

St. James Lutheran Church

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

Ring Out A Weekly Newsletter



WEEK OF JUNE 18

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SUNDAY WORSHIP



THIRD 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.

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JUNE 18, 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, June 18

9:15 am Parish Choir
10:00 am Worship-
Congregational Meeting

Monday, June 19

10:30 am Quilting Group

Sunday, June 25

9:15 am Parish Choir
10:00 am Worship
11:20 am Sunday of Service

June 17-24 Youth Beach Trip

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

18-Jun James Radcliffe
19-Jun Campbell Overby
19-Jun Katherine Weisel
20-Jun Kara Hardister
20-Jun Jim Miller
20-Jun Jeremy Monk
21-Jun Joann Bratton
22-Jun Fuller Beasley
23-Jun Samuel Haberman

COMING SOON

June 17 Mac Mullins
Ordination at St. Paul's,
Durham
June 18 Congregational
Meeting
June 25 Sunday of Service

Lunch and Projects

July 30 - August 1 Vacation

Bible School

SUNDAY MINISTERS

LECTOR/INTERCESSORS

June 18 Frank Irvin

June 25 Barbara Albright

July 02 Christine Ruff

July 09 Jodi Ramirez

COMMUNION ASSISTANT

June 18 Dale Merrell

June 25 Dianne Lambert

July 02 Anne Hodges

July 09 Jodi Ramirez

ACOLYTES

June 18 Finley Stephens

June 25 Jacob Rinker

GREETERS

June 18 Gretchen Walker

June 25 Laura Overby

FLOWERS

June 18 Laurie and Chris Miller

June 25 Available

July 02 Available

July 09 Available

VIDEOGRAPHER

June 18 Ann Blackwelder

June 25 Needed

July 02 Ann Blackwelder

July 09 Ann Blackwelder

COUNCIL PERSON OF THE MONTH

June 18 Elizabeth Hurley

June 25 Jon Miller

July Chip and Ann Blackwelder

JUNE USHERS

Brad Baker, Chip Harward,
Taylor Pruette, Al Pieschel, Jon
Miller

JULY USHERS

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

CHURCH NEWS

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

June 18, 2023

10:00 AM



A Congregational Meeting will be held at the beginning of worship on Sunday, June 18th. The purpose of this meeting is to vote on Rev. William Ridenhour becoming the next Senior Pastor of St. James and to vote on his compensation package. Details of his compensation

package were sent out earlier in the week.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

We had a very good meeting with Senior Pastor Candidate, Rev. Bill Ridenhour, this past Sunday. For those of you who could not attend but intend on being here for the Congregational Meeting this Sunday, June 18, I would like to pass along a brief bio of Pastor Bill which details his life journey and faith walk. Please contact me if you have any additional questions. Many thanks for the prayers and patience you have given the Call Committee during this process.

Frank Irvin 704-792-5088

[Read Biography](#)



ORDINATION GIFT

St. James has purchased a purple stole as a gift to honor Mac Mullins on the event of his ordination on Saturday, June 17 and his first call at St. Paul Lutheran in Davenport, Iowa in August. Congratulations, Mac!

COUNCIL NOTES

- Christian Education is organizing "Summer of Service" activities for all church members to work together. Will be a key opportunity for multigenerational fellowship. They will be held 6/25, 7/16, 8/6 and 8/20. Sign up and more details will be in the Ring Out Newsletter.
- Youth and Family will have a Youth Retreat at Kure Beach on June 17-24, Youth Mission Trip to Altoona, Pennsylvania on July 2-9 and VBS at St. James on July 20-August 1.
- Council approved a motion to allow Amazing Grace Advocacy, a nonprofit, to occupy the third floor on an annual renewable basis. Amazing Grace will pay for utilities and Nick Lovelace will draw up a contract.
- Council also approved a motion amending the building use policy to not allow animals in the church aside from service animals as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act.
- The church ordered a purple stole for Mac Mullins, who recently graduated from Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary. He will be ordained this Saturday at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Durham and will begin his call at St. Paul Lutheran in Davenport,



Iowa in August.

- Training sessions will be held in the near future for people interested in learning more about CPR/AED.
- A congregational vote will take place this Sunday to:
 - Approve the primary candidate Pastor William Ridenhour to become our next senior pastor
 - Approval of a compensation package

NO ANIMALS POLICY

This policy was adopted at last night's Church Council meeting and takes effect immediately.



"No animals are allowed within St. James Lutheran Church at any time with the exception of a service animal as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act."



PRAYERS

Members of St. James

- Patsy Black
- Margaret Garrison
- Tom Grady
- Tom Ridenhour

Family and Friends:

- Karey Conrad and Glenn Copeland, friends of Al and Dee Pieschel
- Bishop Tim Smith
- Messiah Lutheran Church, Hickory, NC

Family and Friends will be added for 1 month and then removed from the list. If you wish to keep someone on the list longer, contact the church office and we will be happy to keep them on the list longer.



