

St. James Lutheran Church

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

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WEEK OF JULY 23

SUNDAY WORSHIP

Matthew
13:43



Then shall
the
righteous
shine forth
as the sun
in the
kingdom of
their Father.

EIGHTH 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

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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.

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 23, 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.

[WATCH THE LIVESTREAM](#)

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ON THE CALENDAR THIS WEEK

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Sunday, July 23

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

Monday, July 24

- 10:30 am Quilting Group
- 3:00 pm VBS Setup

Tuesday, July 25

- 3:00 pm VBS Setup

Wednesday, July 26

- 7:00 pm Ladies Choir Ensemble

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

- 23-Jul Holden Downs
- 23-Jul Jill Trott
- 25-Jul Laurie Miller
- 25-Jul Justin Monk
- 26-Jul Kirby Bryn
- 26-Jul Elizabeth Hurley
- 26-Jul Al Pieschel
- 27-Jul Janet Patterson
- 27-Jul Michael Rinker
- 29-Jul Luke Baker
- 29-Jul Noah Clifton
- 29-Jul Julianna Popovici

3:00 pm VBS Setup

Thursday, July 27
3:00 pm VBS Setup

Sunday, July 30
9:15 am Parish Choir
10:00 am Worship
5:30 am VBS

29-Jul Jim Steel

COMING SOON

July 30 - August 1 Vacation Bible School

SUNDAY MINISTERS

LECTOR/INTERCESSORS

July 23 Margaret Garrison
July 30 Christine Ruff

COMMUNION ASSISTANT

July 23 Anne Hodges
July 30 Needed

ACOLYTES

July 23 Noah Dixon
July 30 Noah Pittard

GREETERS

July 23 Barbara Albright
July 30 Jean Beasley

VIDEOGRAPHER

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 23 Gretchen Walker
July 30 Elizabeth Horner

CHURCH NEWS



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Steller 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](#)

VBS VOLUNTEERS

Any VBS volunteers that have questions or would like additional information, please stop by the fellowship hall right after church this Sunday, July 23. Christine Lovelace and LeeAnn Miller will be there to answer any questions you may have about your group, rotation schedules, etc. Also, all hands are needed to help decorate this Sunday after church, as well. Thanks to all who have signed up to volunteer.



LYN McEACHERN SERVICE

If you were unable to attend the Celebration of Life service for Lyn McEachern on Thursday. The service was recorded and may be watched by clicking the link below:

[Watch Service](#)

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 5th 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! Oh, and thanks to all those who have donated egg cartons for the past two years. The egg program at the Piedmont Research Farm is winding down, so we no longer need more cartons. However, 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

SUMMER OF SERVICE FOOD DRIVE





Family and Friends

- Pastor Craig Saltzer
- Marian Saltzer
- Lorene Ledford, mother of Deb Black
- Bishop Tim Smith
- St. Andrew's Lutheran Church, Andrews, NC

Members of St. James

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



STEWARDSHIP

What is Lutheran stewardship?

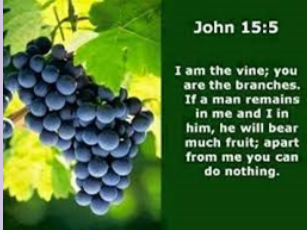
Lutheran stewardship is the free and joyous activity of God's family — the church — in managing life's resources for His purposes.

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.

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. Andrew's Lutheran Church Andrews, NC

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Rev. Horace Free



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Seed and sower—let go!

*Living Lutheran - Cory Driver
July 10, 2023*

I say this every year when this Gospel passage comes around: Do not give up hope because you are a seed in the wrong place! When I was growing up, I hated the parable of the sower. If I'm a seed that doesn't grow up well because the sower cast me among rocks or weeds or on the path, isn't that the fault of the sower, not the seed?

I grew up charismatic Methodist with youth group leaders who wanted us to make high-pressure decisions to “get saved.” This passage was specifically used to influence us to make sure that we weren’t stuck on the path or tangled up in the rocks or the weeds and, therefore, going to hell. I don’t think that’s the meaning of this passage at all.

Jesus tells the parable of the sower to caution people about what is possible out in the world. We can be too busy or too focused on other things to study and understand the word of God that is sown among us, and then the chance is gone. That is like seed sown along the path. We can receive God’s word with joy but have no mature rootedness in faith, so the word is squandered. That is like seed sown in rocky places. We can receive the word, but cares and the deceitfulness of wealth can prevent it from becoming fruitful among us. That is the seed sown among thorns. Or we can receive the word, take time to hear and understand it, and it will produce good fruit for the kingdom of heaven. This is the seed sown among the good soil.

[Read Full Article](#)

SALVATION ARMY CENTER OF HOPE SHELTER



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

July 23 Royal School of Church Music
Closing Service 4 pm

Myers Park Presbyterian Church
2501 Oxford Pl. Charlotte

July 23 Monty Bennett 7 pm

St. John's Baptist Church
300 Hawthorne Ln. Charlotte

July 30 Kevin Haney, M. L. Marley 5 pm

First Methodist Church of Conover
410 1st Ave N. Conover

YOUTH MINISTRY



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



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>

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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