



WEEKLY
Ring Out
NEWSLETTER



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

Week of Nov. 16, 2025

The Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

Introduction to Worship

The end is near. There is no doubt about it. The warnings are dire. The tone of today's texts is ominous. But the baptized know how to live in the meantime. The baptized are strengthened for the living of these days in word and sacrament. The baptized rally around the invitation of the apostle: "Do not be weary in doing what is right."

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The Week Ahead

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

Monday, Nov. 17

10:30 am Quilting

Thursday, Nov. 20

6:30 pm Choir

Sunday, Nov. 23

9:00 am Adult Sunday School

9:00 am Choir

9:30 am Children's Sunday School

10:00 am Worship

11:00 am **Congregational Meeting**

Coming Up

Events:

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 16 Kim Haberman

November 23 Gretchen Walker

COMMUNION ASSISTANT

November 16 Samantha Hillegass

November 23 Gretchen Walker

VIDEOGRAPHER

November 16 [Volunteer](#)

November 23 [Volunteer](#)

USHERS

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

ACOLYTE
November 16 Josh Rinker
November 23 Noah Pittard

GREETER
November 16 Judy Benz
November 23 Lois Marlow

BUILDING SUPERVISOR
Wendell Overby

ALTAR FLOWERS
November 16 Joan McEachern
November 23 Debbie Davis

**Sign Up to
Volunteer**

Lector

Communion
Assistant

Acolyte

Videographer

Altar Flowers

Happy Birthday! ☐

Nov. 16 - Karen Parks, Heidi Patterson, Noah Pittard
Nov. 17 - Jane Craver, Michael Korinko, Buddy McEachern, Jr.
Nov. 18 - Emerson Baker
Nov. 19 - LeeAnn Miller
Nov. 20 - Ralph Barnhardt

Announcements



Budget Q & A - This Sunday, Nov. 16

In preparation for the Congregational Meeting next Sunday, Nov. 23rd, we will hold a Budget Q & A session this Sunday, Nov. 16 at 9:00am in the Fellowship Hall.

This will be an opportunity to review the 2026 proposed budget and ask questions prior to our vote the following week.

Note - Adult Sunday School will not meet this Sunday.



The Residents of Historic Concord & St. James Team Up for a Magical Evening in Downtown Concord

The Residents of Historic Concord will host their biennial Holiday Tour of Homes on December 13–14 in Downtown Concord. As part of this festive weekend, St. James Lutheran Church is delighted to partner with the event for a special evening on Saturday, December 13.

On Dec. 13 at 6:45 pm, the home tour trolley will make a special stop at St. James, offering guests the opportunity to attend Carols by Candlelight — a congregational sing-along featuring choirs, orchestra, and organ, sharing the story of Christmas through scripture and song.

Carols by Candlelight is a free event open to the public; a freewill offering will be received.

The Historic Concord Holiday Tour of Homes is a ticketed event hosted by the Residents of Historic Concord. [Click here for more information and tickets.](#)



Volunteer in 2026!

Our 2026 [Sunday Worship Volunteer Opportunities](#) are now open! We're looking for 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 lead.

In Case You Missed It...



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

**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



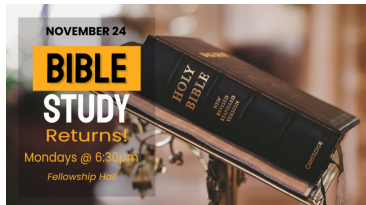
Poinsettia Gifts Available for Order ☐

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.



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.

Upcoming Events

ADVENT FAMILY CELEBRATION

Sunday, Nov. 30th

11AM; after worship

Fellowship Hall

Lunch, Ornament Making, Indoor Tree
Decorating!

All ages welcome! – Let's celebrate the
hope and joy of Advent as a church family!



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*



Partner News

**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.



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](#)

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)

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](#)

Holly Sloop, Communications Coordinator [Email](#)

Kathryn Radcliffe, Nursery Coordinator [Email](#)

Teresa Honeycutt, Custodian [Email](#)

Kim Haberman, Congregation President [Email](#)

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