

# St. James Lutheran Church

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

## Ring Out A Weekly Newsletter



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## WEEK OF JULY 16

### SUNDAY WORSHIP

#### SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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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 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.

**SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**JULY 16, 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, July 16

- 9:15 am Parish Choir
- 10:00 am Worship
- 11:20 am Summer of Service Lunch and Projects

#### Monday, July 17

- 10:30 am Quilting Group

#### Tuesday, July 18

- 1:30 pm AED/CPR Refresher
- 5:30 pm Mission Fund
- 6:00 pm AED/CPR Refresher

#### Wednesday, July 19

- 7:00 pm Ladies Choir

### BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

- 10-Jul Jim Weisel
- 16-Jul James Hughes, Jr.
- 16-Jul Beth Huss
- 16-Jul Janice Klauss
- 16-Jul Ann Ridenhour
- 16-Jul James Weisel
- 17-Jul Merrick Larkin
- 18-Jul Chris Deville
- 18-Jul Keith Fink
- 18-Jul Reggie Hardister
- 18-Jul Sid Hughes
- 21-Jul Ashley Cline

Ensemble

**Thursday, July 20**

11:00 am Lyn McEachern  
service

**Sunday, July 23**

9:00 am Evangelism  
9:15 am Parish Choir  
10:00 am Worship  
11:30 am VBS Setup

22-Jul Avery Ziegler

**COMING SOON**

**July 16** Summer of Service  
Lunch and Projects

**July 30 - August 1** Vacation  
Bible School

**SUNDAY MINISTERS**

**LECTOR/INTERCESSORS**

**July 16** Barbara Albright  
**July 23** Needed  
**July 30** Christine Ruff

**COMMUNION ASSISTANT**

**July 16** Kristin Rinker  
**July 23** Anne Hodges  
**July 30** Needed

**ACOLYTES**

**July 16** Finley Stephens  
**July 23** Noah Dixon  
**July 30** Noah Pittard

**GREETERS**

**July 16** Maureen Hollmeyer  
**July 23** Barbara Albright  
**July 30** Jean Beasley

**VIDEOGRAPHER**

**July 16** Chris Miller  
**July 23** Ann Blackwelder  
**July 30** Needed

**COUNCIL PERSON OF  
THE MONTH**

**July** Chip and Ann Blackwelder

**JULY USHERS**

Dale Merrell, Gretchen Walker,  
Robert Davis, Lex Patterson,  
Samantha Hillegass

**FLOWERS**

**July 16** Al and Dee Pieschel  
**July 23** Available  
**July 30** Elizabeth Horner

**CHURCH NEWS**

**PASTOR CRAIG AND MARIAN UPDATE**

After further evaluation at the hospital, it was determined that surgery would not be needed for Pastor Craig. He was discharged on Tuesday. Both are still uncomfortable but improving. Pastor Craig will be in a neck collar for several months. They are grateful for your

continued prayers and concern.

**If you want to send a card:**

Pastor Craig and Marian Saltzer  
208 Princeton Crossing  
Thomasville, NC 27360



## SUMMER OF SERVICE

Sunday, July 16

This is a multi-generational event so everyone is invited. You do not have to have children, to attend. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to interact with children and others of all ages. We will meet in the fellowship hall for a lite lunch and then spend God-time with Mr. Mike, games with Pastor Craig and other a special project, Food Drive for the Blessing Box and CCM. Make your reservation below so we can plan accordingly.

**Next Summer Service Event date: August 20**

[Sign Up Now](#)



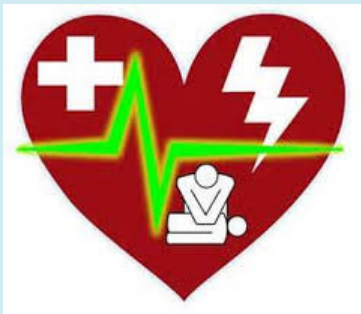
## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

### Stellar VBS - Shine Jesus' Light

July 30 - August 1

Need Some Space This Summer? Join us at St. James for an out-of-this-world experience. Adult volunteers are needed. If you can help contact LeeAnn Miller.

[Register to Attend](#)



# AED/CPR REFRESHER TRAINING

The Health and Safety Team is coordinating AED/CPR training for individuals at St. James. This is a refresher course in CPR and use of the AED device. (No Certifications) We would like to have as many people trained to handle an emergency, if it arises, when you are at the church. The sessions will be on Tuesday, **July 18** at two different times: 1:30 – 3:00 pm and 6:00 – 7:30 pm.

