

## November Events

**Nov. 9-12:** Pastor Boudon will be attending the annual Conference on Ministry in Leesburg, FL.

**Nov. 23:** Thanksgiving lunch. We will gather following worship to celebrate Thanksgiving. Please bring a dish to share.



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**St. James worships every Sunday at 10:30am, with a bilingual service mostly in English but with some Spanish.** The entire liturgy is presented in both languages in the weekly bulletin, so that one may follow along in the language one prefers. Pastor Boudon preaches the sermon in English, followed by a brief summary in Spanish.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL.** St. James offers a full Sunday school program for adults and children immediately after worship every Sunday morning. There is Bible study for adults and Christian education for children.

**MONTHLY HEALING.** St. James offers a healing liturgy as a part of our normal worship service on the third Sunday of the month, replacing the Prayers of Intercession.

## From the Pastor

The month of November tends to be a bit of a down time in the church. It is the end of the church year, marked by Christ the King Sunday on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. November is perhaps more known for Thanksgiving, the national holiday that is increasingly overlooked and obscured by the shopping frenzy that used to take place on so-called “Black Friday” but which now begins on Thanksgiving Day. So to draw a bit more attention to the day set aside each year for giving thanks, I am highlighting a few of the Psalms that thank God for various things. In addition, we have had to omit the Psalms from our Sunday liturgy in order to keep the bilingual service within the one-hour framework. Therefore, when you gather for your Thanksgiving meal this year, perhaps you can read one of the following Psalms. Psalms 30 and 116 thank God for recovery from illness, something to which almost all of us can relate. Psalm 92 gives thanksgiving for vindication, while Psalm 107 thanks God for deliverance from many troubles. Finally, Psalms 100 and 138 provide general thanksgiving. The former reads: “Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name (v. 4),” while the latter not only gives thanks but also praises God. Additionally, many of the psalms begin with a word of thanksgiving or praise, a formula that has translated into many of our modern-day prayers. As children of God and followers of Christ, we ought to be thankful always for what he has done for us, even when we are in the midst of difficulty. As it says in many of the psalms, God’s love for us is steadfast and we know that he keeps his promises. Bear that in mind as you gather around the table for your Thanksgiving meal.

## ELCA News

[ELCA bishops respond to various assembly actions, topics](#)

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The ELCA Conference of Bishops gathered in Chicago Oct. 2-7 to consider an array of topics ranging from this church's commitment to starting new and renewing congregations to discerning the landscape of theological education, from funding the mission and embracing a new comprehensive campaign to the assignment of more than 100 rostered candidates. Other topics included an invitation to study *The Use of the Means of Grace*, a proposed new Word and Service roster, the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation and more.

[Join LSF to Support Ministry on #GivingTuesday](#)

#GivingTuesday is a global movement to celebrate and support ministry in your community. It will culminate with a day of giving on December 2nd. This effort transforms how people think about, talk about, and participate in the giving season. #GivingTuesday is meant to inspire people of faith to take action to improve their local communities and help create a better world. Lutheran Services Florida is participating in #GivingTuesday this year and our prayer is that you will take this opportunity to partner with us to bring God’s healing, hope and help to people in need in the name of Jesus Christ.