

June 2021

THE EPISTLE

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



Season of Pentecost

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Due to the Coronavirus pandemic, Saint James church services are available in person and virtually. The virtual services can be accessed on both the church website <https://stjamesct.org/listen/> as well as directly on the soundcloud website <https://soundcloud.com/user-941164141>.

CHURCH COUNCIL

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The Due Date for the July/August, 2021 Epistle is June 18th.

Please send submissions via the form on our epistle page (stjamesct.org/epistles)

Thank you



In Our Prayers



Pr Wayne Gollenberg	Arlene Ascenzo	Kay West
Mildred Minervini	Eanna Callahan	Ramona Cummings
Emileo Alvarado	Kelsey Gerber	Charlie Costell
Fred Wuensch	Marilyn Balla	Katie D'Antonio
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Vicky Manville	Janet Benzell	Mike Harman
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Brian Mons	Peter Adler	Joe Giordano
Gary Peterson	Gabi Adler	Marie Horton
Gloria Trede	The family of	Cathy McMullin
Bernie Jones	Rachel Nessel	Amelia Broch & family
Diane Miritello	Ethan Nessel	Tim McMullin
	The Call Committee	



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



We also give thanks for All the Saints, especially Paul Katzmark, Ryan Rutledge, Marilyn McKeown, John Moehring, Kenny TaLuba, Norbert, Mickey Campanile, and those we name with hearts and voices.

Please join us for Worship on Sunday mornings at 9:30 am beginning on June 13th at 111 Peter Road. The appropriate safety protocols are in place and will be adhered to. Drive in church continues as an outdoor option.

Your offering may be mailed to 111 Peter Road, and the mail is collected daily or your donation may be made online. As you are able, please help us keep being the hands of Christ.

****VISITING SATURDAY JUNE 19th****

Benjamin Tino: Serving the Lord in Zacapa, Guatemala
Email: btino@jacksonville.edu



The missionary “seed” was rooted in me at a very early age, as I was born and raised as an MK (missionary kid) in Venezuela. It is there that I learned to love and appreciate the Hispanic culture and lifestyle.

Moving to South Florida in 2001, I was engulfed by diversity during my grade school years and always enjoyed the rich cultural mixture found in South Florida. With my mother being the music director at our church, music was bound to find

me. In the fifth grade I was given my first trumpet lesson and from there on I developed my love for music and took it upon myself to learn a variety of instruments. Going into high school I continued to study trumpet, classical guitar, and bass guitar, and would play any of those three on any given Sunday.

During my college years at Jacksonville University, I decided to study music and received my degree in Music Education in 2017. Upon completion of my degree I was unsure of what I would do after college, but I knew it would be something in music, and I wanted to work overseas. It wasn't until 2016 that I realized the plan God had for me: To serve Him by bringing music into churches. I realized God has been preparing me for this opportunity my entire life, and everything I have done has been part of my training.

As of May of 2018, I have been teaching, molding, and bringing musicians and musicianship into the Lutheran Church of Zacapa, Guatemala. Aside from leading Sunday worship, I teach music through private lessons for all ages, work with Sunday school kids, and help lead the youth group. I also help out when I can in the Lutheran School of Zacapa with music, and assist with music in other Lutheran congregations of Guatemala when requested. Music is a staple of the Lutheran Church, and I hope to train and teach as many people as I can with the gifts God has given me.

Please pray for:

- My music ministry in Zacapa to continue to grow
- Music students to not be discouraged, but encouraged to worship our Lord through song
- Safety while living and traveling on my own
- For wisdom and patience as I serve as a missionary in Guatemala



A WORD from Pastor Paul

By the time you will have read this, we will be in the beginnings of the season after the Pentecost. This season of the church year is a green season, when the liturgical colors change to match the hopeful season of our ordinary lives, the summer months.

In these weeks, we learn again as if for the first time, how to be the church. It seems like we forget how to be the church in action as we celebrate the joyous seasons of Easter and Christmas. Pentecost is all about the bearing down of the Holy Spirit on our small but powerful church here in Southbury (and everywhere else too for that matter.) On that Sunday, we welcome the Holy Wind of Wisdom and insight, and it directs us in what we must do in thankfulness as beloved children of God.

