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THE EPISTLE

"Be doers of the word, and not hearers only." James 1.22



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ST. JAMES LUTHERAN CHURCH

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THE ST. JAMES PRESCHOOL

Mary Tinley, Director, 203.264.6448





God's work. Our hands.

St. James Church is handicapped accessible and family friendly.

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Pastor: The Reverend Scott D. Nessel Church: 203.264.6446 / Cell: 203.592.0945 scottnessel@yahoo.com and csnessel@juno.com Pastor's Office Hours: Mon. - Thurs. 8am— 11am Ministers: The People of St. James

Sunday School, Bible Study, Confirmation Class 9:00am
Worship with Holy Communion 10:15am

Coffee and Fellowship follows Sunday Worship

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Due date for the June, 2018 issue of The Epistle is May 15th. Please send submissions to Genie Bisch (stjames@snet.net) and Pastor Scott (scottnessel@yahoo.com). Thank You.

SERVING IN WORSHIP: May, 2018: THANK YOU!

Please Sign Up for Coffee Hour!

	May 6	May 13	
	Easter 6	Easter 7	
Assisting Minister	Elizabeth Goehring	Katie McNeal	
Communion Assistant	Diane Iannini	Judy Katzmark	
Lector	Lucia Dressel	Kaitlyn Furr	
Cantor	Jennifer Dressel	Neil Johnson	
Acolyte	Ernie Danek	Evelyn Kuo	
Usher	Bob Morrison	Ed Danieli	
Coffee Hour	The Morrisons		
Counters	Sylvia & John Kelbley	Morrison / Johnson	
	May 20	May 27	
	May 20 Day of Pentecost	May 27 The Holy Trinity	
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Assisting Minister Communion Assistant	Day of Pentecost	The Holy Trinity	
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Communion Assistant	Day of Pentecost Jim Mix Katie McNeal	The Holy Trinity Liz Skinski Diane Iannini	
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Our VISION Statement:

We envision St. James Church as a growing, Christcentered community entering new space: to reach out to all people on a journey of faith; to glorify God through inspired worship, intergenerational fellowship; and to addressing human needs in Jesus' name.



St. James Church New England Synod

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America God's work. Our hands.











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Please also keep Matt Cheatham, Dennis O'Connor, Wilson Owens, Timothy Elwell, Seth Lash, Stephen Danek, and all those who serve in the military, in your

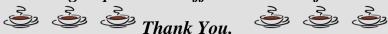
prayers.



We also pray for All the Saints, especially Gerald Phillips, Ron Calderone, Elsa Crane, William Smith, David Terhune, Stan, Thaddeus Katzmark, Christina Santiago, and for all those who mourn the loss of a loved one.



Please sign up to be a Coffee Hour Host for 2018.





Dear Friends and members of St. James Church, grace and peace to you in the name of the Lord who brings us all together in faith, prayer, worship and service. Amen.

'I give thanks to God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind.' --1 Corinthians 1.4-5

This greeting and verse from 1 Corinthians has gotten a lot of mileage from me lately, in giving thanks (and greeting cards) to those who joined us on April 8 for our dedication.

I am so very blessed, honored, and proud to be a member of this community. Thank you. This is true every day, really, but our building project and the (almost) finished product and the dedication truly highlights this for me.

And I hope we are able to appreciate the support, past, present, and future, from near and far, from people in groups like ours and not so much like us, that has been on display before, during, and after the dedication. We have truly been "enriched" in our relationship with God and one another.

'I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. --Philemon 6

And we have shared. And it is effective. And you have done a lot of good. All these things were true years ago, and I pray that these last few years have highlighted that for you, and for our life together in this family of faith.

Thank you to all who have worked so hard and shared so much to bring us to this moment in time. Thanks to our leaders and our visitors. Thanks to our construction crew, and also to Richard Bowen and Katie McNeal for the photos we'll see in this edition of our epistle. Thanks to all. You are a blessing from God and an answer to prayer. I Love you. Peace, Pastor Scott





Bishop Hazelwood's recent Blog

www.bishoponabike.com: What's an Evangelical?

This word might be among the most confusing for people. In recent years, the phrase evangelical christian, has come to be associated with a more conservative branch of christianity. But, it's a range. On one hand you have someone like Tony Campolo and Shaine Claibourne who speak openly of their Christian faith and espouse care for the poor, economic justice and racial reconciliation. But, also in the evangelical christian camp is Jerry Falwell, Jr who espouses gun ownership and anti-abortion anti-choice positions.

