



## WEEKLY Ring Out NEWSLETTER



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

## Week of June 8, 2025

*Day of Pentecost*

### Introduction to Worship

On Pentecost, we celebrate that we have been given an Advocate to accompany us. Poured out in wind and fire, water, wine, and bread, the Holy Spirit abides in and among us. We give thanks that God speaks to each of us, no matter our origins, language, or life path. Filled with the Spirit of truth, we go out from worship to proclaim the saving power of Christ's love and the freedom of God's grace with all the world.

### Watch the Live Stream:



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## The Week Ahead

### Sunday, June 8 *Confirmation Sunday*

9:00 am Choir  
9:30 am Children's Sunday School  
10:00 am Worship  
11:00 am Confirmation Reception †  
(Fellowship Hall)

### Monday, June 9

10:30 am Quilting  
6:30 pm Scouts

### Tuesday, June 10

6:00 pm Congregation Council

### Friday, June 13 *MCCL Concert*

7:00 pm Mennonite Children's Choir of  
Lancaster, PA ☐

### Sunday, June 15

9:00 am Choir  
9:30 am Children's Sunday School  
10:00 am Worship

### Save the Dates:

July 20 - 22: Vacation Bible School

[Online  
Calendar](#)

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## Sunday Ministries

### LECTOR/INTERCESSOR

June 8 Barbara Albright  
June 15 Margaret Garrison

### COMMUNION ASSISTANT

June 8 Samantha Hillegass  
June 15 Kim Haberman

### ACOLYTE

June 8 Noah Pittard  
June 15

### GREETER

June 8 Martha Matthews  
June 15 Laura Overby

### VIDEOGRAPHER

June 8 Annette Propst  
June 15

### USHERS

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

### BUILDING SUPERVISOR

Tommy Propst

### ALTAR FLOWERS

June 8 Elizabeth Hurley  
June 15 Laura Overby

[Sign Up to  
Volunteer](#)

Lector

Communion  
Assistant

Acolyte

Videographer

Altar Flowers

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## Happy Birthday!



June 9 - Grant Weisel  
June 10 - Michael Strahl  
June 13 - Terry Splawn  
June 14 - Jeffrey Koenig

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## Announcements



### Confirmation Sunday - June 8

Join us on Pentecost **Sunday, June 8** as we celebrate Confirmation Sunday, a joyful milestone in the faith journey of nine of our young members.

Following the service, all are invited to a reception in the Fellowship Hall to offer congratulations and enjoy a time of fellowship with our candidates:

Erik John DePaulis  
Emma Elisabeth DePaulis  
Benjamin Finnegan Kuly  
Erin Willow Kuly  
Ryan Mahoney Kuly  
Benjamin Landon MacFarlane II  
Calen Maddox MacFarlane  
Emma Judith Parks  
Riece K. Pittard



### My Father's House Ministry Needs

St. James Lutheran Church will provide meals for My Father's House Ministry **June 16 and 17**. If you can help provide a side dish to accompany a chicken meal or a ham meal for that Monday or Tuesday supper, please contact Martha Matthews: 704-787-2180.



### 2025 North Carolina Synod Assembly

St. James is a member congregation of the North Carolina Synod and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). Every two years the Synod meets in Assembly to conduct the business of the Synod. [Click here](#) for a summary of the 2025 Assembly that met May 29-31.

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## Next Friday!

MCCL - June 13



**MENNONITE  
CHILDREN'S  
CHOIR**  
OF LANCASTER, PA

Special Concert Performance

FRIDAY JUNE 13, 2025

7:00PM

St. James Lutheran Church  
104 Union St. S. Concord, NC 28025

www.sjnc.net

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St. James will welcome the Mennonite Children's Choir of Lancaster, PA (MCCL) for a special concert on **Friday, June 13 at 7:00pm**

These talented singers (grades 6–12) are on tour through NC & VA, sharing their beautiful program: Morning & Evening: Songs for the Everyday — music that celebrates God's presence in the simple moments of life.

## Member News ☐



### Celebrating New Life!

Congratulations to Clint and Sarah Poplin on the birth of their daughter Emery Strome, born Saturday, May 31st. Big brother Tanner is thrilled and her proud grandparents are Robert and Debbie Davis.

We celebrate with the Poplin family as they welcome their newest blessing!

