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THE EPISTLE

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



ST. JAMES LUTHERAN CHURCH

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**Evangelical Lutheran
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God's work. Our hands.

St. James Church is handicapped accessible and family friendly.

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The Rev Paul D. Sinnott, Interim Pastor

Pastor: 860.868.4040 Church: 203.264.6446

Ministers: The People of St James

Due to the Coronavirus pandemic, Saint James church services are available in person and virtually. The virtual sermons and gospels can be accessed on the church website <https://stjamesct.org/listen/>

CHURCH COUNCIL

Linda Bedard	<i>Council Vice-President</i>
Ben Dressel	<i>Younger Person Representative</i>
Karen Furr	<i>Council Member</i>
Diane Mladjen	<i>Council Member</i>
Judy Katzmark	<i>Council President</i>
Karen Lampiasi	<i>Council Member</i>
Neil Johnson	<i>Treasurer</i>
Jacque Matthew	<i>Council Member</i>
Lynn Morrison	<i>Council Member</i>
Jeff Nadasen	<i>Council Secretary/Council Member</i>

CHURCH COUNCIL

Genie Bisch	<i>Parish Secy., Preschool Admin. Asst.</i>	203.264.6446
	<i>M,T,Th 2-4pm; Fri. 8-10:45am</i>	
Leslie Broch	<i>Director, St.James Preschool</i>	203.264.6448
Diane Peterson	<i>Organist</i>	
Tammy Faulkner	<i>Coordinator, Youth&Family Ministries</i>	
Gail Fay	<i>Assistant Treasurer</i>	\$\$
Curt Haedke	<i>Financial Secretary</i>	\$\$

The due date for the October, 2021 Epistle is September 15th.

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

Thank you



In Our Prayers



Peter Adler
Gabi Adler
Gloria Trede
Marilyn Balla
Janet Benzell
Stanley Ulc
Lynn Calderone
Doris Schoppman

Karen Huber
Marjory Warren
& Family
Conrad & Meg
Gisella Bachel
Rachel Nessel
Ethan Nessel
Diane Defazio

Bernie Jones
Rose Danieli
Charlie Costello
Brian Mons
Mary Skinski
Isaac
Mike



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

We also give thanks for All the Saints, especially Norbert, John Moehring, Paul Katzmark, and Tom Rodbell

Please join us for Worship on Sunday mornings at 9 am for Sunday School and at 10:15 am for outdoor worship at 111 Peter Road, Southbury, CT. The appropriate safety protocols are in place and will be adhered to. Drive in church continues as an option

Your offering may be mailed to 111 Peter Road (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.

SERVING IN WORSHIP

September 5th

Lector: Bill Siegle
Cantor: Kaitlyn Franco
Chaplain: Lynn Morrison
Counters: Donna Peterson, Diane Mladjen, Gary Kline



September 12th

Lector: Linda Bedard
Cantor: Neil Johnson
Prayer Chaplain: Mary Ewert
Counters: Rich Larson, Neil Johnson, Catherine Ulc

September 19th

Lector: Liz Skinski
Cantor: Ben Dressel
Chaplain: Liz Skinski
Counters: Donna Peterson, Gary Kline, Diane Mladjen

September 26th

Lector: John Dressel
Cantor: Lucia Dressel
Chaplain: Jim Mix
Counters:



A WORD from Pastor Paul

“Sing to the Lord a new song! Sing to the Lord all the Earth!...
Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice;
Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; let the field exalt and everything in it.”

From Psalm 96

I learned something about a famous recording artist this week. Formerly (and again later) known as “Prince,” he had no other musicians than himself to produce his albums. He recorded himself playing other instruments in the studio and he achieved a wonderful sound by superimposing the tracks on one another. I thought to myself, “This must have been exhausting! He’s playing every instrument.”

Soon, the people of Saint James will be singing a new song and if all goes according to plan, a new artist will be at the helm. As I write this, I know very little about this person, but with the help of God, you will soon begin a new chapter and you will get to know them and love them. From my experience, you are good at loving your pastors. You will expect great things and you will contribute great things together in mission and ministry.

