



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



Ring Out - Week of Aug. 4, 2024

The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Introduction to Sunday's Worship

Apparently not satisfied by Jesus' feeding of thousands, some who were there press him for a sign of his power; perhaps it is daily manna they want. As always in John's gospel when people want a sign, Jesus offers himself. He is the bread come from heaven to give life to the world. He calls us to come to him and believe in him, and through that relationship to know the one who sent him.

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, August 4

9:00 am Parish Summer Choir

9:30 am Children's SS

10:00 am Worship

Monday, August 5

10:30 am Quilting

Tuesday, August 6

5:00 pm Executive Committee

SUNDAY

Sunday Ministries

LECTOR/INTERCESSOR

Aug. 4 Kim Haberman

Aug. 11 Gretchen Walker

COMMUNION

ASSISTANT

Aug. 4 Elizabeth Hurley

Aug. 11 Christine Ruff

GREETERS

Aug. 4 Theresa Steele

Aug. 11 Gretchen Walker

Sunday, August 11
Blessing of the Backpacks
9:00 am Parish Summer
Choir
9:30 am Children's SS
10:00 am Worship
11:00 am Lunch After
Worship

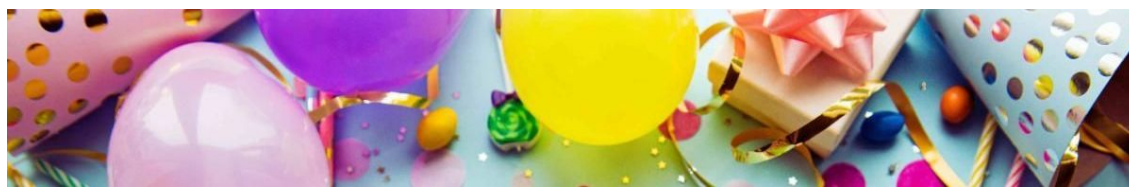
VIDEOGRAPHER
Aug. 4 John Patterson
Aug. 11 John Meadows

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

BUILDING SUPERVISOR
August Kim Haberman

ALTAR FLOWERS
Aug. 4 Cheryl Webb
Aug. 11 Robert & Debbie
Davis

Online Calendar



Happy Birthday!

6 August - Ellen Mitchener

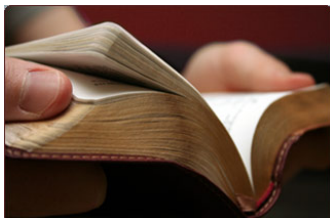
7 August - Teresa Klauss

8 August - Sylvia Corl

10 August - Connie King

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



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!



Mission Fund Grant Recipients

The Mission Fund Committee has awarded it's 2024 grants.

This year's recipients include AYA House, Open Door House, Present Age Ministries, and SJLC Property Fund for a total of \$6400.

AYA HOUSE



The award to the SJLC Property Fund fulfills the multi-year commitment made by the Mission Fund Committee in 2018.

AYA House provides transitional housing for those coming out of incarceration, substance abuse, and chronic homelessness.

Open Door House equips vulnerable young adults including those who have aged out of foster care to thrive instead of survive through supportive housing, structured programs, and mentoring.

Present Age Ministries is committed to combating the sexual abuse, exploitation and trafficking of teen girls.



present age
MINISTRIES



RSVP - Join us for Lunch!

Please join us for worship and lunch on **Sunday, August 11** for the annual Blessing of the Backpacks. Children will receive a blessing and backpack tag and there will be a lunch immediately after worship.

Everyone is welcome to lunch. Please RSVP for planning purposes.

Thank You VBS Volunteers!

Special Thank You to all of the VBS Volunteers!

VBS kids will be singing this Sunday at worship.

Children's Sunday School resumes this Sunday at 9:30am.



July Memorials & Honorariums


 JULY 2024
Memorials & Honorariums
The following memorials & honorariums were given in memory or in honor of:

In Honor Of:
Susan Wooten's 60th Birthday
 Given by Ed & Betsy Ballard

<p style="text-align: center;">In Memory Of:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Charlie Blackwelder</p> <p>Memorials given by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> . Fuller & Jean Beasley Al Brown Mike & Ann Holt Glenda Poole Todd & Gretchen Walker 	<p style="text-align: center;">In Memory Of:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Jack Cooper</p> <p>Memorials given by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fuller & Jean Beasley Al Brown Mike & Ann Holt Glenda Pool
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In Case You Missed It!

A History of the Belltower

While work is underway to install a new bell tower roof, let's look back at some historic events involving the bell tower.

The church's first 20 inch bell was purchased from Bernhardt, Philadelphia. The bell was shipped via Charleston, South Carolina, and hauled by wagon from Charleston by Richard Cook and was installed around 1845. The bell hung in the churchyard until a belfry was built to the church where it was rehung in 1874 by George Beaty for the price of six dollars. The bell hangs in the tower of our present church.

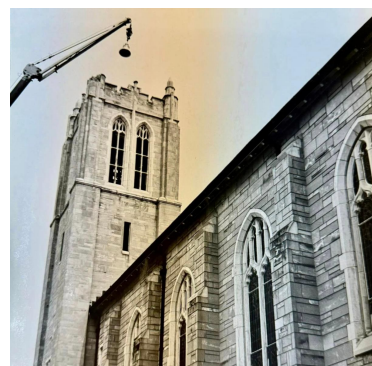
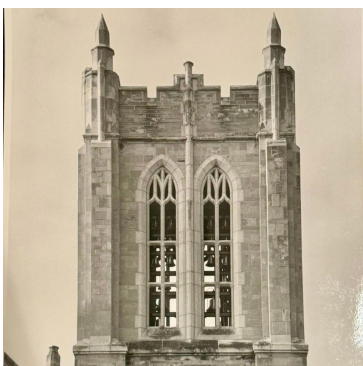
Construction of our current stone church began in 1927 and the first service in the church was held on September 2, 1928.

On December 18, 1966, a Service of Blessing was held for the Blanche Brown Coltrane Memorial Carillon bells, given by L.D. Coltrane, Jr., L.D. Coltrane, III, and Mrs. Betty Gay Coltrane Bivens.

On July 4, 1970, lightning struck one of the four spires at the top of the bell tower, causing damage that was later repaired.

The last bell of the original 28 was installed on July 15, 1970.

In 2015, the bell tolling system was updated. The project installed computer automated strikers, incorporated the church's original 1845 bell into the tolling system, and allowed tolls to be made from the organ. Committee members included Don Eng, Dr. Linn Baker, Tom Grady, Joe Grady, Dee Hodges, and Mickey McGee.



Reminders



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

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](http://www.sjnc.net) for more information.

UPCOMING EVENTS

AUG. 11

Blessing of the Backpacks

Lunch after Worship

SEPT. 20

Kid's Night

Movie & Pizza

**MORE INFO
TO COME!**

OCT. 5

WELCA Cabarrus/Stantly Conference

Speaker & Lunch

OCT. 27

Trunk or Treat

Candy & Activities

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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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.

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)*



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Ways to Give

Keep in touch!



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

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