office and thought I'd been in the midst of the most childish group of adults ever. They never called me back, and it was the best job I didn't get. I drove back to my summer job as a camp counselor, where I enjoyed working with children who behaved more like adults. Looking back, I realize this was a transitional moment in my young adult life. I also learned that sometimes it might be proper not to get the job.

Youth Director – All Saint's Lutheran Church was looking for a youth director, and I applied during my first semester of seminary. The congregation's pastor gave me the freedom to experiment, challenge the suburban culture of comfort, and express my complex theological ideas. I worked there for two years. It was my first real exposure to congregational life. I saw the best and the worst of people. After two years, I was convinced that being a pastor was the last thing I should do with my life. Two years later, I was ordained and called to serve my first congregation in Brooklyn. My All Saint's experience taught me the first step in the Journey is the Refusal of the Call...and it's just that, the first step.



Statement from ELCA presiding bishop addresses synagogue shooting

On Saturday {April 27}, the last day of Passover, another shooting occurred at a synagogue — this time, Chabad of Poway, in California. The living had gathered to offer prayers to honor the dead and to close the Jewish festival of God's liberating promise. Once again, worship was interrupted by deadly violence.

We stand against this latest public act of anti-Semitism and domestic terrorism, and with the Jewish community. Together, with our ecumenical and inter-religious partners, we will continue to "oppose the deadly working of such bigotry, both within our own circles and in the society around us" ("Declaration of ELCA to Jewish Community," 1994).

We grieve with the community of Poway, with the victims and their families, and with all those who are wounded in mind, body and spirit by this latest act of violence committed in a sacred space.

We continue to grieve the shooting six months ago at Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh; the mosque shootings six weeks ago in Christchurch, New Zealand; the arson one month ago of three historic Black churches in Louisiana; and the church bombings on Easter Sunday in Sri Lanka.

We find ourselves, like the psalmist, crying out to God that "the enemy has destroyed everything in the sanctuary" (Psalm 74:3b). We know that these incidents, together with others, are not isolated. They are linked through a tangled web of religious bigotry, violence, hatred and white supremacy that is meant to divide us — from each other and from God.

Therefore, our actions to address anti-Semitism must oppose *all* deadly workings in our midst. This is hard work but also holy work. An attack on one faith community is an attack on all. As a sign of God's liberating promise, let us stand against this scourge by standing together. May it be so.

In Peace, The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton, Presiding Bishop, ELCA



AN APPLE A DAY: June is Men's Health Awareness Month

June is Men's Health Month. On the

average men die five years younger than women. Men die at higher rates of nine of the top ten causes of death. Men are less likely to have health insurance. All of this affects men's ability to be involved fathers and supportive spouses. Many of the factors that contribute to men's less healthy and shorter lives are preventable. The top causes of death are heart disease, lung, colon and prostate cancers, lung disease, diabetes, flu/pneumonia and kidney and liver diseases.

Prevention starts with seeing a health care provider on a regular basis. Men visit primary care providers at a lower rate than women. Establishing baselines for blood pressure, blood sugar, cholesterol, weight and PSA(screening test for risk of prostate cancer), monitoring how these readings change over time will help to catch dangerous trends while they are treatable. Other screenings include, self-testicular exams, colon cancer tests, STD screenings, lung cancer low radiation CT Scans, HIV, and Hepatitis C. Vaccinations include Pneumococcal pneumonia vaccines, shingles vaccine and the tetanus booster every 10 years.

The benefits of physical activity are extensive. It can be difficult to find motivation to start a new routine. Joining a community league or just starting by walking 5 minutes 5 days a week, Simple, but sometimes difficult to do! The heart organizations recommend 150 minutes a week and not more than two days off in a row.

