



WEEKLY
Ring Out
NEWSLETTER



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

Week of Aug 24, 2025

The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Introduction to Worship

Remember the sabbath day. Call the sabbath a delight. This is the Lord's day, and the Lord will do for us what the Lord does: feed us, forgive us, help and heal us. Rejoice at all the wonderful things God is doing.

Watch the Live Stream:



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The Week Ahead

Sunday, August 24

9:00 am Choir

9:30 am Children's Sunday School

10:00 am Worship

Monday, August 25

10:30 am Quilting

Tuesday, August 26

6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, August 31

9:00 am Choir

9:30 am Children's Sunday School

10:00 am Worship

Coming Up

Upcoming Events:

Sept. 7: God's work. Our hands. ☐

Oct. 12: CROP Hunger Walk ☐

Oct. 26: Trunk or Treat ☐

Dec. 13: Carols by Candlelight ☐☐

Upcoming Ministries:

Blessing Box Drive (September)☐

Sonshine Backpacks (September)☐

Online
Calendar

Sunday Ministries

LECTOR/INTERCESSOR

August 24 Kim Haberman

August 31 Margaret Garrison

COMMUNION ASSISTANT

August 24 Christine Ruff

August 31 Samantha Hillegass

ACOLYTE

August 24

August 31

GREETER

August 24

August 31

VIDEOGRAPHER

August 24 Laurie Miller

August 31

USHERS

Mike Downs, Al Brown, Jr., Sid Hughes

Bill Hardister, Hunter Huss

BUILDING SUPERVISORS

Hunter Huss & Kim Haberman

ALTAR FLOWERS

August 24

August 31 Deb Walker

Sign Up to
Volunteer

Lector

Communion
Assistant

Acolyte

Videographer

Altar Flowers

Happy Birthday! ☐

August 24 - Lisa Burke

August 25 - Audrey Baker, Scott Benson, Will King

August 26 - Noah Hardister

August 27 - Abigail Bestler, Lily Kartheiser

August 29 - Finn Hinson, Eva Horton, Marcia Klauss

August 30 - Carson Crainshaw, James Hughes, Hunter Huss, Donna Sloop

Announcements



Mission Fund Update

The Mission Fund Committee recently met and is excited to announce that a total of **\$8,000** in grants has been awarded to support the following ministries:

- **Concord Bible Teaching Association** – to assist with funding a teacher's salary
- **Lifeline Christian Mission** – for the Million Meals Event at Atrium Health Ballpark this October
- **Opportunity House** – to help support summer programming
- **UNCC Niner United Campus Ministry** – for their Fall Student Retreat



GWOH T-shirt pick-up this Sunday (Aug. 24) after worship!

Join us after worship on **Sept. 7** in the Fellowship Hall for **God's Work. Our Hands.**, a day of service with the ELCA.

Activities include:

- Assembling hygiene & school kits (Lutheran World Relief)
- Making Mission Quilts
- Writing encouragement cards (Big Brothers Big Sisters)

All supplies provided; bagged lunch included.

[Click here to sign up!](#)

Stuff the Pencil Boxes - Update

Current Count:

- Ticonderoga #2 Pencils: **812**
- Crayola Colored Pencils: **288**



Donations can be dropped off in the **pencil boxes** located on the counter in the Portico.

In Case You Missed It...



Stewardship Committee Seeking Volunteers

The Stewardship Committee is looking for volunteers to join. If you are interested, please reach out to [Travis Nesbit](#).

September Ministries



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**.

☐ 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
- 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.**

Reminders



Join us for Children's Sunday School

Sunday School classes for children begin Sunday, August 10 at 9:30am. All classes are held on the first floor of the Education Wing.

Class Offerings:

- ☐ Little Lambs – Birth through age 5
- ☐ Kingdom Kids – Kindergarten through 2nd grade
- ☐ Faith Followers – 3rd through 5th grade

We look forward welcoming your children this fall as we kick off a new year of learning and discovery in God's Word!



Stuff the Pencil Boxes!

Throughout the month of August, our Christian Education Committee is collecting pencils to support students in our local schools.

High-need item:

Ticonderoga #2 Pencils

Also collecting:

Crayola Colored Pencils

These are the preferred brands for the classroom.

Donation Drop-Off:

Look for the pencil boxes on the counter in the downstairs Portico to leave your donations.

Volunteer Needs

Call for Ushers ☐

We are currently looking to add a few new ushers to assist with Sunday worship. Whether you're able to serve regularly or are simply willing to be on call as a substitute, your help would be greatly appreciated.



If you're interested in volunteering, please reach out to [Gretchen Walker](#).



Children's Sunday School Needs You!

We're looking for caring volunteers to help with our Children's Sunday School classes. No teaching experience needed – just a love for kids and willingness to share God's Word. Materials and training provided. Please email [Ann Blackwelder](#) or call the church office.

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)

Catherine Durst

(Daughter of Anne & Dee Hodges)

Nadine Filipak

(Friend of Al & Dee Pieschel)

Ed Frost (Friends of the Marlow's)

Margaret Garrison

Tom Grady

Maureen Hollmeyer

Will Irvin

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)

Annaleah, Michael, & Preston Morrow

(Friends of Shannon Nesbit)

Deb & Roger Myers

(Friends of Deb Black)

Stan Parnell (Friend of Rob & Debbie Davis)

Al Pieschel

Tom Ridenhour

Roger Scarselletta

(Nephew of Joan Mahoney)

Deb Walker

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

WE ARE HIRING

Job description at
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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