

JULY & AUGUST 2023

# ST JAMES LUTHERAN CHURCH EPISTLE

A CONGREGATION  
OF THE  
EVANGELICAL  
LUTHERAN CHURCH  
OF AMERICA

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## Mission

We affirm and spread the Word of God in all areas of life. We focus on nurturing, serving and uplifting our members and local community by practicing love in action as exemplified by Jesus Christ through our preschool and other outreach services.



## Vision

We believe we are saved by God's grace through faith alone, proclaiming our faith in the Holy Trinity. As church, we manifest the unity given to the people of God by living together in the love of Christ, by joining in prayer and action. We worship together as a community through reading of the Word, celebration of the sacraments and through lives of prayer, praise, thanksgiving, witness and service. We see our shared Christian faith as an integral part of our daily lives and use the gifts of the Spirit for our lives together and for our callings in the world.

## CHURCH STAFF

Genie Bisch

*Parish  
Administrator*

Abigail Manville

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Diane Peterson

*Organist*

Leslie Broch

*Director of  
St. James Preschool*

*Please contact the office **before** dropping by should you require assistance.  
Building is locked at all times for security. Thank you!*

July 2023

Regular calendar updates on our website  
<https://stjamesct.org/calendar/>

S M T W T F S



**Summer Schedule**  
 9:30 AM, outdoor weekly (weather permitting)

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2	3		4	5	6	7	8 9:30am Men's Fellowship 11:30am Rice Restock	
9	10	7pm VBS Planning	11	12	13	14	15	
16	17	Vacation Bible School 9am - 12pm					21	22
10:30 VBS Set-up	3pm Worship @ Watermark	5pm Fall Fest Planning				12:00 VBS Clean-up		
23	24	25	26	27	28	29		
			7pm Council Meeting	7pm VBS Review				

## SYNOD ASSEMBLY, JUNE 9 & 10

A CHURCH BORN IN THE TOMB: DEATH & RESURRECTION IN THE 21ST CENTURY CHURCH

Topics addressed included plans for the 2024 bishop election process, follow-up report of the anti-racism group, presentations on collaboration projects from around the synod, and a conversation around the many ways we are seeing death, resurrection and new ways of being the body of Christ in this century. Thank you to those who attended on behalf of St. James - Lynn Morrison, Bob Morrison, and Judy Katzmark.

# August 2023

Regular calendar updates on our website  
<https://stjamesct.org/calendar/>

S M T W T F S

30 31 1 2 3 4 5

Pastor Abby @ Camp Calumet as resident chaplain

7pm YAFM

6 7 8 9 10 11 12

3pm Worship  
@ Watermark

10am  
Worship &  
Music

9:30am Men's  
Fellowship  
11:30am Rice  
Restock

13 14 15 16 17 18 19

1pm  
Evangelism  
4pm  
Fellowship

10:30 am  
Worship @  
TLH  
  
7pm Finance  
& Property

20 21 22 23 24 25 26

7pm Council

10am YAFM  
Dorothy Day  
Outreach

27 28 29 30 31

## WEEKLY EVENTS

S M T W T F S

9:30am  
Worship  
Outside

9am-12pm  
Parish  
Admin.

*No regular  
Fika this  
summer;  
see weekly  
email*

9am-  
12pm  
Parish  
Admin.

2:30-  
5pm  
Parish  
Admin.

8:00pm  
AA

11:00am  
Staff  
Meeting

8:00pm AA

12:30pm  
Meditation  
Call

*Pastor  
Sabbath*

*Pastor  
Sabbath*



# A WORD FROM PASTOR

Dear beloved community,

When the service ends, the hymnals return under the chairs, my alb is hung and the laptop closes, I walk the woods. Thule runs freely up the trail while I hang back. It feels good to move in a restful way and be present in the company of fellow creation; as all together, we honor the God that made us. Keeping the Sabbath holy is a command; an invitation that goes beyond attendance at church. Sabbath is a reconnection with God, with the Divine community and all its members including earth. And as I walk, I wonder; about this relationship between faith and earth and the gift of Sabbath. I wander off the trail, through the meadow, and to a new lookout. I wonder beyond our Lutheran path, curious of other perspectives, their meadows and vistas, too.