## In Case You Missed It...

### Cook Scholarship Recipients

The Cook Memorial Trust Fund Committee is honored to announce this year's scholarship recipients for the upcoming school year.

Congratulations to the following recipients:

Hudson Davis - Appalachian State University  
Casey Gale - UNC Wilmington  
Allison Hinson - East Carolina University  
James Hughes - UNC Charlotte  
Sam Hurley - Johns Hopkins University  
William Irvin - Central Piedmont Community College  
Hollis Miller - Appalachian State University  
John Patterson - Lincoln Memorial University  
Noah Pittard - Rowan Cabarrus Community College  
Julianna Popovoci - East Carolina University  
Jacob Rinker - UNC Wilmington

We are proud of their accomplishments and look forward to watching them grow in



their continuing education. When you have a chance, please join us in congratulating them and continue to support them in both prayer and words of encouragement.  
- Cook Memorial Trust Fund Committee



## Facility Use Notice - Amazing Grace

Our partners at Amazing Grace will be hosting a summer program throughout June that will utilize both the kitchen and fellowship hall for most of the day. The program will involve teens and young adults learning job and life skills.

**Program runs Tuesdays - Thursdays every week in June.**

As always, please refer to the [online calendar](#) for program or facility use.

MAY 2025

## Memorials & Honorariums

*The following memorials & honorariums were given in memory or in honor of:*

*In Memory Of:*

**Anne Fridlund**  
Given by:  
Fuller & Jean Beasley  
Will & Ann Gillon

**Ann Ridenhour**  
Given by:  
Will & Ann Gillon

## Reminders



### Register Now for VBS

Join us for *Road Trip* VBS!

This year's Vacation Bible School is **July 20 - 22nd from 5:30pm to 8:00pm**. Join us for three days of stories, games and challenges that reinforce God's presence along the road of life.

[Click here to register.](#)

Volunteers: If you are interested in volunteering you will need a *Safe Gatherings* background check. Email

**Register by: July 6, 2025 to ensure a t-shirt!**

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# WE ARE HIRING

Job description at  
[sjnc.net](http://sjnc.net)

## DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRIES

- Lead dynamic faith programs for kids and youth serving as a spiritual leader and mentor
- Build strong relationships with families and volunteers
- Plan engaging events, retreats, and service projects



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**SEND YOUR RESUME**

**[info@sjnc.net](mailto:info@sjnc.net)**

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## In Our Prayers

**Paul Auten**

(Friend of Robert & Debbie Davis)

**Joyce Beaty**

(Friend of the Marlows)

**Family of Michael Black**

(Nephew of Patsy Black)

**Angie Buchanan**

**Mike & Debbie Cagle**

(Friends of Robert & Debbie Davis)

**Noah Clifton**

**Bruce Coffey** (Friend of Mark Murphy)

**Karey Conrad** (Friend of Dee Pieschel)

**Catherine Durst**

(Daughter of Anne & Dee Hodges)

**Nadine Filipak**

(Friend of Al & Dee Pieschel)

**Ed Frost** (Friends of the Marlows)

**Tim Gibson** (Friend of Deb Black)

**Tom Grady**

**Maureen Hollmeyer**

**Will Irvin**

**Ruth Lawler**

(Friend of Dee & Al Pieschel)

**Patricia Mahoney**

(Sister-in-law of Joan Mahoney)

**Annaleah, Michael, & Preston Morrow**

(Friends of Shannon Nesbit)

**Jan Phillips**

(Family of Brownie Brown)

**Al Pieschel**

**Tom Ridenhour**

**Stan Parnell**

(Friend of Robert Davis)

**Geoff & Pam Seige**

(Friends of Robert & Debbie Davis)

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## Upcoming Events





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## Online Giving

### Secure Online Giving

Supporting your church is just a few clicks away! With **online giving**, you can make a one-time gift, set up automatic recurring donations on the date you choose, and view your complete giving history.

Automated recurring gifts are a convenient way to provide our church with much-needed consistent support throughout the year. Thank you for your faithful generosity.



**Ways to  
Give**

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## St. James Staff

Rev. Bill Ridenhour, Pastor [Email](#)

Jill Irvin, Financial Administrator [Email](#)

Dr. Kevin Estes, Director of Music Ministries & Organist [Email](#)

Holly Sloop, Communications Coordinator [Email](#)

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