

# St. James Lutheran Church

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

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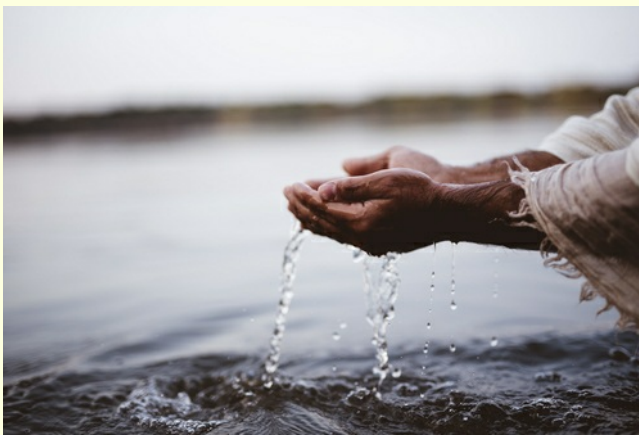
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## SUNDAY WORSHIP



### FIFTH 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.

## FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 2, 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 2

9:15 am Parish Choir  
10:00 am Worship  
7:00 pm Summer Organ Recital Series at St. James

### Monday, July 3

10:30 am Quilting Group

### Tuesday, July 4

Independence Day  
*Church Office Closed*

### Wednesday, July 5

11:00 am Ed Rand Funeral  
~12:00 pm Visitation in the Parlor

### Sunday, July 9

9:15 am Parish Choir  
10:00 am Worship

## BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

**03-Jul** Dale Merrell

**03-Jul** Alisa Wilkinson

**05-Jul** Chase Crainshaw

**08-Jul** Judy King

## COMING SOON

**July 2 - 8** Youth Mission

Trip to Altoona, PA

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

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

# JULY 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<b>2 Pentecost 5</b> 9:15 am Parish Choir 10:00 am Worship 11:15 am Social Ministry 7:00 pm Summer Organ Recital at St. James  Youth Mission Trip	3 10:30 am Quilting Group  Youth Mission Trip	4 Church Office Closed   Youth Mission Trip	5  Youth Mission Trip	6  Youth Mission Trip	7  Youth Mission Trip	8  Youth Mission Trip
<b>9 Pentecost 6</b> 9:15 am Parish Choir 10:00 am Worship	10 10:30 am Quilting Group	11 5:00 pm Executive Committee 6:00 pm Congregation Council	12 2:00 pm Staff Meeting 7:00 pm Ladies Choir Ensemble	13	14	15 8:30 am Leah's Hope Trailer
<b>16 Pentecost 7</b> 9:15 am Parish Choir 10:00 am Worship 11:20 am Summer of Service	17 10:30 am Quilting Group	18 1:30 pm CPR/AED Refresh 5:30 pm Mission Fund Committee 6:00 pm CPR/AED Refresh	19 7:00 pm Ladies Choir Ensemble	20	21	22
<b>23 Pentecost 8</b> 9:00 am Evangelism 9:15 am Parish Choir 10:00 am Worship  11:30 am VBS Setup	24 10:30 am Quilting Group  VBS Setup	25  VBS Setup	26 2:00 pm Staff Meeting 7:00 pm Ladies Choir Ensemble  VBS Setup	27  VBS Setup	28	29
<b>30 Pentecost 9</b> 9:15 am Parish Choir 10:00 am Worship  5:30 pm VBS	31 10:30 am Quilting Group  5:30 pm VBS	01 Preschool Teachers Back  5:30 pm VBS				

Download July  
Calendar

## SUNDAY MINISTERS

### LECTOR/INTERCESSORS

**July 02** Christine Ruff  
**July 09** Jodi Ramirez  
**July 16** Needed  
**July 23** Needed  
**July 30** Christine Ruff

### COMMUNION ASSISTANT

**July 02** Anne Hodges  
**July 09** Jodi Ramirez  
**July 16** Needed  
**July 23** Anne Hodges  
**July 30** Needed

### ACOLYTES

**July 02** Josh Rinker  
**July 09** Jodi Ramirez, Logan  
 Whisnant  
**July 16** Finley Stephens  
**July 23** Noah Dixon  
**July 30** Noah Pittard

### VIDEOGRAPHER

**July 02** Ann Blackwelder  
**July 09** Ann Blackwelder  
**July 16** Annette Propst  
**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 02** Available  
**July 09** Available  
**July 16** Available  
**July 23** Available  
**July 30** Elizabeth Horner

## **GREETERS**

**July 02** Joyce Smith

**July 09** Sylvia Corl

**July 16** Maureen Hollmeyer

**July 23** Barbara Albright

**July 30** Jean Beasley

# **CHURCH NEWS**



## **SUMMER OF SERVICE**

Mark your calendars now for Sunday, July 16 after worship. 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.