Then you have the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, which is really a mainline denomination, rooted in a European understanding of the word evangelical. In Germany the name of the Lutheran church is the evangelical church or Evangelical Kirche. The idea is that it is the church of the Good News. Around the world, many Lutheran denominations or churches are called the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Jordan and the Holy Land, as one example.

All this can be very confusing for the average US American driving down the road when they see a sign for Our Savior Evangelical Lutheran Church. What does that mean? It depends on what that driver has recently heard, experienced or seen on TV. Most of our (ELCA) congregations in New England do not resemble anything like the evangelical congregations that are often baptist, covenant or independent. Should we shed the E word? If it's a barrier to connecting with people, then yes. It may be time to be Our Savior Lutheran Church, and let the evangelical, meaning good news, be something you live out in the actions of your congregation.



The 2018 New England Synod Assembly will be held at the Mass Mutual Center in Springfield, Mass. from Thursday, June 7th through Saturday, June 9th. Our 2018 theme, "Stir it Up", is what we plan to see happen across the New England Synod this coming year. We're opening ourselves to be stirred up by the Spirit. Will the Spirit of God encourage New England Lutherans to connect their faith and everyday lives? We'll be discovering how to stir up those connections so that faith may come alive in the sharing of our stories! Stir up your power, O Lord, and come!

We'll be joined by our ELCA Representative Stephen Bouman, who will guide us through the Bishop's election process that will begin Thursday afternoon shortly after the opening of assembly. The Rev. Jeff Thiemann, CEO of Portico will be with us and presenting a Keynote on Discipleship. The Rev. Carrie Smith of Redeemer Lutheran Church in Jerusalem will be preaching, as well as presenting a session on her work in partnership with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land (ELCJHL). She'll be joined by Deacon Adrainne Gray, Communications Coordinator for the ELCJHL, In addition, we will receive greetings from Aida Mansour of the Islamic Association of Greater Hartford. This year we are planning 245's, which are two hundred and forty-five second glimpses into some of the unique ministries of our congregations, new missions and experiments.



AN APPLE A DAY

Restless leg syndrome is characterized by an uncontrollable urge to move your legs. It's usually caused by an uncomfortable sensation described as crawling, pulling, throbbing, aching or cramping. It usually happens at nighttime when you are sitting or lying. Moving or walking eases

the sensation temporarily. Consistently people describe the desire to move their legs. It's most common in white, Caucasian women. This syndrome can begin at any age, but appears to worsen with aging. If the condition starts before the age of 40 there is research identifying chromosomes contributing to restless leg syndrome. This research showed that this syndrome may be due to an imbalance of dopamine, a brain chemical which sends messages to control muscle movement.

Risk factors for developing restless leg syndrome include damage to nerves in the affected extremities, iron deficiency, kidney failure, spinal cord conditions and pregnancy. Although restless leg syndrome doesn't lead to other serious conditions symptoms can be incapacitating. Many people with this disease find it difficult to fall and stay asleep.

There is no cure for restless leg syndrome. Avoid alcohol, nicotine and caffeine. Underlying conditions mentioned above should be treated. Medications to influence the dopamine receptors in the brain are reserved for people who have restless leg syndrome three nights or more per week. There are other treatments that may help such as physical therapy and massage therapy.

--Diane Iannini, Council Member and Parish Nurse



Join Us!! Sundays 9am

HomeFront Project Update

HOMEFRONT DAY IS MAY 5, 2018

It's not too late!!! If you forgot to sign up for Homefront Day to be held on Saturday, May 5th you can still join us!! Contact this year's Volunteer Coordinator, Joe Battaglia, (203)264-4613, joejbatts@gmail.com or homefrontsofia@gmail.com.for the Last minute info and directions. We will begin work at 7am on Saturday, May 6th.

All with willing hearts and hands who are over the age of 14 are encouraged to join us! Carpenters especially are needed. If you are under the age of 17 we will need a permission slip signed by your parents.







St. James Lutheran
Preschool
Director/Head
Teacher Search



They will be VERY hard shoes to fill, but at the end of this school year Mary Tinley will retire as director and head teacher of our preschool program. A search committee is underway but please spread the word, interested candidates may mail their resume to the church or email to stjameslutheranpreschool@gmail.com. The position covers the 10month school year for our currently 5day week program (current class hours roughly 9-2 M/W/F, 9-12 Tu, 9-1 Th) and we would ideally love a candidate to overlap with Mary for the last month of school this year.

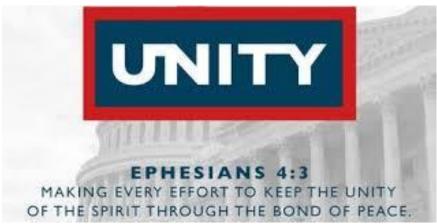
<u>Director/Head Teacher Qualifications</u> The Director/Head Teacher must be able to meet the State of Connecticut requirements and NAEYC accreditation standards.