As continuing education in the last year, I took a few courses through Pacific Lutheran Seminary on community organizing and climate justice. Inspired by the study, I started inviting other local faith leaders to join me on these walks. Together, we explore the relationship between earth, faith, and Sabbath in their tradition - Muslim, Unitarian, Catholic, Jewish, Christian of another name. In each interview, we ventured to a new Southbury Land Trust site, exploring our shared home one trail at a time. We wander and wonder together. We pray with silence and with words. At the end, we check for ticks on our socks, take a deep breath, and say, "This felt good. I'm glad to be here."

And we mean it. Because celebrating Sabbath in communion with ALL creation touches something in our soul that roots us back to the garden where we all started. Because knowing a place or a person takes an unhurried presence and a compassionate curiosity. Because inviting the Spirit that flows through lands and communities and houses of worship as a watershed for all never ceases to nourish, expand, and inspire.

Peace, Pastor Abby

***Learn how you can listen to this "Sabbath on the Land" interview series on next page!***



# OFFICE OF THE PASTOR

## CAMP CALUMET

**Resident Chaplain**  
**July 30 - Aug. 5**

Serving our Synod's Lutheran youth and family camp in Freedom, NH; pastoral care for campers and staff. (& Thule as camp comfort dog!)



## TIME AWAY

Pastor Abby is away  
**June 28-July 12**  
**August 9-12**

*Pastoral emergencies:*  
Rev. Paul Sinnott  
(781) 626-2871  
Chaplain Leo McIlrath  
(203) 264-9135

*Guest Preachers:*  
July 2, Rev. Linda Kraft  
July 9, Rev. Dewey  
Strohmeier



## MEET PASTOR ABBY

Whether in celebration, grief, doubt, or curiosity of faith, she is happy to meet with you at a time and place that suits you well. Reach out to connect.

*Observes Sabbath Fridays & Saturdays. Please call for pastoral emergencies.*

## SUMMER SERIES:

### "Sabbath on the Land"

Pastor Abby interviews local clergy and faith leaders of diverse traditions about the relationship between faith, earth and Sabbath/Shabbat, from the beautiful grounds of various Southbury Land Trusts.

*New installments will be available in the weekly email and on our church podcast, "A Steadfast Branch" found on Spotify and on [www.stjamesct.org](http://www.stjamesct.org)*

Guests include...



**Rabbi Eric Polokoff**  
B'nai Israel



**Father Bob Kwiatkowski**  
Mid-South  
Catholic  
Church



**Rev. Shaun Garan**  
United Church of  
Christ



# CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL

## REPORTS & NEWS

Congregational Meeting - Sunday, June 4. Please see contact Abigail Manville if you'd like a copy of the meeting minutes.

### Council Members Update

Thank you to Linda Bedard and Diane Mladjen for completing two, consecutive, three-year terms on Church Council. Most recently, Linda served as Vice-President and Diane as Council Liaison for the Preschool. Additionally, thank you to Emilie Ulc who finished her second one-year term as our Council Youth Representative. We are grateful for their service and contributions to St. James.

Please welcome new Council members, Bill Dreska and Barbara Manville, who were nominated by Church Council and elected at the June annual congregational meeting. Their three-year terms begin June 2023 and run to June 2026.

### Synod Assembly

We three attended the New England Synod Assembly June 9-10, held in the DCU Center, Worcester, MA. It was a wonderful two days. Jam packed plenary sessions, beautiful, handmade quilt displays based on the last words of George Floyd, two dozen display tables highlighting great ministries, and super fellowship and devotions! Also included were eight workshops covering topics ranging from collaboration, economic justice, creating worship which incorporates green practices, and spiritual direction!! Phew - a lot of excitement packed into just two days.

The World Hunger team announced the "grand total" of funds collected: BIG HUNGER CHALLENGES, BOLD GENEROUS RESPONSE! Donors of the New England Synod contributed a total of \$132,522.97, which in addition to the \$100k matching funds, means that over \$230k will go to the ELCA World Hunger appeal! Thank you so much to all who contributed!

