

St. James Lutheran Church

"Growing in Christ Through Worship, Learning,
Fellowship, and Service."

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WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 3

SUNDAY WORSHIP



FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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the delight of his heart. When Peter doesn't grasp Jesus' words about suffering, Jesus tells the disciples they will find their lives in losing them. Such sacrificial love is described by Paul when he urges us to associate with the lowly and not repay evil with evil. In worship we gather as a community that we might offer ourselves for the sake of our suffering world.



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A Parish of the North Carolina Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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Welcome!

St. James is a house of prayer where all people can come to know the compassionate heart of Jesus. We are a community of Christians where you can belong before you believe. At Saint James the beauty of an ancient worship and traditional spiritual practices transform contemporary lives. Join us as together we discover the sacred in the heart of the city. Our worship includes ancient and contemporary symbols and practices along with preaching and music to inspire you to follow Jesus in your daily life. We welcome both the spiritual seeker and seasoned disciple to find their home in God with us. If you are looking for a spiritual home or just exploring the life of faith, we hope you will walk with us on that journey of discovery.

**FOURTEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST**
SEPTEMBER 3, 2023
10:00 A.M.

Introduction to Today's Worship

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Sunday Worship for will be live-streamed on YouTube beginning at 9:45 on Sunday morning. An email with the link will be sent on Sunday morning. You can also watch a recorded version later by visiting our [YouTube Page](#).

You can open or print the bulletin and follow along with the service.

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ON THE CALENDAR THIS WEEK

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Sunday, September 3

9:15 am Parish Choir
10:00 am Worship

Monday, September 4

Office Closed-Labor Day

Tuesday, September 5

10:30 am Mary Magdalene Circle
5:00 pm Executive Comm.
6:00 pm Property Comm.

Wednesday, September 6

2:00 pm Staff Meeting

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

03-Sep William Propst

04-Sep Kim Haberman

04-Sep Patrick Propst

05-Sep Simon Lovelace

05-Sep Ashleigh Matthews

06-Sep Sophie Horton

06-Sep Trey Horton

06-Sep Dylan Urso

06-Sep Paul Winterhalter

08-Sep Laura Overby

08-Sep Edith Propst

7:00 pm Parish Choir

09-Sep Dianne Lambert

Sunday, September 10

9:15 am Parish Choir
10:00 am Worship
11:30 am God's Work. Our Hands.

COMING SOON

Sep. 10 Pastor Bill's First Sunday

Sep. 10 God's Work. Our Hands.

Sep. 12 Lively Leisures

Sep. 11-13 My Father's House

SEPTEMBER 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 Pentecost 14 9:15 am Parish Choir 10:00 am Worship	4 Labor Day	5 10:30 am Mary Magdalene Circle 5:00 pm Executive Committee 6:00 pm Property Committee	6 2:00 pm Staff Meeting 7:00 pm Parish Choir	7 6:00 pm Handbells	8	9
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SUNDAY MINISTERS

LECTOR/INTERCESSORS

Sep 03 Margaret Garrison
Sep 10 Christine Ruff
Sep 17 Margaret Garrison
Sep 24 Christine Ruff

COMMUNION ASSISTANT

Sep 03 Anne Hodges
Sep 10 Mark Murphy
Sep 17 Dianne Lambert
Sep 24 Margaret Garrison

VIDEOGRAPHER

Sep 03 Chris Miller
Sep 10 LeeAnn Miller
Sep 17 Ann Blackwelder
Sep 24 Needed

COUNCIL PERSON OF THE MONTH

Sep Kim Haberman

SEPTEMBER USHERS

Chip Blackwelder, Michael

ACOLYTES

Sept 03 Noah Dixon

Sept 10 Josh Rinker

Sept 17 Noah Dixon

Sept 24 Finley Stephens

GREETERS

Sept 03 Samantha Hillegass

Sept 10 Sylvia Corl

Sept 17 Joyce Smith

Sept 24 Barbara Albright

Rinker, Ashley Cline, Jeff Koenig

FLOWERS

Sept 03 Kim Haberman

Sept 10 Dale & Barbara Merrell

Sept 17 Available

Sept 24 Jim & Laurie Miller

CHURCH NEWS



MY FATHER'S HOUSE

St. James and St. John's will be hosting My Father's House ministry on September 11-13. St. James will provide the meal on September 11-12. There are presently 5 adults and 8 children in the ministry. Monday's meal, September 11 has already been taken care of.

If you can provide an item for September 12, please let Sylvia Corl know. She will be glad to pick up items from your home if you let her know. Thank you so much for support of this ministry.

LIVELY LEISURES

Lively Leisures are meeting in the Fellowship Hall at St. James at 12:00 pm on September 12. Everyone is invited to attend. Joe Hudson will be our special guest sharing photos and information on his extensive Day Lilly collection.