[Sign up for Course](#)



## BLESSING BOX / CCM FOOD DRIVE

**WE NEED YOUR HELP!!**  
**Ends this Sunday**

CCM is experiencing one of their biggest demands ever for non-perishable food. The number of families needing assistance continues to grow. From now until July 16, we will be collecting food to help meet this need. This is a wonderful service that they provide to the county. Some of you already participate by monthly donations. We are challenging others to step up and help. 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
- Any Canned Fruit (Mixed, Peaches, Pears, Pineapple, etc.)
- Cereal

As part of our Summer of Service activity on July 16, we will fill the Blessing Box in Rotary Square and then take food to CCM.

**Family and Friends**



- Pastor Craig Saltzer
- Marian Saltzer
- Lorene Ledford, mother of Deb Black
- Bishop Tim Smith
- St. Timothy Lutheran Church, Conover, NC

## Members of St. James

- Patsy Black
- Tom Grady
- Tom Ridenhour
- Barbara Merrell
- Buddy and Joan McEachern



## STEWARDSHIP

What is Lutheran stewardship?

Lutheran stewardship is the free and joyous activity of God's family — the church — in managing life's resources for His purposes.

We are looking for individuals at St. James that are willing to step-up and help us match opportunities to time and talents.

Our mission statement says, *"Growing in Christ through Worship, Learning, Fellowship and Service."* For more information, contact Beth Huss.

## THANK YOU

A huge thank-you to my St. James family! I appreciate more than you know the cards, meals, and prayers supporting me during my recent surgery. My healing continues. I am grateful for your love and generosity and for God's faithfulness.

*Thank  
you* 

*Margaret Garrison*

# 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*

### St. Timothy Lutheran Church Conover, NC

2610 Highland Ave NE  
Hickory, NC 28601  
Rev. Beth Miller-Zurell



Learn More about  
[St. Timothy Lutheran Church](#)

## SALVATION ARMY CENTER OF HOPE SHELTER



### TUCKER CENTER OF HOPE RIBBON-CUTTING CEREMONY

The Salvation Army of Cabarrus & Stanly Counties

JULY 26 | 4PM

Please join us for the ceremony at  
216 Patterson Avenue, Concord, NC 28025



Scan to RSVP or call 800-215-0196

FOR TICKETS VISIT <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/put-on-your-best-hat-tea-tickets-673534558997>

Or SCAN QR CODE



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## T.E.A.

Teaching Early Awareness on  
Mental Health and Suicide Prevention

**AUGUST 12, 2023 | 4PM to 7PM**

Harrisburg Presbyterian Church  
4815 NC 49, Harrisburg

\$15 Donation – all proceeds go to  
NAMI Cabarrus

Hors d'oeuvres ☞ Silent Auction ☞ Special Guest Speaker



## 2023 Summer Recital Series

Recitals begin at 7:00 pm unless otherwise noted - Free Admission.  
A freewill offering will be accepted at each recital to support the Stigall  
Scholarship Fund, which helps offset private organ instruction tuition for  
organ students in grades 6 –12.

Please refer to our website for the most up-to date schedule.  
[www.charlotteago.org](http://www.charlotteago.org)

<b>July 23</b>	<b>Royal School of Church Music</b> Closing Service 4 pm	<b>Myers Park Presbyterian Church</b> 2501 Oxford Pl. Charlotte
<b>July 23</b>	<b>Monty Bennett 7 pm</b>	<b>St. John's Baptist Church</b> 300 Hawthorne Ln. Charlotte
<b>July 30</b>	<b>Kevin Haney, M. L. Marley 5 pm</b>	<b>First Methodist Church of Conover</b> 410 1st Ave N. Conover

## YOUTH MINISTRY



# Calvary—St. James



## JULY NEWSLETTER

Summer has hit and the youth are off and running. Beach Trips, Mission Trips, and Vacation Bible School to name a few. Find out more!

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## CHURCH RESOURCES



**ALTAR FLOWERS**

[RESERVE FLOWERS](#)



**LECTOR**

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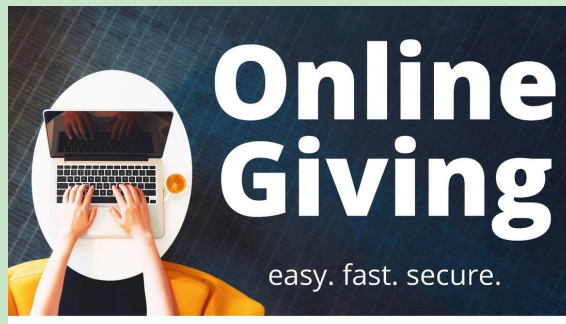


**COMMUNION ASST.**

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