The candidate must have a four year degree in early childhood education/education or a related degree such as psychology, special education or social work with a minimum of 36 credits in education. An additional three credits in educational administration and six additional credits in the following: business/accounting, accounting, educational leadership, and family relations. A minimum of 5 years experience in early childhood education, with a background in teaching, is desirable.

<u>Director/Head Teacher Job Description</u> The candidate must be able to nurture a warm and caring environment for our students, families and staff. They will be responsible for day to day administration and supervision of the program and staff, including day to day planning and implementing for the emotional, physical, and educational needs of students. They must have written and verbal communication skills to form relationships with families, staff and church community; and must have computer skills needed to communicate with families, staff and to promote the preschool program to the community. A further job description list available on request.

Any questions or interested in participating in the search committee process please contact Pastor, Tim Peterson, Julie Johnson or Lauren Lyons.





The Annual National Day of Prayer in Southbury is

Thursday, May 3, 2018: 12noon and 6pm

at the Southbury Town Hall Flag Pole, 501 Main Street South (or room 205 depending on the weather)



ELCA presiding bishop issues pastoral statement on humanitarian situation in Syria

4/14/2018 2:10:00 PM

"Give God no rest" (Isaiah 62:6-7) until that day when "the wolf and the lamb shall feed together. ... They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the Lord" (Isaiah 65:25) (ELCA social statement, "For Peace in God's World").

In recent days we have witnessed, with additional horror, further atrocities in Syria in a conflict that has taken almost countless lives over the past seven years and displaced millions of Syrians and others.

Following the April 13 air strikes conducted by the armed forces of the United States, the United Kingdom and France, the president and the general secretary of the Lutheran World Federation issued a <u>statement</u> that I encourage ELCA members to read and prayerfully consider.

Our church is responding to the needs of Syrian refugees and displaced people through the Lutheran World Federation (LWF) and International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC), in coordination with ACT Alliance (formerly Action by Churches Together). The IOCC has been assisting those in need in Syria, Lebanon and Jordan to ensure food security, establish shelter, and provide better access to water and sanitation facilities, among other activities. LWF-Jordan is working with Syrian refugees and host communities in Amman, Mafraq, Irbid and in the Zaatari refugee camp, bolstering livelihoods through cash transfers and skills training in agriculture practices and improved technologies for vegetable production in home gardens to benefit malnourished children, pregnant and lactating women, and sick people. They are also providing psychosocial support, particularly among women. We plan to continue and intensify this work.

In the face of this ongoing humanitarian crisis, our nation also needs to open its arms again to receive Syrian refugees for resettlement in the United States. We will continue to work in ecumenical partnership as we pray, advocate and work to receive refugees.

Last, but not least, our government, as part of the international community, needs to redouble its efforts to work diligently for a diplomatic resolution of this conflict. As U.N. Secretary General António Guterres said earlier this weekend, "There is no military solution to the crisis. The solution must be political."

In Christ,

The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton Presiding Bishop, ELCA



The St. James Church Rev. Dr. T.A. Gustafson Educational Aid Fund

Applications for the Rev. T.A. Gustafson Educational Aid Fund are now being accepted with a due date of May 31, 2018.

Active, confirmed members of St. James who are in pursuit of higher education (post-high school), either through academic institutions or training programs, are encouraged to apply. Applications are available in the Outreach Center or through the Church Office.







Thanks to our new worship

space, we have a brand new Outreach Center!! (Fellowship Hall)

We're already filling up the schedule for this space with community events, church events, Youth and Family events and more! Classroom Space, Kitchens, and bathrooms are connected to this versatile and flexible space. Help us come up with more events! For more information or to make a suggestion, contact the Church Office or Pastor Scott

...and check out the OUTREACH Bulletin Boards in this space, highlighting so many of our ministries and partnerships. Thanks to Lauren Lyons for putting together such a visible and overwhelmingly blessed demonstration of what we do together in faith.





COMING UP



Our Annual Summer Picnic and Worship is June 3, 10:15am at Ballantine Park here in Southbury

Our Semi-Annual Congregation Meeting is set for June 24, after 9:30am Worship





Summer Sunday Worship at 9:30am begins on June 24

ELCA National Youth Gathering in Houston is June 27- July 1





St. James VBS 2018, "Journey!" is July 30-August 3



...This really could change everything for our young people and their families looking to go to the 2018 National Youth Gathering in Houston!

