



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



Ring Out - Week of April 21, 2024

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

Introduction to Sunday's Worship

The image of the good shepherd shows us how the risen Christ brings us to life. It is the relationship between the shepherd and the sheep, one of mutual knowledge and love, that gives the shepherd authority. The shepherd's willingness to lay down his life for the sheep shows his love. First John illustrates what it means to lay down our lives for one another by the example of sharing our wealth with any sibling in need.

Download Bulletin



Sunday Worship will be live-streamed on YouTube beginning at 9:45 on Sunday morning. An email with the link will be sent on Sunday morning. You can also watch a recorded version later by visiting our [YouTube Page](#).

You can open or print the bulletin and follow along with the service.

Watch the Live Stream

On the Calendar...

THIS WEEK

The Week Ahead

Sunday, April 21

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

9:00 am Adult SS

9:00 am Parish Choir

9:30 am Children's SS

10:00 am Worship

Monday, April 22

10:30 am Quilting Group

6:30 pm Scouts

6:30 pm Bible Study

Wednesday, April 24

SUNDAY

Sunday Ministries

LECTOR/INTERCESSOR

April 21 Barbara Albright

April 28 Gretchen Walker

COMMUNION

ASSISTANT

April 21 Elizabeth Hurley

April 28 Christine Ruff

ACOLYTES

April 21

April 28 Noah Pittard

6:00 pm Bella Voce
7:00 pm Parish Choir

Thursday, April 25

6:00 pm Handbells

Sunday, April 28

Fifth Sunday of Easter

9:00 am Adult SS
9:00 am Parish Choir
9:30 am Children's SS
10:00 am Worship

GREETERS

April 21 Nancy Faggart

April 28 Kristin Rinker

VIDEOGRAPHER

April 21 Chris Miller

April 28 John Patterson

APRIL USHERS

Chip Blackwelder, Michael Rinker, Ashley Cline, Jeff Koenig, Barbara Albright

BUILDING SUPERVISOR

Wendell Overby

ALTAR FLOWERS

April 21 Kim Haberman

April 28

Online Calendar



Happy Birthday!

21 April - Stephen DeGrace, Sydney Haberman, Ryan Kuly

26 April - Kailey Hartman

27 April - Thomas Grady

Volunteer!

Worship Volunteer Signups are now online.
Please consider volunteering for one for the remaining 2024 dates.



Altar Flowers



Please consider placing flowers at the altar this year!
Cost is \$100 to cover the two arrangements.
Click below for open dates.

[Sign Up for Altar Flowers](#)

Upcoming Programs & Events

John and Alma Cook Memorial Scholarship

In 1968, John M. Cook, Jr. established an endowment to assist college and graduate students who are members of St. James Lutheran Church by helping with their tuition expenses.

The Cook Trust Fund Committee is now accepting applications for the 2024/2025 academic school year.

Interested applicants can email

holly@sjnc.net for an application. Please confirm if you are a first-time or returning applicant so you will receive the appropriate forms.

Deadline to return application is June 1, 2024.

Adult Sunday School Lesson

Summary for Sunday -
Gospel of John Movie - Chapter 8 -
Jesus confronts adultery and
judgement, spiritual bondage and
freedom, and the proof of His Deity.



Click below for Sunday's outline.

[Lesson outline for 4/21/24](#)

Adult Sunday School meets
Sundays at 9:00 a.m.

Reminders

Spring Bible Study

Bible Study has returned for the Spring. Join us in the Fellowship Hall **every Monday at 6:30pm** through May 20 for the Year of Mark (Cycle B in the lectionary).



A promotional graphic for Vacation Bible School. It features the St. James Lutheran Church logo, the text "RIVER OF Life", "Vacation Bible School Save the Dates July 28 - 30, 2024", and a cartoon illustration of children in a boat. Text at the bottom reads: "All volunteers will be required to have a current Safe Gatherings background check. Contact Debbie in the Church Office to sign up as a volunteer. 704-786-0166 | info@sjnc.net".

Vacation Bible School

Please save the dates **July 28-30, 2024** for Vacation Bible School. All volunteers will be required to have a current *Safe Gatherings* background check. Please contact the church office to receive instructions as to how to complete this process.

More...

Student & Family Mental Wellness Forum

Cabarrus County Schools is hosting a

STUDENT & FAMILY MENTAL WELLNESS FORUM

WEDNESDAY APRIL 24TH, 2024
 JAY M. ROBINSON
 HIGH SCHOOL
5PM-8PM



- 20+ community wellness and resource providers
- Food trucks onsite
- Activities for school aged children
- Raffles, swag & so much more!

