



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



Ring Out - Week of May 5, 2024

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

Introduction to Sunday's Worship

This Sunday's image of the life the risen Christ shares with us is the image of friendship. We are called to serve others as Jesus came to serve; but for John's gospel, the image of servanthood is too hierarchical, too distant, to capture the essence of life with Christ. Friendship captures the love, the joy, the deep mutuality of the relationship into which Christ invites us. The Greeks believed that true friends are willing to die for

each other. This is the mutual love of Christian community commanded by Christ and enabled by the Spirit.

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, May 5
The Sixth Sunday of Easter
9:00 am Adult SS
9:00 am Evangelism
Committee (Parlor)
9:00 am Parish Choir
9:30 am Children's SS
10:00 am Worship

Monday, May 6

SUNDAY

Sunday Ministries

LECTOR/INTERCESSOR
May 5 Chris Miller
May 12 Margaret Garrison

COMMUNION
ASSISTANT

May 5 Elizabeth Hurley
May 12 Kim Haberman

ACOLYTES
May 5

10:30 am Quilting Group
6:30 pm Scouts
6:30 pm Bible Study
7:00 pm Esther Circle

Tuesday, May 7

10:30 am Mary Magdalene
5:00 pm Executive Committee

Wednesday, May 8

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

Thursday, May 9

6:00 pm Handbells

Sunday, May 12

Seventh Sunday of Easter

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

May 12

GREETERS

May 5 Sylvia Corl

May 12 Judy Benz

VIDEOGRAPHER

May 5 Ann Blackwelder

May 12 Jean Beasley

MAY USHERS

Wendell Overby, Frank Irvin,
Tony Folino, Nick Lovelace,
Jason Pittard.

BUILDING SUPERVISOR

Pat McDonough

ALTAR FLOWERS

May 5 Ashley & Jeff Koenig

May 12 Jill Strahl

Online Calendar



Happy Birthday!

5 May - Julie Burroughs, Sarah Propst

6 May - Bryson Ziegler

7 May - Malinda Allison

8 May - Patricia McDonough

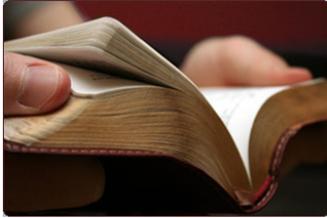
9 May - Anne Readling

10 May - Joshua Rinker

11 May - Hollis Miller

Volunteer!

Please consider volunteering for one for the remaining 2024 dates.
Contact **Scott Foppiano** directly to sign up as lector.



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](#)

The Latest News & Program Info

An Invitation for Middle & High School Youth

Mike Holt and Pastor Bill invite you to a time when we can listen to you. Please come on **Sunday, May 19th at 4pm** and help us, help you. What does a youth ministry that you want to be a part of look like for you? Join us Sunday the 19th and help us learn from you.



High School & College Graduates -

Are you about to celebrate your commencement from High School or College or Graduate School? Would you please remind us by calling or



emailing the office? As is tradition at St. James, we are planning a time to recognize and celebrate your accomplishments. info@sjnc.net | 704-786-0166

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.

**JOHN & ALMA COOK
MEMORIAL
SCHOLARSHIP**

Registration Open

**Deadline to Apply:
June 1, 2024**

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Thank You to Tommy Propst & St. James Property Committee

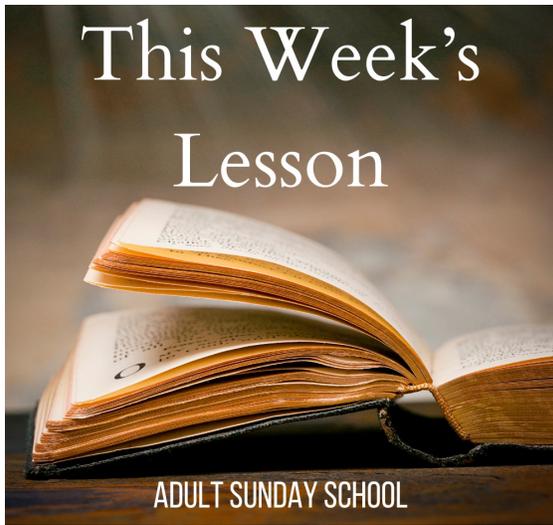
Thanks to Tommy Propst and our property committee for coordinating beautiful landscaping maintenance at the entrance of the church's historic cemetery on Corban Ave. Efforts have been made over recent years to better secure and preserve this historic site.

Mr. George Kluttz, in his will dated April 30, 1839 (recorded at the Cabarrus Court House, 1840) set aside a certain tract of land on Fayetteville Road (now Corban Ave) adjoining the lot later given by the Brown brothers for the site of the first



church. Mr. Kluttz's will stated that the land should be used by all Christian denominations. Mr. Kluttz was a Lutheran while his wife was a German Reformed church member. Through the years, the cemetery was used by Lutherans and others, including an area for slaves on the south side.

St. James' original church building was next to the historic cemetery until the congregation built its second church building in the 1880s at the corner of the City's square at Union & Corban, where the congregation's third and current church is today. Visitors will find some markers with familiar local surnames. Unfortunately, many of the markers have been vandalized and damaged over the 180+ years.



