



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



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## **Ring Out - Week of Aug. 18, 2024**

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*The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

### **Introduction to Sunday's Worship**

Wisdom prepares a feast, sets her table, and invites all to come and eat her bread and drink her wine. The first chapter of John's gospel owes much to the biblical tradition that imagined Wisdom as existing before anything was created and having a role in the work of creation. Christ, the wisdom of God (1 Cor. 1:24), today invites us to eat his flesh and drink his blood. John's gospel includes no account of the institution of

the Lord's supper, but here we can't help hearing Jesus' words as an invitation to the meal of bread and wine we share.

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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](#)

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### On the Calendar...

**THIS WEEK**

#### The Week Ahead

##### **Sunday, August 18**

9:00 am Parish Summer Choir

9:30 am Children's SS

10:00 am Worship

11:00 am Handbells Meeting (Parlor)

##### **Monday, August 19**

10:30 am Quilting

**SUNDAY**

#### Sunday Ministries

##### **LECTOR/INTERCESSOR**

**Aug. 18** Barbara Albright

**Aug. 25** Margaret Garrison

##### **COMMUNION**

##### **ASSISTANT**

**Aug. 18** Samantha Hillegass

**Aug. 25** Anne Hodges

##### **GREETERS**

**Aug. 18** Laura Overby

**Sunday, August 25**  
9:00 am Choir  
9:30 am Children's SS  
10:00 am Worship

**Aug. 25** Gretchen Walker

**VIDEOGRAPHER**

**Aug. 18** Chris Miller

**Aug. 25** LeeAnn Miller

**AUGUST USHERS**

Mark Murphy, Jimmy Harris,  
Jeff Jones, Jeff Gilbert, Chip  
Popovici, Phil Tesh

**BUILDING SUPERVISOR**

Kim Haberman

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

**Aug. 18** Mark & Amy  
Murphy

**Aug. 25** Ann Reading

Online Calendar



**Happy Birthday!**

**18 August** - Helen Fincher, Sam Jones

**19 August** - Jim Harris, Jr.

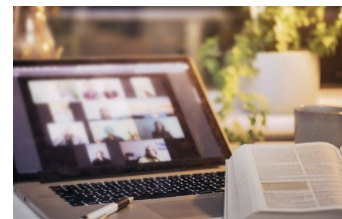
**21 August** - Meagan Lambert

**23 August** - Brittany Eaton

**24 August** - Lisa Burke

**Volunteer!**

Please consider volunteering for one for the remaining 2024 dates.



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## 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](#)

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## Announcements



### Cottage Meetings

St. James is excited to announce the start of Cottage Meetings. These meetings are meant to bring members together in small groups with Pastor Bill. We are asking for volunteers who are able to host a small gathering. Dates are being discussed, but we ask if you are interested, please send LeeAnne Miller an [email](#). This is a great way to get to know members, the Pastor and fellowship.

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## August Council Summary

Church attendance the last two weeks has shown improvement signifying that when children are involved, parents bring them. Finances are in line with budget projections. Bell Tower roofing is going well with a change order to handle newly

discovered minor repairs. While applicants for our church musician have been many, most have been from distant states. One applicant has been interviewed by Pastor and the interview team. The applicant has an extensive resume. Additional discussions are taking place for possible interim position. Wi-Fi installation is proceeding well. Office staff have their secure network running. Nominating Committee is seeking potential council members for next year. Budget Committee has established their timeline for budget prep. Christian Education Committee shared their monthly activities for youth and children. The work for developing a church vision and understanding our core values continues to excite and expand the thinking of the council members. This will be an on-going effort.

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## Reminders

### Fall Fellowship Gathering



Join us for the St. James Lutheran Church Fall Fellowship Gathering at our all-congregation picnic on **Sunday, Sept. 8** at the home of Kenny & Annette Propst.

Inspired by the first service in the "new" building (our current building) on September 2, 1928, our fall gathering celebrates this continued fellowship!