The DASH or Mediterranean diet is recommended for overall healthy eating to support good heart and bone health. The diets support a diet rich in fruits, vegetables, low fat and nonfat dairy, lean meats, fish and poultry, nuts/beans and seeds and limited amounts of whole grains. This results in improved metabolism, lower body fat, improved heart fitness without counting calories. **Remind father's and husbands that they are very much loved and needed to be healthy and alive. Men's Health week is June 11-17th.**

-Diane Iannini, Parish Nurse



Karen Huber Mildred Minervini Emileo Alvarado Ryan DeRidder Steffi Spath Elsa Bowen Jane Breen Fred Wuensch Richard Prisco Margaret Greenman Vicky Manville Margaret Butts Arlene Ascenzo Ginny Pucillo Kelsey Gerber Marilyn Balla Sally Katzmark Richard Bowen Rebecca Scalera Vinnie Carbone Lucy Dee Stanley Ulc Angel Guel Robert Kohler Kay West Ramona Cummings Charlie Costello Katie D'Antonio Darice Peruch Diane Duffy Mickey Campanile Sue Bormolini Karl Faulkner Rose Danieli Andrew Hubina



Please also keep Matt Cheatham, Wilson Owens, Timothy Elwell, Seth Lash, Stephen Danek, and all those who serve in the military, in your prayers.



We also pray for All the Saints, especially Lenora White, Christina Posca, Gustavo Loshovio, James Powell, Peter Katzmark, Logan Mengold, and all those who mourn the loss of a loved one. ቋቋቋቋ



Thank You to our recent Coffee Hour Hosts: Donna Peterson The Kuo Family James Ministries The Siegles What a Blessing!!



Global Lutheran Outreach

from everywhere to everywhere





Ben Tino, at left, playing the trumpet at our very first worship in our new sanctuary in February 2018, is our own Carol Nadasen's nephew. Also pictured above, Ben is a Missionary in Guatemala and celebrating one year of service there. Congratulations and Blessings!





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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Holy Communion is served as all Worship Gatherings	Upper Room Thrift Shop Church of the Epiphany: Tues, Wed, Sat 10am– 2pm	delivered Tuesdays usually before 11am	Southbury Food Bank (SFB): 9:30-12 noon Wed & Fri plus 2 nd and 4 th Sat			1 10-2pm Upper Room 1pm Memorial for Lenora White 5 pm: Worship!
2 Easter 7 9am SS /Bible Study 10:15am Worship 11:15am Fellowship 11:30am Choir 2pm: Recital	3 8pm: AA	4 10-2pm Upper Room 12pm NVCBible Study	5 10-2pm Upper Room 9:30-noon: SFB 8pm: AA	6 10:30am Worship at the Lutheran Home	7 9:30-noon: SFB NE Synod Assembly	8 10-2pm Upper Room 9:30-noon: SFB 5 pm: Worship! NE Synod Assembly
9 Day of Pentecost 9am SS /Bible Study 10:15am Worship Youth Sunday 11:15am Fellowship 2:30pm: Recital	10 7pm Parish Support 8pm: AA	11 10-2pm Upper Room 12pm NVCBible Study 1pm Ladies Fellowship 7pm Church Council	12 10-2pm Upper Room 9:30-noon: SFB 10:30& 11 Watermark 7pmWorship & Music 8pm: AA	13 12noon Woodbury Clergy	14 9:30-noon: SFB 5pm Girl Scout Troop Ceremony	15 10-2pm Upper Room 5 pm: Worship!
16 Holy Trinity 10:15am Picnic Worship!! Happy Father's Day	17 8pm: AA	18 10-2pm Upper Room 12pm NVCBible Study	19 10-2pm Upper Room 9:30-noon: SFB 8pm: AA	20 10:30a Sby Clergy 7pm: Fall Fest Planning	21 9:30-noon: SFB	22 10-2pm Upper Room 9:30-noon: SFB 5 pm: Worship!
23 Pentecost 2 9:30 Summer Worship Altar Dedication 10:30 Fellowship 10:45 Cong. Meeting	24 7pm: James Ministries 8pm: AA	25 10-2pm Upper Room 12pm NVCBible Study	26 10-2pm Upper Room 9:30-noon: SFB 7pm: PreSchool Brd. 8pm: AA	27 The Ascension of Our Lord	28 9:30-noon: SFB	29 10-2pm Upper Room 5 pm: Worship!
30 Pentecost 3 9:30 Summer Worship 10:30 Fellowship	JULY 1 8pm: AA	JULY 2 10-2pm Upper Room 12pm NVCBible Study	JULY 3 10-2pm Upper Room 9:30-noon: SFB 8pm: AA	JULY 4 Happy Apple of July	JULY 5 9:30-noon: SFB	2019