



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



Ring Out - Week of Sept. 8, 2024

The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Introduction to Sunday's Worship

James tells us to stop showing favoritism in the assembly, treating the rich visitor with more honor than the poor one. Jesus himself seems to show partiality in his first response to the Syrophenician woman in today's gospel. Was he testing her faith in saying Gentiles don't deserve the goods meant for God's children? Or was he speaking out of his human worldview, but transcended those limits when she took him by

surprise with her reply? Either way, the story tells us that God shows no partiality. Everyone who brings a need to Jesus is received with equal honor as a child and heir.

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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, September 8

9:00 am Adult SS

9:00 am Choir

9:30 am Children's SS

10:00 am Worship

12:30 pm Fall Fellowship Gathering (*Home of Annette and Kenny Propst, 900 Wilhelm Pl. NE Concord, NC 28025*)

SUNDAY

Sunday Ministries

LECTOR/INTERCESSOR

Sept. 8 Barbara Albright

Sept 15 Kristin Rinker

COMMUNION

ASSISTANT

Sept. 8 Kim Haberman

Sept. 15 Samantha Hillegass

ACOLYTES

Sept. 8 Noah Pittard

Tuesday, September 10

12:00 pm Lively Liesures

6:00 pm Congregation

Council

Wednesday, September 11

7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, September 15

9:00 am Adult SS

9:00 am Choir

9:30 am Children's SS

10:00. am Worship

Sept. 15

GREETERS

Sept. 8 Samantha Hillegass

Sept. 15 Maureen Hollmeyer

VIDEOGRAPHER

Sept. 8 John Patterson

Sept. 15 Annette Propst

SEPTEMBER USHERS

Chip Blackwelder, Michael

Rinker, Ashley Cline, Jeff

Koenig, Barbara Albright

BUILDING SUPERVISOR

Mike Rinker

ALTAR FLOWERS

Sept. 8 N/A

Sept. 15 Dale Merrell

[Online Calendar](#)



Happy Birthday!

8 September - Laura Overby, Edith Propst

9 September - Dianne Lambert

10 September - Ryan Patterson, Alisa Wickliff, Libby Williams

11 September - Riece Pittard

12 September - Terri Fleck

13 September - Will Gillon, Hoke Hoekstra, Ward Hoekstra

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



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.

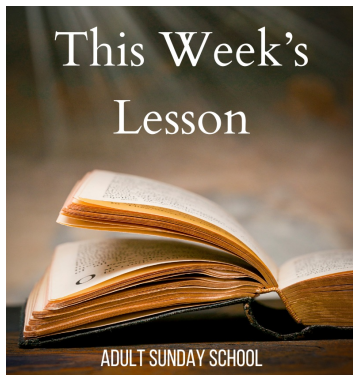
God's Work. Our Hands. - Volunteers Needed!

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, with volunteer opportunities for Families First, Amazing Grace Ministries, Quilting, Opportunity House, Big Brothers/Big

Sisters, and CVAN.

Please plan to donate a couple of hours of your time by [signing up for a volunteer slot](#).

Contact Chip Popovici for more information.



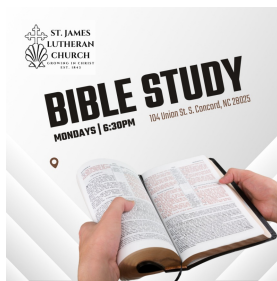
Adult Sunday School

Adult Sunday School returns this **Sunday, September 8 at 9am in the Flex Room.**

We will begin by following two Worship Leaders, Abraham and King Solomon, who followed God's instructions on how Worship was to be conducted and it's place in the lives of Believers! All are welcome!

Lively Leisures

Lively Leisures returns this coming **Tuesday, September 10 at Noon!** Join us in the fellowship hall for lunch and a presentation. Elizabeth Hutchins with Big Brothers Big Sisters will provide this month's program.



Fall Bible Study

Bible study returns **Monday, September 16 at 6:30pm** in the Fellowship Hall.



Cottage Meetings Dates Announced

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. See below for upcoming dates and join us for fellowship at one or more!

Tuesday, Sept. 24, 2024 at 3:00pm (Hosted by Nancy Faggart)

Thursday, Sept. 26, 2024 at 7:00pm (Hosted by Anne and Dee Hodges)

Thursday, Oct. 3, 2024 at 7:00pm (Hosted by Kim Miller)

Tuesday, Oct. 29, 2024 at 7:00pm (Hosted by Mike and Kristin Rinker)

Please RSVP to assist with planning.

Check back as additional dates are expected to be added throughout the year.

If you are interested in hosting a Cottage Meeting, please send **LeeAnn Miller** an email.



Bethlehem at the Farm

Please save the date & consider volunteering for Bethlehem at the Farm 2024!
This year's event will be **Sunday, September 8, from 4pm - 7pm.**

We are in need of a large number of volunteers to act as townspeople for the village. Volunteers to arrive by 3:30pm; costumes to be provided. **[Please click here to sign up!](#)**

We are also in need of 6 pop-up/easy-up tents for the event. If you would be able to provide a tent, please email **info@sjnc.net**. Tents may be dropped at the church ahead of time



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.



Reminders!

UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPT. 20 **Kid's Night**
Movie & Pizza

SEPT. 22 **God's Work. Our Hands.**
Volunteer Day

OCT. 5 **WELCA Cabarrus/Stanly Conference**
Speaker & Lunch

OCT. 13 **CROP Walk**
Kimball Memorial Lutheran

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

St. James Lutheran Church
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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)
Annaleah, Michael, and Preston Morrow
(Friends of Shannon Nesbit)



Member Meal Train Opportunity

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



Meal Train®

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

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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