SUMMER OF SERVICE

Mark your calendars now for Sunday, June 25 after worship. This is a multi-generational event so everyone is invited. You do not have to have children, to attend. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to interact with children and others of all ages. We will meet in the fellowship hall for a

lite lunch and then make "Thinking of You" cards for our shut-ins, God-time with Mr. Mike and other activities. Make your reservation below so we can plan accordingly.

Other Summer Service Event dates: July 16 and August 20

[Sign Up Now](#)

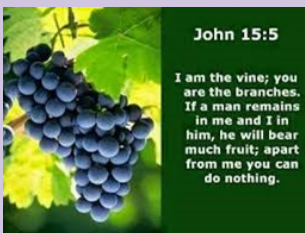


VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
Stellar VBS - Shine Jesus' Light
July 30 - August 1

Need Some Space This Summer? Join us at St. James for an out-of-this-world experience. More information coming soon. Adult volunteers are needed. If you can help contact LeeAnn Miller.

[Register to Attend](#)

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

**Messiah Lutheran
Church**

Hickory, NC

3510 Main Ave Dr NW
Hickory, NC 28601
Rev. Richard Schroeder



Learn More about
[Messiah Lutheran Church](#)

OPPORTUNITY HOUSE NEEDS



Opportunity House is in need of some basic items used in their daily operation providing meals, counseling, and showers to those in need in our community. If you can provide any of these items, please bring and place in the Portico area.

- Paper Towels
- Toilet Paper
- Laundry Soap
- Wash Cloths
- Bath Towels



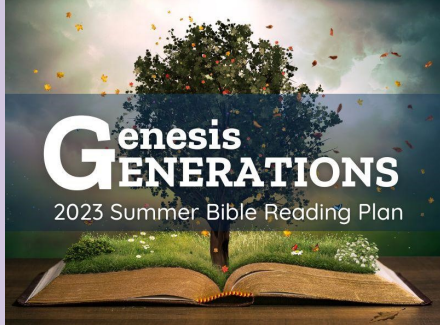
2023 Summer Recital Series

Recitals begin at 7:00 pm unless otherwise noted - Free Admission. A freewill offering will be accepted at each recital to support the Stigall Scholarship Fund, which helps offset private organ instruction tuition for organ students in grades 6 -12.

Please refer to our website for the most up-to date schedule.
www.charlotteago.org

June 18	Andre Lash 7 pm	First United Methodist Church 501 N, Tryon St. Charlotte
June 25	Matthew Noonan 7 pm	Holy Trinity Lutheran Church 805 S. York St. Gastonia
July 2	Chase Douthit 7 pm 2023 Baylor University Graduate	St. James Lutheran Church 104 Union St. Concord

2023 Summer Bible Reading Plan



Begins July 2

Join folks all across the synod as we read the Bible together—individuals, congregations, small groups— using the 2023 Summer Bible Reading Plan: *Genesis Generations*! Brought to you by the synod's Engage the Bible Ministry

Team, you'll read together a chapter of Genesis, a short devotional writing, a few questions to ponder, and a prayer. Devotions are written by NC Synod pastors and lay people. The readings begin on **Sunday, July 2**, and continue through Sunday, July 23—through Chapter 25 of Genesis. (This summer will leave us with a cliff-hanger, poised to continue with *Genesis Generations II* for Summer 2024.) Receive the daily readings via the website or email.

[Subscribe to the Genesis Generations](#)

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YOUTH MINISTRY



UPCOMING DATES

June 17-24 Beach Retreat at Kure Beach, NC

July 2 - 8 Mission Trip to Altoona, PA

JUNE NEWSLETTER

Youth! Make your plans now! Mark your calendar and plan to attend! All the

information is in this month's newsletter.

[Read Now](#)

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

PORT A PIT UPDATE

Our PORT A PIT Fundraiser was a huge success. Thank you to those who jumped in early that morning and helped package around 250 go meals. Thank you to those who helped deliver all of those to go meals and delivered them on time. Thank you to all of those who provided desserts; they were greatly appreciated! And thank you to all of those who purchased tickets and supported the Youth Ministry. We thank you all for helping make youth ministry happen. When it's all said and done, it looks like we made a profit of between \$2600.00-\$2700.00! That's an excellent day of service!

THE COLLEGE MISSION TRIP WAS AMAZING!

Our 2023 College Mission Trip is in the books and what a great trip it was. We accomplished all that we set before us and did it with a smile. The College Crew built modules that included two roof lines, two partitions, one with a door included and the other with a window included and cut wood to build a deck with steps and a ramp. We built and prepared these for Teamfort's Staff Training week. In addition to building modules, we help fold, divide, count and roll up over 2000 sheets to be delivered to the camp up and down the east coast. This crew is a very hard working group of folks that don't mind getting their hands dirty and jumping at an opportunity to serve. Thank you for always being willing to make a difference to others.




CHURCH RESOURCES



ALTAR FLOWERS

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LECTOR

[SIGN UP TO READ LESSONS AND PRAYERS](#)



COMMUNION ASST.

[HELP WITH DISTRIBUTING COMMUNION](#)

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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