

St. James Lutheran Church

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WEEK OF AUGUST 13

SUNDAY WORSHIP



ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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Saint James Lutheran Church

A Parish of the North Carolina Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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Welcome!

St. James is a house of prayer where all people can come to know the compassionate heart of Jesus. We are a community of Christians where you can belong before you believe. At Saint James the beauty of ancient worship and traditional spiritual practices transform contemporary lives. Join us as together we discover the sacred in the heart of the city. Our worship includes ancient and contemporary symbols and practices along with preaching and music to inspire you to follow Jesus in your daily life. We welcome both the spiritual seeker and seasoned disciple to find their home in God with us. If you are looking for a spiritual home or just exploring the life of faith, we hope you will walk with us on that journey of discovery.

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 13, 2023
10:00 A.M.

Introduction to Today's Worship

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Sunday Worship for 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.

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ON THE CALENDAR THIS WEEK

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Sunday, August 13

9:15 am Parish Choir

10:00 am Worship

Monday, August 14

10:30 am Quilting Group

6:00 pm BSA Committee

Preschool Begins

Wednesday, August 16

5:00 pm Christian Ed

7:00 pm Ladies Choir

Ensemble

Saturday, August 19

8:30 am Leah's Hope

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

14-Aug Mike Downs

14-Aug Bill Grady

14-Aug Ethan Wickliff

15-Aug Charlotte Davis

16-Aug Patty Propst

17-Aug Michael Bestler

18-Aug Helen Jones

18-Aug Sam Jones

19-Aug Jim Harris, Jr.

[COMING SOON](#)

Trailer

Sunday, August 20

9:15 am Parish Choir
10:00 am Worship
11:20 am Reception for Mike Holt

August 20 Reception for

Mike Holt

August 27 Reception for

Pastor Craig

September 10 Pastor Bill's

First Sunday

September 10 God's Work.

Our Hands.

AUGUST 2023						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30  5:30 pm VBS	31  5:30 pm VBS	1  6:00 pm Property 5:30 pm VBS	2 7:00 pm Ladies Choir Ensemble Preschool Teachers Return	3	4	5
6 Pentecost 10 9:15 am Parish Choir 10:00 am Worship- Blessing of the Backpacks 11:20 am Social Ministry 4:00 pm Youth Games and Ice Cream	7 10:30 am Quilting Group Preschool Open House	8 11:00 am Finance Comm 5:00 pm Executive Committee 6:00 pm Congregation Council	9 2:00 pm Staff Meeting 7:00 pm Ladies Choir Ensemble	10  Cabarrus County Schools 1 st Day for Students	11	12
13 Pentecost 11 9:15 am Parish Choir 10:00 am Worship	14 10:30 am Quilting Group 6:00 pm BSA Committee Preschool Begins	15	16 7:00 pm Ladies Choir Ensemble	17	18	19 8:30 am Leah's Hope Trailer
20 Pentecost 12 9:15 am Parish Choir 10:00 am Worship 11:20 am Summer of Service 11:30 am Reception for Mike Holt	21 10:30 am Quilting Group	22	23 2:00 pm Staff Meeting 7:00 pm Parish Choir	24	25	26
27 Pentecost 13 9:15 am Parish Choir 10:00 am Worship 11:30 am Reception for Pastor Craig	28 10:30 am Quilting Group	29	30 7:00 pm Parish Choir	31		

[Download August Calendar](#)

SUNDAY MINISTERS

LECTOR/INTERCESSORS

August 13 Jodi Ramirez
August 20 Barbara Albright
August 27 Kim Haberman

VIDEOGRAPHER

August 13 Chris Miller
August 20 Chris Miller
August 27 Needed

COMMUNION ASSISTANT

August 13 Jodi Ramirez
August 20 Anne Hodges
August 27 Needed

COUNCIL PERSON OF THE MONTH

August Jon Miller

ACOLYTES

AUGUST USHERS

Mark Murphy, Jimmy Harris, Jeff

August 13 Jodi Ramirez, Logan Whisnant
August 20 Noah Pittard
August 27 Finley Stephens

GREETERS

August 06
August 13
August 20
August 27

Jones, Jeff Gilbert, Chip Popovici, Phil Tesh

FLOWERS

August 13 Robert/Debbie Davis
August 20 Available
August 27 Available

CHURCH NEWS



We are happy to welcome two new members to St. James on Sunday. Marga Beville will be joining as a Member and Coleman Carter as an Associate Member. Please reach out and welcome them.

