



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



Ring Out - Week of Aug. 25, 2024

The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Introduction to Sunday's Worship

In today's gospel many people take offense at Jesus' invitation to eat his flesh and drink his blood; even many of Jesus' disciples peel off. This is the backdrop in John's gospel for Peter's confession of faith. "To whom can we go?" asks Peter, in words we sometimes sing just before the gospel is read. "You have the words of eternal life." In order to take such a stand, as Peter and Joshua did, Paul tells us to arm ourselves with the

word of God. We pray in the Spirit that we might be bold ambassadors of the gospel.

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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

On the Calendar...

THIS WEEK

The Week Ahead

Sunday, August 25

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

Monday, August 26

10:30 am Quilting

Wednesday, August 28

6:00 pm VBS Recap & Fall Planning Meeting (Flex Room)

SUNDAY

Sunday Ministries

LECTOR/INTERCESSOR

Aug. 25 Margaret Garrison
Sept. 1 Christine Ruff

COMMUNION ASSISTANT

Aug. 25 Anne Hodges
Sept. 1 Elizabeth Hurley

GREETERS

Aug. 25 Gretchen Walker
Sept. 1 Judy Benz

Sunday, September 1

9:00 am Choir

9:30 am Children's SS

10:00 am Worship

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Upcoming:

Sunday, September 8

12:30 pm Fall Fellowship
Gathering (Propst Home/
Rain location - Fellowship
Hall)

VIDEOGRAPHER

Aug. 25 LeeAnn Miller

Sept. 1 Ann Blackwelder

AUGUST USHERS

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

SEPTEMBER USHERS

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

**AUGUST BUILDING
SUPERVISOR**

Kim Haberman

**SEPTEMBER BUILDING
SUPERVISOR**

Mike Rinker

ALTAR FLOWERS

Aug. 25 Ann Reading

Sept. 1 Open

Online Calendar



Happy Birthday!

25 August - Audrey Baker, Scott Benson, Will King

26 August - Noah Hardister

27 August - Abigail Bestler, Lily Kartheiser

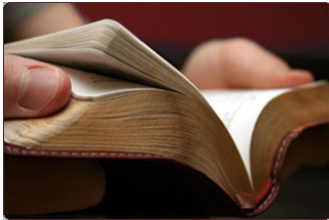
29 August - Miles Hinson, Eva Horton, Marcia Klauss

30 August - Carson Crainshaw, James Hughes,
Hunter Huss III, Donna Sloop

31 August - Conner Gale

Volunteer!

Please consider volunteering for one for the remaining 2024 dates.



Lector



Communion
Assistant



Videographer

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](#)

Announcements

Registration Open for Cabarrus/Stanly WELCA Conference

Registration is now open for the WELCA Cabarrus/Stanly Fall Gathering
Conference.

Conference will be held **Saturday, October 5th at 8:30am** ending with lunch.
Registration is \$10 (to be collected at the door). Please register ahead of time to
assist with planning!




CABARRUS & STANLY FALL CONFERENCE GATHERING


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

REGISTER NOW!



SPEAKER
To Be Announced

October 5, 2024 
8:30 AM - ENDS W/LUNCH

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



Blessing Box Drive for September

St. James is once again sponsoring the Blessing Box for the month of September. The Blessing Box is located across the street at Rotary Square and is stocked with food and other necessary items available to those in the community.

We are collecting items to be delivered to the box throughout the month. You can place items in the box yourself or you can drop them at the church in the red Blessing Box container located in the portico. Contact Chris Miller with any questions.



Requested Items:

- Canned Goods/ Crackers/ Cereal
- Bags of Rice/ Ramen/ Pasta
- Peanut Butter/ Jelly
- Granola Bars/ Raisins
- Fruit Snacks/ Pudding Cups/ Fruit Cups
- Baby Food/Bottled Water
- Other Non-perishables
- Shampoo/ Soap/ Deodorant
- Toothbrush and toothpaste



Member News

Congratulations to the Beasley Family!

The Beasley family welcomed Robert Henry Beasley on August 16, 2024. He shares his great grandfather's birthday - Joe Fries born August 16, 1927!

Proud parents are Robert and Lauren Beasley.
Grandparents are Jean and Fuller Beasley.



Have news to share? Please send information to holly@sjnc.net.

In Case You Missed It!



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 can 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.

August Council Summary



Church attendance in 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 about a 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 to develop a church vision and understanding our core values continues to excite and expand

Reminders

Fall Fellowship Gathering - Please RSVP by Sept. 1



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 by Sept. 1 to help us plan!

All Kids are Invited to Join Us for...

RSVP



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



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

UPCOMING EVENTS



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

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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

NAMI Cabarrus

NAMI Cabarrus Offering Free Family-to-Family Class

NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Health) Cabarrus is offering a free Family to Family class to be held at Crossroads Church starting Sept. 10. This free, 8-session program is for family, friends, and significant others of adults with mental health conditions. **See flyer for complete details.**



Big Brothers Big Sisters



In Our Prayers

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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)

Tim Gibson
(Friend of Deb Black)



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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