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ST JAMES LUTHERAN CHURCH EPISTLE

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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

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Administrator*

Digital Coordinator

Music Director

*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!

A WORD FROM PASTOR



Dear Beloved Community,

With each darkening day, Thule and I venture out earlier and earlier to beat the sunset for our evening walk. No matter how many New England winters I welcome, it never ceases to surprise me how 5pm can disguise itself as if it were 11pm, with the same dark, still and sleepy feel. In the northern hemisphere, the winter solstice begins on December 21. You might be more familiar with the winter solstice as the day with the shortest amount of sunlight but around the world, many cultures still celebrate the longest night of the year, with unique winter solstice traditions. Santa Lucia in Sweden, Stonehenge gathering in England, Toji in Japan, Shab-e Yalda in Iran with its tasty fruit and nuts, and many others. In their own way, each observing the balance of light and dark, beginnings and endings, presence in what is and hope for what is to come. As Christians of many traditions and cultures, we commonly share these themes in Advent, too.

It's an interesting choice, isn't it? To hold darkness as celebratory, not as mournful. To let it teach us and become a tool. Anticipation and preparation are often in the dark; in cosmos before the Big Bang, in the womb before the birth, in the night before the sunrise of a new day. What if we looked up to the night sky that lingers longer than any day and see it as God's protective covering lingering longer than any day, giving us the gift to anticipate and prepare a little while longer?

As nature models for us, winter is a unique season to simplify, settle, and recover - animals hibernate, plants preserve, the ground rests. Rather than set a resolution on New Years, I like to observe the winter solstice by setting "winter intentions," some postures or practices to hold and ground me over the next 90 days... perhaps something you too may explore. These might be things like take deep breaths each morning, seek stillness, reopen creative outlets, appreciate the constants, feel deeply and talk about it, find small joys. After all, if God designed it into the natural world, who am I to go against the way of Creation and gentle direction of the Spirit, in the gift of the dark?

Peace, Pastor Abby

ADVENT

December 3rd - 24th

Come Home & Get Ready

Advent is the season of preparing our hearts for Christ. Like Mary and Joseph, we return home. As Jesus comes to be with us, so too are we thoughtfully present with our community.



CHRISTMAS

Dec 25th - Jan 5th

Peace & Presence

In these twelve days of Christmas, we celebrate God's peace and presence entering the world, embodied in Jesus; holding this peace in our life, and sharing it with others.



DECEMBER 24

This special Sunday is both the fourth week of Advent, as well as Christmas Eve. Please be aware there will be two worship options offered, one in the morning and evening.

December 2023

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

S M T W T F S

SAVE THE DATE!

Sunday, January 28, 2024, 11:30 AM
 CONGREGATIONAL BUDGET MEETING

| | | | | | | | |
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| | | | | | | 1 | 2 |
| | | | | | | | 10:00am YAFM Advent Wreath Making |
| 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 9 |
| 11:30am Outreach Meeting | 9am & 7pm Advent Bible Study (2/4) 3:00 Worship @Watermark | 7:00pm YAFM | 7:00pm Preschool Board | 6:00pm Pub Theology | | | 9:30am Men's Fellowship 11:30am Rice Restock |
| 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 16 |
| 11:30am Advent Market 3:00pm Caroling | 9am & 7pm Advent Bible Study (3/4) | 1:00pm Ladies' Fellowship Tea | | 10:30am Worship @TLH 7pm Finance & Properties | Epistle Submissions | | 7:00pm YAFM Calumet Christmas viewing |
| 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 23 |
| 10:15am All-In Christmas Pageant | 9am & 7pm Advent Bible Study (4/4) | 1:00pm Evangelism | |  | | | |
| 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 30 |
| 9:00am Advent 4 Prayer Service 4:00pm Christmas Eve Service |  | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | Sun. 31 |

WEEKLY EVENTS

S M T W T F S

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|--|--------------|--|---|--|-------------------------------------|-------------------|
| 9:00am Confirm. | 8:00pm AA | 9:00am- 12:00pm Parish Admin. | 1:30-3:30pm Community Fika @ Starbucks | 9:00am- 12:00pm Parish Admin. | Pastor Sabbath | Pastor Sabbath |
| 10:15am Worship, with S. School | | 12:30pm Meditation Call | 8:00pm AA | | 2:30- 5:00pm Parish Admin. | |
| 11:30am Choir | | | | | | |

OFFICE OF THE PASTOR

FIKA
with PASTOR

**Wednesdays
1:30 - 3:30 PM
at Starbucks
in Southbury**

All are welcome to this daily Swedish tradition of a coffee break with friends



SPIRITUAL PRACTICES

You've heard of 'Elf on the Shelf'... but have you heard of 'Mary on the Mantel'?

