



WEEKLY
Ring Out
NEWSLETTER



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

Week of Sept. 21, 2025

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Introduction to Worship

As we are invited today to consider what it means to be managers (rather than owners) of all that we have, it is crucial to recognize that we are bought with a price. "Christ Jesus, himself human, . . . gave himself a ransom for all." Apart from the generosity of God we have nothing—we are nothing. By God's gracious favor we have everything we need.

Watch the Live Stream:



The Week Ahead

Sunday, Sept. 21

9:00 am Mission Info Session with Frank & Pastor Bill
9:00 am Choir
9:30 am Children's Sunday School
10:00 am Worship
11:00 am Mission & Info Session with Frank & Pastor Bill

Monday, Sept. 22

10:30 am Quilting

Thursday, Sept. 25

6:30 pm Choir

Sunday, Sept. 28

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

September Ministries:

Blessing Box Drive ☐
Sonshine Backpacks ☐

Coming Up

Events:

Oct. 12: CROP Hunger Walk ☐
Oct. 25 Million Meals Tour ☐
Oct. 26: Trunk or Treat ☐
Nov. 8: Organ Concert ☐
Dec. 13: Carols by Candlelight ☐

Sunday Ministries

LECTOR/INTERCESSOR

September 21 Kim Haberman
September 28 Margaret Garrison

COMMUNION ASSISTANT

September 21 Ann Blackwelder
September 28 [Volunteer](#)

ACOLYTE

September 21 Joshua Rinker
September 28

GREETER

September 21 Barbara Albright
September 28 Joyce Smith

VIDEOGRAPHER

September 21
September 28

USHERS

Michael Rinker, Ashley Cline, Jeff Koenig, Barbara Albright

BUILDING SUPERVISORS

Chip Blackwelder & Mike Rinker

ALTAR FLOWERS

September 21 Elizabeth Hurley
September 28 Laurie Miller

Sign Up to
Volunteer

Lector

Communion
Assistant

Acolyte

Videographer

Altar Flowers

Happy Birthday! ☐

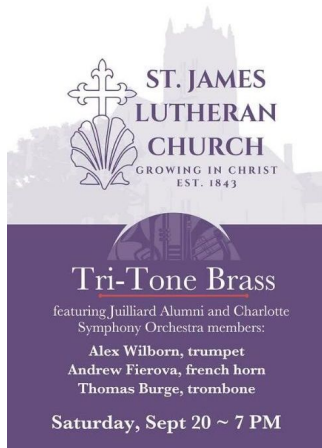
Sept. 22 - John Patterson, Patricia Propst

Sept. 23 - Annette Propst

Sept. 24 - Lois Marlow

Sept. 27 - Tommy Propst

Announcements



Tri-Tone Brass ☐ - Tomorrow!

Reminder!

Join us tomorrow, **Saturday, Sept. 20 at 7pm** for a memorable evening of music featuring Juilliard Alumni and Charlotte Symphony Orchestra members:

Alex Wiborn – trumpet
Andrew Fierova – french horn
Thomas Burge – trombone

Thank you to our Music Ministry Department for arranging this special performance.

Mission Info Sessions this Sunday - Sept. 21

If you haven't already, please join us for a special informational session this Sunday, Sept. 21 in the Fellowship Hall. Sessions will be offered at **9:00am** and again **immediately after worship**. Please attend one.

Together with Pastor Bill and Frank Irvin, we'll explore how your offerings fuel the mission of our church and answer the important question: "Where and for what do our offerings go?"

Come learn, ask questions, and deepen your understanding of how our giving connects directly to our mission!



In Case You Missed It...



St. James Team Registration Open Now! -CROP Walk Oct. 12

Registration is now open for the St. James Lutheran Team! **Register now** and join us for the annual Cabarrus County CROP Hunger Walk, Sunday, Oct. 12 at 2pm (check-in at 1pm). If you are unable to walk you can still make a donation towards the St. James team!

