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175 Years
& Beyond



WORSHIP

Sundays

10 am

Live & via
Zoom

&

Wednesday

7pm

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Invite a
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[www.stjames
folsom.org](http://www.stjamesfolsom.org)



THE VOICE OF ST. JAMES



Thoughts from Pastor

GRIEF HELP CONTINUED

It's not always easy to know what to say to a person who is grieving the death of a loved one. People struggle with this. So, here are some suggestions to help.

What not to say:

“I’m Sorry . . .”

Although used commonly, you are not responsible for the grief; there is no need to apologize.

“I understand.”

Although we may have similar experiences; each person’s grief is individual.

“At least . . .”

Avoid beginning with this. It minimizes a person’s experience and loss.

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“You should” or “You will” statements.

Each person needs to navigate their grief in their own way.

Avoid any type of comparison to another person’s situation.

Again, each person’s experience is unique.

Do not give a timetable.

Grief has no timetable. Each person moves through grief at their own pace.

Avoid giving unsolicited advice.

Although you may mean well, what works for one does not work for another.

Avoid spiritual cliches.

They usually do not acknowledge what a person is experiencing, nor are they helpful.

Examples:

“God has a plan” or any other descriptor about what God is doing.

“Some good will come of this. You’ll see.”

“There is a reason for everything.”

It makes God a puppet master, not a loving God who walks the journey of grief with us.

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Don't defend God.

People need to feel their feelings; even anger at God.

What to say:

“I am saddened to hear about your loss.”

It acknowledges your feelings and allows the person grieving to have their sadness.

“How are you really feeling?”

Allows the person to share their emotions in an open way. Does not impose feelings on them.

“I don't know what to say, but I will listen.” or “If you want to talk about this, I am willing to listen.”

It enables the grieving person to have a place to share and be heard. You do not need to say anything, just listen.

“What I loved about (name). . .” and/or “What I am going to miss about (name) . . .”

The grieving person often needs to talk about the loved one who has died. Sharing your memories gives them an opening to do so.

“Take all the time you need.”

Acknowledges that grief has no time limit.

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It is ok if you do not know what to say. A look, a touch, a hug, your presence can say so much more than words.

Remember, you do not have to fix the grief. It is a normal reaction to loss. Just be a safe space for the grieving person to express or not express whatever they need to at the time.

Traits of not helpful statements:

- They want to fix the loss

- They are about our own discomfort

- They try to give direction

- They try to explain/rationalize loss

- They may be judgmental

- Not about the one grieving

- Minimize the loss

- Put a timeline on loss

Traits of helpful statements:

- Are supportive, but do not try to fix it

- Are about the person's feelings

- Do not tell a person what to do

- Admit that you can't make it better

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Not trying to change a person's feelings

Focus is on person who is grieving

Recognizes the loss

Not time limited

*Based on information from Don Eisenhauer,
End of Life Coaching.*

Questions: Contact Pastor Werner



Helping With
Loss

“Keep yourselves in the love of God; wait for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ, until eternal life, and convince some, who doubt”.

Jude 21:1

Read by Pastor A.G. Georin

May 7, 1852



ST. JAMES CELEBRATING 175 YEARS OF MINISTRY



They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

The Acts of Apostles 2:42

Read by Pastor Weldon

May 29, 1871

*I will wash my hands in innocence, O Lord,
that I may go in precession round your altar,
singing aloud a song of thanksgiving,
and recounting all your wonderful deeds.
Lord, I love the house in which you dwell,
and the place where your glory abides.*

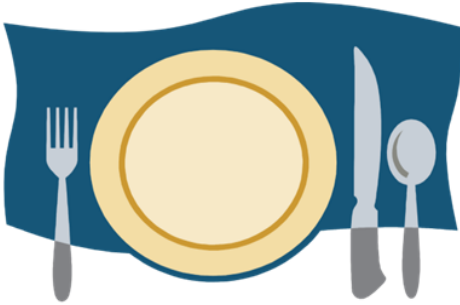
Psalms 26: 6-8

Read by Pastor S. Leonberger

May 29, 1871



RED STONE GRILL



DINE OUT NIGHT

Join us!

500 Route 73 S
Marlton, NJ 08053
www.redstonegrill.com/restaurants/marlton/

May 25th or 26th ???

Mark all dates that work for you. Thank you.

Thur., May 25 _____ Fri., May 26 _____

If you would like to carpool, please let us know.