CCM FOOD FOOD NEEDS



June was not quite as busy as July at our food pantries, but at the Crisis Center we still served the 5th most households in our history. So three of the top five months in our history have been in 2023! After being closed for a week at the end of June and beginning of July for inventory, the holiday, and resetting, we reopened to a record 94 households served in one day (between 2 shifts). Our CEO, Ed Hosack, explained so well in his July newsletter article about why this is happening in the midst of an apparently booming economy <https://cooperativeministry.com/news/>

Meanwhile, our inventory remains very low. It is not too late to consider sponsoring a special summer food drive for CCM! We can ALWAYS use more plastic grocery bags!

A collection box will be in the Portico area.

Pantry items needed:

- Canned Chicken
- Other Canned Meats (Hash, Chili, Vienna Sausages, etc.)
- Canned peas, carrots, potatoes and mixed vegetables

- Pasta Sauce
- Any kind of canned beans (Pinto, Chili, Kidney, etc.) except for baked beans/pork & beans
- Peanut Butter
- Macaroni & Cheese
- Any Canned Fruit (Mixed, Peaches, Pears, Pineapple, etc.)
- Cereal
- Toilet Paper and Paper Towels



Join us for God’s Work Our Hands on September 10th after church service. GWOH is a nationwide ELCA activity providing an afternoon of service to those in our community. Immediately after Service that Sunday we will offer a bag lunch in the fellowship hall. During lunch find the team lead for the activity you have signed up for to let them know you are present. After lunch, please proceed to your activity. We have 5 activities to choose from.

1. Filling quart freezer bags with rice and dried beans, we will also assemble hygiene kits. Activity is in the Fellowship Hall. The completed items will be delivered to CCM during the workweek. Michael Rinker is the lead.
2. Quilting Ministry in the education building of the church on the first floor. Ann Blackwelder is the lead.
3. CVAN yard work on Bell St. Chip Popovici is the lead.
4. Big Brothers and Big Sisters – writing encouraging notes and filling snack bags. Katie Popovici is the lead.
5. Opportunity House on Corban Ave. – organizing donations and room cleaning. Samantha Hillegass is the lead.

Please see the online sign up page on the church website or use the link on the weekly Ring out. You can also order your GWOH t-shirt when you sign up for an activity. We are using the same t-shirt design

as last year. Please call Chip Popovici at 484-772-5963 with questions.

[SIGN UP NOW](#)

ST. JAMES MISSION FUND

3rd Quarter - 2023

Committee Members: Jodi Ramirez, Annette Propst, Jeff Jones, Glenda Poole, Nick Lovelace

Guests: Rev. David Sloop, Ms. Hollis Mullen, Ms. Gwen Bartley, Ms. Crystal Emerick, Mr. Ben Crocker

Requests funded this quarter include:

- **Amazing Grace Advocacy** to expand and reach parents and children with disabilities through your “Come to the Table” workshops.
- **Brave Step** for their work towards continuing workshop counseling services to the inmate residents of the Cabarrus Detention Center.
- **Salvation Army Women’s Auxiliary** to help keep the food pantry stocked for those in need.
- **Young Life Cabarrus** toward their overall goal to assist under resourced youth in Cabarrus County to afford and attend Young Life camp.
- **The Lifeline Fund of NC Synod** which assists with those in pastoral ministry, with some debt relief that was acquired during their educational training preparing for servanthood for congregational life in a Church.
- **St. James Capitol Building Fund**



Members of St. James

- Patsy Black
- Tom Grady

Family and Friends

- Pastor Craig Saltzer
- Marian Saltzer
- Bishop Tim Smith
- Larry Brayboy and family, friends of Nancy Faggart
- Steve Conrad, Lauri Lyn Hodges, friends of Al and Dee Pieschel
- Lutheran Church of the Holy Trinity, Mt. Pleasant, NC

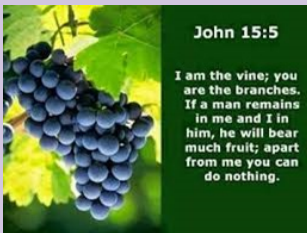
- Tom Ridenhour

RECYCLING

Earlier this year we started using a dumpster for our garbage eliminating the outside cans. We still have the cans for recycling which are located at the end of the hallway near the Foard Street doors. They are kept inside so that they aren't used as garbage cans.



