

# St. James Lutheran Church

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

## Ring Out A Weekly Newsletter



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## WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 24

### SUNDAY WORSHIP

#### SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Matthew narrates one of Jesus' controversial parables in which Jesus says that the reign of God is like that of a landowner who pays his workers the same wage no matter what time of day they began to work. When God changes God's mind about punishing Nineveh for their evil ways, Jonah is angry. Yet God is gracious and merciful, abounding in steadfast love. In baptism we receive the grace of God that is freely given to all. As Martin Luther wrote, in the presence of God's mercy we are all beggars.

#### OFFICE UPDATE

Donna Wilkinson, former St. James Administrator, will return to serve on an interim basis. She was scheduled to begin on Thursday, September 21st. At the beginning, Donna will plan to be in the office Monday-Thursday from 10am-2pm. The job description is written and the position of a permanent Church Administrator is ready for posting to the public. We are open to recommendations from you. If you know of an individual, please share with Pastor Bill. In the meantime, we remain grateful for your patience during this



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We are aware that the bulletin may not be downloading in a user friendly manner and are grateful for your patience.



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](#)



# ON THE CALENDAR THIS WEEK

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**Monday, September 25**  
10:30 am Quilting Group

**Wednesday, September 20**  
7:00 pm Parish Choir

**Thursday, September 21**  
6:00 pm Handbells

## BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

24-Sep Lois Marlow

24-Sep Andy Yoos

27-Sep Jeff Faggart

27-Sep Tommy Propst

28-Sep Francie Davis

28-Sep Miles Marlow

28-Sep Christopher Miller

30-Sep Jo Eng

**Sunday, October 1**  
 9:15 am Parish Choir  
 10:00 am Worship

**30-Sep** Katie Popovici

**COMING SOON**

**RETURN OF WNT**

**Wednesday Night  
 Together dinner and  
 program returns on  
 October 4th. For dinner  
 purposes, please  
 communicate your  
 intention to join by email  
 at [info@sjnc.net](mailto:info@sjnc.net).**

SEPTEMBER 2023						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<b>3 Pentecost 14</b> 9:15 am Parish Choir 10:00 am Worship	<b>4 Labor Day</b>	<b>5</b> 10:30 am Mary Magdalene Circle 5:00 pm Executive Committee 6:00 pm Property Committee	<b>6</b> 2:00 pm Staff Meeting 7:00 pm Parish Choir	<b>7</b> 6:00 pm Handbells	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>10 Pentecost 15</b> 9:15 am Parish Choir 10:00 am Worship 11:30 am God's Work. Our Hands.  <i>Pastor Bill's First Sunday</i>	<b>11</b> 10:30 am Quilting Group 6:30 pm Scouts  <i>My Father's House</i>	<b>12</b> 12:00 pm Lively Leisures 6:00 pm Congregation Council  <i>My Father's House</i>	<b>13</b> 7:00 pm Parish Choir	<b>14</b> 6:00 pm Handbells	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 8:30 am Leah's Hope Trailer
<b>17 Pentecost 16</b> 9:15 am Parish Choir 10:00 am Worship	<b>18</b> 10:30 am Quilting Group 6:30 pm Scouts	<b>19</b> 11:30 am Lunch & Learn - Narcan	<b>20</b> 2:00 pm Staff Meeting 7:00 pm Parish Choir	<b>21</b> 6:00 pm Handbells	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
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**SUNDAY MINISTERS**

**LECTOR/INTERCESSORS**

**Sept 24** Christine Ruff  
**Oct 1** Elizabeth Hurley

**VIDEOGRAPHER**

**Sept 24** Needed  
**Oct 1** Chris Miller

**COMMUNION ASSISTANT**

**Sept 24** Margaret Garrison

**COUNCIL PERSON OF  
 THE MONTH**

**Oct 1** Christine Ruff

**Sept** Kim Haberman

**ACOLYTES**

**Sept 24** Finley Stephens

**GREETERS**

**Sept 24** Barbara Albright

**SEPTEMBER USHERS**

Chip Blackwelder, Michael Rinker, Ashley Cline, Jeff Koenig

**FLOWERS**

**Sept 24** Jim & Laurie Miller

## CHURCH NEWS

### CCM FOOD FOOD NEEDS



The CCM non-perishable food situation is getting critical! Our inventory is extremely low, while we continue to see a 30% increase in the number of households seeking food assistance over a year ago.