Every day of Advent, we join Mary in preparing for the birth of her baby - our Christ child! Parents may move their 'Mary' doll to a new special spot for kids to discover in the morning. Mary carries a suggested act of kindness to do as a family that day; cans to the food bank, cookies for neighbors, little prayers, etc.



Go to BeAHeart.com to learn more or buy the doll with kit.



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:

(203) 450-6454
pastor@stjamesct.org

*While observing Sabbath on Fridays & Saturdays,
Pastor does not receive texts or emails.
With pastoral emergencies, please call.*

REPORTS & NEWS

Safety and Security

Pastor Abby expresses much gratitude for the recent support of her personal security and the efforts to keep us all safe and at peace in church. Some of our building security measures include Ring doorbells at entrances with video and audio, motion censored security cameras, and panic buttons around the building which send a direct alert to local police. Please say something if you see something out of the ordinary. Thank you for locking the door behind you as you leave.

Worshipping Ministries

A church is the people and its worship goes beyond its sanctuary! Each month, Pastor Abby holds Lutheran worship services at various assisted living and retirement homes in Southbury. Anyone is welcome to join us for this worship ministry of St. James. Seeking musical gifts to share with residents, too!

- 1st Monday - The Watermark, 3:00 PM
- 2nd Thursday - Lutheran Home, 10:30 AM

CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL



Meets 4th Wednesday, 7-8:30pm

The role of Council includes leading in mission, goals and priority; overseeing administration; involving members in all areas of church; responsible for financial and property matters of the church, including staffing, and general oversight of governance.

REPORTS & NEWS

Holiday Season

As a Council we are wishing the entire St. James Congregation and Lutheran community a blessed Christmas season. We are filled with gratitude for each and every member of St. James for your contributions to our community and our faith.

New Members

Reformation Sunday: Installed and welcomed the new congregational members. We are thrilled to welcome Ruth Mueller, Paul and Lori Hubina, and Lucia Stevens.

NEW ENGLAND SYNOD & ELCA CHURCHWIDE

Calling St. James volunteers

June 6-8, 2024 –
New England Synod Assembly

Calling St. James volunteers for the New England Synod Assembly to register and prepare for the event. Church sends two representatives which are voting lay members of the Congregation. Along with Pastor, to the New England Synod Assembly, in Worcester, MA will be electing our next Synod Bishop.

Saturday, Dec. 9 - Christmas Bazaar
@ Cross of Christ Lutheran Church, Waterbury
1:00 - 4:00 PM

Begins with a **Live Nativity, 1:00 - 1:30 PM**

MEMBERS

Officers

- Kathy Haddy,
President
- Donna Peterson,
Vice President
- Bill Dreska,
Secretary
- Neil Johnson,
**Treasurer*
- Ellen Hubina,
**Assistant Treasurer*
- Curt Haedke,
**Financial Secretary*

Liaisons

- Jan Carnaroli,
Worship
- Lucia Dressel,
Fellowship
- Barbara Manville,
Preschool
- Liz Skinski,
Preschool
- Lynn Morrison,
*Evangelism &
Outreach*
- Tony Salvatore,
Properties
- Rev. Abigail Johnson,
Faith Formation

**non-voting*



St. James History

Our Altar Table, Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall Crosses, and Stained Glass

Rich Larson gave a wonderfully moving and emotional presentation, during the October Council meeting, about the stain glass window cross. He described the reasons for the colors used and the process of putting all the pieces together. Rich and Bob Morrison spent countless hours putting the cross together and donating their time.

Recognizing the history of St. James through the contributions to our beautiful space, Church Council would like to acknowledge the artistic contributions made by Rich, Bob, Mike Lyons, and others with a framed narrative of their works.



