



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



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## Ring Out - Week of May 11, 2025

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*The Fourth Sunday of Easter*

### Introduction to Sunday's Worship

The gift of new life, of eternal life, is the gift of the risen Christ. It is the promise of Jesus. It was true for Dorcas in Joppa. It was true for those "who have come out of the great ordeal" in the Revelation vision. It is true for us and for all the baptized: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

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Worship will be live-streamed on YouTube beginning at 9:45 AM 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 Live Stream](#)

## On the Calendar...

### The Week Ahead

**Sunday, May 11**

***Cook Scholarship  
Applications Due*** ☐

9:00 am Adult SS

9:00 am Choir

9:30 am Children's SS

10:00 am Worship

**Monday, May 12**

10:30 am Quilting

6:30 pm Scouts

**Tuesday, May 13**

Noon Lively Leisures

6:00 pm Congregation

Council

**Thursday, May 15**

5:30 pm Handbells

6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

**Saturday, May 17**

*Leah's Hope Trailer*

**Sunday, May 18**

9:00 am Adult SS

9:00 am Choir

9:30 am Children's SS

10:00 am Worship

11:00 am Ice Cream Party

11:00 am Bubble Blast

### Sunday Ministries

**LECTOR/INTERCESSOR**

**May 11** Barbara Albright

**May 18** Margaret Garrison

**COMMUNION**

**ASSISTANT**

**May 11** Kim Haberman

**May 18** Samantha Hillegass

**ACOLYTES**

**May 11** Joshua Rinker

**May 18**

**GREETERS**

**May 11** Barbara Albright

**May 18** Judy Benz

**VIDEOGRAPHER**

**May 11**

**May 18**

**USHERS**

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

**BUILDING SUPERVISOR**

Wendell Overby

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

**May 11** Carlos Velez Sánchez  
and Wes Watts

**May 18**



## Happy Birthday!

**11 May - Hollis Miller**

**14 May - Lisa Folino, CoCo Hoekstra**

**17 May - Liz Klein**

## *Volunteer*

Videographers



Communion Assistants



Acolytes



Lectors



Altar Flowers



Events/Ministries



## Member Meal Train Opportunity

[Click here to support a meal train for Jay Clemmer.](#)



## Announcements

### **Join us for a special concert!**

St. James will host the Mennonite Children's Choir of Lancaster, PA in Concert **Friday, June 13 at 7:00pm.**

Experience the joy of music with the Mennonite Children's Choir of Lancaster (MCCL)! Singers in grades 6–12 are excited to share their voices with your community during their summer tour to North Carolina and Virginia. This year's concert, Morning & Evening: Songs for the Everyday, celebrates the beauty of life's daily moments through powerful melodies and heartfelt harmonies.



Join us as young voices artfully remind us of God's presence in our everyday, ordinary lives. We look forward to being with you! A free will offering will be received and shared with Mennonite Disaster Service supporting their rebuilding work in North Carolina after Hurricane Helene.

*MCCL is a community choral arts program in Central Pennsylvania serving more than 160 children and youth in kindergarten through grade 12. Representing nearly 55 congregations, 45 schools, and 15 denominations, singers develop a rich musical repertoire from around the world and across time while being equipped for a lifetime of service to the church and community. The mission of MCCL is training children and youth to glorify Jesus Christ through excellent choral singing. We honor and celebrate music as a gift from God by creating exceptional choral music, fostering community, and nurturing character.*

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## Lively Leisures - Tuesday

You're invited to this month's Lively Leisures gathering on **Tuesday, May 13 at 12:00 p.m.!**

We will have lunch and welcome a speaker from the Concord Police Department.



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## Mission Fund Committee Report

The Mission Fund Committee convened for its second quarter meeting on May 6, 2025, in the church parlor. Members in attendance included Annette Propst (Chair), Jeff Jones, Nick Lovelace, Trevor Matthews, and Kristin Rinker.



### Grant Requests Reviewed:

**CVAN Men for Change Campaign:** Kenny Propst presented a funding request on behalf of the Saint James Lutheran Men for the CVAN Men for Change campaign. This annual fundraiser plays a significant role in supporting CVAN's mission.

**Cabarrus County Partnership for Children:** Starla Hatley submitted a request to fund an educational initiative focused on safe sleep practices to reduce infant deaths related to co-sleeping and SIDS. The program includes the distribution of the board book Sleep Baby, Safe and Snug to families referred by local pediatric

and family practice offices.