Lively Leisures



MARY MAGDALENCE CIRCLE

The Mary Magdalence Circle will meet in the St. James Fellowship Hall on Tuesday, September 5 at 10:30 am. All ladies are warmly invited to attend.

CCM FOOD FOOD

NEEDS



COOPERATIVE
CHRISTIAN
MINISTRY

The CCM non-perishable food situation is getting critical! Our inventory is extremely low, while we continue to see a 30% increase in the number of households seeking food assistance over a year ago.

A collection box will be in the Portico area.

Pantry items needed:

- Canned Chicken and Tuna
- Other Canned Meats (Hash, Chili, Vienna Sausages, etc.)
- Canned green beans, corn, peas, carrots, potatoes and mixed vegetables
- Tomatoes
- Pasta Sauce
- Any kind of canned beans (Pinto, Chili, Kidney, etc.) except for baked beans/pork & beans
- Peanut Butter
- Macaroni & Cheese
- Pasta (spaghetti or other)
- Any Canned Fruit (Mixed, Peaches, Pears, Pineapple, etc.)
- Soup
- Cereal
- Toilet Paper and Paper Towels

CELEBRATING
10
YEARS

“God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday

September 10
2023

The graphic features two yellow hands with red hearts in the palms, flanking the text 'CELEBRATING 10 YEARS'. Below this is a yellow banner with the text '“God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday'. At the bottom, there are five icons in colored boxes: a blue box with a white person silhouette, a green box with a white plant, a yellow box with a white wrench, a red box with a white envelope, and a purple box with a white hammer. To the right of these icons is a yellow box containing the text 'September 10 2023'.

Join us for God’s Work Our Hands on September 10th after church service. GWOH is a nationwide ELCA activity providing an afternoon of service to those in our community. Immediately after Service that Sunday we will offer a bag lunch in the fellowship hall. During lunch find the team lead for the activity you have signed up for to let them

know you are present. After lunch, please proceed to your activity. We have 5 activities to choose from.

1. Filling quart freezer bags with rice and dried beans, we will also assemble hygiene kits. Activity is in the Fellowship Hall. The completed items will be delivered to CCM during the workweek. Michael Rinker is the lead.
2. Quilting Ministry in the education building of the church on the first floor. Ann Blackwelder is the lead.
3. CVAN yard work on Bell St. Chip Popovici is the lead.
4. Big Brothers and Big Sisters – writing encouraging notes and filling snack bags. Katie Popovici is the lead.
5. Opportunity House on Corban Ave. – organizing donations and room cleaning. Samantha Hillegass is the lead.

Please see the online sign up page on the church website or use the link on the weekly Ring out. You can also order your GWOH t-shirt when you sign up for an activity. We are using the same t-shirt design as last year. Please call Chip Popovici at 484-772-5963 with questions.

[**SIGN UP NOW**](#)

BLESSING BOX

For the month of September, St James has the opportunity to stock the blessing box at Rotary Square. Items can be put directly into the box or left in the red Blessing Box bin that is just inside the rear door of the church.



Please see the list of items below. Thank you for being a blessing in our community. Mark Murphy will be the contact person for any questions.

- Canned goods / Crackers / Cereal
- Bags of rice / Ramen / Pasta
- Peanut butter / Jelly
- Granola bars / Raisins
- Fruit snacks / Pudding cups / Fruit cups
- Baby food / Bottled water
- Other non-perishables
- Shampoo / Soap / Deodorant
- Toothbrush and toothpaste

THANK YOU, PASTOR CRAIG



Pastor Craig,
You have been a blessing to the people of St. James over the last year. Your kind heart, your dedication to serving, and your life lived as a true disciple of Christ have been such an inspiration and a blessing! We wish you and Marian the best in your next call. Godspeed and Farewell good and faithful servant.



Dear friends at St. James.

We will always be grateful to God for the opportunity to be among you and minister with you for the last eleven months. From the very first you have been welcoming, open to suggestions, supportive, and loving. We are especially thankful to you for the kindness and concern/ you showed toward us in the aftermath of our accident in July 9. It has been exciting to be part of a congregation with so many gifted folks who are willing to use those gifts for the sake

of the gospel.

We were overwhelmed by the thoughtful reception that you provided for us on our last Sunday among you. The choice of an ice cream bar revealed just how well you have gotten to know us! The beautiful print by Bill Grady will always remind us of you, and the gift from the children will make us think of how much we have enjoyed them. Your generous gift card will certainly come in handy on our upcoming beach trip!

We are excited for what the future holds for you as you welcome Pastor Bill Ridenhour. We will keep you in our prayers always, and we ask that you pray for us as we begin a new adventure in Richfield.

Love,
Pastor Craig and Marian Saltzer



CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to David Scott and Amy Hardister on the birth of their son, Noah Chase. He was born on August 26, 2023. The proud Grandparents are Bill and Reggie Hardister.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to John and Allison Hinson on the birth of their son, Miles Finnegan. He was born on August 29, 2023. The proud Grandparents are Frank and Jill Irvin.

