



WEEKLY
Ring Out
NEWSLETTER



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

Week of May 3, 2026

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

Introduction to Worship

As we continue to celebrate the fifty days of Easter, today's gospel includes Jesus' promise that he goes to prepare a place for his followers in his Father's house. Our baptism commissions us to share Jesus' mission in the world. As 1 Peter reminds us, we are a holy people, called to proclaim the one who called us out of darkness into light. In words and deeds we bear witness to the risen Christ—our way, our truth, our life.

Watch the Live Stream:



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The Week Ahead

Sunday, May 3

9:00 am Adult Sunday School
9:00 am Choir
9:30 am Children's Sunday School
10:00 am Worship
11:00 am **Parent Meeting with Christian Ed. & Pastor Bill**

Monday, May 4

10:30 am Quilting

Tuesday, May 5

10:30 am Mary Magdalene Circle
6:00 pm Executive Committee

Thursday, May 7

6:30 pm Choir Practice

Sunday, May 10

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

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Sunday Ministries

LECTOR/INTERCESSOR

May 3 Kim Haberman
May 10 Margaret Garrison

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

May 3 Ann Blackwelder
May 10 Kim Haberman

ACOLYTE

May 3 Joshua Rinker
May 10

GREETER

May 3 Amy Griffith

VIDEOGRAPHER

May 3 Jeff Gilbert
May 10

MAY USHERS

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

MAY BUILDING SUPERVISOR

Wendell Overby

ALTAR FLOWER

May 3

Sign Up to Volunteer

Lector

Communion
Assistant

Acolyte

Videographer

Altar Flowers

Happy Birthday! 🎈

May 3 - Charlotte Glatz, Edwin Glatz, Elizabeth Harris, Joy Lineberger

May 4 - Thomas Baker, Deedee Gilbert, John Kuly, Trent Propst

May 5 - Julie Burroughs, Sarah Propst

May 6 - Bryson Ziegler

May 7 - Malinda Allison

May 8 - Pat McDonough

May 9 - Anne Readling

Announcements



Last Sunday's Worship Service

This past Sunday, April 26, we were unable to livestream our worship service due to an internet outage.

The service was **recorded**, however, and has been uploaded to our YouTube page for viewing.



Reminder: Parent Meeting - This Sunday!

You are invited to meet with the Christian Education Committee and Pastor Bill after worship **this Sunday, May 3** in the Fellowship Hall. We'll discuss the direction of Christian education for children and youth, review what's working, share ideas, and explore ways you can contribute.



Lively Leisures - Tuesday, May 12

Join us on **Tuesday, May 12** for our final Lively Leisures of the spring, featuring a presenter from Eli Lilly. Lively Leisures will pause for the summer and resume in September.



Honoring Our Graduates - Sunday, May 17

You're Invited!

Join us for a special reception as we celebrate and honor the accomplishments of our high school graduates.

This is a joyful milestone in their lives, and we would love for you to come share in this moment of recognition, encouragement, and fellowship as they prepare for the next chapter of their journeys.

Date: May 17

Time: 11:00am

Location: King Fellowship Hall

Light refreshments will be served. Your presence will mean so much to our graduates as they reflect on their achievements and look ahead with hope and faith.

Please come and help us celebrate these remarkable young individuals!



COOK SCHOLARSHIP

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 2026/2027 academic school year.

Interested applicants can email holly@sjnc.net for an application. Please confirm if you are a first-time or returning applicant so you will receive the appropriate forms.

APPLICATIONS DUE BY MAY 17, 2026

Memorials from April

APRIL 2026

Memorials & Honorariums

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

In Memory of:

Bill Fisher

Given by:

Fred & Dianne Lambert

George Patterson

Given by:

Ralph Barnhardt
David & Teresa Chuber
Dee & Anne Hodges

APRIL 2026

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In Memory of:

Rev. Dr. Tom Ridenhour

Given by:

Ginny Aull
Fuller & Jean Beasley
Joseph & Christine Beasley
Libby Brewington
Al Brown
Will & Ann Gillon
Kim Haberman
Dee & Anne Hodges

Maureen Hollmeyer
Jerry & Nancy Hopkins
Jill Herold & Joe Stanewick
Emil & Penny Johnson
Fred & Dianne Lambert
Bobby & Carol Mawyer
Jim & Laurie Miller

Susan Miller
Lex, Laura, & John Patterson
Bob & Melissa Phillips
Glenda Poole
Patty Propst
Joshua Rhodes
Todd & Gretchen Walker
Cheryl Webb

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

This week's lesson...