However, please be prepared to help with the song: this new pastor is going to need to share the load with you, and can’t be expected to play all of the musical parts in the arrangement, like Prince. You are uniquely prepared for this endeavor. You have worship leadership in the form of lectors, prayer chaplains, soloists and cantors. You have a cadre of home communion visitors who are eager to bring the Eucharist from the table at church to the kitchen tables of the homebound. Your altar guild does a great job of preparing for each worship service. You have a Youth and Family director who has expanded her understanding and depth of her theological roots at the School for Lay Ministry and will complete year two this year. You have confirmands that have dug into intense study this summer, ready for what’s next. Eager young people will be wanting to attend the National Youth Gathering.

Please share your gifts of time and your abilities. Open your minds for the wisdom of the Holy Spirit. Open your hearts to the love of Jesus. Open your wallets and get your hands to work in your wonderful congregation. Do your part, and sing the wonderful new song!

God is good; All the time!

Pastor Paul

We have scheduled our HomeFront Day on Saturday, September 18 and hope you will be able to join us as we help a single woman homeowner in Seymour.

Health and safety continue to be paramount concerns for us. Please note our plans for your protection:

- Exclusive focus on exterior work
 - Ample dust masks and work gloves provided to volunteers & recipient
 - Antibacterial dispensers at job site
 - Social distancing promoted for all participating volunteers
 - Individually wrapped lunch and breakfast items
 - Port-a-john equipped with hand sanitizer

HomeFront Day 2021 Details:

Date: Saturday, September 18 rain or shine

Time: 7:00 AM or as soon as you can arrive

Home Location: 25 Kathy Dr., Seymour, CT 06483 – a mustard colored raised ranch

Parking: The house is on a nice level lot with plenty of parking along the street.

Please RSVP by Sun, Aug 22, 2021, but the sooner the better for planning purposes.

1. Please indicate any applicable skills
2. Please provide both the number of adults and young adults (over age 14) attending.

Projects Include: exterior house painting including windows, replace downspouts, deck scraping/painting, install new garage doors and new side door, replace 3 window frames and all window trim, pruning and some planting.

As always, there will be food/snacks and beverages supplied throughout the day. Everything will be individually wrapped. Lunch will generously and cautiously be provided once again by the wonderful Knights of Columbus and Woodbury Deli will provide a 5' sub. We are very grateful for their support.

Project supplies, work gloves, masks and protective eyewear will be available.

Also **plenty** of hand sanitizer. If you bring any tools, please make sure to label with your name.

Dress in layered work clothes and protective footwear. A HomeFront T-shirt will be provided for you to wear.

For volunteers 14 - 17, there is a “ Young Adult Waiver of Liability” form that needs to be filled out by a parent/guardian. We can provide young adults that volunteer with a letter noting their community service. Volunteerism looks great on college applications!

Thank you,
Joseph Battaglia
Volunteer Coordinator
homefrontsofia@gmail.com

Stewardship in 2021

Give Thanks

Always and All Ways



We're starting to think of Fall, and Fall means, along with back-to-school, **STEWARDSHIP!** We're excited to think of getting St. James off on a strong footing for 2022 after the struggles of the last 2 years. We anticipate a new called Pastor and we want to have a strong financial foundation as we move ahead.

What is a narrative budget?

The stewardship committee will take a different approach this year. We want to introduce the idea of a “**Narrative Budget**”! This is not a traditional budget spreadsheet in dollar and cents, (that causes our eyes to glaze over) but a word picture – a picture of how our budget enables us to carry out our mission in distinct areas of emphasis. Our missional initiatives include worship, education, outreach, evangelism and congregational support.

These 5 areas are enabled by the dollars in our congregational budget, plus the time and talent contributions of our members and friends. While we are pleased with what we are already accomplishing in each of these areas, there is opportunity to do more in 2022.

During 5 Sundays in October and November, the committee will describe how we use our current resources to carry out our mission initiatives. Then we will invite you to consider how we can strengthen our mission in 2022. Come with us on this journey as we set the stage for a renewed and stronger St. James in 2022!

Your stewardship committee – Rich Larson, Jim Mix, Jacque Matthew, Lynn Morrison, Bill & Marylee Siegle

“Call Them All” System

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 would like to submit your telephone number to receive these calls, please register at the bottom of our homepage, call Lynn Morrison 203-426-7749 or email her atedgelake@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 complement 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 “Bell Tower Repair!” For further information, please check with Lynn Morrison (203-426-7749) or Jacque Matthew (203-233-9581).

Thank You

A very special and heartfelt thanks to Doris Schoppmann for her generous and thoughtful donation toward the Bell Tower Repair project!

