

October 2023

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175 Years
& Beyond



WORSHIP

Sundays

10 am

Live & via
Zoom

&

Wednesday

7pm

Share the
welcome.

Invite a
friend.

Zoom link
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[www.Stjames
folsom.org](http://www.Stjamesfolsom.org)



THE VOICE OF ST. JAMES



Thoughts from Pastor

A person recently shared with me a writing called an INTERVIEW WITH GOD. I would like to share some portions with you for you to ponder.

I dreamed I had an interview with God.

“Come in,’ God said.... ‘What questions do you have in mind to ask.”

“What surprises you most about humankind?”

God answered, “That they get bored being children, are in a rush to grow up, and then long to be children again. That they sacrifice their health to make money and then lose their money to restore health. That by thinking anxiously about the future, they forget the present, such that they live neither for the present nor the future. That they live as if they will never die, and they die as if they had never lived.”

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Then I asked, "As a parent, where are some of life's lessons you want your children to learn?"

God replied with a smile: To learn that they cannot make anyone love them. What they can do is to let themselves be loved.

To learn that what is most valuable is not what they have in their lives, but who they have in their lives.

To learn that it is not good to compare themselves to others. They are all my beloved children.

To learn that it only takes a few seconds to open profound wounds in people we love, and that it takes many years to heal them.

To learn to forgive by practicing forgiveness.

To learn that two people can look at the same thing and see it totally different.

To learn that a true friend is someone who knows everything about them, and loves them anyway."

I sat there for a while and thanked God for sharing, and for all that God has done. God said, "Anytime. I'm here 24 hours a day. All you have to do is ask and I am here for you."

Just some thoughts to ponder. Maybe we can take some of it to heart. I do think that at times we get caught up in what we want, or what the world wants from us, that we forget what God wants for us. Prayer is a gift to open us up to God and to hear what God truly wants us to know.

From the State of New Jersey, Department of Military and Veterans Affairs for our gift of food from the Oktoberfest.

Dear St. James Lutheran Church,

On behalf of the residents of the Veterans' Transitional Housing program, we would like to thank you for your continuous support for our Veterans and our mission here at Veterans Haven South. As you know, our facility depends heavily on donations from individuals, Veteran's groups, and community organizations. With your continuous support we are able to further mission in helping our Veteran's reestablish a healthy and productive way of life.

On behalf of everyone here, thank you for your lunch donation. We are grateful to have a thoughtful group of friends like you. Again, thank you for your support of our Veterans and our facility.

Very truly yours,
Patrick Kennedy

Brigadier General, NJ Air National Guard
Superintendent, Veterans Haven South

ST. JAMES FAMILY AND FRIENDS

GAME NIGHT



**SATURDAY
OCT. 7
5 - 8 PM
FELLOWSHIP HALL**

Join us for a fun filled night
of games and pizza.

INVITE YOUR FRIENDS



Sunday School



Sunday School has begun, but it is not too late to join us for a fun year of Bible Study. For children pre-k to 6th grade! Feel free to invite children of friends and family to join our wonderful program.

Classes will be held
Sunday Mornings
at 9:00 AM

Dates:

***October 15th, 22nd,
& 29th***

***November 12th &
26th***

December 3rd & 17th

Future dates will be posted, if there are any changes in the dates listed above, you will be notified.

4th - Nick Chille
5th - Suzanne Tichy
8th - Charles Librizzi
9th - John Houck
10th - Ali Caglianone
21st - Gabriella Tichy
26th - Ron Warriner
26th - Courtney
Thompson
30th - Tammy Rodio



October Worship Volunteers



1st - Sally Costa
8th - Dolores Fiori
15th - Linda Kisby
22nd - Volunteer
Needed
29th - Fred Tichy

1st - Volunteer Needed
8th - Volunteer Needed
15th - Volunteer Needed
22nd - Volunteer Needed
29th - Volunteer Needed



Communion Assistants

Oct. 1st - Jayne Carmen
Nov. 5th - Volunteer Needed

1st - Volunteers Needed
8th - Volunteers Needed
15th - Volunteers Needed
22nd - Volunteers Needed
29th - Volunteers Needed

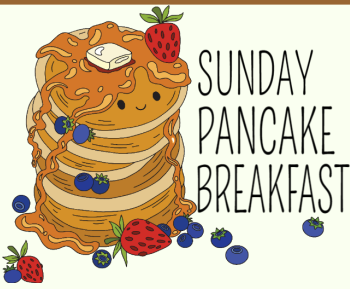
Volunteers are needed to help support our in-person worship. We could not do it without your help! If you are willing and able, you can sign up in the narthex or let Pastor Pam or Amanda know.



