

# St. James Lutheran Church

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

## Ring Out A Weekly Newsletter



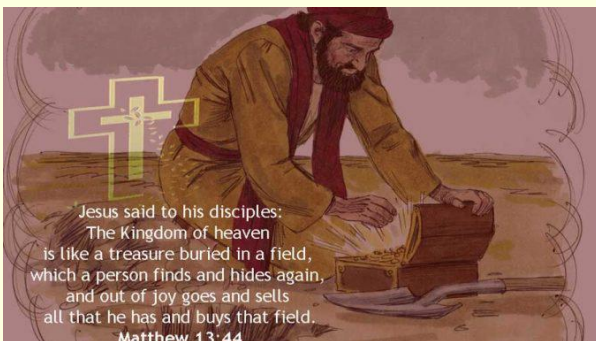
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## WEEK OF JULY 30

### SUNDAY WORSHIP



#### NINTH 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.

**NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**JULY 30, 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 30

9:15 am Parish Choir  
10:00 am Worship  
5:30 pm VBS

#### Monday, July 31

10:30 am Quilting Group  
5:30 pm VBS

#### Tuesday, August 01

5:00 pm Executive Comm.  
5:30 pm VBS  
6:00 pm Property Comm.

#### Wednesday, August 02

7:00 pm Ladies Choir

### BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

**30-Jul** Jay Cruse  
**30-Jul** Hudson Davis  
**30-Jul** Kyle Moran  
**31-Jul** Amy Clifton  
**31-Jul** Jo Ann Fowler  
**31-Jul** Allison Hinson  
**31-Jul** Jill Irvin  
**31-Jul** Derek Myers  
**01-Aug** Hillary Pruette  
**02-Aug** Maureen Hollmeyer  
**02-Aug** Callie MacFarlane

Ensemble  
Preschool Teachers Return

**Sunday, August 06**  
9:15 am Parish Choir  
10:00 am Worship-Blessing  
of the Backpacks

## COMING SOON

**July 30 - August 1** Vacation  
Bible School  
**August 06** Blessing of the  
Backpacks  
**August 20** Summer of  
Service Lunch and Projects

## SUNDAY MINISTERS

### LECTOR/INTERCESSORS

**July 30** Christine Ruff  
**August 06** Gretchen Walker  
**August 13** Jodi Ramirez  
**August 20** Barbara Albright  
**August 27** Needed

### COMMUNION ASSISTANT

**July 30** Ann Blackwelder  
**August 06** Dale Merrell  
**August 13** Jodi Ramirez  
**August 20** Anne Hodges  
**August 27** Needed

### ACOLYTES

**July 30** Noah Pittard  
**August 06** Jacob Rinker  
**August 13** Jodi Ramirez, Logan  
Whisnant  
**August 20** Noah Pittard  
**August 27** Finley Stephens

### GREETERS

**July 30** Jean Beasley  
**August 06**  
**August 13**  
**August 20**  
**August 27**

### VIDEOGRAPHER

**July 30** Ann Blackwelder  
**August 06** LeeAnn Miller  
**August 13** Chris Miller  
**August 20** Chris Miller  
**August 27** Needed

### COUNCIL PERSON OF THE MONTH

**July** Chip and Ann Blackwelder  
**August** Jon Miller

### JULY USHERS

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

### AUGUST USHERS

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

### FLOWERS

**July 30** Elizabeth Horner  
**August 06** Kim Miller  
**August 13** Robert/Debbie Davis  
**August 20** Available  
**August 27** Available

## CHURCH NEWS





## **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. Begins this Sunday, July 30.

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## **ST. JAMES SENIOR PASTOR**

We are pleased to announce that Pastor Bill Ridenhour has accepted the call to be Senior Pastor at St. James Lutheran Church. His first Sunday in the pulpit will be September 10. We are very excited to have him here, and ask for your continued prayers for Pastor Bill and for the ministry here at St. James.

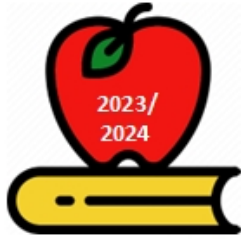
Frank Irvin, Co-Chairman, Call Committee

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## **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!

***This Backpack  
was blessed at***



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

## **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! 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



## Family and Friends

- Pastor Craig Saltzer
- Marian Saltzer
- Lorene Ledford, mother of Deb Black
- Bishop Tim Smith
- Larry Brayboy, friend of Nancy Faggart
- Family of Donnie Miller, brother-in-law of Doug McAnulty
- Philadelphia Lutheran Church, Granite Falls, 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.

The McEachern Family wishes to thank members of St. James for the love shown them during this difficult time. There are no



words to express our gratitude for the beauty of the service given by our our organist Scott and the faithful and dear members of the choir. You lifted us up as well as giving praise and glory to our Lord.

To our wonderful Kitchen Committee, led by Malinda, serving us a delicious meal. And to the office staff for helping prepare for the service.

Thank  
you 

Thank you and God Bless  
Joan

## 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*

### Philadelphia Lutheran Church Granite Falls, NC

52 Pinewood Road  
Granite Falls, NC 28630  
SAM Chris Bass



Learn More about  
[Philadelphia 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)

# 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



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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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