



BELLINGHAM PRIDE FESTIVAL

It's almost time for PRIDE in Bellingham! This year we are partnering with Community of Hope Church, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, and Echoes Lutheran Church to share two booths at the festival on Sunday, July 13. The parade runs from 11am-1pm and the festival from 12-4pm, though we expect people to start showing up to browse the booths between 10:30 and 11am. We will be handing out friendship bracelets, stickers, and other goodies to help folks celebrate Pride. This is a great opportunity to represent St. James in our community and help people feel welcome and loved. If you'd like to help out, you can sign up for a time slot or email jessica.lankford@gmail.com if you have questions. please signup here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4AADAF28A4FB6-57431216-bellingham>

PRIDE CRAFT EVENT

Join us Friday, July 11th from 6-8pm to help make craft giveaways for our Pride table. We will have some materials, but bring embroidery thread for friendship bracelets, origami paper for origami, or whatever you can imagine to make and give away at our Pride table. Bring some snacks to share and we will craft the evening away!

ANNUAL ST. JAMES PICNIC SUNDAY, JULY 20

Everyone is welcome to join in the picnic, Tables will be set up downstairs for indoor and outdoor dining. Please bring a picnic dish to share with 4-6 people. You may leave your dish in the kitchen before worship. Deacons will provide a frozen sweet treat -- dairy and non-dairy.



Sunday, July 20
Following worship
Downstairs driveway
Bring your favorite picnic dish to share. Deacons will provide dessert.

CHRISTIAN FAITH FORMATION

Submitted by Tracy Caruso, Children & Family Ministry Director



Greetings from the Director of Children and Family Ministries!

What an incredibly busy and fun month June was! We had a quick but incredible adult education class led by our own Jeff King, we celebrated all our St. James children and youth during our milestone Sunday, we had an incredibly fun and successful vbs at St. Paul's, and a great joint youth group event with First Presbyterian.

Godly Play finished up our Knowing Jesus in a New Way series and we will be having some workdays until the 13th of July to recover from a busy June. This summer we will be following the sermon series and hear some stories we don't get to hear very often. We are looking to hire another nursery worker but for the summer if anyone is interested in volunteering to help in Godly Play or the nursery please let me know at cfm@saintjamespres.org.

Our Vacation Bible School with First Presbyterian and St. Paul's was so much fun and it was amazing to have so many St. James volunteers and campers! We had a week full of diving deep into music, Godly Play, crafts, games at Elizabeth Park, and science experiments. We had visits from our own Guy Who (ask Seth) and Guy Who Two (ask Asher) and we even raised over \$500 for Wild Whatcom and got to see Asher pie Sam in the face. It was an incredible week and we can't wait for next year.



We closed out June with a joint St. James and First Presbyterian Church youth event. It was great to see so many of the friendships that formed during VBS continue as the kids played pickleball, cornhole, Jenga, and worked together in group trivia. We are looking forward to more events with First Pres.



We have some great park play dates, and our church picnic coming up in July. We will also have a shared table at Pride this year on July 13th and are planning an evening on July 11th from 6-8 where we can make bracelets and origami to give out at our booth. We have had some incredibly busy summers in the past and we are looking at a little calmer summer this year. With that said, if you are heading to a Bells game, or having a get together at a park and want to invite others, please let me know as I will be sending out weekly emails about the goings on at St. James and how to get involved.

July Godly Play

July 6th Work Day

July 13th Parable of Leaven/Greatest Parable

July 20th The Parable of the Sower

July 27th Parable of the vineyard workers



FINANCE UPDATE

	Actual Cash Flow, June, 2025	Budgeted Cash Flow, June, 2025	Actual Cash Flow, Year-to-Date, As of: June 30, 2025	Budgeted Cash Flow, Year-to-Date, As of: June 30, 2025
Rental Revenue	\$1,255.00	\$1,930.31	\$11,925.93	\$11,581.86
Annual Pledges	\$10,898.39	\$13,018.84	\$116,706.55	\$115,386.99
General Offering	\$3,727.02	\$3,815.41	\$21,758.17	\$23,607.57
TOTAL Revenue:	\$15,930.41	\$16,834.25	\$150,440.65	\$138,994.56

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

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.

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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 if you can help!

ST. JAMES STAFF IS AT YOUR SERVICE

Pastor: The Rev Dr. Seth J. Thomas, pastor@saintjamespres.org

Children & Family Ministry Director: Tracy Caruso, cfm@saintjamespres.org

Music Director: Leah Bruno, music@saintjamespres.org

Treasurer: Stefany Ness, treasurer@saintjamespres.org

Administrative Ministry Assistant: Sharon King, 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

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

<https://saintjamespres.org/live>

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

JULY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

7/5	Pat Nelson	🎂
7/10	Bill Butler	🎂
7/10	Jim & Maureen Kosa	💕
7/12	Merry Thomas	🎂
7/14	Max Anderson	🎂
7/16	Dave and Pat Nelson	💕
7/16	Karen Rogers	🎂
7/17	Ryan Knight	🎂
7/20	Nebiyu Tesfa	🎂
7/21	Gretchen Pfueller	🎂
7/24	Randy and Teresa Bowers	💕
7/25	Ed Simmers	🎂
7/25	Betsy Freeman	🎂
7/29	Rory Anderson	🎂
7/29	Stacy and Seth Thomas	💕
7/31	Ed DeVaney	🎂

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 Summer Office Hours:

10:00am - 1:00pm, 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

Deadlines for church publications

Weekly bulletin: Wednesday, 2:00pm

Weekly email: Thursday, 2:00pm

Monthly "the Pulse": the 25th, 2:00pm

Add your request to the St. James Prayer Chain

Contact your Deacon or St. James at:

360-733-1325 | office@saintjamespres.org