October

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

<p>1 9am SS 10am Worship 11am Coffee Hour</p>	2	3 7pm Outreach	4	5 TODAY - OFFICE HOURS: 9:30am - 11:15am	6	7  5pm-8pm Game Night
<p>8  8:45 - 9:45 Pancake Breakfast 10am Worship</p>	9	10	11 1pm God's Stitchers No Worship	12 12:30 pm Grief Support	13	14
<p>15 9am SS 10am Worship</p>	16 7:30pm Council	17	18 7pm Worship	19	20	21
<p>22 9am SS 10am Worship 11am Float Decorating</p>	23	24	25 1pm God's Stitchers 7pm - Hammon- ton Parade NO WORSHIP	26 12:30 pm Grief Support	27	28 6PM Halloween Fun at the Grasso's 1353 Mays Landing Rd
<p>29 9am SS 10am Worship 4:15 pm Meet at Church</p>	30 → for Dine Out	31				AA Groups Tue - 7pm Wed - 7pm (Women) Fri - 8 pm Sat - 6:30pm Sun - 7:30pm



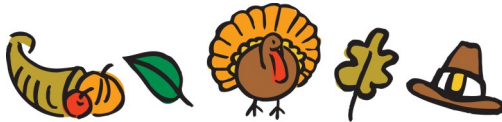
The St. James Anniversary
Committee would like to invite
you all to a Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, October 8th
8:54am - 9:45am

Join us for a delicious breakfast to start your day,
made with love from the
St. James Anniversary Committee.
Pancakes, sausage, coffee, and orange juice.

Join us after breakfast for worship at 10:00 am

Look forward to our next Pancake Breakfast, December 10th



SO MANY BLESSINGS

It's that time again! Stop by the donation board in the
Narthex and pick up a card for the food item you would
like to donate for the Outreach Group's
Thanksgiving Basket Collection.

Please have your donations in by November 12th.
Thank you.

The following items are needed to make
the baskets complete:

- ◆ Box of Stuffing
- ◆ Box of Instant Potatoes
- ◆ Canned Sweet Potatoes
- ◆ Canned Corn
- ◆ Cranberry Sauce
- ◆ Jar of Gravy
- ◆ Bisquick
- ◆ Brownie Mix
- ◆ Powdered Drink Mix



HALLOWEEN PARADE



Again we will be participating in Hammonton and Mays Landing Halloween Parades!

Our theme this year is Fallen Angels

We are looking for volunteers to join us along the parade route in costume and hand out candy.



We are also looking for volunteers to help set up our float, making decorations, etc.

Float Decorating, Oct 22 - 11am

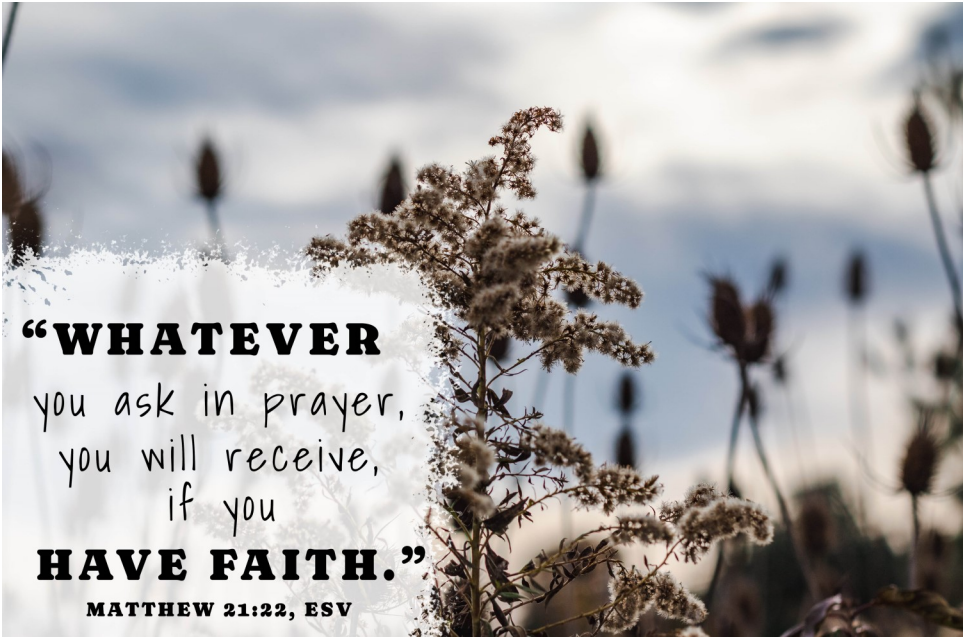
If you are interested please sign up on the sheet located in our narthex.