Judy will speak during worship on one of the Workshops: "Economic Justice - The Myth That Made Us" presented by Jeff Fuhrer. Bob will speak about manning the School of Lay Ministry Table, and Lynn will speak on the Anti-Racism presentation which was both most meaningful and so unsettling at the same time. Each one of us can and must combat racism, here and now! We three thank our congregation of St. James for allowing us to represent them as voting members, and experience such a wonderful event with our sisters and brothers of New England Synod!

## MEMBERS

- |                   |                            |   |
|-------------------|----------------------------|---|
| 1. Kathy Haddy    | 9. Barbara Manville        |   |
| 2. Donna Peterson | 10. Rev. Abigail Johnson   | <i>Specific officer and liaison roles will be voted upon by Council members during their July organizing meeting.</i> |
| 3. Jan Carnaroli  | • Neil Johnson,            |   |
| 4. Lucia Dressel  | <i>Treasurer</i>           |   |
| 5. Lynn Morrison  | • Ellen Hubina,            |   |
| 6. Tony Salvatore | <i>Assistant Treasurer</i> |   |
| 7. Liz Skinski    | • Curt Haedke,             |   |
| 8. Bill Dreska    | <i>Financial Secretary</i> |   |

# SYNOD ASSEMBLY

## ANTI-RACISM RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation to the Synod Council to Enact This Proposal 4/20/2023  
From the Antiracism Working Group

WE PROPOSE that the New England Synod Council form an Antiracism Advisory Board, which shall be appointed from member congregations and ministries throughout the Synod. The mission of this Advisory Board will be to direct, foster, and sustain a community for dialogue, reflection, accountability, and action in regards to the work of antiracism and justice. In support of this mission, this Advisory Board shall:

Model what healthy, constructive relationships across race can look like in the church by:

- Providing training resources for Conference Deans, Synod Council, Synod staff, congregations, and other ministries to facilitate conversations and relationships that increase understanding of the impact of one's cultural identity, biases, and to understand intersectionality;
- Engaging with Synod staff and congregations to provide consultation in matters sensitive to race, culture, and its intersectionality with other systems of oppression;
- Encouraging and supporting increased transparency in leadership regarding our involvement and investment in the processes of racism in our synod, states, nation, and in the ELCA;
- Working with the Synod Council and Synod staff to review and ensure compliance with any and all diversity requirements;
- Facilitating learning, dialogue, and action groups and workshops with members from across the New England Synod congregations and ministries.

Illustrate how the work of antiracism is connected to our shared faith in Jesus Christ by:

- Supporting prayer teams that address antiracism and dwell in prayer;
- Sharing and distributing resources that address (anti)racism—including devotionals, confessions, and music—to congregations and other ministries of the New England Synod;
- Holding prayer meetings at least once per month in which all members of the New England Synod are invited to participate.

Integrate antiracism into all decisions and conversations throughout the New England Synod (e.g. Assembly, Synod Council, congregations, other ministries, etc.):

- Reporting regularly to the Synod Council, periodically in Synod communications, and annually to the Synod Assembly;
- The Advisory Board will explore ways antiracism training can be required of Synod Staff and strongly encourage all Rostered Ministers of the New England Synod to receive antiracism training.
- Aiding the New England Synod in answering its baptismal covenant to "seek and serve Christ in all persons...strive for justice and peace among all peoples, and respect the dignity of every human being", and committing to holding congregational and synod leadership accountable to the ongoing Gospel work of antiracism.

AND WE FURTHER PROPOSE that this Advisory Board be given the latitude to discern its structure and goals in harmony with its mission once it is convened.