Fall Gathering starts at 12:30pm;  
Smoke House BBQ Lunch at 1:00pm

Rain location - St. James Fellowship Hall

**Please RSVP to help us plan!**

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All Kids are Invited to Join Us for...

# Kids' NIGHT OUT!

Friday, Sept. 20  
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

St. James Lutheran Church  
The Church will provide pizza, popcorn, craft, and movie!  
RSVP BY THURSDAY MORNING  
info@sjnc.net | 704-786-0166

RSVP 



## Part-Time Office Assistant Opening

St. James has begun a search for a part-time Office Assistant. The Office Assistant is the first point of contact for St. James Lutheran Church members and its guests. This position is a crucial one, providing exceptional customer service and ensuring smooth operations in our front office. This position will work no more than 12 hours per week. If you know someone, please send them to the [website](#) for more information.



We are hiring!

### PART-TIME OFFICE ASSISTANT

St. James is seeking a friendly front-facing office assistant to provide administrative support.

Job description @ [sjnc.net](#)

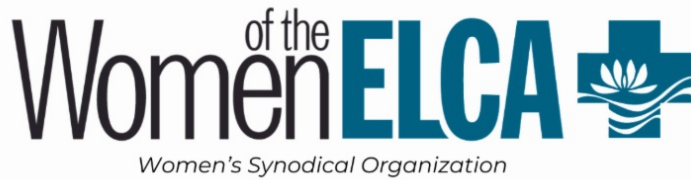
Inquires: [info@sjnc.net](mailto:info@sjnc.net)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

<b>SEPT. 8</b>	<b>Fall Fellowship Gathering</b> Picnic after Worship	<b>OCT. 13</b>	<b>CROP Walk</b> Kimball Memorial Lutheran
<b>SEPT. 20</b>	<b>Kid's Night</b> Movie & Pizza	<b>OCT. 27</b>	<b>Trunk or Treat</b> Candy & Activities
<b>OCT. 5</b>	<b>WELCA Cabarrus/Stansly Conference</b> Speaker & Lunch	<b>NOV. 24</b>	<b>Thanksgiving Worship</b> Pie Party to Follow
		<b>DEC. 1</b>	<b>Advent Tree Lighting</b> Lighting of the Christmas Tree
	<b>DEC. 8</b>	<b>Bethlehem at the Farm</b> Details TBA	

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**SPEAKER**  
To Be Announced

## CABARRUS & STANLY FALL CONFERENCE GATHERING

Join women across Cabarrus & Stanly ELCA Lutheran Churches as we discuss ministries and hear from an inspirational speaker!

**October 5, 2024**  
8:00 AM - ENDS W/LUNCH



**Location**  
St. James Lutheran Church  
104 Union St. S.  
Concord, NC 28025



SAVE THE DATE -- REGISTRATION AVAILABLE SOON



## Acolyte Recruitment

Please give prayerful consideration to becoming a servant-leader as a St. James Acolyte. Training will be provided and you will be a most welcome addition. And remember: it's not just for children – all may serve! Contact **Pastor Bill** for information.

## Partner News

### Big Brothers Big Sisters

# THE BIG TOAST

CABARRUS COUNTY ED.

TICKETS ON SALE NOW

09.19.24

THE KETTLE ROOM  
CABARRUS BREWING CO.  
329 MCGILL AVENUE NW  
CONCORD, NC 28027



## In Our Prayers

### IN OUR PRAYERS



Jo Eng  
Tom Grady  
Tom Ridenhour  
Noah Clifton  
Angie Buchanan  
Linda Jones  
*(Family of Barbara & Dale Merrell)*  
Mary Dorothy White  
*(Friend of Patsy Black)*  
Sheril Rominger  
*(friend of the Marlow's)*  
Bruce Coffey  
*(friend of Mark Murphy)*



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

### Keep in touch!



Follow St. James on **Instagram**  
& **Facebook!**

Be sure to tag **@stjamesnc** when  
posting so we may share!

#### St. James Staff

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