



**THE WEEKLY WORD – JUNE 24, 2026**  
**FOURTH WEEK AFTER PENTECOST**

*St. George's Mission*  
*Committed Christians*  
*providing hope, help, and hospitality*  
*in Northern Newport News*

**Join us at St. George's on Sunday June 28th at 10:30am**  
**for Morning Prayer**

**Servers for Sun. June 28th**

**AV/Sound: Laura Stepp**

**Greeter & Usher: Sarah Thurmond**

**Lector 2: Juana Jones**

**Open: Sarah Thurmond**

**Coffee Hour: Lisa Adams**

**Lector 1: Bonnie Dodson**

**Close: Lisa Adams**

**Remembering Feast Days on our Episcopal Church Calendar**

**St. Peter and St. Paul, Apostles**

Saints Peter and Paul are the two most prominent figures of the early Christian Church. Peter, a fisherman, was Jesus' chief disciple and leader of the Twelve. Paul, a former Pharisee and Roman citizen, was a dynamic missionary to the Gentiles. Despite theological disagreements, they are considered the joint founders of the Church of Rome.

- St. Peter (Simon): A fisherman from Galilee. Chosen as the "rock" upon which Jesus built His Church, he became the leader of the Jewish-Christian community in Jerusalem.
- St. Paul (Saul): A highly educated Pharisee who initially persecuted early Christians. Following a miraculous conversion experience on the road to Damascus, he became the Church's most zealous missionary and theologian, writing a vast portion of the New Testament.

Feast Day: The Church honors their combined legacy and foundation of the Christian faith on the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, celebrated annually on June 29.

### **St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 372 Hiden Blvd., Newport News**

**This Friday, June 26<sup>th</sup>, at 5:30pm** St. Stephen's hope's you will join them in the Parish\_Hall for their second Food & Bingo event! They will have a delicious dinner prepared and be ready for lots of fun. The event is free and all donations for dinner will go to the Hospitality Committee and there will be cool prizes too.



Peninsula Ministry Partnership (St. Augustine's, St. George's, and St. Mark's)

Sharing our Ministry Together

St. Augustine's Next Fund Raiser

July 11 – The next major fundraising event is the International Food and Drink Festival with a Flare! Mark your calendars for July 11, 2026.

St. Augustine's Church Presents

# INTERNATIONAL FOOD & DRINK FESTIVAL

With a *FLARE*

**SATURDAY, JULY 11, 2026**  
2:00PM – 5:00PM  
2515 MARSHALL AVENUE, NEWPORT NEWS, VA

**INTERNATIONAL FOOD & DRINK AVAILABLE!**

**COME AND JOIN US** for an afternoon of International Foods & Drinks with a Flare!

**WEAR YOUR FINEST HOMELAND ATTIRE!** (Prizes for Best Dressed)

**PLAY INTERNATIONAL BINGO & WIN CASH PRIZES** (\$3.00 per card)

**SIP & PAINT** With Creative Painting Session for Adults All Supplies and Instruction Are Provided Reservations Needed 1st Come - 1st Served

**ADMISSION TICKETS \$15.00 PER PERSON**

**50/50 RAFFLE TICKETS \$5.00 EACH** Maximum Prize is \$1000

**CONTACTS FOR ALL TICKET/RESERVATIONS**  
Call or Text  
Phyllis Mather (757) 871-8683  
Forest Black (757) 778-0100

**EVENT SPONSORS**  
Larry Barfoot Federal Savings Bank, Newport News, VA  
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*Good Food, Great Drinks, Amazing Culture, ONE COMMUNITY!*

## **Thursday Bible Study this Thursday, June 25th**

Held 7-8 pm; new attendees welcome! Material used is published on the Episcopal website written by church teachers, organized by liturgical occasion & church season.

Join the Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84370729616?pwd=M2JoVGw1bVpEMFBFTk55QWphN2RPdz09>

## **Invitation to Compline with St. Mark's**

On Wednesday evenings at 7pm, St. Mark's hosts a service of healing prayers, followed by either traditional Compline or New Zealand Night Prayers. This usually takes no more than 20 minutes.

They would love to have other members of the PMP join them. It's presently hosted on the St. Mark's Zoom channel (info is below or click the Zoom icon at the bottom of [www.smechampton.org](http://www.smechampton.org)).