### Grant Awards:

The committee awarded a total of \$2,100 in grant funding to support the initiatives of CVAN Men for Change and the Cabarrus County Partnership for Children.

The next quarterly meeting is scheduled for August 19, 2025.



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## Graduates! -

Are you about to celebrate your commencement from High School, College, or Graduate School? Would you please remind us by calling or emailing the office? As is tradition at St. James, we are planning a time to recognize and celebrate your accomplishments.

[info@sjnc.net](mailto:info@sjnc.net) | 704-786-0166



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## Celebrating the Gift of Baptism

This past Sunday, May 4, we were blessed to witness the baptism of twins Henry Robert Mostek and Theodore (Theo) Floyd Mostek, children of Brian and Sydnee Mostek. We rejoice with their family and welcome Henry and Theo into the body of Christ and the St. James church community.



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## Preschool Graduation - May 21

A friendly notice - our partners at the Bilingual Preschool will be hosting a drive-thru graduation on **Wednesday, May 21 from 9am - 4pm** utilizing the parking lot at the portico entrance. The garden lot is recommended for anyone visiting the church during that time.



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## ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

## Lesson Summary

In last week's lesson, Jesus established Himself as Lord of the Sabbath. This week, Jesus shows the zeal for His Father's House by cleansing the Temple of the corrupt, wicked practices that were taking place there! The account in John's Gospel not only shows Jesus driving out the evil practices done in the temple, He now redefines the concept of "temple". Jesus is the intermediary between God and Man, a more perfect way to access God directly; He is now the Temple!

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## In Case You Missed It...

### Search for Director of Children, Youth and Family Ministries

St. James is actively seeking a Director of Children, Youth and Family Ministries!



This new position, which will focus on leading and growing our youth program, came out of the conversations during last fall's stewardship meetings. We invite you to [learn more](#) about the position and help us spread the word.

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## Reminders

### Cook Memorial Scholarship Deadline - Sunday!

#### Attention Students!

In 1968, John M. Cook, Jr. established an endowment to assist college and graduate students who are members of St. James Lutheran Church by helping with their tuition expenses.

The Cook Trust Fund Committee is now accepting applications for the 2025/2026 academic school year.

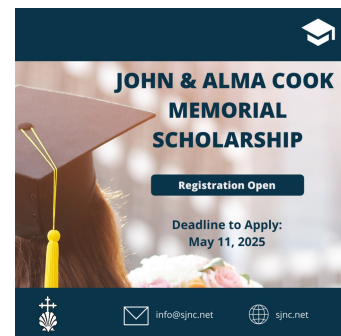
Interested applicants can email [holly@sjnc.net](mailto:holly@sjnc.net) for an application. Please confirm if you are a **first-time** or **returning** applicant so you will receive the appropriate forms. Hard copies are also available for pickup from the office.

**\*\*Earlier deadline this year!\*\***

**Submit application by: May 11, 2025**

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### Boiler Appeal Update!



We Did It! ☐

Thanks to your incredible generosity, we're thrilled to announce that as of Easter Sunday, St. James has raised \$150,071.97 for the Boiler Project!

### THANK YOU!

Because of your faithful giving, St. James will stay warm for many winters to come—and even more importantly, God will continue to change lives in this building.

That's something worth celebrating! Since we'll be cozy this winter, let's cool off together this spring with an Ice Cream Social!

#### ☐Ice Cream Social☐

Sunday, May 18th after worship

Under the Portico – featuring delicious [Cabarrus Creamery](#) ice cream!

#### ☐Bubble Blast☐

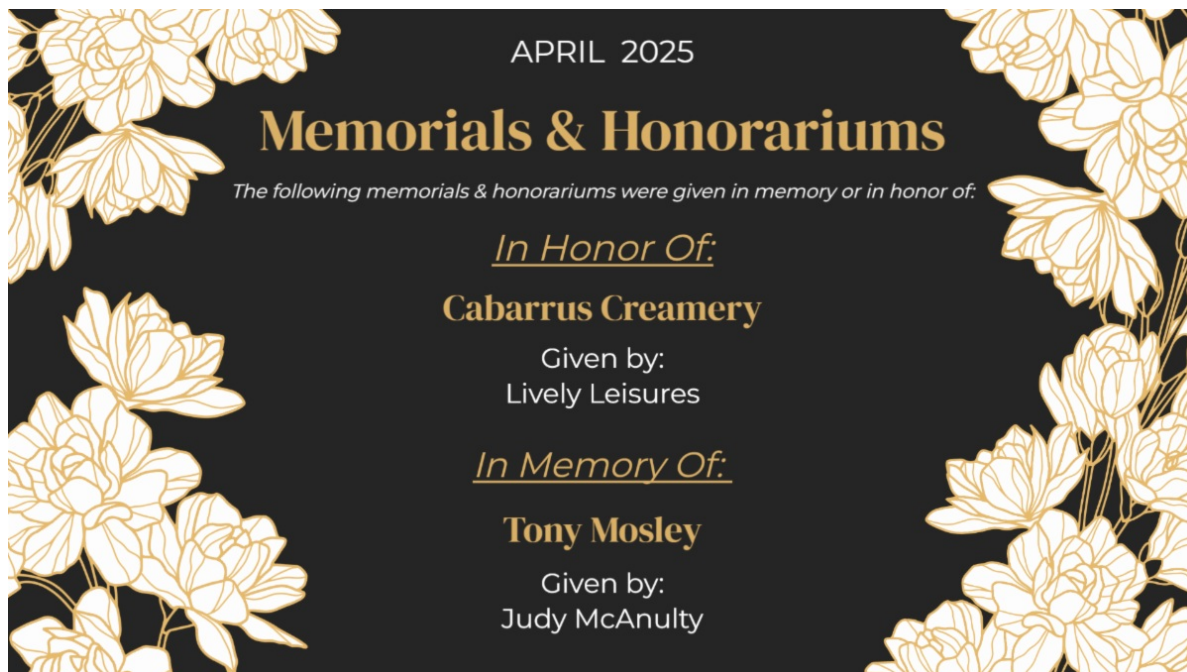
Sunday, May 18th (in conjunction with Ice Cream Party)

On the playground – for the younger kids (and the young at heart)!



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## Memorials & Honorariums



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## Partner News

### Farmer's Market Open

The Piedmont Farmers' Market is open now through early October every Tuesday from 10am - 1pm in Rotary Square (across the



## Upcoming Events

**Ice Cream Party**

JOIN US IN CELEBRATION OF  
REACHING OUR BOILER GOAL!

**MAY  
18, 2025**

**AFTER  
WORSHIP**



**Bubble Blast!**

**Attention Families!**

Join us for a special bubble  
activity after worship on the  
playground to celebrate the end  
of the school year!

**Sunday, May 18, 2025**



# VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



**SAVE!  
THE DATE!**

*Cokesbury Kids*

**ROAD TRIP**

**ON THE GO WITH GOD**

sjnc.net

**VBS: July 20 - 22, 2025**

*All volunteers will be required to have a current Safe Gatherings background check. Contact the church office to volunteer.*



**ST. JAMES  
LUTHERAN  
CHURCH**  
GROWING IN CHRIST  
EST. 1843

## Prayer List

### IN OUR PRAYERS

Paul Auten  
*(Friend of Robert & Debbie Davis)*

Joyce Beaty  
*(Friend of the Marlows)*

Family of Michael Black  
*(Nephew of Patsy Black)*

Angie Buchanan

Mike & Debbie Cagle  
*(Friends of Robert & Debbie Davis)*

Noah Clifton

Bruce Coffey *(Friend of Mark Murphy)*

Karey Conrad *(Friend of Dee Pieschel)*

Catherine Durst  
*(Daughter of Anne & Dee Hodges)*

Nadine Filipak  
*(Friend of Al & Dee Pieschel)*

Anne Fridlund



Ed Frost *(Friends of the Marlows)*

Tim Gibson *(Friend of Deb Black)*

Tom Grady

Ruth Lawler  
*(Friend of Dee & Al Pieschel)*

Patricia Mahoney  
*(Sister-in-law of Joan Mahoney)*

Annaleah, Michael, & Preston Morrow  
*(Friends of Shannon Nesbit)*

Jan Phillips  
*(Family of Brownie Brown)*

Al Pieschel

Tom Ridenhour

Stan Parnell  
*(Friend of Robert Davis)*

Geoff & Pam Seige  
*(Friends of Robert & Debbie Davis)*

## Online Giving

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.



## 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](#)

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