



WEEKLY Ring Out NEWSLETTER



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

Week of Oct. 19, 2025

The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Introduction to Worship

Pray always. Do not lose heart. This is Christ's encouragement in the gospel today. Wrestle with the word. Remember your baptism again and again. Come regularly to Christ's table. Persistence in our every encounter with the divine will be blessed.

Watch the Live Stream:



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The Week Ahead

Sunday, Oct. 19

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

Monday, Oct. 20

10:30 am Quilting
6:00 pm Bible Study - Fellowship Hall

Thursday, Oct. 23

6:30 pm Choir

Saturday, Oct. 25

9:00 am [Million Meals Tour Packing Event](#)

Sunday, Oct. 26

9:00 am Adult Sunday School
9:00 am Choir
9:30 am Children's Sunday School
10:00 am Worship
3:00 pm [Trunk or Treat!](#)

Coming Up

Events:

Oct. 25 Million Meals Tour ☐
Oct. 26: Trunk or Treat ☐
Nov. 2 - 8: Salvation Army Meal Week ☐
Nov. 8: Organ Concert ☐
Nov. 30: Family Advent Event ☐
Dec. 13: Carols by Candlelight ☐☐

Sunday Ministries

LECTOR/INTERCESSOR

October 19 Margaret Garrison
October 26 Barbara Albright

COMMUNION ASSISTANT

October 19 Samantha Hillegass
October 26 Margaret Garrison

ACOLYTE

October 19
October 26 Noah Pittard

GREETER

October 19 Lisa Folino
October 26 Nancy Faggart

VIDEOGRAPHER

October 19
October 26

USHERS

Brad Baker, Chip Harward, Taylor Pruette, Al Pieschel, Jon Miller

BUILDING SUPERVISOR

Tommy Propst

ALTAR FLOWERS

October 19
October 26

**Sign Up to
Volunteer**

[Lector](#)

[Communion
Assistant](#)

[Acolyte](#)

[Videographer](#)

[Altar Flowers](#)

Happy Birthday! ☐

Oct. 19 - Stephanie Harris
Oct. 20 - Katie King
Oct. 22 - Calen MacFarlane, Joyce Smith
Oct. 23 - John Eury, Nancy Faggart
Oct. 24 - Naomi Lovelace

Announcements



Lifeline's Million Meals Tour - Oct. 25

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

We have 5 of our 20 volunteers secured for this event. If you are able available to help on Saturday, Oct. 25 at 9:00AM [please sign up!](#)

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

Contact Chris Miller with questions.



Trunk or Treat! - Oct. 26

Join us on Sunday, October 26, 2025 at our rear portico parking lot from 3:00pm - 5:00pm for St. James' annual Trunk or Treat event! Enjoy candy, popcorn, music, and games!

We are still looking for volunteers. If you are able to host a trunk or help run a game, please [let us know!](#)

Candy donations welcome! - See basket at portico door!



Salvation Army Meal Week Nov. 2 - 8

This year, St. James is committed to covering 7 evening meals for the Salvation Army Night Shelter **Sunday, Nov. 2 - Saturday, Nov. 8.**

Please consider providing dinner meals for one of these dates. A group or individual can sponsor a dinner by arranging and dropping off of 50 meals to the 216 Patterson Ave. Concord, NC 28025 shelter location by 6:30pm on their selected date.

Expenses are reimbursable through Jill Irvin. Contact Chip Popovici with questions.

[Click here to sign up for a date.](#)



Thank You! - Sonshine Backpacks

Special Thank You to everyone that supported the first quarterly Sonshine Backpack drive!

Together we collected over 100 items that will go home in backpacks of Cabarrus County schoolchildren in need.

[Click here for a letter of thanks from the Director of the Sonshine Backpacks program.](#)

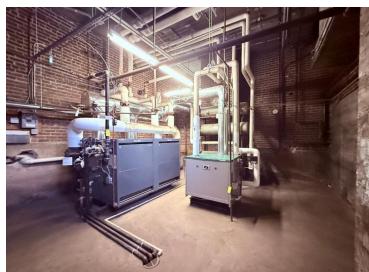
ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

This Week's Lesson...

A Family's Example - Jeremiah 35:5-11

Jeremiah's 40-year prophetic ministry was to warn the people of Judah of God's judgement to come at the hands of the Babylonians. This was to happen because of the sinfulness and rebellion against the Lord. Today's lesson tells the story of the Rekabite family who had a family tradition of living as nomads and abstaining from wine, and this family always obeyed this command from their forefathers. Jeremiah tempted the family with drinking wine but they remained faithful to the family tradition. This story of faithfulness was inspiring to Jeremiah and stood as a stark contrast to the people of Judah who lived in sin and failed to repent of their wicked ways. This story should serve as an example to God's followers to remain steadfast in our obedience regardless of societal pressures. Hope to see you there!

In Case You Missed It...



Boiler Project Complete!

We're happy to share that our new boilers are fully installed and up and running! This important project was made possible through the generosity and support of our congregation. Thank you to everyone who contributed; your gifts have ensured that our church will stay warm and welcoming for years to come!

Reminders

Operation Christmas Child Underway



It's that time again! - Help bring joy to a child in need this holiday season by packing a shoebox for Operation Christmas Child. Shoeboxes are available in the portico area, along with easy-to-follow instructions for packing and sponsoring a box.

Please return your unsealed shoebox by **Sunday, November 16th**.

Questions? - Contact Samantha Hillegass



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LUTHERAN
CHURCH**
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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

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.

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
Angie Buchanan
Mike & Debbie Cagle
(Friends of Robert & Debbie Davis)
Noah Clifton

Ed Frost (Friends of the Marlow's)
Tom Grady
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

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)

(Friends of Deb Black)
Stan Parnell
(Friend of Rob & Debbie Davis)
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](#)

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