



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



Ring Out - Week of April 28, 2024

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

Introduction to Sunday's Worship

This Sunday's image of how the risen Christ shares his life with us is the image of the vine. Christ the vine and we the branches are alive in each other, in the mystery of mutual abiding described in the gospel and the first letter of John. Baptism makes us a part of Christ's living and life-giving self and makes us alive with Christ's life. As the vine brings food to the branches, Christ feeds us at his table. We are sent out to bear fruit for

Download Bulletin



Sunday Worship 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.

Watch the Live Stream

On the Calendar...

THIS WEEK

The Week Ahead

Sunday, April 28

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

9:00 am Adult SS

9:00 am Parish Choir

9:30 am Children's SS

10:00 am Worship

11:15 am Social Ministry
Committee (Parlor)

Monday, April 29

10:30 am Quilting Group

6:30 pm Scouts

SUNDAY

Sunday Ministries

LECTOR/INTERCESSOR

April 28 Gretchen Walker

May 5 Chris Miller

COMMUNION

ASSISTANT

April 28 Christine Ruff

May 5 Elizabeth Hurley

ACOLYTES

April 28 Noah Pittard

May 5

6:30 pm Bible Study

Tuesday, April 30
CVAN Meal

Wednesday, May 1
6:00 pm Bella Voce
7:00 pm Parish Choir

Thursday, May 2
6:00 pm Handbells

Sunday, May 5
Sixth Sunday of Easter
9:00 am Adult SS
9:00 am Parish Choir
9:30 am Children's SS
10:00 am Worship

GREETERS

April 28 Kristin Rinker
May 5 Sylvia Corl

VIDEOGRAPHER

April 28 John Patterson
May 5 Ann Blackwelder

APRIL USHERS

Chip Blackwelder, Michael Rinker, Ashley Cline, Jeff Koenig, Barbara Albright

MAY USHERS

Wendell Overby, Frank Irvin, Tony Folino, Nick Lovelace, Jason Pittard.

BUILDING SUPERVISOR

Wendell Overby

ALTAR FLOWERS

April 28 Jean Beasley
May 5 Ashley & Jeff Koenig

Online Calendar



Happy Birthday!

28 April - Kara Bestler

29 April - Sam Hurley, Cheryl Webb, Stacey Wilson

1 May - Anna Grace Carver

3 May - Charlotte Glatz, Edwin Glatz, Joy Lineberger

4 May - Thomas Baker, Deedee Gilbert, John Kuly, Trent Propst

Volunteer!

Please consider volunteering for one for the remaining 2024 dates.

Contact **Scott Foppiano** directly to sign up as lector.



Lector



Communion
Assistant



Videographer

Altar Flowers



Please consider placing flowers at the altar this year!
Cost is \$100 to cover the two arrangements.
Click below for open dates.

Sign Up for Altar Flowers

Announcements

Pastor Bill is not emailing you about gift cards - A reminder to read like a skeptic

From: **Bill Ridenhour** <billridenhour.sjnc@gmail.com>
Date: Wed, Apr 24, 2024, 12:32 PM
Subject:
To:

 **This is a fictitious email address**

Could you please let me know if you are available to talk further regarding a private request I have for your assistance?

Pastor Bill Ridenhour

Some folks at St. James received an email this week that looked as if it came from me. The email stated that I needed your “assistance” or it was asking you to help me with gift cards.

My St. James email account was spoofed. A nefarious individual(s) was

treading on my good name with you hoping to use you for their illicit gain.

Folks, we live in a day and time when you simply cannot trust communication at face value. My St. James email address is prbill@sjnc.net. That is NOT the email addresses shown in the email itself. If you receive emails like this in the future, please hit the pause button. Please check the addresses. Please show the email to a trusted family member or friend. Please check with “the sender” (in this case that would be me) by a means of communication you know is correct, such as St. James’ phone number. And for goodness sake NEVER buy gift cards based on an email communication, no matter how sincere or gut wrenching the email. Be a skeptic. Trust and verify before doing anything.

Finally, specifically as concerns me, if I am in true need of your help, I am not going to use email. Here are two links from the FTC that might be a helpful reminder.

[How to Recognize and Avoid Phishing Scams](#)
[Your boss isn't emailing you about a gift card](#)

Grant Received for Bell Tower Roof Replacement

Thank You to the Cannon Foundation! - St. James Lutheran Church received a grant award from the Charles A. Cannon Trust in the amount of \$35,000 to help cover part of the expense for replacing the Bell Tower roof.