Look for this water bottle in our Gathering Area and help our young people!

Thanks to Evelyn Kuo for her artwork and thank you for your help!



fresh foods from

Interested in becoming part of a food distribution program?

St. James Church has become a distribution center here in Southbury for Field Goods, a "rapidly growing company on the forefront of reinventing food distribution." (from their website).

There are many ordering options to fit many types and sizes of families.

For more information, go to www.field-goods.com, or see Elizabeth Goehring or Pastor Scott.



Thank You!!

Please Remember St.
James Church
is
Rice Responsible

What will happen to hospital and medical care in the Naugatuck Valley after October 1, 2019?

More than one year ago, Waterbury Hospital was sold to a for-profit company, **Prospect**Medical Holdings Inc. (PMH).

As of October 1, 2019, Prospect Medical Hospital (Waterbury Hospital) will not have to accept Medicare, accept Medicaid, have an emergency room, or make charity care available, among other things.

Countdown Clicker:

489

days as of May 31

FIND OUT WHAT WE CAN DO:

Please see Pastor Scott



Spring is always a busy time. At the end of March, we walked through the passion story with the annual Faith Walk. As always, our youth did a great job of beginning this

Southbury tradition by reading at the first stations. And though the chilly weather kept us indoors, our children still had fun beginning their Easter with our Easter Egg Hunt, using not only the Sunday School room, but also the newly available Outreach Center!

And with the spring comes our annual spring Youth Sunday! We'll have our young people lead us in worship on May 6th. Come support our youth as they lead us in worship!

It might seem hard to believe summer is also just around the corner! And with the coming of summer comes

Vacation Bible School preparations! Registration is already open and we already have kids excited to come! If you want to register your kid, and/or know someone who wants to come, register online at www.tinyurl.com/stjamesvbs2018.

We also need A LOT of volunteers to make VBS a fun, meaningful experience for all the kids who come each year. So please consider volunteering your time to make it happen! We're always looking for people who want to be teachers, helpers, behind the scene workers... there's something for everyone! Vacation Bible School will be July 30-August 3, 9a-12p each day. Then we always have a nice picnic Friday afternoon to celebrate the week.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, contact Katie McNeal (stjamesyafm@gmail.com or 412-508-4557).

Vacation Bible School St. James
Lutheran Church
July 30-Aug 3, 2018
St. James Lutheran Church
July 30-Aug 3, 2018
JOURNEY!



Who: Kids aged 4 through entering 8th grade in Fall 2018 Youth entering 7th and 8th grade are invited to our leadership track!

When: July 30-Aug 3, 9am – 12pm each day Join us for a picnic celebration Friday afternoon

Cost: FREE!!



All are invited!

JOURNEY through the Bible with us at Vacation Bible School, walking with people from the Bible in their journeys with God!

Register online today! www.tinyurl.com/stjamesvbs2018

Dedication Memories







Dedication Memories







May



St. James Church

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America God's work. Our hands.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Upper Room Thrift Shop Church of the Epiphany: Tues, Wed, Sat 10am–2pm	delivered Tuesdays usually before 10am	1 Field-Goods Delivery 10-2pm Upper Room 12pm NVCBible Study	2 10-2pm Upper Room 9:30-noon: SFB 8p: AA	3 10:30a: Worship at the Lutheran Home	4 9:30-noon: SFB 7-8p: EA 8pm: Party Set-up	5 HOMEFRONT DAY 10-2pm Upper Room 3pm: Hubina Family Party
6 Easter 6 9am SS /Bible Study 10:15am Worship YOUTH SUNDAY 11:15am Fellowship 11:30am Choir	7 8p: AA	8 Field-Goods Delivery 10-2pm Upper Room 12pm NVCBible Study 1:30p: Ladies Fellowship 7pm: Church Council	9 10-2pm Upper Room 9:30-noon: SFB 10:30&11a:Worship @ the Watermark 7pWorship &Music 8p: AA	10 12noon Woodbury Clergy	9:30-noon: SFB 7-8p: EA	9am: Camp Winnie Spring Fling 10-2p: Upper Room 9:30-noon: SFB 10am Memorial Service & Graveside
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27 The Holy Trinity 9a: SS /Bible Study 10:15a: Worship 11:15a: Fellowship 11:30a: Choir	28 Happy Memorial Day 11am: Mem. Day Parade 8p: AA	Field-Goods Delivery 10-2pm Upper Room 12pm NVCBible Study	30 10-2pm Upper Room 9:30-noon: SFB 8p: AA	31	Southbury Food Bank (SFB): 9:30- 12 noon Wed & Fri plus 2 nd and 4 th Sat	2018