

St. James Lutheran Church

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

Ring Out A Weekly Newsletter



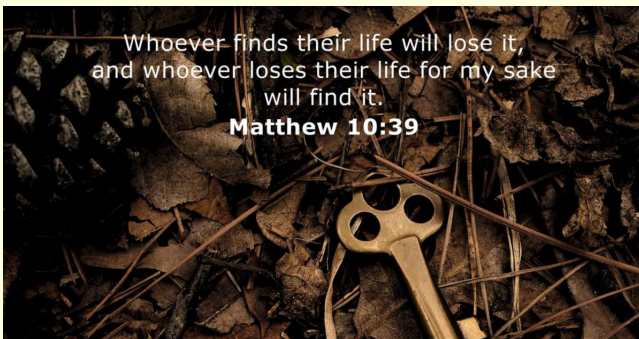
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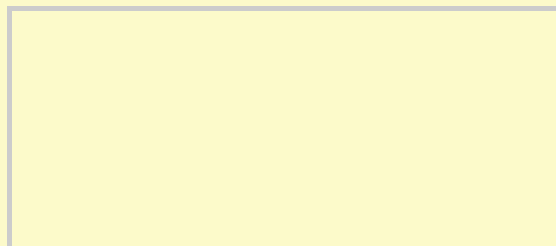
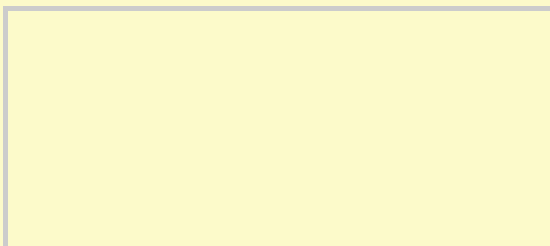
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SUNDAY WORSHIP



FOURTH 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.

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JUNE 25, 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, June 25

- 9:15 am Parish Choir
- 10:00 am Worship
- 11:20 am Evangelism
- 11:20 am Sunday of Service

Monday, June 26

- 10:30 am Quilting Group

Wednesday, June 28

- 2:00 pm Staff Meeting

Sunday, July 2

- 9:15 am Parish Choir
- 10:00 am Worship
- 7:00 pm Summer Organ

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

- 25-Jun** Bill Hardister
- 26-Jun** Tony Mosley
- 26-Jun** Bailey Peterman
- 26-Jun** Wilson Propst, Jr.
- 27-Jun** Phyllis Freeman
- 28-Jun** Kim Harward
- 30-Jun** Luna Hardister
- 01-Jul** Lindsey Lineberger
- 01-Jul** Ben MacFarlane
- 01-Jul** Graham Pruette

[**COMING SOON**](#)

Recital Series at St. James

June 25-30 Boy Scouts at
Summer Camp

June 25 Sunday of Service

Lunch and Projects

July 2 - 8 Youth Mission

Trip to Altoona, PA

July 30 - August 1 Vacation
Bible School

SUNDAY MINISTERS

LECTOR/INTERCESSORS

June 25 Barbara Albright

July 02 Christine Ruff

July 09 Jodi Ramirez

COMMUNION ASSISTANT

June 25 Dianne Lambert

July 02 Anne Hodges

July 09 Jodi Ramirez

ACOLYTES

June 25 Jacob Rinker

GREETERS

June 25 Laura Overby

FLOWERS

June 25 Saltzer

July 02 Available

July 09 Available

VIDEOGRAPHER

June 25 Wendell Overby

July 02 Ann Blackwelder

July 09 Ann Blackwelder

COUNCIL PERSON OF THE MONTH

June 25 Jon Miller

July Chip and Ann Blackwelder

JUNE USHERS

Brad Baker, Chip Harward,
Taylor Pruette, Al Pieschel, Jon
Miller

JULY USHERS

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

CHURCH NEWS

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING UPDATE

At the Congregational Meeting on June 18, the congregation overwhelmingly voted to call Rev. William (Bill) Ridenhour as the next senior pastor of St. James Lutheran Church and approved his compensation and benefits package.

