



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



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## **Ring Out - Week of July 21, 2024**

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*The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost*

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

Mark's gospel makes clear how great is the press of the crowd, with its countless needs to be met, on Jesus and his disciples. Yet in today's gospel Jesus advises his disciples to get away and rest, to take care of themselves. Sometimes we think that when others are in great need we shouldn't think of ourselves at all; but Jesus also honors the caregivers' need. We are sent from Christ's table to care for others and for ourselves.

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## Download Bulletin

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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, July 21**

9:00 am Parish Summer  
Choir

10:00 am Worship

11:15 am VBS Volunteer  
Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

##### **Monday, July 22**

10:30 am Quilting

##### **Sunday, July 28**

9:00 am Parish Summer  
Choir

SUNDAY

#### Sunday Ministries

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

**July 21** Barbara Albright

**July 28** Margaret Garrison

##### **COMMUNION**

##### **ASSISTANT**

**July 21** Samantha Hillegass

**July 28** Ann Blackwelder

##### **GREETERS**

**July 21** Maureen Hollmeyer

**July 28** Barbara Albright

10:00 am Worship  
5:30 pm Vacation Bible  
School

**VIDEOGRAPHER**

**July 21** John Meadows

**July 28** Ann Blackwelder

**JULY USHERS**

Dale Merrell, Gretchen  
Walker, Robert Davis, Lex  
Patterson, Samantha  
Hillegass

**BUILDING SUPERVISOR**

Chip Blackwelder

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

**July 21**

**July 28**

Online Calendar



**Happy Birthday!**

**21 July** - Ashley Cline

**22 July** - Avery Ziegler

**23 July** - Holden Downs, Jill Trott

**25 July** - Tom Grady, Laurie Miller, Justin Monk

**26 July** - Kirby Bryn, Elizabeth Hurley, Al Pieschel

**27 July** - Janet Patterson, Michael Rinker

**Volunteer!**

Please consider volunteering for one for the remaining 2024 dates.



Lector



Communion  
Assistant



Videographer

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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.

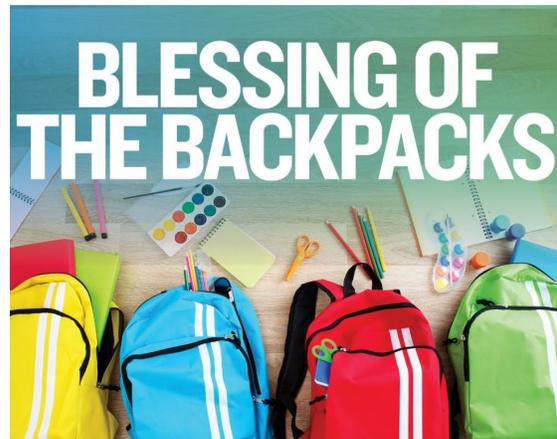
[Sign Up for Altar Flowers](#)

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## Announcements

### Join us! - Blessing of the Backpacks

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.



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](mailto:info@sjnc.net)

Inquires: [info@sjnc.net](mailto: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](#) for more information.

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# Vacation Bible School Reminders -

**Volunteers** - Must have Safe Gatherings Background Check completed.

**Volunteer Meeting** - This Sunday, July 21 after worship in the Fellowship Hall (decorating and assignments).

**Registration** - [Register now](#) if you have not already and plan to attend.

**VBS Starts next weekend!** - Sunday, July 28 - Tuesday, July 30 | 5:30pm - 7:30pm.



Thank you Simon & Joseph for getting our front lawn banner up!



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## July Council Highlights

Computer network and equipment upgrade to commence in the next couple of weeks. This upgrade will increase productivity and efficiency.

Job description for music position(s) reviewed. They are now posted, as is the description for an office assistant.

Council will continue its visioning work outside of regular council meetings on July 25.

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## Reminders

# VBS

# RIVER OF Life

## JULY 28 - 30, 2024

Register Now!



704-786-0166  
info@sjnc.net

All volunteers will be required to have a current  
Safe Gatherings background check.



# 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/Stanly 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

## Please consider volunteering for Videographer

Below is a brief run-down if you are considering volunteering to serve as videographer.  
*It is less intimidating than it sounds!*

**1** - On Sunday, facing the pulpit, you would go into the left side door where the laptop is, log on, select the OBS icon and click "start streaming" and "start recording" between 9:45am - 10am.

**2** - From there, you can take the Android tablet to your seat and open the "PanTilt-Zoom" icon and zoom in/out as you wish (although not necessary if you wish to keep it at the wide angle shot).

**3** - At the end of the service you would return to the laptop, hit "stop streaming" and "stop recording" and exit out of the OBS program and log off the laptop.

John Patterson was kind enough to write up a step-by-step instruction sheet that sits beside the computer.

If you are willing to serve as videographer, please let the office know and we can schedule a time to run through the process, or you may shadow someone that is acting as videographer on a Sunday.

[Click here for a list of open videographer volunteer slots.](#)



Laptop station



Tablet



## 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.

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## 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)*



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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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Keep in touch!



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

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

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