Register Online:  Event Details: 

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: MICHELE GAY

School Safety: A Parent's Perspective
 Mother, educator, and co-founder of Safe and Sound Schools, Michele Gay tells her personal story and recounts the lessons she learned on December 14, 2012 and in the aftermath of the Sandy Hook School tragedy. Michele's perspective, as the mother of a special-needs child and former elementary school teacher, provides unique insight and inspiration for parents, administrators, school staff, emergency responders and community members who strive to make their schools safer. Please join us as Michele Gay and the Safe and Sound foundation bring an important message to our community.

Financed in part through the generous support of the Concord Area Chamber of Commerce. Cabarrus County Schools. Cabarrus County Schools. Cabarrus County Schools. Cabarrus County Schools.

Student & Family Mental Wellness Forum on **Wednesday, April 24 at 5pm** to kick off Mental Health Awareness Month! The event will open with Keynote Speaker, Michele Gay. There will be a provider fair including 20+ community mental health and wellness partners for students and their families to learn about resources that are available. There will also be food trucks and activities for school-aged children. **Details and registration information.**

PIEDMONT CHORAL SOCIETY

To Music
 Celebrating the powerful gift of music

FRIDAY, May 3rd 7pm
SUNDAY, May 5th 3pm
 Calvary Lutheran Church 950 Bradley Street - Concord
(off Broad/View Dr. NE)

Free Concerts - No Ticket Required

Don't miss our All Patriotic Music Concerts, June 27th, 28th, and 30th. Community singers are welcome to join PCS for these special events. Contact Key Tate | 704.699.6053 | pietmontchorsociety@gmail.com | www.piedmontchorsociety.org | Find us on Facebook

Piedmont Choral Society @ Calvary Lutheran

The Piedmont Choral Society will perform on **Friday, May 3 at 7pm and Sunday, May 5 at 3pm** at Calvary Lutheran Church. This will be a free concert; no ticket required!

Calvary Lutheran Church
 950 Bradley St., Concord, NC 28025.

Cabarrus Resource Conference for Behavioral Health and Disabilities
 Saturday April 27, 2024

For parents, caregivers, providers, and community members to learn about the resources, services, and education concerning behavioral health, trauma, substance abuse disorder, autism, and disabilities.

RESERVE YOUR SPOT NOW!

- Event is **Free of Cost**
- Refreshments will be provided

9AM-12PM



 Kannapolis Performing Arts
 415 Martin Luther King Jr. Ave
 Kannapolis, NC 28083

También se ofrecerán sesiones de español.

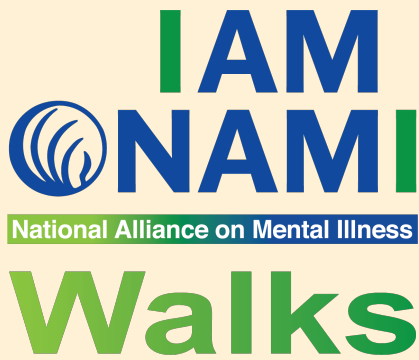
Cabarrus Resource Conference for Behavioral Health & Disabilities

The Resource Conference invites parents, caregivers and adult individuals to receive information, gain knowledge and make connections with local service providers, agencies and non-profits that are serving Cabarrus County residents with mental health, disabilities and substance use disorders.

Conference is **Saturday, April 27, 8:30am - Noon**. There will be tables to visit to gather information, materials and make connections open from 8:30am-12:00pm. Conference ends at 12:00pm. Drop in the auditorium to hear guest speakers discuss specific topics that families need to know! Visit the tables anytime

during the conference. Stay as long or as little as you desire.

[Click here for full program.](#)



National Alliance for Mental Illness

NAMIWalks powers the life-changing work of NAMI Cabarrus, And NAMI Cabarrus powers “Mental Health for All.” Join NAMIWalks Cabarrus on **May 18, 2024 at 9am** at Frank Liske Park.

Together, everyone will be NAMIWalks 2024 – through commitment, unity, and laughter leading up to, and of course on, Walk Day.

Registration is live | Vendor opportunities available. -NAMI Cabarrus Super Team (namiwalks.org)



Free Cabarrus County Pre-K!

Do you live in Cabarrus County?
Will your child turn 4 years old on or before August 31?
Would you like to know if you qualify for an upcoming preschool program?

Visit www.cabarruspartnership.org or call 704-933-8278 for info!

IN OUR PRAYERS



Tom Grady
Tom Ridenhour
Noah Clifton
Samantha Hillegrass
Linda & Paul Jones
(Family of Barbara & Dale Merrell)
Susan Tadlock
(Friend of Deb Black)
Mary Dorothy White
(Friend of Patsy Black)



Online Giving

You can manage your giving online! Giving online is easy and allows you to set up automatic recurring contributions or make a one time contribution and view your complete online giving history from anywhere you have access to the internet. In a few short minutes, you can make a one-time gift or set up a donation that will process automatically on a recurring basis. Recurring donations are convenient and provide our church with much needed consistent support throughout the year.



Ways to Give

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