# SERVING IN WORSHIP

LITURGY MEANS "THE WORK OF THE PEOPLE" IN GREEK

## July 2

**Preach/Preside:** Rev. Linda Kraft

**Altar Guild:** Judy Katzmark

**Ushers:** Gary Kline, Jeff Nadasen

**Lector:** Linda Bedard

**Asst. Minister:** Jim Mix

**Organist:** Diane Peterson

**Counters:** Neil Johnson, Bill Siegle

## July 16

**Preach:** Tammy Faulkner

**Preside:** Rev. Abby Johnson

**Altar Guild:** Lynn Morrison

**Ushers:** Bob Morrison, Jeff Nadasen

**Lector:** Mary Ewert

**Asst. Minister:** Liz Skinski

**Organist:** Diane Peterson

**Counters:** Jan Carnaroli, Kathy Haddy

## July 30

**Preach/Preside:** Rev. Abby Johnson

**Altar Guild:** Priscilla Terhune

**Ushers:** Gary Kline, John Dressel

**Lector:** Tammy Faulkner

**Asst. Minister:**

**Organist:** Diane Peterson

**Counters:** Barbara Manville, Rich Larson

## July 9

**Preach/Preside:** Rev. Dewey Strohmeier

**Altar Guild:** Paulette Calderone

**Ushers:** Judy Katzmark, Tony Salvatore

**Lector:** Lucia Dressel

**Asst. Minister:** Karen Lampiasi

**Organist:** Diane Peterson

**Counters:** Donna Peterson, Gary Kline

## July 23

**Preach/Preside:** Rev. Abby Johnson

**Altar Guild:** Judy Lee

**Ushers:** Marylee Siegle, Bill Siegle

**Lector:** Marylee Siegle

**Asst. Minister:**

**Organist:** Diane Peterson

**Counters:** Jim Mix, Gale Mix



# SERVING IN WORSHIP

LITURGY MEANS "THE WORK OF THE PEOPLE" IN GREEK

## August 6

**Preach/Preside:** Rev. Abby Johnson

**Altar Guild:** Judy Katzmark

**Ushers:** Judy Katzmark, Tony Salvatore

**Lector:** Jan Salvatore

**Asst. Minister:**

**Organist:** Diane Peterson

**Counters:** Neil Johnson, Bob Morrison

## August 13

**Preach:** Jenifer Beaudean-White

**Preside:** Rev. Abby Johnson

**Altar Guild:** Paulette Calderone

**Ushers:** Jacque Matthew, Judy Lee

**Lector:** Donna Peterson

**Asst. Minister:**

**Organist:** Diane Peterson

**Counters:** Diane Mladjen, Bill Siegle

## August 20

**Preach/Preside:** Rev. Abby Johnson

**Altar Guild:** Lynn Morrison

**Ushers:** Bob Morrison, Jeff Nadasen

**Lector:** Jim Mix

**Asst. Minister:**

**Organist:** Diane Peterson

**Counters:** Gary Kline, Donna Peterson

## August 27

**Preach/Preside:** Rev. Abby Johnson

**Altar Guild:** Judy Lee

**Ushers:** Bill Siegle, Marylee Siegle

**Lector:** Beth Alvarado

**Asst. Minister:**

**Organist:** Diane Peterson

**Counters:** Barbara Manville, Jacque Matthew

## CONTACT

**Special Music:** Diane Peterson

**Assistant Ministers:** Liz Skinski

**Sunday School:** Lauren Lyons

**Ushers:** Jacque Matthew

**Altar Guild:** Paulette Calderone

**Lectors:** Judy Katzmark

**Counters:** Curt Haedke

**Coffee Hour:** Lynn Morrison



# Faith Formation

## ADULT FORUM

ON SUMMER BREAK

*Studies of books, scripture, or social issues where faith and the world meet.*

## BIBLE STUDY

ON SUMMER BREAK

*A casual conversation on Sunday's assigned readings and time for prayer. Come as you are, no preparation needed.*

**CONFIRMATION/& SUNDAY SCHOOL** ON SUMMER BREAK

**COMING  
SOON**

## MILESTONE MINISTRIES

An integrated approach to exploring and celebrating faith milestones... Stay tuned!

### SUMMER HOMEWORK:

Each child is asked to pick out a box or container and leave on pew outside sanctuary by Sept. 17. This will be their "treasure chest," used throughout the year.



