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WEEKLY
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NEWSLETTER



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

Week of Nov. 8, 2026

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Introduction to Worship

Today the prophet Amos calls for justice to roll down like waters. Paul urges us to encourage one another with the promised coming of the Lord. Jesus tells the parable of the wise and foolish bridesmaids. Surrounded by the faithful of every time and place, we celebrate Christ's coming in our midst in the word of life and the feast of victory—the marriage feast of the Lamb.

Watch the Live Stream:



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The Week Ahead

Sunday, Nov. 8
9:00 am Choir
9:00 am Adult Sunday School
9:30 am Children's Sunday School
10:00 am Worship

Monday, Nov. 9
10:30 am Quilting

Tuesday, Nov. 10
12:00 pm Lively Leisures
6:00 pm Congregation Council

Wednesday, Nov. 11
Church Office Closed

Thursday, Nov. 12
6:30 pm Choir
7:30 pm Carols by Candlelight Rehearsals

Sunday, Nov. 15
9:00 am Choir
9:00 am Budget Q&A Session
9:30 am Children's Sunday School
10:00 am Worship

On the Calendar

Nov. 15 - Budget Q&A Session | 9am

Nov. 22 - Congregational Meeting | 11am

Nov. 29 - Advent Activities | 11am

Dec. 1 - 27 - Sonshine Backpack Food Drive

Dec. 6 - Bethlehem at the Farm | 3pm

Dec. 7 - My Father's House Meal Ministry

Dec. 11 & 12 - Carols by Candlelight | 7pm

Dec. 20 - Cocoa & Cookies: Children's Christmas Program | 11am

Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve Services | 5:30pm & 10pm

Online Calendar

Sunday Ministries

LECTOR/INTERCESSOR
Nov. 8 Lindsey Olsen

VIDEOGRAPHER
Nov. 8 Emma DePaulis

Nov. 15 Lindsey olsen

COMMUNION ASSISTANT
Nov. 8 Volunteer
Nov. 15 Dianne Lambert

ACOLYTE
Nov. 8 Volunteer
Nov. 15

GREETER
Nov. 8 Volunteer
Nov. 15

Nov. 15 Erik DePaulis

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

BUILDING SUPERVISOR
Wendell Overyby

ALTAR FLOWER
Nov. 8
Nov. 15

Sign Up to Volunteer

Lector | **Communion Assistant** | **Acolyte** | **Videographer** | **Altar Flowers**

Happy Birthday! 🎂

Nov. 9 - Chip Harward, Jr.
Nov. 10 - Orietta Grady, Bradley Propst
Nov. 11 - Jazmin Harward, Ben Kuly, Erin Kuly, Lillian Parks

Announcements



Pledge Cards - Nov. 8

Dear Friends,

This Sunday, November 8th, please bring your pledge card for 2027 and place it in the offering plate. Blank pledge cards will be available in the narthex.

Pastor Bill



Lively Leisures - Tuesday, Nov. 10 🐝

Join us for our Lively Leisure Luncheon on Tuesday, November 10 at Noon! Todd Eury of the Cabarrus County Beekeepers Association will present a program titled “Honey Bees and Their Impact on Us.”

Honey will be available for purchase in three container sizes: $12, $14, and $16. All forms of payment are accepted.



Opportunity, Opportunity, Opportunity

The More the Merrier!
We're Better Together!
We Can Do More Together Than Alone!

Beginning **November 15th**, you will find an Opportunity Sheet in the bulletin. This is an opportunity for you to say "Hey! I'd like to do that." Click the link below for a sneak preview and then put it in the offering plate, drop it on the desk in the office, or email us with your thoughts.

St. James Time and Talent Form



Experience Bethlehem at the Farm

Sunday, Dec. 6 | 3:00–5:00 PM
Far Fetched Farm
835 Brafford Dr.
Concord, NC 28025

Join us for Bethlehem at the Farm, a magical evening for the whole family! Step back in time and experience the sights and sounds of ancient Bethlehem.

Meet the shepherds and townspeople, and explore a bustling marketplace filled with crafts, treats, and hands-on activities. Warm up with a cozy cup of hot chocolate as you journey through a guided story of Bethlehem at the time of Jesus' birth.

Be sure to stop by the stable to see the manger! All are welcome to come and celebrate!

Click here to reserve your time slot.

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Evangelism Announcement

Each month, the Evangelism Committee will designate a person to serve as a point of contact for new members and visitors, helping them learn more about St. James and get connected with our church community.

During the month of November, Ashley Cline will serve as the point of contact.

Contact Information:
J. Ashley Cline
jashley_cline@hotmail.com
(m) 704-609-7783

In Case You Missed It...

Congregation Council Nominees

The following individuals have been nominated by the Congregational Council to serve a three year term beginning in 2027.

Elections will occur at the Congregational Meeting on Sunday, Nov. 22, 2026.



Ashley Cline

Born: Hickory, NC and have lived in Cabarrus County for over 17 years.

