

# St. James Lutheran Church

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

## Ring Out A Weekly Newsletter



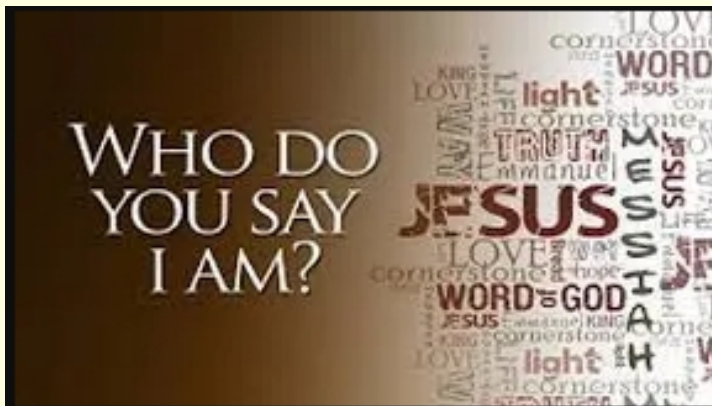
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## WEEK OF AUGUST 27

### SUNDAY WORSHIP



### THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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# Saint James Lutheran Church

A Parish of the South 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 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.

**THIRTEENTH SUNDAY  
AFTER PENTECOST  
AUGUST 27, 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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LIVESTREAM](#)



## ON THE CALENDAR THIS WEEK

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#### Sunday, August 27

9:15 am Parish Choir  
10:00 am Worship  
11:30 am Reception for  
Pastor Craig

#### Monday, August 28

10:30 am Quilting Group

#### Wednesday, August 29

7:00 pm Parish Choir

#### Sunday, September 3

9:15 am Parish Choir  
10:00 am Worship

### BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

**27-Aug** Abigail Bestler

**27-Aug** Lily Kartheiser

**29-Aug** Eva Horton

**29-Aug** Marcia Klauss

**30-Aug** Carson Crainshaw

**30-Aug** James Hughes

**30-Aug** Hunter Huss

**30-Aug** Donna Sloop

**31-Aug** Conner Gale

**01-Sep** Claire Ford

**01-Sep** Kathleen Francus

**02-Sep** Kathryn Radcliffe

## **COMING SOON**

**Aug. 27** Reception for  
Pastor Craig

**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

## **SUNDAY MINISTERS**

### **LECTOR/INTERCESSORS**

**Aug 27** Kim Haberman

**Sept 03** Needed

**Sept 10** Christine Ruff

**Sept 17** Margaret Garrison

**Sept 24** Christine Ruff

### **COMMUNION ASSISTANT**

**Aug 27** Ann Blackwelder

**Sept 03** Needed

**Sept 10** Mark Murphy

**Sept 17** Dianne Lambert

**Sept 24** Margaret Garrison

### **ACOLYTES**

**Aug 27** Finley Stephens

**Sept 03** Noah Dixon

**Sept 10** Josh Rinker

**Sept 17** Noah Dixon

**Sept 24** Finley Stephens

### **VIDEOGRAPHER**

**Aug 27** LeeAnn Miller

**Sept 03** Chris Miller

**Sept 10** LeeAnn Miller

**Sept 17** Ann Blackwelder

**Sept 24** Needed

### **COUNCIL PERSON OF THE MONTH**

**Aug** Jon Miller

**Sept** Kim Haberman

### **AUGUST USHERS**

Mark Murphy, Jimmy Harris, Jeff  
Jones, Jeff Gilbert, Chip  
Popovici, Phil Tesh

### **SEPTEMBER USHERS**

Chip Blackwelder, Michael  
Rinker, Ashley Cline, Jeff  
Koenig

### **FLOWERS**

**Aug 27** St. James

**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*

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.

## CCM FOOD FOOD NEEDS



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



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

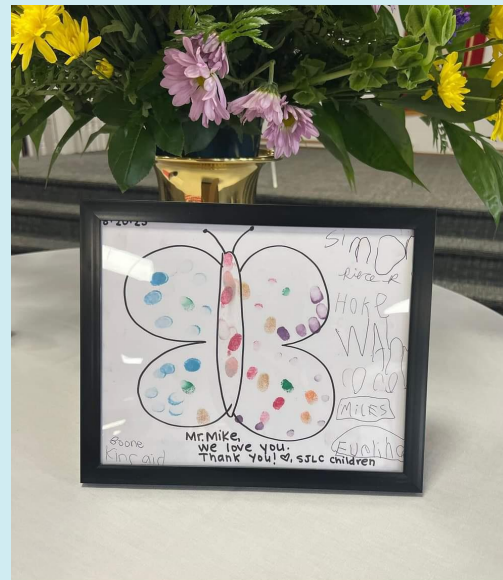
For the month of September, St James has the opportunity to stock the blessing box at Rotary Square. Items can be put directly into the box or left in the red Blessing Box bin that is just inside the rear door of the church.



