



WEEKLY
Ring Out
NEWSLETTER



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

Week of Sept. 28, 2025

The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Introduction to Worship

Consideration of and care for those in need (especially those “at our gate,” visible to us, of whom we are aware) is an essential component of good stewardship. It is in the sharing of wealth that we avoid the snare of wealth. It is the one whom death could not hold—who comes to us risen from the dead—who can free us from the death grip of greed.

Watch the Live Stream:



The Week Ahead

Sunday, Sept. 28

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

Monday, Sept. 29

10:30 am Quilting
6:30 pm Cub Scouts

Thursday, Oct. 2

6:30 pm Choir

Sunday, Oct. 5

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

September Ministries:

Blessing Box Drive ☐
Sonshine Backpacks ☐

Coming Up

Events:

Oct. 12: CROP Hunger Walk ☐
Oct. 25 Million Meals Tour ☐
Oct. 26: Trunk or Treat ☐
Nov. 8: Organ Concert ☐
Dec. 13: Carols by Candlelight ☐

Sunday Ministries

LECTOR/INTERCESSOR

September 28 Margaret Garrison
October 5 Kim Haberman

COMMUNION ASSISTANT

September 28 Kim Haberman
October 5 Elizabeth Hurley

ACOLYTE

September 28
October 5

GREETER

September 28 Joyce Smith
October 5

VIDEOGRAPHER

September 28 Laurie Miller
October 5

SEPTEMBER USHERS

Michael Rinker, Ashley Cline, Jeff Koenig, Barbara Albright

SEPTEMBER BUILDING SUPERVISORS

Chip Blackwelder & Mike Rinker

OCTOBER USHERS

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

OCTOBER BUILDING SUPERVISOR

Tommy Propst

ALTAR FLOWERS

September 28 Laurie Miller
October 5

Sign Up to
Volunteer

Lector

Communion
Assistant

Acolyte

Videographer

Altar Flowers

Happy Birthday! ☐

Sept. 28 - Francie Davis, Miles Marlow, Christopher Miller

Sept. 30 - Katie Popovici

Oct. 1 - Chase Lineberger, Conner Lineberger

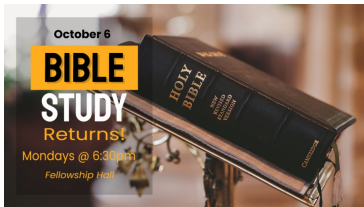
Oct. 3 - Nicholas Crainshaw

Announcements



Cub Scouts Pumpkin Sale - Oct. 4

Mark your calendars! On Saturday, October 4, our Cub Scouts will be at Rotary Square with a fresh batch of pumpkins for sale. Stop by to pick up one (or a few!) and help support their programs. Time TBA - stay tuned!



Bible Study Returns - Oct. 6

Simple Cattle, Irrational Pigs and Luther's Catechism

What do simple cattle and irrational pigs have to do with Luther's Catechism? Come and find out. Starting Monday, October 6th at 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall, we will discover that Luther's catechism is far more than a torturous tool foisted upon middle schoolers. It is a gift, a treasure, for the household and the adult. Approx. 6 weeks.



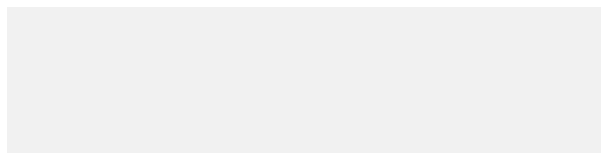
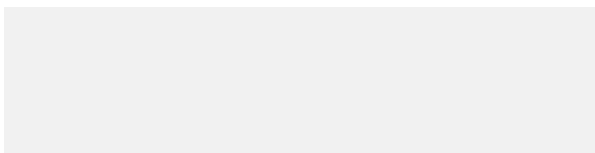
Trunk or Treat! - Oct. 26

Join us on Sunday, October 26, 2025 at our rear portico parking lot from 3:00pm - 5:00pm for St. James' annual Trunk or Treat event! Enjoy candy, popcorn, music, and games!

If you would like to host a "trunk" or help run a game, please [let us know!](#)

Candy donations welcome! - See basket at portico door!

Final Call! - Sonshine Backpack and Blessing Box





Sonshine Backpacks ☐

St. James is partnering with the Sonshine Backpack Ministry, which provides weekend food for Cabarrus County schoolchildren in need. For 12+ years, this ministry (led by Bonita Rowland at St. John's Lutheran) has helped ensure students don't go hungry when school meals aren't available.

How You Can Help (September Collection):

Bring non-perishable food items such as:

- Shelf-stable milk, cereal cups, oatmeal, grits
- Mac & cheese, canned pasta, soup, veggies, fruit
- Granola bars, juice boxes, popcorn, pudding cups

☐ Drop donations on the **back counter in the church kitchen by Sept. 28.**

☐ Questions? Contact Sylvia Corl (704-425-8621) or [Gretchen Walker](#).



