



St. James Louisa

Weekly Newsletter Update

Sept. 11 -17, 2023

Our Commitment: Walk in love with God



Worship

Sept 17, 2023 ~ Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 & 10:00 a.m. ~ Holy Eucharist, Rite II

9:45 a.m. ~ Sunday School for children

Sept 24, 2023 ~ Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Instructed Eucharist Day

8:00 & 10:00 a.m. ~ Holy Eucharist, Rite II

9:45 a.m. ~ Sunday School for children

10:00 a.m. ~ *Children's Homily*

*10:00am services are live-streamed via our Facebook page
and available later each Sunday on St. James' YouTube channel*

and on our website stjameslouisa.org



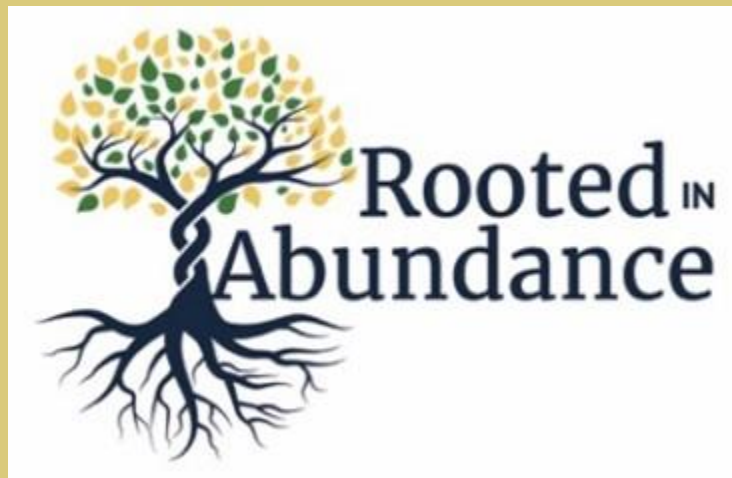
All are welcome to join Morning Prayer via ZOOM
each Wednesday, beginning at 8:00 a.m.

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/73059496139?pwd=AaN57yzhcW1CoTB5aeMUU3Ti6kM64D.1>

Meeting ID: 730 5949 6139

Psalm 119: 73-96, 1 Kings 22:1-28, 1 Cor. 2: 1-13, Matthew 4: 18-25

*If you have never participated in Morning Prayer,
consider adding this to your weekly discipline.
It is a special time and the praying of our days provides
routine and focus - and fellowship and community.*



Faithful Stewards of Your Good Gifts: Why Pledge?

We launched this fall's stewardship campaign in the St. James newsletter a few weeks ago with a prayer from page 259 of the BCP that includes this line, "Make us always thankful for your loving providence; and grant that we, remembering the account that we must one day give, may be **faithful stewards of your good gifts....**" Your St. James Vestry is responsible under the Canons of the Episcopal Church for conducting the church's temporal business, including paying the Rector, executing contracts, caring for church property, and establishing a Finance Committee.

As faithful stewards of the good gifts we all give to St. James through our offerings, the St. James Vestry works closely with the Finance Committee establishing an annual budget each year and monitoring income and expenses each month. We started the stewardship campaign a little earlier this year so that your church leaders could develop and approve a budget based on actual pledges in time to start the new fiscal year on January 1, 2024.

While our congregation has always been generous in giving, the Finance Committee and Vestry must rely on your annual pledges in planning a budget. **What is a pledge?** It's a commitment between you and God to give back in thanksgiving for your many blessings. That commitment is not a contract, it is a spiritual practice. People often ask: what happens if my circumstances change and I need to give less (or want to give more!)? You can raise or lower your giving—it's between you and God.

So if you've always just given here and there, and never pledged, please prayerfully consider making a pledge this year to give St. James the information it needs for responsible planning. The St. James budget reflects our mission and ministry priorities, and provides for our church property, our Rector, our Administrator, our Music Director—all of which make our mission and ministry possible.

Next time you're near the Parish Hall, look at the upper left corner of the bulletin board for the most recent month's finance report which includes monthly and year-to-date income and expenses against budget targets. Part of good stewardship is

transparency—I encourage you to familiarize yourself with our church budget and, at least once a year in conjunction with the Annual Meeting, carefully review the income and expense reports and ask the Finance Committee any questions you may have.

And remember, Ingathering Sunday is September 24th—so please get your pledge cards into the office or bring them to services that day so Reverend Jennifer can bless all of our gifts to God!