## Podcast: A Steadfast Branch

A weekly podcast for all ages, listen for free online or on Spotify. Faith-formation offerings such as sermons, devotionals, kids chats, blessings, meditations, and interviews with the wider church community



**Check out the new summer interview series:  
"Sabbath on the Land"**

# Youth and Family Ministries Update

A small but mighty group is working hard already planning youth and family programming for next year. The tentative kickoff for Sunday School is September 17! Thanks to all of our teachers from this past year: Lynn Morrison, Liz Skinski, Meghan Colasanto, Meghan Buchanan, Mike Lyons, Lauren Lyons, Barbara Manville, Emilie Ulc, Kathy Haddy, Ellen Hubina, Katia Hubina, Janice Salvatore, Jan Mons, Donna Peterson, Linda Bedard, Mary Ewert, Jan Carnaroli and Bill Siegle. If you are interested in being a teacher for Sunday School next please contact Lauren Lyons [lyonsden1133@yahoo.com](mailto:lyonsden1133@yahoo.com) or [yafm@stjamesct.org](mailto:yafm@stjamesct.org). Next YAFM meeting is August 1st @7pm

## Operation Restoration Our kids can be menders of the Earth

We are so excited for the plan for this year's VBS July 17-21 (9:15-12:15) "Operation Restoration" where kids and adults explore many ways to be menders in God's world. Through music, art, science and movement, we will make connections between Bible stories and mending actions to discover how we can live out our faith in daily life. We will explore themes of feed, heal, forgive, pray and rest with practical application ideas for how to care for God's earth with our everyday actions. We do still have a few volunteer needs! Looking for:

Adults (over age 18) to be a classroom assistant teacher - talk to Lauren Lyons

Pop-up tents to provide extra shade - talk to Jacque Mathew

Help with set up on July 16 after worship - talk to Jacque Mathew

Help with clean up July 21 after 12:30 - talk to Jacque Mathew

You can volunteer for one day or more than one! Any help is appreciated. Please talk to Lauren Lyons if interested or email

### St James VBS Mission Partner - Kids Helping Kids

This year's VBS mission focus will be kids helping kids (but adults are welcome to help too!!) We will focus on reaching out locally through peanut butter and jelly donations to the Southbury Food Bank, as well as globally through school supplies for Hope Academy in Guatemala.

We will gladly accept donations through the month of July and August of:

Peanut butter and jelly, Notebooks, Pencils, Glue, Multi colored construction paper, Staples, Scissors, Markers, Highlighters, Letter sized printer paper, Kids CHEWABLE vitamins

Monetary donations toward uniforms for new students (may be put in the offering plate with the memo – HOPE ACADEMY)

For further information contact Lauren Lyons (203-982-8415, [lyonsden1133@yahoo.com](mailto:lyonsden1133@yahoo.com)) or Pastor Abby Johnson (203-450-6454, [pastor@stjamesct.org](mailto:pastor@stjamesct.org))





# Fellowship

Meets 3rd Tuesday @ 4PM via Zoom,  
See Barbara Manville



## Men's Fellowship

Meets 2nd Saturday @ 9:30am in the small chapel

## Women's Fellowship

The ladies of St. James gathered on the 20th of June at Julio's to celebrate another year of christian companionship and service to both our close knit family here but also the faith community both in Southbury and worldwide. We did this through prayer, actions such as creating health care kits, lap quilts, prayer shawls, food preparation and delivery for those in times of need, support for ecumenical gatherings during Lent and contributions at the Lutheran Home.

During the summer months we will not be gathering but if you want to reach out please call either Judy Katzmark or Karen Lampiasi.



**SATURDAY  
OCTOBER 7TH**

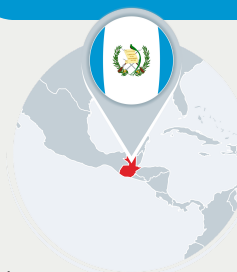
Let's get ready!

# ST JAMES FALL FEST

**THIS WILL BE A FUN DAY WITH:**

- Food
- Music
- Outdoor Market
- Crafts
- Decorations
- Jams

All proceeds go to support the 2024 Guatemala Mission Trip



and More!

## FALL FEST NEEDS YOU

We are gearing up for this event which will be held on Saturday, October 1st. Calling all artistic individuals and local suppliers of crafts or home-grown products St James is offering a table at our 4th Annual Fall Fest to showcase your gifts.

Table rental is only \$20 and the donation of one item to be used by St James for our Silent Auction or Raffle.

On the day of the event, doors open for set-up at 8am.