St. James Bell Tower History - On October 9, 1927, a special service was held to lay the cornerstone of St James Lutheran church third and present building. Built of Tudor Gothic lines, ninety tons of steel and thirty carloads of Indiana limestone went into the construction. Three Scotsmen were the master masons and the decorator of the interior was an artist from Damascus. The magnificent belfry became home to the original church bell which was cast by Bernhardt, Philadelphia in 1843. Tolling on its own until 1966 when 23 magnificent Van Bergen Carillon bells were added. The BLANCHE BROWN COLTRANE MEMORIAL CARILLON was given to the Glory of God by her husband and children, L.D. Coltrane, Jr., L.D. Coltrane, III and Betty Gay Bivens. Presently, the bell tower roof has two coverings – the original roof covered by a second one which is now over fifty years old.



The project should remove both the original and second roof so damage can be fixed and a new roof added. The grant was awarded in early March and funds received in late March. The project is expected to start mid-June.

Upcoming Programs & Events

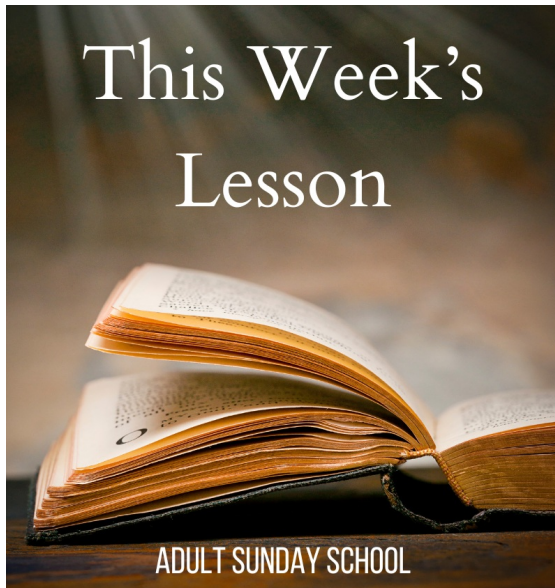
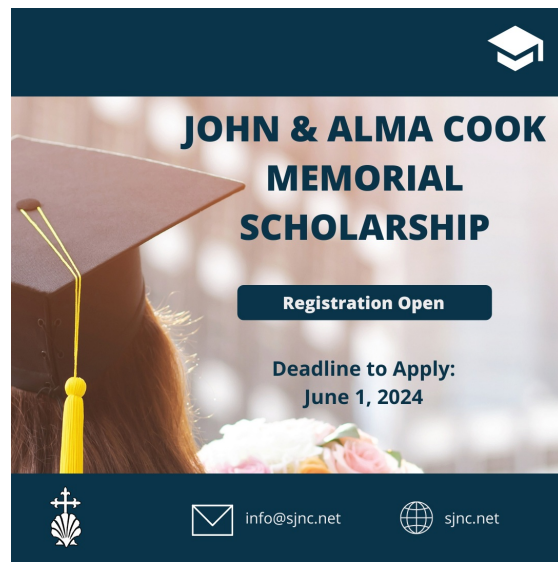
John and Alma Cook Memorial Scholarship

In 1968, John M. Cook, Jr. established an endowment to assist college and graduate students who are members of St. James Lutheran Church by helping with their tuition expenses.

The Cook Trust Fund Committee is now accepting applications for the 2024/2025 academic school year.

Interested applicants can email holly@sjnc.net for an application. Please confirm if you are a first-time or returning applicant so you will receive the appropriate forms.

Deadline to return application is June 1, 2024.



Adult Sunday School

Summary for Sunday -

Gospel of John Movie - Chapter 11 & 12 - Jesus demonstrates that He has the Power to heal and the Power over Death itself. His Teachings will be hard for many to follow!

Click below for Sunday's outline.

[Lesson outline for 4/28/24](#)

Sundays @ 9:00am in the Flex Room

Reminders

Spring Bible Study

Bible Study has returned for the Spring. Join us in the Fellowship Hall **every Monday at 6:30pm** through May 20 for the Year of Mark (Cycle B in the lectionary).