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, MIKE HOLT





You have given so many of us a chance to serve with you as we heard you say.... "*I have an opportunity for you!*" and created so many *Memory Makers of Faith* for our youth and children. We wish you blessings in your retirement.

## RESIGNATION

September 6 will be my last day as Parish Administrator at St. James. Thank you for the opportunity to serve here for the past 4 years. There were many challenges as we endured Covid together which led to new ways of ministry: livestreaming, parking lot worship, Zoom meetings to name a few. I have developed some wonderful friendships and thank you for enriching my life. Best of luck in the future. God bless.

*Keith*



## Members of St. James

- Patsy Black
- Tom Grady

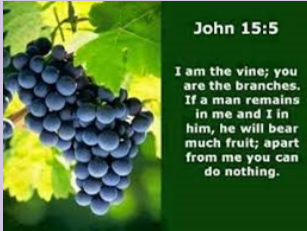
## Family and Friends

- 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
- David Reese, co-worker of Luke Parks
- St. Luke Lutheran Church

- Tom Ridenhour
- Bill Fisher

Ocean Isle Beach, NC

# 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*

**St. Luke  
Lutheran  
Church  
Ocean Isle  
Beach, NC**



5869 Ocean Highway  
Ocean Isle Beach NC 28469  
Pastor Chris Eichorn

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[St. Luke Lutheran Church](#)

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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 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> 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**  
**SCAM**  
**JAM!** 

**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**

**RSVP FOR LUNCH BY SEPT 6: 704-920-3484**

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**HEAR FROM THESE LOCAL EXPERTS:**  
CABARRUS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, STATE EMPLOYEES' CREDIT UNION,  
CABARRUS COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

## We need Restore Volunteers!

The Cabarrus ReStore is in need of volunteers to help Habitat Cabarrus run the operations of our amazing thrift shop. Every single year, our ReStore helps funds homes in our community. Join us in the fight for affordable housing by being a part of our ReStore family.

Register to volunteer here: [Volunteer Now](#)

### Calling for ReStore Volunteers

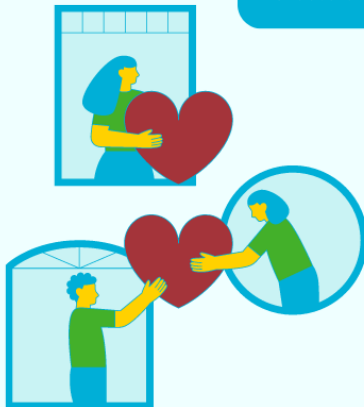
Are you looking for an opportunity to give back to your community? Do you have a passion for helping others? Then join our team of volunteers!

#### POSITION

- Cashier
- Warehouse
- Customer Service
- Greeters

#### BENEFIT

- Gain valuable skills
- Make connections
- Have fun
- Make a difference



Register at: [bit.ly/habcabvolunteer](https://bit.ly/habcabvolunteer)  
Or Scan the QR Code Below:



#### CONTACT INFORMATION

# Calvary—St. James



**YOUTH NEWS**  
A MINISTRY OF ST. JAMES AND CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH  
AUGUST, 2023

**JULY STARTED OUT WITH A BIG BANG AND HASN'T STOPPED!**  
The Aurora Wintergard hosted a Spaghetti Dinner in July, and the youth were right there giving Aurora a big hand! The Youth Ministry helped by guiding and partnering with the Aurora members in the kitchen, serving, bussing tables, filling drinks, cleaning up and




stepping up to help. Wherever there was a need, the youth were right there. A big Thank You goes out to Youth Ministry, those who helped in the kitchen, Sharon and David Fowler, the volunteers of Aurora, the parents, those who donated items for the silent auction and those who donated desserts. Together we raised around \$4,500 for Aurora and that is amazing! Thank you ALL!

**THE YOUTH MISSION TRIP** headed north to Altoona, PA, for this year's mission trip and we had a blast serving, participating in worship and having fun at Hershey Park! These guys are amazing! In four days, the youth painted the outside of a house, finished roofing a home, installed railings on a set of steps, installed railing and steps



## YOUTH NEWS, AUGUST

Included is the Youth News for August, 2023. We look back at a busy month is serving others.

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# CHURCH RESOURCES



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Even if you haven't served in the past, consider serving in these areas. Signups are always on our webpage at

<https://sjnc.net/sign-up-now>

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.



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- **Keith Sutton**, *Parish Administrator* [Email](#)
- **Jill Irvin**, *Financial Administrator* [Email](#)
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