

# St. James Lutheran Church

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

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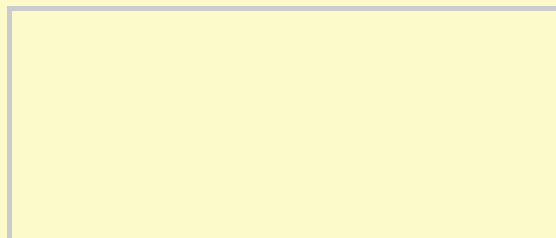
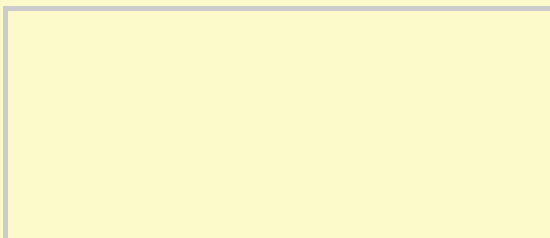
## WEEK OF AUGUST 6

### SUNDAY WORSHIP



#### TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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# Saint James Lutheran Church

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

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

## 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.

**TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**AUGUST 6, 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, August 06

- 9:15 am Parish Choir
- 10:00 am Worship-Blessing of Backpacks
- 11:20 am Social Ministry
- 4:00 pm Youth Games and Ice Cream

#### Monday, August 07

- 10:30 am Quilting Group
- Preschool Open House

#### Tuesday, August 08

- 11:00 am Finance Comm.
- 5:00 pm Executive Comm.
- 6:00 pm Church Council

### BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

- 06-Aug** Ellen Mitchener
- 07-Aug** Teresa Klauss
- 08-Aug** Sylvia Corl
- 10-Aug** Connie King
- 11-Aug** Lyle Glatz
- 12-Aug** Robert Davis
- 12-Aug** Renae Myers
- 12-Aug** Wayne Williams

### COMING SOON

- August 06** Blessing of the Backpacks

**Wednesday, August 09**

2:00 pm Staff Meeting

7:00 pm Ladies Choir  
Ensemble

**Sunday, August 13**

9:15 am Parish Choir

10:00 am Worship

**August 20** Reception for

Mike Holt

**August 27** Reception for

Pastor Craig

**September 10** Pastor Bill's

First Sunday

**September 10** God's Work.

Our Hands.

**SUNDAY MINISTERS**

**LECTOR/INTERCESSORS**

**August 06** Gretchen Walker

**August 13** Jodi Ramirez

**August 20** Barbara Albright

**August 27** Kim Haberman

**COMMUNION ASSISTANT**

**August 06** Dale Merrell

**August 13** Jodi Ramirez

**August 20** Anne Hodges

**August 27** Needed

**ACOLYTES**

**August 06** Jacob Rinker

**August 13** Jodi Ramirez, Logan  
Whisnant

**August 20** Noah Pittard

**August 27** Finley Stephens

**GREETERS**

**August 06**

**August 13**

**August 20**

**August 27**

**VIDEOGRAPHER**

**August 06** LeeAnn Miller

**August 13** Chris Miller

**August 20** Chris Miller

**August 27** Needed

**COUNCIL PERSON OF  
THE MONTH**

**August** Jon Miller

**AUGUST USHERS**

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

**FLOWERS**

**August 06** Kim Miller

**August 13** Robert/Debbie Davis

**August 20** Available

**August 27** Available

**CHURCH NEWS**





# VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

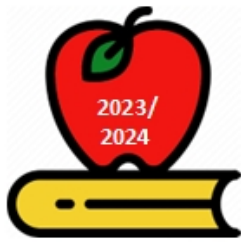
## Steller VBS - Shine Jesus' Light







***This Backpack  
was blessed at***



**St. James Lutheran  
Church  
Concord, NC**

## **BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS**

Join us on Sunday, August 06 for a special day! Our children from VBS will be singing some of the songs they learned and we will be blessing backpacks for the beginning of school. Each child will receive a tag they can attach to their backpack reminding them to let their light shine!