Preschool

The preschool is excited for another fulfilling year of adventures. The children barely seem aware of wearing a mask as they are so engaged with the materials, connecting with their peers and teachers and just having fun being a kid. We are grateful to be able to provide a safe space where children can play, learn and socialize and to support children where they are now and to prepare them for their future social and school experiences.

Openings are available in our Tues/Thurs program.



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

THANK YOU

Our virtual race was a HUGE success.

**WITH YOUR HELP WE WERE ABLE TO RAISE A GRAND
TOTAL OF \$7,791!!**

Whether you raced, bought raffle tickets, bought a t-shirt, or made a general donation - we can't thank you enough!

These funds will go towards purchasing food for the families in Gonaives, Haiti.

Most of you have now heard that on August 14th, Southern Haiti was hit with a 7.2 earthquake, leaving at least 700 dead. Haiti has been ravaged by many devastating events this past year. We pray for those who were affected, and our thoughts are with those who have lost their loved ones. Our program is operated in Gonaives, which is in Northern Haiti, so we feel fortunate enough that everyone in our program is safe. If you are interested in helping those most affected by the recent earthquake there are several well known organizations - [Americares](#), [Project Hope](#), [Doctors without Borders](#) and [Lutheran World Relief](#) among others have already organized efforts to assist.

Our students in Haiti ran a bit last week with us as well! They had to be more conservative and careful this year due to the unstable political situation but take a peek at any of our social media platforms to view videos of them running the race. See below for some photos of them and of other people who sent in their photos while they were participating during the week of the race! Thank you, again. Our hearts are full!



Operation Backpack

Southbury Women's Club members work closely with Southbury Social Services to provide local children in need with school supplies. Last year, SWC provided over 60 backpacks to Region 15 children who may otherwise not have these supplies for the start of school. Each school in our district collects and provides SWC with every grade's list of recommended school supplies. Using that information, each child receives a quality backpack filled with their school and grade's required school supplies to ensure they have a successful start to the new school year.

Help us reach our donation goal of \$750.

Make an online donation <https://southburywomensclub.org/make-a-donation>,
OR

Mail a check to the following address:

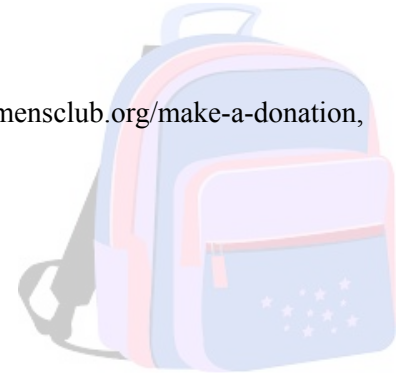
Southbury Women's Club

P.O. Box 195

Southbury, CT 06488

Purchase items on our Amazon wish list

<https://tinyurl.com/southburybackpacks>



September Steps

Exciting times are here for St. James. Our Call Committee has interacted with and interviewed, heard preach, and recommended a candidate for the 'settled' pastor position.

The Church Council is in the process of meeting, discussing, and preparing a compensation package for this individual to consider.

If all proceeds as we hope and pray it will, you will be invited to meet, hear preach, and hold a Congregational meeting the weekend of September 18 and 19 to call this candidate.

Please set aside these coming days to reflect, contribute, and then decide the leadership of St. James for the future.

Our work, God's hands
Judy Katzmark, Church Council President

September 2021 Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	Holy Communion is offered at all worship services in one kind only.		1 7pm AA	2 7:30pm YAFM Meeting	3	4
5 9:30am Worship 4pm Girl Scouts	6 7pm AA	7	8 7pm Bible Study 7pm AA 8pm Prayer Call	9	10	11 11:30am Rice Shelf Restock
12 9am Sunday School 10:15am Worship 4pm Girl Scouts	13 7pm AA	14	15 7pm Bible Study 7pm AA 8pm Prayer Call Epistle Contributions due	16 7pm Parish Support Meeting	17	18 7am Homefront day 7pm meet and greet w/ candidate
19 9am Sunday School 10:15am Worship 11am Congregational meeting 4pm Girl Scouts	20 7pm AA	21 7pm Council Meeting	22 7pm Bible Study 7pm AA 8pm Prayer Call	23 7pm Preschool Board Meeting	24	25
26 Pastor Paul Last Day 9am Sunday School 10:15am Worship 4pm Girl Scouts	27 7pm AA	28	29 7pm AA	30		