



St. James Louisa

Weekly Newsletter Update

April 20-26, 2026

Our Commitment: Walk in love with God



April 26th, 2026 ~ Fourth Sunday of Easter

8:00 a.m. ~ Holy Eucharist, Rite II (no music)

9:45 a.m. ~ Children's Sunday School (Parish Hall lower level)

10:00 a.m. ~ Holy Eucharist, Rite II, Children's Homily (with music)

May 3rd, 2026 ~ Fifth Sunday of Easter ~ Coffee Hour Sunday

8:00 a.m. ~ Holy Eucharist, Rite II (no music)

9:45 a.m. ~ Children's Sunday School (Parish Hall lower level)

10:00 a.m. ~ Holy Eucharist, Rite II (with music)

May 10th, 2026 ~ Sixth Sunday of Easter ~ Mother's Day

8:00 a.m. ~ Holy Eucharist, Rite II (no music)

9:45 a.m. ~ Children's Sunday School (Parish Hall lower level)

10:00 a.m. ~ Holy Eucharist, Rite II (with music)

May 17th, 2026 ~ Seventh Sunday of Easter ~ The Sunday after Ascension Day

8:00 a.m. ~ Holy Eucharist, Rite II (no music)

9:45 a.m. ~ Children's Sunday School (Parish Hall lower level)

10:00 a.m. ~ Holy Eucharist, Rite II (with music)

Collect for the 3rd Sunday of Easter

(to be prayed every day this week)

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*



**Join us for Morning Prayer
each Wednesday @ 8:00 a.m. via ZOOM.**

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

Passcode: 751855

Meeting ID: 730 5949

Psalm 38, Exodus 19: 16-25, Colossians 1: 15-23, Matthew 3: 13-17



Monday Compline

Time: Mondays at 8:00 p.m.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us05web.zoom.us/j/86239481196?pwd=TmmoljmwQyTanS43Ppbn8EOXEHbGE7.1>

Meeting ID: 862 3948 1196

Passcode: 2cJdWT

To all the Members of the Pathways Cohort who are working with our children; our next meeting with the large group is this Thursday evening:

Looking forward to being together this Thursday, April 23 at 6:00 pm.

Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9870329728?pwd=d1Zic25FSFs2pV6k59pkuYFkWmUrrI.1&omn=86372535839&jst=1>



Please join us on Sunday, May 3, after the 10:00 AM service for a flower arranging activity for all ages.

We will grab some goodies at coffee hour and then work together to create the altar flowers for Mother's Day the following Sunday. Participants will also have the opportunity to make a small bouquet to take home.

We encourage children to bring a friend, and we are looking for adult participants to pair with our youth for this creative session. No experience is necessary, as we will have expert guidance to lead the way.

We hope to see you there for this wonderful time of fellowship and creativity!

Mother's Day Bake Sale



Friday, May 8, 2026

8:00 am – 1:00 pm

St. James Episcopal Church

102 Ellisville Drive, Louisa

**Shop early for the
best selection of
cakes, cookies, pies,
breads, rolls and
more!**



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THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF VIRGINIA

If you are interested in going to Annual Convention this year and serving as a Lay Delegate or an Alternate, please let Rev. Jennifer know. [We needed to submit our Certificate of Election by April 15th.](#) The dates of the Convention this year are November 5-7 at the Fredericksburg Convention Center. Our delegate is a member of our congregation who will vote and represent us at Convention, along with Rev. Jennifer. This is a great time to connect with the larger Episcopal Church and find out what is happening in the Diocese around us. If you have never been, consider putting your name forward.



What Is Christian Stewardship?

Spring is a season of renewal — budding trees, lengthening days, and the reminder that growth takes care, attention, and gratitude. It's also the perfect season to begin a fresh conversation about **stewardship**: the practice of faithfully managing all God has entrusted to us.

Too often, we think of stewardship only in the fall, when pledge cards appear and budgets are formed. But for Christ followers, stewardship is much more than an annual campaign — it's a **way of life**, a spiritual discipline that shapes how we see the world, our time, our talents, our relationships, and even our daily decisions. As the saying goes, "*Stewardship is everything I do with everything I have after I say, 'I believe.'*"

This wisdom reminds us that stewardship isn't simply about money. It's about **living intentionally**, understanding that everything we have — every moment, skill, opportunity, and possession — is a gift from God, entrusted to us for God's purposes and the good of others. True stewardship begins with giving thanks for these blessings and recognizing that we are only the caretakers of this abundance of gifts.

This article is the first of a quarterly series focusing on stewardship. In upcoming issues, we'll explore the many dimensions of stewardship:

- **Treasure** — Managing resources with generosity and gratitude.
- **Time** — How we spend our days as an act of devotion.