## **CCM FOOD FOOD NEEDS**



June was not quite as busy as July at our food pantries, but at the Crisis Center we still served the 5<sup>th</sup> most households in our history. So three of the top five months in our history have been in 2023! After being closed for a week at the end of June and beginning of July for inventory, the holiday, and resetting, we reopened to a record 94 households served in one day (between 2 shifts). Our CEO, Ed Hosack, explained so well in his July newsletter article about why this is happening in the midst of an apparently booming economy <https://cooperativeministry.com/news/>

Meanwhile, our inventory remains very low. It is not too late to consider sponsoring a special summer food drive for CCM! We can ALWAYS use more plastic grocery bags!

A collection box will be in the Portico area.

### **Pantry items needed:**

- Canned Chicken
- Other Canned Meats (Hash, Chili, Vienna Sausages, etc.)
- Canned peas, carrots, potatoes and mixed vegetables
- Pasta Sauce
- Any kind of canned beans (Pinto, Chili, Kidney, etc.) except for baked beans/pork & beans
- Peanut Butter
- Macaroni & Cheese
- Any Canned Fruit (Mixed, Peaches, Pears, Pineapple, etc.)
- 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.
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.
4. Big Brothers and Big Sisters – writing encouraging notes and filling snack bags
5. Opportunity House on Corban Ave. – organizing donations and room cleaning



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](#)



### Members of St. James

- Patsy Black
- Tom Grady
- Tom Ridenhour
- Barbara Merrell

### Family and Friends

- Pastor Craig Saltzer
- Marian Saltzer
- Lorene Ledford, mother of Deb Black
- Bishop Tim Smith
- Larry Brayboy, friend of Nancy Faggart
- Steve Conrad, Lauri Lyn Hodges, friends of Al and Dee Pieschel
- Old St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Conover, NC

## JULY MEMORIALS

### Lyn McEachern

Given by Ralph Barnhardt

Given by Al Brown (Cemetery Fund)

Given by Caroline Clyburn

Given by Nancy Faggart (VBS)

Given by Larry and Linda Fink

Given by Keith and Margaret Fink

Given by Don and Jo Ann Fowler (Cemetery Fund)

Given by Will and Ann Gillon

Given by Mary Ann Graham

Given by Jo Eng, Kelly Carpenter, Kim Haberman

Given by Nancy Haywood

Given by Fred and Dianne Lambert

Given by Dale and Barbara Merrell (Organ Fund)

Given by Jim and Laurie Miller

Given by Lex, Laura, and John Patterson (Cemetery Fund)

Given by Toby and Betty Jean Prewitt

Given by Tommy Propst

Given by Anne Reading



Given by Todd and Gretchen Walker  
Given by Mrs. A.W. Widenhouse, Jr.

### **Jimmy Propst**

Given by Nancy Haywood  
Given by Fred and Dianne Lambert  
Given by Lex, Laura, and John Patterson (Cemetery Fund)  
Given by Pat Propst and Family

### **Ed Rand**

Given by Fuller and Jean Beasley  
Given by Joseph Beasley  
Given by Will and Ann Gillon  
Given by Dale and Barbara Merrell (Organ Fund)  
Given by Lex, Laura, and John Patterson (Cemetery Fund)  
Given by Richard and Betty Sullivan  
Given by Todd and Gretchen Walker

### **Ed and Polly Rand**

Given by Nancy Faggart (VBS)

### **Jimmy Summers**

Given by Keith and Margaret Fink

### **Martha Summers**

Given by Keith and Margaret Fink  
Given by Lex, Laura, and John Patterson (Cemetery Fund)  
Given by John and Nancy Wagnon

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## **JULY HONORARIUMS**

### **Mike Holt**

Given by Nancy Faggart (VBS)

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## **RECYCLING**

Earlier this year we started using a dumpster for our garbage eliminating the outside cans. We still have the cans for recycling which are located at the end of the hallway near the Foard Street doors. They are kept inside so that they aren't used as garbage cans.





# CHURCHWIDE / COMMUNITY



John 15:5

I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.

## 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*

### Old St. Paul's Lutheran Church Conover, NC

2035 Old Conover-Startown Rd.  
Newton, NC 28658  
Pastor Andrew Miller



Learn More about  
[Old St. Paul's Lutheran Church](#)

## YOUTH MINISTRY



**AUGUST**

**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 Wintergrad 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, busing 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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**LECTOR**

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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>

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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](#)
- Scott Foppiano, *Organist / Director of Music* [Email](#)
- Mike Holt, *Youth and Family* [Email](#)
- Kathryn Radcliffe, *Nursery Coordinator* [Email](#)
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