Your sister in Christ,

Sharon Boivin, Stewardship Chair

Finance Committee Meeting next Wednesday,
September 13, @ 5:00 pm in the Parish Hall.

Finance Committee
meeting

Vestry
Meeting

Vestry Meeting this Wednesday,
September 13th, @ 6:30pm in the Parish Hall.

UPCOMING EVENTS

There are many upcoming events happening at St. James. We would like you to participate in all of them if you are able. These are wonderful opportunities to build community as a parish family and get to know one another. Mark your calendar for these upcoming events:

Sunday, September 17th @ 3:00 p.m.:

Kelly Grooms will hold an organ recital in our sanctuary for the community.

This is a free event open to all.

Saturday, September 30th:

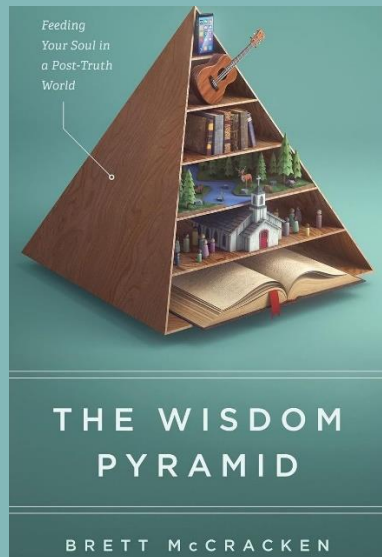
Town of Louisa's 150th Anniversary Celebration - St. James will open its doors from 12:00 - 4:00pm so people can come and see our beautiful sanctuary and hear some history of our parish.

Sunday, October 1st:

The first ever Croquet Tournament and Covered Dish Supper after the 10:00 a.m. service. Wear your white and bring a covered dish - fellowship and play some croquet if you like - grab a partner (sign-up is on the board in the parish hall).

Saturday, October 14th:

St. James Annual Fall Festival (7am-1pm) and Bake Sale (8am-1pm)



Please join a group that will discuss ways to feed our souls with Wisdom! We will read this book and relate our discussions to passages in the Bible that may help us discern what is important information and limit what is not!! It's never been easier to have access to information but seeking for wisdom and truth is more challenging.

We will meet on the following Tuesday's at 10:00 a.m.:

November 7, 14, 21, 28

Please call the office to register. You can buy the book on your own or ask us to purchase it for you. Each book is \$14.99 from Amazon.

Jill Schumacher



Support Group

The Grief Group is transitioning to a Support Group and is open to all. Many who have participated in the group find it helpful, though many have moved forward from the shock of their initial loss.

You are invited to join us.

All sessions will be held in the Parish Hall.

We will meet on the following Thursdays

from

10:30am - 12:00pm:

September 14

September 28

October 12

October 19

October 26

St. James Episcopal Church
Louisa, Virginia

presents

Dr. Kelly Tennille Grooms
organist

in a recital celebrating
the addition of new pipes
to the 1993 George L. Payne Pipe Organ

Sunday, September 17, 2023
3:00 P.M.

This recital is free, and the public is welcome!

102 Ellisville Drive, Louisa, VA 23093



Tim's at Lake Anna
Restaurant & Clubhouse



MINI GOLF & DINNER

SUNDAY, Sept. 24

(Rain Date Oct. 1)

3-5 p.m.

Boardwalk Mini Golf &

Tim's at Lake Anna

200 Boardwalk Way, Mineral

\$30 per person

For more info & tickets, contact:

Lin Kogle 540-894-0239

Or Susan Utt 540-894-4879

All proceeds benefit non-profit
Louisa Community Emergency Fund,
Touching Lives in Crisis

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Croquet and Covered Dish

On Sunday, October 1st, St. James will have its first ever Croquet Tournament, consisting of teams of 2 people; along with a parish potluck luncheon!!

We are looking forward to this special day to spend some fun time together. So, gather your white outfits and hats, find a partner and plan on spending a fun afternoon at church! A covered dish lunch and croquet will follow the 10:00 a.m. service that day.

Donations will accepted for the Benevolent Fund to help support those in need in the community.

Teams of two - sign up with your partner on the board in the fellowship hall.

HUGE yard sale

Spaces available for \$20.
Table rentals \$10.
Call 540-967-1665
to reserve your spot.



Saturday, October 14

7 a.m. - 1 p.m.

St. James Episcopal Church

102 Ellisville Drive, Louisa

(front lawn and parking lot)



In the church yard
starting at 8 a.m.
BEST bake sale,
Exciting raffle
2nd Time Jewelry sale

For more info, call the church 540-967-1665.