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

[Sign Up Now](#)



## **PRAYERS**

### **Members of St. James**

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

### **Family and Friends:**

- Lorene Ledford, mother of Deb Black
- Bishop Tim Smith
- Holly Grove Lutheran Church, Lexington, NC





## 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](#)



## WEDNESDAY NIGHTS TOGETHER SURVEY

The Parish Fellowship Committee is discussing ways to increase participation in Wednesdays Together. Please share with us your responses in the following survey.

[Take the Survey](#)



## SUMMER ORGAN RECITAL SERIES

This coming Sunday, July 2 at 7:00 pm we will be hosting the AGO Summer Recital Series featuring Chase Douthit, a 2023 Baylor

University Graduate. The recital series is sponsored by the Charlotte Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. Free admission. A free-will offering will be accepted to support the Stigall Scholarship Fund, which helps provide organ instruction for students in grades 6-12.

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## 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](#)

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## BLESSING BOX / CCM FOOD DRIVE

**WE NEED YOUR HELP!!**

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

# 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*

## Holly Grove Lutheran Church Lexington, NC

212 Holly Grove Lutheran Church Rd  
Lexington, NC 27292  
Rev. Anna E. Carter



Learn More about  
[Holly Grove Lutheran Church](#)



## 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 2</b>	<b>Chase Douthit 7 pm</b> 2023 Baylor University Graduate	<b>St. James Lutheran Church</b> 104 Union St. Concord
<b>July 7</b>	<b>Stephen Williams 7 pm</b> First Friday Concert Series	<b>St. Luke's Episcopal Church</b> 1313 W. Council St. Salisbury
<b>July 16</b>	<b>No Program</b>	
<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



**NAMI Family-to-Family**  
National Alliance on Mental Illness

**NAMI Family-to-Family** is a free, 8-session education program for family, friends, and significant others of adults with mental health conditions. NAMI Family-to-Family provides information about anxiety, depressive disorders, schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, dual diagnosis, and other mental health conditions. Other topics covered include communication, problem solving, treatment and recovery.

The course is designed to increase understanding and advocacy skills while helping participants maintain their own well-being. The program is taught by trained family members who have a loved one with a mental health condition. NAMI Family-to-Family is an evidence-based program (EB). For information on the research base for the program, visit [nami.org/research](http://nami.org/research).

NAMI offers the NAMI Family-to-Family Education Program free of charge to participants, beginning **July 11, 2023**. For more information and how to register, please contact **NAMI Cabarrus** at **704.436.8736** or register online at [namicabarrus.org](http://namicabarrus.org).



**NAMI Family-to-Family**  
National Alliance on Mental Illness

#### Participant Perspectives

*"This course overall was the single most, without a doubt, helpful and informative thing ever offered in all my years searching for answers...it has helped me to understand better and communicate more effectively with my brother."*

*"The course has helped me to realize that my son is still inside the body that is often times hidden by the mental illness and that I am not alone in this."*



**NAMI Cabarrus**  
National Alliance on Mental Illness

#### Class Schedule

To Register Please Visit:  
[namicabarrus.org](http://namicabarrus.org)

Anjie Vickers - President  
Phone: 704.436.8736  
Email: [namicab@namicabarrus.org](mailto:namicab@namicabarrus.org)

Register early space is limited

Location: Cabarrus Senior Center  
331 Corban Ave. Concord, NC

**Tuesdays 6:00 PM to 8:45 PM**

July 11, 2023	August 8, 2023
July 18, 2023	August 15, 2023
July 25, 2023	August 22, 2023
August 1, 2023	August 29, 2023



# YOUTH MINISTRY



## UPCOMING DATES

July 2 - 8 Mission Trip to Altoona, PA

Do you need to complete permission and health forms?

[Use this link.](#)

## 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!

[Read Now](#)



## 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>

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- Keith Sutton, *Parish Administrator* [Email](#)
- Jill Irvin, *Financial Administrator* [Email](#)
- Scott F. Foppiano, *Organist / Director of Music* [Email](#)

- **Mike Holt**, *Youth and Family* [Email](#)
- **Kathryn Radcliffe**, *Nursery Coordinator* [Email](#)
- **Teresa Honeycutt**, *Custodian* [Email](#)
- **Debbie Davis**, *Congregation President* [Email](#)

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