



**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REGISTRATION OPEN NOW!**

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# CHRISTIAN FAITH FORMATION

Submitted by Tracy Caruso, Children & Family Ministry Director



Greetings from the Director of Children and Family Ministries!

With the celebration of Memorial Day, we have informally entered summer, and we have a great one planned around St. James!

Our Godly Play students are spending Eastertide with the *Knowing Jesus in a New Way* series, and we have been excited to welcome several new students to our classroom and to the nursery. We are sorry to be saying goodbye to Dove Nordblom who has been working in our nursery for two years. We are grateful to her and her work with our younger kids. We are excited to welcome Luka Anson as a nursery worker!

The Youth Group held our annual bowling trip. Everyone had an amazing time, and we had so many youth kids there that we

maxed out our lane limits and fortunately, I wasn't able to demonstrate my truly abysmal bowling skills. We will meet on June 29<sup>th</sup> for our next youth meeting.



We are excited to welcome back Dr. Jeff King for a new Adult Education series entitled "Dreams, Synchronicity, and Redemptive Analogies in the Bible Explored". The class will meet June 1, 8, and 15 at 9:00am in the Fellowship Hall. Hope to see you there!

We hope all our families will join us for service on Sunday June 15<sup>th</sup> for our Milestone Sunday when we get to celebrate all the children and youth in our congregation and especially those who are marking certain milestones. If you have any questions please let Tracy know at [cfm@saintjamespres.org](mailto:cfm@saintjamespres.org).

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Pub Theology will be taking a break for the summer and will resume in September. We want to thank Jimmy and Jessica Parks and give them a huge shoutout for facilitating some amazing sessions and discussions this year!

Our second annual St. James Festival of the Arts was a ton of fun and a huge success, we even had a celebrity appearance, thank you for your participation Kermit. Thank you to all our volunteers who helped plan, our performers who spent so much time preparing amazing performances for us, all our artists who donated art to the silent auction, and to everyone who came out and participated in the event. We raised over \$1,500 towards our all church retreat fund for 2026.

We are looking forward to a beautiful summer at St. James! If you have any questions about how to get involved please don't hesitate to contact Tracy at [cfm@saintjamespres.org](mailto:cfm@saintjamespres.org).

### Godly Play for June

June 1st	Knowing Jesus in a New Way
June 8 <sup>th</sup>	Knowing Jesus in a New Way
June 13th	Holy Trinity
June 20th	Work Day
June 29th	Work Day



## FINANCE UPDATE

*Submitted by Andrew McLaurin, Chair of Finance*

April finances were similar to what was reported for March. We continue to see a lag in the receipts of pledged support. Our expenses were higher than budget by about \$3,500. We did have an uptick in general offerings, boosted by the offering received on Easter. From an annual perspective we are on budget; however, this is probably the last month where that will be true.

As I previously reported, we are concerned that delayed receipt of pledged support coupled with unexpected increases in expenses will begin to negatively impact our finances in May or June. The treasurer is reviewing our expenses to see if there are bills that should be paid out of our endowment funds. The endowment accounts have some restrictions on use and the committee and Session are reviewing guidelines for use before expending any funds. There will be more to report on this next month.

	Actual Cash Flow, April, 2025	Budgeted Cash Flow, April, 2025	Actual Cash Flow, Year-to-Date, As of: April 30, 2025	Budgeted Cash Flow, Year-to-Date, As of: April 30, 2025
<b>Rental Income</b>	\$2,163.75	\$1,930.31	\$8,782.81	\$7,721.24
<b>Annual Pledges</b>	\$10,253.78	\$13,018.84	\$86,669.25	\$89,349.31
<b>General Offering</b>	\$3,194.40	\$3,815.41	\$15,195.74	\$15,976.75
<b>Uncategorized Offerings Income*</b>	\$1975.00		\$1,975.00	
<b>TOTAL INCOME:</b>	<b>\$17,586.93</b>	<b>\$18,764.56</b>	<b>\$112,622.80</b>	<b>\$113,047.30</b>

## GIVING TO ST. JAMES

If you have any questions regarding the finances of Saint James Presbyterian Church, please feel free to contact Stefany Ness at [treasurer@saintjamespres.org](mailto:treasurer@saintjamespres.org)

**Aside from utilizing contact-free offering on Sunday morning, you can give in TWO primary ways:**

1. **Online Giving:** You can give a one-time gift or create a recurring monthly pledge. Please visit this webpage to set up or update your online giving: <https://saintjamespres.churchcenter.com/giving>
2. **Mail-In Donations or Pledges:** You can mail your pledges and gifts to the church.  
Saint James Presbyterian Church  
910 14th Street  
Bellingham, WA 98225



## MISSION & SOCIAL ACTION - THANK YOU!



Thank you for your donations of time, money and food to the Southside Community Dinner at Our Saviour Lutheran Church last Sunday. Kate and Aaron Walters and others from The Table, and St. James volunteers prepared and served a delicious “breakfast for dinner” last Sunday to about 100 folks! Thanks to a great team effort who purchased food, cooked, set and cleared tables, served the food and helped with the cleanup. The Mission Committee hopes to serve another meal next spring. Please join us!