Education: University of California at Berkeley; University of North Carolina at Greensboro; Queens University

Occupation: Business Owner, Cabarrus Creamery

Current VP of Church Council

It would be an honor to serve another three-year term on St. James' church council. I would love another opportunity to assist the Church Council and offer my expertise and time to help facilitate conversations, purposeful actions, volunteerism, member growth, and assisting the church in our community endeavors and partnerships. Change is energizing and I believe St. James is evolving. The importance of how we evolve and what direction the church is going in is a major component of my interest in joining the Council. I am very excited at the opportunity and am grateful for the nomination.



LeeAnn Miller

I am a lifelong Lutheran and have been an active member of the Lutheran church throughout my life. I grew up at St. John's Lutheran here in Cabarrus County and joined St. James Lutheran when I married my husband, Jon, in 1996.

I currently serve on the Worship and Music Committee, coordinate Meal Trains for members in need, help with funeral meals, sing in the choir, and serve on the Stewardship Committee. Over the years, I have also had the privilege of coordinating Vacation Bible School, serving on Church Council, serving on the Call Committees for Tony Bradshaw and Bill Ridenhour, serving on the Personnel Committee, and taking on other roles whenever there was a need.

In my free time, my favorite thing to do is spend time with Jon and our adult children and their spouses. I am honored to be considered for a leadership position at St. James and look forward to continuing to serve our church family.



Laura Overby

St. James Lutheran Church has been my church home my entire life. Having previously served on Church Council, I continue to stay involved by teaching children's Sunday School, volunteering for VBS each year and co-chairing the planning for the past two years, serving on the Cook Scholarship Committee, assisting with the Bereavement

Committee, and volunteering as a greeter and in the nursery. I have been married to Wendell for 28 years and we have two children, a son Mason, 26 and a daughter Campbell, 24.

It has been a privilege to serve at St. James and I would be honored to continue serving through Church Council.



Annette Propst

Born and reared in Galion, Ohio I moved to North Carolina to attend Lenoir Rhyne College in Hickory where I received a bachelor of science in nursing. I met my husband, Kenny, at college and we were married at Saint James Lutheran. I joined Saint James around 45 years ago, and have been attending regularly since. Our sons were baptized and raised at Saint James. Bradley is a physician at Atrium Cabarrus and oversees the hospital residency program for family practice physicians. Andrew is a structural engineer with P.V. Insight. Both sons are married, and we have two grandsons.

Throughout the years I served as a Sunday School teacher for elementary, middle, and high school classes, advisor for the youth group, and helped lead the high school mission trips to Valley, Alabama. I served as the treasurer of WELCA and volunteer bookkeeper for the St. James Lutheran Preschool, attended the Hollis Miller Sunday School class, prior member of the Mission Fund committee, parish nurse committee, safety committee, and current member of the church council. I participate in the Meal Trains for members, Salvation Army night shelter meals, backpack program, My Father's House meals, Lively Leisures, nursery volunteer, and videographer.

If you would like to nominate someone for Congregation Council, please submit **nomination forms** to the office by end of worship November 8.



Advent Activities - Nov. 29

Join us Sunday, Nov. 29, at 11:00 a.m. (after worship) as we begin the Advent season with a time of fellowship and preparation. We'll have lunch, make ornaments, and decorate the Fellowship Hall tree. All ages welcome!



Mason's Home! - A Message from the Overbys

We'd like to thank our church family for every prayer you lifted up for our Mason during his deployment to the Middle East at a time of unrest. Your love, encouragement, and faithful prayers for his, and the crew's, safety have meant so much to our family. We are so excited to share that his ship, the USS McFaul, safely returned to Norfolk, Virginia on October 23rd after an 11 month deployment (Mason joined the ship 6 months ago)! Thank you for praying us through this journey. We are truly grateful.