Worship & Music

Join our planning meeting 1st Tuesdays @ 10-11 AM



December 24, 2023

This special Sunday is both the fourth week of Advent and Christmas Eve. There are two different offerings on Sunday:

9:00 AM
Advent 4
Prayer Service

4:00 PM
Christmas Eve
Worship with Full
Communion & Choir

*No gathered worship on
Christmas Day.*



Send Off for Diane
Sunday, Dec. 3 is Diane Peterson's last day as our beloved organist. Join us in celebrating her with festive reception after worship.

Choir is Back!

Rehearsing after Sunday
worship for Christmas
Eve. See John Dressel



All-In Christmas Pageant Service

Worship on Sunday, Dec. 17 will be an interactive service where everyone gets to be involved in the story of the Christmas nativity! Kids with the YAFM Team assisting.

SERVING IN WORSHIP

LITURGY MEANS "THE WORK OF THE PEOPLE" IN GREEK



December 3th - Advent 1

Altar Guild: Judy Katzmark
Ushers: Gary Kline & Jeff Nadasen
Lector: Madeline Colasanto
Asst. Minister: Mary Ewert
Counters: Neil Johnson & Bob Morrison
Sunday School: Meghan Colasanto & Jan Carnaroli

December 17th - Advent 3

All-In Christmas Pageant
Altar Guild: Lynn Morrison
Ushers: Jacque Matthew & Judy Lee
Lector: Tamy Faulkner
Asst. Minister: Lynn Morrison
Counters: Rich Larson & Curt Haedke
No Sunday School

December 31 - Christmas I

Altar Guild: Priscilla Terhune
Ushers: Bob Morrison, Jeff Nadasen
Lector: Lynn Morrison
Asst. Minister: Mary Ewert
Counters: Kathy Haddy & Jan Carnaroli
No Sunday School

December 10th - Advent 2

Altar Guild: Paulette Calderone
Ushers: Judy Katzmark
Asst. Minister: Jan Salvatore
Counters: Steven & Catherine Ulc
Sunday School: Ellen Hubina & Linda Bedard

December 24th

- **Advent 4, 9:00 AM**
No Serving Roles
No Sunday School
- **Christmas Eve, 4:00 PM**
Altar Guild: Judy Lee
Ushers: Bill & Marylee Siegle, Gary Kline
Lector: Donna Peterson
Asst. Minister: Liz Skinski
Cantor: Dressel Family
Counters: Kathy Haddy & Jan Carnaroli
No Sunday School



CONTACT:

Cantors: John Dressel
Assistant Ministers: Liz Skinski
Sunday School: Lauren Lyons

Ushers: Jacque Matthew
Altar Guild: Paulette Calderone
Lectors: Judy Katzmark
Counters: Curt Haedke

Fellowship

Come Join Us!

ST JAMES YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRY HAPPENINGS THIS WINTER

All Ages are Welcome!! Questions? Email yafm@stjames.org

Join us for fellowship activities:

Dec 2, 10am – Making advent wreaths,
St James

Dec 10, 3pm– Caroling at local nursing
homes, The Lutheran Home

Dec 16th, 7pm – Calumet Christmas
watch party and cookie decorating, St
James

Feb 13th 6pm – Pancake Dinner, St
James

Join us for outreach activities:

Anytime – Help us stock the food bank
by bringing in boxed rice

Dec 10 – Join us for the Advent Fair and
Help Write Notes to Students in
Guatemala

Jan 7, after service – Help us pack
school kits for Guatemala

Feb 10 – Dorothy Day House Sandwich
Making and Snow Play Day

'The Hive' Youth Group

Sundays 4:30 - 6:30 PM @ UCC Southbury

1st Sunday: Grades 6-8 3rd Sunday: Grades 9-12

2nd Sunday: Teen Worship Band for Grades 7-12 - *bring an instrument!*

Young Adults (20s/30s) Group

1st Thursday 6:00 PM @ Black Hog Brewery, Oxford; see Pastor

Ladies' Fellowship

2nd Tuesday 1:00 PM @ 1850 House;
see Judy Katzmark

On Tuesday, December 12, at 1 PM we
will be gathering at the 1850 House to
celebrate the Christmas season together.

