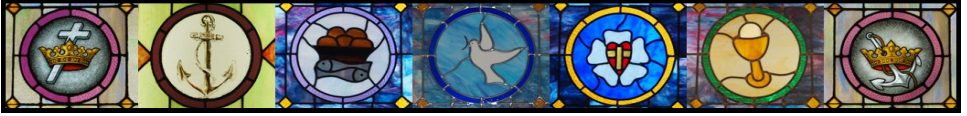


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# THE VOICE OF ST. JAMES



## WORSHIP

Sundays  
10 am  
&  
Wednesday  
7pm

Live & via  
Zoom

Share the  
welcome.

Invite a friend.

Zoom link  
found at our  
website:

Stjamesfol-  
som.org



## Thoughts from Pastor

Advent

A time of preparation

A time of hope

Yet, darkness seems to pervade

Lives taken, tragically,

Hauntingly, needlessly.

Why? Why? Why?

The question continues

Again and again.

Yet, no answer. Hate continues.

Deaths happen.

Where is God, where is God?

God is here, his kingdom

among us,

Come through a manger

In a stable

Yet, we fail to live in it's light

We return anger with anger,

Hate with hate.

And darkness pervades.

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Yet, God gave love

In the face of hate

Light in the face of darkness.

The answer is to show this light to the world.

Although it may not receive it,

As it did not receive the light then.

Yet, it still shines

Through God's love in our hearts,

The light in our actions

God's kingdom reigns

When love comes through us.

Darkness will not overcome us.

God's love will prevail.

That's right, we are at it again!  
It is time to work on our Christmas Outreach. Please take a card from the board in the narthex for the item you would like to donate.



Donations needed include:

Canned Sweet Potato  
Brown Sugar  
Canned Pineapple  
Canned Green Beans

Powdered Drink Mix  
Brownie Mix  
Bisquick

***Thank you to Thrivent Financial for their  
donation to purchase the hams!***



**29th - Fred &  
Suzanne Tichy**

**3rd - Nicole Morgan  
5th - Erika Warriner  
7th - Patti Zellers  
9th - Gannon Dilks  
16th - Sally Costa  
20th - Emily (Johnson)  
Reichenbach  
20th - Jessica Lee  
Caglianone  
31st - Diane Eby  
31st - Jonah Moran**



## **BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE**

**Wed., Dec. 21 at 7 pm**

A contemplative Service  
for those who are grieving  
and/or struggling during  
this season.



**Sat., Dec. 24**

5:30 PM

Early Christmas  
Eve Service

11:00 PM

Traditional Christmas  
Eve Service

# December Worship Volunteers



4th - Dolores Fiori  
11th - Jonah Moran  
18th - Fred Tichy  
25th - Ed Volpa



4th - Volunteer Needed  
11th - Volunteer Needed  
18th - Volunteer Needed  
25th - Volunteer Needed



*Thanks to our  
Volunteers*



## Communion Assistants

4th - Volunteers Needed  
11th - Volunteers Needed  
18th - Volunteers Needed  
25th - Volunteers Needed