Adult Sunday School

Summary for Sunday -

Gospel of John Movie Chapters 13 & 14 - This week we will cover Jesus' last earthly days with His Disciples, starting with His washing of the Disciples' feet, the giving of a New Commandment, and the Promise of the Holy Spirit.

Click below for Sunday's outline.

[Lesson outline for 5/5/24](#)

Sundays @ 9:00am in the Flex Room



Monthly Council Summary

The St. James Congregation Council meets the second Tuesday of each month. Click below for a summary of last month's meeting.

In Case You Missed It!

Grant Received for Bell Tower Roof Replacement

Thank You to the Cannon Foundation! - St. James Lutheran Church received a grant award from the Charles A. Cannon Trust in the amount of \$35,000 to help cover part of the expense for replacing the Bell Tower roof.



St. James Bell Tower History - On October 9, 1927, a special service was held to lay the cornerstone of St James Lutheran church third and present building. Built of Tudor Gothic lines, ninety tons of steel and thirty carloads of Indiana limestone went into the construction. Three Scotsmen were the master masons and the decorator of the interior was an artist from Damascus. The magnificent belfry became home to the original church bell which was cast by Bernhardt, Philadelphia in 1843. Tolling on its own until 1966 when 23 magnificent Van Bergen Carillon bells were added. The BLANCHE BROWN COLTRANE MEMORIAL CARILLON was given to the Glory of God by her husband and children, L.D. Coltrane, Jr., L.D. Coltrane, III and Betty Gay Bivens. Presently, the bell tower roof has two coverings – the original roof covered by a second one which is now over fifty years old.

The project should remove both the original and second roof so damage can be fixed and a new roof added. The grant was awarded in early March and funds received in late March. The project is expected to start mid-June.

Reminders:

Pastor Bill is not emailing you about gift cards - A reminder to read like a skeptic

From: **Bill Ridenhour** <billridenhour.sjnc@gmail.com>
Date: Wed, Apr 24, 2024, 12:32 PM
Subject:
To:

This is a fictitious email address

Could you please let me know if you are available to talk further regarding a private request I have for your assistance?

Pastor Bill Ridenhour

Some folks at St. James received an email this week that looked as if it came from me. The email stated that I needed your “assistance” or it was asking you to help me with gift cards.

My St. James email account was spoofed. A nefarious individual(s) was treading on my good name with you hoping to use you for their illicit gain.

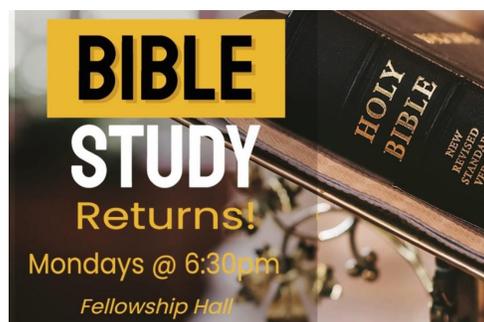
Folks, we live in a day and time when you simply cannot trust communication at face value. My St. James email address is prbill@sjnc.net. That is NOT the email addresses shown in the email itself. If you receive emails like this in the future, please hit the pause button. Please check the addresses. Please show the email to a trusted family member or friend. Please check with “the sender” (in this case that would be me) by a means of communication you know is correct, such as St. James’ phone number. And for goodness sake NEVER buy gift cards based on an email communication, no matter how sincere or gut wrenching the email. Be a skeptic. Trust and verify before doing anything.

Finally, specifically as concerns me, if I am in true need of your help, I am not going to use email. Here are two links from the FTC that might be a helpful reminder.

[How to Recognize and Avoid Phishing Scams](#)
[Your boss isn't emailing you about a gift card](#)

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).



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.
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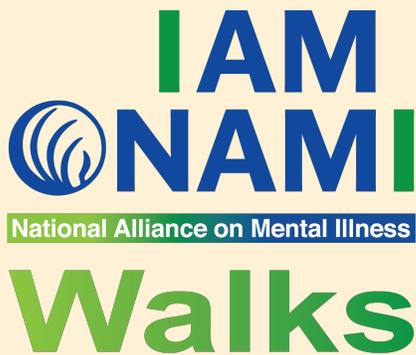
[More...](#)

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!



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)

IN OUR PRAYERS



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





APRIL 2024

Memorials & Honorariums

The following honorarium is given in honor of:

Tommy Propst

Given by Joseph Beasley to the Cemetery Fund in Honor of Tommy Propst and his efforts to maintain the Cemetery History and Grounds.

Memorials & Honorariums
may be given at sjnc.net

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.

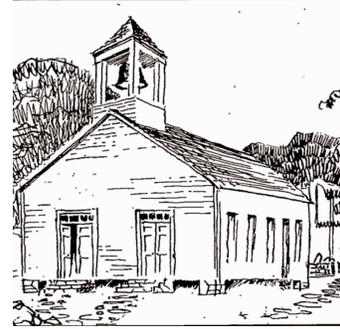


Ways to Give

Keep in touch!

Follow St. James on [Instagram](#) & [Facebook](#)!

Be sure to tag [@stjamesnc](#) when posting so we may share!



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