Please join us as we share a meal,
conversation, and company in this joyous
event. The meal includes soup or salad,
main dish, dessert and drink at a cost of
\$25.00 each. Please let Judy Katzmark
know if you plan to attend so that we can
inform the restaurant.



Men's Fellowship

2nd Saturday 9:30 AM; see Bill Siegle or Jacque Matthews

Seeking friends for an outing? Event you'd like to host? Yay! See Pastor



Faith Formation

MEDITATION CALL

TUESDAYS 12:30PM

Original, quick guided meditations recorded by Pastor Abby; subscribe on our website homepage to receive recorded call or listen on the podcast.



PUB THEOLOGY

1st THURSDAY 6-7PM
@ BLACK HOG BREWERY CO.
Especially for Young Adults (20/30s), a casual meet up to explore ideas and questions on religion and faith, in the world today and this season of life. Trivia Night follows, if desired.



BIBLE STUDY

ADVENT SERIES (4-WEEKS)

The Light of Grace: This series enlightens the heart, mind and soul with the Good News that the Light of the World graces us with his presence every day of our lives. A time of study, discussion, prayers and reflections to receive by grace the gifts of hope, peace, joy and love, as Zechariah, Isaiah, Elizabeth and Mary did.

WHEN: Mondays, November 27 - December 18

- 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM, at church
- 7:00 - 8:00 PM, virtual online

(Same session at either time of day)



Podcast: A Steadfast Branch

A weekly podcast for all ages, listen for free on our website or on Spotify. Faith-formation offerings such as sermons, devotionals, blessings, meditations, and interviews with the wider church community. Tune in!



FAITH FORMATION...

FOR KIDS!

Sunday School

Sundays midworship
Grades PreK-5

Dismissed mid-worship for a brief lesson and activity in art, music, storytelling, games, and more. Lead by rotating teachers.

Confirmation

Sundays
9:00-9:45 am
Grades 6+

A deeper study in Lutheran tradition and Christian faith in affirmation of baptism, with Pastor Abby, Lynn Morrison, and Neil Johnson.

Milestone Ministries

Year-long integrated programming for children & families

Each year, kids learn & explore a new faith tenant, in their church life supported by the congregation and in their home life with their families. See Pastor to join.



The Sunday School Children on Reformation Sunday learned all about Luther's Rose and what the colors signified. They all did an amazing job.



IN THE NEWS!

Alejandro Alvarado, a seasoned 7th-year player who made a game-changing play! He recovered a fumble in the end zone, securing the crucial 6 points that led to victory against Wallingford, CT

Outreach

CELEBRATE UNICEF

Three cheers! As of mid November, the total raised for this year's UNICEF campaign, including matching funds, is \$8624. A final tally will be reported in next month's Epistle. Thanks for all your generous contributions, and the many prayers for needy children around the world!!

SOCKTOBER 673 SOCKS

Saint James Preschool and church were able to collect 68 of socks, which were combined with the collection by Pomperaug Elementary to collect 615 of socks to help stock the homeless shelters for this winter – thanks you for your generosity!!!

BLANKETS AND COATS DO NOT MEAN AN AWFUL LOT UNLESS IT IS COLD AND YOU DO NOT HAVE ONE!

Thank you for your generous outpouring of coats and blankets which will be well used by the shelters in Danbury and Waterbury.



THE SOUTHBURY NEEDED FUND TREE

The Southbury Needy Fund has identified some local families who do not have the resources to provide for gifts this holiday season. The tree in the gathering area has ornaments indicating the needs and wishes of these children. If you are interested, please take an ornament or two and bring the new, UNWRAPPED gift back to put under the tree by December 3rd. Contact Lauren Lyons with questions, 203-982-8415.

Don't forget the rice shelf!

Thank you for your donations of (BOXED ONLY) rice! We are looking for helpers to get the rice to the food bank in the coming months.

Many thanks 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)

December – Morrison
January - Salvatore
February - Men's Group
March -
April -

Food Bank Stocking Hours:
2nd Saturday of @ month from 11:15-12:30 pm and 4th Sunday of the month from 9-10am
Call (203)721-0377 to make other arrangements.

