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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](http://Stjamesfol-som.org)



## Thoughts from Pastor

As I have been doing our Grief Support Group, I realize how difficult it is for people to not only grieve, but how difficult it is for those around them. Grief is so often misunderstood. I want to share information over the next few newsletters to help us be better companions for those who are grieving.

First we will look at Myths and Facts about Grief.

**Myth:** Ignoring the pain of the loss helps it to go away faster.

**FACT:** Ignoring the pain or keeping it from surfacing actually makes it worse in the long run. Healing occurs as one faces the grief and actively deals with it.

**Myth:** It's important to be "be strong" in the face of loss.

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**FACT:** Feeling sad, frightened or lonely is a normal reaction to loss. Crying doesn't mean one is weak. One does not need to "protect" family or friends by putting on a brave front. Showing true feelings can help everyone move through grief.

**Myth:** If one doesn't cry, it means one is not sorry about the loss.

**FACT:** Crying is a normal response to sadness, but not the only one. Those who don't cry feel the pain just as deeply as others. They simply have other ways of showing it.

**Myth:** Grief should last about a year.

**FACT:** There is no time frame for grieving. It is experienced for as long as it is experienced.

**Myth:** Moving on with one's life means one is forgetting the one you lost.

**FACT:** Moving on means one has accepted the loved one's death. This is not the same as forgetting. The loved one's memory can be held while a new life is created.

**Myth:** It is best not to bring up the person who died and things about them.

**FACT:** People who are grieving usually want and need to talk about their loss. Bringing up the subject can make it easier to talk about.

Adapted from Myths and Facts About Grief  
(CareDimensions.org)



# FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

**19th - Mark & Libby  
Morgan**



## **ANNUAL MEETING**

February 5th  
following worship  
11:00am

Please join us as we  
look at our ministry  
from the past year  
and for the  
upcoming year.



JOIN US FOR  
**Sunday School**

**February  
5, 12, & 26**

**No SS on Feb 19**



# february BIRTHDAYS

**4th - Ian Moran**  
**9th - Kenneth Panas**  
**10th - Jennifer Klotz**  
**11th - Valerie**  
**Evangelista**  
**19th - Katie Librizzi**  
**22nd - Connor**  
**Johnson**  
**25th - Scott Morgan**  
**28th - Jayne Carmen**  
**28th - Mark Morgan**



# February Worship Volunteers



5th - Jonah Moran  
12th - Ed Volpa  
19th - Michael Hozik  
26th - Jim Valenti



Feb 5 - Volunteer Needed  
Mar 5 - Volunteer Needed



5th - Volunteer Needed  
12th - Volunteer Needed  
19th - Volunteer Needed  
26th - Volunteer Needed

Volunteers are needed to help support our in-person worship. We could not do it without your help! If you are willing and able, you can sign up in the narthex or let Pastor Pam or Amanda know. Thank you!



*Thanks to our  
Volunteers*



## Communion Assistants

5th - Volunteers Needed  
12th - Volunteers Needed  
19th - Volunteers Needed  
26th - Volunteers Needed

# FEBRUARY

## Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

<p>AA Groups Tue - 7pm Wed - 7pm (Women) Fri - 8 pm Sat - 6:30pm Sun - 7:30pm</p>	<p><b>SS- SUNDAY SCHOOL</b></p>		1	2	3	4
<p>5  9am SS 10am Worship 11am Annual Meeting</p>	<p>6 5pm Dine-Out Nite</p>	7	<p>8 1pm God's Stitches 6pm Grief Support 7pm Worship</p>	<p>9 12:30pm Grief Support</p>	10	11
<p>12 9am SS 10am Worship</p>	<p>13 7pm Council</p>	14	<p>15 6pm Grief Support 7pm Worship</p>	<p>16 12:30pm Grief Support</p>	17	18
<p>19  9am Pancake Breakfast 10am Worship</p>	20	21	<p>22 1pm God's Stitches 6pm Grief Support 7pm Worship</p>	<p>23 12:30pm Grief Support</p>	24	<p>25  5pm Game Night</p>
<p>26 9am SS 10am Worship</p>	27	28	<p> <b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b> <i>Worship</i></p> <p><b>12:00 P.M. Abbreviated service with imposition of ashes</b></p> <p><b>7:00 P.M. Worship with imposition of ashes</b></p>			



**Wednesday,  
February 22nd**

**12:00 P.M.  
Abbreviated service  
with imposition  
of ashes**

**7:00 P.M.  
Worship with  
imposition of ashes**



**Grief Support Group has resumed.**



We now offer 2 different times  
for 3 more weeks.  
Come as you are able.