Donations of individually wrapped candy would be greatly appreciated. We will be accepting donations through October 22nd.



Our float did amazing last year, lets make this years even more memorable. We cannot do it without your help!



“WHATEVER
you ask in prayer,
you will receive,
if you
HAVE FAITH.”

MATTHEW 21:22, ESV



Jennifer Johnson, Dolores Fiori,
Laura Librizzi, Joan & Marx Heller,
Diane Eby, Hannah Bonchi, Rita Ricca,
Claire Gilmore, Don Haines,
Henry Butterhof, Bette Jackson,
Maggie Rider, Marlene Triggian,
Catherine Sabatini, Sharon Schwabs, Edythe Asetla,
Toni Marinelli, Fran Penza, Bob & Ellie Frietag, Ed Shine,
Christina Spahn, Emily Shenansky, Pierre LaCombe,
George Cappuccio, Karin Cerrato, Heather Lang,
Betty Haines, Santino Reyes, Madilynn Rose Powell,
Jessica Lewis, Dawn Hatch, Dan P., Lori Horton-O'Neill,
Louie Rider, Tom Dixon, Arlene Calletta,
Dolores Chappine, Winnie Ziegler, Ed Volpa,
Mike Fountas, and Craig Denelsbeck.

For the NJ SYNOD, our Bishop and staff, and the ELCA
and its ministries.

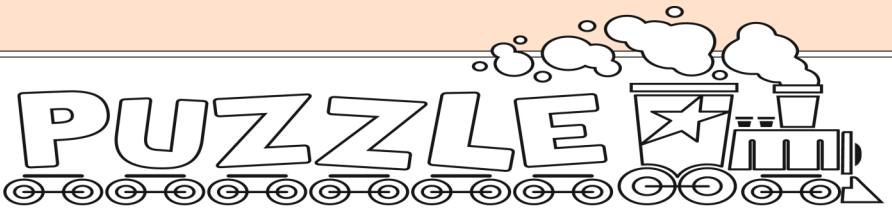


Oct. 28, 6pm - Join us for a night of fun at Beth and Don Grasso's.

Explore the spooky basement, and then join us for s'mores at

the campfire. Bob for apples and other games.

Invite friends. Sign up in Narthex or email office



GOD'S WILL

God wants us to follow his will, but how can we know what that is?

Directions: Write the letters on each vine in the correct order on the lines provided to complete 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18, NIV.

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 3 5 2 4 6 a

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continually,

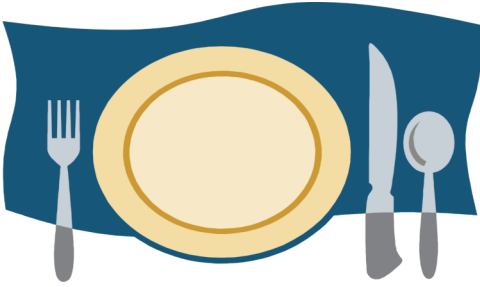
in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

h n t a s k
 2 4 1 3 6 5

1 THESSALONIANS 5:16-18, NIV



Sebastian's Schnitzel Haus



DINE OUT NIGHT

Join us!

43 Fort Dix Street
Wrightstown,
NJ 08562

[www.enjoy
sebastians.com](http://www.enjoysebastians.com)

Our Dine Out Night will be Oct. 29th

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

We will meet at the church at 4:15pm.

Dine at 5:30pm

Name: _____

Number of Guests: _____

Phone Number/Email: _____

Do you wish to carpool? Yes No

Please RSVP by October 22nd

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Fred Tichy - Vice President Jayne Carmen
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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