Family and Friends

- Family of Doris Francis, daughter-in-law of Martha



- Summers.
- Larry Brayboy and family, friends of Nancy Faggart
 - Steve Conrad, Lauri Lyn Hodges, friends of Al and Dee Pieschel
 - Christ the King Lutheran Church, Whiteville, NC

Members of St. James

- Patsy Black
- Tom Grady
- Tom Ridenhour
- Bill Fisher

IN MEMORY OF

Lee David Ballard

Given by Ed and Betsy Ballard



Jane Brethauer

Given by Ed and Betsy Ballard

Sandra Faggart

Given by Dogwood Garden Club

Lyn McEachern

Given by Ed and Betsy Ballard

Given by Fuller and Jean Beasley

Given by Bub and Jane Craver

Given by Jean Stanhope

Given by Morrison and Betty Honeycutt

Given by Hand and Foot Card Group

Given by Douglas McAnulty and Family (Organ Fund)

Given by John and Margaret Morrison

Given by Rebecca Phillips

Given by Glenda Poole (Organ Fund)

Donnie Miller

Given by Ed and Betsy Ballard

Given by Glenda Poole (Organ Fund)

Jimmy Propst

Given by Bub and Jane Craver

Given by Patty Propst

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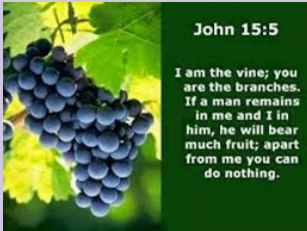
Pastor Craig and Marian Saltzer

Given by Nancy Faggart (My Father's House)

Keith Sutton, *for his loyal service to St. James*

Given by Tommy Propst

CHURCHWIDE / COMMUNITY



WE ARE THE BRANCHES

Each week we will remember in prayer our brothers and sisters at one of our partner Lutheran churches in the NC Synod. Please lift them up in your prayers during the week also.

I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. ~John 15:5

Christ the King Lutheran/Grace Episcopal Whiteville, NC

105 S Madison St
Whiteville, NC 28472



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Sarah's Song



An Original Musical Drama Portraying Sarah and Abraham's Quest to Follow God

- Thursday, September 14th 7:30 pm
- Friday, September 15th 7:30 pm

Kimball Memorial Lutheran Church

101 Vance St.

Kannapolis, NC 28081

SARAH'S SONG COMING TO KANNAPOLIS **Local Church to Present Original Musical**

Members of Kimball Memorial Lutheran Church and The First Presbyterian Church of Kannapolis along with Dance Dreams Studio will present an original musical drama based on the lives of Sarah and Abraham from the Bible on September 14th and 15th at 7:30 pm at Kimball Memorial Lutheran Church in Kannapolis.

The story originates in Harran, Mesopotamia in approximately the year 2000 BC. As the prologue tells us, "Empires are disintegrating, people are leaving and smaller city-states and fiefdoms are springing up. In the Chaldean Empire, in the city of Harran, Sarah and Abraham

are on the move.” Their arrival in Canaan as they might have supposed, was not the end of their journey. From the harem in Egypt to the Mount Moriah altar, their quest to follow God tested the metal of a man and drew forth the heart of a woman.

The role of Sarah is played by Lucinda Stewart and the role of Abraham is played by Whit Whitley. Sarah’s Song contains 11 original songs and an original script by Don and Kay Simmons. Don is the Music Director at Kimball Memorial Lutheran Church, a former college instructor, secondary school teacher, and accompanist for the Piedmont Choral Society. He is a classically trained organist and pianist. Kay is a prolific songwriter and poet. She is also a registered nurse.



CABARRUS COUNTY
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STAY ALERT!
INFO FOR SENIORS AND THEIR CAREGIVERS
TO HELP YOU AVOID FRAUD AND SCAMS.

SEPTEMBER 12, 2023, TIME: 9AM-12:30PM
Living Waters Church/Kannapolis LunchPlus
162 N. Little Texas Rd., Kannapolis, 28083
LIGHT REFRESHMENTS AND COMMUNITY RESOURCES

FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

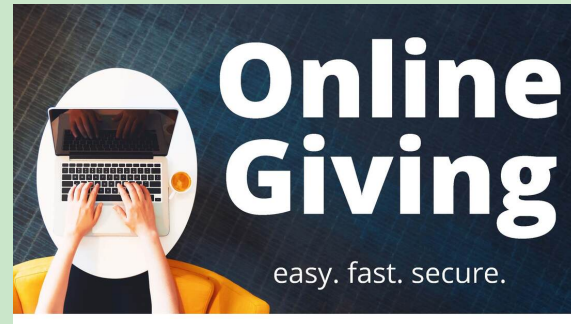
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CABARRUS COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

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- **Jill Irvin, Financial Administrator** [Email](#)
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- **Kathryn Radcliffe, Nursery Coordinator** [Email](#)
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