This year's walk kicks off at First Presbyterian Church (70 Union St. NE).

St. James supports the CROP Walk each year by



Lifeline's Million Meals Tour - Oct. 25

Join us as Lifeline Christian Mission brings the Million Meals Tour to Atrium Ballpark in Kannapolis.

St. James Social Ministry has committed to providing 20 volunteers for Saturday, Oct. 25 at 9:00AM.

Meal packing takes about 1.5 hours leaving plenty of time afterward to enjoy Downtown Kannapolis!

[Sign up here.](#) Contact Chris Miller with any questions.

Reminders

The logo for St. James Lutheran Church, featuring a cross and a shell, with the text 'ST. JAMES LUTHERAN CHURCH GROWING IN CHRIST EST. 1843'.

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*

Tri-Tone Brass

featuring Juilliard Alumni and Charlotte
Symphony Orchestra members:

Alex Wilborn, trumpet
Andrew Fierova, french horn
Thomas Burge, trombone

Saturday, Sept 20 ~ 7 PM

Organ Concert

An evening of music for organ and timpani featuring:

Brice Burton
Principle Percussionist for the Charlotte Symphony Orchestra

Dr. Kevin L. Estes
Director of Music Ministry & Organist

Saturday, Nov 8 ~ 7 PM

Rev. William C. Ridenhour
Senior Pastor

104 Union Street South
Concord, NC 28026

Dr. Kevin L. Estes
Director of Music Ministry

Tri-Tone Brass - Sept. 20

Join us for a memorable evening of music as three talented Juilliard graduates share their incredible gifts with our congregation and community. The brass trio group performs on Saturday, Sept. 20 at 7pm.

Organ Concert - Nov. 8

Enjoy an evening of music for organ and timpani on Saturday, Nov. 8 at 7pm. Featuring: Brice Burton, Principle Percussionist for the Charlotte Symphony Orchestra & Dr. Kevin L. Estes, Director of Music Ministry & Organist.

Carols by Candlelight Dec. 13

Join us for a congregational sing-along of Advent and Christmas Carols accompanied by full Orchestra, Organ and the Parish & Bell Choirs of St. James Lutheran Church on Saturday, December 13th at 7pm.



Sonshine Backpacks ☐

St. James is partnering with the Sonshine Backpack Ministry, which provides weekend food for Cabarrus County schoolchildren in need. For 12+ years, this ministry (led by Bonita Rowland at St. John's Lutheran) has helped ensure students don't go hungry when school meals aren't available.

How You Can Help (September Collection):

Bring non-perishable food items such as:

- Shelf-stable milk, cereal cups, oatmeal, grits
- Mac & cheese, canned pasta, soup, veggies, fruit
- Granola bars, juice boxes, popcorn, pudding cups

☐ Drop donations on the **back counter** in the church kitchen by **Sept. 28**.

☐ Questions? Contact Sylvia Corl (704-425-8621) or [Gretchen Walker](#).



Blessing Box ☐

St. James is once again sponsoring the Blessing Box for the month of September.

Requested items:

- Nonperishable food
- Easy-open Cans
- Baby food
- Bottled water
- Hygiene items

☐ Items may be placed in the **Blessing Box at Rotary Square** or in the **collection bin in the portico**.

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

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

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)

Patricia Mahoney

(Sister-in-law of Joan Mahoney)

Barbara Merrell

Annaleah, Michael, & Preston Morrow

(Friends of Shannon Nesbit)

Deb & Roger Myers

(Friends of Deb Black)

Stan Parnell (Friend of Rob & Debbie Davis)

Al Pieschel

(Friend of Al & Dee Pieschel)
Ed Frost (Friends of the Marlow's)
Tom Grady

Lori Pittard
Tom Ridenhour
Roger Scarselletta
(Nephew of Joan Mahoney)

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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Kathryn Radcliffe, Nursery Coordinator [Email](#)

Teresa Honeycutt, Custodian [Email](#)

Kim Haberman, Congregation President [Email](#)

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