Deborah, the Dutiful Judge - Judges 4:4-10, 14, 21-22

The book of Judges opens with the news that Joshua, the successor to Moses, has died. His death signals a transition to what we now call the "period of the judges". Centralized leadership that Israel once knew is now gone. The Israelites commitment to God faded as the generation of the conquest died. The new generation began to worship fictitious gods of the Canaanites known as Baal and Ashtoreth. Because of their idolatry, God handed his people over to their enemies. Oppression and hardship resulted. The Cyclical pattern of Judges consisted of peace while the people obeyed God; when they fell away, God handed them over to oppression until they cried out to God for help. God would raise up a Judge to rescue the people and restore peace, over and over! Deborah was both a prophetess and a Judge. The Word of God comes

through Deborah to Barak, who is to be the new Judge over Israel and rescue the people. After the defeat of Israel's enemies, Deborah proved herself a loyal and dutiful deliverer for Israel, continually giving all glory and honor to God!

Reminders



SAVE THE DATE
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
July 26 - 28, 2026

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

SNOWBALL MOUNTAIN CHALLENGE
Cokesbury Kids
FIND YOUR STRENGTH IN GOD
sjnc.net

The poster features a vibrant winter scene with a snow-covered mountain, ski lifts, and colorful flags. A cartoon walrus character in a red jacket and green hat holds a microphone. The text is in white and yellow on a blue background.



Amazing Grace Blessing Box

Amazing Grace's Life Skills Lab program continues 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.



Altar Flower Sign-Ups

Consider signing up to provide altar flowers for an upcoming Sunday. It's a simple and meaningful way to honor a loved one, celebrate a special occasion, or mark an important date.

After worship, any remaining flowers are shared with members of our congregation who are homebound.

[Click here to see available dates and to sign up.](#) Please be sure to fill in the details of how you want the bulletin to read.

In Our Prayers

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

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)

Phyllis Freeman

(Mother of Fonda Shumate)

Ed Frost (Friends of the Marlow's)

Ginger Gibbs

(Friend of Deedee & Jeff Gilbert)

Jeff Gilbert

Tom Grady

Nancy Haney (Loved one of Betsy Ballard)

Ryan Hardister

(Son of Bill & Reggie Hardister)

Maureen Hollmeyer

Hunter Huss

Dale Johnson (Friend of Dale Merrell)

Mary Frances Johnson

(Cousin of Francie Davis)

Karen Johnston

(Friend of Judy Benz)

Mary Anne Lanahan

(Aunt of Francie Davis)

Ruth Lawler

(Friend of Dee & Al Pieschel)

John Ledford (Brother of Deb Black)

Buddy McEachern

Barbara Merrell

Deb & Roger Myers

(Friends of Deb Black)

Dave Olsen (Friend of Patsy Black)

Mason Overby

Stan Parnell

(Friend of Rob & Debbie Davis)

Becky Phillips

Al Pieschel

Lori Pittard

Lori Ruff

(Mother of Christine Ruff)

Jessica Seeley

(Cousin of Christine Ruff)

Ruby Tyer

(Niece of Beth Huss' Friend)



Meal Train Opportunity

The Meal Train for St. James member Jay Clemmer is ongoing. Volunteers are invited to [sign up for dates](#) that work best for them.

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](#)

Volunteer!

Assisting in Worship

Sunday Worship Volunteer Opportunities are now open! We're looking for Ushers, Greeters, 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.

St. James Staff

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Jill Irvin, Financial Administrator [Email](#)

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