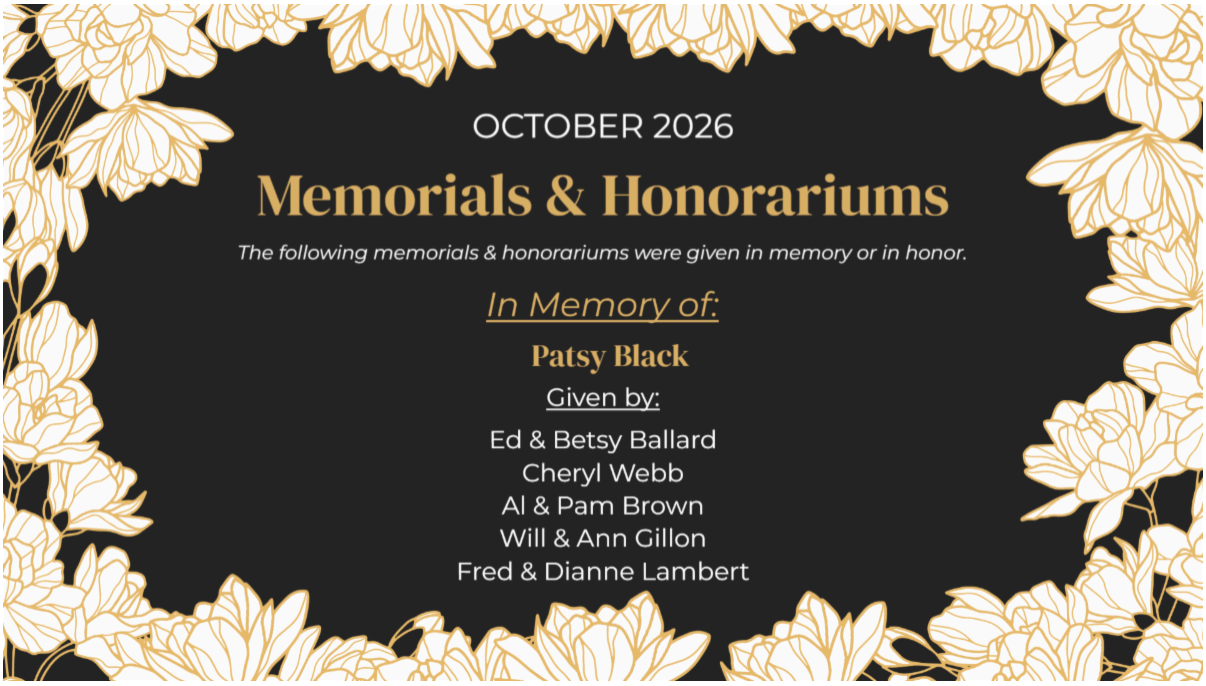
Wendell and Laura



Trunk or Treat Thank You

The Christian Education Committee would like to thank everyone who helped make Sunday's Trunk or Treat a success! Whether you donated candy, decorated a trunk, volunteered at a game, helped with setup, or contributed in any other way, we appreciate your time and generosity in making this a fun event for our church family and community!

Memorials & Honorariums



Reminders



Congregational Meeting - Nov. 22

Congregational Meeting

On Sunday, Nov. 22, following worship, we will have a potluck congregational meeting to approve the proposed 2027 budget, hold the Council election, and review a proposed bylaw addition.

Proposed Bylaw Addition

The voting membership will consider Council's recommendation to adopt a new bylaw under Section 2, Item 3, which would read: "A member elected by a special election to fill a vacant congregational council seat shall serve the remainder of that term." Please direct any questions about

the proposed addition to Pastor Bill, who is proposing the change.



Volunteers Needed : Bethlehem at the Farm - Dec. 6

Step back in time to the night Jesus was born at Bethlehem at the Farm on **Sunday, December 6, from 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.** at the farm of Anita and Jeff Jones (Far Fetched Farm), just a few miles from St. James at 835 Brafford Dr., Concord).

We're looking for about **50 volunteers f**rom our congregation to help create this immersive Christmas experience. Volunteers are needed for just **3-4 hours**, and there are a variety of roles available.

Please consider being part of this St. James tradition. **Sign up to volunteer through the form on our website.**



Carols by Candlelight

Save the dates and plan to join us on **Friday, December 11, and Saturday, December 12, at 7 p.m**. for a congregational sing-along tradition featuring full orchestra, choirs, and organ! Contact **Kevin Estes** for more information.

In Our Prayers

Billy Sumner

A Give InKind page has been set up for **Billy Sumner**. **Click here for available dates to provide a meal.**

Prayer List

Chip Allman
(Friend of the Marlow Family)
Cecil Berry
(Friend of Gretchen Walker)
Family of Patsy Black
Angie Buchanan
Mike & Debbie Cagle
(Friends of Robert & Debbie Davis)
Jay Clemmer
Noah Clifton
Karey Conrad
(Friend of Dee Pieschel)
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 Marlows)
Mary Anne Lanahan
(Aunt of Francie Davis)
Ruth Lawler
(Friend of Dee & Al Pieschel)
John Ledford (Brother of Deb Black)
Ron Lee (Neighbor of Kathryn Radcliffe)
Buddy McEachern
Jimmy Clark Marlow, Jr.
(Son of Lois Marlow)
Barbara Merrell
Deb & Roger Myers
(Friends of Deb Black)
Ruthie O'Brien
(Friend of the Marlow Family)
Dave Olsen (Friend of Patsy Black)
Stan Parnell
(Friend of Rob & Debbie Davis)
Al Pieschel
Luke Roloff and Caroline & Henry (Family of the late Elizabeth Roloff, Margaret

Ginger Gibbs
(Friend of Deedee & Jeff Gilbert)
Nancy Haney
(Loved one of Betsy Ballard)
Ryan Hardister
(Son of Bill & Reggie Hardister)
Linda Hartsell
Samantha Hillegass
Maureen Hollmeyer
Hunter Huss
Mary Frances Johnson
(Cousin of Francie Davis)
Karen Johnston (Friend of Judy Benz)
Garrison's niece)
Lori Ruff (Mother of Christine Ruff)
Jessica Seeley
(Cousin of Christine Ruff)
Robert Shinn
Doris Smith
Glenda Steel (Friend of Jeff & Deedee Gilbert)
Bobbi Talbert
(Friend of Dale & Barbara Merrell)
Ruby Tyer
(Niece of Beth Huss' Friend)
Mr. & Mrs. Jim Weisel

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 available on a first-come, first-served basis. Sign up for flowers **online**, on the sign-up sheet in the portico, or call the office at 704-786-0166.

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

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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