Carol Dellecker  
MSA Committee

## SUNDAY TECH AND WEBSITE HELP NEEDED



We would like to expand our offerings through the St. James church website. We are looking for a team to help review our current website content and tools and help develop the next version, hopefully launching in Summer 2025. Talk with Pastor Seth to get involved.

Additionally, we are looking for more folks to help run cameras and sound for our online service streaming each Sunday. YOU can do it...and WE can train you! This involves arriving at the church by 10:00 to set up and live streaming during the regular worship service. Email [pastor@saintjamespres.org](mailto:pastor@saintjamespres.org) if you can help!

### Deadlines for church publications

Weekly bulletin: Wednesday, 2:00pm  
Weekly email: Thursday, 2:00pm  
Monthly “the Pulse”: the 25th, 2:00pm

**Worship Schedule - Online and In-Person,  
Sundays at 10:30 a.m.**

**Live streaming at:**

<https://saintjamespres.org/live>  
<https://www.facebook.com/saintjamespres/>

**Add your request to the St. James Prayer Chain**  
**Contact your Deacon or St. James at:**  
**360-733-1325 | [office@saintjamespres.org](mailto:office@saintjamespres.org)**

## ST. JAMES STAFF IS AT YOUR SERVICE

Pastor: The Rev Dr. Seth J. Thomas, [pastor@saintjamespres.org](mailto:pastor@saintjamespres.org)

Children & Family Ministry Director: Tracy Caruso, [cfm@saintjamespres.org](mailto:cfm@saintjamespres.org)

Music Director: Leah Bruno, [music@saintjamespres.org](mailto:music@saintjamespres.org)

Treasurer: Stefany Ness, [treasurer@saintjamespres.org](mailto:treasurer@saintjamespres.org)

Administrative Ministry Assistant: Sharon King, [office@saintjamespres.org](mailto:office@saintjamespres.org)

## SESSION OF ST. JAMES

Tess Bowers\* – Loving Welcome

Ralph Buchan\* – Personnel

Aaron Caruso\* – Building & Grounds

Carol Dellecker – Mission & Social Action

Faye Hill – Worship

Andrew McLaurin – Finance

Jimmy Parks – Christian Faith Formation

Rick Seater – Clerk of Session

Nebiyu Tesfa – Nominating

Pastor Seth Thomas, Moderator

\*Church Trustees

## MAY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

6/1	Alice Beaty	🎂
6/3	Tracy Caruso	🎂
6/7	Eden Engels	🎂
6/9	Jane Botsford	🎂
6/9	Fred Daugert	🎂
6/10	Terri Inge	🎂
6/13	Mike and Sue Smith	💕
6/15	Sue Smith	🎂
6/17	Mark and Alice Beaty	💕
6/20	Amber Wainscott	🎂
6/23	Alice Bailey	🎂
6/25	Bob and Nancy Pace	💕
6/27	Corinna Bowers	🎂
6/28	Sharon King	🎂
6/28	Ben and Shannon Pries	💕
6/30	Claude and Faye Hill	💕
6/30	Caleb Knight	🎂

## DEACONS

Deacons Parish 1 – Merry Thomas\*, Alice Bailey

Deacons Parish 2 – Judy Buchan, Gena Gustafson

Deacons Parish 3 – Buzz & Holly\* Hagshenas, Jean Seater

Deacons Parish 4 – Valerie McBeth, Alice Beaty

Deacons Parish 5 – Diana Philbeck, Jenny Sue LeSchander

Deacons Parish 6 – Kirsten Oliver, Gretchen Pfueller

\* Deacon Co-Moderators

## Church Office Hours:

9:00am - 2:00pm, Monday - Thursday

## PROGRAMS SHARING OUR FACILITY

AA Fairhaven Group

AA Grateful Hearts Women's Group

AA Men's Book Study Group

AA SOS Men's Group

AA Meditation Group

Bayside Co-op Preschool

Bellingham Community Chorus

Bellingham Ukulele Group

Boy Scouts Troop 7

Happy Hour Al-Anon

Linda's Tai Chi

Little Sapling Music

Overeaters Anonymous

St. James Fitness

The Table Church