A collection box will be in the Portico area.

**Pantry items needed:**

- Canned Chicken and Tuna
- Other Canned Meats (Hash, Chili, Vienna Sausages, etc.)
- Canned green beans, corn, peas, carrots, potatoes and mixed vegetables
- Tomatoes
- Pasta Sauce
- Any kind of canned beans (Pinto, Chili, Kidney, etc.) except for baked beans/pork & beans
- Peanut Butter
- Macaroni & Cheese
- Pasta (spaghetti or other)
- Any Canned Fruit (Mixed, Peaches, Pears, Pineapple, etc.)
- Soup
- Cereal
- Toilet Paper and Paper Towels



# BLESSING BOX

For the month of September, St James has the opportunity to stock the blessing box at Rotary Square. Items can be put directly into the box or left in the red Blessing Box bin that is just inside the rear door of the church.



Please see the list of items below. Thank you for being a blessing in our community. Mark Murphy will be the contact person for any questions.

- Canned goods / Crackers / Cereal
- Bags of rice / Ramen / Pasta
- Peanut butter / Jelly
- Granola bars / Raisins
- Fruit snacks / Pudding cups / Fruit cups
- Baby food / Bottled water
- Other non-perishables
- Shampoo / Soap / Deodorant
- Toothbrush and toothpaste



## Members of St. James

- Patsy Black
- Tom Grady
- Tom Ridenhour
- Bill Fisher

## Family and Friends

- Family of Doris Francis, daughter-in-law of Martha Summers.
- Larry Brayboy and family, friends of Nancy Faggart
- Steve Conrad, Lauri Lyn Hodges, friends of Al and Dee Pieschel
- Christ the King Lutheran Church, Whiteville, NC

## IN MEMORY OF

**Lee David Ballard**

Given by Ed and Betsy Ballard

**Jane Brethauer**

Given by Ed and Betsy Ballard



**Sandra Faggart**

Given by Dogwood Garden Club

**Lyn McEachern**

Given by Ed and Betsy Ballard

Given by Fuller and Jean Beasley

Given by Bub and Jane Craver

Given by Jean Stanhope

Given by Morrison and Betty Honeycutt

Given by Hand and Foot Card Group

Given by Douglas McAnulty and Family (Organ Fund)

Given by John and Margaret Morrison

Given by Rebecca Phillips

Given by Glenda Poole (Organ Fund)

**Donnie Miller**

Given by Ed and Betsy Ballard

Given by Glenda Poole (Organ Fund)

**Jimmy Propst**

Given by Bub and Jane Craver

Given by Patty Propst

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**IN HONOR OF**

**Pastor Craig and Marian Saltzer**

Given by Nancy Faggart (My Father's House)

**Keith Sutton**, *for his loyal service to St. James*

Given by Tommy Propst

**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*

## **Christ the King Lutheran/Grace Episcopal Whiteville, NC**

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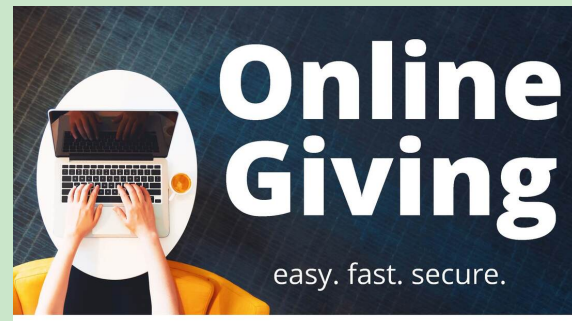
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## **CHURCH RESOURCES**

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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- **Kathryn Radcliffe**, *Nursery Coordinator* [Email](#)
- **Teresa Honeycutt**, *Custodian* [Email](#)
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