CHURCHWIDE / COMMUNITY



John 15:5

I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.

WE ARE THE BRANCHES

Each week we will remember in prayer our brothers and sisters at one of our partner Lutheran churches in the NC Synod. Please lift them up in your prayers during the week also.

I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. ~John 15:5

Lutheran Church of the Holy Trinity Mt. Pleasant, NC

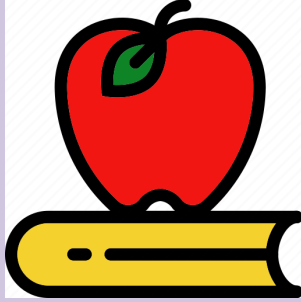
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Pastor Nile Sandeen



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A PRAYER FOR TEACHERS

God of wisdom, your Son came among us as a teacher. Send your blessing on all who are engaged in the work of education: give them



clearness of vision and freshness of thought, and enable them so to train the hearts and minds of their students that they may grow in wisdom and be prepared to face the challenges of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
(a prayer from ELW)

A SEED FROM THAT FATEFUL APPLE

Bishop Tim Smith

First of all, I know very little about Artificial Intelligence, or AI. I do know that I have bishop colleagues in other synods who have picked a random selection of lectionary assigned texts—let’s say the 10th Sunday after Pentecost, year A—and asked the AI program to write a sermon to a Lutheran congregation for that day. These bishops say they have to admit that on a content level, the AI-generated sermon was theologically and exegetically probably better than they might hear in at least half of their congregations on a given Sunday. And to think, back in the 60s we thought the Dick Tracy telephone watch and the Jetsons’ robo vacuum were technological impossibilities!



[Read Bishop Tim's entire reflection.](#)

Lutheranism 101 - a 4-Part Series



Tuesdays - Sept. 5 & 19, Oct. 3 & 17
7:00-8:30pm ET / 6-7:30pm CT
Register at elca-ses.org



LUTHERANISM 101 ZOOM COURSE

The Southeastern Synod is engaging our laity in Fall 2023 to enter into a series called “LUTHERANISM 101, a 4-part series” and others are welcome to join them. These will be 4, 1.5 hour online classes, on **Tuesdays in September and**

October, to help laity to engage in learning about the basics of the Lutheran faith and tradition.

Register just ONCE for all 4 sessions to be held via Zoom. Attend as many as you can.

[Learn More and Register](#)

YOUTH MINISTRY



YOUTH NEWS
A MINISTRY OF ST. JAMES AND CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH
AUGUST, 2023

JULY STARTED OUT WITH A BIG BANG AND HASN'T STOPPED!
The Aurora Wintergard hosted a Spaghetti Dinner in July, and the youth were right there giving Aurora a big hand! The Youth Ministry helped by guiding and partnering with the Aurora members in the kitchen, serving, bussing tables, filling drinks, cleaning up and



stepping up to help. Wherever there was a need, the youth were right there. A big Thank You goes out to Youth Ministry, those who helped in the kitchen, Sharon and David Fowler, the volunteers of Aurora, the parents, those who donated items for the silent auction and those who donated desserts. Together we raised around \$4,500 for Aurora and that is amazing! Thank you ALL!

THE YOUTH MISSION TRIP headed north to Altoona, PA, for this year's mission trip and we had a blast serving, participating in worship and having fun at Hershey Park! These guys are amazing! In four days, the youth painted the outside of a house, finished roofing a home, installed railings on a set of steps, installed railing and steps



YOUTH NEWS, AUGUST

Included is the Youth News for August, 2023. We look back at a busy month is serving others.

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CHURCH RESOURCES



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Even if you haven't served in the past, consider serving in these

areas. Signups are always on our webpage at
<https://sjnc.net/sign-up-now>

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.



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- Jill Irvin, *Financial Administrator* [Email](#)
- Scott Foppiano, *Organist / Director of Music* [Email](#)
- Mike Holt, *Youth and Family* [Email](#)
- Kathryn Radcliffe, *Nursery Coordinator* [Email](#)
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