ST. JAMES LUTHERAN CHURCH
GROWING IN CHRIST
EST. 1843

RIVER OF Life

Vacation Bible School
Save the Dates
July 28 - 30, 2024

All volunteers will be required to have a current *Safe Gatherings* background check. Contact Debbie in the Church Office to sign up as a volunteer.
704-786-0166 | info@sjnc.net

Vacation Bible School

Please save the dates **July 28-30, 2024** for Vacation Bible School. All volunteers will be required to have a current *Safe Gatherings* background check. Please contact the church office to receive instructions as to how to complete this process.

More...

Cabarrus Resource Conference
for Behavioral Health and Disabilities
Saturday April 27, 2024

For parents, caregivers, providers, and community members to learn about the resources, services, and education concerning behavioral health, trauma, substance abuse disorder, autism, and disabilities.

RESERVE YOUR SPOT NOW!

- Event is **Free of Cost**
- Refreshments will be provided

9AM-12PM

Kannapolis Performing Arts
415 Martin Luther King Jr. Ave
Kannapolis, NC 28083

También se ofrecerán sesiones de español.

Cabarrus Resource Conference for Behavioral Health & Disabilities

The Resource Conference invites parents, caregivers and adult individuals to receive information, gain knowledge and make connections with local service providers, agencies and non-profits that are serving Cabarrus County residents with mental health, disabilities and substance use disorders.

Conference is **Saturday, April 27, 8:30am - Noon**. There will be tables to visit to gather information, materials and make connections open from 8:30am-12:00pm. Conference ends at 12:00pm. Drop in the auditorium to hear guest speakers discuss specific topics that families need to know! Visit the tables anytime during the conference. Stay as long or as

little as you desire.

[Click here for full program.](#)



Piedmont Choral Society @ Calvary Lutheran

The Piedmont Choral Society will perform on **Friday, May 3 at 7pm and Sunday, May 5 at 3pm** at Calvary Lutheran Church. This will be a free concert; no ticket required!

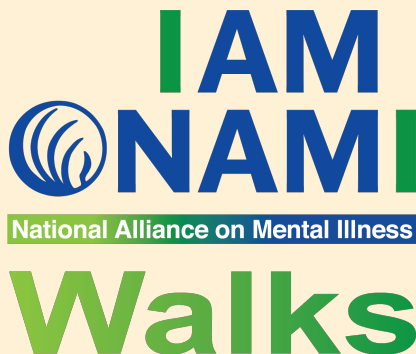
Calvary Lutheran Church
950 Bradley St., Concord, NC 28025.



Free Cabarrus County Pre-K!

Do you live in Cabarrus County?
Will your child turn 4 years old on or before August 31?
Would you like to know if you qualify for an upcoming preschool program?

Visit www.cabarruspartnership.org or call 704-933-8278 for info!



National Alliance for Mental Illness

NAMIWalks powers the life-changing work of NAMI Cabarrus, And NAMI Cabarrus powers “Mental Health for All.” Join NAMIWalks Cabarrus on **May 18, 2024 at 9am** at Frank Liske Park.

Together, everyone will be NAMIWalks 2024 — through commitment, unity, and laughter leading up to, and of course on, Walk Day.

Registration is live | Vendor opportunities available. -NAMI Cabarrus Super Team (namiwalks.org)

IN OUR PRAYERS



Tom Grady
Tom Ridenhour
Noah Clifton
Linda & Paul Jones
(Family of Barbara & Dale Merrell)
Susan Tadlock
(Friend of Deb Black)
Mary Dorothy White
(Friend of Patsy Black)



Online Giving

You can manage your giving online! Giving online is easy and allows you to set up automatic recurring contributions or make a one time contribution and view your complete online giving history from anywhere you have access to the internet. In a few short minutes, you can make a one-time gift or set up a donation that will process automatically on a recurring basis. Recurring donations are convenient and provide our church with much needed consistent support throughout the year.

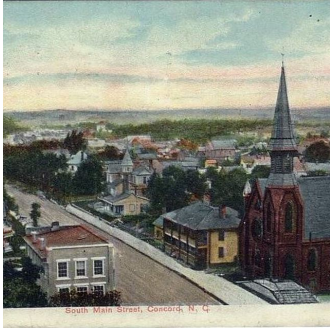


Ways to Give

Keep in touch!

Follow St. James on [Instagram](#) & [Facebook](#)!

Be sure to tag [@stjamesnc](#) when posting so we may share!



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