



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



Ring Out - Week of Sept. 22, 2024

The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Introduction to Sunday's Worship

Today we hear James warn against selfish ambition, while the disciples quarrel over which one of them is the greatest. Jesus tells them the way to be great is to serve. Then, to make it concrete, he puts in front of them a flesh-and-blood child. We are called to welcome the children God puts in front of us, to make room for them in daily interaction, and to give them a place of honor in the assembly.

Download Bulletin



Sunday Worship 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.

Watch the Live Stream

On the Calendar...

THIS WEEK

The Week Ahead

*Blessing Box Ministry
Month of September*

Sunday, September 22

9:00 am Adult SS
9:00 am Choir
9:30 am Children's SS
10:00 am Worship
11:00 am [God's Work. Our Hands.](#)

Monday, September 23

10:30 am Quilting
6:30 pm Bible Study

SUNDAY

Sunday Ministries

LECTOR/INTERCESSOR

Sept. 22 Kim Haberman
Sept. 29 Kristin Rinker

COMMUNION

ASSISTANT

Sept. 22 Samantha Hillegass
Sept. 29 Ann Blackwelder

ACOLYTES

Sept. 22 Noah Pittard
Sept. 29

GREETERS

6:30 pm Scouts

Tuesday, September 24

3:00 pm [Cottage Meeting](#)

(Hosted by Nancy Faggart)

Wednesday, September

25

5:30 pm Handbells

7:00 pm Choir Practice

Thursday, September 26

7:00 pm [Cottage Meeting](#)

(Hosted by Anne & Dee Hodges)

Sunday, September 29

9:00 am Adult SS

9:00 am Choir

9:30 am Children's SS

10:00 am Worship

Sept. 22 Barbara Albright

Sept. 29 Sylvia Corl

VIDEOGRAPHER

Sept. 22 Ann Blackwelder

Sept. 29 John Meadows

SEPTEMBER USHERS

Chip Blackwelder, Michael

Rinker, Ashley Cline, Jeff

Koenig, Barbara Albright

BUILDING SUPERVISOR

Mike Rinker

ALTAR FLOWERS

Sept. 22 Annette & Kenny

Propst

Sept. 29 Kim Haberman

Online Calendar



Happy Birthday!

22 September - John Patterson, Patricia Propst

23 September - Annette Propst

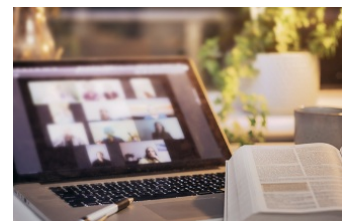
24 September - Lois Marlow

27 September - Jeff Faggart, Tommy Propst

28 September - Francie Davis, Miles Marlow, Chris Miller

Volunteer!

Please consider volunteering for one for the remaining 2024 dates.



Altar Flowers



Please consider placing flowers at the altar this year!
Cost is \$100 to cover the two arrangements.
Click below for open dates.

[Sign Up for Altar Flowers](#)

Announcements

Thank You from Your Scouts

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to everyone who supported our scouts by purchasing discount cards and popcorn, helping to offset the costs of our activities.

If you missed the opportunity, we invite you to visit us at **Rotary Square Park on Saturday, October 5th, from 9 AM to 2 PM.** We will be selling locally grown North Carolina pumpkins, as well as our remaining popcorn products.



CROP Hunger Walk - Join the St. James Team!

St. James is a registered team for this year's Cabarrus County CROP Hunger Walk on **Sunday, October 13th.** Consider supporting by joining the St. James team or by making a donation.

[Click here to register or donate!](#)

Cottage Meetings This Week:

This week kicks off the first of several Cottage Meetings! This is a great opportunity to connect with fellow members in a small group setting with Pastor Bill.

Join us for fellowship, meaningful conversations, and spiritual growth at an upcoming gathering!

This week's Cottage Meetings:
Tuesday, Sept. 24 at 3pm (Hosted by Nancy Faggart)

Thursday, Sept. 26 at 7pm (Hosted by Anne and Dee Hodges)

Please RSVP to help us plan.



YOUTH GROUP



We are excited to announce that Mike Holt will be assisting in leading Youth Group this year for students in 6th grade and above. We invite you to mark your calendars for **Sunday, October 13th**, as we kick off our first Youth Group gathering.

For a tentative schedule of the school year, please visit: <https://sjnc.net/youth-calendar>.

If you are a youth ready for Confirmation, we encourage you to join us for Youth Group, where we will be discussing the Confirmation calendar.

Adult Sunday School

Josiah Celebrates Passover - 2 Chronicles 35:1-6,16-19

In Sunday's lesson, Godly King Josiah is in the process of purifying the land and restoring the Temple, when a priest finds "the Book of the Law of the Lord that had been given through Moses" in the Temple!

King Josiah reads it, and is shaken to the core, because Israel has grown far away from the God who delivered them out of Egyptian slavery! Josiah then reinstates the Passover celebration like it's never been done before. Passover, now Holy Communion, is celebrated to put us physically back in touch with God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We will discuss the impact then and now! Look forward to seeing you there!