You can register and pay online at <https://tinyurl.com/SJFallFest2023> or use the paper forms that are located in the gathering area.

The deadline for registration AND payment is **Sept 23rd**. We have 20 vendor tables available

**Previously Owned Boutique** - If you are doing spring cleaning, please set aside your coolest treasures. **DON'T** bring them to church yet - we'll be collecting them in September! (no clothing or electronics please)


**Jelly/Jam Making** - this was a hit last year. If you have homegrown berries, please freeze them so that we can make goodies to sell at the festival. Last year we had blueberry, elderberry, peach and strawberry jams and jelly... yummm!

**Garden Center** - If you are thinning out your perennials or bulbs, stick them in a pot and keep them alive until the Fall Fest!



### QUESTIONS?

**BARBARA MANVILLE 203-525-2450**

 111 Peter Road, Southbury CT

# Outreach



This is an incredibly generous congregation with a lot of heart for outreach locally and globally. A small group met in May and started putting some details into the outreach tree in our gathering area so all can be aware of upcoming outreach projects and who to contact. If you help with an outreach project but weren't able to attend, please get an update to Lauren Lyons so it can be included. 203-982-8415 lyonsden1133@yahoo.com. We plan to meet again this fall.

## In the Community

### Southbury Farmer's Market

The Southbury Farmer's market began on June 15 and runs until October on Thursdays from 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm at the Southbury Town Hall. 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!!!



## Don't forget the rice shelf!

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. There are still some months available for food bank stocking:

Food Bank Stocking Hours: 2nd Saturday of month from 11:15-12:30 pm. Call (203)721-0377 to make other arrangements.

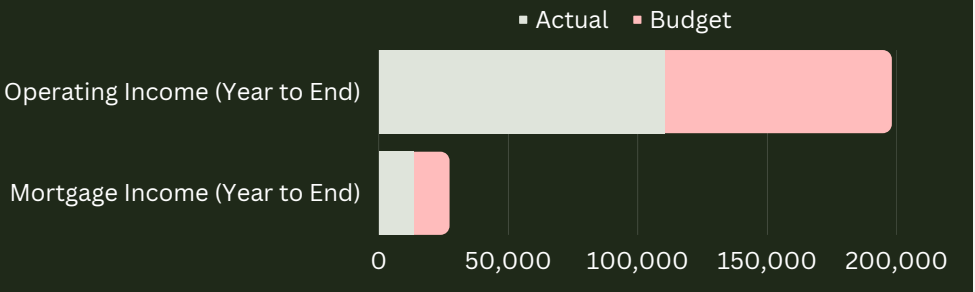
July – Lyons Family  
August – YAFM  
September –  
October – YAFM  
November –  
December – Morrison

# Parish Support

Financial Team & Property Team meets together 3rd Thursday @ 7PM


Financial Report  
As of May 31, 2023

Month	Operating Income YTD			Mortgage Income YTD	
	Budget	Actual	Diff	Budget	Actual
January	16,500	10,427	(6,073)	2,266.25	1,825.00
February	16,500	24,804	8,304	2,266.25	1,708.75
March	16,500	11,727	(4,773)	2,266.25	2,480.00
April	16,500	13,004	(3,496)	2,266.35	1,680
May	16,500	50,191.80	33,691.80	2,266.35	6,335



**Last year to May 31**      **103,452 (actual)**


## Current Fund Amounts



**\$10,637.85**  
Bell Tower



**\$2,067.00**  
Organ



**\$805.00**  
Organ & Music



# Stewardship

It's summertime, and school is out! It's time for being more carefree.... Enjoying pleasant warm summer weather, trips to the beach or the mountains, vacation time, sun and surf, picnics, sunburn and mosquitos (well it's not all fun!). Schedules are less demanding and we can relax for a bit.

But we know time passes quickly. The new St James church Council is getting to work and before you know, it will be Fall and time to think about Stewardship. Neil's presentation at the June congregational meeting reminded us that we are running a deficit budget this year, and that our cash reserves are gradually decreasing. We will need a strong giving effort the rest of this year, and into 2024.

