



WEEKLY
Ring Out
NEWSLETTER



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

Week of Nov. 9, 2025

The Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

Introduction to Worship

We worship on the first day of the week because Jesus was raised on that day. Every Sunday is a little Easter. This Sunday feels more like Easter than many as the appointed texts celebrate the reality of the resurrection. Live it up this Lord's day. Our God is the God of the living.

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The Week Ahead

Sunday, Nov. 9

9:00 am Adult Sunday School
9:00 am Choir
9:30 am Children's Sunday School
10:00 am Worship

Monday, Nov. 10

10:30 am Quilting
6:30 pm Bible Study - Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, Nov. 11

Noon Lively Leisures
6:00 pm Congregation Council

Thursday, Nov. 13

6:30 pm Choir

Saturday, Nov. 15

8:30 am Leah's Hope Trailer

Sunday, Nov. 16

Operation Christmas Child Boxes Due
9:00 am **Budget Q&A**
9:00 am Choir
9:30 am Children's Sunday School
10:00 am Worship

Coming Up

Events:

Nov. 23: Congregational Meeting ☐

Nov. 30: Family Advent Event ☐

Dec. 13: Carols by Candlelight ☐

Dec. 24: Christmas Eve

5:30pm: Family Service

9:30pm: Musical Prelude

10:00pm: Candlelight Service

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Sunday Ministries

LECTOR/INTERCESSOR

November 9 Barbara Albright

November 16 Kim Haberman

VIDEOGRAPHER

November 9

November 16

COMMUNION ASSISTANT

November 9 Kim Haberman

November 16 Samantha Hillegass

ACOLYTE

November 9

November 16 Josh Rinker

GREETER

November 9 Barbara Albright

November 16 Judy Benz

USHERS

Wendell Overby, Frank Irvin, Tony Folino, Nick Lovelace, Jason Pittard

BUILDING SUPERVISOR

Wendell Overby

ALTAR FLOWERS

November 9 Deb Walker

November 16 Joan McEachern

**Sign Up to
Volunteer**

Lector

Communion
Assistant

Acolyte

Videographer

Altar Flowers

Happy Birthday! ☐

Nov. 9 - Chip Harward, Jr.

Nov. 10 - Orietta Grady, Bradley Propst

Nov. 11 - Jazmin Harward, Ben Kuly, Erin Kuly, Lillian Parks, Tom Ridenhour

Nov. 15 - Douglas McAnulty

Announcements



Organ Concert - Tomorrow!

Join us tomorrow, **Saturday, Nov. 8 at 7pm** for a special evening of music for organ and timpani!

Featuring:

- **Brice Burton**, Principal Percussionist, *Charlotte Symphony Orchestra*
- **Dr. Kevin L. Estes**, Director of Music Ministry & Organist, *St. James Lutheran Church*

"Next to the Word of God, the noble art of music is the greatest treasure in the world." – Martin Luther



Lively Leisures - Tuesday, Nov. 11

Join us on Tuesday, Nov. 11th at noon for the November Lively Leisures program. We'll enjoy lunch and a presentation from Betty Miller on this Veteran's Day. RSVP to Sylvia Corl.



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, Nov. 23rd
Potluck after worship

The purpose of this meeting is to elect church council members and act upon the 2026 recommended budget.



NOTICE OF CONGREGATIONAL LUNCH, MEETING AND COUNCIL NOMINEES

On Sunday, November 23rd immediately following worship we will gather for a potluck lunch in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring a dish to share. During/After lunch, a Congregational Meeting of St. James Lutheran Church will be held. The purpose of the meeting is to act upon the recommended 2026 budget and conduct an election of church council members. A budget Q&A session will be held on November 16th at 9am in the Fellowship Hall.

The Nominating Committee reports that five voting members of St. James Lutheran Church will stand for election to a three-year term of service on Church Council. In alphabetical order they are:

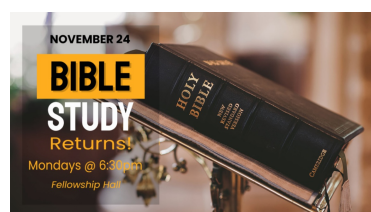
Tony Folino
Kim Haberman
Judy Hoekstra
Eric Olsen
Gretchen Walker

NOMINEE BIOS

Four seats will be elected. In addition to these four nominees, any voting member may nominate any voting member to stand for election. Please complete the form available from the office, in the narthex or attached to this notice and return it to the office. You may also email info@sjnc.net. Please do not nominate an individual without securing their permission. Nominations close at the end of worship on November 9th.

Chip Blackwelder, Kim Haberman, Pat McDonough and Wendell Overby will conclude their term of service on Church Council on December 31, 2025. Kim Haberman is eligible for election to a second three-year term.

CHURCH COUNCIL ELECTION NOMINATION FORM



Bible Study Returns Nov. 24

Our study of Luther's Catechism has ended. A study of the Birth Narratives from Matthew and Luke will prepare us for Jesus' birth. We'll meet in the Fellowship Hall at 6:30pm for 4 weeks beginning Monday, Nov. 24.



Poinsettia Gifts Available for Order ☐

This Christmas season, you have the opportunity to give a beautiful red 6 ½" poinsettia as a gift to the church. These gifts help adorn our worship space during this holy season and can be given in memory or honor of loved ones.