September Council Summary

The Council had a productive and busy session this month. Dr. Kevin Estes was approved as the new Director of Music Ministries and Organist. In preparation for the upcoming Congregational Meeting on November 17, Council focused on finalizing the 2025 budget and securing candidates for leadership positions.

Additionally, Council reviewed its officer election process and began drafting a stewardship brochure to better communicate budget needs to the congregation. Efforts also continued to determine the most effective ways to address the needs of our children and youth ministries.

Save the Date!

ST. JAMES LUTHERAN CHURCH
TRUNK OR TREAT
CANDY, POPCORN, MUSIC, GAMES!
OCTOBER 27TH
4:30PM-6:00PM
104 UNION ST. S.

Reminders!

UPCOMING EVENTS

OCT. 5 **WELCA Cabarrus/Stanyl Conference**
Speaker & Lunch

NOV. 24 **Thanksgiving Worship**
Pie Party to Follow

OCT. 13 **CROP Walk**
Kimball Memorial Lutheran

DEC. 1 **Advent Tree Lighting**
Lighting of the Christmas Tree

OCT. 27 **Trunk or Treat**
Candy & Activities

DEC. 8 **Bethlehem at the Farm**
Details TBA

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Blessing Box
September

Requested Items:

Canned Goods	Toothbrush	Deodorant	Shampoo
Crackers	Jelly	Soap	Bottled Water
Cereal	Granola Bars	Rice	Dairy Food
Namen	Pasta	Raisins	Fruit Snacks
	Instant Noodles		Publix Bags

Items may be placed in the Blessing Box across the street at Rotary Square or in the collection bin in the Porch.

Women of the **ELCA**
Women's Synodical Organization

CABARRUS & STANLY FALL CONFERENCE GATHERING

Guest Speaker: LANE STALLINGS
Lane taught Bible and German in Cabarrus County schools for 38 years, before retiring in 2013. She has a vast knowledge of archeology, the Hebrew and Greek languages and the customs and history of the Jewish people and their culture.



REGISTER TODAY
By 9/30/24

October 5, 2024
8:30 AM - ENDS W/LUNCH

Location
St. James Lutheran Church
104 Union St. S.
Concord, NC 28025
www.sjnc.net | 704-786-0166

WALK. GIVE. CHANGE THE WORLD.

Cabarrus County CROP HUNGER WALK

Sign-in Begins at 1:00 PM
Walk Begins at 2:00 PM

OCTOBER 13, 2024

KANNAPOLIS, NORTH CAROLINA

Walk Begins at
Kimball Memorial Lutheran Church
101 Vance St. Kannapolis, NC 28081

ST. JAMES LUTHERAN CHURCH

Scan QR Code to Donate & Join the St. James Team

Cottage Meetings

Get to know your fellow members in a small group setting with Pastor Bill!

Upcoming Cottage Meetings:
Tuesday, Sept. 24 @ 3pm
Thursday, Sept. 26 @ 7pm
Thursday, Oct. 3 @ 7pm
Tuesday, Oct. 29 @ 7pm

Scan for more details & to RSVP!

Interested in hosting a small meeting? Contact LeeAnn Miller

SMALL GROUP FELLOWSHIP
St. James Lutheran Church



Join The Bells of St. James!

The Bells of St. James invite you to join in on the fun! Have an interest in playing chimes or handbells? Consider joining - no experience is needed!

Handbells/Chimes practices are **Wednesdays from 5:30pm - 6:30pm** in the History Room. You don't have to have any experience to make beautiful music! For more information contact [Brad Davis](#).

Bethlehem at the Farm - Volunteers

Needed!

Please save the date & consider volunteering for Bethlehem at the Farm 2024! This year's event will be **Sunday, December 8, from 4pm - 7pm.**



We are in need of a large number of volunteers to act as townspeople for the village. Volunteers to arrive by 3:30pm; costumes to be provided.

[Please click here to sign up!](#)

We are also in need of 6 pop-up/easy-up tents for the event. If you would be able to provide a tent, please email **info@sjnc.net**. Tents may be dropped at the church ahead of time.



Acolyte Recruitment

Please give prayerful consideration to becoming a servant-leader as a St. James Acolyte. Training will be provided and you will be a most welcome addition. And remember: it's not just for children – all may serve! Contact **Pastor Bill** for information.

Prayers & Considerations

IN OUR PRAYERS



Jo Eng
Tom Grady
Tom Ridenhour
Noah Clifton
Angie Buchanan
Linda Jones
(Family of Barbara & Dale Merrell)
Sheril Rominger
(Friend of the Marlow's)
Bruce Coffey
(Friend of Mark Murphy)
Tim Gibson
(Friend of Deb Black)
Annaleah, Michael, and Preston Morrow
(Friends of Shannon Nesbit)
Karey Conrad *(Friend of Dee Pieschel)*



Member Meal Train Opportunity
(one date remaining)

[Click here to support a meal train for Jay Clemmer.](#)



Online Giving

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.



Ways to Give

Keep in touch!



Follow St. James on **Instagram**
& **Facebook!**

Be sure to tag **@stjamesnc** when
posting so we may share!

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