A reminder of the challenge to faithful stewardship can be found in a sermon podcast by Tim Keller, pastor of Grace Presbyterian Church in NYC (who passed away this past May). The sermon was titled "Generosity in Scarcity", preached in 2009 in the midst of the Great Recession. He draws on Habakkuk 3:17-18 (what if we have nothing?), Deuteronomy 26:1-3,10-11 (giving from first fruits) and Matthew 6:19,21 (hearts and our treasures).

His points are that we need to give

## **sacrificially, joyfully, and graciously**

Let's pray about this challenge as we reflect over the hazy, lazy days of this summer.

Although money is an integral part of our lives, many of us, regardless of age or background, lack a proper understanding of it. We may believe the money problem we face is not having enough. More than likely, however, we have an adequate amount of money but need to use it more wisely. God gives us the freedom to determine how we want to spend money, but the Bible is very clear about what God expects from us. We have an obligation to use what we have according to His plan. Money is good, as are all gifts from God (James 1:17), but because of our sinful state we often use money for wrong and foolish purposes. May we all seek His wisdom and understanding in how to honor the Lord with our money.

During Jesus' last three years on earth, He spent much time nourishing and teaching His disciples. Only when they were prepared to go out into the world to preach, teach, and heal did He send them. Leaving without provisions, the disciples were totally dependent upon those whom the Lord would send them for their support (Luke 9:1-6). The disciples relied upon the power of the Gospel to move the hearts of their listeners who would willingly provide for their needs. They were to travel light and trust in the Lord. Just as the work of the 12 original disciples was funded by other believers, we assist the spreading of the Gospel by supporting today's disciples and missionaries around the world. As we provide for church workers locally and abroad in the name of Jesus, we are serving the Lord Himself - Lynn Morrison



# PROPERTIES

Financial Team &  
Property Team meets  
together 3rd Thursday  
@ 7PM



NEW  
NEW  
NEW  
NEW

## NEW HYMN BOARDS

A team effort has resulted in new hymn boards for the sanctuary! Jacque Matthew crafted these in the Heritage Village wood shop to adorn our sanctuary. The white maple lumber was donated by Mike Lyons and the crosses were carved from purple heart wood stock by Kevin Bradshaw. Such special pieces for our Sanctuary!

KEVIN  
BRADSHAW  
WORKING HIS  
MAGIC ON OUR  
FLOWER BEDS  
AS HE'S DONE  
FOR MANY  
YEARS!



# In Our Prayers

Rich Neeb	Paul Hubina	Fran Vezina	Vivian DeVito
Brian Mons	Paul Meberg	Karl Faulkner	Anne Marie
Janet Benzell	Ed Mueller	Dorian Malloy	Jay
Caroline Kaiger	John Raslear	Guenter Schuetz	Sophie Broch
Tim Peterson	Margaret Greenman	Sheryl	Randy Calderone

Please also keep Tim Peterson and all those who serve in the military,  
in your prayers.

We also give thanks for all the saints, especially Christine Granskog,  
Julie Johnson, Becky Cavanagh, Al Pacheco, and Peter Adler

## Update on Tim Peterson from Elizabeth:

Elizabeth Goehring asked that we please let everyone know that the prayers, cards, and phone calls for Tim and family are appreciated by them! While Tim continues to have good days and not so good days, her new congregation has been a huge support to them and our messages are uplifting! He is especially pleased to know the bells have been repaired and are ringing again!

Tim's cell phone number is 402-741-9569. Sometimes he answers and sometimes not. Either way, he enjoys listening to the messages!

Let's please continue to keep Tim, Elizabeth, their family and congregation in our prayers!

Thank you

## Prayer List Updates:

*This is a gentle reminder that our prayer lists was reset at the beginning of May. Recognizing that our loved ones are not suddenly "all better" in May or November, and certainly they are not forgotten, we ask that you let us know if you would like a name to remain or be added to the list. This includes our "saints." If it provides you with comfort and you would like your loved one to remain on the saint list for a while longer, please don't hesitate to share that with us as well. Please see Pastor Abby or Liz Skinski with any requests or questions. And please know, all of our loved ones are lifted up in prayer within this community, whether verbalized aloud or held close in our hearts.*

*Thank you.*

