

ST JAMES LUTHERAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER JUNE 2025



*“From the rising of the sun to
the place where it sets, the
name of the Lord is to be
praised.”*

Psalm 113:3

Celebrating Independence Day in the Borough of Pitman



Miss Pitman Pageant

Thursday, July 3rd - 7:30pm, Pitman High School Auditorium.

Tickets will be available at Borough Hall during normal business hours.

Tickets will be sold in the PHS Auditorium Lobby, July 2 at 6:30pm and at the door the night of the pageant.

44th Annual Pitman Freedom Four Miler Road Race

Friday, July 4th - 8:45am start time



Registration information can be found on the borough's [website](#) under the Parks and Recreation Department

Pitman's Independence Day Parade

Theme “A Year of Celebrations”

Friday, July 4th - 9:55am start time (Rain Date - July 5th, 9:55am)

*Please note - parade will again include a “quiet zone” on Broadway between Arbutus and Myrtle Avenues for those children and adults who are sensitive to elevated sound. Bike and carriage information can be found on the parade [website](#).

Pitman's Fireworks Display

Saturday, July 5 - at dusk, Alcyon Lake/Alcyon Park/ Betty Park Display can be viewed from Betty Park or surrounding area. For those looking for an unobstructed view, tickets are available to Pitman residents for viewing the fireworks from inside Alcyon Park for a donation of \$5 per ticket to help with the cost of the display. Only 350 tickets will be available for viewing from inside Alcyon Park. The park will close at 5pm on July 4th, to prepare for the fireworks.



The gate on Track Avenue will open at 8pm, the night of the display.

Tickets can be obtained (cash only) at Borough Hall, Brio Beauty Studio & Skincare Clinic, Pitman Jewelry Shop and Words Matter Bookstore.

Please Be Reminded!

A valid email from Pastor Mason Hahn will only come from
pastormasonhahn@stjamespitman.com

Spam emails falsely claiming to be from Pastor Mason are circulating. **These messages are not legitimate.** Please mark them as spam and do not respond.

NJ Synod

The NJ Synod met in Assembly on June 5-7 at the Hilton, East Brunswick. 376 voting members and 59 visitors worshiped, celebrated, elected a bishop, and conducted the synod's business during these days.

Through a process of prayer and discernment, the assembly elected The Rev. Dr. Christa Compton (Gloria Dei, Chatham) to serve as the next bishop of the NJ Synod. Pastor Compton was elected on the fifth ballot. Results of all the ballots can be found on the synod website (njsynod.org/assembly). We thank all of those who allowed their names to go forward in this election process. Pastor Compton's term begins on September 1, 2025. Until that time, Bishop Bartholomew continues in office. Please respect Pastor Compton's transition time as she bids farewell to the congregation she has served for 12 years, moves, and gets oriented to this new call. Now is not the time to contact her for bishop related questions; you are invited to



pray for her during this transition time and for the people of Gloria Dei. Installation of the new bishop will be held on Saturday, August 23, 1:30 pm at First Baptist Church, Lincoln Gardens, NJ. Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton will preside at this service.

Help Combat Local Food Insecurity

Cuts to SNAP, Medicaid, and SNAP-Ed will deepen hunger in our state and across the country. Read the statement from the CEOs of NJ's five food banks: [Click here](#)

Also, please donate locally to the Pitman Pantry...and pray for those with food insecurity in our communities.

First Baptist Church of Pitman

30 North Broadway, Pitman, NJ 08071



Fig Leaf is a resale/thrift shop that sells clothes, housewares, books, etc. at a low cost to raise money for The Lighthouse Community Center. We will also give to those in need. We want to be able to serve our community in both ways. At the same time, in the event of an emergency or disaster, we plan to serve those affected through opening access to the resources in Fig Leaf Thrift and services supported by the Lighthouse Community Center. Consider donating to the Fig Leaf, or shop and find some bargains!

Tuesday — 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Wednesday — 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Thursday — 11:00 am - 2:00 pm
Saturday — 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Members of the Month

Lisa Weiss & Ann Brooks

Lisa Weiss has been a member of St. James since 2001, when she and her family joined while looking for a church home after the birth of her son, Tyler. One of Lisa's favorite ways to get involved is by

volunteering at the Pitman Pantry, where she enjoys lending a hand to help those in need. She fondly recalls the Oktoberfest feast as one of her most memorable church events, along with the youth service trips to Washington, D.C. that her sons attended. Outside of church, Lisa is a huge fan of WWE and rarely misses a match! Her favorite local restaurant is Italian Affair, especially for their delicious gnocchi. She also loves spending summer weekends relaxing in Ocean View. A fun fact about Lisa: she's a true music lover who has attended over 100 concerts and still can't get enough of live shows! We're grateful for all she brings to our church family.



Ann Brooks has been a member of St. James since March of 1980. Her favorite church activity is singing in the choir, where she shares her love for music and worship. One of Ann's most cherished church memories is the baptism of her oldest son, Walter. Outside of church, Ann enjoys watching her favorite movie, *Wicked*. She also loves dining at Pandora, her favorite local restaurant. One of her favorite vacation spots is St. Augustine. In her free time, Ann enjoys crocheting, though she's learned to pace herself to keep her hands from getting too sore. We're so thankful for Ann's longtime presence and spirit here at St. James!



AND LET US CONSIDER ONE ANOTHER TO PROVOKE
UNTO LOVE AND TO GOOD WORKS:
-HEBREWS 10:24 KJV

This monthly newsletter is a way to get to know our members. If you have anything for the next issue, email secretary@stjamespitman.com

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Welcoming God's people together in Christ to worship, serve, and share God's love. St. James is a member church of the New Jersey Lutheran Synod and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA).
**CHURCH EVERY SUNDAY IN PERSON AT
9:30 AM**