



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



Ring Out - Week of Sept. 1, 2024

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Introduction to Sunday's Worship

Jesus protests against human customs being given the weight of divine law, while the essence of God's law is ignored. True uncleanness comes not from external things, but from the intentions of the human heart. Last week Jesus told us "the words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life" (John 6:63). Now James says God has given us birth by the word of truth. We who were washed in the word when we were born in

the font return to it every Sunday to ask God to create in us clean hearts.

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, September 1

9:00 am Choir

9:30 am Children's SS

10:00 am Worship

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FOR CONGREGATION
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Monday, September 2

Church Office Closed - Labor Day

Tuesday, September 3

SUNDAY

Sunday Ministries

LECTOR/INTERCESSOR

Sept. 1 Christine Ruff

Sept. 8 Barbara Albright

COMMUNION

ASSISTANT

Sept. 1 Elizabeth Hurley

Sept. 8 Kim Haberman

GREETERS

Sept. 1 Judy Benz

Sept. 8 Samantha Hillegass

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

Wednesday, September 4
7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, September 8
9:00 am Choir
9:30 am Children's SS
10:00 am Worship
12:30 pm Fall Fellowship
Gathering (Propst Home/
Rain location - Fellowship
Hall)

VIDEOGRAPHER
Sept. 1 Jean Beasley
Sept. 8 John Patterson

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

**SEPTEMBER BUILDING
SUPERVISOR**
Mike Rinker

ALTAR FLOWERS
Sept. 1 Open
Sept. 8 N/A

Online Calendar

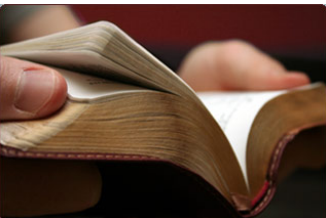


Happy Birthday!

- 1 September** - Claire Ford, Kathleen Francus
2 September - Kathryn Radcliffe
3 September - William Propst
4 September - Kim Haberman, Patrick Propst
5 September - Simon Lovelace, Ashleigh Matthews
6 September - Sophie Horton, Trey Horton, Dylan Urso

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

Final RSVP!

If you have not already, please RSVP 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.

**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!](#)



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



My Father's House Ministry Needs

St. James and St. Johns will host My Father's House Ministry Sept. 16 - 18. If you can help by providing items for the dinner meal **Sept. 16 or 17**, please let Sylvia Corl know: 704-425-8621.

God's Work Our Hands

It's that time of the year! The 11th installment of God's Work Our Hands for St. James will be

held on **Sunday, September 22**, right after service. This is a chance for us to give back to the community we are part of, with volunteer opportunities for Families First, Amazing Grace Ministries, Quilting, Hygiene Kit Building, Opportunity House, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, and Rice and Beans Kit Building for CVAN. **Please save the date of Sunday, Sept. 22, and plan to donate a couple of hours of your time by signing up on the sheets provided on the message board downstairs by the rear entrance.** Contact Chip Popovici for more information.



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. If you are interested, please send **LeeAnne Miller** an email.

[Click here for a list of current dates and to sign up to attend.](#)

Be sure to check back as dates will continue to be added.

Church Office Closed Monday

Friendly Reminder - St. James will be closed this coming **Monday, September 2** in observance of Labor Day.



August Memorials



AUGUST 2024

Memorials & Honorariums

Given in Memory:

Jack Cooper

Given by Buddy & Joan McEachern

Charlie Blackwelder

Given by Buddy & Joan McEachern

Memorials & Honorariums
may be given at sjnc.net

Reminders!

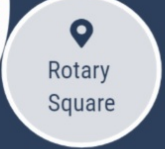


We are hiring!
PART-TIME OFFICE ASSISTANT

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

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.



Blessing Box

September

Requested Items:

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|--------------|---------------|-----------|---------------|
| Canned Goods | Toothbrush | Deodorant | Shampoo |
| Crackers | Jelly | Soap | Bottled Water |
| Cereal | Granola Bars | Rice | Baby Food |
| Ramen | Pasta | Raisins | Fruit Snacks |
| | Peanut Butter | | Pudding Cups |

Items may be placed in the Blessing Box across the street at Rotary Square or in the collection bin in the Portico.



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/Stanly 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

St. James Lutheran Church
sjnc.net | 704-786-0166



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



Women of the ELCA

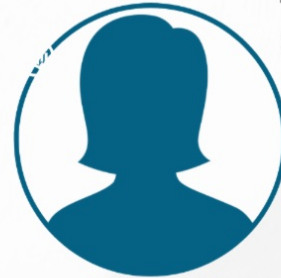


Women's Synodical Organization

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



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.

Prayers & Considerations

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)
Tim Gibson
(Friend of Deb Black)



Member Meal Train Opportunity

[Click here to support a meal train for Jay Clemmer.](#)



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

Partner News

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



 **NAMI** Family-to-Family
National Alliance on Mental Illness

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.](#)

Keep in touch!



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

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

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