We will meet at the church at 5:00 pm. Dine at 5:30

Name: _____

Number of Guests: _____

Phone Number/Email: _____

Do you wish to carpool? ___ Yes ___ No

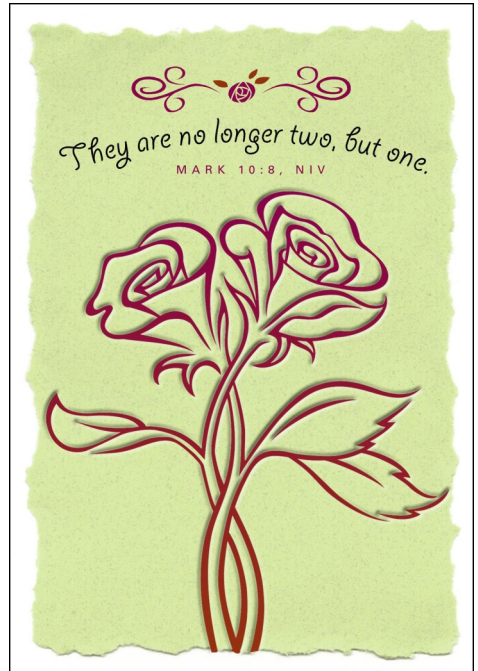
Please RSVP by May 18



16th - Judy & Thomas Dunleavy

17th - Jim & Sue Valenti

25th - Steve & Jennifer Johnson



1st - Margaret Rea

10th - Linda Kisby

13th - Dylan Collins

17th - Dorcas

Schellhas

18th - Brianna Tichy

20th - Claire Gilmore

21st - Hannah

Johnson

25th - Steve Johnson

26th - Hannah Bonchi



May Worship Volunteers



May 7th - Amanda Dilks
June 4th - Volunteer Needed



7th - Volunteer Needed
14th - Volunteer Needed
21st - Volunteer Needed
28th - Volunteer needed



7th - Debbie Caglianone
14th - Sally Costa
21st - Dolores Fiori
28th - Linda Kisby



Communion Assistants

7th - Volunteers Needed
14th - Volunteers Needed
21st - Volunteers Needed
28th - Volunteers 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!



May

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>SS- SUNDAY SCHOOL</p>	<i>1</i>	<i>2</i> 7pm Outreach	<i>3</i> 7pm Worship	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i>
<p><i>7</i> 10am Anniversary Worship 1pm Anniversary Banquet</p>	<i>8</i>	<i>9</i> 7pm Grief Support	<i>10</i> 1pm God's Stitches 7pm Worship	<i>11</i> 12pm Grief Support	<i>12</i>	<i>13</i>
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<p><i>28</i> 10am Worship</p>	<i>29</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>31</i> 7pm Worship			



Grief Support Groups

Noon Group will be held the 2nd and 4th **Thursdays** of the month, through June (May 11, 25, June 8, 25.)

Evening Group will be the 2nd and 4th **Tuesdays** at 7 pm (May 9, 23, June 13, 27. Note change of day..)

Grief is the natural reaction to a loss. The group is a safe place to be supported as you go through the grieving process and share your feelings. Resources are provided to help you understand your grief and to help with coping skills.

You are welcome to join as you are able.



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.

The following dates are still available:

Both Vases: July 23, Oct. 1 & Dec. 31
One Vase: July 30 & Sept. 17

History of St. James, continued from April Newsletter

After 17 years the congregation of St. Jacobus Lutheran Evangelical Church became divided. The cause remains truly unknown. Many say there was a controversy concerning the tradition during worship. Some have said there was an argument amongst the congregants about the wording of the Lord's Prayer. Several thought it should be "Your Vater" (Our Father) and others believed it should be "Vater Unser" (Father of Our's). Another theory is some members felt their services should be now in English, but others strongly felt it should remain in their native German language. Members of the original congregation were given 14 days to hand in their decision to the church council in writing. They had to decide whether they were going to now form under Pastor Frankel who was affiliated with St. John's Reformed Church in Egg Harbor or switch to the new congregation. Those members who wished to continue in the Lutheran faith had left St. Jacobus and eventually built a new and larger church. The group that decided to now be known as the Zion Reformed Congregation remained in the original building, but because they currently shared pastors with another church, services were held every other week. On May 29, 1871, the new church was dedicated after worship as the "German Evangelical Lutheran St. James Church of the Lutheran Congregation".

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The same dedication of the first church by Pastor A.G GeorGIN was read again during the dedication. Pastor Leonberger and Pastor Weldon also read verses from Psalm 26 and the Acts of Apostles .

“To The Lord and head of His congregation we commend this new Church and may always his word be proclaimed in purity and power and his sacrament administered according to his constitution. To the glory of His name and our own children’s salvation and blessedness. Amen.”

– Pastor S. Leonberger May 29,1871

Have you made your puzzle piece? It’s not too late!!



We are creating a large puzzle to reflect the people of St. James.

Please decorate your piece to reflect who you are and return it to the church. If you need a puzzle piece, please contact church and we will make sure you

get one. There are decorating supplies available at the church too (stickers, markers, paint, etc). You can take time to decorate after church.

We are all part of the puzzle.



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, 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 Frietag, 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.

Pride in the Park

June 3rd 11am - 3pm

St. James will be a part of Atlantic County's Pride in the Park.

We will be handing filled goodie bags are looking for volunteers to greet people who may visit our table.

There will be community resources, crafts, vendors, balloon art, face painting, food truck, and much more!

Sponsored By: Atlantic County Council of Education Associates

**Located at: War Memorial Park
Corner or Route 50 & Main Street, Mays Landing**



Pentecost Sunday is May 28, 2023

We apologize for the inconvenience; our flower supplier is giving us one week to have our orders in. This year we will be ordering Rhine Begonias again.

If you would like to order flowers, you can either complete the form below, email, or call the church and leave a message. We will try to accommodate any late orders. Please have all orders to Amanda by May 7th and all money is due by May 14th. Thank you.

PENTECOST FLOWER ORDER FORM

Attached is \$ _____ for (#) _____ flowers at \$5.00 each. Please make check payable to St. James Church.

In memory of ____ In Thanksgiving for ____

To the Glory of God ____ In Celebration of ____

Other: _____

Names:

Your Name: _____

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Regina Moschik Judy May

Worship - Sundays 10 am
Live and Via Zoom
Link on 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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