

ST JAMES LUTHERAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER JULY 2025



“The Lord gives strength to his people; the Lord blesses his people with peace.”

Psalm 29:11

Vacation Time!

The Passaro family shared photos from their recent vacation to Italy. Here are beautiful moments from Rome and Venice!



Study guide for “Seedbeds reimagined and renewed”

Ministerial preparation grows in new ways to serve a changing church

The 21st century has brought many changes to churches worldwide, and the ELCA is no exception. As in other mainline denominations, the ELCA is experiencing smaller worship attendances, tighter finances, and more churches merging or sharing resources. In the face of these trends, the model for equipping pastors, deacons and lay leaders has become more varied and creative. How is your congregation and those of your synod faring?



Download a free five-page study guide for “Seedbeds reimagined and renewed,” which appeared in the summer 2025 print issue of Living Lutheran. Access the guide by clicking on “Download Now” in the “Study Guide” box to the right. A copy of the article is included in the download.



For More Information About Wenonah Farmers Market Click [Here](#)

Living Lutheran Daily Prayer

Every day, Living Lutheran offers a prayer for the day from the ELCA resource “Prayer ventures,” which can be downloaded [here](#). These daily petitions are offered as a guide for your own prayer life as together we pray for the needs of the world and give thanks for the ministries of our church.

Stay Safe in the Heat!



Favorite Ice Cream

In honor of summer, we asked about our church family's favorite ice cream flavor at the July 13 service.

Tom Lawton - Butter Crunch

Mona Trump - Peanut Butter

Lisa Weiss - Butter Brickle (especially from Richman's)

Mason Weiss - Cookies & Cream

Pastor Mason - Mint Chocolate Chip

Cathy O'Neill - French Vanilla

Jill Perine - Peach

Ken Floyd - Mint Chocolate Chip

Michael Weiss - Friendly's Summer Breeze
(lemon ice cream with
sandy graham cracker
swirls)



Elaine Floyd - Mint Chocolate Chip

Cathy Peters - Black Raspberry

Barb Pizzuto - Pistachio

Jenna Passaro - Lemon

Elaine Larthey - Chocolate Raspberry

Jack Larthey - Vanilla Fudge

Bonnie Lanterman - Butter Pecan

Lois Gier - Butter Pecan

Trude Lanterman - Moose Tracks

Diana Bensel - Butter Pecan

Janet Burr - Caramel Caribou

Dee Baughman - Bing Cherry

Darin Peters - Chocolate

Lee Lanterman - ALL!

Ed Menold - Black Cherry

Jeff Nienstedt - Chocolate Chip

Lynne Leadbeater - Coffee

Becky Viens - Cherry Vanilla

Karen Johns - Rum Raisin

Barb Kiefer - Vanilla Soft Serve

Fred Kiefer - Chocolate

Janet Thompson - Mint Chocolate Chip

Jane Lefferts - Black Raspberry

Bob Lefferts - Butterscotch

Carol Agostinho - Seagull Poop (vanilla with
chocolate peanut butter
cups and fudge)

Carl Hausman - Vanilla

Ann Christensen - Non-Dairy Chocolate

Hannah Christensen - Any Non-Dairy flavor
by Ben & Jerry's



Congratulations & Best of Luck!

Doug Passaro graduated 5th in his class from Williamstown High School and will be attending Villanova University this fall.



Member of the Month

We are excited to continue highlighting members of our church community in our monthly newsletter. If you have not had the chance yet, we would love for you to fill out our short Google Form to be a Member of the Month. Google Form: [Member of the Month](#)

2025 Church Council

Pastor: Mason Hahn

President: Michael Weiss

Vice President: Lynne Leadbeater

Treasurer: Jeff Nienstedt

Secretary: Judy Heineman

Council Members: John Thompson, Barbara Kiefer, Lois Girer, Carl Ostermann

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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9:30 AM**