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175 Years  
& Beyond



## WORSHIP

Sundays  
10 am  
&  
Wednesday  
7pm

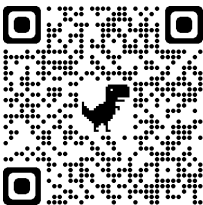
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# THE VOICE OF ST. JAMES



## Thoughts from Pastor

As we continue to look at how we can care for one another at the time of grief I share the following article by Dr. Alan D. Wolfelt, Ph.D. He gives these Eleven Tenets of Companioning the Bereaved. They are helpful in understanding the best way we can be there for others.

1. Companioning is about being present to another person's pain; it is not about taking away the pain.
2. Companioning is about going to the wilderness of the soul with another human being; it is not about thinking you are responsible for finding the way out.

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3. Companionship is about honoring the spirit; it is not about analyzing with the head.
4. Companionship is about listening with the heart; it is not about analyzing with the head.
5. Companionship is about bearing witness to the struggles of others; it is not about judging or directing these struggles.
6. Companionship is about walking alongside; it is not about leading.
7. Companionship is about discovering the gifts of sacred silence; it does not mean filling up every moment with words.
8. Companionship is about being still; it is not about frantic movement forward.
9. Companionship is about respecting disorder and confusion; it is not about imposing order and logic.
10. Companionship is about learning from others; it is not about teaching them.
11. Companionship is about compassionate curiosity; it is not about expertise.

As you can see, it is about honoring and respecting the person where they are and allowing them to heal in their own timing.



## Grief Support Groups Resume

The Groups will be held the 2nd and 4 Thursdays of the month, March through May at Noon and 7:00 pm. (March 9, 23, April 13, 27, May 11, 25)

Grief is the natural reaction to a loss. The group is a place to be supported as you go through the grieving process. We provide a safe environment where you are able to share your feelings, your pain and your tears.

Also, resources are provided to help you understand your grief and to give coping skills as you move through the emotions of your grief.

You are welcome to join as you are able.



Now through April 9 we are 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.*



**FAITH  
HOPE  
LOVE**

**21st - Ron & Erika  
Warriner  
30th - Frank &  
Jennifer Klotz**



**10th - Betty Pollock  
23rd - Pastor Pamela  
Werner**

**Wednesday's,  
March 1st-April  
5th  
6:00 PM**



**March 5th, 12th,  
19th & 26th**

Join us for a time of fellowship, soup, and study. Looking for two soup makers a week. Also, please sign up if you plan to come for supper so we know how much soup will be needed. All sign up sheets are in the narthex.  
*Thank you!*

**40 days  
OF LENT**

# March Worship Volunteers



5th - Debbie Caglianone  
12th - Sally Costa  
19th - Dolores Fiori  
26th - Linda Kisby



March 5th -Volunteer Needed  
April 2nd - Jonah &  
Kimberlee Moran



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



# MARCH



## 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>		<p><i>1</i></p> <p>6pm Soup Supper 7pm Study</p>	<p><i>2</i></p>	<p><i>3</i></p>	<p><i>4</i></p>
<p><i>5</i></p> <p>9am SS 10am Worship 11am Coffee Hour</p>	<p><i>6</i></p>	<p><i>7</i></p> <p>7pm Outreach</p>	<p><i>8</i></p> <p>1pm God's Stitches 6pm Soup Supper 7pm Study</p>	<p><i>9</i></p> <p>12:30pm Grief Support 7:00pm Grief Support</p>	<p><i>10</i></p>	<p><i>11</i></p>
<p><i>12</i></p> <p>9am SS  10am Worship</p>	<p><i>13</i></p>	<p><i>14</i></p>	<p><i>15</i></p> <p>6pm Soup Supper 7pm Study</p>	<p><i>16</i></p>	<p><i>17</i></p>	<p><i>18</i></p>
<p><i>19</i></p> <p>10am Worship</p>	<p><i>20</i></p> <p>7:30pm Council</p>	<p><i>21</i></p>	<p><i>22</i></p> <p>1pm God's Stitches 6pm Soup Supper 7pm Study</p>	<p><i>23</i></p> <p>12:30pm Grief Support 7:00pm Grief Support</p>	<p><i>24</i></p>	<p><i>25</i></p>
<p><i>26</i></p> <p>9am SS 10am Worship 1pm Kids &amp; Family @ Funny Farm</p>	<p><i>27</i></p>	<p><i>28</i></p>	<p><i>29</i></p> <p>6pm Soup Supper 7pm Study</p>	<p><i>30</i></p>	<p><i>31</i></p>	

