



WEEKLY Ring Out NEWSLETTER



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

Week of Aug 3, 2025

The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Introduction to Worship

Today's texts offer instruction and encouragement for all who are occasionally overwhelmed by the "unhappy business" of life. Jesus urges us to take care and be on guard against all kinds of greed. We who have died with Christ in holy baptism have also been raised with him and are encouraged to elevate our thinking, seeking the "things that are above." To that end we seek the sustenance of the Lord's supper and the encouragement of God's word.

Watch the Live Stream:



The Week Ahead

Sunday, August 3

9:00 am Choir
10:00 am Worship

Monday, August 4

10:30 am Quilting

Tuesday, August 5

6:00 pm Executive Committee

Sunday, August 10

9:00 am Choir
9:30 am Children's Sunday School
9:55 am Congregational Meeting
10:00 am Worship (Blessing of the Backpacks)
11:00 am Congregational Lunch

Upcoming Events:

Aug. 10: Blessing of the Backpacks ☐

Dec. 13: Carols by Candlelight ☐☐

[Online
Calendar](#)

Sunday Ministries

LECTOR/INTERCESSOR

August 3 Christine Ruff
August 10 Barbara Albright

COMMUNION ASSISTANT

August 3 Elizabeth Hurley
August 10

ACOLYTE

August 3
August 10

GREETER

August 3 Laura Overby
August 10 Gretchen Walker

VIDEOGRAPHER

August 3 Ann Blackwelder
August 10

USHERS

Mike Downs, Al Brown, Jr., Sid Hughes
Bill Hardister, Hunter Huss

BUILDING SUPERVISORS

Hunter Huss & Kim Haberman

ALTAR FLOWERS

August 3 Ashley Cline
August 10

[Sign Up to
Volunteer](#)

Lector

Communion
Assistant

Acolyte

Videographer

Altar Flowers

Happy Birthday! ☐

August 6 - Ellen Mitchener

August 7 - Teresa Klauss

Announcements



Stuff the Pencil Boxes!

Throughout the month of August, our Christian Education Committee is collecting pencils to support students in our local schools.

High-need item:

Ticonderoga #2 Pencils

Also collecting:

Crayola Colored Pencils

These are the preferred brands for the classroom.

Donation Drop-Off:

Look for the pencil boxes on the counter in the downstairs Portico to leave your donations.



Ushers Needed

We are currently looking to add a few new ushers to our Sunday worship team. Whether you're able to serve regularly or are simply willing to be on call as a substitute, your help would be greatly appreciated.

If you're interested in volunteering, please reach out to [Gretchen Walker](#).

In Case You Missed It...



Special Congregational Meeting - Aug. 10

C13.02 mandates that the voting membership, at the annual meeting, elect six voting members to serve a one-year term on the Nominating Committee. This committee is charged with developing a slate of nominees to serve on church council. We forgot all about this in February. So, we're doing it on Sunday, August 10th. Immediately before worship, we will gavel in, take a vote to elect and gavel out. The vote to elect the members of the nominating committee is the only item of business permitted on August 10th. The nominees are Annette Propst, Chip Blackwelder, Wendell Overby, Deedee Gilbert, Ashley Cline, Beth Huss.

Blessing of the Backpacks - Aug. 10

Please join us for the annual Blessing of the Backpacks during worship on **Sunday, August 10th**. Students will receive a blessing and backpack tag and a congregational



lunch will follow Sunday's worship service.

All are welcome to lunch. Please [RSVP](#) to help us plan!



Children's Sunday School Needs You!

We're looking for caring volunteers to help with our Children's Sunday School classes. No teaching experience needed – just a love for kids and willingness to share God's Word. Materials and training provided. Please email [Ann Blackwelder](#) or call the church office.

Reminders



Carols by Candlelight - Dec. 13

Please save the date and 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 7:00PM.**

In Our Prayers

Joyce Beaty

(Friend of the Marlow's)

Cecil Berry (Friend of Gretchen Walker)

Family of Michael Black

(Nephew of 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)

Catherine Durst

(Daughter of Anne & Dee Hodges)

Nadine Filipak

(Friend of Al & Dee Pieschel)

Ed Frost (Friends of the Marlow's)

Tom Grady

Maureen Hollmeyer

Will Irvin 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)

Annaleah, Michael, & Preston Morrow

(Friends of Shannon Nesbit)

Deb & Roger Myers

(Friends of Deb Black)

Jan Phillips (Family of Brownie Brown)

Al Pieschel

Tom Ridenhour

Roger Scarselletta

(Nephew of Joan Mahoney)

Deb Walker

Upcoming Events

YOU'RE INVITED!

Blessing of the Backpacks

Sunday, August 10 @ 10am
Lunch to follow worship

Please join us for worship and lunch at the annual Blessing of the Backpacks!

All are welcome to lunch!
Please RSVP to help us plan!




A place for you

of the
Women ELCA

Women of all ages are invited to join us for friendship, fellowship, & support.

The women's ministry organization of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Mary Magdalene Circle 2025 - 26

Meeting Dates:
September 2
October 7
November 4
December 1 - Christmas Luncheon (Monday)
January 6
February 3
March 3
April 7
May 5
July 6 - Summer Luncheon (Monday)

First Tuesdays of the month.
10:30 AM
King Fellowship Hall




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

**WE ARE
HIRING**

Job description at sjnc.net

DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRIES

- Lead dynamic faith programs for kids and youth serving as a spiritual leader and mentor
- Build strong relationships with families and volunteers
- Plan engaging events, retreats, and service projects



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