Vive Generosamente

Live Generously



The Guatemala Service Trip Team is getting excited for our trip February 17-24! In each of the next few Epistles you will get to learn a little about each team member traveling. We will be flying to Guatemala City and then traveling to the remote village of El Aguacate (Spanish trivia – means the Avocado). We will spend our week working with Hope Academy, a bilingual STEAM school with a global focus on science, arts, engineering and business. 125 girls aged PreK to 6th grade attend school there and we are excited to meet and help support them in the classroom and out. We will participate with any project work that can be done to help the school as well as spend time meeting and bonding with the girls. We will also spend time at Miguel Magone orphanage, supporting and loving their children. We are bringing Spanish books to expand their library, vitamins to support overall health as well as school kits to provide some simple school supplies for all the students in school.

THANK YOU!!!!

- To those praying for the team and Guatemala as a country
- To those who donated and continue to donate books, vitamins and school supplies
- To the Saint James Women's Group who have made enough prayer pockets for all the students
- To all who supported the Fall Fest to help support the Guatemala Service Trip

How can you get involved? Right here, from Southbury???

- Please pray for all the children and staff of Hope Academy and Miguel Magone Orphanage
- Please pray for continued political stability in Guatemala
- Please pray for the health and safety of those traveling to Guatemala in February
- We could still use some more notebooks to complete the school kits – there is a basket in the gathering area. We are also still collecting vitamins.
- JOIN US for an Advent Fair on December 10th after worship for crafts and baked goods. All proceeds will benefit the service trip costs.
- Help us write simple notes of encouragement for each student to include in the school kits. We will have cards available during the Advent Fair as well as in the following 2 weeks in the gathering area.
- JOIN US to help pack the school kits with supplies and love! January 7th after worship.
- Help us defray the cost of traveling to Guatemala. You may make a donation through the offering plate with the memo or note: special outreach project – Guatemala Service Trip.

We are so blessed! Thank you for all your support!



Ruth Mueller

2024 Guatemala Mission Trip:

Hope Academy
Girl's School

<https://tree4hope.org>



What hopes do you have for yourself as a trip participant?

Recently retired, I am enjoying my free time - traveling, learning music, exercising, visiting family and friends, etc! Free time is wonderful - however, helping others gives me purpose. I am excited to participate in the Guatemala service trip with St. James Lutheran to continue helping others and learn from other people, traditions and cultures.

I have spent thirty five plus years in the social service field. I have worked at a public school where many families have immigrated from the same town Guatemala. During my time with these families, I learned about the many daily struggles they faced in their small Guatemalan town and their appreciation of obtaining an education for their children in their new home country. By going to Guatemala, I hope to deepen my appreciation, knowledge and understanding of life.

What hopes do you have for St James as a congregation?

As a new member of St. James Lutheran Church I hope we can continue to grow our social ministries. I have appreciated the openness expressed during church service to pray for and assist all in need. I hope St. James will continue and expand its commitment to be a church which reaches out to meet human needs on a global level - in the name of Christ.

What hopes do you have for St James in this ministry partnership?

I hope St. James will have an ongoing, active commitment to the Hope Academy, and Miguel Magone Orphanage. By praying, providing monetary support, and ongoing service trips, we can make a difference in these young girls' lives - as well as enrich our own.

Please continue to pray for the team and Guatemala as a country. Thank you!

Peace, Ruth Mueller

Barbara Manville

2024 Guatemala Mission Trip:

Tree 4 Hope Advent Calendar

tinyurl.com/Tree4HopeAdvent2024



What hopes do you have for yourself as a trip participant?

I feel certain that this trip will be life changing for me. I hope that by traveling to Guatemala, I will connect with the local community in a way that lets them know that we at St James care about their wellbeing.

It is especially difficult for women and girls in Guatemala to get an education and to provide for their families – Tree4Hope and Hope Academy help to break the cycle of poverty by giving girls a STEAM education that they would not have access to otherwise. Tree4Hope partners with the Chica Bean Women’s Coffee Cooperative to provide students with an opportunity to use their education to improve the production and quality of their products, providing these young women the ability to support their families and help their community to thrive. I hope that by going, I can fully connect with their mission of helping girls and women thrive

What hopes do you have for St James as a congregation?

This service trip offers an opportunity for us to explore one of our most basic convictions as Lutherans: that all of life in Jesus Christ – in every act of service, every daily calling, every corner of life – we demonstrate a bold, daring confidence in God’s grace.