Each poinsettia is \$25. A list of donors and those being memorialized or honored will be included in the gift list. Please print clearly to ensure names are displayed as intended.

[Click here to order online](#), or complete and return the order form in Sunday's bulletin.

The deadline to order is Sunday, Dec. 7.



Amazing Grace invites St. James participation in new initiatives...

1. Blessing Box in Rotary Square

Amazing Grace's Life Skills Lab program will be helping to keep the Blessing Box stocked every Tuesday and Thursday in partnership with the 1Can Organization.

You can join in this ongoing effort by donating non-perishable food or hygiene items. The red Blessing Box collection bin will remain on the Portico Counter and serve as a year-round ministry opportunity.

2. Children's Coat Drive

In partnership with the Cabarrus Partnership for Children, Amazing Grace will be collecting new or gently used winter coats for children in need. A collection box will be located in the Portico Hallway for this short-term drive.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

This Week's Lesson...

Jerusalem Falls - 2 Kings 24:18-20; 2 Kings 25:1-9

Today's lesson speaks to the truth of Jeremiah's warnings from God that the people of Judah would suffer judgement for their disobedience and lack of repentance from their evil ways. These warnings culminate in the Fall of Jerusalem at the hands of the Babylonian army and subsequent destruction of the Temple and all the royal buildings by fire. Centuries had passed since Moses warned the nation of Israel of the consequences of breaking God's covenant but now, God's patience had come to an end! But judgement wasn't the last word: God also promised to restore His people and bring them into full relationship with Him. He sent Jesus

Reminders



Operation Christmas Child

It's that time again! - Help bring joy to a child in need this holiday season by packing a shoebox for Operation Christmas Child. Shoeboxes are available in the portico area, along with easy-to-follow instructions for packing and sponsoring a box.

Please return your unsealed shoebox by Sunday, November 16th to the counter where you picked them up.

Samantha will collect them each Sunday until time to deliver.

Questions? - Contact Samantha Hillegass



Carols by Candlelight

A congregational sing-along
with full orchestra, choirs and organ

Saturday, Dec 13 ~ 7 PM

*Visiting choristers are welcome
contact Church Office at 704-786-0166*

Community/Partner News



Big Brothers Big Sisters Holiday Toy Drive

Each year, Big Brothers Big Sisters hosts a Holiday Gift Shop to help families in need choose gifts for their children. This year's event will take place Monday, December 15 at St. James and they are looking for both toys and volunteers.

If you are interested in assisting, visit links below.

[Volunteer to Sign Up](#)

[BBBS Holiday Amazon Wish List](#)



Fill an Empty Bowl

St. James has been invited to help our neighbors facing food insecurity. Come to "Empty Bowls" at Central Cabarrus High School on Thursday, November 20th from 5- 7:30pm. Enjoy a spaghetti dinner from Carrabba's and Olive Garden and take home a handcrafted ceramic bowl, created by students and local artists as part of our annual service-learning project. All proceeds from the \$10 cost benefit local families facing food insecurity. St. James' own Lindsey Olsen teaches art at CCHS.

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Memorials & Honorariums

The following memorials & honorariums were given in memory or in honor.

In Honor Of:

St. James Parish Choir

Given by:
Ed & Betsy Ballard

In Our Prayers

Joyce Beaty

(Friend of the Marlow's)

Cecil Berry (Friend of Gretchen Walker)

Family of Michael Black

(Nephew of Patsy Black)

Patsy Black

Caroline Bost

Patrick Bryn (Son of Kirby & Sondra Bryn)

Angie Buchanan

Mike & Debbie Cagle

(Friends of Robert & Debbie Davis)

Noah Clifton

Bruce Coffey (Friend of Mark Murphy)

Karey Conrad (Friend of Dee Pieschel)

Jennifer Cook (Friend of Fonda Shumate)

Catherine Durst

(Daughter of Anne & Dee Hodges)

Nadine Filipak

(Friend of Al & Dee Pieschel)

Ed Frost

(Friends of the Marlow's)

Tom Grady

Harriett Huss Hodge

Maureen Hollmeyer

Mary Frances Johnson

(Cousin of Francie Davis)

Karen Johnston (Friend of Judy Benz)

Ruth Lawler

(Friend of Dee & Al Pieschel)

John Ledford (Brother of Deb Black)

Barbara Merrell

Deb & Roger Myers

(Friends of Deb Black)

Stan Parnell

(Friend of Rob & Debbie Davis)

Al Pieschel

Lori Pittard

Tom Ridenhour

Secure Online Giving

Supporting your church is just a few clicks away! With [online giving](#), you can make a one-time gift, set up automatic recurring donations on the date you choose, and view your complete giving history.

Automated recurring gifts are a convenient way to provide our church with much-needed consistent support throughout the year. Thank you for your faithful generosity.



Ways to
Give

St. James Staff

Rev. Bill Ridenhour, Pastor [Email](#)

Jill Irvin, Financial Administrator [Email](#)

Dr. Kevin Estes, Director of Music Ministries & Organist [Email](#)

Holly Sloop, Communications Coordinator [Email](#)

Kathryn Radcliffe, Nursery Coordinator [Email](#)

Teresa Honeycutt, Custodian [Email](#)

Kim Haberman, Congregation President [Email](#)

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