Blessing Box ☐

St. James is once again sponsoring the Blessing Box for the month of September.

Requested items:

- Nonperishable food
- Easy-open cans
- Baby food
- Bottled water
- Hygiene items

☐ Items may be placed in the **Blessing Box at Rotary Square** or in the **collection bin in the portico.**



This Week's Lesson...

The Servant's Suffering – Isaiah 53:1-7

In today's lesson, we will discuss a very well-known Scripture passage from Isaiah. Isaiah faithfully preached these words of comfort to the Jews, but he would never experience what it meant or what would happen to fulfill these prophecies! Isaiah predicts how the Babylonian captivity will end but then goes on to describe how a more oppressive captivity would end: the captivity of sin! Glory to God that we live in a time when these prophecies have been fulfilled, and because of the servant's suffering, death, and resurrection, we worship Him in the highest!

In Case You Missed It...

Special Performances

On Saturday, we were blessed with an incredible concert! Thank you to our gifted guests Alex Wilborn, Andrew Fierova, and Thomas Burge for sharing their talents with us! Thank you to our Music Ministry for arranging this special night!

- ☐ Save the Date!
- ☐ Saturday, Nov. 8 at 7pm

Be sure to save the date (Nov. 8) for another evening of music for organ and timpani featuring Brice Burton, Principal Percussionist with the Charlotte Symphony Orchestra, and Dr. Kevin L. Estes, Director of Music Ministry & Organist at St. James.



Reminders



St. James Team Registration Open Now! -CROP Walk Oct. 12

Registration is now open for the St. James Lutheran Team! [Register now](#) and join us for the annual Cabarrus County CROP Hunger Walk, Sunday, Oct. 12 at 2pm (check-in at 1pm). If you are unable to walk you can still make a donation towards the St. James team!

This year's walk kicks off at First Presbyterian Church (70 Union St. NE).

St. James supports the CROP Walk each year through [sponsorship](#) and [participation](#).



Lifeline's Million Meals Tour - Oct. 25

Join us as Lifeline Christian Mission brings the Million Meals Tour to Atrium Ballpark in Kannapolis.

St. James Social Ministry has committed to providing 20 volunteers for Saturday, Oct. 25 at 9:00AM.

Meal packing takes about 1.5 hours leaving plenty of time afterward to enjoy Downtown Kannapolis!

[Sign up here](#). Contact Chris Miller with any questions.



Carols by Candlelight

A congregational sing-along
with full orchestra, choirs and organ

Saturday, Dec 13 ~ 7 PM

*Visiting choristers are welcome
contact Church Office at 704-786-0166*

Tri-Tone Brass

featuring Juilliard Alumni and Charlotte
Symphony Orchestra members:

Alex Wilborn, trumpet
Andrew Fierova, french horn
Thomas Burge, trombone

Saturday, Sept 20 ~ 7 PM

Organ Concert

An evening of music for organ and timpani featuring:

Brice Burton
Principle Percussionist for the Charlotte Symphony Orchestra
Dr. Kevin L. Estes
Director of Music Ministry & Organist

Saturday, Nov 8 ~ 7 PM

Rev. William C. Ridenhour
Senior Pastor

104 Union Street South
Concord, NC 28026

Dr. Kevin L. Estes
Director of Music Ministry

Organ Concert - Nov. 8

Enjoy an evening of music for organ and timpani on Saturday, Nov. 8 at 7pm.
Featuring: Brice Burton, Principle Percussionist for the Charlotte Symphony Orchestra & Dr. Kevin L. Estes, Director of Music Ministry & Organist.

Carols by Candlelight Dec. 13

Join us for a congregational sing-along of Advent and Christmas Carols accompanied by full Orchestra, Organ and the Parish & Bell Choirs of St. James Lutheran Church on Saturday, December 13th at 7pm.

In Our Prayers

Joyce Beaty

(Friend of the Marlow's)

Cecil Berry (Friend of Gretchen Walker)

Family of Michael Black (Nephew of Patsy Black)

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)

Jennifer Cook (Friend of Fonda Shumate)

Catherine Durst

(Daughter of Anne & Dee Hodges)

Nadine Filipak

(Friend of Al & Dee Pieschel)

Ed Frost (Friends of the Marlow's)

Tom Grady

Maureen Hollmeyer

Mary Frances Johnson (Cousin of Francie Davis)

Karen Johnston (Friend of Judy Benz)

Ruth Lawler

(Friend of Dee & Al Pieschel)

John Ledford (Brother of Deb Black)

Patricia Mahoney

(Sister-in-law of Joan Mahoney)

Barbara Merrell

Annaleah, Michael, & Preston Morrow

(Friends of Shannon Nesbit)

Deb & Roger Myers

(Friends of Deb Black)

Stan Parnell (Friend of Rob & Debbie Davis)

Al Pieschel

Lori Pittard

Tom Ridenhour

Roger Scarselletta

(Nephew of Joan Mahoney)

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
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