I hope that St. James will nurture a lasting relationship with Tree4Hope that is a testament to our warmhearted community and shows our belief in a loving, generous God. This is truly an opportunity to do “God’s work - our hands” and I hope that all will participate in any way that they can – by donating to the cause, by praying for those who are traveling and by learning about other cultures with us.

What hopes do you have for St James in this ministry partnership?

I hope that we are able to connect our Sunday School and Preschool students with the students at Hope Academy. I remember having “pen pals” when I was in grammar school – I guess today we’d have a zoom call!

Vive generosamente, Barbara



We had such a fun time working on fall activities and making muffins and are grateful we could share time during our Family Thanksgiving Celebration. In December we are looking forward to learning about different holidays, working on skills and concepts through holiday themes and various creative endeavors. We will end the year with a Family Holiday Sing & Celebration!

Finance Team

Meets 3rd Thursday
@ 7PM

How blessed we are that God honors us with the privilege to be His stewards! Instead of calling upon His vast legion of angels to be the managers and caretakers of His creation, He gives us the opportunity and responsibility. On our own, we would fail, but we are not alone because “He Who calls you is faithful, He will surely do it” (1 Thessalonians 5:24). God promises us in His Word that He will send His Holy Spirit to strengthen us in all that we do for Him. May God help each of us to be willing to be faithful stewards.

Lynn Morrison, *Council Member*

| | Operating Income | | | Mortgage Income | | |
|------------------------------|------------------|-------------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Month | Budget | Actual | Diff | Budget | Actual | Diff |
| Jan | 16,500.00 | 10,427.00 | (6,073.00) | 2,266.25 | 1,825.00 | (441.25) |
| Feb | 16,500.00 | 24,804.00 | 8,304.00 | 2,266.25 | 1,065.00 | (1,201.25) |
| Mar | 16,500.00 | 11,727.00 | (4,773.00) | 2,266.25 | 2,480.00 | 213.75 |
| Apr | 16,500.00 | 13,004.00 | (3,496.00) | 2,266.25 | 1,680.00 | (586.25) |
| May | 16,500.00 | 50,191.80 | 33,691.80 | 2,266.25 | 6,335.00 | 4,068.75 |
| June | 16,500.00 | 7,451.00 | (9,049.00) | 2,266.25 | 1,930.00 | (336.25) |
| July | 16,500.00 | 9,463.55 | (7,036.45) | 2,266.25 | 3,945.00 | 1,678.75 |
| Aug | 16,500.00 | 10,223.67 | (6,276.33) | 2,266.25 | 5,510.00 | 3,243.75 |
| Sept | 16,500.00 | 10,008.00 | (6,492.00) | 2,266.25 | 4,015.00 | 1,748.75 |
| Oct | 16,500.00 | 17,553.00 | 1,053.00 | 2,266.25 | 6,125.00 | 3,858.75 |
| Nov | 16,500.00 | 21,089.00 | 4,589.00 | 2,266.25 | 1,245.00 | (1,021.25) |
| Total YTD | 181,500 | 185,942.02 | 4,442.02 | 24,928.75 | 31,300.00 | 6,371.25 |
| Last year to Nov 15th | | 161,712.47 | | | 23,963.20 | |

In Our Prayers



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|-----------------|---------------|----------------|
| Janet Benzell | Chris | Dick Dunseith |
| Caroline Kaiger | Heidi Varanko | Adran |
| Tim Peterson | Diana Larson | Mary McDonald |
| Paul Hubina | Cassie | Inge Treser |
| Dorian Malloy | Barbara Maher | Meghan Smalley |
| Nicole Keller | Rich Schumila | Karen Lampiasi |
| Fae Guerin | Bishop Eaton | Max Simonsj |

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

We also give thanks for all the saints, especially Brian Mons, Nathan Giacomini, and Vivian DeVito.

Prayer List Updates:

The prayer list is edited by request and the full list was reset following All Saints Sunday. To add to the prayer list or request a name remain on the list, please see Pastor Abby or Liz Skinski.

Prayer alerts are sent via email by Pastor Abby; subscribe on our website. If you wish to receive alerts by phone call or text, please see Karen Lampiasi to be added to the list.

Please join us for Worship on Sunday mornings at 10:15 am for worship at 111 Peter Road, Southbury, CT.