What does God require of us, asks the prophet Micah, except to love kindness and do justice and walk humbly with our God. I am not the first to point out that often, we tend to love justice (when someone but us does it) and to do kindness (because that's easier to do.) And HUMBLE? Really Micah, HUMBLE?

You see, if we fail to insist on justice, we lose our mandate to be the church. I know this is a bold statement, but it is never more true than now when it is difficult to ignore the many injustices that we see. Of course, we are also surrounded by media sources that can be difficult to interpret. Is this fake news? Has this been photo-shopped? And the prophets recognized and Jesus warned about false prophets and false prophecies.

The conundrum described above gives us an important clue about the value of being in community where conversation, study, active listening and trust will help us to make wise choices especially as to who to listen to, how to recognize the injustices inflicted on our neighbors far and near, and to take steps to insist on remedies. This is what being a Lutheran is all about, and Martin Luther (and the other reformers) got the ball rolling on some important reforms, but that work in our age has just begun.

If this is your passion, join us for Bible Study on Wednesday evenings at 7 PM. Or attend the upcoming Lutheran 101 classes on June 19 and 23. Or be part of a book group. Or volunteer at the food bank, or...well, you get the idea. The church is not passive, by definition it is active; in worship, in prayer, in thoughtful insistence on justice!

God's blessings, Pastor Paul

The Rev. T. A. Gustafson Educational Aid Fund

The Rev. T. A. Gustafson Educational Aid Fund's purpose is to assist active confirmed members of St. James in pursuing education. This year the fund received five applications. Support checks were presented by Pastor Paul Sinnott on Sunday, May 23, 2021 to Tammy Faulkner, Kaitlyn Furr, Ryan Furr, Evelyn Kuo, and Abigail Manville. St. James wishes all the recipients success in their future endeavors.



Call 'em All Outreach Program."

Presently, we have 145 telephone numbers listed to receive Pastor Paul's wonderful 2-minute weekly devotions, and prayers. Also included are St. James Church important news items, and reminders. If you haven't submitted your telephone number to receive these calls, please register at the bottom of our homepage, call Lynn Morrison 203-426-7749 or email her at edgelake@aol.com. Please join us!



"Let's Ring the Bell Again!"

The Bell Tower, which has been in need of repair and restoration, is a wonderful and important compliment to our St. James Church. We miss the ringing of the bell during the worship services. In an effort toward repairing and restoring our bell tower, donations may be made to help us achieve that goal! Offerings may be made to "Bell Tower Repair!" For further information, please check with Lynn Morrison (203-426-7749) or Jacque Matthew (203-233-9581).

Southbury Farmer's Market

Don't forget that the Southbury Farmers Market will begin for the year at the end of June 17th. 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!!!

Summer Educational Opportunities

Each Wednesday evening, **Bible Study** begins at 7 PM, followed by the prayer circle at 8.

Readings are based on the lectionary for the next week.

Lutheran 101, Saturday conversations about what it means to be a Lutheran. Offered in the Fellowship Hall on June 19 and June 23 from 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM. For members new to St James, seekers, and longer-term folks wanting a refresher.

Confirmation Boot Camp: Two weeks for intensive study in preparation of confirmation. Offered in August (Date TBA)

Vacation Bible School: A safe, more traditional model than last summer, run by Youth and Family Ministries. Open to all children at a very reasonable cost. Stay tuned for details.

People in Our Prayers

As individuals and as a congregation, we pray for all people in need and rejoice with all those feeling gratitude and thanksgiving. That stated, we would like the list of names we raise up as a community each Sunday at worship to be as current as possible. Please review these lists.

If you would like to:

1. Add your name
2. Remove your name
3. Add the name of someone you know
4. Remove the name of someone you had previously requested be added
5. Or, you recognize the name of someone who is no longer in the area or associated with the congregation and you believe that person could be removed from the list

We'd like to know. Please let Liz Skinski know
liz.skinski@earthlink.net

In addition, if you put one of the names on the list and would like to see it remain on the list, we'd like to confirm that as well.

These lists will be posted in the gathering area for the next few weeks for us to look at and revise.