### **Join Zoom Meeting**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84430506697?pwd=bUlUNDZES1JscHFTcjdaQlptL2FEdz09>

**Meeting ID: 844 3050 6697**

**Password: 5414**

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**+1 253 215 8782 US**

**+1 267 831 0333 US**

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## **Discernment Retreat July 24-25 at Richmond Hill**

Have you sensed God calling you to something more but aren't yet sure what that might be? The Diocese of Southern Virginia invites you to a discernment retreat at Richmond Hill in Richmond, Virginia, for those exploring a deeper call to ministry. Whether you are discerning a new lay ministry, considering ordained ministry as a deacon or priest, or simply seeking greater clarity about where God may be leading you, this retreat offers a space for prayer, reflection, and conversation. Participants will learn about the many forms of ministry in the Church, explore their gifts and sense of vocation, gain an understanding of the ordination discernment process, and identify possible next steps on their journey. The retreat begins at 4:00 p.m. on Friday, July 24, and concludes by 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, July 25. The cost is \$140 for overnight participants and \$60 for commuters. Space is limited, so early registration is encouraged. Lay continuing education funds are available.

For questions or information about continuing education assistance, contact Canon Lynn Farlin at [lfarlin@diosova.org](mailto:lfarlin@diosova.org). [Click here](#) for more information and registration.

## **Thank You for Making BDOG a Success and for Helping More Campers Experience Chanco**

**We are still overflowing with gratitude. Because of your generosity and support, our 3rd Annual Big Day of Giving raised \$45,796 — 101% of our \$45,000 goal.**

What began as a fundraising goal became something much bigger: a reflection of the community that surrounds and uplifts Chanco on the James. Every gift, every share, and every story helped make this possible.

Thanks to your generosity and the growing interest in the Chanco experience, we are welcoming more campers than ever before. As we continue our mission of ensuring that every child who wants to come to camp has the opportunity to do so, we are also receiving a record number of scholarship requests from families seeking assistance.

**A gift to the Chanco Scholarship Fund helps open the door for children to experience the friendships, faith, adventure, and personal growth that make Chanco so special.**

- \$100 helps provide camp essentials
- \$250 helps offset a camper's registration cost
- \$500 provides significant scholarship support
- Any amount helps make camp accessible to a child in need

At Chanco on the James, we often say that stories aren't just told—they're lived. Your support helps ensure that financial circumstances do not stand in the way of a life-changing camp experience and that every child who dreams of spending a week at Chanco has the opportunity to do so.

Thank you for believing in this mission and for ensuring that campers continue to experience a place where they are known, loved, and transformed.

**We couldn't do it without you!**

**GIVE THE GIFT OF CHANCO**

### **St. George's Prayer List**

*Deania, Teresa & Steve S., Davidsinia, Christina M., Richard, Linell, Henrietta, Lacy, Wil, David G, Skip J., Darlene M., Gale, Sandra, Serena, Gerald, Joan M., Carmen, Jennifer H., Bobby, Gwen, Candace, Urith, Janette, Phyllis M., Calvin, Richard and Ronda T., Mary S., Pamela E., Bill B., Leslie T., Brian M., Connie, Billy, Celestina, Thelma, Aimee S., Mark, Yvette, and Connie H. **And Our Military:** Eduardo, Joe, Ashley, Charles, Anthony, Nyla, and Dominique.*

## Readings for June 28th

### The First Lesson

#### **Jeremiah 28:5-9**

The prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the LORD; and the prophet Jeremiah said, "Amen! May the LORD do so; may the LORD fulfill the words that you have prophesied, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the LORD, and all the exiles. But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the LORD has truly sent the prophet."

### The Psalm

#### **Psalm 89:1-4,15-18**

- 1 Your love, O LORD, for ever will I sing; \*  
from age to age my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness.
- 2 For I am persuaded that your love is established for ever; \*  
you have set your faithfulness firmly in the heavens.
- 3 "I have made a covenant with my chosen one; \*  
I have sworn an oath to David my servant:
- 4 'I will establish your line for ever, \*  
and preserve your throne for all generations.'"
- 15 Happy are the people who know the festal shout! \*  
they walk, O LORD, in the light of your presence.
- 16 They rejoice daily in your Name; \*  
they are jubilant in your righteousness.
- 17 For you are the glory of their strength, \*  
and by your favor our might is exalted.
- 18 Truly, the LORD is our ruler; \*  
the Holy One of Israel is our King.

## **The Epistle**

### **Romans 6:12-23**

Do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies; to make you obey their passions. No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification.

When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. So, what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

## **The Gospel**

### **Matthew 10:40-42**

Jesus said, "Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple-- truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward."