



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

Week of Jan. 25, 2026

No Worship Due to Inclement Weather



Notice of Closure: A Note from Pastor Bill

To the Saints of God at St. James Lutheran Church:

I suspect we are all checking our weather apps hour by hour for this weekend's impending storm.

The Property Committee and Council Leadership are concerned about your health and well being. At the recommendation of the Property Committee, we have reached the conclusion that it is appropriate to cancel worship for Sunday, January 25th and close the offices on Monday, January 26th.

This notice will be posted to the Ring Out, Facebook and the website.

Peace,
Pastor Bill

The Week Ahead

Sunday, Jan. 25

All services/programs cancelled due to inclement weather

Monday, Jan. 26

Church office closed due to inclement weather

Thursday, Jan. 29

6:30 pm Choir

Sunday, Feb. 1

9:00 am Adult Sunday School

9:00 am Choir

9:30 am Children's Sunday School

10:00 am Worship

11:00 am Family Snow Event ❄️

SAVE THE DATES

Feb. 15 - Congregational Meeting (Potluck Lunch) after worship 📅

Feb. 22 - Preparing for Lent Luncheon after worship ✝️

Church Calendar

Sunday Ministries

LECTOR/INTERCESSOR

Feb. 1 Kim Haberman

Feb. 8 Christine Ruff

COMMUNION ASSISTANT

Feb. 1 Elizabeth Hurley

Feb. 8 Kim Haberman

ACOLYTE

Feb. 1 Joshua Rinker

Feb. 8

GREETER

Feb. 1

Feb. 8

VIDEOGRAPHER

Feb. 1 [Volunteer](#)

Feb. 8

FEBRUARY USHERS

Michael Rinker, Ashley Cline, Jeff Koenig, Barbara Albright

FEBRUARY BUILDING SUPERVISOR

Mike Rinker

ALTAR FLOWERS

Feb. 1 TBD

Feb. 8 TBD

Sign Up to Volunteer

[Lector](#)

[Communion
Assistant](#)

[Acolyte](#)

[Videographer](#)

[Altar Flowers](#)

Happy Birthday! 🎈

Jan. 26 - Kenny Propst

Jan. 29 - Dieter Klauss

Jan. 31 - Dee Hodges, Ryker Landers, Fonda Shumate

Announcements



❄️ Family Snow Event ❄️ - Postponed

Due to the expectation of real snow 🌨️ this Sunday, the Family Snow Event originally scheduled for January 25 will now be held on **Sunday, February 1.**

Join us after worship for lunch and snowy fun in the Fellowship Hall! Enjoy snow games, snow science, snow art, snow cones, and, of course, SNOW!



Martha Kluttz Hickman

Former St. James member Martha Kluttz Hickman passed peacefully into God's loving arms and eternal life at the age of 94 on January 18, 2026. Born on June 11, 1931, in Concord, NC, she was the middle daughter of the late Adam and Lucille Kluttz.

Baptized at St. James, Martha maintained strong connections with our church throughout her life, and many members will remember her involvement. Please see her [obituary](#) for more information, including details about upcoming services.

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2026 CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The annual congregational meeting will be held on Sunday, February 15th following worship. We will eat lunch together, pot-luck style. Bring a dish to share. The purpose of this meeting is the reception of the 2025 Annual Report and the election of Nominating Committee members.

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Feb. 15, 2026



In Case You Missed It...



Contribution Statements: A Note from Jill

2025 Year-End Contribution Statements have been emailed to you. Please let me know if you would like a hard copy for your records; we are trying to be good stewards of your gifts by saving money on paper and postage.

Thank you for all your contributions to the wonderful ministries here at St. James, and Happy New Year!

Jill Irvin
Finance Administrator



A little spaghetti. A lot of grace. 🍝

We're excited to support [Amazing Grace Advocacy](#) and invite you to attend their Spaghetti Fundraiser on **Thursday, February 26**.

Lunch will be served from 11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m., with dinner from 4:30–7:00 p.m. Enjoy a delicious meal while supporting an important mission. Proceeds benefit life and job skills programs for youth with disabilities.

Reminders



Meal Train for Jay Clemmer

During seasons when extra support can make a difference, one of the ways our church family cares for one another is by sharing meals.

The Meal Train for St. James member Jay Clemmer is ongoing, and volunteers are invited to sign up for dates that work best for them.

If you are able to help, please [click here](#) to learn more and sign up to provide a meal.

Volunteers Needed!



Our 2026 Sunday Worship Volunteer Opportunities are now open! We're looking for Ushers, Communion Assistants, Lectors, Acolytes, and Videographers to help on Sundays.

Altar Flower dates are also available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Not sure where to start? Email us at info@sjnc.net for more information, training, or to connect with a volunteer team leader.

In Our Prayers

Cecil Berry (Friend of Gretchen Walker)
Family of Michael Black
(Nephew of Patsy Black)
Patsy Black
Caroline Bost
Betsy Boynton (Friend of Tommy Propst)
Patrick Bryn
(Son of Kirby & Sondra Bryn)
Angie Buchanan
Mike & Debbie Cagle
(Friends of Robert & Debbie Davis)
Noah Clifton
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)

Jeff Gilbert
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)
Dave Olsen (Friend of Patsy Black)
Stan Parnell
(Friend of Rob & Debbie Davis)
Becky Phillips
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](#)
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