**Wed at 6 pm**  
February 1, 8 & 15

**Thur at 12:30 pm**  
February 2, 9 & 16

*Grief Support Group is for anyone who has  
experienced a loss or death of someone dear.  
The group is here to help and support you.*



**VOORHEES**

# **ANIMAL ORPHANAGE**

**Through February 19th we will be collecting items for the Voorhees Animal Orphanage. They are a no kill shelter, that has saved over 36,000 lives since they began in 1988. The Voorhees Animal Orphanage relies heavily on donations to keep their mission going. In our narthex we have our giving tree filled with items the orphanage has on their own giving tree and listed on their website. If you are interested in donating, please take a tag off of our giving tree. Monetary donations are also accepted. The pets of Voorhees Animal Orphanage thank you!**



We will start collecting items for Pete's Pantry, a group based in Berlin, who make Baby Bundles

for those in need. They are looking for the following items: **Diapers, baby wipes, baby toiletries, new or gently used clothing (0-9 months), infant toys, bibs, burp cloths, receiving and handmade blankets.**

*Right now they are in desperate need of the following (any brand): Baby shampoo, baby wash, baby lotion and diaper rash cream.*



Our Altar Flower memorial program is a way to remember your loved ones and help the Church pay for the flowers used to brighten our altar every week.

**For 2023, the following dates are available:**

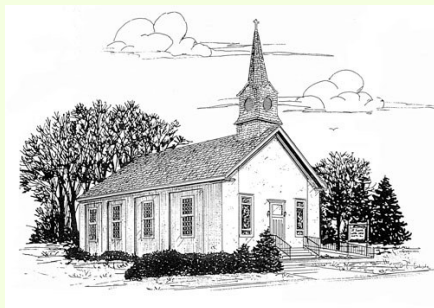
- One for April 16
- Both for April 23
- One for April 30
- Both for May 28
- Both for June 11
- Both for June 25
- Both for July 23
- One for July 30
- Both for August 6
- Both for August 13
- Both for September 3
- One for September 17
- Both for September 24
- Both for October 1
- Both for October 22
- Both for October 29
- Both for December 3
- Both for December 31

**St. James Anniversary Committee would like to invite the congregation of St. James to a pancake breakfast on February 19th, 8:45-9:45.**

**A deliciously, sweet way to kick off our year of celebrating 175 years of ministry!**



## **History of St. James, continued from Jan Newsletter**



Imagine how lonely and homesick the people of New Germany were. They were so delighted and thankful that they finally had a true place to worship in their native tongue

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like their forefather's. Following many failed attempts to secure a regular ordained Preacher, their wish was finally granted with the help of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Pennsylvania, after they helped St. Jacobus obtain A.G. Georin (who was currently a Preacher in Camden) to offer his services as Pastor to the St. Jacobus congregation. Now remember, in 1852, there were no roads, only a dirt trail leading from Camden to New Germany. He actually had to ride his horse every Sunday about 30 miles to preach.

On Sunday, May 7th, the Church was dedicated to the service of the Triune God. The congregants had an extraordinary festival. Their aspirations and prayers were fulfilled. Thanksgiving had flowed that God had helped them worship in their new country and home in the same way as their forefathers. They knew this day would always remain a blessed memory. Pastor A.G. Georin delivered a beautiful sermon, the message of the sermon was the Epistle of Jude which



included verse Jude 21:1  
“Keep yourselves in the love of God; wait for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ, until eternal life, and convince some, who doubt”. In the afternoon the cemetery was dedicated with a separate, appropriate and just as beautiful speech.



**April 22, 2023**

**3 pm - 6 pm**

# **PULLING FOR VETS**

**PULLED PORK DINNER**

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**ST. JAMES LUTHERAN CHURCH  
1341 MAYS LANDING ROAD, FOLSOM**

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**\$10/TICKET**

**DONATIONS APPRECIATED**

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**★ TAKE OUT ONLY ★ WALK-UPS WELCOME ★**

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**ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT  
LOCAL DISABLED VETERANS**

For more information, you can contact the church

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Please leave a message





Jennifer Johnson, Dolores Fiori, Laura Librizzi, Joan & Marx Heller, Nancy Bertino, Diane Eby, Hannah Bonchi, Lee Phillips, Rita Ricca, Bette Jackson, Janet Cappucio, Claire Gilmore, Don Haines, Sue Chille, Maggie Rider, Dawn Mamula, Marlene Triggian, George Smith Jr., Catherine Sabatini, Sharon Schwabs, Edythe Asetla, Margaret Rea, Toni Marinelli, Fran Penza, Bob & Ellie Frietag, Christine Carlucci, Ian Canich, Dave Colofran-son, Henry Butterhof, Ed Shine, Tessa (Tichy) Duba & baby, Christina Spahn, Sue Cossabone, Emily Shenansky, 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:

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## CHURCH COUNCIL

Michael Hozik - President Sally Costa  
Fred Tichy - Vice President Jayne Carmen  
Regina Moschik  
(Ed Volpa - Treasurer)

**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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