COUNCIL NOTES



- Christian Education is organizing "Summer of Service" activities for all church members to work together. Will be a key opportunity for multigenerational fellowship. They will be held 6/25, 7/16, 8/6 and 8/20. Sign up and more details will be in the Ring Out Newsletter.
- Youth and Family will have a Youth Retreat at Kure Beach on June 17-24, Youth Mission Trip to Altoona, Pennsylvania on July 2-9 and VBS at St. James on July 20-August 1.
- Council approved a motion to allow Amazing Grace Advocacy, a nonprofit, to occupy the third floor on an annual renewable basis. Amazing Grace will pay for utilities and Nick Lovelace will draw up a contract.
- Council also approved a motion amending the building use policy to not allow animals in the church aside from service animals as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act.
- The church ordered a purple stole for Mac Mullins, who recently graduated from Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary. He will be ordained this Saturday at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Durham and will begin his call at St. Paul Lutheran in Davenport, Iowa in August.
- Training sessions will be held in the near future for people interested in learning more about CPR/AED.
- A congregational vote will take place this Sunday to:
 - Approve the primary candidate Pastor William Ridenhour to become our next senior pastor
 - Approval of a compensation package



SUMMER OF SERVICE

Mark your calendars now for Sunday, June 25 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 make "Thinking of You" cards for our shut-ins, God-time with Mr. Mike and other activities. Make your reservation below so we can plan accordingly.

Other Summer Service Event dates: July 16 and August 20

[Sign Up Now](#)



PRAYERS

Members of St. James

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

Family and Friends:

- Karey Conrad and Glenn Copeland, friends of Al and Dee Pieschel
- Bishop Tim Smith
- Trinity Lutheran Church, Rocky Mount, NC

CELEBRATION OF ORDINATION



Congratulations, Pastor Mullins! He has been called as Pastor in Residency to St. Paul Lutheran Church in Davenport, IA, where he will begin in August.

On Saturday, June 17, **Mac Mullins** was ordained into the Ministry of Word and Sacrament at St. Paul's, Durham. Pastor Tony Bradshaw delivered the sermon.



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. More information coming soon. Adult volunteers are needed. If you can help contact LeeAnn Miller.

[Register to Attend](#)

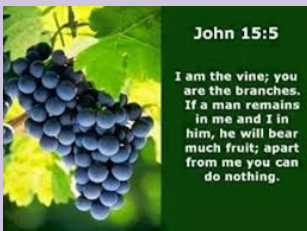


WEDNESDAY NIGHTS TOGETHER SURVEY

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](#)

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

Trinity Lutheran Church Rocky Mount, NC

433 S Winstead Ave
Rocky Mount, NC 27804
Rev. Alice Johnson Curl



Learn More about
[Trinity Lutheran Church](#)

OPPORTUNITY HOUSE NEEDS



Opportunity House is in need of some basic items used in their daily operation providing meals, counseling, and showers to those in need in our community. If you can provide any of these items, please bring and place in the Portico area.

- Paper Towels
 - Toilet Paper
 - Laundry Soap
 - Wash Cloths
 - Bath Towels
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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

June 18 Andre Lash 7 pm

First United Methodist Church
501 N, Tryon St. Charlotte

June 25 Matthew Noonan 7 pm

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
805 S. York St. Gastonia

July 2 Chase Douthit 7 pm
2023 Baylor University Graduate

St. James Lutheran Church
104 Union St. Concord



COOPERATIVE
CHRISTIAN
MINISTRY

In May the total Food Program served 1,795 households, the most since October 2014 (when we had a lot more satellite pantries and were serving twice the number as now through our Mobile Food Pantries).

Meanwhile, donations have remained very low, so our inventory has been very low. Just this week we were able to purchase whole pallets of wholesale food, all staples, which has improved the situation. But we still are not able offer our clients very much variety in the area of non-perishables. So we continue to encourage our partners to join us in sponsoring **summer food drives**. Every little bit helps!

Currently, the pantry items we are in biggest need of are:

- 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 always, we especially seek low-sodium items, no-added-sugar items, and whole-grain items.

YOUTH MINISTRY



UPCOMING DATES

July 2 - 8 Mission Trip to Altoona, PA

Do you need to complete permission and health forms?

[Use this link.](#)

JUNE NEWSLETTER

Youth! Make your plans now! Mark your calendar and plan to attend! All the information is in this month's newsletter.

[Read Now](#)



CHURCH RESOURCES



ALTAR FLOWERS

[RESERVE](#)



LECTOR

[SIGN UP TO READ LESSONS AND](#)



COMMUNION ASST.

[HELP WITH DISTRIBUTING](#)

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 F. Foppiano, *Organist / Director of Music* [Email](#)
- Mike Holt, *Youth and Family* [Email](#)
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