St. James Yard Sale

Start cleaning cupboards and storage closets (for your no longer needed treasures) for the annual sale at the Fall Festival on Oct. 14. No clothes, please, but the men will appreciate you bringing other items to the church grounds on Friday the 13th. 🧐

The men also need volunteers to help Friday & Saturday - call Mike Breen to volunteer an hour or two.

WANTED

The **Second Time Around Jewelry** will be back for the St. James Fall Festival on October 14th.

We are looking for gently used jewelry and accessories from the back of your jewelry box, closet, or dresser drawers to be enjoyed by someone new.

Any like new Rings, Necklaces, Pins, Earrings, Bracelets, Scarves and Purses (no clothes, please) that you are ready

to clean out and move on would be greatly appreciated.
Look for the Basket in the St. James Parish Hall to receive these items.
Proceeds will support the ministries of our *Episcopal Church Women*.

Anna Lou Flynn



Intercessions

Church Members: Stephanie Koren, Marc Boivin, George Franklin, Bruce Boxley, LaVahn & Mary-Frances Hoh, David Eaton

Family of Church Members: David & Amanda Wesley (Rick & Debbie Wesley's son & daughter in-law), Charlotte Jones (Alice Gaultney's sister), Phil Pack (Cale Agee's future father in-law), Esme Creasy, (Sunny Agee's great niece), Kristen Zonozi (Evan & Teresa Chapman's daughter), Michele Dennis, Richard Bull, Julia Thomas, Linda Taylor, Jesse Wasserman (Debbie Wesley's uncle)

Friends of Church Members: Donna Davis, Martha Tilman, Louise Proffitt, Martha Draper-Witte, Lloyd Runnett, Kirk Dunklee, Lucy Hodge, Conrad Eiban, Joe Jankowski, Louise Proffitt, Jim Gillespie, Hayleigh Wilde and her family, John Cochrane, Dave Martinez, Brenda Anderson, Owen, Dale Brittle, Nancy Miller

For those in Military Service, especially: Hope Matkins, Zachary Lynch, Kelsey Brewer, Teri Boivin, Holly-Ann Hess, Nicholas Boivin, Jon Geiser

For the clergy & congregations of: St. Mathew's, Sterling & St Thomas, Richmond

For the Departed: Margaret Lumsden

Birthdays, Anniversaries & Thanksgivings for September

06-Chris Shultis, Laura Early; **08**-David Koegle, Daisy Early; **09**-Carter & Pattie Cooke, Powell Shiflett; **12**-Rev. Jennifer's Ordination Anniversary; **17**-Jim & Linda Brickey; **19**-Anna Lou Flynn; **26**-Susan Zamski; **27**-Brittany Wratford; **29**-Rick Wesley, Terry Cole
And we give thanks for the birth of David & Amanda Wesley's son, Silas, on September 11th. His grandparents are Debbie & Rick Wesley. CONGRATULATIONS!!



Tuesday, September 12th

Office Open

4:00pm - Bishop's Clergy Call (Rev. Jennifer)

6:15pm - Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, September 13th

Office Open

8:00am - Morning Prayer via ZOOM (see above or the link)

9:30am - Common Thread Quilters (Parish Hall)

5:00pm - Finance Committee Meeting (Parish Hall)

6:30pm - Vestry Meeting (Parish Hall)

Thursday, September 14th

Office Open

10:00am-12:00pm - *All Blessings Flow Mobile Unit* (large parking lot)

10:30am-12:00pm - Support Group Meeting (Parish Hall)

Friday, September 15th

Office Closed

Sunday, September 17th

The 16th Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 & 10:00am - *Holy Eucharist, Rite Two*

9:45am - Sunday School (Parish Hall lower level)

3:00pm - Organ Recital (St. James)

Have something to add to the weekly update?

The deadline to submit information for the update and bulletin is Mondays by noon for the following week.

Please send the who, what, when, and why of your news by email to stjameslouisa@outlook.com

2023 Vestry Members:

John Agee, Senior Warden
Jill Schumacher, Junior Warden
Dona Breen, Register
Diane Alfano, Sharon Boivin,
Sherry Morris, Bill Treiber

Parish Office Information

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The Rev. Dr. Jennifer Lazzuri, Rector
Tara Ford, Organist/Choirmaster
Linda Harvey, Administrative Assistant
Linda Boxley, Treasurer