We send our blessing with the Kuo family as they journey to British Columbia and their new home. God bless Denise, Evelyn and Vincent. See you on June 13th during worship for a goodbye

OUTREACH

Southbury Food Bank Collection

The food bank continues to be very busy serving the needs of our neighbors. Please be sure to continue to provide donations of boxed rice so we can keep the shelf well stocked. Many thanks to the following families for signing up to help with getting our rice donations to the Southbury Food Bank (88 Main Street South, in the same complex as the Rathskeller Restaurant). There are a few open months – contact Lauren Lyons if you are able to help. You will drop the rice outside the food bank and their staff will stock the shelf. Mask required please.

Food Bank Stocking Hours:

2nd Saturday of @ month from 11:30-12:30 pm

Call (203)721-0377 to make other arrangements.

June - Siegle

July –

Aug – Jenny Beaudéan-White

Sept –

Oct –

Nov – Jenny Beaudéan-White

Walk or Run for a Great Cause Zion's Children of Haiti Virtual 1k/5k/10k

Zion's Children of Haiti is a non-profit 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. The political situation in Haiti has been very unstable this year so our students desperately need our prayers and support. This major fundraiser is a virtual walk/run held whenever and wherever you'd like the week of August 7-14th. Registration fee is \$25 for 10k, \$20 for 5K, \$10 for 1k. Groups of 5 or less can register as a family for \$60, groups of more than 5 can register as a team for \$100. Raffle tickets for some great prizes are also available. 100% of proceeds will go to support the monthly food program for families in need as well as educational support. Online registration is now available at www.zionschildrenofhaiti.org or www.sportstats.raceentry.com/annual-running-for-haitis-future/race-information. Sign up and run or walk from wherever you are! Questions, contact Lauren Lyons 203-982-8415, lyonsden1133@yahoo.com.



St James is very fortunate to have many talented individuals who contribute their time and energy. Above is the updated sign welcoming everyone to St. James. We have Jacqué Matthews to thank for the amazing “facelift” of the church logo. Also many thanks to Kevin Bradshaw for the beautiful flowers and landscaping by our church sign and throughout the St James grounds. All of us at St James are very grateful for your hard work and the beauty you bring to our Church. Thank you!!

Media and Communications Team

“You may have noticed some changes to our emails and website lately. That’s thanks to the newly formed media and communications team! Meeting monthly, the mission of this new group is to provide consistent, deliberate, and timely communications through printed, online, and social media content. We were formed to reach out to those inside and outside the church as well as to keep members informed and actively engaged. The group works together to maintain our current communication methods such as our emails and calls, explore new platforms such as Facebook and Instagram, and create a sustainable communications plan. We welcome anyone who wants to help with this new ministry, especially those with experience with print media, reaching out to newspapers, and social media. If you are interested in being involved please contact Abigail Manville at manville.abigail@gmail.com.



Join us on June 6th at the pavilion at Ballantine Park for an outdoor service at 10:15 followed by our summer picnic!

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2 7pm Bible Study 8pm Weekly Prayer call	3 7:30 YAFM meeting	4	5
6 Pent 2 9am SS @ Ballantine 10:15am Worship @ Ballantine 11am Church Picnic Lector Jim Mix Cantor Lucia Dressel	7	8	9 7pm Bible Study 8pm Weekly Prayer call	10 7pm Parish Support meeting	11	12 10am NE Assembly 11:30am Rice Shelf Restocking
13 Pent 3 9:30am Worship Lector Lucia Dressel Cantor Neil Johnson	14	15 7pm Church Council meeting	16 7pm Bible Study 8pm Weekly Prayer call	17	18	19 9am Benjamin Tino: Serving the Lord in Zacapa, Guatemala 10am Lutheran 101
20 Pent 4 9:30am Worship Lector Mary Ewert Cantor Karen Lampiasi	21	22	23 7pm Bible Study 8pm Weekly Prayer call	24 7pm Preschool Board Meeting	25	26 10 am Lutheran 101
27 Pent 5 9:30am Worship Lector Curt Haedke Cantor Kaitlyn Franco	28	29	30 7pm Bible Study 8pm Weekly Prayer call			Holy Communion is offered at all worship services in one kind only.