- **Talents** — Using our gifts to serve one another and build up the Body of Christ.
 - **Creation** — Caring for Creation as faithful guardians.

As we move through this year, may we see stewardship not as an obligation but as an invitation — to live with open hands and grateful hearts, to celebrate the Creator through the careful and joyful use of our bountiful gifts.

This spring let's begin again — seeing stewardship not as a season, but as a **way of life that glorifies God** every day.

MINISTRY FOR RACIAL JUSTICE & HEALING TRAINING

I Will, With God's Help

Engaging God's People in the Work of Racial Justice



A COST-FREE RACIAL JUSTICE WORKSHOP

This workshop is for clergy, lay leaders, congregations, regions, and all who want to activate their racial justice heart. This workshop complements Healing from Internalized Oppression and Sacred Ground.

🕒 **April 25, 2026 | 9:00am-3pm**

Located at:
Trinity Episcopal Church
1118 Preston Avenue
Charlottesville, VA 22903

📋 **What's Included**

- Lunch
- Spirit-centered conversations about justice
- Practical tools for ministry
- Liturgically centered racial justice training with a closing Eucharist

Learn More

For more information, contact Tammy Lewis
tlewis@episcopalvirginia.org



On April 25th, the Charlottesville Region of the Diocese of Virginia will be hosting the above Racial Justice workshop at Trinity Episcopal in Charlottesville. Rev. Jennifer will be attending and would love to have anyone from our parish who would like to join her! Please register with Tammy Lewis whose email is above. I hope to see you on the 25th.



Bunco/Train Luncheon



Wednesday, May 13

Noon – 2pm

**United Methodist Church hall
100 East Main Street, Louisa**

Delicious home cooked lunch will be served at noon. Then choose your game – Bunco dice or Mexican Train dominoes; win a prize for best score!
Tickets for this event are \$25.00 in advance



Please contact Lin Kogle for more info and/or tickets 540-894-0239 .

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LIFELONG IMPROVEMENTS THROUGH FITNESS TOGETHER PROGRAM AVAILABLE NOW

- LIFT is an in-person, group-based strength training program that lasts **8 weeks**.
- Participants meet **2x/ week** for **1-hour** sessions.
- LIFT is for aging adults who want to evolve into a healthier, more active lifestyle
- Contact **Courtney Russ** for more information: courtneyr@vt.edu

SCAN ME



SIGN UP TODAY!

- May 19-July 9
Tuesdays & Thursdays
10:00-11:00am
- St. James
Episcopal Church
102 Ellisville Dr.
Louisa
- FREE!

SCAN THE QR CODE OR REGISTER HERE:
<https://forms.gle/nkd84mrmE VzsjhuJ6>



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Become a Compassionate Caring Presence

Join us at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday May 5th for a first in our training covering
Benedictine spirituality.

Regular meeting for current members will begin at 12: 30.



Intercessions

Church Members: Bill Treiber, Errol & Anna Lou Flynn, Gerry Higgins, Linda
Boxley, Sunny Agee, Mary-Frances & LaVahn Hoh

Family of Church Members: Garland Nuckols (Dana Racette's Dad), Emma
Pugh (*Tara Ford's Mom*), Mary Morris, Jimmy & Karen Funke Caldwell, Lydia
Hayes, John Steele

Friends of Church Members: Gary Grossman, Zach Yarborough, Ted Crackel,
John Cochrane, Nancy Miller

For those in military service, especially: Jacob Laws, Garrett & Rebecca Bond,
Holly-Ann Hess, Nicholas Boivin

For the Departed: Richard Havasy, Sr., Sammy Bazzanella, Tom Guisto

For those celebrating Birthdays/Anniversaries/Thanksgivings this week:

May 21-Jeff & Cochran Garnett; 23-Anna Schick; 26-Alexis Downey

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UPDATE

Monday, April 20th, 2026

Office Closed

Tuesday, April 21st, 2026

Office Open

5:30pm - Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, April 22nd, 2026

Office Open

8:00am - Morning Prayer via Zoom

9:30am - Quilters (Parish Hall)

Thursday, April 23rd, 2026

Office Open

Sunday, April 26th, 2026

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

8:00am - Holy Eucharist, Rite Two (no music)

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

10:00am - Holy Eucharist, Rite Two (with music), Children's Homily

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 stjameslouisia@outlook.com

2026 Vestry Members:

Greg Schumacher (Sr. Warden), Randy Keil (Jr. Warden),
Linda Barnett (Register), Linda Brickey, Gail Funke,
Horace Higgins, Patty Madison

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The Rev. Dr. Jennifer Lazzuri, Rector

Tara Ford, Organist/Choirmaster

Linda Harvey, Administrative Assistant

Amy Schick, Financial Administrator

Linda Boxley, Treasurer