4th - Volunteer Needed

**YOUR GIVING  
MATTERS!**





# DECEMBER

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

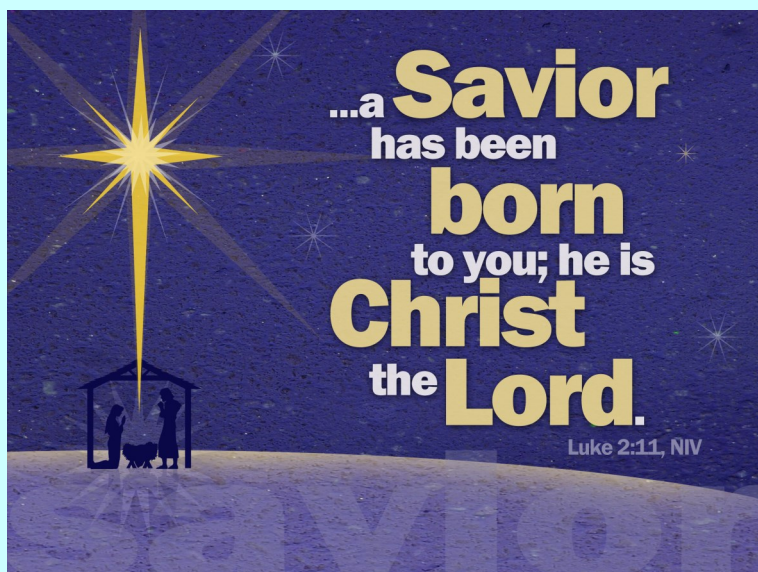
<p><i>AA Groups</i>          Tue - 7pm          Wed - 7pm          (Women)          Fri - 8 pm          Sat - 6:30pm          Sun - 7:30pm</p>	<p><b>AS - ADULT STUDY</b></p> <p><b>SS- SUNDAY SCHOOL</b></p>			<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>  5:30pm Family Fun Night
<p><i>4</i>          9am AS/SS          10am          Worship          11am Coffee          Hour</p>	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>7</i>  7pm Worship	<i>8</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i>
<p><i>11</i>          9am SS          10am          Worship          11am          Decorating</p>	<i>12</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>14</i>  1pm God's Stitchers  7pm Worship	<i>15</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>17</i>
<p><i>18</i>          9am SS          10am          Worship</p>	<i>19</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>21</i>  7pm Blue Christmas Service	<i>22</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>24</i>
<p><i>25</i>          10am          Worship</p>	<i>26</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>28</i>  1pm God's Stitchers  7pm Worship	<i>29</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>31</i>

# **Start a New Christmas Tradition**

**Beginning December 1st, read one chapter of the book of Luke in the bible each evening, or when you are able to set aside a time during the day.**

**There are 24 Chapters**

**On Christmas Eve you will have read an entire account of Jesus's Life and wake up Christmas morning knowing WHO and WHY we celebrate!**





Betty Rowe, Jennifer Johnson, Dolores Fiori, Laura Librizzi, Joan & Marx Heller, Nancy Bertino, Diane Eby, Hannah Bonchi, Lee Phillips, Rita Ricca, Dorcas Schellhas, Claire Gilmore, Don Haines, Julie Comunale, Sue Chille, Maggie

Rider, Dawn Mamula, Marlene Triggian, Ginny Ortiz, George Smith Jr., Catherine Sabatini, Sharon Schwabs, Edythe Asetla, Margaret Rea, Toni Marinelli, Fran Penza, Christine Carlucci, Dave Colofranson, Bob & Ellie Frietag, Ian Canich, Henry Butterhof, Bette Jackson and All Service Members.



## **175 Years of Ministry Anniversary Banquet May 7, 2023**

Do you have pictures of people and events, or stories of St. James or St. Jacobus? We invite you to scan and share the digital image with us, or let us borrow them to scan. Please send to us. We will be putting them together for our anniversary year celebrations.



Digital images can be sent to the church email:

[stjamesluthean@folsom.comcastbiz.net](mailto:stjamesluthean@folsom.comcastbiz.net)



Please complete this form and  
place in the offering plate along  
with the money  
**no later than December 11th**

**Your Name** \_\_\_\_\_

Attached is \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ (#)  
poinsettia(s) at \$10.00 each.

**Please make check payable to St. James Church.**

Dedicate your poinsettia by completing the following  
information:

**In Memory**  
of \_\_\_\_\_

**In Thanksgiving**  
of \_\_\_\_\_

**To the Glory of**  
**God** \_\_\_\_\_

**In Celebration**  
of \_\_\_\_\_

**Other** \_\_\_\_\_

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*Poinsettias may be picked up after the  
11 o'clock Christmas Eve Service.*



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Fred Tichy - Vice President Sally Costa  
Jennifer Johnson - Secretary Thomas Librizzi  
(Ed Volpa - Treasurer) Jayne Carmen

**Worship - Sundays 10 am**  
**Live and Via Zoom**  
**Link on [www.stjamesfolsom.org](http://www.stjamesfolsom.org)**

## Our Mission

Welcoming all people to abide in Christ,  
to experience God's love, and  
to do God's work in the world around us.



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