Join us for a day at the Funny Farm and visit over 600 rescued animals with us!



**March 26th**  
**1:00 pm - 3:00 pm**

Admission is FREE, but we ask, if you can, please bring a donation of one of the following items:

- \*Arm & Hammer Clumping Cat Litter
- \*Pedigree Chopped Ground Dinner with Chicken & Beef
- \*PetAg KMR Liquid Milk Supplement for Kittens, 11 oz. can

Thank you to everyone who donated items to the Voorhees Animal Orphanage. They were VERY appreciative for all of the donations to their shelter/adoption center!



Thank you to Jim and Debbie Caglianone for taking the time to deliver all of the donations!

Our Easter Outreach program will begin Sunday, March 5. Look for the donation board in the narthex to complete the Easter food baskets. Please deliver items to church by March 26. Thank you!

**EASTER Outreach Basket**



**We are asking for the following items:**

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|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| Can of Pineapple      | Brown Sugar             |
| Can of Sweet Potatoes | Box of Instant Potatoes |
| Powdered Drink Mix    | Brownie Mix             |
| Can of Green Beans    | Bisquick                |

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

St. Jacobus Evangelical Lutheran Church was finally built and dedicated in 1852. The church was constructed as a small rectangular shaped building with the most beautiful setting of an oak forest that sheltered it from the North wind for over a century. The foundation was masonry, with beautiful handmade shingles that were crafted by one of the original members at their sawmill. The settlers were overjoyed that they now had a place to worship, but a new necessity evolved. Their children needed an education; they needed a school. St. Jacobus was the only public building, so not only was the church a place of worship, but it was also home to a new school. Descendants of the New Germany settlers told the story: Children attended school Monday through Friday. On Friday, after school, the students would push back their moveable seats, sweep the floor, and clean the room. The pews and other fixtures were put in order, and the church was ready for Sunday services. Men governed the church as they followed traditional customs. During worship men sat on the right side of the church, and women sat on the left (the same went for the children while in school). During communion, men were called upon first. Despite these customs, the women of New Germany took an active role in the many services and events of the church; they also always provided marvelous encouragement, support, and of course delicious food when the men were busy with construction on the church.





**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

Diane Eby ★ 609-567-0798

Please leave a message





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, Henry Butterhoff, Bette Jackson, Julie Comunale, Sue Chille, Maggie Rider, Dawn Mamula, Marlene Triggian, George Smith Jr., Catherine Sabatini, Sharon Schwabs, Edythe Aselta, Margaret Rea, Toni Marinelli, Fran Penza, Dave Colofranson , Bob & Ellie Freitag, Ed Shine, Janet(Schellhas) Cappuccio, Tessa (Tichy) Duba & Baby J.D., Christina Spahn, Emily Shenansky, Brandon Holiday, Sue Cassabone, Pierre LaCombe, George Capuccio, 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 **March 8th.**

Please remember, flowers are limited, order soon so we can ensure delivery.

Attached is \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for (#) \_\_\_\_\_ Easter Lilies  
at **\$10.00 each**

Please make check payable to St. James Church.

**In Memory of:**

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**In Thanksgiving for:**

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**To The Glory of God:**

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**In Celebration of:**

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

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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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